

Resentment Grows At Civil Rights Program

Georgian Quits As Finance Chairman

Southern resentment against President Truman's civil rights proposals continued to mount Saturday with Senator Stewart (D-Tenn) describing the program as "one of wickedness x x x aimed at the South."

Communists Start Czech 'Liquidation'

PRAGUE, CZECHOSLOVAKIA —(P)—Communist Premier Clement Gottwald threatened a merciless war on "agents of domestic and foreign reaction" Saturday. He said there were going to be thoroughgoing changes in Czechoslovakia.

Finland Ponders Russian Demands

HELSINKI, FINLAND —(P)—All indications Saturday were that Finland will heed the summons of Marshal Stalin and enter reluctantly into negotiations for a defense pact with the Soviet Union.

Tension Mounts In Europe

LONDON —(P)—Expanding Communism shoved against the Marshall Plan outposts of Democracy last week and an alarmed Europe asked "who's next?"

Finland — the last "vacuum country" between the West and the Red East—opened a pointed note from Prime Minister Stalin. The note asked for a Finnish-Soviet pact, and stirred fears of another Communist coup.

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Storm Toll Rises To Five As Fair Weather Returns

By The Associated Press The death toll from storm winds and floods in Texas rose to five Saturday as fine weather prevailed over the state.

While Texas basked in generally balmy weather, winter gave the Mid-west a damaging dose of floods, blizzards, rain and strong winds.

The Dallas Weather Bureau said Texas should enjoy another good day Sunday. Colder weather was expected to spread over the Mid-west.

Mrs. Susie Pace, 82, injured in a tornado which struck her farm home at Oakley, Eastland county, died at Ranger Saturday. Her son, Chris Pace, 47, was killed in the storm which struck Thursday night.

Trinity River Rampages The Trinity River, above flood stage at Dallas, was dropping slowly from its high of 40.2 feet. Downstream it was rising. Warnings were out for stock and unprotected communities in lowlands.

Tornadoes and windstorms took two other lives Thursday and Friday. Morris E. Bernery, 74, cotton factor, was injured fatally when wind blew him against a lamp post at Fort Worth. Mrs. Sam Patterson, 62, of Denton County, burned to death in her tornado-wrecked home. Flood waters accounted for one death. Bobby Boyd, 16, of Dallas, was drowned in a flooded borrow pit near Irving.

1948 Is Good Year For The Twenty-Niners; They're Rare

Sunday is the day a lot of grown-up "babes" celebrate their birthdays. In Midland, one of them is R. R. Russell. So is Mary C. Flynn of Kansas City, Kans., NEA staff correspondent.

Says Mrs. Flynn: "These babes" have been waiting 1460 days since their last birthday. They are the "twenty-niners" whose February 29 birthdate occurs only once every four years. A February 29 birthday has its advantages. For instance, I was born in 1920 and I'm only seven. But to avoid confusion I just set my age at 21 and let it go at that.



Midland Addition Announced

The development of a new addition to Midland to contain 122 living units of brick veneer construction, costing \$1,008,000, was announced Saturday by Floyd O. Boles.

Construction has started. There will be four eight-unit apartment houses and 62 duplexes.

Location of the addition, known as Crestlawn, is nine blocks north of the senior high school building, on Pecos and Carrizo Streets at the edge of the city.

The construction is approved by FEA and will be supervised by it, Boles said. Felix Stonehocker is the building contractor and Hank Avery is architect.

Street Paving Pecos and Carrizo Streets will be paved in the addition. Also side streets of Watson, Estes, Cowden and Nobles Avenues will be paved.

The developer plans to sell 34 of the 62 duplexes, but the total of housing units still would be 122, he said. All of the units will be brick veneer.

Cecil C. Boles is associated with his brother, Floyd, in the project. All preliminary work of the development has been done and construction is underway.

Extra Copies Will Be Available Sunday

Extra copies of The Reporter-Telegram Progress Edition are available at its building, 221 North Main Street.

The regular price of five cents a copy will prevail. A charge of 25 cents will be made for mailing copies of the Progress Edition. The additional charge is necessary to cover postage and cost of mailing.

Persons desiring extra copies should visit the office as soon as possible as the supply is limited, due to the shortage of newsprint.

DIES OF HEART ATTACK LUBBOCK —(P)—S. Lamar Forest, 56, of Lubbock, nationally known in the lumber industry, died unexpectedly in Gallup, N.M. Saturday. He was on a business trip. Cause of death was a heart attack.

School Census Opens Monday

A scholastic census of Midland will begin Monday. Schools will be dismissed after noon for the first day of the census taking. Schools resume classes Tuesday morning.

Teachers will take the census. All parents are asked to cooperate by being at home Monday afternoon to receive census takers.

Scholastics not enumerated Monday will be taken after school hours the rest of the week. Midland last year counted 3,462 scholastics. Nearly 4,000 are expected this year.

All children of the city between the ages of 5-18 years (as of September 1, 1948) will be enumerated. Each scholastic is worth \$55 to the Midland schools in state aid.

Arab-Jewish War Starts Palestine Industrial Boom

JERUSALEM —(P)—Arab-Jewish fighting has started a boom in fledgling war industries and put thousands of former jobless under arms, observers said Saturday night.

Both sides in the struggle are known to have started munitions making. Both also have claimed the unemployment problem has been solved temporarily by the raising of defense forces. Most firearms still are imported, however.

Palestine's productivity, however, has been badly crippled as Jews and Arabs alike look to allies outside the Holy Land for war chests to finance the impending full-scale hostilities.

Levy Special Taxes Arabs now pay a special levy to the higher committee every time they buy a loaf of bread, a bus ride or a movie ticket. The Jewish Agency also is instituting taxes in addition to those imposed by the British mandate government.

Jews have called into Haganah able bodied males up to the age of 35. Thirty thousand are said to be combat-trained. Another 30,000 may shortly be ready to carry arms.

PLANE CRASH FATAL TO BEAUMONT PAIR

BEAUMONT —(P)—Nineteen-year-old Robbie Stallings, freshman girl student at Lamar College, was killed instantly and William E. Boyd, GI aviation trainee, was fatally injured, when their light plane crashed about five miles northwest of Beaumont Saturday.

Both victims were Beaumont residents. The plane crashed in a field near the town of Beaumont.

Reporter-Telegram Sets Housewarming

The Reporter-Telegram will open its new and modern building and plant at 221 North Main Street Sunday afternoon with a big housewarming to which all citizens of Midland and the Permian Basin are invited. Thousands of guests, including many from over the state, are expected to inspect the new building and equipment.

The open house hours are from 2:30 until 6 p. m. James N. Allison, publisher, and all members of his staff will be on hand to greet the visitors and to show them through the plant.

The newspaper occupied its new quarters late last month, but the formal opening was delayed until additional equipment arrived. Some new furniture and equipment still has not arrived, and it will be installed later.

The Reporter-Telegram, in step with an ever-growing Midland started construction of its new building early last summer. It is of brick, steel and concrete construction and is fireproof throughout. Designed for maximum efficiency, it is the most modern newspaper building in the Southwest. The building is 50 by 140 feet.

New Equipment The newspaper building is located at the exact site of Midland's first newspaper, The Staked Plain, which was published at the North Main Street site before the turn of the century.

New steel furniture and equipment has been installed throughout the front offices, including the business, advertising, classified and news departments.

A new 16-page, Duplex tubular press, the latest available, and Midland's first modern rotary newspaper printing equipment, has been installed, along with other new stereotyping and composing room equipment. Everything possible has been done to make the plant complete in every respect. Much of the new equipment is pictured and described in this issue of The Reporter-Telegram, of which Progress is the general theme.

Poll Reveals Texas Democrats Still Lean Toward Truman

DALLAS —(P)—Harry L. Seay said Saturday that of 41 replies to his poll of persons on the State Democratic Executive Committee when he was chairman, 36 "were favorable to President Truman."

Of the replies received up to Saturday, "only one advocated repudiation of the President; four did not declare themselves as advocating Truman's nomination, but stopped short of declaring their opposition to him, if nominated," Seay said.

Seay was chairman of the committee from 1944 to 1946, elected at the tumultuous convention in Dallas in 1944. His home is at Dallas. He said he believed the 41 replies received "are typical of the attitude of Texas Democrats."

Midlander Discovers Stolen Loot In Weeds

Joe Youngblood made quite a discovery Saturday when he burned weeds off a vacant lot at the corner of Missouri and Marienfield Streets.

This is what he found and turned over to police: A cash box stolen from Frank Miller's Studio in a burglary February 7. Valuable papers were still intact, and the contents were untouched—except for what money was in the box. An apparently costly box of fishing tackle. A box containing a variety of items, including cameras, fountain pens, pencils, and several pairs of shoes. A collection of clothing, mostly trousers.

The Midland Story

(An Editorial) It takes a Midlander to write the Midland Story. You and you have done it—well do it.

The torch of progress lighted by the early citizens of Midland, which shone so brightly over the prairie lands, has been taken up and carried on faithfully by those who came after.

Say for the early citizens of Midland, they built her solid and strong. They foresaw her growth. They say for those who came along later, they carried on, added to, and kept the faith.

If Midland be likened to any fabled Phoenix then it did rise from the ashes of burning spirit and fire in the eyes of pioneers to a bright and shining new thing—a modern and progressive little city. Midland's growth was gradual until 1928. It was a typical Western cow town. In 1910 there was a population of only 1,500. In 1920 it was around 2,500. In 1930 around 5,000, and in 1940 it was 9,352. In 1948 it is estimated to be 23,000.

Came the magic word oil after 1928. Midland has grown to be the oil capital of the vast Permian Basin.

Few cities the size of Midland enjoy the advantages here or can claim such magnitude of building and sound growth.

There is a vast amount of wealth in Midland. It is judiciously executed. Midland is a city of fine schools, churches, good and beautiful homes and buildings, and people of vision.

Midland has contributed much to West Texas, to the state, to the nation and to the world. Its leaders are legion. The local chapters of organizations in Midland are among the strongest links of state and national organizations. Midland does its part.

Midland was an integral part of the war effort with its liberal contributions in money, manpower, and the use of its airport facilities for training bases.

The Midland Story is progress and growth, ever mindful of the future.

Former Lubbock Man Is Carbon Monoxide Victim

BISBEE, ARIZ.—(P)—A verdict of death by asphyxiation was returned by a coroner's jury here Saturday in the death Friday of Alford F. Ham, 38, in a drift of the Copper Queen Mine here.

The verdict was based on testimony of Dr. John Robinson of the Copper Queen Hospital staff, who testified an autopsy showed Ham died as a result of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Company officials said the victim was making a routine inspection of the water lines in the junction unit of the mine. He was found unconscious by a mine engineer who had discovered his hat about 50 feet away.

Ham had been employed by the mining company in Bisbee for 11 years. He leaves a widow; three daughters; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Ham of Lubbock; four brothers and seven sisters.

Funeral services were held here Saturday and the body was sent to Lubbock Saturday night.

Commodities, Stocks Feature Modest Gains As February Ends

CHICAGO —(P)—Commodities and stocks closed out the month Saturday in a quiet session featuring modest gains.

All grains, cotton futures and most stocks finished the day on the up-grade. Although the sharp commodity price slump came to a halt Friday, the 13th, commodity prices have not established much of a trend since then.

Prices of virtually all food items are considerably lower at the end of the month than they were at the start.

Martelle McDonald To Seek Re-election

District Attorney Martelle McDonald will be a candidate for re-election to his office in the elections this year, he announced here Saturday.

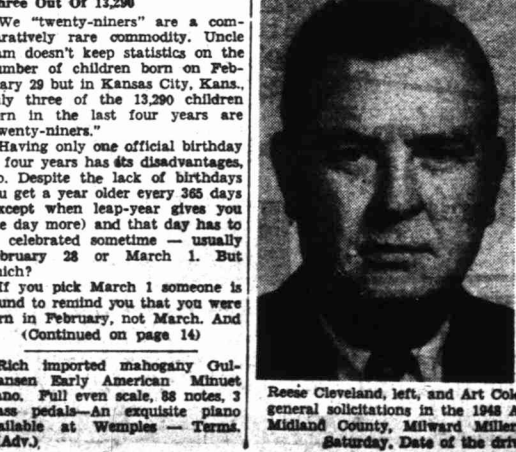
Citing his past record in representing the people in 10th District Court, he said he would continue, if elected, to serve with the same conscientiousness and efficiency during the coming term of office. He solicits the continued support and cooperation of citizens.

Open-House Sunday Afternoon

All readers of The Reporter-Telegram are invited to visit its new building, 221 North Main Street, and inspect its equipment between 2:30 and 6 p. m. Sunday.

Members of The Reporter-Telegram staff will be present to greet their thousands of friends and to explain the equipment of the new plant.

Red Cross Drive Leaders



Reese Cleveland, left, and Art Cole have been named co-chairmen of general solicitations in the 1948 American Red Cross fund drive for Midland County, Milward Miller, campaign chairman, announced Saturday. Date of the drive will be announced later.

Boyd Laughlin Named City Election Judge

Boyd R. Laughlin has been named judge of the April 6 city election when two councilmen will be elected, Mayor R. H. Gifford said Saturday. Clerks will be Mrs. Alma Ligon, Miss Cordelia Taylor and Mrs. Allen Tolbert.

The terms of Councilmen S. M. Erskine and Robert I. Dickey expire this Spring. Candidates may file with the city secretary through March 6.

The election will be held in the City-County Auditorium.

M. D. Fanning Chosen San Angelo BCD Head

SAN ANGELO — M. D. Fanning, assistant manager of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, has been named manager of the Board of City Development here.

Directors of the BCD unanimously approved his employment for one year at a salary of \$7,500.

WEATHER

Partly cloudy Sunday and Monday with occasional light rain Sunday night and Monday in the Panhandle and South Plains. Moderate temperatures except slightly cooler late Sunday and Monday.

★ LATE NEWS FLASHES ★

KEY WEST, FLA.—(AP)—President Truman signed Saturday night a civil service retirement bill increasing pensions of approximately two million government employees.

NANKING —(AP)—Responsible Nanking sources said late Saturday the Chinese high command had decided to abandon Changchun, the Communist-surrounded capital of Manchuria, and use its troops to strengthen Mukden's faltering defenses.

JERUSALEM —(AP)—The British blockade Saturday intercepted a ship carrying more than 1,000 Jews seeking to enter Palestine without immigration certificates.

LUBBOCK—(AP)—An unidentified man, about 75 years old, was burned to death late Saturday when his dump truck loaded with caliche, overturned and caught fire about eight miles north of here.

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# Reagan Wildcat Is To DST On Oil Shows Above 9,282 Feet

H. L. Hunt and Moore Exploration Company No. 1-E-A University, South-Central Reagan County deep wildcat, seven miles southwest of Big Lake, and 860 feet from north and east lines of section 14, block 12, University survey, was bottomed at 9,282 feet in an unidentified lime section, and was to run a drill-stem test.

The horizon from 9,200 feet, to the current bottom, had logged some streaks of oil saturation and porosity. Testing was delayed Friday when a heavy rain ruined the drilling mud and that material had to be re-conditioned.

Some observers think the section showing the possibilities of production might be Devonian. Others are inclined to the belief that it is a detrital zone above the Ellenburger.

Operator representatives have not made any official report on the age of the horizon.

This exploration is slated to go on to explore the Ellenburger.

**ADGC TO DIG DEEP PROJECT IN THE CROCKETT REGION**

Stanolind Oil & Gas Company is slated to start drilling immediately on a 9,600-foot exploration to explore the Ellenburger in North-Central Crockett County, six miles south of the Barnhart field.

The project will be Stanolind's No. 1-A-X University, and is located 660 feet from south and east lines of the northeast quarter of section 13, block 47, University survey.

At last reports a rotary rig was being put in condition to operate, and water wells were being drilled.

This project is near Continental Oil Company No. 1-A-13 University, now testing in the Silurian at 9,210-9,300 feet.

That zone has made some free oil. The section has been treated with acid. That wildcat is 1,980 feet from south and 860 feet from east lines of section 13, block 47, University survey. The Ellenburger between 9,394 feet and total depth at 10,232 feet, had some shows of oil, but not enough to make a well.

**SHALLOW SE GARZA VENTURE IS CORING AHEAD IN LIME**

Proven Oil Company, L. M. Glasco, et al., No. 1 George W. Herd, trustee, Southeast Garza County wildcat, three miles south of Justiceburg, and 330 feet from south and east lines of section 29, block 6, H&G survey, was coring below 2,595 feet in the San Andres lime.

Cores at 2,495-2,545 feet had some shows of oil and some bleeding water streaks. Drilling samples from 2,542 feet to about 2,580 feet had no signs of petroleum. Slight oil stains were found between 2,580 feet and 2,595 feet, and a core was started at the latter level.

This project picked the top of the San Andres lime at 2,100 feet to give it a datum point of plus 286. That puts it 28 feet high to the Northern Ordinance, Inc. No. 1 Walker, two miles west of Justiceburg, a dry hole which had some shows in the San Andres, but they were not of commercial proportions.

**RUSSELL STAKES 2,000-FOOT VENTURE IN EAST PECOS**

Jesse Russell of McCamey has filed an application with the Railroad Commission of Texas, requesting a permit to start drilling at once on his No. 1-46 Lowery & Wilson, as a 2,000-foot wildcat in East Pecos County, about eight miles southeast of Bakersfield.

This venture will be 330 feet from north and east lines of the northeast quarter of section 46, block Z, TCR survey. Cable tools will be used to dig the hole.

**PROSPECTORS IN STERLING AND MARTIN ARE DRILLING**

Anderson-Prichard Oil Corporation and The Vickers Petroleum Corporation No. 1 Foster, Southeast Sterling County wildcat, had reached 5,538 feet in Pennsylvanian shale, and was making more hole.

Sun Oil Company No. 2 Arledge, northeast stepout from the discovery well of the Arledge field in North-Central Coke County, cored at 6,477-6,482 feet. The specimen recovered had no shows of oil or gas, and the project is drilling ahead below 6,511 feet of lime.

Sun No. 1 Hale in Northeast Martin County, had reached 8,640 feet in lime, shale and sand, and was boring ahead.

Stanolind Oil & Gas Company No. 1 Mabee, Northwest Martin



County exploration was drilling past 11,781 feet in an unidentified white lime.

**OUTPOST STAKED TO NEW SOUTHEAST CRANE FIELD**

In Southeast Crane County, about three miles southwest of the town of Crane, Roy C. Colston, et al., are to drill their No. 1 Gb Cowden, as a 2,900-foot stepout to the recently completed discovery well of the Gb field.

The new exploration will be 330 feet from north and east lines of the northeast quarter of section 23, block X, OCS&RNG survey. It is to start at once.

This area was opened by Lion Oil Company No. 1 Cowden, which is making a small amount of oil from the Grayburg, upper Permian.

**CENTRAL WINKLER DEEP WILDCAT WAS TO TEST**

Stanolind No. 2 Seth Campbell, Central Winkler County deep wildcat, about six miles southeast of Kermit, and 1,981 feet from south and 1,986 feet from west lines of section 13, block B-5, psi survey, was bottomed at 11,130 feet on the Silurian lime, and was taking a drill-stem test.

**NORTH PECOS DISCOVERY SCHEDULES ANOTHER DST**

C. W. Chancellor, Slick Oil Company, No. 1 Thornton Davis, North Pecos County gas and distillate discovery, two miles west of the shallow Pecos Valley field, and 1,980 feet from south and east lines of section 105, block 8, H&G survey, was bottomed at 9,740 feet in the Ellenburger and was to run a drill-stem test Sunday morning.

This test should determine whether or not the project has actually found the water table in the Ellenburger, as was indicated by the last test run, which was at 9,715-75 feet.

That investigation had a recovery of 135 feet of distillate, 135 feet of heavy oil and 1,900 feet of water cut drilling mud, with the water appearing to be sulphur.

Top of the saturated zone was at about 9,885 feet. The section from there to the interval showing the possible water, carried heavy gas, and considerable distillate.

**Y & A STEP-OUT DRILLS AHEAD IN ELLENBURGER**

Humble No. 3 Yarborough & Allen, deep stepout to the Yarborough & Allen deep field in Southwest Ector County, about nine miles west of Judkins, and 660 feet from south and 1,980 feet from west lines of section 18, block B-14, psi survey, was making hole below 10,882 feet in the Ellenburger lime, topped at 10,535 feet, according to unofficial sources.

That puts the project a little low—but not too low—to the discovery well of the field. It should be completed as a producer.

**SW ECTOR WILDCAT IS STILL IN DEVONIAN**

Humble No. 4 Yarborough & Allen, wildcat to test the Ellenburger, four miles south of the field of the same name, one mile west of Prairie Home, and 2,357 feet from north and 576 feet from west lines of section 31, block B-14, psi survey, had reached 8,275 feet in Devonian lime and chert, and was making more hole. Top of the Devonian was reported by some sources at 8,100 feet. So far no production has been developed in that formation.

**CHILDRESS FIELD STEP-OUT HAD NO OIL SHOWS IN TEST**

Humble Oil & Refining Company No. 2 Ethel C. Smith, estate, stepout from the Childress field in Northeast Crockett County, and 810 feet from north and 660 feet from

## Flash Floods In Kansas



Car moves slowly over flooded highway between Mount Hope and Haven, Kan., after rain of cloudburst proportions inundated thousands of acres of land and isolated the two small communities.



## RESOURCES FILM IS TO BE SHOWN AT MGS MEETING

"The Story of Texas, and Its Natural Resources," a sound moving picture film, will be shown at the Tuesday noon meeting of the Midland Geological Society.

The session will be in the Crystal Ballroom of Hotel Scharbauer, W. H. (Henry) Conkling, president of the organization, will be in charge.

Berte R. Haigh will present the picture, which was prepared by the United States Bureau of Mines.

## NAMES ARE NEEDED FOR NEW DIRECTORY OF GEOLOGISTS

A directory of all geologists, and other persons connected with that profession in Midland and West Texas, is being prepared for early publication.

Jane Marie Johnson, treasurer of the West Texas Geological Society, is in charge of compiling the list. She says that all of the oil companies, and many of the consulting geologists, have been contacted. However, she is afraid there are some names that should be included which she does not have.

Miss Johnson requests that any person who should be listed in the directory, who might be in doubt as to whether or not their names have been turned in to her, to write to her at P. O. Box 225, Midland, and give her their name, business connection, and business and mailing addresses.

That request is particularly pointed at persons who have recently moved to Midland, and who are doing consulting work, and those who are connected with consulting work which she does not have.

It is desired to make the directory accurate and complete, and that cannot be done unless Miss Johnson gets full cooperation.

She also issues the reminder that those who have been contacted for their 1948 dues to the West Texas Geological Society. Such payments should be mailed to Miss Johnson.

## API CHAPTER WILL MEET AT ODESSA ON MARCH 5

The Permian Basin Chapter of the American Petroleum Institute will meet at 6:30 p.m., March 5, at the Ector County Auditorium in Odessa for a business and entertainment program.

Gerald Cullinan, president of the Texas Institute of Public Relations, will be the speaker.

A moving picture, titled, "The New Frontier," showing oil development operations in Saudi Arabia, will be shown after the Cullinan address. The picture will run for about 30 minutes.

Tommy Teeter of the Texas State Employment Service district office at Odessa will present an entertainment program made up of songs and dance acts. The performers will be experienced entertainers from several Permian Basin towns.

After the business and entertainment program, a barbecue will be served in the county barn by the Odessa Chuck Wagon Gang. Tickets for the entire affair are being sold at \$1.50 per person, to those who have paid their 1948 membership of \$1.00 in the chapter.

The tickets are now available at the Shell Oil Company, Inc., and Phillips Petroleum Company production offices in Midland; at Rodman Supply Company, Republic Supply Company, Jarocki Manufacturing Company, and at the Gulf Oil Corporation and Phillips Petroleum Company production offices, in Odessa; and the Skelly Oil Company production office in Hobbs, New Mexico.

## MORE WORK CONTRACTED FOR AT PIPE LINE STATIONS

Two new contracts have been awarded by The Texas Pipe Line Company for work on station sites at Midland and at Jal, N. M., on the Jal-Cushing, 20-22-24 inch pipe line project.

Morrison Brothers Construction Company, Inc., of Odessa, has been given the contract to install manifolds and tank farm lines at the Midland and Jal stations.

D. S. & R. Construction Company of Kermit, was awarded contract for the grading and earthwork, and to build concrete ring foundations for three additional 22,000 barrel crude oil tanks at Jal.

The Jal-Cushing project is owned on an undivided interest basis by

## TO BE PARTY CHIEFS

W. E. Phillips has been appointed a party chief of a seismograph crew at Hobbs, N.M., and W. C. Wagner has been appointed chief of a similar unit at San Angelo, by Stanolind Oil & Gas Company.

## NEW GULF GEOLOGIST

A. Doshier, formerly in the geological department of Gulf Oil Corporation at Amarillo, is a new man in the same company's district geological office in Midland.

## ANOTHER FEATURE STORY

Another feature story on Permian Basin oil, and particularly on the Slick-Urschel Oil Company and Plymouth Oil Company, No. 1 Albert Wood, East-Central Upton County, important deep discovery, is to be written shortly by Sam Hunter, representative of the Scripps-Howard newspapers.

Hunter was in Midland last week getting material for the story which will be published in newspapers in various parts of the United States.

## VETERAN OF RANGER-BRECK BOOMS HAS JOINED LYMAN

The often heard statement that people from everywhere are coming to Midland to get into the oil activity in the Permian Basin, is becoming more and more accurate.

One of the latest to join the march is Lester B. Wood, who was at Ranger and Breckenridge during the boom in those areas.

Wood is now a geologist, and is the new general superintendent for all gas and gasoline operations of C. V. (Cap) Lyman, in West Texas, and on the Gulf Coast. His wife and daughter will move here from Bartlesville, Okla., at the end of the spring school term.

Wood's first assignment on his new job will be to erect an addition to the Hedrich-Lyman gasoline plant near Wink, in Winkler County, to allow that operation to produce more LPG materials (butane and propane), to help make available more of those fuels for the Permian Basin demands.

Wood came to Midland from Bartlesville, where he has been for the last three and one-half years, working in the headquarters of Phillips Petroleum Company in the Lenoir production section.

Prior to taking the connection with Lyman, Wood had been on the Phillips payroll for almost 24 years. Before going to work for that concern he was employed at Ranger by Chestnut & Smith and Lone Star Gas Company.

He was district superintendent for Phillips at Breckenridge several years and followed that assignment by working as assistant division superintendent at Borger. He is a member of the AIME and several Texas professional organizations, and is a writer on feature stories on Texas history.

## SOAGC NAMES ENGINEER FOR NEW LEVELLAND GAS PLANT

N. S. Whitmore has been appointed field project engineer in charge of construction of the Stanolind Oil & Gas Company's new natural gasoline plant soon to be built at Levelland, in Hockley County.

He was formerly in the engineering and construction section of the manufacturing department of the Stanolind general offices at Tulsa.

## HUMBLE SURVEY SHOWS OIL INDUSTRY IS COMPETITIVE

The oil industry is more competitive than any other major industry in the United States, according to figures from an article in the January-February issue of The Humble Way, Humble Oil & Refining Company publication.

There are more than 34,000 separate companies in various phases of the U. S. oil business, the article states, including 13,475 producers, 650 transporters, over 300 refining companies operating about 450 refineries, and 20,000 distributors and jobbers.

Despite the number of operators involved, the article continues, the industry exists in some quarters because of the size of some companies.

In this regard, the article lists the following figures related to competition in volume of business:

The four largest companies in most major industries, including sugar, meat, tires and tubes, autos, and refrigerators, generally account for 75 to 90 per cent of the total volume.

By contrast, "the four largest oil companies produce only about 25 per cent of the total national supply of crude petroleum and refine about 37 per cent of total products."

"Not even the largest company produces more than nine per cent of the total crude oil; not one of them, even with affiliated companies, refines more than 14 per cent of the total products."

Another factor which is sometimes believed to show lack of competition, according to the story, is the tendency toward uniform prices of petroleum products in the same general marketing area.

This, the article points out, is not an indication of price fixing, but of strong competition. In a market where products are similar and many outlets easily accessible, it continues, the lowest price set by any retailer must be followed by all others if they are to keep their customers. Thus prices in any given area almost necessarily become uniform.

The article concludes its case for competition in oil by pointing out that every phase of the industry—producing, transporting, refining, and marketing—is widely open to new operators, their participation being

## Truman Baby Petting Stirs Up Excitement

KEY WEST, FLA. — (P) — The man in the white pith helmet stirred up a flurry of excitement Saturday as he stopped to pull at the finger of a grinning baby in a stroller.

A goring grandfather sprang into action with a plea to photographers.

"Please shoot this."

Then, before President Harry S. Truman knew exactly what was happening, two other youngsters, wearing bathing suits, bowed into the act.

It was some minutes before things quieted down enough for the President to resume his stroll to the enlisted men's beach for his daily swim.

## Magnolia Announces More Gulf Drilling

DALLAS — (P) — The Magnolia Petroleum Company announced Saturday that it plans to drill six additional wildcat wells in the Gulf of Mexico off the Louisiana coast.

Magnolia has expended more than \$2,000,000 in leasing and exploring the area. One deep hole and one shallow hole have been completed dry. The third well now is drilling below 12,800 feet.

## COTTON

NEW YORK — (P) — Cotton futures moved over a narrow range Saturday. The price was 15 to 20 cents a bale higher, March 22.90-21, May 32.85-84 and July 32.35-29.

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# VPC To Test Slight Shows Of Oil In W-C Project

HOBBS, N. M. — Indications of possible petroleum production which have been logged at The Vickers Petroleum Co., Inc. No. 1 Stanolind-State, West-Central Lea County prospector, are due to be tested soon.

This prospector, located four miles north of the West Roberts field, and 1,980 feet from north and 660 feet from west lines of section 14-16-32e, encountered some oil stains and some saturation in the section at 4,627-4,715 feet, in the San Andres zone of the Permian lime.

Operator let the project set 15 hours, but it failed to develop any free oil. Drilling was resumed and at the end of the week it had reached 4,769 feet. It was planned to go to about 4,800 feet, and then stop, and likely treat the section which has shown the petroleum signs, with acid. Up to now no water has been encountered in the formation. The venture is being drilled with cable tools.

Still Making Hole

Mid-Continent Petroleum Corporation No. 1-A Sawyer, North Lea County deep wildcat, 660 feet from south and 1,980 feet from east lines of section 27-28-36e, had progressed under 10,205 feet in an unidentified shale and lime, and was making more hole.

Barnsdall Oil Company No. 9 Alaska Cooper, in the old Monument-shallow field in East-Central Lea County, had penetrated past 10,190 feet in Simpson lime and shale, in the middle Ordovician, and was making more hole.

Operator picked a tentative top of the Simpson at 10,120 feet. Up to now no shows of oil or gas have been developed in any zone which has been drilled through.

Amerada Petroleum Corporation No. 2 Record, 1,980 feet from north and 660 feet from east lines of section 25-18e-36e, had drilled under 12,624 feet in lime and chert, and was continuing.

Amerada No. 8 Andrews, 589 feet from north and 731 feet from west lines of section 12-20e-36e, was boring ahead below 10,770 feet in an unidentified lime.

Due To Plug Back

Gulf Oil Corporation No. 6 Munyon-Federal, Southeast Lea County wildcat which has discovered flowing production from the McKee section of the Simpson, ten miles south of Eunice, and 766 feet from north and 554 feet from east lines of section 28-23e-37e, was drilling ahead below 9,889 feet in the Ellenburger.

After flowing 88 barrels of oil in two and one half hours from the McKee zone at 9,443-9,507 feet, the project drilled on down and found the Ellenburger.

It ran a two and one half hour drill-stem test in the top of that formation at 9,800-72 feet. Recovery was 5,100 feet of salt water, with no shows of oil or gas. It is expected that the owner will shortly plug back to the bottom of the section which showed the flowing oil and complete the well as a producer and as a new discovery.

SW Lea Wildcat, Inc. No. 1 Murray, Southwest Lea County wildcat drilled to 5,035 feet in the Delaware topped at 4,870 feet. Elevation is 3,814 feet. No signs of oil or gas were logged. Salt water was developed at the total depth. The venture has been plugged and abandoned.

It was 15 miles southwest of the Lynch field, and 1,980 feet from south and east lines of section 9-23e-32e.

Amerada No. 1-SCB State North-west Lea County prospector to 3,500 feet, about six miles northeast of the Caprock field, and 1,980 feet from north and 660 feet from east lines of section 5-12e-32e, had reached 2,300 feet in red shale, and was making more hole.

Eddy Ventures Continue

Southern Union Production Company No. 1 Elliott, deep exploration in Northwest Ector County, 660 feet from south and west lines of section 24-18e-23e, and 25 miles southwest of Artesia, has progressed below 8,505 feet in Mississippian lime and shale, and was continuing.

Magnolia Petroleum Company No. 1-W State, scheduled 7,500 foot venture in West Eddy County, 27 miles west and slightly north of Carlsbad, and 660 feet from south and 1,980 feet from east lines of section

16-21e-22e, was drilling ahead past 6,709 feet in shale and lime.

Mesa Retailers, Inc., No. 1 Hind-snake, seven miles northeast of Artesia, in North Eddy County, and 330 feet from north and 2,982 feet from west lines of section 2-16e-25e, was bottomed at 4,125 feet in shaly anhydrite, and was reaming the hole to total depth before drilling ahead. It is slated to go to about 6,900 feet.

Chaves Projects Continue

Manry & Company No. 1 Lee-State, 4,500-foot prospector in East Chaves County, 10 miles north of the Caprock field, and 660 feet from south and 1,980 feet from east lines of section 26-11e-31e, had reached 4,067 feet in lime, and was drilling ahead.

Atha Exploration Company No. 1 Lightcap, in Northeast Chaves County, and 1,980 feet from north and west lines of section 24-17e-28e, was making hole below 1,800 feet in anhydrite. It is scheduled to dig to about 3,000 feet.

## Hot Costume



This weirdly costumed drum-major led a band of "Sunny Boys" during annual Shrove Tuesday parade in Basle, Switzerland. Theme of the gay affair was "Dr. Sunstroke."

## ARCH BENGE VISITS HERE

Arch Benge, San Angelo resident who operates a ranch south of Midland, was a visitor here Saturday.

## NO LONGER A MILITARY SECRET

During the war, an amazing device enabled U. S. fighter planes to gain up to 600 additional horsepower. This sensational invention, with improvements, is now on the market and dealers can obtain the GAZDA OCTANATOR by acting now.

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## She Has a Yen for Money



This is infatuation, brother! Betty Bason sicks through one million yen which she arrived in Chicago from the Far East for display purposes. It represents only \$7 in U. S. currency.

## New Prison Chief To Present Ideas For System Improvements

HUNTSVILLE — (P) — General B. Ellis, who became manager of the Texas Prison System January 1, Monday is to present a detailed report on recommendations for future operations of the system to the State Prison Board.

The board meets here in regular session at 10 a.m. Monday.

Ellis this week confirmed he will make a number of recommendations for improvement of conditions throughout the system.

Although Ellis declined to give details of his report, he is expected to recommend a far-reaching program designed to make the prison system a self-sustaining operation, with prison-produced products to be sold to other state institutions at a profit.

Such a program, which would require action and approval by the State Legislature, was endorsed last week by Texas officials of organized labor groups who were conducted on a tour of the system by Ellis.

## YEARBY TO CONDUCT BALLINGER MEETING

The Rev. Vernon Yearby, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will leave Monday for Ballinger, where he will conduct services at that city's First Baptist Church during a district-wide simultaneous revival.

Glenn Murray of Midland, a student at Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, is director of the choir and young peoples activities at the Ballinger church.

## CIVIL SERVICE OPENINGS

Openings for employment as core drill operator, operator's helper, and junior operator at salaries ranging from 86 cents to \$1.35 per hour has been announced by the U. S. Civil Service Commission.

A particularly good combination for a first-course fruit cup is grapefruit sections, pineapple and orange.

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Sports Editor



Tanner Laine

SPORTSLANE is going daily. This column has been presented for your digestion on Sundays since November, 1940.

But there must be progress—after all, this is a daily newspaper.

So, if you please, we will do our best to give you the column every day. It primarily will be devoted to Midland sports comment, chatter, discussion, forecast and general dissecting.

Your criticism is welcomed. If you would make it constructive, that would be appreciated. That you like or dislike the contents never matters as much as your pointed suggestion or helpful contribution. We long have thought the Golden Rule would be a good one for writers and readers alike. And the writers need to observe it more, we grant.

—SL—  
One of our helpers will not be at the Reporter-Telegram open house today. He is Jimmy Allison, as much a part of the paper as any of us. For him, we welcome you. During the war when this writer was a "leave of absence," Jimmy wrote a lot of sports for us and we appreciate it. Cadet Jimmy is at school way down in Tennessee but his heart is out here with us. The "General" will be home in a few days to make his inspection—until then we are not so sure the new Reporter-Telegram has been officially opened.

—SL—  
We have seen a lot of sports go by since 1946 and the start of this column. Midland is not the hottest sports town but it is consistently interested. We have the high school program, the main attraction here. We have golf at the Midland Country Club. We have bowling and its leagues. We have one of the finest softball plants in Texas and in previous seasons this sport has been a big attraction. We have the Midland Gun Club and its large membership of shooters with rifle and pistol affiliates. We have professional baseball with Harold Webb and his Indians in the Longhorn League. We have a Midland Tennis Club. There are more fishermen per acre in Midland than in any city the size anywhere. Midland originated a coaches and officials association and it is now associated with Odessa's unit. Hunters galore live in Midland, both big game and small. Last summer there were swimming meets. Midland usually is host to the Buffalo Trail Boy Scout Council swimming meet.

There is some talk of a semi-pro baseball club here this summer. Elementary schools have a big sports program. The junior high has its intramural setup. The high school has a super physical education setup in addition to the recognized main sports. We have boxing. Recently a successful Golden Gloves district tourney was held here and another big boxing meet is slated this week, sponsored by the VFW. Schools annually hold a Summer recreation program.

It goes on and on. There are more sports activities in Midland than you realize.

—SL—  
ROUNDIN' UP THE STRAYS—Since September, SPORTSLANE'S wife, Margie, has been helping us by going with us to cover the various athletic events—We want her to know we appreciate her—Harold

**BOWLING**

The top three of the Automotive Bowling League of Midland are locked in a tight battle with Scruggs Motors only two jumps ahead.

In spite of a driving rain last week on the night of the matches, the Automotive legions turned out strongly.

Joe Clark, lead-off man of the Curtis Pontiac, found all of his luck was not bad. Joe had tough breaks earlier in the year but one week he rolled three beautiful 200-games and last week he rolled one strike short of a perfect game, with a 279. He started out with a double, then fouled up by bringing back nine on his first ball, picked up from that in the third frame for a spare, then struck on out with ten more strikes in a row.

Last week, Curtis Pontiac won two from Scruggs; Murray-Young won two from Ace.

The standings:

Team	Won	Lost
Scruggs Motors	44	22
Murray-Young Mtrs	42	24
Curtis Pontiac	36	30
Mackey Motors	32	34
Elder Chevrolet	32	34
May Motors	31	35
Ace Motors	29	37
Noble Holt Mtrs.	18	48

Results:

Curtis Pontiac	1st	2nd	3rd	Tot.
Clark	279	182	165	626
Mechling	202	161	145	508
Boring	182	149	146	477
Stanley	158	149	171	458
Thompson	144	134	190	428
Handicap	11	11	11	33
Totals	956	786	798	2540

Scruggs Mtrs

Spencer	1st	2nd	3rd	Tot.
Spencer	181	147	148	476
Kiser	171	128	156	455
Schuyler	190	158	138	436
Reed	135	195	170	500
Baker	148	171	146	465
Totals	825	799	758	2382

Noble Holt

McEachin	1st	2nd	3rd	Tot.
McEachin	113	149	115	377
Grice	157	133	98	388
Petty	126	127	148	401
Mathias	164	178	129	469
Blind	134	134	134	402
Handicap	57	57	57	171
Totals	751	776	681	2208

May Motor	1st	2nd	3rd	Tot.
Halg	164	203	155	522
Blind	149	149	149	447
Shamblen	193	169	179	541
Blind	153	155	155	463
Van Horn	158	180	121	459
Totals	826	856	759	2441

Elder Chev.	1st	2nd	3rd	Tot.
Boldt	156	178	157	492
Ball	178	107	119	404
Berg	135	152	106	393
Kehlenback	105	159	134	398
Blind	142	142	142	426
Totals	716	739	658	2113

Mackey Mtrs

Speed	1st	2nd	3rd	Tot.
Speed	129	144	127	400
Hastings	139	140	141	420
Myers	122	137	134	393
Hale	199	119	122	440
Jones	154	171	194	519
Handicap	23	23	23	69
Totals	786	734	641	2161

Ace Motors

Baden	1st	2nd	3rd	Tot.
Baden	140	192	195	527
Sehon	137	139	177	453
Warren	158	142	188	488
Albright	180	178	177	535
King	165	148	155	468
Handicap	28	28	28	84
Totals	806	827	920	2553

Murray-Young

E. Jones	1st	2nd	3rd	Tot.
E. Jones	150	168	160	478
Tharp	177	162	144	483
Scharbauer	226	132	171	529
Lewis	184	222	189	595
Boothe	143	164	160	467
Totals	880	848	824	2552

CAR WRECK RESULTS IN MINOR INJURIES

Edwin Jones, 106 West Kansas Street, received emergency treatment at the hospital here at 12:30 a.m. Saturday after an automobile accident two miles west of the city.

Hospital records showed he suffered minor abrasions on his face in the wreck.

Many mountain lakes are created by landslides which dam streams.

Palette-able Dish



Marge Mahoney, of Chicago, poses on an oversized painter's palette for one of the arts acts of the Chicago Artists Guild's annual Green Moth Ball masquerade.

American Leads In Speed Skating Meet

HELSINKI, FINLAND (AP)—Johnny Werket of Minneapolis led the entire field Saturday night after the first half of the world speed skating championships.

The 23-year-old collegian was second in the 500-meter (547 yards) and sixth in the 5,000-meter (three and an eighth miles) races Saturday for 97,980 points. Odd Lumberg of Norway was second with 97,270 points.

The skater with the fewest number of points is the winner, as in golf or cross country.

FROM ODESSA  
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Clarke of Odessa were visitors here Saturday.

The yearbook of old Midland College was called the Sandstorm.

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**Sports**

THE REPORTER-TELEGRAM, MIDLAND, TEXAS, FEB. 29, 1946

**Meet Opens Wednesday**

A big three-night boxing tournament, sponsored by the VFW, opens Thursday evening in the Midland Air Terminal hangar. Fights begin at 8 p. m. nightly.

Invitations have been extended to all surrounding cities to send teams and many individuals have been asked. Thomas H. McMullan, VFW Sportsmanship Committee head, is in charge of arrangements. Weigh-in time is 6 p. m. Thursday.

All amateur boxers eligible to compete under Texas Golden Gloves rules are eligible at the Midland meet. There will be three classes—high school, novice and open. There will be fights in six weight divisions. Entry blanks are due Monday.

Awards will include a large loving cup to the winning team and individual awards to 18 champions. Also a sportsmanship award will be given. Midland's VFW will provide housing and meals for coaches and teams which desire them.

The purpose of the tourney is to stimulate good sportsmanship and

to evoke an interest in amateur boxing among the boys of West Texas.

A large Midland squad is preparing for the tourney.

BACK FROM MEETING  
The Rev. Vernon Yearby, pastor of the First Baptist Church, returned late Saturday from the Paisano Encampment grounds near Alpine, where he attended a meeting of the encampment's executive board. Plans for next Summer's meetings were discussed at the session.

MIDLANDER TO HOUSTON  
C. R. Vandervoort, district traffic manager here for Pioneer Air Lines, left Saturday on a business visit in Houston.

Read the Classifieds

**BANK NOTICE**

Both Midland Banks  
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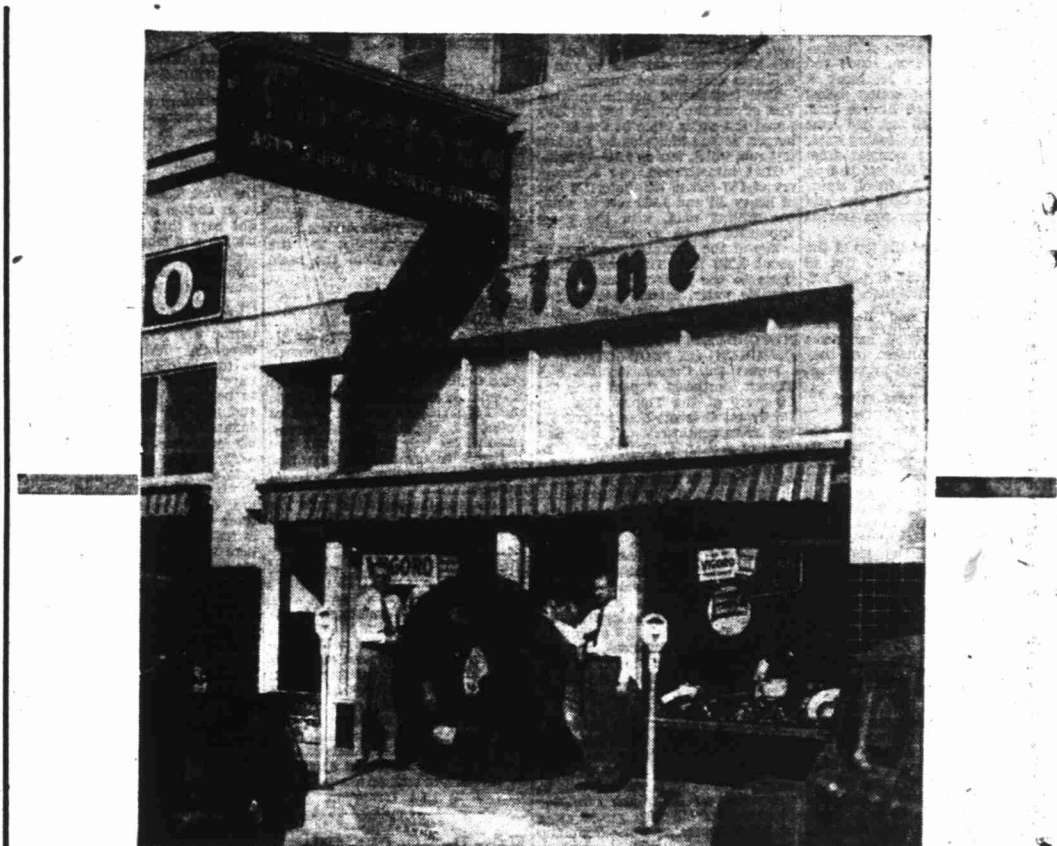
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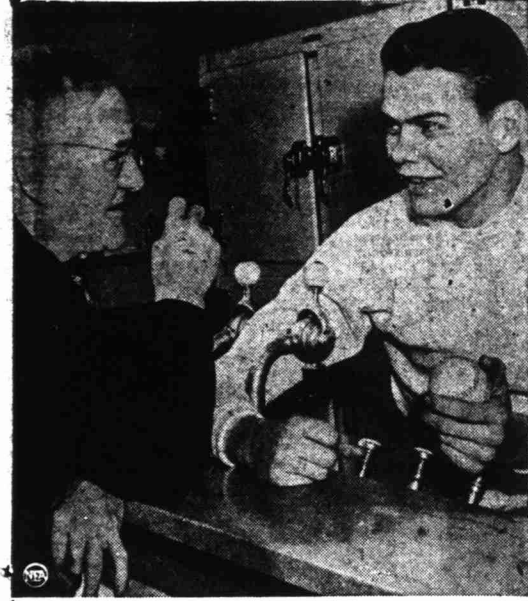
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Joseph G. Reinagel gives his big son and soda clerk employe, Ed, a bit of sound advice across the counter between sales at Granite City, Ill., before the 18-year-old left-hand pitcher departs for the Phillies' Clearwater, Fla., training camp. The youngster stands six-feet three, weighs 190 pounds.

## Layne Passes Up \$77,000 Offer; Signs With Bears

AUSTIN—(AP)—Bobby Layne, University of Texas' fabulous passer, said Saturday he had signed a three-year contract with the Chicago Bears of the National Football League, thus turning down a \$77,000 bid from the Baltimore Colts of the All-America Conference that would have paid him more money. He declared he did it because the Bears have a better team.

And he also revealed he had passed up a bonus for signing because he wanted to play college baseball this spring.

It is estimated the move cost Bobby about \$20,000 in the bonus and \$10,000 in the contract. University of Texas athletic officials have informed Layne that he can sign a pro contract and remain eligible so long as he does not accept any money until after he leaves school. At Dallas, James H. Stewart, executive secretary of the Southwest Conference said he would not choose to give an opinion on this point "until I study the rule further. He also said he would not give a ruling unless it was requested."

The amount the great Longhorn quarterback will receive from the Bears was not revealed, but it was reliably reported that it would be \$10,000 less than the contract dangled before him by Baltimore for a three-year stint at a price the Colts management said was "more money than any college football player ever has been offered."

"Money's not everything," said Bobby. "You've got to take other things into consideration. I think the Bears are a better ball club. They will be a better team to play for because they are well-established."

Chicago already has such great quarterbacks as Sid Luckman and Johnny Lujack of Notre Dame. Layne last season switched to the T formation, which is used by the Bears, after playing all his career until that time in the single wing-back. He took to the formation like a duck to water, and led Texas to 10 victories out of 11 games, including a 27-7 win over Alabama in the Sugar Bowl.

Cecil Isbell, coach of Baltimore revealed that the Colts had offered Layne a \$10,000 bonus for signing.

# Sports

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## Latin Americans, West Win Tourney

West Elementary boys basketball and Latin American School girls volleyball teams won a tournament held Saturday in the MHS gym.

Tourney standings were: basketball—West, first; South, second; North, third, and Latin American, fourth. Volleyball—Latin American, first; North, second; South, third, and West, fourth.

West basketballers advanced with a 16-4 victory over Latin American in the first round and a 18-15 win over South in the finals. North won the consolation with a 33-19 win from West. North won its first round game over South 22-8. Latin American volleyballers advanced with a 33-16 victory over West in the first round and a 52-21 win over North in the finals. South won the consolation with a 33-19 win from West. North won its first round game over South 32-16.

All-Tourney Selectees were: basketball—Phillip Roberts, North; Myron Harris, West; Tommy Johnson, South; Manuel Carrasco, Latin American; Doyle Brooks, South; Burt Lea, West; Dwight McDonald, North; Felix Reyes, Latin American; Jimmy Hunt, North; Paul Cole, West. Volleyball—Janice Stalcup, North; Betty Acker, North; Linda Davis, West; Beatrice Heredia, Latin American; Teresa Perez, Latin American; Isabel Munoz, Latin American; Wanda Murray, West; Margaret Wallace, South; Mabel Nix, South.

High point basketball player of the tourney was Tommy Johnson with 17 markers. High point volleyball player was Teresa Perez. Officials of the tournament were: basketball—Fred Dunn, Larry Messersmith and Al German; volleyball—Joy Webb, Darlene Livingston, Marie Olliff and Ruby Hudgins.

## BOWLING

Scharbauer Hotel got hold of a "hot wire" sure enough in the Major Bowling League Wednesday night at Plamor Palace. The Hotelers held on long enough to win the first game but Tommie's Electric then turned on the "full juice" and won the next two, increasing its league lead to eight full games.

Elton Lewis of Permian Mud kugged high individual game with 247. Bill Davidson of Burt's Super Service kugged 606 for high individual series. The Burt's team scored 945 for high team game and Tommie's had high series with 2,582.

The standings:

TEAM	Won	Lost
Tommie's Electric	43	29
Scharbauer Hotel	35	28
Permian Mud	33	30
Stanley's Service	32	31
Burt's Super Serv.	31	32
Mabee Drilling	31	32
Honolulu Oil	29	34
Reporter-Telegram	19	44

Results:

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	Tot.
Tommie's Elec.	163	153	186	498
Robert's	173	202	168	543
Jones	188	230	181	599
Clark	138	147	153	438
Schuyler	165	161	192	518
Boothe				
Totals	827	893	862	2582

Scharbauer H. 1st. 2nd. 3rd. Tot.  
Haigh 180 166 171 497  
Warren 133 174 176 482  
Wattlington 208 167 147 522  
Scharbauer 157 200 173 529  
Tharp 170 141 147 458  
Handicap 23 23 23 69  
Total 851 871 835 2557

Honolulu 1st. 2nd. 3rd. Tot.  
Cassidy 129 157 154 440  
Leeper 142 129 147 418  
Gibson 177 169 170 516  
Prothro 168 152 179 499  
Schneider 174 122 180 456  
Totals 790 729 810 2329

Permian Mud 1st. 2nd. 3rd. Tot.  
Loving 146 136 171 453  
Ocheltree 164 115 172 451  
Sturm 127 150 154 431  
Breithaupt 130 145 110 385  
Lewis 147 147 247 541  
Handicap 18 18 18 54  
Totals 761 888 868 2317

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Team	1st	2nd	3rd	Tot.
Mabee	136	171	148	455
Kiser	138	114	114	366
Mathews	150	150	203	503
Polston	109	121	144	374
Brewer	111	106	155	432
Totals	652	732	764	2138

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	Tot.
Stanley's	163	168	164	495
Baker	138	147	179	464
Carpenter	124	123	133	380
Thompson	180	140	190	490
Albright	49	212	182	500
Handicap	40	40	40	120
Totals	791	830	868	2489

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	Tot.
Burk	170	125	186	481
Reed	210	123	180	513
Van Horn	158	153	155	466
Blind	139	121	153	413
Smith	235	184	187	606
Davidson	175	167	202	544
Mashburn				
Totals	345	764	898	2505

Bowie Bears Saw Up Bi-District

EL PASO — The Bowie High School Bears, representing District 4-A, made it two straight over the Abilene Eagles of 3-AA, here Friday night 33 to 28, to win the bi-district title and advance to the state tourney. Bowie won Thursday night 27 to 22.

## Midland Boxer



Jack Hightower, shown above, is a member of the Midland boxing team which participates in a three day tournament beginning Thursday at Midland Air Terminal. Hightower is a light weight in the high school class.

## Midland To Be District Meet Host In April

Midland will be host in April, date to be announced, to the district interscholastic league meet. Events include track and field and literary contests.

The interscholastic league meet is reverting to pre-war standards and thus all schools of District 3-AA (football) will be represented with the exception of Lamesa. During the war and for two years thereafter, the meet held here annually included only Midland, Big Spring and Odessa. The districts were divided into small units to save transportation during the war.

District 3-AA members are Midland, Odessa, Big Spring, San Angelo, Sweetwater, Abilene and Lamesa. Winners in the district meet qualify for competition in the regional meet to be held at Austin. Winners at Abilene go to Austin for the state meet. Midland is defending district champion.

## Citation Wins Flamingo Stakes

MIAMI, FLA. — (AP) — Citation, Warren Wright's handsome colt which has been hailed as a "new Man O'War," did just what everybody expected of him Saturday when he won the \$50,000 added Flamingo Stakes at Hialeah.

Going to the post as a 1 to 5 favorite, shortest priced starter in the 19-year history of the race, Citation galloped home six lengths in front of Big Dial, owned by Trainer E. E. Hart and George M. Jacobson of Washington, D. C., while 24,192 spectators cheered him on.

Mrs. Stanley Sagner's Saggy came on to take third place after cutting out a fast early pace, and the New Jersey owned Pennant Day from Alfred De Cozen's Short Brook Farm was fourth in the field of seven.

The race, first major winter test for the three-year-olds which may contest racing's "triple crown" later in the season, added \$43,500 to Citation's earnings. He topped last season's two-year-olds with \$115,880 and now has earned \$219,155.

## Cerdan Arrives For Roach Bout

NEW YORK — (AP) — Marcel Cerdan, French contender for the world middleweight boxing title, arrived Saturday by air from Paris after a week's delay because of bad weather.

Cerdan, who scored two knockouts in Europe since his November 12 appearance in Madison Square Garden, will fight Lavern Roach of Plainview, Texas, in the Garden March 12.

Cerdan said he hoped to meet Rocky Graziano, suspended middleweight king, after the Roach bout.

## Newspaper Picture Shows Midlanders

Page one of the Interscholastic League, February issue, carries a costume picture of the cast of "I'm A Fool" presented by Midland High School, which won second in the state meet last year.

Cast members include Evangeline Theis, Mary Lee Cowden, Fred McMurry, Jimmy FitzGerald, Donald Droppelman, Bob Short, Sara Lew Lmk, and Maurine Denton. A race track scene is pictured.

## Still a Specialist



Ralph Kercheval, former Kentucky back and dropkick specialist for the professional Brooklyn Dodgers, strokes Petrol Point, his first winner at Florida's Hialeah track in Miami. Kercheval gave up gridiron activities to become a horse trainer.

## Longhorns Seek 27th Baseball Crown This Year

AUSTIN — (AP) — Just two weeks away is the start of the baseball campaign for the University of Texas Longhorns, defending champions of the Southwest Conference.

Twenty-six titles have come to the state school since the conference made baseball a major sport 34 years ago and there are plenty of reasons to believe the 1948 outfit will run the string to 27.

Weaker at bat but stronger afield and boasting probably the best pitching balance the circuit ever has seen, the Longhorns are the team to beat once more.

However, there will be a well-balanced field of opponents, with the bristling Baylor Bears and the Texas Aggies apparently the toughest. Rice, Southern Methodist and Texas Christian all have improved squads. Arkansas does not play baseball. Strong Mound Staff

Texas' best weapon will be pitching. Heading the throwing list is a familiar name, Bobby Layne, who has yet to lose a conference game, winning 24 in three previous seasons.

Last year, the Longhorns lost by a one-run margin in the national collegiate semi-finals to California, the eventual champs, and only the Baylor loss marred the conference season.

Texas' first game will be March 13 against Milwaukee of the American Association. They open the conference race April 2 against Texas A&M.

## Little Takes Lead From Ben Hogan In St. Petersburg Open

ST. PETERSBURG, FLA. — (AP) — Lawson Little, who is no Johnny-come-lately to the golf tour, Saturday night had established himself as the man to beat for the St. Petersburg Open title.

Little, former National Open, National Amateur and British amateur champion, shot his third straight sub-par round of the tourney Saturday a 35-33-28. He previously had 68 and 69, giving him a 54-hole score of 205.

Ben Hogan, the little Hershey, Pa., pro who started off with a 63 and led through the first 36 holes, went one over par with 73. He dropped into a third place tie with George Schouh of Mamaroneck, N. Y., at 208.

Norman Von Nida of Sydney, Australia, slipped up into second place with 207, two strokes behind Little. Von Nida was two strokes unpar on each nine Saturday for 34-34-68.

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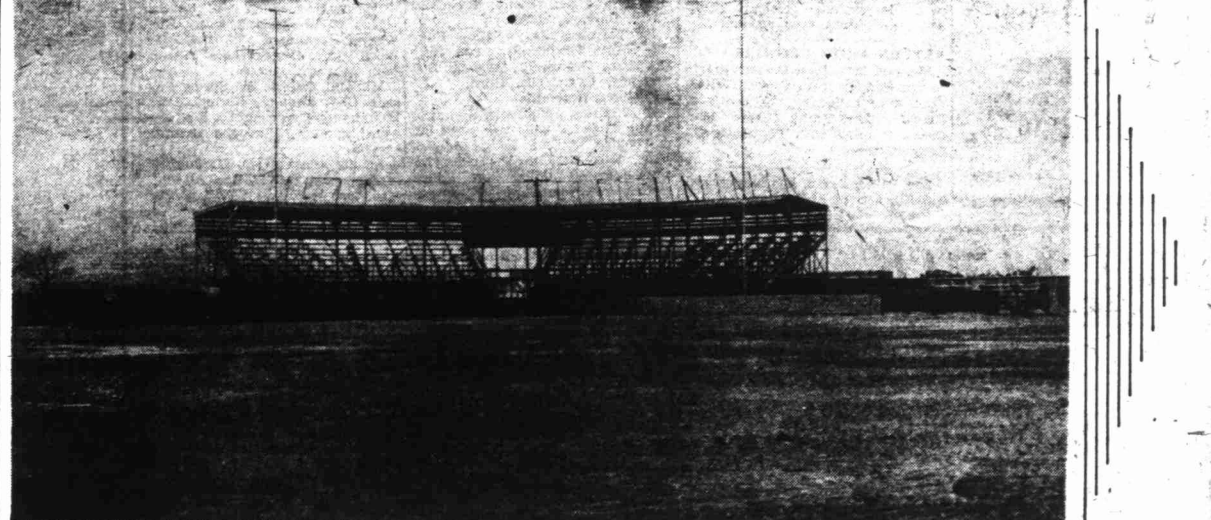
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## Research Seeks To Solve Question, 'Does Atom Stunt Growth Of Child?'



Internal scars of atomic radiation show on victim's bones, as in this artist's sketch of an X-ray.

**By RICHARD KLEINER**  
CLEVELAND, O. (NEA)—The atomic bomb kills, maims, blinds and even causes hair to fall out—but does it stunt a child's growth? The U. S. Atomic Energy Commission is studying survivors of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki blasts to find out, and 4000 Cleveland children for the Bureau of Radiation. The late Dr. T. Wingate Todd made an intensive study of 4000 Cleveland children for the Bureau of Radiation. Babies three months old were studied at three-month intervals. Older children reported annually on their birthdays. Out of this 12-year research, Dr. Todd made one fact clear: a child's bones develop regularly, unless attacked by an outside source. That outside source may be a serious illness or a severe shock. Whatever the cause, it leaves a thin whitish sugar on the bone, which is easily seen on an X-ray photo. Last Summer, Dr. William W. Greulich made the first of what he hopes to be 15 annual visits to Hiroshima and Nagasaki. He took with him the results of the Brush



External scars of burns in atomic bomb explosion remain prominent on this Hiroshima schoolboy.

Foundation project. He studied about 4,500 to 5,000 children, victims of the awful explosions. He analyzed their scars—which often covered the whole face, scars which crippled youthful arms and legs. He saw how the radiation from the bomb caused the pigment of the skin to vanish, leaving parts of the body as white as snow. He saw how the radiation burns left the silhouette of what the child was wearing that day printed forever on his skin, like a permanent suntan. He saw long hair which had fallen out as a result of radiation fever, was gradually growing back. He saw, two years after the bomb was dropped, that some burns were still unhealed, still uncovered by protective scar tissue. And he saw, almost without exception, that X-rays of the bones of these children showed that thin white scar Dr. Todd had noted 20 years before. It was visible on the bones of the legs and the arms. It was always the same distance from the present growing end of the bone, indicating that it was caused by the same outside source—in this case, there can be little doubt, the outside source was the atom bomb. In other words, it seems to be almost certain that atomic radiation has the same effect on a child's growth as a serious illness or a severe shock. But radiation apparently did not, as was feared, destroy the ability of the ground to grow living things, or the ability of the people to reproduce. On the spot where the bomb struck in Nagasaki, rice paddies are now growing vigorously. As for fertility of the people, Dr. Greulich laughs. "It hasn't bothered them at all. The standard equipment of a Hiroshima or Nagasaki home still is one baby on the back, one on the way, and two or three on the floor. For studies of genetics, the Japanese are cooperating beautifully." The survey is being financed by a grant from the Atomic Energy Commission of the National Research Council. It is being conducted in collaboration with the National Institute of Health of Tokyo. To give an accurate comparison, Dr. Greulich is also surveying children in Sasebo and Kure. Sasebo and Nagasaki are similar in climate, food and living conditions, and Hiroshima and Kure are also relatively the same. Sasebo and Kure are therefore "controls" for the research. Totalling probably about 8,000 children, the study is believed to be the largest mass research problem on children ever attempted.

**RETURN FROM CROWELL**  
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Crews were to return Sunday from Crowell, where they were called by the death of Crews' father, Frank Crews. Paul Crews is clerk with Plymouth Oil Company here. Sao Paulo, Brazil, has been called the Chicago of Latin America.

## Glass Herefords Win At Monahans

**MONAHANS**—George Glass of Midland swamped other registered Hereford breeders in the ninth annual Monahans Livestock Show here Friday and Saturday, winning the grand championship bull award and a handsome cluster of other blue ribbons. His two-year-old bull, Doctor Two 16th, was judged the best in the show. Other Glass winnings included first and second place in the yearling bull division, first place in the class for a bull and a heifer owned by exhibitor, and first in the get-of-sire class. Champion and reserve champion females and reserve champion bull were shown by Roden Ranch of Westbrook. In the junior division, 12-year-old Sue Wilson of Fayette showed the champion club calf, and Byron Prince, Grandfalls, showed the reserve champion. Grand champion lamb was shown by Paul Snelson, Monahans; reserve champion was shown by Sonny Daken, Grandfalls. Robert Thorpy of Grandfalls showed the grand champion hog of the 4-H and FFA division, and James Anderson, also of Grandfalls, exhibited the reserve champion.

**Question Highlights**  
Sue Wilson's champion calf, weighing 920 pounds, sold Saturday in the auction at \$1 per pound to Jim Tubb of Monahans. Paul Snelson's champion lamb, a 124-pounder, went to Crow Packing Company of Pecos, and the same firm bid in Robert Thorpy's 297-pound champion hog at \$1 per pound. From the standpoints of livestock, number of spectators, and general conditions, it was considered the best stock show ever held here, though prices were considered a little "off." George Glass' heifer, Miss Gwendolyn 19th, topped the registered Hereford sales at \$340, going to A. C. Pierce of Grandfalls. W. H. Holcomb of Pecos paid \$310 for Blanchard's Maid, another top-selling Glass heifer, and Pierce paid \$245 for Miss Superior. C. A. Mitchell of Kermit showed the champion Quarter Horse stallion; B. B. Ingham of Sheffield won the reserve championship. Ben Cox of Kermit won the Palomino championship, with D. A. Counts of Monahans taking the reserve championship. 4-H and FFA Division  
Fine wool lambs, lightweight—Sonny Daken, Grandfalls, first; Jake McNeely, second and third. Fine wool lambs, heavyweight—Paul Snelson, Monahans, first; Franklin Whiteley, Grandfalls, second and third. Crossbred lambs, lightweight—Travis Crawford, Grandfalls, first; John Carpenter, Grandfalls, second; Pedro Crawford, Grandfalls, third. Crossbred lambs, heavyweight—Paul Snelson, first and second; Frank Carpenter, Grandfalls, third. Club Steers  
Drylot class, lightweight—Jimmy Walters, Monahans, first; Don Ford, Royalty, second; Roy G. Long, Barstow, third. Drylot, heavyweight—Byron Pierce, first; Jim P. Thonton, Fayette, second; Waymond Vessels, Monahans, third. Milk fed, lightweight—Oscar Walters, Monahans, first; Rayford Anthony, Monahans, second; Harold Eudaly, Grandfalls, third. Milk fed, heavyweight—Sue Wilson, Pyote, first; Byron Pierce, Grandfalls, second; Rayford Anthony, Grandfalls, third. Club Hogs  
Fat barrows, lightweight—James Anderson, Barstow, first; Bobby Bell, Grandfalls, second; Raymond Tatty, Barstow, third. Fat barrows, heavyweight—Robert Thorpy, Grandfalls, first; Billy Cleghorn, Grandfalls, second; Bob McNeely, Grandfalls, third. Registered Herefords  
S. W. Estes, Monahans, won first in the class for bulls two years old and older; Arthur Elkins, Monahans, took first in the class for three-year-old bulls, and Roden Ranch won the class for bulls a year old and over. The yearling class was won by George Glass, who placed first and second; Roden Ranch took third. Glass also showed the best pair of bulls of any age, with Roden Ranch placing second. Fern Tatum of Monahans placed first and second in the class for

## Post-War Award Made For Merit, Bravery In War

The Army operates slowly sometimes but it always gets the job done. On March 8, 1943, Gregorio Collazo of Midland was with a battery of the 145th Field Artillery in Hawaii. He saw an ammunition truck burning in his camp area. It was loaded with three tons of highly explosive ammunition. Collazo rushed to the truck and proceeded



to unload the ammunition. When this was finished he helped put out the fire. On February 26, 1948, at an informal meeting in the US Army and Air Force Recruiting Station at Midland, Lt. Oscar L. McPadin, commanding officer of the Big Spring recruiting area, presented Collazo the Army Commendation Ribbon. Collazo received a citation from the War Department for his bravery and meritorious service.

## Lyman Believes Place To Fight For State Rights Is In Party

C. V. Lyman of Midland, state Democratic Executive Committee member, Saturday advised Neville G. Penrose of Fort Worth he believes the best place to fight for state rights is inside the Democratic Party, and that the solid South should go to the Philadelphia convention unopposed and unhampered. The text of his telegram followed: "Feel the best place to fight for State Rights is inside our own party. We should never abandon our ideals to any minority group nor should the balance of power ever be placed in the hands of any minority group. Certainly feel that the solid South should go to the Philadelphia convention unopposed and unhampered. States consistently voting Democratic should be rewarded. Due to the present trends, I place Texas welfare above all other considerations." Joel Bishop (Rocky) Ford, 36, Midland trucker, died May 1, 1937.

## Red Plot in Czechoslovakia Follows Familiar Pattern



The drive by Czech Reds to seize control of Czechoslovakia follows a time-tested Communist routine—accusing leaders of the democratic opposition of "conspiracy," forcing their resignation or forcibly ousting them, as was done in semi-autonomous Slovakia. The map shows how, usually by this tactic, most of the eight eastern European countries within the Soviet sphere of influence have been reduced to servile satellites of the USSR.

## Japanese Police System Centralized

**TOKYO**—(AP)—General MacArthur reported that the program of centralizing Japan's national police system was 70 per cent completed. It calls for forming 1,600 municipal police departments, totalling 95,000 men, and a national rural police force of 30,000. In his latest monthly occupation report, MacArthur also noted that with harvest money on hand, tenant farmers showed an increasing tendency to buy their land. As of January, 900,000 tenants had bought some 458,000 acres under the land reform program. H. C. Barrow, 72, who came to Midland in 1889, died February 21, 1937.

## TOOK SUITCASES

C. A. Blevins reported to Midland police Friday he caught a ride with two men into Odessa and they rode off with two of his suitcases in their car after the three had stopped to eat. Advertise or be forgotten

## REPORTS GLASS BROKEN

Police received a report Friday that two youths had thrown a rock through a glass at the Honolulu Oil Company building. A porter at the building reported the incident. Two suspects were named. Read the classifieds.



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## Midland Gets Next Meeting Of Permian Basin Insurance Men

**ODESSA**—More than 50 insurance men from a score of West Texas cities attended a luncheon meeting of the Permian Basin Life Underwriters Association here Saturday noon, when James D. Edgecomb of Fort Worth, president of the Texas Association of Life Underwriters, was the principal speaker. "Wake Up—Your House Is On Fire" was the subject of his address. President Roy McKee of Midland presided. The next meeting will be held March 20 in Midland with Hugh Weaver, president of the Fort Worth Life Underwriters Association, as guest speaker. Midland, Odessa, Big Spring, Colorado City, Lamesa, Kermit, Pecos, Monahans, Crane and McCamey were represented at the Saturday session. Among those from Midland attending were Roy McKee, Alva McKee, Doc Graham, W. W. Barker, Bill Harkrider, Joe Hullman and Bill Cheatham.

## JAIL BREAKER WANTED

The Andrews Sheriff's department reported to Midland police Friday a 32-year-old man was wanted for jail breaking at that town. A description was dispatched.

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## VA Expenditures In Texas Listed

By **TEX EASLEY**

WASHINGTON —(AP)—Veterans' Administration expenditures in Texas totaled \$380,189,143 during the fiscal year ended last June 30.

On that date, a report by the agency shows, payments or benefits were going to 128,778 living Texas veterans and to dependents of 28,218 deceased ex-service men.

Compensation and pension benefits to living veterans during the year totaled \$79,101,977, and to dependents of deceased veterans, \$18,929,802.

The report showed that on last June 30 there were in Texas these veterans of the various wars receiving compensation or pension benefits:

World War II, 101,959; World War I, 20,911; regular establishment, 2,333; Spanish American War, 3,552; Civil War, none (Texas provides pensions for its Confederate veterans); Indian wars, 24.

There were dependents of 296 Civil War deceased veterans who received a total of \$142,509 during the year; 190 dependents of Indian War veterans received \$93,270, and dependents of Mexican War veterans received \$3,060. (There were only 47 remaining dependents of Mexican War veterans, and no other state had more than four.)

The VA spent \$1,056,617 buying automobiles for disabled Texas veterans during the year.

## Hundreds Attend Annual Glasscock County Show

By **STANLEY FRANK**  
Reporter-Telegram Staff

GARDEN CITY — Jack Berry took away the championship ribbon of the calf division of the annual Glasscock County 4-H Club Show here Friday, while 15-year-old Bonnetta Cox proved girls are fair hands at feeding and fitting livestock by winning grand championship honors in the fat lamb division.

Hundreds of adult spectators from Garden City, Midland, San Angelo, Big Spring and other cities watched the show, enjoyed a free barbecue at noon, and saw the auction, which was conducted by M. G. McConal of Midland.

Young Berry's champion calf was first-place winner in the milk fed calf class; Prince Ricker's top drylot calf was reserve champion. Bonnetta's champion lamb was first-place winner in the Rambouillet-Suffolk crossbred competition, while Marion Wilkerson's Rambouillet, winner of the fine-wool class, was reserve champion.

Midlanders Big Buyers

Midland businessmen were top buyers in the auction sale. Bob Grubb of the Triangle Food Store in Midland, paid 60 cents a pound for Prince Ricker's 755-pound steer and the Midland National Bank topped the lamb sale by paying \$11.10 a pound for a lamb shown by Jimmy McCorquodale. Third highest price in the calf sale, 40 cents a pound, was paid by the First

## Library Lists Book Changes

The Midland County Library has announced a change in the listing of a number of books. The following volumes have been transferred from the rent group to seven days:

Non-fiction—Where I Stand (H. E. Stassen), Miracles: A Preliminary Study (C. S. Lewis), Acres and Pains (S. J. Perelman), A Practical Guide to Prefabricated Houses (A. L. Carr), Paul (Goodspeed), Human Destiny (P. Leconte du Nouy), Look at America (Look, periodical), Big Country, Texas (D. Day), Times of Melville and Whitman (V. W. Brooks), The Keynesian Revolution (L. R. Klein), Young America's Aviation Annual 1946, Famous American Athletes of Today, Loth Sertis.

Fiction—Mary Hallam (S. Ertz), The Farmhouse (Helen K. Kelly), Murder on the Purple Water (F. Crane), Long Anchorage (H. B. Gough), The Gentle Bush (B. Giles), The Bright Promise (R. Sherman), Forever Possess (A. Phillips), Flanigan's Polly (G. Milburn), On This Star (J. V. Sorenson), The Sleeping Sphinx (J. D. Carr), The Unwelcome Corpse (B. Frost), Belvedere (G. Devenport), Case of the Missing Men (C. Bush), Blue Horse of Taxco (K. M. Knight), Ledger of Lying Dog (W. G. Weekley), Boomerang Jail (F. C. Robertson), Peter Abeland (H. J. Waddell), The Living Wood (L. Wohl), Strange Life of Ivan Oskin (P. D. Cuspenyky), The Merry Innocents (N. Miller), Earth Eagles (M. F. Bayliss), Vespers in Vienna (Bruce Marshall), Alexandra (Gladys Schmitt), The Lardners and the Laurel-Woods (S. Kaye-Smith).

The following were changed from seven-day listing to two weeks:

Non-fiction—El Sal De Rey (W. Hawkins), Talking Through My Hat (L. Dache), The Nine Bad Shots of Golf (J. Dante), Writing for Children (A. C. Best), Pirate Laureate: The Life of Capt. Kidd (W. H. Bonner), The Dance (J. J. Martin), New Guinea Headhunt (C. Mytinger), How to Live With a Cat (M. C. Gay), Philosopher's Quest (I. Edman), A Short History of the Far East (K. S. Latourette), Our Inner Conflicts (K. Horney), Last Night When We Were Young (B. Hughes), What You Can Do for High-Blood Pressure (P. J. Steinrohn), Mexico South (M. Covarrubias), Flower Arranging for the American Home (G. Taber), Artists Manual for Silk Print Making (H. Shokler), Mademoiselle handbook.

Fiction—Walls of Jericho (P. J. Wellman), Queen's Polly (E. T. Beebe), Footbridge to Death (K. M. Knight), The Woman in Black (Leslie Ford), The Silver Leopard (Mrs. H. Reilly), Aurora Dawn (H. Wouk), Cold Bed in the Clay (R. S. Wallis), The Quarry (M. Walker), The Last Circle (S. V. Benet), Sleeping Beauty (F. Baldwin), Three for Bedroom C (G. Leoberson), Charlotte (G. Eberle), Chandler's Mystery Omnibus (Raymond Chandler), Mama Maria's (Ann Childster), Presidential Mission (Upton Sinclair), The Horizontal Man (H. Eustis), Blaze of Noon (E. K. Gann).

## City Of Midland First Incorporated In 1906; Dissolved In 1910 And Reorganized In 1911

By **BILL COLLYNS**  
Editor

Midland, now the headquarters city of the vast Permian Basin area of West Texas and South-East New Mexico, was established in 1884 as a cattle shipping point on the Texas and Pacific Railway then pushing westward toward El Paso, but it was not until July 16, 1906, that the little city was incorporated.

The incorporation, however, was not long lived since early records show the city government was dissolved by action of the Commissioners Court of Midland County about four years later. The records are not clear as to the reason for the court action.

Then on January 24, 1911, by action of the voters, the City of Midland was reorganized and again incorporated.

Court Minutes

The minutes of the Commissioners Court, dated January 25, 1911, state:

"Whereas an election was held in the courthouse in the town of Midland in the County of Midland, on the 24th day of January, A. D. 1911, to determine whether or not said Town should be incorporated

was T. S. Patterson, O. B. Holt, M. D. Johnson, M. R. Hill, C. A. Goldsmith, F. P. Elkin, B. N. Aycock, J. V. Stokes, Charles Sinclair, James S. Day, W. A. Dawson, Phil Scharbauer, Addison Wadley, Jas. Cowden, and P. J. Mine. In more recent years councilmen have been John P. Howe, J. M. Speed, J. O. Nobles, R. M. Barron, T. R. Wilson, Foy Proctor, D. H. Roettger, Marion Flynn, D. M. Secor, Don Davis, Tom Sealy, Frank Stubbeman, Fred Hogan, John P. Butler, Barney Greathouse, J. R. Martin and Paul McHargue.

Present councilmen are Stanley Erskine, Robert I. Dickey, Robert S. Dewey, W. F. Hejl, and Ben Black.

Aldermanic Form

H. B. Dunagan was city secretary back in 1907-10, and the late Newell Ellis, Sr., held the position in 1917.

The city affairs were administered by aldermen until November 1940, when a Home Rule Charter was adopted by a vote of the people. The charter provides for a mayor-council form of government.

The city marshal, treasurer and secretary also were elected rather than appointed prior to the adoption of the Home Rule Charter. Andy Norwood served many years as marshal.

The city's first bond issue was voted in October, 1906, for water works installation. The issue was for \$50,000. The \$1,250,000 bond issue voted last year for water and sewer improvements, street improvements, municipal buildings, and drainage was the largest in city's history. The second largest, \$240,000, was voted in 1929 for sewer improvements, paving, street lighting and city hall construction. Numerous bond elections for smaller amounts have been held through the years. Records show the voting usually has been light in city elections.

Midland had a curfew law back in 1908, and in the early 20's a special meeting of the aldermen was called to investigate the action

of the chief of police in slapping a prominent citizen.

Luther Tidwell served the city as a volunteer fireman for 38 years, being a member of the fire department which was organized in 1909. He was fire chief 29 years before resigning in January, 1948. Tidwell still is an honorary member of the department which he developed into one of the best in West Texas.

First Fire Truck

The records show the city purchased its first fire truck in 1917 to replace hand carts which had been used up to that time.

A. B. Cole, Sr., is perhaps the oldest employe from the standpoint of continuous service, and Jim Walker, the new fire chief, has been with the fire department more than 20 years. Miss Lotta Williams is a veteran employe of the city's water department.

J. C. Hudman has been city secretary since 1927, and W. I. Pratt has been tax assessor-collector since 1931.

Midland's first whiteway and street lighting systems were installed in 1927, and the first sewer

lines were installed about 1924.

The first city paving was done in 1927, although U. S. 80 Highway was paved through Midland in 1925. Other paving projects were done in 1929, 1938 and 1946-47.

A. J. Gates was business manager for the city in 1929, but it was not until 1947 that an ordinance creating the office of city manager was adopted. R. C. (Bob) Hoppe was the first city manager, serving about three months before resigning because of ill health. Fred Hogan served as acting manager until January 1, 1948, when the present city manager, H. A. Thomason, came here from Marshall to assume the position.

The city hall was erected in 1929 at a cost of about \$45,000.

Midland has been fortunate through the years in that sound and successful businessmen and civic leaders have been willing to serve as members of the city council. The unselfish service and devotion of such progressive and civic-minded citizens is reflected in the city's progress and in the excellent condition of its affairs.

City councils past and present have had their problems in meeting the needs of an ever-growing Midland, but then as now the midnight oil was often burned, and the difficulties always have been worked out to the best advantage.

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The engineering aid openings are for men to be employed with the Bureau of Reclamation in the West and Southwest, at salaries ranging from \$2,654 to \$3,397 per year.

The mechanical positions are with the Public Housing Administration establishments in Midland; salaries are \$2,139.24 for general mechanic and \$2,023 for mechanic's helper.

W. S. (Woody) Elkin, 70, pioneer rancher, died Jan. 8, 1941.

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**Former Mayor**



M. C. Ulmer, president of the First National Bank, served eight years (1935-43) as mayor of the City of Midland, the longest term of any mayor in the city's history. He had been a city councilman many years before becoming mayor.

for city purposes, and returns of said election having been duly made to and conveyed by me, from which returns it appears that at said election 154 votes were cast for incorporation and 53 votes were cast against incorporation, making a majority of 101 votes in favor of incorporation. Therefore:

"I, J. H. Knowles, in my capacity as County Judge of Midland County, Texas, do adjudge that said election resulted in favor of such incorporation and I do hereby declare the inhabitants of the territory hereinafter described, duly incorporated for city purposes, within said boundaries, the name of said incorporation, being the City of Midland, Texas."

Then on the same day, Judge Knowles, "by virtue vested in me by law, and in conformity with the statutes of the State of Texas," ordered an election for February 27, 1911, for the purpose of electing a mayor, a marshal, and five aldermen for the new city. S. M. Halley was appointed presiding officer of the election.

The records show that the late J. M. Caldwell was named mayor at the election. S. J. Isaacs had served as mayor in 1907-08; A. C. Parker, 1909; and J. A. Halley, 1908-10. Caldwell served until 1915.

Other mayors and their terms of office: J. M. Gilmore, 1915-17; H. A. Leaverton, 1917-18; W. A. Dawson, 1918-23; T. Paul Barron, 1923-25; B. Frank Haag, 1925-29; Leon Goodmyer, 1929-35; M. C. Ulmer, 1935-43; N. Hendrickson, 1943-46; Fred Hogan, 1946-47; and R. H. Clifford, 1947.

Ulmer's term of eight years was the longest on record. He had been a member of the city for more than 20 years when elected mayor. T. Paul Barron, during his office, was said to be the youngest mayor of any city in the nation.

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**Mississippi Moves To Remove Secret Police**

JACKSON, MISS. —(AP)—The Mississippi Legislature is going right along with its plans to do away with the state's three-man "secret police" force.

A bill to repeal the act which created the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation has been given a favorable report by a Senate committee, and it now goes to the full Senate for action.

The M.B.I. was created at a special session last November to deal with violence generated by a bus strike. Critics call it a "gestapo." Gov. Fielding L. Wright says he didn't ask for such a force in the first place and doesn't want one now.

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### Stanton News

STANTON—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bridges and daughter of Lamesa visited in the G. A. Bridges home recently.

Mrs. G. A. Bridges and Mrs. Walter Graves and son, Granville, were in Stamford recently visiting Mr. and Mrs. Albert Baugh, Jr., and Patsy.

Red Sideman from Odessa was here on business Tuesday.

Mrs. W. E. Neill and son, Larry have returned to Fort Hancock after a few days visit with her mother, Mrs. Flora Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Gooch and daughter of Junction visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Knooce, recently.

Mrs. Sarah Atchison has been visiting her son, John T. Atchison, and family at Midland.

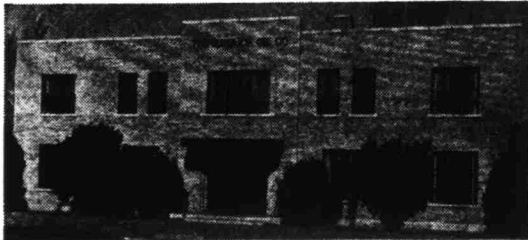
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Graham and daughter from Greenville are visiting his mother, Mrs. A. J. Graham. Graham has been hospitalized the past week.

Several Stantonites have been attending the girls basketball tournament at Dawson.

Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Hamner have returned from a two weeks visit with their sons and their families, Red at San Angelo, Bill at Ballinger, and Stanley at Colorado City.

Stanton Rebekah Lodge 287 met in a regular meeting at the IOOF Hall recently.

### Superior Oil Building



The Midland offices of the Superior Oil Company are housed in this modern and attractive building which the concern erected several years ago. The top floor was added in 1946 when the company expanded its personnel and activities in the Midland area.

### How Peanuts Came To The U. S. Is One Of Romantic Tales Of History

By GEORGE TUCKER  
NEW YORK—(P)—One of the most romantic tales of history is how peanuts came to the United States. They came in slave ships. They grew from a few bags used as forage into a crop that last year totaled 1,126,000 tons. The men who cultivated them got \$213,000,000. The man who buys a 10-cent bag in a baseball park reaches clear down to the Incas for his pleasure. Peanuts began in Peru. The conquistadors found the Incas munching them between moons. Flourished in Spain. The Spaniards took them in their treasure galleons back to Spain, where they flourished. Then they took them to Africa, where they got tied in with the

slave trade. The slavers fed them to the natives because they were cheap and easy to grow. The natives called them "goobers." When the slavers crammed the natives into holds and began the long journey to America they used peanuts as slave food. Upon landing, the slaves built rude cabins, and planted peanuts near their cabin doors. Gradually peanuts spread through the South and changed from a slave to a money crop. Southern Specialty. They continued as a Southern specialty until the Civil War. The Yankees captured large stores of them and took them North, where they became popular and confectioners recognized their value as an ingredient in sweets. In the 1890s a doctor at Battle Creek, Mich., named Kellogg, crushed the nuts into a creamy mass and called it peanut butter. Peanuts now are a price-supported crop. They grow in three principal areas throughout the South and Southwest. The average price per pound in 1947 was 10.2 cents. About 200,000 tons of the 1947 crop will be needed for farm consumption and to seed this year's crops, the Department of Agriculture said. Crushed peanuts produce an oil that is an excellent substitute for olive oil. It is used extensively in cooking and as a salad dressing. The pressed cake and meal that remains is sold as cattle fodder. Peanut hay, which is the dried top of the plant, is a source of important income to peanut growers, who bale it and sell it for stock feed. Hay proceeds often pay the expense of harvesting the crop.

**Dallas Girl Gets Chance For Career In Movies**  
HOLLYWOOD—(P)—A chance appearance on a televised radio show (Tom Breneman's) has won a chance for a film career for Dorothy Towne, attractive blond from Dallas. It was an audience participation show and Miss Towne here on a visit, got into it. Talent Scout Paul Nathan was viewing it from a tavern and was impressed by Miss Towne's potential film qualifications. He got in touch with her and a contract with Hal Wallis Productions was the result.

**Londoners Head For 'Dream' Home In Texas**  
LIVERPOOL—(P)—A London family is on its way to America and all because of a letter to "Any Cowboy in Texas." The letter was written by the three boys in the family, Fred Payne, 11, Len, 8, and Dennis, 7. It expressed their wish to be cowboys and was delivered to Lamarque, Texas, where a fund was collected to bring the entire family to the United States. Reports were that the Texans have arranged a home and a job for the father, who is a truck driver.

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### Tide Water Believes In Midland And West Texas, Official States

By E. H. SALERIN  
Vice President Tide Water Associated Oil Company

(Written especially for the Progress Edition of the Reporter-Telegram.)

HOUSTON—In 1926 the Tidal Oil Company, a subsidiary of Tide Water Oil Company, was attracted to the great West Texas area. At that time only a comparatively few wells had been completed as producers, and our first deal was made in what was then known as the Church & Fields Pool in Crane County (now McElroy). Our first well was a producer and many others followed, some of which are still producing. New wells are being drilled today in the old portion of the field as well as in extensions to it. This is a good example of the staying qualities of the Permian time. Our first success urged us on to greater efforts and we soon had acquired considerable prospective acreage in Crane, Winkler, Ector and several other West Texas counties.

As a prospective producer in the great Yates field in Pecos County we joined the first voluntary production agreement ever worked out in the State of Texas. This was in the days before the state had sufficient statutory powers to control the production of oil and gas. Now, of course, the Legislature has given to the Railroad Commission all necessary powers required to prevent waste, and voluntary agreements for proration of production between operators are no longer

necessary. In the Yates case we believe we had a part in a history making procedure, one which exerted great influence not only in West Texas but later in the passage of proper laws for the regulation of oil and gas production in the other great fields of the state. The company, which emerged from Tide Water (organized in Pennsylvania in 1879), Tidal and the Associated Oil Company of California, is now known as Tide Water Associated Oil Company, and, like its predecessors, it is still active in West Texas. We have maintained an office in Midland for many years. We knew it first when it was a cow-town in the T&P in the middle of the wide open spaces, instead of the busy oil metropolises it has developed into today.

We have always believed in West Texas. We have always believed in Midland. We believe that the vast area called West Texas will continue to produce more and more oil as the years go on. In the early days we stopped drilling and moved out when we got salt water in the Permian at about 3,600 feet. Now many of the areas where early wells were drilled and abandoned at shallow depths ranging from 8,000 to 12,000 feet are producing from the Silurian, Devonian and Ellenburger at feet. West Texas seems to have no limitations on its possibilities for the production of oil. It is a great country, in a great State, with a great city, Midland, as its hub.

### Opening Guns Sound For MacArthur



The campaign to install Gen. Douglas MacArthur in the White House has begun in earnest. Headquarters of the MacArthur for President drive have opened in this office building, in Chicago's Loop, Warren E. Wright, former Illinois state treasurer, heads the drive.

### Cattle Suffer From Lack Of Vitamin 'A'

COLLEGE STATION—(P)—Cattle like human beings suffer from night blindness if they don't get vitamin A in their rations. Texas A&M College says this was proven most convincingly at an experiment conducted at its station at Spur. Paul T. Marion of the Spur sub-station said a group of 14 yearling steers, made up of five Herefords, five Jerseys, and four crossbreds, ranging in weight from 700 to 1,000 pounds, were fed a ration of cottonseed meal and hulls, a ration deficient in vitamin A, for 84 days. They developed advanced symptoms

of vitamin A deficiency within that time. They were night blind, had poor appetites and their average daily gain of 2.25 pounds per animal for the first 56 days dropped to 1.10 pounds the last 27 days. When green grass, wheat pasture, alfalfa or other green feeds are available, yearling steers are able to store carotene—a form of vitamin A—to supply body requirements for as long as 100 to 180 days. This particular group developed the symptoms in less time because they had no green grass from the middle of July through October, due to the late Summer and Fall drought. They developed advanced symptoms

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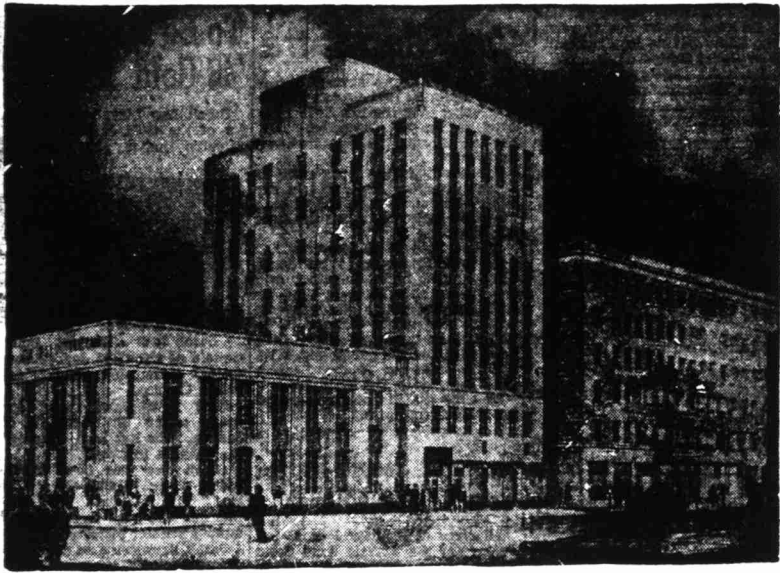
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**Story Of Midland Merchant Is One Of Outstanding Success**

As an example of what a business man can do if he knows his business, consider the case of J. P. H. McMullan, Sr., department store owner in Midland.

In September of 1934, he opened up a store on South Main Street. He had \$72 capital, and the store was 12 feet wide by about 16 feet deep.

In his present office he has the first deposit slip showing receipts of this new business. The slip is dated September 12, 1934, and shows the store owner had put \$11 in the First National Bank.

Now, the store is 25 feet wide and 100 feet deep. Five employees work there regularly, and additional help frequently is needed to take care of customers.

And not a cent of capital has ever gone into the business that the business hadn't made.

In Business. Since 1898 When McMullan opened up his little department store on South Main, he wasn't new to the business, however. He's been associated with department stores in one place or another since 1898, when he worked in such a store in Decatur, Ala. He joined the Acorn Stores in 1925, managing a branch at Rogers, Ark. In 1928, he was transferred to Midland, to manage the Acorn Store here.

He once owned the first department store in Blackwell, and was in business there when the Orient built the railroad in 1907. He also operated a store in Edith, also in Cooke County, and for four years operated a store in Sweetwater, where he was one of the organizers of the City National Bank.

The merchant is one of Midland's most enthusiastic boosters and thinks the city is destined to grow and prosper beyond the dreams of many of its citizens.

"There will come a time," he said recently, "when 10,000 office workers will be employed here by the oil industry."

And if McMullan's Store grows as much during the next 13 years as during those that have passed, the business will be right in step with Midland's great expansion.

**Busch Nuptial Guest 'Bothers' Communists**

BERLIN —(AP)—Several German newspapers sharply criticized the presence of Adm. Nicholas Horthy, former regent of Hungary, as guest of an American wedding in Bavaria recently.

Horthy was invited to the wedding of Wilhelmina Busch, 64, St. Louis, Mo., beer fortune heiress, and Sam Woods, American consul in Munich.

Other guests included Prince Albrecht, eldest son of the pretender to the vanished Bavarian throne; Prince Rupprecht, and Murray D. Van Wagoner, director of the American office of military government for Bavaria and a former governor of Michigan.

The Communist newspaper Neues Deutschland, noting the joint presence of Van Wagoner with the "fascist" Horthy, sarcastically captioned its article "The New Coalition."

The British-licensed newspaper Telegraph said the presence of Horthy at such an affair indicated that "reaction in Bavaria again is becoming bold." It asserted that Horthy was "no less in Hungary than Hitler in Germany—an enemy of democracy."

In 1940 in Midland there were: 285 births, 110 deaths, 175 marriages and 42 divorces.

**Texaco, Operating In Basin Since 1926, Has District Offices Here**

By TOM F. BRAUNER  
Public Relations Representative  
The Texas Company  
(Written Exclusively for The Reporter-Telegram.)

HOUSTON — Introduction of The Texas Company to the West Texas oil fields and the fabulous Permian Basin, which records show had produced up to January 1, 1948, over two billion barrels of oil, came in 1926.

Since that time, Texaco has expanded its producing operations over a large area of West Texas, embracing 12 counties in the Lone Star state and extending into Southwestern New Mexico.

In July of 1926 the company drilled its first well, the Union Land and Trust Company No. 1-C and abandoned it as a dry hole.

Texaco's first production was obtained August 24, 1926, from the Richard King Well No. 1 located in Section II, Block 3-1-2 CCSD & RONG Survey, Crane County. The well was completed at a total depth of 2,177 feet and flowed 80 barrels of oil per day. After producing almost two years, the well was abandoned in 1928.

DeLaney and Maley were the drilling contractors and the well was

drilled under the supervision of J. A. McGinnis of The Texas Company.

Several other producing wells were brought in shortly afterward and the company has been active in the area ever since.

Texaco's first operating office was opened in 1928 at McCamey. A year later it was moved to Odessa. In 1930, the company's operating headquarters for the Permian Basin was moved to Wink. The offices were moved to Midland in January, 1939, and at present are in the First National Bank Building.

Superintendents Listed

Following McGinnis as superintendent of Midland district, W. F. Batson served from 1927 to 1933. He was succeeded by M. J. Heald, now Oklahoma Division Manager, Production Department, in 1933. L. F. Shiplet came after Heald early in 1936. In December, 1945, he was named general superintendent and moved to the West Texas Division office in Fort Worth. C. I. Holliman was Shiplet's successor as district superintendent at Midland.

In addition to serving as headquarters for the operating personnel in the Permian Basin area of Texas, the Midland office is the headquarters for the company's Land, Geological and Engineering Departments.

The Texas Company has active producing operations in the following counties: Andrews, Cochran, Crane, Crockett, Ector, Gaines, Hockley, Pecos, Upton, Ward, Winkler and Yoakum, all in Texas, and Lea County, New Mexico.

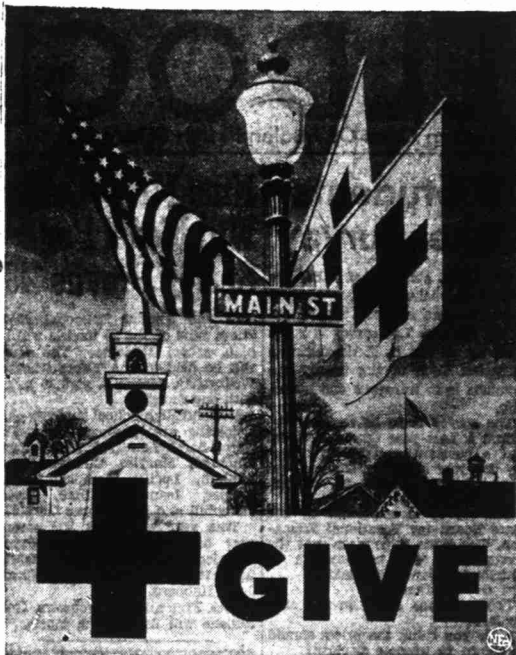
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**Policewomen 'Are Not' Appreciated In Juarez**

JUAREZ, MEXICO —(AP)—Cupid and Juarez police met on the battleground and Cupid won.

Police ordered dissolution of the feminine police corps, organized recently to prevent too much 'necking' in theaters.

But theater owners soon began to howl. They said business fell off alarmingly because romantic couples grew tired of being accosted by Policewomen and later being fined 20 pesos.

L. B. Lancaster, 54, Midland independent oil operator, died February 26, 1937.

**Evicted Mother And Girl Become Urban Gypsies**

CHICAGO —(AP)—Evicted from their apartment, Mrs. Margaret McLaughlin and her 14-year-old daughter, Sally, slept in elevated trains for three weeks.

For a change, the urban gypsies sometimes curled up in hallways and park pavilions. Sally even did her homework on the trains.

But their nomadic wanderings have halted. They haven't yet found permanent lodgings but the Salvation Army took them in temporarily.

Col. John Perkins was made city attorney of Midland, August 1, 1947.

**Can Mules Sit Down? Circus Agent Says 'Yes'**

SARASOTA, FLA. —(AP)—Can a mule sit down? This is just one of the scores of questions asked the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey circus during the "off" season when she shows in Winter quarters here.

They come in every day, in batches from all over the country. Most of them are from circus fans but some come from writers, lecturers and others seeking facts not found in books.

The one about the mule came from Mrs. Maud Crowley, of Marblehead, Mass. Of course, Mrs. Crowley's young son, David asked her, but she didn't know and neither did any authorities she could think of, including Harvard University.

Encyclopedias made no mention of a mule's sitting abilities. Mrs. Crowley enclosed a sketch of a dog sitting, and asked if a mule can sit like that.

Her inquiry brought a prompt reply from Roland Butler, general press representative who wrote: Yes, They Sit Too

"Yes, a mule can sit down like a dog. Mules often sit, to rest or from just plain cussedness."

That took care of that, but most inquiries go to Leonard S. Aylesworth, head of the circus' seat department and one of the veterans on the lot. Len knows everything about a circus. Many inquiries come from model circus builders. They ask for exact dimensions of wagons, tents, seats, trains; the length of tent poles, ridge poles, guy lines.

Some want to know the number of animals, wagons, railroad cars and other equipment. They request photographs, blue prints and drawings.

One man said he had a complete model circus, including hand-car-

ved elephants, camels and giraffes; a layout of tents, wagons and railroad cars, baggage wagons and cages.

Another said he had spent 40 years building 55 wagons, three trains of flat and stock cars, and a big top complete with its more than 10,000 seats.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR INFANT HELD SATURDAY

Funeral services were held at Fairview Cemetery Saturday at 2 p. m. for Virginia Christian Henderson, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen F. Henderson. The child died Friday in a Midland hospital. The Rev. Raymond Hall conducted services.

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## P-TA Selects Midland Youth Center As Their Project For 1948 Activity

The P-TA has chosen the youth center for their project this year and are going to do all that they can to promote the youth center drive. Mrs. W. H. Rhodes, P-TA president, stated in assembly Tuesday in the high school auditorium.

## Students 'Pitch In' Clear Canteen Site

The Youth Center is coming nearer to MHS students, as close as scratches and blisters can be. Approximately 80 students cleared the site for the new Youth Center building on Illinois and B Streets Tuesday afternoon after school. The job was accomplished in two hours. The plot of land was divided into quarters, each quarter being assigned to a class. The president of each class presided as foreman of his crew.

## Editor's Notes

The boys' golf tournament was played last Sunday morning at the country club between nine a. m. and one p. m. Abilene was the competition. The ten boys played eighteen holes to determine the winner. Graham Mackey contended against Gervis McGraw. Don Pyle against Lee Pinkstone. Pearl Ward against Dan Winters. Lew Ground opposed Dilmer James, and Roane Puett opposed Reed Saylor.

## Anthony And Cleopatra Are Subjects Of Study

Anthony and Cleopatra still live! And live in regal splendor even yet, with every attention given them in the matter of personal care, and of admiration by the multitude. Personal care is afforded them by Artie Leftwich, and admiration by the 103 members of the biology class.

## Canadian Boy Sounds Like Regular American

Another foreign letter has been received by a student in Miss Helen Miley's World History classes. This letter is to Lawana Havins from Robert Dvairs in Kitchner, Ontario, Canada.

## Volley Ball Team Plays Big Spring In MHS Gym

The Midland volleyball team played the Big Spring team in the Midland High School Gym at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

## Did You Answer The Call?

Were you one of those who answered the call to clear off the lot where the Youth Center is to be located? The handful of students that appeared showed ambition, school spirit and appreciation for our Youth Center by sacrificing their "lily-white" hands and time. They were showing those who worked so hard to get the Youth Center for us that they really want it and are willing to work hard also.

## DE Students Make Survey

The D. E. students of MHS are helping to make a survey to find the consumers attitude toward retailing policies. The survey is being made by all the D. E. departments in Texas. Each of the twenty-five members is to interview one housewife.

## Club News

The Distributive Education Club met Thursday morning with Alfred Reeves, president, presiding. The secretary read the minutes for the last meeting and they were approved.

## 'Curly' Hair Styles Are Latest Fad About Halls

New fads have shown their heads around Midland High School. In fact, one of the fads is about heads. The boys have started this one. Their hair is not dyed, not peroxidized—but curled! Some of the boys gave themselves a home permanent, and are now sporting that "professional" look with soft waves and curls.

## Bulldoggin'

Charlie Hunter, a sophomore at Texas Tech, is home this weekend. Hunter is a geology major.

## Trophy Cases Display 103 Various Awards

There are 103 trophies, won by students since 1930, placed in trophy cabinets on the first floor. These trophies are in various forms, sizes, and shapes, and are winners of many scholastic contests.

## Nine MHS 'Cuties' Will Model For Spring Prevue '48'

In the Annual Episcopal Style Show, nine of the 25 models will be high school students. The show will be held in the Yucca Theater Wednesday, March 3, at 8:30 p. m. with one showing.

## Midland Student Selected For Baylor Preliminaries

Betty Bobo, senior, was one of the ten declaimers to be chosen in the preliminaries, which included eighty girls, to enter in the final contest at the Baylor International Speech Tournament last week.

## Home Ec Classes Learn Of Linen

Wednesday, the Home Economic classes were shown a sound movie produced by the Irish Linen Guild on linen and its uses.

## Midland Attends Volley Ball Bout

Ruby Hudgins was the high point player for Midland at the volleyball tournament in Gran Falls Saturday. Midland was well represented by the A and B teams.

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## Seniors Make Plans For Future Assembly

To see John Francis, the prominent Hollywood producer, with his secretary, Miss Dorothy Turner, come to the senior assembly program to be held next week.

## A Cappella Choir Sings For High School P-TA

The High School P-TA was entertained Tuesday night by the A Cappella Choir under the direction of Don Moore.

## Student Sobs, Oh, Cleopatra

If you hear any strange noises in the hall, it's probably Jo Hankla weeping over the loss of her beloved guinea pig, Cleopatra. Mr. Howard gave Jo the pig about two weeks ago.

## Sarah Lew Link To Be Major Of '48 Gold Jackets

Sarah Lew Link, 1948 drum major of the Gold Jackets, is a very versatile junior girl in Midland High School. During her high school days, her accomplishments have been many.

## Explorer Scouts Make Trip To Scout Ranch

Members of Explorer Post 85 left Friday for the Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch near Balmorea, Texas, where they plan to camp out and explore the mountains.

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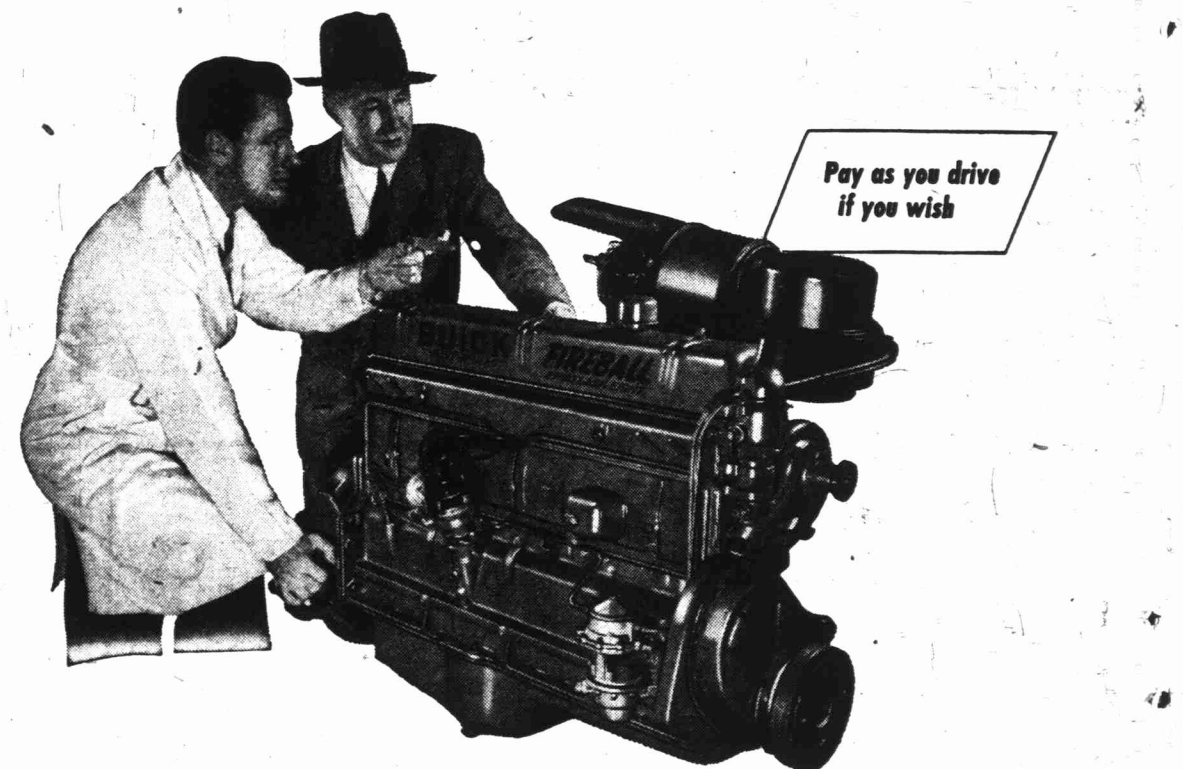
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## Two Athletes Make District

Larry Messersmith and Leonard (Hoot) Harris were chosen for the all-district basketball team during the district tournament held in Abilene, Friday, February 20.

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**First Baptist Women To Honor Senior Class With 'Blue Jean' Party**

The Women's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church will honor the senior class of Midland High School March 4 with a very informal blue-jean party. This is an annual affair, but the first time it has been given in chuck-wagon feed style.

### AAUW Speakers Offer Informal Discussions

The AAUW of Midland sent two representatives, Miss Edna Jean Elliott and Mrs. Evelyn Wink, to speak at a meeting of junior and senior girls which was held at 4 p. m. Tuesday in the high school auditorium.

### A Cappella Choir Is Learning New Songs

The A Cappella Choir has been busy learning the new songs it has received. Many of them are quite popular with everyone, and the choir can hardly wait to sing them for a performance.

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### New Relations



Mrs. Howard Curtis, right, of Atlanta, Ga., became the mother of an eight-pound boy and on the same day became a grandmother when her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Robert L. Curtis, left, gave birth to a six-pound girl.

### Plans Atlantic Glide For His First Flight

VIENNA — (AP) — A detailed plan for a transatlantic glider flight has been developed by an Austrian who never has been up in an airplane.

Rudolf Hennefell, 30, says he originally conceived the idea while fighting with the French Foreign Legion in Indo-China in 1940. Being a former medical student, and son of a mechanical engineer, he has worked on the technical details since.

Hennefell says he is confident that he could glide from Newfoundland to Ireland in about 40 hours. He says his scheme is based on experiments by the Wright brothers in 1900.

He proposes to give a glider the climbing ability of a kite by using a "sea anchor." This would be attached to the glider by a long nylon rope and flexible rubber tube. While the glider rides with the wind, the anchor would be inflated by compressed air and skim lightly over the waves. He believes this would offer little resistance to the forward motion of the glider.

Turned Into Wind  
As the glider near the sea, the anchor would be deflated and sink partially into the water. The glider then would be turned into the wind to climb.

The anchor would afford the necessary drag to force the glider upward, just as a boy forces his kite to rise by frequent tugs on the string.

Thus, the flight would be made in "sea anchor" series of glides with the wind and climbs into the wind. Once he is given an initial tow in Newfoundland to launch the flight, Hennefell believes he can ride the prevailing westerly winds over the Atlantic at an average ground speed of 50 miles per hour. Estimated top speed during the glide would be 75 mph, and an estimated 13 hours would be used in climbing.

Automatic valves would inflate and deflate the anchor as the tension in the rope varied.

DOVE ATTACKER HEADED FOR PAN  
BATON ROUGE — (AP) — A plump white dove, traditional symbol of peace, who staged a kamikaze attack on a cab driver here is headed for the frying pan.

Cabbie Jasper Mitchell said the bird crashed through his windshield as he was returning from Harding Field.

### Double Take



Nine-month-old Jacob Stenger, from Cracow, Poland, has his little hands full trying to focus a picture of his big doll Jacob, accompanied by his mother, arrived in New York on the liner Batory enroute to Montreal, Canada to join his father.

### Grass Covers Old Roadbed Of M&NW

By STANLEY FRANK

A great many dreams have come true for their owners in Midland. One or two have turned out to be ducks.

In the latter category, perhaps was the Midland and Northwestern Railroad, whose really active life was limited to the period from 1917 to 1920.

The railroad was born of the imagination of one, T. J. O'Donnell, a man of vision who foresaw vast farming development in the sandy land north of Midland, as well as infinite possibilities in the way of ranching and industrial progress in this area.

"Midland," he said, "is destined to become a great railroad center." Company Formed

David Fasken and others believed O'Donnell had something more than a promoter's ambition. A company was formed, materials and rolling equipment were bought from the T. & P. Railroad, and one day there stretched a pair of secondhand rails from Midland across the vast prairie toward Seminole.

Raleigh Lee, sometime cowboy, oilfield worker and peace officer, worked for the road. He remembers the road principally for its inadequate equipment.

"We had two engines, old 104 and 105," he recalls. "I'd seen them both when I was a school kid in Baird. Those engines must have been used by the T-P when the railroad first came to West Texas."

"We ran to Fasken, Florey, and finally to Seminole, tri-weekly—go up and try to get back. Every once in a while we'd have to kill the engine and walk her flues to stop the leaks.

It wasn't very long after that until the T-P took the M&NW over and began loading the grass to occupy once more. Though the railroad had some big business at times, and once hauled 900 head of cattle from Seminole to Midland for Sam Preston, it just didn't pay off. There are those in Midland who believe it would be profitable if it were operating today.

And so O'Donnell's dream didn't materialize. But that's not saying it never will. He said Midland would become a great railroad center. He didn't specify when.

### 'Battleship Texas' Drive Opens Sunday

Sponsored by the motion picture industry of Texas, in cooperation with the Texas Junior Chamber of Commerce, "Battleship Texas" campaign is underway throughout the state to raise funds to bring the Battleship Texas back "home," where she will be made into a state shrine at the foot of historic San Jacinto monument near Houston. The goal of the drive is \$225,000.

The campaign in Midland will open Sunday under the sponsorship of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and Midland theaters. Collections will be taken through one program change this week at each of the theaters by a committee of JayCees.

The JayCees collection committee includes Ted Thompson, Dr. C. L. Brady, John Rhoden, Allen Wemple, Clovis Thompson, Ernest Nell, John Hammack, Dick McKnight, H. R. Harris, Dr. Henry Schlichting, L. N. Shorek, Harlan Howell, Randy Rubin, Keith Stewart, Cliff Hogue and C. R. Vandervoort.

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### Broadway Musical Likely Will Not Show In Texas

By HENRIETTA LEITH

NEW YORK — (AP) — Songwriter Hugh Martin doesn't think the Broadway musical "Look, Ma, I'm Dancin'" will ever play Texas. And the Texans can blame it on the Army, not on Martin.

The reason the show will avoid the Lone Star State is just one song. But it happens to be the hit tune of the show, and its title happens to be "I'm Tired of Texas."

The bitterness in the song, doesn't come, says Martin, from a "timorous tunesmith who is allergic to vigor, beauty and bigness,"—even if Texas Gov. Beauford Jester so interpreted it after he heard the song.

It comes, says Martin, from the soul of a tired, lonesome buck private who had just finished 17-weeks of basic training and was so "burned up at the Army" he had to put some of it down on paper.

Written On Target Paper  
"I would have written it about any state I happened to take basic in," said the songwriter.

"I'm tired of Texas" was written in 1944, on target paper, while Private Martin was on maneuvers from Camp Hood, Texas. His buddies—the non-Texan ones—liked it so much they decided to build a soldier show around it.

But the day before the show went into rehearsals, Martin was shipped overseas.

### Both Want Convention, So Both Will Have It

KANSAS CITY — (AP) — Both Texas and California wanted the 1948 convention of the American Association of Junior Colleges and there both going to get it.

The convention will begin in El Paso and wind up in San Francisco. The association, holding its 1948 convention here recently approved solve differences between California and Texas delegates over which should get next year's meeting.

Half of the convention will be held in railroad cars. A special train will be formed at El Paso to carry delegates to Los Angeles and thence to San Francisco. Meeting dates were not set.

### Doctor Shortage Report Called 'False' By Journal

CHICAGO — (AP) — Alarm about any shortage of physicians in the United States by 1960 is "unwarranted and unjustified," the Journal of the American Medical Association has said.

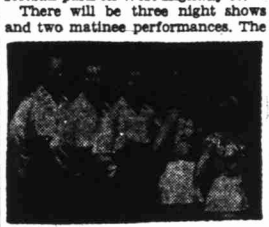
The Journal called on the U. S. Public Health Service, which forecast a shortage, to "restudy its figures and estimates."

A recommendation by Dr. Thomas Parran, outgoing surgeon-general of the service, for a 50 per cent increase in the output of physicians would result in a tremendous lowering of the standards of medical education," the Journal added.

The \$90,000 Midland Post Office was opened for business March 8, 1939.

### JayCees Present Circus Three Days During Week

Citizens are urged by the Midland Junior Chamber of Commerce to attend the Clyde Brothers Jay-Cee Circus scheduled Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the softball park on West Highway 80.



matinees will be on Wednesday and Thursday.

Tickets are on sale at downtown installations—Midland Drug, circus office at the American Legion building and from individual Jay-Cees.

The Clyde Brothers show is fully recommended as it performs for JayCees, Shrine clubs and Optimist clubs, all over the nation. It presents a full two-hour show, clean, humorous and thrilling. It is especially pleasing to the youngsters.

Some of the acts are: the Le Clairs, European sensational jugglers; the Craigs, finest of hand balancers; Helen and her comedy elephant; the Ellisons, slack wire artists; Clyde Brothers military ponies; the Irvings, teeter board act; serial ballet; Hap Kellum and clowns; Lucia Zumbro, aerialist; the Flying Hartzells; Cooper's Liberty horses.

Gates are open at 7:15 p. m. with the show beginning at 8:15 p. m. nightly.

Proceeds from the circus gained by the JayCees will be used for the organization's DDT spray fund. JayCees annually spray Midland to rid it of flies and insects during the summer.

Many underprivileged children of Midland will get to see the show through the courtesy of merchants of the city.

### Livestock

FORT WORTH — (AP) — (USDA) — Cattle: compared week ago; all classes around 50-100 higher in an uneven trade.

Week's tops: strictly good mature beef steers, also choice mixed yearlings 27.00, club yearlings 30.00, culls 21.00, practical top sausage bulls 19.00, stocker yearlings 24.50. Week's bulks: medium and good slaughter steers and yearlings 22.00-26.00, few common 17.50-20.00, good cows 19.50-20.50, common and medium cows 16.50-18.50, canners and cutters 12.00-16.00, some shelly canners down to 11.00, sausage bulls 15.00-18.50, medium and good stocker yearlings 20.00-23.50, medium and good stocker cows 15.00-18.25.

Calves: compared week ago; largely 1.00-1.50 higher. Good and choice slaughter offerings 23.00-26.00, few 26.50 and better common and medium 17.00-22.00, culls 14.00-16.00, medium and good stocker calves 20.00-24.00, top 24.50.

Hogs: for week: butcher hogs 1.25-1.50 lower, sows 1.50 lower, stocker pigs steady. Week's tops: butcher hogs 23.00, sows 17.00. Stocker pigs 16.50. Closing bulk: good and choice 190-270 pounds 22.00-25, good and choice 150-185 pounds 17.75-21.75, sows 15.50-16.00, stocker pigs 10.00-16.00.

Sheep: for week: slaughter and feeder lambs strong to mostly 50 higher, slaughter ewes steady, yearlings scarce. Week's tops: fat lambs 21.00, choice club lambs 23.00, medium and good slaughter ewes topped at 22.50 and feeder lambs 18.00. Bulk prices: medium and good woolled fat lambs 20.00-21.00, cull to medium slaughter ewes 9.00-11.50, feeder lambs 17.00-18.00.

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### Library Receives American Art Book From Mrs. Chancellor

Mrs. C. W. Chancellor recently contributed "American Painting: First Flowers of Our Wilderness," to the collection of books on art in the Midland County Library. The volume compiled by James Thomas Flexner is a history of American painting in 1774.

The paintings are examined as expressions of American life and judged for the validity of this expression and for the artists' technique and painting skills. Through the text and the illustrations, the author provides an opportunity to appreciate early American art. Flexner has been acclaimed for his ability to write beautiful prose as well as for his scholarship.

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10:00 MUSICAL REFLECTIONS
10:30 AF NEWS
10:45 HAWAIIAN AIRS
11:00 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
11:30 MUSICAL TID-BITS
12:10 MOVIE TIME
12:15 AF NEWS
12:30 MELODIES TO REMEMBER
12:45 BOUQUET OF MEMORIES
12:55 AF NEWS
1:00 LUTHERAN HOUR
1:30 AFTERNOON TUNES
1:45 CHURCH OF CHRIST (COLORED)
2:00 MUSICAL HIGHWAYS
2:30 TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH
3:00 REPORTER-TELEGRAM OPENING
3:30 A HOUSE IN THE COUNTRY
4:00 MUSICAL SHORTS
4:15 EYES ON THE BALL
4:30 BAPTIST MISSION
4:45 THE MIXING BOWL
5:00 REFLECTIONS
5:15 SONG PATROL
5:30 CONCERT HALL OF THE AIR
6:00 SHE SINGS
6:15 MASTERS OF MUSIC
6:30 HYMN TIME
6:45 SENTIMENT IN SONG
7:00 SALON SERENADE
7:30 WALTZ TIME
7:45 HIT TUNES
8:00 CURTAIN CALL
8:30 CONCERT MASTER
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9:30 BOYS CHORAL GROUP
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Beautiful FHA brick and tile home, floors carpeted, twin closets in bedrooms, attached garage, large windows, venetian blinds, 7-1/2 fenced lot, tile drainboard. \$15,750.00.
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Mrs. Alma Ligon, Clerk
Miss Cordelia Taylor, Clerk
Mrs. Allen Tolbert, Clerk
ELECTION NOTICE
The City Secretary is hereby directed and instructed to post properly executed copies of the NOTICE OF ELECTION at the City-County Auditorium, the City Hall and the County Court House, all of said places being located within the City of Midland, Texas. Said notices shall be posted thirty days before the date of said election. Signed and executed this 24th day of February, 1948.
R. H. GIFFORD, Mayor,
City of Midland, Texas.
(CITY SECRETARY)
J. C. HUDMAN,
City Secretary.

LEGAL NOTICES
ORDER AND NOTICE OF CITY ELECTION
THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF MIDLAND,
CITY OF MIDLAND.
ELECTION ORDER
I, R. H. Gifford, Mayor of the City of Midland, Texas, by virtue of the power vested in me by law, do hereby order that an election be held in the City of Midland, Texas, on April 6, 1948, said date being the first Tuesday thereof, for the purpose of electing the following officers of said city:
COUNCILMAN, PLACE NO. 4
COUNCILMAN, PLACE NO. 5
and that said election shall be held at the CITY-COUNTY AUDITORIUM, at 301 West Missouri Avenue in said City, between the hours of 8 o'clock A.M. and 6 o'clock P.M., and the following named persons are hereby ap-

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# Magnolia, Pioneer Basin Operator, Has Discovered 17 Fields In Area

By J. T. LATIMER, President Magnolia Petroleum Company (Written especially for the Progress Edition of The Reporter-Telegram.)

## Construction Permits Now \$754,225

With only two months of 1948 gone Midland construction permits are pushing toward the million-dollar mark.

Permits issued during the week ending Saturday amounted to \$60,100 to bring the year's mark to \$754,225.

Largest permit of last week was issued to Roy Jones to build a \$12,500 residence, brick veneer, at 1206 West Storey Street. Size will be 30 by 59 feet.

Rotary Engineering & Manufacturing Company took a permit for \$9,900 to build two structures at 701-703 South A Street to serve as office and laboratory. The structures will be frame with asbestos siding. Sizes will be 25 by 48 feet.

J. D. Henderson received a \$9,000 permit to build a brick veneer residence at 1206 West Louisiana Street. Size will be 30 by 51 feet.

A permit for \$7,250 to build a frame residence at 2210 West Holloway Street was issued to J. G. Koenig. Size will be 45 by 38 feet.

Other permits listed:

J. C. Hall was issued a \$7,000 permit to construct a frame residence at 1206 West Louisiana Street. Size to be 30 by 58 feet.

Other permits were: Bruce Goode, \$4,000, frame-stucco residence at 2303 West Holloway Street, size 29 by 37 feet; Dale McReynolds, \$3,000, frame with asbestos siding residence at 808 North Main Street, 28 by 34; W. S. Wright, \$3,000, alter frame residence at 409 South Weatherford Street, 18 by 48; G. E. Burlington, \$2,500, alter frame residence at 506 South Baird Street, 18 by 48; E. L. Collins, \$800, frame residence at 1302 North Big Spring Street, 14 by 28; Effie Dillard, \$750, garage at 611 North Colorado Street, 10 by 12; and Ricardo Nollola, \$400, alter frame structure at 505 North Tyler Street, 9 by 18.

## Bob Campbell Named Pastor Of Cotton Flat Baptist Church

Bob Campbell of Midland, a student at Hardin-Simmons University, at Abilene, has been called as pastor of the Cotton Flat Baptist Church, south of Midland on the Bankin highway. He was stationed at Midland Army Air Field during World War II years and remained here after receiving his Army discharge.

Campbell, who is the first full-time pastor of the Cotton Flat church, will continue his studies at Hardin-Simmons coming here each Sunday to conduct services.

HERE FOR OPENING OF NEW R-T BUILDING

Clarence Leonard, publisher of the Gainesville Register; Ward Mills, shop foreman and Bob Murdoch, manager of the Gainesville Chamber of Commerce, arrived in Midland late Saturday to attend The Reporter-Telegram's open house Sunday afternoon.

**YUCCA** NOW thru TUESDAY  
WEST TEXAS ENTERTAINMENT CASTLE  
The story of bold, scheming Marianne who stole the man her sister loved!  
LANA TURNER ★ VAN HEFLIN  
"GREEN DOLPHIN STREET"  
Features—1:45 4:30 7:07 9:52  
Plus: Color Cartoon "FISHING BEAR" and WORLD NEWS

COMING — Thursday - Friday - Saturday —  
The Story of a Texas Gunfighter!  
"PANHANDLE"  
Starring ROD CAMERON as John Sands

**RITZ** TODAY and MONDAY  
THE FAMILY THEATRE  
The story of a horse with a great fighting heart!  
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In Glorious Cinecolor —  
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ALWAYS A GOOD SHOW  
Bachelor's Bills vs. Bobby-Soxer's Kiss!  
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**REX** TODAY and MONDAY  
Gene Autry • Lynne Roberts  
"SADDLE PAIRS"  
Plus: "LITTLE ORPHAN ANIMALS"

# Story Of Midland Is Saga Of Progress

Midland—Progress, Progress—Midland. The two words have the same meaning and may be used interchangeably. And one also might use the word or words Petroleum, Permian Basin, Livestock-Agriculture, and West Texas Commerce in general in connection with the word Progress.

Progress — a wonderful word. Midland — a wonderfully progressive city. They go hand in hand.

The transformation of Midland from a small but progressive "cowtown" of some 2,500 persons into a thriving oil and cattle center of 23,000 population within the comparatively short period of slightly less than two decades is remarkable indeed. The growth has been rapid, but Midland has kept pace with the development. Progress indeed.

**Petroleum Major Factor**  
The petroleum industry has been largely responsible for this fast growth and development. Midland today being the capital and business headquarters center of the vast Permian Basin area of West Texas and Southeast New Mexico. More than 165 oil concerns and affiliated interests operating in the area maintain headquarters, divisional or district offices in Midland.

It was due largely to the central location in regard to the numerous oil fields of the area, and to the excellent hotel and office building facilities available, that Midland was chosen by the oil companies as the site for their Permian Basin offices.

Petroleum, pouring millions of dollars into the area annually, quite naturally is the leading industry of the city and section.

**Livestock Flourishes**  
And yet, Midland has still another industry which down through the years has continued to flourish, much to the advantage of the city and the vast territory which it serves. This industry is livestock.

Since its establishment in 1884 as a cattle shipping point on the Texas and Pacific Railway, Midland has been the center of a large cattle empire comprising the greater part of 12 counties of West Texas and New Mexico. Many of the leading ranchers of the area maintain their homes in Midland, the oil man and the rancher mixing and mingling on the streets and in the hotel lobbies.

Huge flocks of sheep have been brought into the area within recent years, adding materially to the wealth of the territory. Horses also are raised extensively.

Approximately 50,000 head of highly-bred Hereford feeder calves are produced each year in the Midland section.

**Bank Deposits Climb**  
Agriculture also is a most important industry, with cotton leading the way in production and revenue.

Combined bank deposits have shown steady increases each year, reflecting excellent conditions in the above mentioned industries. The deposits have increased from \$1,273,832 in 1932 to a record high of more than \$25,000,000 the first of 1948.

Postal receipts likewise have increased by leaps and bounds, as have utility connections. (Tables showing the increases by years may be found elsewhere in this issue.)

Midland's skyline is perhaps the most impressive of any city of similar size—the 12-story Petroleum Building, the nine-story Midland Tower, the eight-story First National Bank Building, the six-story Leggett Building, the six-story Scharbauer Hotel, the five-story Crawford Hotel, and numerous other two, three and four-story buildings pushing up into the West Texas skies. Now, the six-story Wilkinson-Foster Building and the six-story McClellin Building are under construction and soon will take their places with the other skyscrapers.

Several oil companies within the last several years have erected their own office buildings to take care of their individual needs.

Beautiful Homes  
Midland's churches, schools, cultural advantages, and recreational facilities are unsurpassed and add to the advantages of the thriving city.

Midland also is proud of its beautiful homes, the residential areas

being among the most attractive and well-kept to be found anywhere. More than 600 new dwellings have been erected during the last two years, the cost per home averaging more than \$5,000. A new \$1,000,000 housing project is announced in this issue of The Reporter-Telegram. Midland is doing everything possible to house its citizens.

Midland's highway and transportation systems also are excellent and convenient.

The new Midland Memorial Hospital for which ground was broken two weeks ago, will give the city hospital facilities second to none. The fact that citizens, firms and individuals contributed more than \$750,000 to make the institution possible is a sign of the cooperative and progressive spirit of the citizenry.

Midland has been a leader among West Texas cities many years and will continue to lead the way in the future.

Yes, Midland is Progress and Progress is Midland.

**SAN ANGELO'S FAT STOCK SHOW AND RODEO**  
March 4-7  
Grand Opening Parade 10:30 a.m., March 4  
Rodeo Performance Daily—2:00 p.m.  
Fat Steer and Breeding Sheep Judging March 4th  
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Fat Pig and Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Judging March 6th  
**BOYS' FAT STOCK SALE**  
Monday, March 8th—9:00 a.m.  
Ground and Grandstand Tickets \$2.50  
Ground and Bleacher Tickets \$2.00  
Ground Tickets only—Adults 50¢; Children 25¢  
FOR RESERVATIONS WRITE  
**Fat Stock Show and Rodeo**  
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# Tension—

Continued From Page Two  
... what will happen in Finland? Russia already has about one-fifth of Finland's pre-war territory. Finnish industrial reparations are flowing to the Soviet Union. Russia has a naval base near the Finnish capital and the right to go across Finland to reach it.

Would Norway come after Finland? Norway shares a few miles of Arctic border with the Soviet Union. Norwegian tension rose a little after the note was delivered to Finland.

**Sweden Uneasy**  
Swedish official quarters admitted uneasiness over Stalin's note to Finland. Swedes were moved by Communist expansion in the Balkans, but they regard Finns and Czechoslovaks as Western allies.

Sweden and Denmark are the twin guardians of entrance to the Baltic Sea. Would Russia like to guard that entrance herself?

The Danes regard themselves as being in a dangerous position because of that geographical fact.

Might Greece be the next place for a new move? Communist guerrillas have proclaimed a government which the Greeks, aided by American arms and money, are attempting to wipe out.

In Austria, Russia occupies the oil lands and still is seeking, through talks among the four-power foreign ministers' deputies, to gain a strong hold over the Austrian economy. Western observers of the deputies conference do not agree among themselves whether Russia wants a settlement on an Austrian peace treaty or is trying to prolong an appearance of seeking agreement with the West.

**Italy Has Communists**  
What of Germany? Does Russia seek to establish her zone of Germany as a separate nation, another satellite?

Italy has the biggest Communist Party outside Russia. Communists for months have been excluded from the government. The Socialists are split into two factions. Will the Communists seek power in the misery of Italy before Marshall Plan aid becomes effective?

France is in a similar position. Prices are rising. The Communists are plunging for wage increases for the underfed workers. The crucial period is the next two months before Spring crops and Marshall Plan aid can be expected.

What is the West doing to meet the challenge? It is moving into use on many fronts.

**Hope, Not Reality**  
First of all is the Marshall Plan, which has the open political aim of holding back Communism in 16 European nations. So far it is only a hope, not a reality. Its avowed purpose is to help Western Europe rebuild its own prosperity.

The British and U. S. Zones of Germany are combined. Talks are underway seeking to merge them with the French Zone. The Russians say that the West is seeking to partition Germany.

Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin already has proposed a "Western Union" starting with Britain, France, Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg. Apparently he is aiming at military as well as economic cooperation. His plan implies a further, later expansion of this scheme. Russia has denounced Bevin's plan as a Western bid aimed by "imperialists" against Communism.

The West is binding its area tighter.

**Reports Good Crowd Enjoys Good Dance**  
Dancers Saturday night enjoyed another successful VFW dance event at the Midland Air Terminal hangar. Dub Cunningham, VFW recreation director reported "a good crowd enjoying a good dance."

Ernie Fields and his Orchestra furnished music. The event was billed as a leap year attraction.

**FROM WICHITA FALLS**  
J. H. Allison of Wichita Falls, father of James N. Allison, arrived here Saturday night to attend the formal opening of the new Reporter-Telegram Building Sunday.

**LEGION DANCE SUCCESS**  
A "good time was had by all" at the weekly American Legion dance Saturday night. Reports from the frolic indicated a large but orderly crowd enjoyed the affair.

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# Tideland Hearings Keep Official Washington Busy

By MAX B. SKELTON  
Associated Press Staff

Congressmen would be in an excellent position to save themselves a lot of time if governors and attorneys general, instead of congressmen, could cast deciding votes on pending tideland legislation.

It appears state officials—Democrats and Republicans—have made up their minds on the controversial issue.

High officials from 44 states moved into Washington last week to state their views on two tideland bills now under consideration by a joint House-Senate committee. They were practically unanimous in favor of a bill written by Atty. Gen. Price Daniel of Texas and eight other attorneys general.

The bill would give the respective states outright ownership of lands beneath coastal waters.

**Compromise Proposition**  
The Administration's bill, something of a compromise between that demanded by the states and last year's Supreme Court decision on the California case, wherein the federal government was given paramount rights, would find the state and federal governments sharing royalties.

Texas was represented by Gov. Beauford Jester, Daniel, Land Commissioner Bascom Giles, Robert Lee Bobbitt, San Antonio, chairman of the Tideland Committee of the Texas Bar Association, and Manley O. Hudson, professor of international law at Harvard and former judge of the World Court at The Hague.

Jester asked the congressmen to stop what he termed "travels in thinking toward nationalization of natural resources in this country," and Daniel accused governmental officials of designing a "smoke-screen of an imagined fight against private oil interests."

Hudson, tracing Texas history from pre-revolution days, argued the state's special claims to its tidelands.

**Sliding Royalty Split**  
Just what do the two bills provide? The Administration plan, drawn by Interior Secretary Krug, would establish a system of exchange leases, a sliding royalty scale and an agreement where in 52 1/2 per cent of royalties received would be paid into the federal reclamation fund, 37 1/2 per cent to the individual states and the remainder to the U. S. Treasury.

The bill supported by the Texas delegation confirms title and ownership of tidelands to the states, bestows power of control and development upon the states, and relinquishes all right, title and interest of the United States to such lands.

But while congressmen and state officials were devoting long hours to the controversial question, the man who possibly holds the key to the entire situation, President Truman, was vacationing in Florida.

**LOSING PROPOSITION**  
Can you lose \$250 on an oil deal through which you "made" \$350,000?

The Texas Prison System has the answer. Last month the prison's board of directors completed arrangements for sale of oil and gas leases on approximately 9,000 acres of prison farm land, the transactions realizing over \$350,000.

The money went into the state's general fund.

Texas statutes, however, make no provision for payment of bills incurred in advertising such property for lease.

The prison system paid the bill amounting to \$250.

# American Woman Quits U. S. Embassy To Be Soviet Wife

MOSCOW—(AP)—Annabelle Bucar settled down Saturday to the life of a Soviet housewife, which she chose in preference to continued service with the United States Embassy.

The embassy no longer will pay her rent. She has moved out of her two-room apartment in the building which houses the information service, and her friends say she lives in a flat in the apartment of her handsome singer husband.

Miss Bucar, 33, was married secretly 13 months ago to Konstantin Lapshin, 35, a dark, stocky man who sings romantic operatic roles. She didn't tell the embassy about it until she resigned Friday, saying she no longer could stand the way the Americans were treating the Russians.

Met Two Years Ago  
Annabelle—now Mrs. Lapshin—met Konstantin two years ago when she first came here as a member of the U. S. Information Service.

Gradually she became, as she puts it, aware of many aspects of the life of "the Americans," she found lack understanding of these people. She, on the other hand, grew to have "a real understanding of the country and its fine people, who are doing their utmost to make the world a better place to live in."

And so they were married.

**TOO MUCH EDUCATION**  
CLAIRTON, PA.—(AP)—Ivan Bucar, a Yugoslav immigrant, Saturday disowned his blonde daughter Annabelle who quit her U. S. Embassy job and married a Russian singer.

"I won't let her come home," said the 51-year-old farmer and coal hauler. "I will not recognize her. I don't approve of her becoming a Russian and I don't approve of Russia."

Her father said "too much education" was responsible for the decision of the ex-University of Pittsburgh co-ed.

**Paris Girl Killed When Car Overturns**  
TYLER—(AP)—Betty MacFratridge, 15, Paris, Texas, was killed instantly near here Saturday when she was thrown from an overturning car, which fell on top of her.

Mrs. B. L. Simms, wife of the Church of God pastor in Paris, was seriously injured. She was taken to a Tyler hospital. Her son, Leon Simms, 18, less seriously injured, also was taken to the hospital.

The accident occurred between Lindale and Mineola when the car, driven by Mrs. Simms, hit a soft shoulder.

The girl was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John MacFratridge of Paris.

**Passage Of Library Bill Would Help Texas**  
AUSTIN—(AP)—Final enactment by Congress of the Library Demonstration Bill would mean \$25,000 a year for extension of library facilities in Texas, State Librarian Francis Henshaw said Saturday.

# Revolt Called No Solution To South's Problems

DALLAS — (AP) — Bob Calvert, chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee, said here Saturday that "I can see no ray of hope for Southern Democrats in a revolt against the party."

Calvert stated he is "thoroughly convinced that the only hope of salvation for the South lies in remaining in the Democratic Party and fighting aggressively for party policy which meets the requirements and approval of the South."

In such a revolt," he added, "we would have everything to lose and nothing to gain."

Speaking before the Dallas County Democratic Executive Committee, Calvert stated that "it may be necessary for Texas to send an uninvited delegation to the national Democratic convention in Philadelphia in July."

Calvert stated he is "hopelessly convinced that the only hope of salvation for the South lies in remaining in the Democratic Party and fighting aggressively for party policy which meets the requirements and approval of the South."

**Opposes "Rights" Program**  
The State Executive Committee chairman said he opposes the President's civil rights program but "I do not undertake to arrogate unto myself the right to judge the motives of the President in his request for the enactment of the program."

Of revolt, he warned: "The Republican Party long has been the advocate of racial legislation, throwing the election of a President into Congress? Such a move would most certainly so completely demoralize the Democratic Party and its adherents as to make a Republican victory in November certain."

**Electoral Tribunal Declares Banco Winner In Costa Rica Voting**  
SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA. — (AP) — The National Electoral Tribunal declared Saturday that Ottilio Ulate Banco had been elected president of Costa Rica in the February 8 elections.

Disappointed supporters of the defeated candidate, Rafael Calderon Guardia, immediately rallied for a big demonstration and tension mounted in this capital city.

Congress will meet Monday to consider the findings of the electoral tribunal and make a final decision.

Feeling has been running high since the elections. Calderon Guardia conceded defeat on the basis of unofficial elections returns, but charged fraud. He was supported by the government.

Four days after the balloting, an attempted coup of the government was put down by police and soldiers. One person was killed and many wounded.

**Grains Push Ahead Slightly In Chicago**  
CHICAGO — (AP) — Grains edged ahead in the short session on the Board of Trade Saturday for gains extending to more than 3 cents in corn. Oats were firm and wheat steady. The bread grain led part of its advance in the closing minutes.

Wheat closed 1/4-1 3/4 higher, May \$2.37-\$2.38, Corn was 3 to 3 3/4 higher, May \$2.20-\$2.20 1/4, soy were 1/2-2 5/8 higher, May \$1.11 1/4-3/8, and soybeans were 6 cents higher, March \$3.54.

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9:00 A.M.—Sunday Morning Meditation—KCRS  
9:45 A.M.—Sunday School.  
10:55 A.M.—Morning Worship Pastor Preaching.  
At the close of the brief morning service, every member is urged to present to ballot on recommendations of Building Survey Committee.  
6:45 P.M.—Training Union.  
8:00 P.M.—Evening Worship Associate Pastor preaching: "Honest Recognition—Humble Repentance."  
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# JayCees Help City With Much Impetus

By TANNER LAINE

If one could stand on a bridge and let the history of Midland come flowing under with the many campaigns and programs toward a better city as little boats with the sponsoring organization's name painted on them—there would be of so many labeled "Midland Junior Chamber of Commerce." They would come on and on.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce has contributed much to a better Midland. It will contribute more. Its value is intrinsic for the multiplied contributions of its various members, individually and collectively, has been a lifeblood.

Jay Cees have conducted so many worthwhile programs and campaigns to Midland it would be impossible to name them all. Always the Junior Chamber of Commerce "gets the job done." It performs as "legs" of the senior Chamber of Commerce. It is a separate and distinct organization from the senior unit, however.

**Furnished Leaders**  
Midland has not been selfish in its Junior Chamber of Commerce work. Because Midland has furnished state, national and international leadership in addition to keeping its own house in order and functioning. Midland has one of the strongest units in the state and nation. The late Clint Dunagan was a dynamo of Midland JayCees and held the state presidency at one time. Taylor Cole, a Midlander, is now international president and recently was a national vice president. U. A. Hyde, once a JayCee here, became executive secretary of the state organization. Frank Monroe of Midland put this city's club on the map several years ago with his Christmas Activities program, which was adopted by the state.

The Midland Junior Chamber of Commerce has won many state and national awards for activities in the home community. These have been for public health, Christmas activities, sports, local publicity, and others.

**Organized In 1939**  
The organization is composed of young men under 35 years of age. Functional committees do the work. Meetings are held once a week for members at a luncheon. Directors usually meet twice monthly. It is one of the largest service organizations in the city with more than 250 members.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce was organized here in 1939 after late in 1938 W. M. (Bill) Holmes appeared before the senior Chamber of Commerce and asked for support, suggestions and help in organizing "a young men's chapter of commerce."

Holmes was heard by the Chamber of Commerce directors. A committee of seniors was appointed to

look into the matter and report. That committee was composed of: W. B. Simpson, Dr. W. E. Ryan, and R. C. Conkling.

Early in 1939 a meeting was held with Holmes appearing again and explaining what a Junior Chamber of Commerce was and could be. A motion made by the late Clarence Scharbauer, and seconded by J. E. (Bob) Hill, gave the "green light" to JayCees in Midland.

**First President**  
Holmes was selected president of the first Junior Chamber of Commerce in Midland. The new organization went right to work in 1939. It helped with the Midland Rodeo especially on goodwill trips and sponsoring the wearing of rodeo clothes.

**Helping Holmes** this first year were these officers: R. O. Smith, vice president; Carl Ulfers, vice president; Bill Collins, secretary; Curt Inman, J. T. Baker, W. P. Z. German and Joe Mims, directors.

The officers elected for 1940-41 were: Curt Inman, president; German, vice president; Smith, vice president; Collins, secretary; Ed Garland, treasurer; and Ray Gwyn and Clint Dunagan, new directors.

This leadership held in 1941-42: Tom Brown, president; Delbert Downing, vice president; Horace Busby, vice president; Cecil Waldrep, treasurer; Collins, secretary; with new directors, Ed Prichard, Bill Portwood. Downing was president for awhile replacing Brown during the year.

In 1943-44, the JayCees were guided by: Clint Dunagan, president; Taylor Cole, vice president; Frank Monroe, vice president; Collins, secretary; Waldrep, treasurer.

The 1943-44 executives included: Russell Howard, president; the Rev. Hubert Hopper, vice president; H. K. McKinnon, vice president; L. W. Sandusky, treasurer; Collins, secretary; with new directors, U. A. Hyde, Morris Pruitt, Grady Brown. Other Officers  
Sandusky became president in 1944-45. He had these helpers: Hopper, vice president; Hyde, vice president; Monroe, secretary; Gwyn, treasurer; with new directors, John Hill, Sam Spear, Stan Moore, John R. Crump, Harlan Howell.

Mr. Hopper was promoted to president in 1945-46. His officers included: A. A. (Poosty) Jones, vice president; Bill Neely, vice president; Ted Thompson, secretary-treasurer; and directors, G. W. Gayle, Dennis (Continued On Page 4)

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FIRST WITH THE NEWS

MIDLAND, TEXAS, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 1948

SECTION THREE

# Midland Memorial Hospital Is Progress



## Successful Drive Assures Modern General Hospital

Midland Memorial Hospital, the construction of which will start soon, is a great and progressive step in the development of Midland as a medical center serving the vast Permian Basin area.

The big and modern general hospital will cost \$1,125,000 and will be the finest and most completely equipped in the Southwest. Progress is indeed.

Funds for erecting and equipping the hospital have been obtained, and plans and specifications are nearing completion. A construction contract will be let as soon as possible.

Approximately \$750,000 in cash and pledges were given by generous and far-sighted individuals, business firms and organizations who saw the need for a large general hospital here. A recent general grant of \$375,000 brought the building fund total to \$1,125,000. Gifts still are being received by Midland Memorial Foundation, sponsor of the project.

**Community-Wide Drive**  
The bulk of the funds were obtained in an intensive, community-wide campaign which was launched last November 13, under the direction of the Wells Organization of Texas. About \$260,000 had been

raised in an initial campaign staged in 1946.

M. C. Ulmer was the general chairman of the recent drive, and Ralph M. Barron was assistant chairman. John W. House, assisted by John P. Butler and James K. Allison, headed the Special Gifts Division, and A. N. Hendrickson was the Big Gifts chairman. Mrs. Ruth Scharbauer and Clarence Scharbauer, Jr. were vice chairmen of Big Gifts. Dr. John B. Thomas is president of the hospital organization.

Scores of volunteer workers took part in the successful campaign, which was the largest community undertaking ever attempted in West Texas.

The new hospital will be located on a seven-acre tract of land donated by E. P. Cowden and the late Clint Dunagan, at the intersection of Illinois Street and the Andrews Highway.

The main building will be four stories and will contain 75 beds. A two-story nurses' home also is planned. The grounds will be beautified.

Facilities will include four four-bed wards, single and double rooms for patients, major operating

rooms, minor operating room, four rooms for isolation cases, two delivery rooms, nurseries, kitchen and storage rooms, special diet room, dining room for staff and nurses, laboratory, radiography and fluoroscopy room, deep therapy room, conference room, storage rooms and other facilities of a first-class hospital.

The hospital will be open-staffed, with a highly skilled permanent staff. It will be open to any and all cases, including charity. Midland Memorial Hospital is a non-profit organization.

The general hospital will serve the needs of the city, the county, and the entire Permian Basin area with its many oil fields and communities, many of which lack proper hospital facilities. It will be a hospital for everyone.

The hospital project was launched by the Midland Chamber of Commerce in December, 1944, when a special committee was named to investigate the possibilities. A study by the Midland County Public Health Council in 1942 had revealed the critical need for a general hospital here.

The recommendations of the Chamber of Commerce committee for establishing an organization to receive funds and construct and operate the hospital resulted in the chartering of the Midland Memorial Foundation in July, 1945. The application for the charter was signed by Dr. John B. Thomas, Mrs. Ruth Scharbauer and Frank Stubbeman. The initial drive for funds followed in 1946.

**Officers Listed**  
Officers of Midland Memorial Foundation are Dr. John B. Thomas, president; George T. Abell,

vice-president; Mrs. J. Howard Hodge, secretary; and John P. Butler, treasurer.

Trustees are: Abell, James N. Allison, Ralph M. Barron, Butler, Mrs. Hodge, John W. House, James S. Noland, Mrs. Ruth Scharbauer, and Frank Stubbeman.

The founders or shareholders include: Abell, Allison, Barron, Hilgry G. Bedford, Butler, Frank Cowden, George W. Glass, Lester Grant O. C. Harper, A. N. Hendrickson, Mrs. Hodge, John W. House, Ralph Lowe, R. L. Miller, Noland, Foy Proctor, Mrs. Ruth Scharbauer, Stubbeman, Doctor Thomas, Fred Turner, M. C. Ulmer, Fred Wemple, Fred S. Wright, David Pasken and John Mabey.

Completion of a modern general hospital here will be a dream come true for many who long have seen the need and labored hard for such an institution.

Midland Memorial Hospital is progress in progressive Midland.

**Caller Gives Essential Info, But Omits Name**

KANSAS CITY —(AP)— It was a long time between buses, a feminine voice informed Norton Hoskins, police dispatcher, on the phone. So "I just stole one of your police cars. I got tired waiting for that bus. You'll find your car at Fifteenth and Hardisty."

Following up the tip, police found the vehicle, reported stolen a few minutes earlier from a crime prevention detail of two men while the pair were in a cafe.

The caller neglected to give Hoskins her name.

Advertise or be forgotten.

## Subscribed 2,000 Years In Advance

At a dollar a year some of the early day cattlemen of Midland had paid-up subscriptions to his newspaper for 2,000 years in advance. C. C. Watson, pioneer publisher, points out.

The cattlemen liked Watson and they wanted him to stick around and put them out a newspaper here at Midland. Often he got discouraged, however, and when he did they would subscribe for the paper "a year or so in advance."

Some of the cowmen, who had subscriptions from 250 to 2,000 years in advance, include: Tom Martin, Taylor Brown, H. N. Garrett and Roll Dublin.

**SPEED TO PROGRAM**  
Engineers have developed a new type of machine which plants a three-mile row of trees in a little more than an hour. This machine will help to speed up your reforestation program.

**PINE TREES GO CHEMICAL**  
Pine trees of the southern states are destined to play a greater part in chemical industries. Rosin is now converted to chemicals which find wide use in industry, principally in the manufacture of rubber and plastics.

About three miles of rope are carried as equipment on a modern ocean freighter.

## Pioneer KCRS Is Strong Station; Power Increased

Midland constantly growing on the map is also prominent on the air. Radio Station KCRS of Midland recently increased its power to 5,000 watts and 550 kilocycles and became one of the most powerful stations in this area.

The station reaches all over West Texas and into Eastern New Mexico.

KCRS is a pioneer West Texas station. It was established in 1935 as KRLH by the late Clarence Scharbauer.

Much new equipment was added when the station increased its power. A transmitter unit is located on West Highway 80 and includes four 330-foot towers. Once Midland claimed the distinction of the third tallest radio tower in Texas.

**DIAMONDS USED IN ATOM RESEARCH**  
Diamonds, gems with many industrial as well as aesthetic uses, are now being used in atomic research. They can detect and "count" the radiations of uranium and other radioactive materials.

**EAR MORE SENSITIVE**  
The ear has been proved to be more sensitive to interruptions in sound than the eye is to interruptions in light.

The first railroad in Albania was completed in 1947.



# YOU BET! We've made PROGRESS!

Since we first started operating in Midland 4 years ago we've really made progress! We started by giving our customers the ultimate in speedy service and courteous actions! This was rewarded by more and more customers daily driving into our station! You bet, we've progressed! We can now boast of the largest volume of business we've ever had!

We've built a COMPLETE ONE-STOP SERVICE! Including mechanical work, body work, all repairs, gasoline, oil . . . just everything that is needed for your automobile! We've added on until the only way we can now expand is UP!

Our personnel and equipment are the finest! All our men are trained and experienced . . . we've the best staff in town! Our equipment is the very latest . . . we've equipment to do every job thoroughly! EXPANDED AND PROGRESSED???? You bet!!!!

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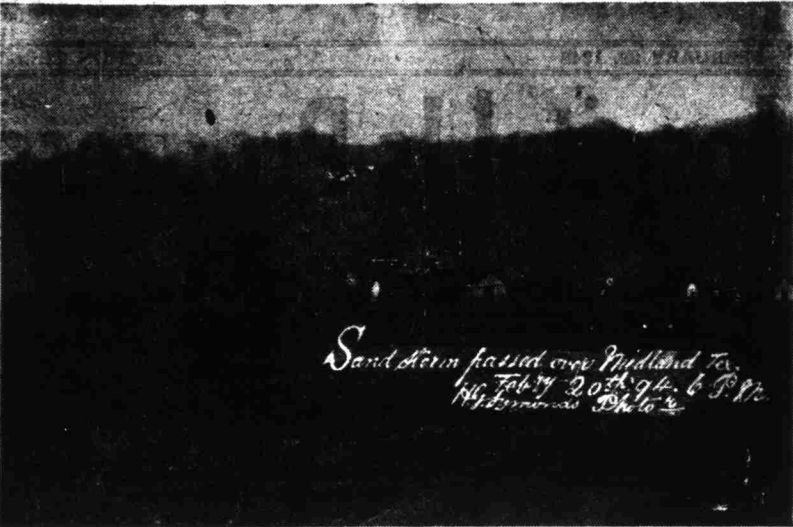
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"Midland's ONLY One-Stop Service Station"

Phone 1780



### Midland Had Sand Storms In Early Days, Too



*Sand storm passed over Midland, Tex., Feb. 29, 1894. Old timers say the dusts of yesteryears really were of world championship calibre, and this one apparently was among the best. Note the number of windmills in the picture.*

A pioneer Midland photographer snapped this sand storm which "passed over" Midland at 6 p. m., February 29, 1894. Old timers say the dusts of yesteryears really were of world championship calibre, and this one apparently was among the best. Note the number of windmills in the picture.

## Rotary Club Organized In 1928; Has Fine Record Of Service

By W. I. PRATT  
Charter Member Midland  
Rotary Club

For ages, the vast deposits of "black gold" awaited the driller's bit that would bring to the surface that energizing commodity that has meant so much to development of this great section.

In a similar manner, the underlying, fundamental principles and basic teachings of that which we call Rotary, had long been waiting in the hearts and lives of those living in this section, for opportunity of expression. With the coming of individuals into this area who had experienced and been impressed with the value of such organizations, it was but natural that such worthwhile movements be introduced and caused to function in these fast developing communities. Rotary as an organization brought nothing fundamentally new to this area, but it did bring the opportunity for expression of ideals, principles and desires that have existed in the hearts of right-thinking men from the beginning of the Christian era.

Organized in 1928  
The organization, Rotary International, dates its beginning from

February 23, 1905, when it was organized in the city of Chicago by Paul Harris, an attorney.

The Rotary Club of Midland dates its beginning from January, 1928, when under the leadership of W. I. Pratt, a Rotarian who had formerly served as president of the Stamford Club, the club here was organized with 34 charter members, under the sponsorship of the Sweetwater club. At that time there were no clubs on the Texas and Pacific Railway between Sweetwater and Pecos. This initial membership was fairly representative of those eligible under the classified plan of Rotary.

In March 1928, District Governor Ellis Boyd of Fort Worth delivered the charter to the club in a meeting for Rotarians and their ladies in the high school building. Forty Sweetwater Rotarians and wives also were present at this charter night meeting. On April 23 of that year the regular weekly meeting was held in the Scharbauer Hotel which had just opened. It has continued to be the regular meeting place with the exception of a short period when luncheons were held in the courthouse.

Rotary growth and Rotary activi-

ties have not been spectacular during these 20 years in Midland, but its accomplishments have been many and worthy. These are not embodied in shafts of marble, nor have they made many newspaper headlines. You will find the contribution of Rotary expressed in the lives of scores of Midland Rotarians who have thru its influence been made to realize the significance of its motto, "He Profits Most Who Serves Best," and have done something about its fulfillment in this community. You will find it expressed in the successful life of some of the many boys and girls who have been helped by Rotary's Student Loan Fund.

The boy life of Midland has felt the influence of the Rotary sponsored and maintained Mustang Club, an organization that functioned for years under the able direction of Harold Kendrick, now of Los Angeles. Cheer, comfort and hope have been distributed to the unfortunate and underprivileged.

During the recent war, the Rotary Club recognized every member of the armed forces from Midland County, by the erection of an HONOR ROLL on the courthouse grounds that the public might know

those from this county who were giving most in that great conflict. In scores of other ways, although perhaps unheralded and unsung, the influence of Rotary has been manifest.

### Scholastic Increase Here Shows Growth

Here are figures telling the story of the growth of Midland as illustrated in scholastic census increases. (Midland Independent School District):

Year	Scholastics
1928-29	2,000
1929-30	2,170
1930-31	2,261
1931-32	2,335
1932-33	2,500
1933-34	2,478
1934-35	2,600
1935-36	2,953
1936-37	3,223
1937-38	3,530

The Midland club had the privilege of entertaining the district conference in May 1935, which had an attendance of more than 600 Rotarians. The club was honored in 1936 by having one of its charter members, and a former president, Fred Wemple, elected as governor of the 177th District comprising more than sixty clubs.

Eight of the charter members still retain active memberships in the club. They are E. H. Barron, R. M. Barron, Paul Barron, J. E. Hill, W. I. Pratt, Addison Wadley, Fred Wemple and W. A. Yeager. Paul Barron has a 100 per cent attendance record, and was awarded a perfect attendance pin at a recent meeting. The club now has 85 members. The Rev. Howard Hollowell is president, and W. R. Mann is secretary-treasurer.

Rotary has had a part in making Midland a better place in which to live.

#### RUBBER LUNG INVENTED

A lightweight rubber lung that can be carried like a stretcher is the latest device for rendering artificial respiration to victims of paralysis, drowning, and electric shock.

### Dom and the Gal



Dom DiMaggio isn't saying yes or no. Neither is Emily Frederick, Boston socialite, but friends expect an announcement. Miss Frederick, who first met the youngest of the famous outfielding family when he joined the Red Sox, is in San Francisco with her aunt, and The Little Professor took her home to meet the folks.

### TEXANS IN WASHINGTON— Soaring Prices Again Send Texas Women On Fast Job-Hunting Spree

AUSTIN—(P)—High prices and bare cupboards are apparently forcing Texas women to resume their war-fashioned trek away from home and kitchen.

The Texas Employment Commission reports that 26,100 women put aside their home chores and took jobs throughout the state last year.

By mid-Summer, TEC predicts, more women will be working in Texas than ever before in history—including 1943 when feminine employment rolls hit their peak at 702,000 in the all-out effort to end the war.

Texas' labor force increased 32,300 last year to build the total employment figure to 2,271,200. Of the increase, women outnumbered men five to one. TEC predicts the percentage will grow as prices go higher.

TEC currently lists 22,300 Texas women as "unemployed." Most of them, the commission says, need employment to help meet increasing living expenses.

In 1930, Texas had a feminine labor force of 341,900 and during the next 10 years prewar industrialization brought the number of employed women up to 425,300. During the war years there came the tremendous upsurge in female employment, which finally hit its peak in 1943.

Despite predictions to the contrary, TEC says the vast majority of women who had entered employment during the war did not quit working when the conflict ended. By the end of 1946, a year marked by fluctuating employment and changeovers of recon-

version, the downward trend showed only a net decrease of 34,000.

This trend had been slowed somewhat by a postwar period of phenomenal industrialization which has come to Texas, TEC notes.

Two other factors also are recognized in the slowing of the trend: the increase in population and the number of wives forced to work to help their veteran husbands make it through college on a G. I. allowance.

Then came the high cost of living which TEC says completely reversed the back-to-kitchen movement.

During 1947, Texas saw its feminine employment rolls climb to 694,000, up 26,100 from the start of the year.

Four of Texas' greatest industrial centers were examples of the change in Texas economy.

The Dallas area had 52,309 women on jobs in 1940 and 83,048 by December, 1947, an increase of 59 per cent.

Houston had 57,179 women in employment in 1940 and 84,840 at the end of 1947, a 48 per cent increase.

In San Antonio, women employment increased 69 per cent from 29,909 in 1940 to 50,422 in December 1947.

Fort Worth showed the largest increase where 23,258 employed women in 1940 compared to 46,052 at the end of 1947 for a 97 per cent increase.

#### HELIUM FROM NATURAL WELLS

Most of the helium for industry and medicine is obtained from certain natural gas wells.

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Progress is the outgrowth of many concerted efforts . . . to serve to the best of one's ability . . . to establish and maintain courteous and pleasant relations with associates and to do business in a forthright manner, honestly and efficiently.

We are proud of the part that we have been able to take in the growth of Midland. It has been a pleasure to serve its citizens and to bring quality merchandise to our shelves for them.

To continue to render this service is our constant goal.

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# MEAD'S fine BREAD AND MEAD'S fine CAKES

Have Maintained Leadership In West Texas Since 1918!

MEAD'S Fine BREAD is always the favorite because it is uniformly good, always fresh and always available.

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... at your favorite grocer!



### Yanks Live Behind 'Iron Curtain'



Probably the only Americans permanently stationed in the Russian zone of Germany are T/4 Hyman Gerber, left, of Chicago, Ill., and T/Sgt. John F. Edwards, Seattle, Wash., billeted in Weimar. They maintain about 20 miles of vital U. S. Army cable between Berlin and U. S.-occupied Germany. Photo by John Meehan, United Press staff correspondent.

## Debut Of Electric Engraver Speeds Pictorial Journalism; Broadens Use Of Photo Coverage For Newspapers

By SUMNER P. AHLBUM  
NEA Staff Correspondent

HACKENSACK, N. J.—(NEA)—A red-hot needle that stabs at a piece of plastic 350 times a second is giving newspaper readers in northern New Jersey today a preview of vital link in pictorial journalism.

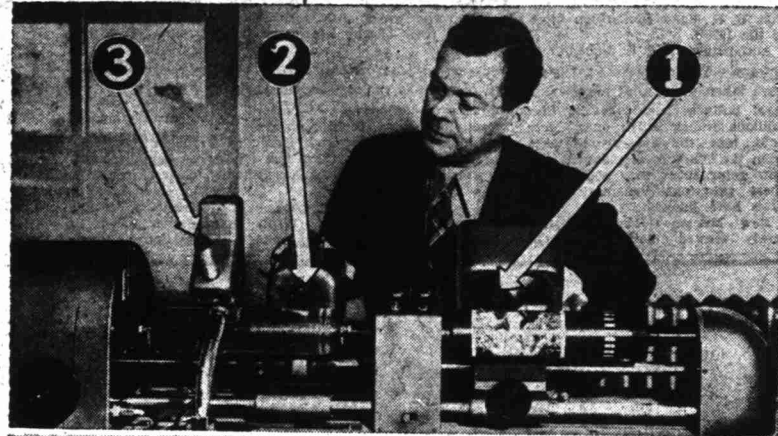
The needle and the plastic are the production end of a direct photo-electric engraving machine which provides another electronic shortcut in speeding picture coverage of the news to readers.

Developed after many years of experimentation, the electric engraver is now in operational newspaper use for the first time in a small number of newspaper plants in the New York metropolitan area. As production and availability are increased, the machine should broaden the use of news pictures from the metropolitan dailies down to the small weeklies.

The machine was developed by the Fairchild Camera & Instrument Corporation of Jamaica, N. Y., makers of the famed Fairchild aerial cameras. L. A. Thompson, chief engineer of Acme Telechron, cooperated in the development and NEA-Acme are continuing to work closely with Fairchild to widen the machine's scope in picture transmission.

First installations are being made by Fairchild from lists recommended by NEA-Acme and two other newspaper services. To permit a constant check by Fairchild engineers, initial deliveries are being kept within easy travel distance of New York, but greater production and service facilities are expected to make the machine available over a wider area this summer, according to Dudley Hollister, Fairchild executive.

Page One—Today—The first public showing of the machine was at the Bergen Evening Record, a daily paper in this suburban county seat, where it has been in operation for several weeks. There visiting publishers



Eye-witnesses at debut of Fairchild direct photo-electric engraver watch the machine in operation in a newspaper plant. Operator (extreme right) explains the process to Richard W. Johnson (left), NEA eastern sales manager; Nicholas Fellman (second from left), mechanical superintendent of the Chester, Pa., Times, and Sumner P. Ahlum (center), NEA News editor.

watched pictures become engravings in as little as three minutes and 40 seconds for a one-column cut, and saw the engravings printed a few minutes later in a paper that formerly had to rely on out-of-town engraving facilities for its local pictures.

While they huddled around the lathe-like apparatus, a Record photographer handed the operator a picture of a Hackensack woman being honored in a big local home-making event.

"It's for page one—today," said the photographer.

The operator clamped the print—cropped exactly to the two-column size in which it would appear in the paper—on one of the machine's two cylinders. On the other, he fastened a sheet of plastic, tightened it, and threw a switch.

There was a pulsating whine, something like a New Jersey mosquito in a pyramid-pointed needle as the stylus, warmed up to 1200 degrees, began its lightning job. For a few seconds, the operator studied the needle through a microscope to adjust the depth of the job to the tonal value of the photograph, and then the engraving machine was at work.

Like a Telephoto machine, an electric eye scanned the picture as it revolved on the cylinder, transforming the light and dark values into impulses which controlled the needle. And as the plastic on the cylinder revolved in synchronization, the pyramid-pointed needle was burning in a 45-degree dot pattern to produce a 65-line halftone which closely resembles a zinc plate, etched by nitric acid.

Seven minutes and twenty seconds later, the whining stopped. The operator unfastened the plastic, trimmed it on what looked like a paper cutter, scrubbed it off in plain water. A waiting copy boy rushed it away.

Down in the Record's composing room, page one was already locked up—except for a two-column hole in one corner. Printers took the plastic cut from the copy boy, mounted it on a metal base with adhesive. Page one was trundled to the stereotype rollers for its last stop before the presses.

And a few minutes later, the copy boy was back in the room where the engraver was whining and burning and stabbing out a demonstration. This time he had a bundle of papers under his arm. Over in the left-hand corner, of

page one was the two-column picture of the woman that less than half an hour before was being rushed out of the photographer's darkroom.

Later, an intense little man held up the plastic cut and posed for his picture. If he looked pleased, he had good reason. George Washington, Jr., whose family developed instantaneous coffee, is the inventor largely responsible for the direct engraver's present form.

Beside him was Donald G. Borg, editor of the Record, who felt proud at being a sort of "guinea pig" among editors for whom Washington's invention will make possible same-day publication of local news pictures.

Others who watched the machine's public debut saw far-reaching advantages to big papers, too, as well as those with no engraving plants of their own. They pointed out the machine's speed—about 30 minutes for the maximum eight-by-eight inch engraving—will enable newspapers to make pictures into cuts almost as fast as they puts news into type.

The future possibility of a direct engraver hooked into a Telephoto network would give pictorial journalism virtually the speed of the written word.

It was 'Sticky Day' in Memphis, Tennessee

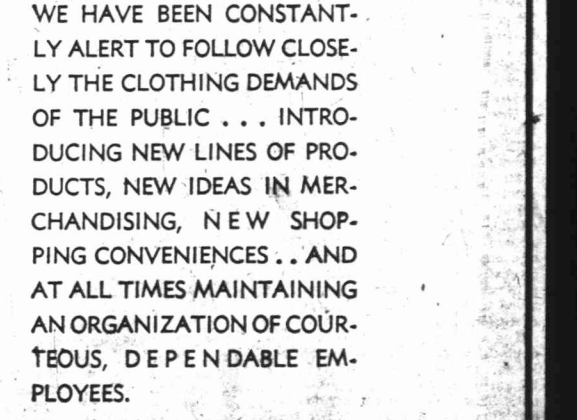
MEMPHIS, TENN.—(AP)—Edythe E. Marchisio's automobile got stuck in the mud. So she sought help from her brother.

His car stuck, too. Her sister was called. Her car stuck. A neighbor came over with a truck. Yep, it stuck.

A crowd of men finally helped pull the vehicles from the mud—all but one. The first machine is still there—mired to the running boards.

Propped up on pillows to reach the microphone, a 5-year-old Cairo kindergarten pupil recites verses by memory from the Koran, Holy Book of Islam, during the annual celebration of the birth of Mohammed. The boy is in sheik garb for the occasion.

'Sheik' Speaks



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### 'Niagara' To Become Pennsylvania State Shrine, Following Repairs

By WILLIAM G. SMOCK  
(AP) Newsfeatures

ERIE, Pa.—Old salts from the days of "wooden ships and iron men" are expected to help the state of Pennsylvania finish restoring one of the nation's most famous sailing ships—Commodore Perry's Flagship Niagara which played a thrilling role in the Battle of Lake Erie during the War of 1812.

It was on the stout decks of the Niagara on Sept. 10, 1813, that Oliver Hazard Perry wrote his famous message: "We have met the enemy and they are ours." Those words marked the end of the British threat to the United States' northwest frontier.

The Niagara now is being rebuilt in the Erie harbor state shrine. The hull—containing the original black oak keel of the famed ship—was virtually completed by 1941 but since then, the war and inability to find anyone able and willing to duplicate the rigging have left the work at a standstill.

The state advertised twice for bids on the rigging but received not a single nibble. It looked like the end of the romance of sailing days and officials begin to think the modern age had won a final triumph.

Then old sailors, many of them deep water fishermen from down east, began to express interest. A trickle of inquiries grew into a deluge of offers to reconstruct the rigging. Many seamen offered to do the job for expenses only.

No Nails Used  
The hull, now resting in a cradle at the water's edge in Presque Isle Bay here, is an exact duplicate of the original. No nails or spikes were used in its construction. Wooden pegs do the job as they did when the first Niagara was built. All ironwork was hand-forged.

The Niagara, built on Clipper lines adapted to the Great Lakes, is 110 feet long, 29-feet in beam and has nine feet draught. She is a two-masted, square rigged brig built to scud before a fresh breeze. Twenty guns will be mounted on her deck.

The Niagara and five other ships which made up the largest part of Perry's nine-ship fleet were built in the Spring and early Summer of 1813 on the shores of the Erie bay within what are now the city limits. The virgin forest, purchased at the rate of a dollar a tree, fell to axemen constructing the fleet dedicated to driving the British from the lakes.

The fleet was back at the Erie within a month after leaving the roadstead for the first time, but it won a glorious victory, hailed as one of the world's most significant naval engagements.

In 1813, after the fledgling United States went to war with England, the northwest frontier was in a precarious state. The enemy maintained a provincial navy on the lower lakes and constantly menaced such towns as Buffalo, Erie and Detroit. Indian tribes, many of them inflamed against the Americans, marauded regularly.

'Don't Give Up The Ship'  
Realizing the nation must protect its own backyard, President Madison ordered a fleet built. The 27-year-old Perry, a resident of Newport, R. I., arrived to direct the work and take command. Powder was hauled in Congestoga was on from the duPont powder plant in Delaware. Iron came from Buffalo and Bellefonte, Pa., nails from Pittsburgh and sails and rigging from Philadelphia.

Perry's fleet, carrying less than 400 able-bodied men including many landsmen volunteers, set sail August 15 to find the British fleet. The British, with 490 trained crewmen and six ships, were found near the present city of Sandusky, O., and battle was joined in Put-in-bay, Ohio. The British were armed with 83 guns and the Americans with 54.

The American forces took a bad beating in the early stages and the brig, Lawrence, which carried Perry at the head of the line, was almost battered to pieces. After 83 of her crew of 103 were killed or wounded, Perry draped his battle flag—reading "Don't Give Up The Ship"—over his shoulder and transferred to the Niagara.

Turned Victorious  
The Niagara then proceeded to turn defeat into victory within 18 minutes. Perry sailed his brig to the head of the array of cannonading ships and broke the English line. He drove the Niagara down the middle of the British ships, passing some on his right and others on his left. His guns fired broadside after broadside at close range. The English ships reeled and two became fouled in each

other's rigging. The enemy flagship, "Detroit," was the first to strike its colors and the others soon followed. Two enemy ships tried to flee but a swift sailing American gunboat forced them back.

It was a high moment in history when Perry pulled an old envelope from his pocket and wrote his famous message to Gen. Harrison, in command of American ground forces in the vicinity. The message said:

"We have met the enemy and they are ours; two sloops, two brigs, one schooner and one sloop. Yours with great respect and esteem, O. H. Perry."

After the battle, the American fleet returned to Erie and was soon decommissioned. Under the terms of the peace treaty, America and Great Britain agreed to banish armed forces from the Canada-U.S. border. The Lawrence and the Niagara were among the ships sunk at Erie.

GIRLS LIKE GAMES  
Girls like playing compulsory games more than boys do, according to a study made by a Scottish educator.

### Marital Vows Permit Drink, Judge Declares

NEWARK, N. J.—(AP)—New Jersey husbands aren't supposed to be perfect, according to a ruling by chancery advisory master Robert Grossman.

Rejecting an application for separate maintenance, Grossman said Mrs. Lillian E. Yeager was not legally justified in leaving her husband because of his drinking.

"The fact that a man indulges in alcohol, even excessively, does not constitute a misdemeanor of such nature as to warrant abandonment," Grossman ruled.

"The law does not require or expect perfection on the part of either husband or wife," the advisory master said. "Under the most ideal circumstances, each party to a marriage must overlook a great many things. Such behavior comes under the 'for worse' part of the marriage contract."

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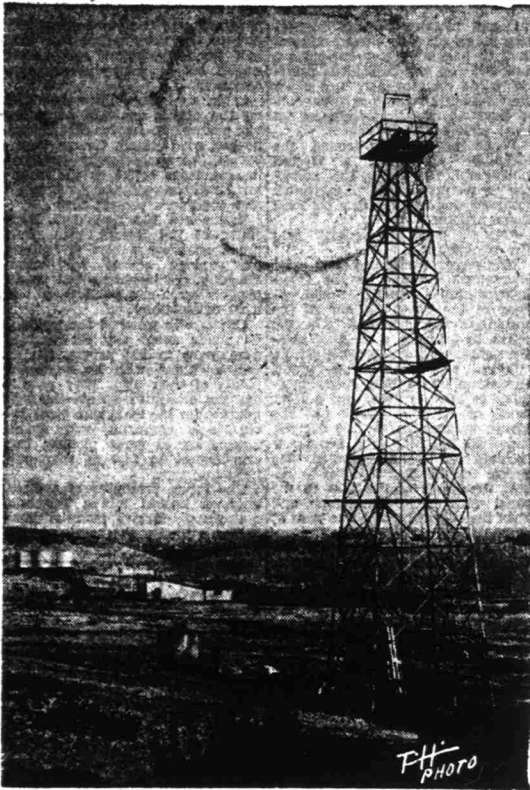
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# WILSON'S



### An Early-Day Permian Basin Producer



This early-day oil producer had just been completed in a field in the Permian Basin of West Texas when the picture was taken. The photograph is from the files of The Reporter-Telegram, and the location of the well is not known. It represents, however, a completion in the days when most of the oil wells drilled in this region stopped at relatively shallow depths—as compared with the depths to which the average wells in the Permian Basin now are drilled.

### Can Stabilization Of Prices Raise New Housing Projects?

By S. BURTON HEATH

NEW YORK —(NEA)—Tens of thousands of new homes, in this badly over-crowded community, are prophesied as a result of a wage stabilization agreement which the Building Trades Employers' Association and 31 of the 40 AFL construction unions already have signed.

This agreement pledges the unions not to ask for any raise, direct or indirect, before June 30, 1950, unless the Bureau of Labor Statistics' cost of living index rises more than 15 per cent between January 1, 1948, and July 1, 1949. If that happens—and nobody expects it—the unions are to absorb the first 15 per cent, and a formula is provided for dividing any excess between employers and employees.

Estimates vary as to how much new construction this agreement will unleash when and if the remaining nine unions, which represent perhaps a quarter of New York's 250,000 construction workers, sign up.

Cynics, remembering the ill-fated Master Agreement of last year, which promised much but produced little, question whether the unions will be able to hold their members to the agreement.

**Will Make Good**

But many who have watched the negotiations closely are convinced that the unions are sincere in their support of stabilization, and will make good.

Mayor William O'Dwyer estimates that there is two and a half billion dollars worth of construction badly needed in New York. It includes schools, hospitals, sewage disposal plants, the new United Nations home, and residential housing.

Thousands of individuals have not dared start houses because they could get only a cost-plus contract with builders, and they have heard how wage boosts and inflated material prices made every building cost far more than the highest estimate.

More important, in city living, are the apartment developments which big banks and insurance companies would like to finance. They have held off partly because rental restrictions make it uncertain whether they can get their money back, but even this uncertainty has been increased by the skyrocketing cost situation.

**Materials Costs Moving Up**

Representatives of the Building Trades Employers' Association say that as soon as all key unions come in, contractors will give guaranteed price contracts—subject only to materials prices—instead of cost-plus contracts.

This would permit individuals and financial houses to order housing with a good idea how much they were going to have to spend.

Materials costs still are moving upward. The indices usually run behind, so even insiders are not quite sure whether it was just a good-will gesture—or the beginning of a break—when Weyerhaeuser, the biggest lumber company, announced a 10 per cent reduction in prices for three months with possibility of an extension.

The Stabilization Agreement is of doubtful value so long as the bricklayers, the electricians, the Manhattan and Bronx plumbers stay out. They could tie up any job at any time, however faithfully other unions observed their pledges. The painters have not signed up, but there is not so critical a craft as those mentioned. The other slow signers include the composition roofers, two groups of helpers who presumably will follow their master craftsmen, and two groups of laborers.

**May Prevent Collapse**

But all of these have expressed support of the stabilization plan, if they have not signed. The bricklayers' executive committee chairman voted for the plan, and said that if his union did not sign this he would negotiate a similar agree-

### France Needs 'Red Lights' To Stop White Slave Traffic

PARIS —(NEA)—France's prohibition of prostitution is facing many of the "same difficulties" that U. S. liquor prohibition faced in the 1920's. Authorities find it difficult to enforce. White slave gangsters have taken over what once was a legal business here and the four millions francs which once were paid into the treasury in taxes from the "houses of pleasure" are now going into the "pockets" of these gangsters. Venereal disease rates have jumped.

Now Madame Rastier-Caille, a newly elected member of the municipal council, has introduced a resolution to reopen the houses. (It was another woman, Marthe Richard, who was mainly responsible for their closing nearly two years ago.)

Supporting Madame Rastier-Caille's program is the well-organized syndicate of 1500 owners of "special" establishments. Fighting it are an estimated 60,000 big and small operators in the White Slave market which has grown tremendously in the last two years.

Paris has apparently become headquarters for the White Slavers. One popular weekly here estimates that 5000 women have crossed the Channel since liberation, while several thousand more have gone to North Africa and into Belgium. One explanation for the flourishing trade is the fact that the Iron Curtain has blocked "exports" from Central Europe.

One factor working against reopening of the houses is the fact that several of the more notorious now are being occupied by people who formerly were homeless. In addition, three house students and the Salvation Army has taken over another.

In the Sphinx, one of the most famous on the Left Bank, the large mirrored dancing hall now is a storage place for market gardeners who sell their wares in the avenue in front. The 28 rooms in the four floors above are stripped of every trace of luxury and have been turned over to Paris University students who oppose eviction.

"Let the people who carry on this kind of business find other premises," says Paul Laroussinie. "Most of them are millionaires while we are struggling to get through our courses on very little money. We'll only be moved out by force."

In another once-notorious establishment, now made into apartments, I found a buggy in the hallway and a very irate matron in the first apartment where I called:

"I won't tell you anything," she said. "We are respectable people living here and resent the publicity attached to this address. Naturally if we could have found other premises we would not have come here, but that was impossible so we want to be left alone."

On the other hand, there are many equally notorious establishments which have remained untouched. Behind their closed shutters—one of the distinctive marks of the trade—janitors keep the

#### REFLECTING COLLARS

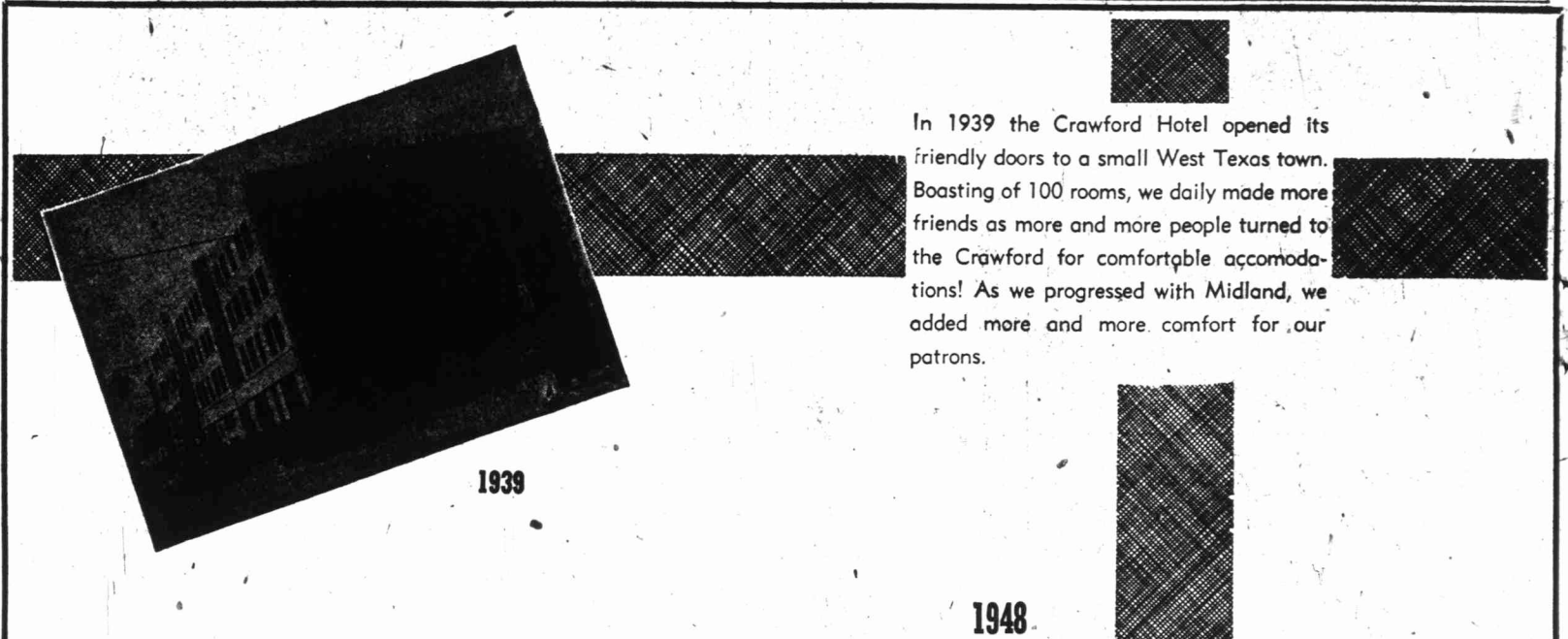
Reflecting collars, that fit around harbor, bay and river buoys to mark shipping channels, make the anchoring of warships more easily seen at night when searchlight beams fall on them.

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# CRAWFORD HOTEL

CAL BOYKIN, Owner

### New Tractor 'Would Emancipate Farmer'

NEW YORK —(AP)—A new lightweight 6-horsepower tractor which its producer said "would emancipate the small farmer" was given its premiere showing here recently.

Joseph W. Frazer, president of Frazer Farm Equipment Corp., told distributors and dealers that "a farmer using this machine with its rotary tiller attachment can prepare more ground for planting in less time than if he used an old-fashioned high horsepower tractor pulling two 12-inch plows."

Smaller than a midget automobile, the device is labeled the "Model T Jacques-Frazer Tractor." Co-operating in its development was the Jacques Power Saw Co. of Denison, Texas.

Frazer said the air-cooled, aircraft-type engine was the smallest ever to power a tractor in this country. It will run one to three hours on a gallon of gasoline, he said, or after a warm-up can be switched to burn kerosene.

Because of its size and maneuverability, Frazer added, the machine would be especially adaptable for Europe's small fields.

### JayCeess-

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Murphy, Jim Maedgen, Don Scott and Carl Peay

Serving in 1946-47 were: A. A. Jones, president; Neely and Thomas Laine, vice presidents; Thompson, secretary-treasurer; with directors, Rusty Gifford, Ernest Neill, Dr. H. L. Schlichting, Frank Wood, Newbie Ellis, Tommy Henderson and James Mims.

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Stockholm is sometimes called the Venice of the North.

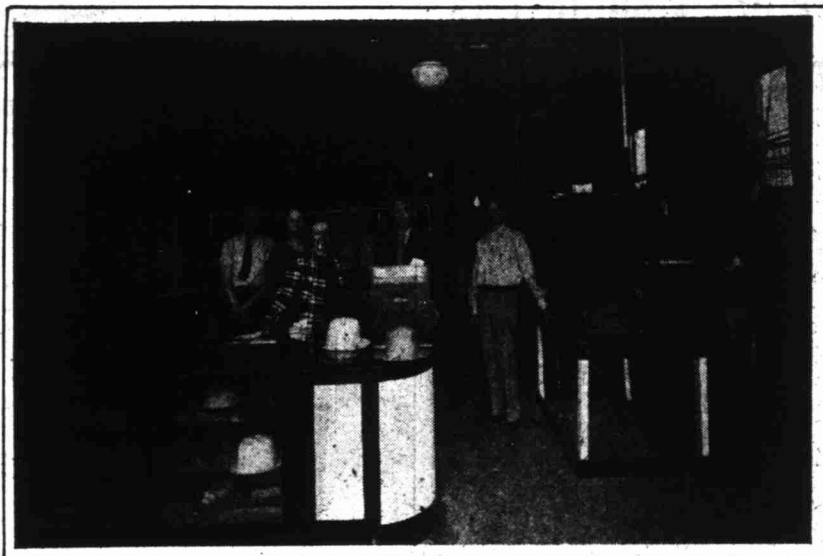




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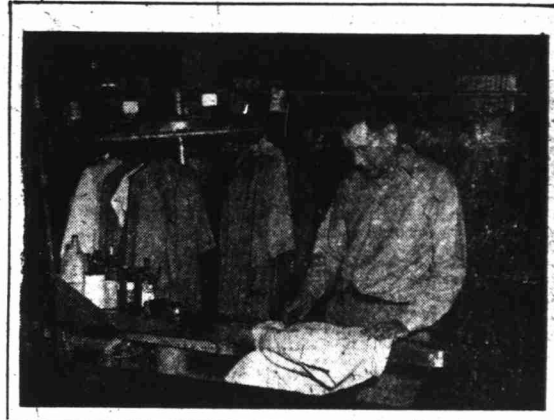
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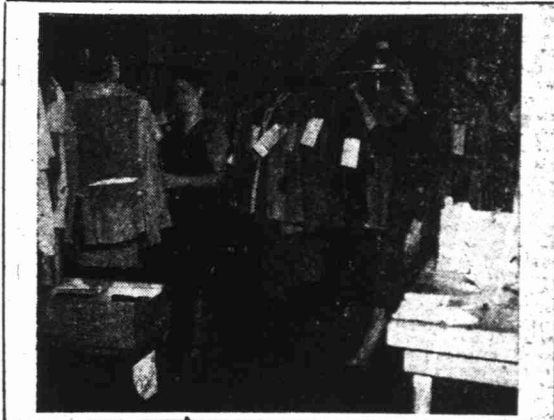
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# Railroad Commission Office Here Administers Regulations Governing Area's Oil Industry

By STANLEY FRANK

A major point of importance in West Texas oil circles is Midland's Petroleum Building, tallest skyscraper in what nowadays can accurately be called the city's skyline.

And in the center of the Petroleum Building is the District Eight headquarters of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Here, on the sixth floor of the 12-story building, are kept records of all drilling, production and transportation activities of the largest and most prolific oil-producing area in Texas. From these offices are administered state laws and commission regulations governing every phase of the mammoth business of discovering oil, bringing it to the surface of the earth, and transporting it to refineries.

### Staff

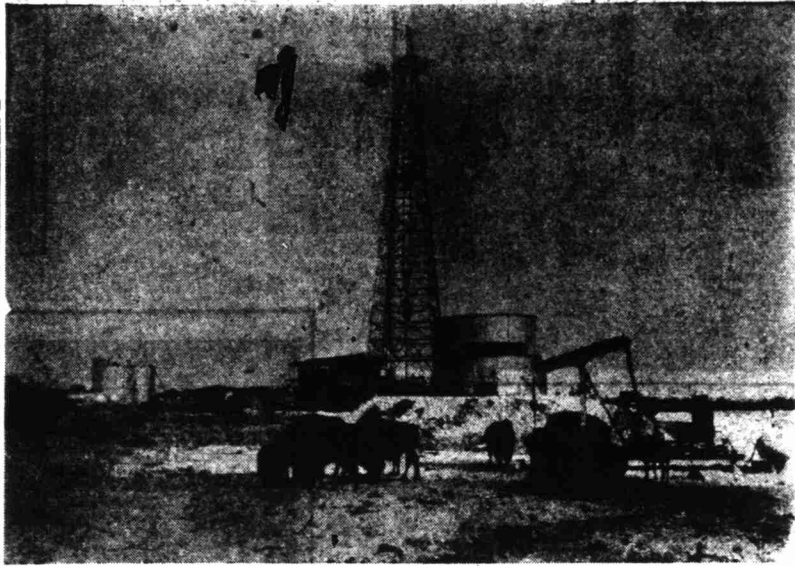
Fifteen accountants, petroleum engineers and inspectors make up the office staff. Their district extends from King County on the north to the border in Brewster county; and from Mitchell County on the east to El Paso on the west. The district is 400 miles across and it produces 28 per cent of all the oil coming out of Texas. Joe Greer, deputy supervisor of the district, recently reported there were 195 producing oil fields in District Eight which were listed officially as definite producing areas in the commission's files. Other fields are being developed, however, and at the time this figure was given, several new "wildcat" areas were known to be practically eligible for official designation as regular fields.

In mid-January, state office reports showed this district to have 1,471 wells (about 20 per cent of the state total), with a scheduled daily allowable of 728,852 barrels. Actual production of these wells is estimated to be about eight per cent below the allowable. With slightly less than 20 per cent of the total wells in Texas, this district produces 28 per cent of the oil of the state, which indicates the above-average productivity of District Eight wells.

It is the function of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission to regulate production of oil and gas in such a manner as to prevent waste. The commission takes note of each well location, times every completion, regulates all production, records every shipment. It is a sort of guardian of an extremely valuable natural resource which people of the state and oil operators alike believe to be necessary.

Unlike most government agen-

## The Old West And The New



A herd of buffalo grazes in the shadow of a wildcat test in the Permian Basin area about 40 miles west of Midland. The test, which last year opened a new oil field in Ector County, is the Humble Oil and Refining Company No. 1 Yarbrough and Allen. The buffalo roam the ranch on which the well was drilled. The picture, sent by The Reporter-Telegram to The Associated Press, was distributed by Wirephoto and gained nationwide publicity for Midland and the Permian Basin.

cies, the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission is not an expensive item to the state's taxpayers. On the contrary, the commission is maintained entirely by funds derived from gross production taxes on the oil industry itself. And, since the commission's regulations make for maximum production with minimum waste, taxpayers in the long run are immensely benefited by greater tax revenue from the oil industry. This means better schools, roads and other advantages to the general public.

### Theory Explained

The theory behind the commission is that gas and oil under the earth are natural resources which, though they may be bought and sold by individuals or corporations, nevertheless are eventually the property of all the people. Therefore, even though these resources may be developed by such individuals or corporations, they may not be wasted.

It would not be an inconceivable extension of this theory to apply it to other natural resources—land,

for example. If the state legislature took the same attitude toward oil and gas reservoirs, then exploitation of land would be regulated, too. It is the object of the Railroad Commission to attempt to govern oil and gas production in such a way that generations of American citizens to come will not find these treasures exhausted because of present waste. It might be highly profitable, in some cases, for an oil operator to take all the oil possible from a well as quickly as possible, regardless of how much loss of gas pressure and consequent shortening of the well's life resulted. Railroad Commission personnel are charged with preventing such practices.

### Ten Districts

It is also immediately profitable, many times, for a landowner or lessee to make the land produce as much as possible in the shortest possible time. There is nobody to stop him from doing so, unless he happens to be leasing state lands under certain stipulations restricting their use. And land is like oil—when it's gone, millions of years

are required by nature to replace it.

There are 10 Railroad Commission districts in Texas. In addition to the Midland office, there are district offices in San Antonio, Refugio, Houston, Corpus Christi, Palestine, Kilgore, Abilene, San Angelo, Wichita Falls and Pampa.

If the state legislature is generous more personnel will be added to the Midland office as soon as possible. With 3,873 leases to be reported on each month and more than 200 million barrels of oil to be accounted for annually as it is shipped from the district, there is a vast amount of detail work to be done in the office.

Ask Carter Lockard. Last year he signed his name to 50,000 tenders and tender-copies covering oil shipments from the district.

### MEDICAL GUN HAS POSSIBILITIES

A new medical gun which shoots drugs painlessly into a patient's skin by compressed air may wholly supplant hypodermic needles.

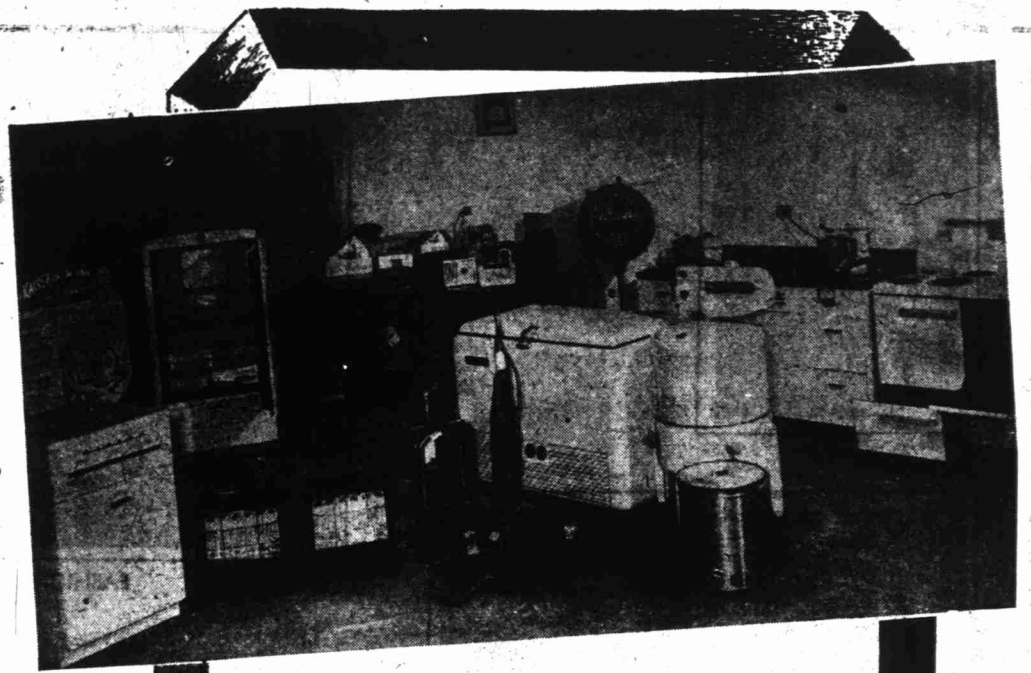
In 1947 there were 10 accidents in the United States which killed more than 25 people.

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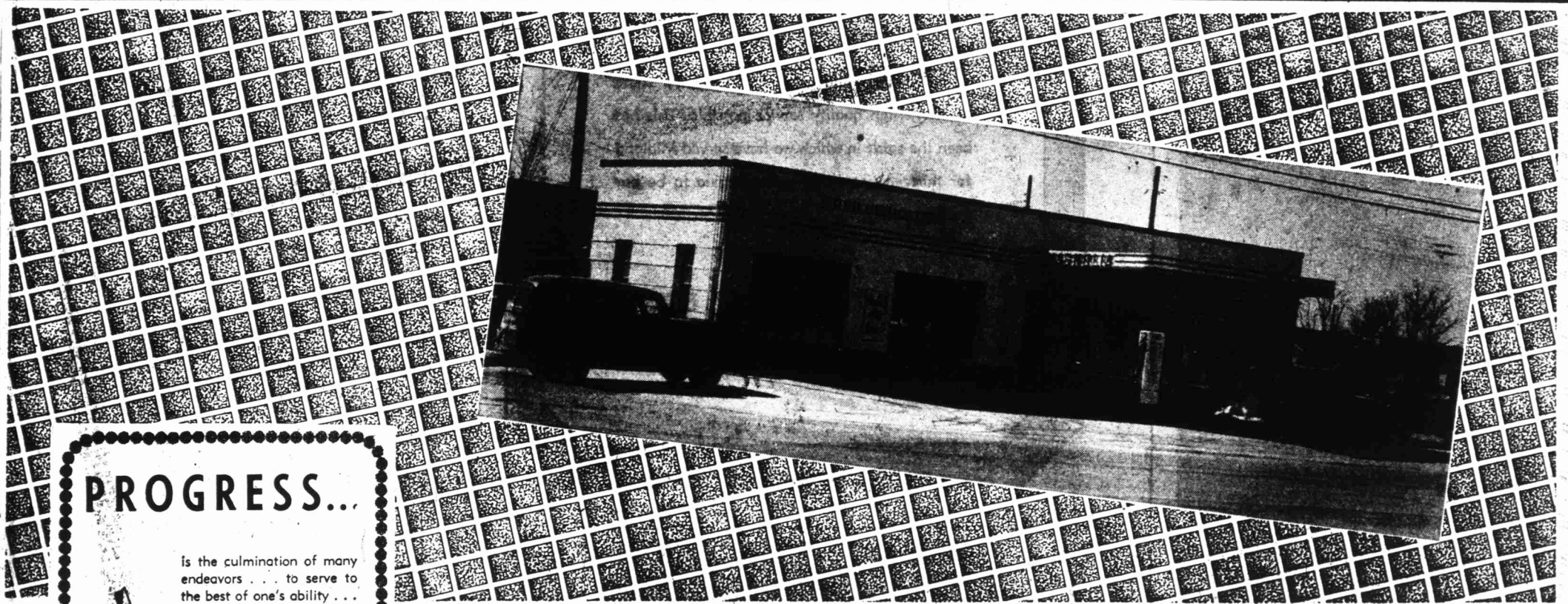
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# Midland's Greatest In Sports Were Gridders Of 1936, Cagers Of 1943-44

By TANNER LAINE

Down through the years in the field of sports Midland's greatest achievements perhaps were in 1936 when the high school gridders copped the regional championship and in 1943-44 when the cagers swept to a bi-district title and played in the state tourney, losing only to the state champion.

That great 1936 football team won 10 games, tied two, and was not defeated.

It took the District 7-B title. Blasted McCamey of District 8-B, 56 to 2, in the bi-district, and subdued Littlefield, 5-B and 6-B winner, 28 to 7, in the regional. This team won a trip to the 1937 Rose Bowl game for its achievements.

Here is the season's record of the regional champs: Midland 26, Big Lake 6; Midland 7, Colorado 0; Midland 7, Pecos 7 (Midland won on first downs, penetrations and yardage); Midland 32, Kermit 6; Midland 20, Crane 0; Midland 12, Wink 7; Midland 13, Bowie High (El Paso) 13; Midland 53, Stanton 0; Midland 19, Monahans 6; Midland 6, Odessa 0; Midland 56, McCamey 2; Midland 25, Littlefield 7.

Earlier teams of Midland High did establish some good records and in 1930 Midland beat Maria in what was equivalent to a district championship. The then district was divided into North and South halves. Some contend this was a bi-district championship but it still does not rate as high as the 1936 triumph.

English, Wofford, Adams! The 1936 championship Midland High was sparked by big Dave Wofford, 196 pounds, in the backfield, and Woody Adams, 200, and Gordon

English, 170, in the line. There were others great in their gridiron ability, such as: Marion Taylor, E. B. Rountree, Johnny Rettig, Boog Eldson, Frank Miles, J. L. Barber, Truman Whitaker, L. Wimberley, Rummel Cowan, Van Dyke, Thurman Bryant, Pat McMullan, B. Roberts, Frank Mitchell and E. P. Lawson.

Starting most of the games were: ends, Lawson (158) and Rountree (152); tackles, Adams (200) and English (170); guards, Cowan (145) and Mitchell (155); center, Wimberley (155); backs, Rettig (143), Barber (135), Taylor (172), Wofford (196).

Coaches of the great team were: Maurice (Dutch) Baumgarten and L. W. (Bud) Taylor. The great Midland High cage team of 1943-44 went through the Western half of District 3-AA with but one loss, a 20-19 heart-breaker to Odessa, to win this half. Then the Bulldogs beat San Angelo of the Eastern half in two straight games for the District 3-AA title. The Purple dropped Yaleta of District 4, 28-25 and 33-26 in the bi-district playoff.

Sunset High's Bisons beat Midland, 29-18, in the first game of the

state tournament. Sunset went on to win the Texas title.

Members of that mighty Midland basketball aggregation were: Jimmy Watson, Billy Joe Stickney, Bill Richards, L. C. Neatherlin, Copper Daugherty, Hubert (Duck) Drake, Guy Tom Cowden, Bobby Hyatt and Jimmy Edwards. Coach was Gene McCollum. The team lost only two games all season.

Remember Jay Francis. It certainly is true that Midland had great teams before and after these standouts, both in football and basketball and other sports. It is remembered that a few years after the 1936 championship outfit, Midland had fine teams led by the unforgettable Jay Francis, Ed Midland, under the tutelage of Bud Taylor, won second in the district for several years with guys like Francis, Falso Wright, Dell Truette and Windell Williams performing.

It is, too, remembered that Coach Muri Freels built great junior high teams in the 1930s and his Pups won what is equivalent to a district championship.

Midland has been known for a long time as a good baseball town. Wood Taylor used to have some fine nines as his Midland Colts. And later in professional baseball in the West Texas-New Mexico League, Midland was a contender. Harold Webb brought baseball back in 1947 and his Indians were second in the Longhorn League, a winning club. Many Midlanders will remember the old Midland College and its football teams. It was rough in "them days."

Midland has, in the yesterdays, had some great polo teams. And there used to be horse racing here in the "good old days."

## Czech Leader, First Woman In Cabinet Post, Wants Real Equality

AP Newfeatures

PRAGUE—School teacher, underground fighter during the German occupation, and economist, Czechoslovakia's first woman cabinet minister says she never has regretted combining a business' career with that of housewife, but she can't furnish the recipe to others. Mrs. Ludmila Jankovcova (pronounced Yunk-ov-tso-va), 50-year-old widow whose professor husband was a victim of Nazi atrocities, told The Associated Press that the only advice she could give after a quarter of a century of combining office

and home work was that those who try it must learn to organize their work well.

"Organization of work at home pays even more in the home than in industry," she said.

She speaks out of actual experience as a teacher's desk, at a factory bench, at drafting desks where Czechoslovakia's Two-Year Industrial plan was shaped, and where the Five-Year plan to succeed it beginning in 1948 was drawn up.

Besides being the first woman in a cabinet post in this young republic, she is the first actual resistance worker to gain cabinet status. Other cabinet ministers were with the government-in-exile in London during the war or scattered throughout the world in other government posts.

She fought the German invaders at home, carrying on resistance work for which she has received the War Cross and the War Decoration.

But, she said, "I am not yet satisfied with the role of women in our public life, because complete equality of women is not yet carried out in a just way."

"Our public still regards woman and her function in public life with scorn, although generally her work is judged by stricter standards," she complained. "That is shown by the fact that leading positions in offices as well as in economic life are still reserved for men only," she said.

On the job ahead, she said that the program for the Five-Year plan has not been completed "and it is not certain whether it will mean any structural changes in our industry."

"Changes should not be important although in the post-war world great emphasis is put everywhere on the production of goods."

"We are not excluding on principle the introduction of new industries in Czechoslovakia but in

any case only such industries should be considered for which economic conditions in this country are suitable.

"There is no legal foundation for further nationalization of industry in Czechoslovakia. The question was settled by the nationalization decrees of the president in 1945, later approved by parliament. About 30 per cent of all industrial production in our country is in private hands today. We do not intend to make any changes in this."

The new minister was asked whether Czechoslovakia's industry, working under planned programs, eventually would find itself only as part of the schedule of the planned-program countries,

or whether strong links would remain with industries of private industry or capitalist countries.

Her answer: "It would certainly be ideal if all over the world economy were coordinated and accordingly controlled. But this is not so."

"By submitting her production to an accurate plan and by co-operation with countries which also plan their economic life, Czechoslovakia has succeeded in safeguarding a more peaceful and regular development of her national economy."

Our traditional economic relations with the western nations remain completely untouched by this.

"On the contrary, so far as possible, we are striving for even closer cooperation than there has been so far."

"And as I know from experience that private and nationalized industry can cooperate very well in our country and supplement each other harmoniously, I do not see why the same could not happen on an international scale."

Long a Social Democratic party worker, her message to her sisters in that political philosophy was:

"I think that it is very necessary in the interests of all of us that more women should devote themselves to believe in socialism as in supreme justice, which alone will find the way from man to man, from nation to nation, and thus will remove the obstacles on the way toward a lasting world peace."

## King's Successor?



Louis S. St. Laurent, above, Canadian minister of external affairs, is considered a likely choice as the Dominion's next prime minister when W. L. Mackenzie King retires from the post some time this summer after 19 years as head of the government.

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## Some Top Lambs In 1947



These were three successful 4-H Club lamb exhibitors in the 1947 Midland Livestock Show. Delbert Davidson, left, Howard County, showed his 114-pound Rambouillet to the reserve championship of the show; Hazelle Midkiff, Midland, center, showed the grand champion, a 121-pound crossbred; and Buddy Calcote, right, of Rankin, showed the second-place winner in the heavyweight crossbred class.

## Tenant 'Turns Tables' On Landlord, Evicts Him

ORANGE, N. J.—(AP)—A tenant has "evicted" the landlord. Gerald Dascher announced in Essex County court that since he can't evict the tenants in his three-family house, he and his wife are moving out. Dascher complains that the tenants use foul language, and that in the midst of a cold wave, they damaged his furnace. "At least," he told the court, "I have found the solution to all my problems. I'm moving out."

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# Presumptuous To Write History Of Midland When Greatest Area Looms

News Camera Catches Jewish Commandos In Action In Strife-Torn Palestine



**MILITANT DEVOTIONS**—With rifles and machine guns resting on the barricade, Jews of an outlying Palestine settlement don prayer shawls and make their morning devotions. They had just come off 10 hours night sentry duty against Arab raiders. Work in the fields outside the town has almost ceased as settlers work to erect defenses.



**CONTRABAND**—Although bearing weapons is illegal in Palestine, this Jewish commando is well-prepared with hand grenades and Sten gun.



**FALLEN FOE**—A member of the Palmach searches the body of an Arab, killed during the Jewish commandos' attack on the village. Young Jews from 17 to 25 are recruited for the Palmach and thoroughly trained in commando tactics. Many of them are former soldiers.



**RECONNAISSANCE**—Covered by their comrades behind the wall, members of the Palmach, striking force of Haganah, scout through a small Arab village they attacked in the belief that it hid an Arab band which had made repeated raids on Jewish convoys.

## Facts Presented, Gleaned From Early Day Citizens

By TANNER LAINE

It would be presumptuous of me, relatively a newcomer and tenderfoot, to write a history of Midland. Especially would we be so presumptuous in view of the presence of Mollie McCormick, Addison Wadley, C. C. Watson, Lum Daugherty, and others here early and here now.

But we merely will try to set down some facts of Midland's history for you, in full knowledge—the greatest history of Midland may well yet be written.

We are indebted to the Midland County Library for much of the data. This data was written, by Susie Noble, Glenn S. Brunson, Jr., and others.

In the course of eight years in Midland we have often talked with some of the pioneers and have heard their verification of the facts contained in this article.

Midland originally was Midway because of its position between Fort Worth and El Paso. The townsite was bought from Joe Curtis in 1880.

The first settler, of whom much is known, was H. N. Garrett, who brought a flock of sheep here from California and herded them on what is now the city section of Midland. He came in 1882. Garrett found only one person here when he came. He was Lum Medlin, who wandered about barefooted, killing them to Chicago. Garrett was closely followed by other men looking for cheap grazing land.

Railroad built 1881-1883. The railroad (Texas & Pacific) pushed West from Weatherford to Sierra Blanca from 1881 to 1883 and Midland was on it. The early settlers to Midland had to take their meals at the section house of the railroad as there were no hotel accommodations here, certainly not. Water was brought from Monahan and emptied into barrels arranged under a shed to keep it cool. Later the first water wells were dug at the crossings of Main and Wall Streets, Wall and Weatherford Streets, Main and Texas Streets. Hand pumps were used. The water was for public use.

The sale of town lots was made in May 1884, and building began the first July following. The land department of the Texas & Pacific Railroad had charge of an "excursion headquarters," a roomy and substantial building for the accommodation of persons preparing their homes or seeking locations. Business lots could be bought for \$100 to \$400 and residential lots sold for \$50 to \$200. Sizes of the business lots were 25 by 140 feet, of the residential lots 80 by 140 feet.

The Midland Town Company distributed circulars before the sale of lots. On February 28, 1885, the Legislature of Texas enacted a law cre-

ating Midland County and providing for its organization within six months. On June 15 of that year, the county was organized by the election of its full quota of officers and the town of Midland was chosen county seat. The Midland Town Company donated \$3,000 to build a courthouse and jail. This gave Midland its first public building without taxation.

Midland County was carved out of Tom Green County. It was attached to Tom Green during 1884 for judicial purposes. "Free Grass" When Midland came into existence all of the land was owned by the State or the railroad and was termed "free grass." The settlers established homes and windmills and grazed the land within a radius of five miles or more. Private ownership of land began when the State put land on the market. The Chicago Ranch was bought from the State by the meat-packer, Nelson Morris of Chicago. It was the first ranch to be privately owned and also the first in the vicinity to be fenced. Its first cattle were brought here in 1884. It is now known as the "C Ranch."

Among the first citizens of Midland were: the J. H. Barrons; the Scharbauers (first to come was Uncle John who liked the country so well he sent for his brother, Chris, and later Phil Scharbauer came to the Golden West); Joe Graham; J. H. (Judge) Knowles; Brooks Lee; Doctor Ellis, W. H. and D. H. Brunson; Tom Martin; Colonel Pepper; Judge Rountree (whose son Ed was the first white child born in Midland County); the Dublins; Uncle Walter Cochran, the Edwards, and others. These all came between 1880 and 1900.

The first place of business was Burton-Lingo Lumber Company, built in 1884 and run by T. B. Wadley, father of Addison Wadley. The first depot, a box house, stood on the South side of the tracks and in 1907 the present depot was constructed. The first schoolhouse was built by public subscription. The Baptist built the first church and it was used by all denominations. Woman, First "Postmaster" The main business section in the early days was one block farther East than it now is. Early businesses were the Theo Ray Grocery and Taylor's Drugstore. The first county officers were: E. B. Lancaster, judge; Theo Ray,

sheriff; A. B. Rountree, clerk; and T. B. Wadley, treasurer. A body of an unknown person was found buried in Doctor McColl's backyard. The first person buried in the Fairview Cemetery here was a cowboy killed by accident on the Fire Walls Ranch. Midland's first "postmaster" was a woman. The first courthouse stood where the present one is located but it careened in the West Texas wind for it was a rickety old frame building.

The first country home (rural) was built three miles Southwest of Midland by Gus Phillips. Later the home was occupied by his son. In the late 80's an effort was made to make brick from the native soil here but it was too crumbly. However, J. H. Barron's store was made of this brick and one fine day a rain, after three years of drought, paved in the roof an Barron lost his stock of goods. Also the second story of the building was destroyed and with it the Masonic Lodge possessions. The Masons occupied the second floor. Roped Train Stack It is told, whether a windy or not, that when the T&P sent a train through the people flocked for miles around. When the train was pulling into the station, Jeff Cowden rode up and roped the smoketack to become the hero of the day.

Midland's growth has been steady through the years. It was a typical Western cowtown until 1928. With oil there was, however, rapid growth. The depression of the 1930's did hurt Midland as badly as some places. Ranch and oil people were able to weather it. Old timers strived to make Midland first in everything. New timers have carried on this ambition. There is a vast amount of wealth in Midland. First it came from cattle and now it comes from oil. Midland has larger bank deposits than any city of its size in the world. It is a city of fine, beautiful homes. The Bankhead Highway (U.S. Highway 80) was completed through Midland in 1922. This has had a lot to do with the growth of Midland.

The area of Midland County is 887 square miles. Cotton has been produced for two decades. Other valued crops are: grain sorghums, milo maize, kafir corn, hegarl. The soil is fertile. Mesquite Tree Prevails Vegetation of Midland is of varied types. Some are native desert plants, other of Eastern type. The pastures have many kinds of weeds and grass. Mesquite is the only prevalent tree. Animal and bird life of Midland County include: prairie dog, coyote, jack rabbit, gopher, cotton-tail rabbit, horned toad, skunk, badger, rattlesnake, quail, crow, raven, sparrow, snipe, mudhen, woodpecker, blue jay, mocking bird, robin, wild canary, killdeer, dove, lizards, and many more. The climate of Midland is healthful and invigorating. Altitude is 2,196. Average rainfall is 18 to 21 inches yearly. Mean temperature in winter is 40 degrees, in summer, 68 degrees. There are approximately 300 days of sunshine per year. Midland has good churches, good schools, progressive people. The radio station is powerful. The daily newspaper is one of the best-equipped in West Texas. There are more hotel rooms in Midland than in most cities of 50,000.

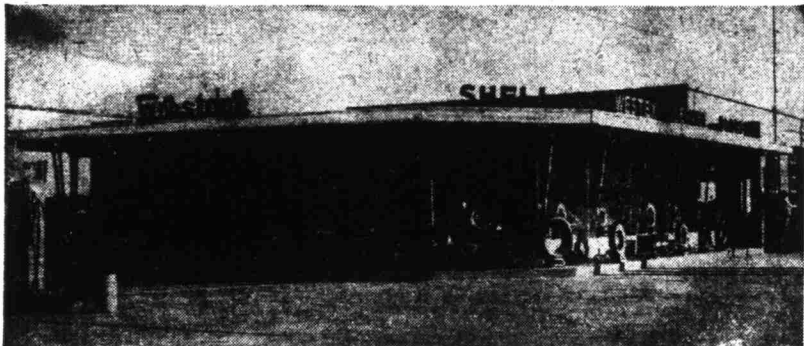
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Bill Osanski, veteran professional Chicago Bear fullback and practicing dentist in the Windy City since 1943, examines the teeth of patient Dorothy Redmann. The Holy Cross alumnus will be head football coach for his Alma Mater next fall.

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# Midland Long Known As Good Cattle Country

## Ranchers Take Pride In Herds

By STANLEY FRANK

Texas, so help us, is the biggest and best cattle country in these United States.

And Midland for half a century has been known from the Mexican border to the Great Lakes as the center of one of the best cattle-raising sections of Texas. It is traditionally a land where men have always taken as much pride in the quality of their cattle as in the size of their herds.

And yet the Midland section was a sheep country before cattle ranches were established here. H. N. Garrett grazed his flocks where the courthouse now stands, before there was a building in the town or a fence within a hard day's ride in any direction.

John Scharbauer, a founder of the Scharbauer Cattle Company, got his start in the sheep business. He came to Colorado City in the early 1880's with around \$3,000 and a willingness to take a chance on future markets. He bought and sold sheep there for a couple of years, and then came to Midland about 1885. Here, he continued to trade in sheep for awhile. Flocks were herded, of course, there being no fences in the country but plenty of coyotes and wolves.

But sheep didn't stay. Old timers here say there was no single cause for their being replaced by cattle; it was rather a combination of factors—predatory varmints, market fluctuations, scarcity of watering places were some of the things entering into the change. Then, too, cowmen and sheepmen tended to disagree, sometimes with considerable violence, about water and grazing rights.

So, Midland became a cattle country and remains so today, though it is not far from the center of the city to sheep ranches. Biggest outfit here in the early days was the O Ranch, owned by the Morris Packing Company of Chicago. That ranch comprised some 700 sections. On it grazed some 30,000 fine Aberdeen-Angus cattle, probably the biggest herd of its kind ever in existence on one ranch. Probably never again will such a herd be assembled in America. At

huge cow outfit called, at first, Scharbauer Brothers. Later, it became known as Scharbauer Cattle Company, although it was not a corporation until 1912; at that time it comprised about 510 sections.

Uniformity Of Quality  
Cattle were shipped from Midland to the Corn Belt by rail, and farmers who went to the Kansas City, Chicago and other terminal markets to buy feeders came to know Midland as a place from which came particularly fine stock. At a time when most cattle from Texas still exhibited traces of Longhorn or at least "native" breeding, there were big shipments from Midland of Aberdeen-Angus and Herefords

whose uniformity of quality proved they had come from unusually good herds.

This is not to say the cattle business hasn't changed here since the beginning of the century. Even after fences were built around and then across ranches, cowmen didn't know what it was to feed during the winter. Consequently, a big annual death loss was to be expected. Men still living in Midland can remember when hides and cattle bones were big business. But, to offset the losses then as compared to those of the present, land and labor prices were much lower in those days. Land, especially, didn't represent much of an investment to

early-day Midland cattlemen. If a man could just get a bunch of cattle together, he could find a place to graze them.

Upholds Reputation  
But, as for being a land of good cattle, the Midland area continues to uphold its reputation. Thousands upon thousands of white-faced calves go from here each fall to be fattened in the North or on the West Coast or wherever feed supplies and big population centers have made cattle feeding profitable. Ranchmen use purebred bulls, many raised right here by such breeders as Roy Parks, George Glass, M. F. King, A. G. Bohannon, E. B. Dickenson and others. They continually

build up the quality of their cow, culling out from year to year those that don't measure up to high standards and keeping outstanding heifer calves as replacements.

Average weight of calves shipped from here compares favorably with that of calves from any other part of North America. Though ranchmen say cattle used to fatten faster here in the Spring and Summer when the range was relatively new, more is being learned every year about range conservation and it is

a safe bet Midland always will be known for the fine cattle that go out of its shipping pens.

Just as the first cattlemen who came here were far-sighted enough to realize more money could be made from good cattle than from worry ones, so modern Midland ranchmen are progressive enough to be among the leaders when it comes to managing ranges so as to conserve the area's deceptively good grasses and improve pastures as they improve their cattle.

### Corner Of Wall And Loraine



Back at the turn of the century Midland did not look as it does now. Here is shown the intersection of Wall and Loraine Streets back in the yesteryear. Where the house with fence stands the Midland Cattle Co. is now located. A band is shown marching down Wall Street. It was a Masonic band and was commemorating the occasion of a meeting of Masons here.

## United States Iron Ore Is Dwindling

By BRUCE BLOSSAT

WASHINGTON — (AP)— Americans, used to thinking they are eternally blessed with natural resources, are having to face a new fact:

The country is running low on some of the materials it needs most.

Secretary of Interior Krug issued another warning recently in his annual report. And the matter or iron bobbed up in Congress during debate on the St. Lawrence Seaway.

Iron means steel, and steel is basic in our complex industrial life.

All Krug said about iron ore was this: "Supplies of high-grade iron ore are limited."

Summarizing the views of industry and government experts, the Commerce Department says our best reserves, around Lake Superior, may run out in 20 years.

Scouting For New Ore  
That region produces 80 per cent of all the iron ore mined in this country.

Half the nation's output comes from one place—a great, yawning pit called the Mesabi Range, in Minnesota.

Since 1892 Americans have been taking iron ore out of the Mesabi pits with steam shovels.

This simple process has been a key factor in America's development of cheap mass production items. And the Mesabi ore beat Germany and Japan.

From 1940 to 1945, the industry drew on Mesabi ore at three times the rate of the 1930's. Now that peace has come, the withdrawals aren't much lighter. Last year 77,000,000 tons were mined around Lake Superior, compared with 79,000,000 tons in 1944.

Government officials say the big companies have men hunting for new ore. But they are not looking in the United States. They are looking in South America and elsewhere.

Does that mean we must rely on foreign sources when our own good ores have vanished? Start From Scratch  
No. Around Lake Superior are some 63,000,000,000 tons of sub-marginal ore called taconite. It's a hard rock with 26 to 35 per cent iron content, against nearly 50 per cent in present ores.

It's not worth shipping as mined, so the industry is building experimental plants near the mines to find a way to concentrate the iron ore in taconite.

One expert said using taconite would add \$5 a year to the cost of living for every family.

Foreign ores are the alternative. The two sources most talked about are Labrador and Brazil.

But in both countries the ore is more than 300 miles from the sea, in a wilderness. Industry would have to start from scratch.

Then there's the security angle. Labrador is close, but Brazilian ore would call for a long over-water haul.

During the St. Lawrence debate, backers of the bill said this: If we had the seaway, Labrador ore might move to lake steel plants at reasonable cost. Otherwise, foreign ore might cause a wrenching shift of industry from the Great Lakes to the Atlantic coast.

On the other side it was argued that the St. Lawrence Project might delay the taconite development.

There is no easy answer.

## Truman Doctrine Seemingly Nears Showdown Point

By DEWITT MACKENZIE

AP Foreign Affairs Analyst  
It would be more than passing strange if pure coincidence accounted for the way Greece, Turkey and Iran (Persia) are sticking out their chests simultaneously to Russia, with apparent encouragement from the U.S.A.

These are three areas which Russia seeks to dominate in order to make herself a Mediterranean power and give her control of the Middle-East—a matter of moment to both Britain and America. Moscow's ambition is a treasure chest which could best be opened with this trio of keys.

First the Soviet Union wants control of the Dardanelles Strait (now under Turkey) to give her access to the Mediterranean from the land-locked Black Sea. From the military standpoint the Dardanelles is one of the most important strategic waterways in the world.

What Has Happened  
Greece fits into the picture mainly because she guards the flank of the Dardanelles, although there also are political considerations. Iran, which adjoins Russia, not only is possessed of rich oil fields but gives access to the Persian Gulf and is a mighty buttress on the oriental side of the Middle East.

What Has Happened in the past couple of days is this:

Turkish Foreign Minister Necmeddin Badak has declared that his country intends to stand firm against all Russian demands. He also has spoken of Turkey's "ever increasing friendly relations with England and the feeling of gratitude in Turkey for the American Aid Program." At the same time it became known that Turkey had recalled her ambassador from Moscow in retaliation for Russia's withdrawal of the Soviet Envoy to Turkey, though this action doesn't mean a break of diplomatic relations.

Greek Airfields Strengthened  
Over in Greece it was reliably stated that Greek airfields were being strengthened with anti-aircraft guns and searchlights, and America was said to have delivered a number of reconnaissance planes to bolster the Greek Air Force. This, of course, is to aid Greece in her fight against Communist-led guerrillas seeking to establish a Soviet Greek state in the North, close to Bulgaria, Yugoslavia and Albania—which the Athens government charges are aiding the Red rebellion.

In Tehran Premier Ibrahim Hakimi Al Molki has rejected a Soviet protest about American activities in Iran as "absolutely baseless and void of truth." The Russians had charged that the actions of a U.S. military mission in Iran constituted a threat to the Soviet border—a charge which U.S. Ambassador George V. Allen characterized as "an improper interference in the internal affairs of Iran." Furthermore, the Tehran government has accused Russia of giving refuge to Iranian rebels.

In short, it's clear that these three countries still are determined not to let Russia "get away" with what they regard as "provocative" and of course all this is tremendously important when we consider that control of the Mediterranean area is involved.



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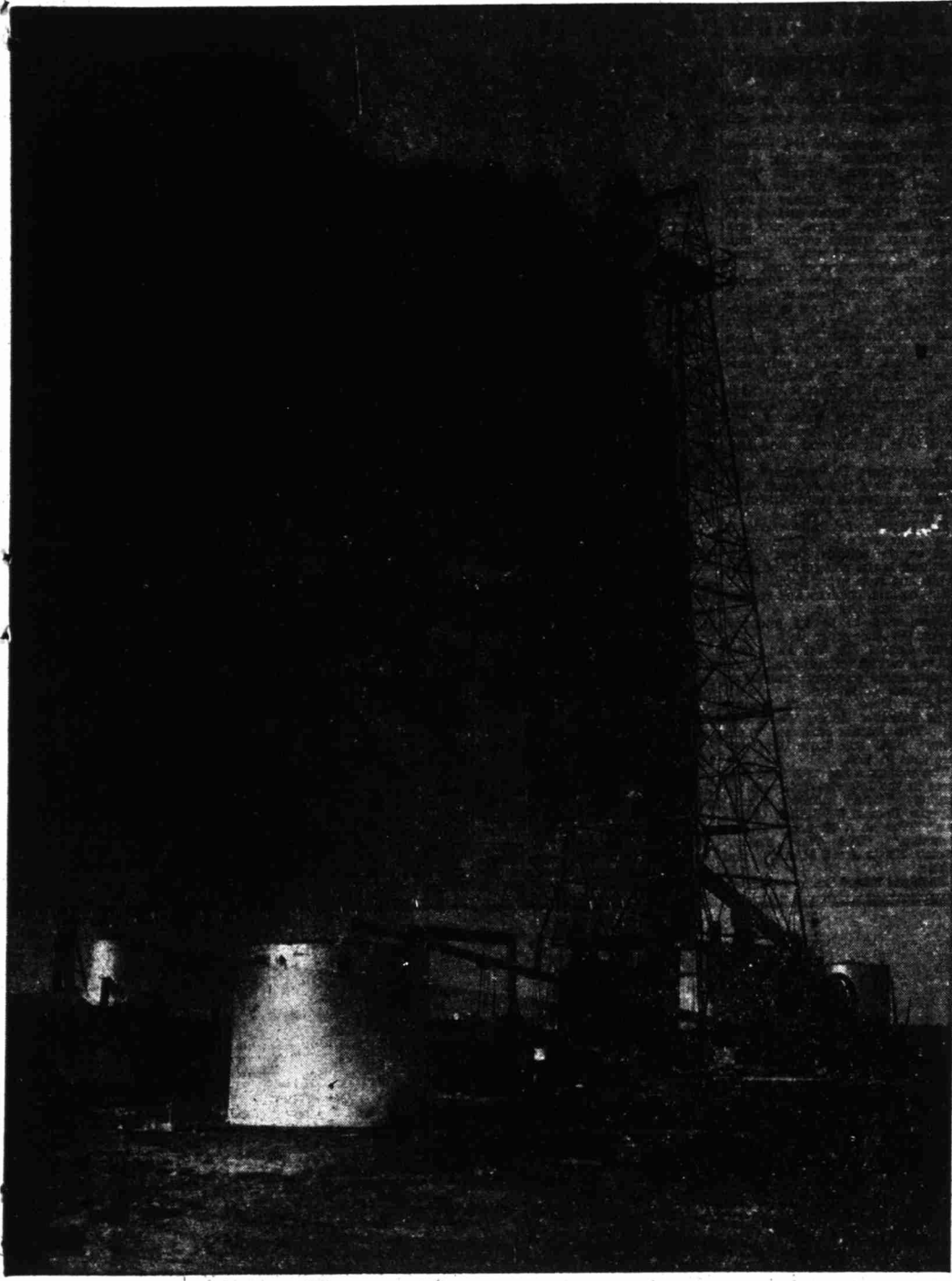
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Permian Basin oil operators do not bring in new wells today, as they did in this territory in the pioneer days of the industry. No such scenes, as the one above, are presented now when a well enters the pay section. The picture is from the files of The Reporter-Telegram, and shows a rig which had apparently just drilled into a producing formation—and the boys were letting it blow. It made a thrilling picture—but it wasted oil and gas. The industry now operates on a program of conservation—rather than one of spectacular sensationalism.



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# Cooperative Exchange Of Data On Oil Fields Benefits All Civilization

By STANLEY FRANK

It goes without saying that, in the last 20 years, there have been a great many improvements in the science of producing oil. The same can be said of other industries, however, and Mr. Average Man, whoever he is, may take for granted that progress is the natural order of things.

But there's one development in the oil industry which may stand unique in the world. It may well be more important than any single new type of machinery or technique of production.

It is the movement toward cooperative exchange of factual information among oil producers, accomplished through engineering committees.

This movement has meant increased economy and efficiency for oil producers themselves. It incidentally has benefited everybody outside the oil industry, too, because it has resulted in increased conservation of oil reserves. One needn't argue the importance of conservation, of course; everybody knows that in this machine age the whole world depends on oil.

**Important To Civilization**

Thus, the theory behind fact-finding engineering committees is important not only to the petroleum industry, but to all civilization, now and for generations to come. Maybe atomic power someday will supplant gasoline combustion as a driving force for our machines, but don't bet on it. Even if it does, there'll have to be oil on the moving parts of an atomic en-

gine, just as on those of an electric motor. Engineering committees tend to assure us there still will be oil in the earth when the atomic age arrives.

Engineering field committees enable an individual or company operating in a given oil field to know exactly what's going on under his own lease as well as under those of other operators in the same field.

This knowledge is important. When you're drawing oil from the earth's depths, you have to keep a constant check on conditions down there where the oil is. If you don't you may wake up some morning to find your well isn't flowing any more—the gas or water pressure which formerly pushed the oil out of the ground is all gone. Or you might discover to your horror that the manner in which you've been taking oil from the ground was all wrong. As a result, you find your pumps are sucking salt water instead of oil out of the earth. Salt water is awfully hard to sell; it's not much good as a fuel or lubricant.

**Must Keep Informed**

To further complicate the situation, you have to keep in mind that even if you are handling your own production correctly, the guy over on the next lease may be doing something that will ruin his wells and yours, too; or maybe something happening on the other end of the field has a direct bearing on the future of your own wells.

Not only should an oil operator

know what's what under his own lease; he must know what's going on elsewhere in the field, because in an oil pool a certain condition which today is localized may spread throughout the pool unless preventive or remedial measures are taken.

Here's how an engineering committee works:

It gathers technical information from all wells in a pool, compiles this information regularly and offers it to every operator in the pool who helps bear expenses of the committee.

Some engineering committees are headed by a paid chairman who in turn employs full time engineers to make regular checks of wells in the field. There are two such committee chairmen in Midland: V. E. Cottingham of the North Basin Pool Engineering Committee, and Lee Flood of the Goldsmith Pool Engineering Committee.

H. D. Murray, Texas Company engineer here, is chairman of a committee of slightly different type, though its objectives are the same as those headed by Cottingham and Flood. This committee, called the TXL Field Engineering Committee, has no paid chairman. Murray serves without pay. A statistical secretary is paid to compile information which the various operators in the TXL field submit to the Railroad Commission, and make this assembled information available to operators. Kenneth Midkiff, engineer for the Pullerton Oil Company of Hobbs, New Mexico, is chairman of the Pullerton

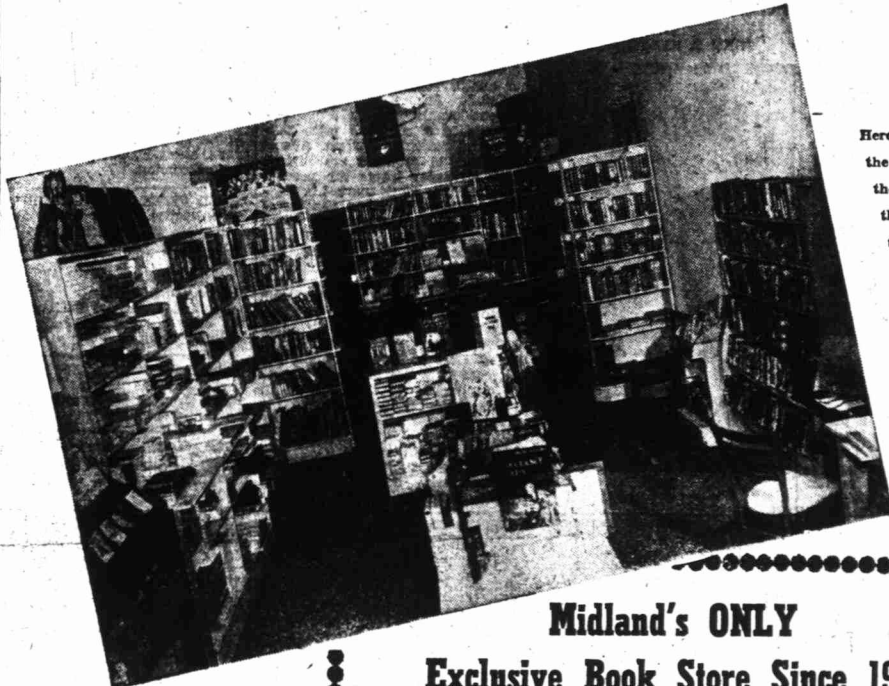
Field Engineering Committee, which operates in the same manner as the TXL committee. This committee maintains its office in Midland.

**Production Factors**  
Among production factors which engineering committees help operators see more clearly are gas-oil contact, possible gas cap spread, water-oil contact, water encroachment, efficient use of reservoir energy, gas-oil ratios, bottom-hole pressures, type of perforation suitable for the pool, plug-back methods, and producing and casing methods.

These terms may have little meaning to the layman, but they are of enormous importance to the oil operator upon whom the layman depends to produce gasoline and lubricants for his automobile.

Field engineering committees have been of incalculable assistance to state agencies charged with controlling oil production and conserving oil resources. In fact, in California, where no legislative restrictions exist, a statewide engineering committee made up of producers regulates methods and rates of production.

Such committees are proof that the oil industry in general believes in production practices which will conserve oil resources and make them yield as much as possible. They are also proof of the value of cooperation and frank exchange of information, even in an industry where "rugged individualists" are at least as numerous as in any other business on earth.



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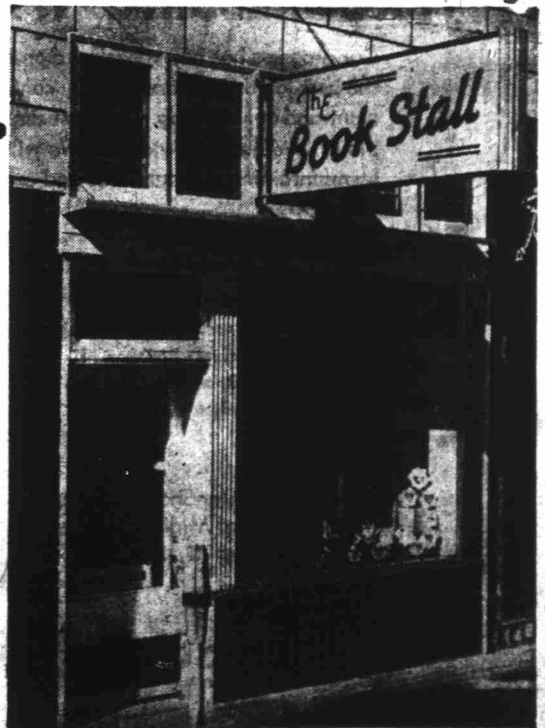
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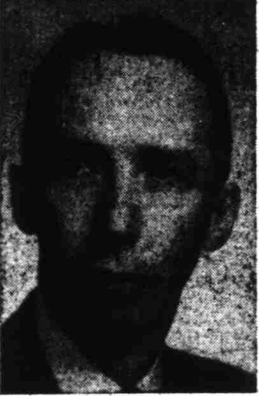


## Outstanding Young Man Named Yearly By JayCees

Five have been named "Outstanding Young Man of Midland." The Midland Junior Chamber of Commerce began a custom of naming the outstanding young man of the city yearly.

The honored man is selected by a secret committee, not necessarily JayCees. He is chosen for achievement and on the basis of his accomplishments for a given year.

Recipient of the title usually receives a JayCee service key. Here are the five men who have won the honor in Midland: 1943—Bill Collyns; 1944—the late Clint Dunagan; 1945—L. W. Sandusky; 1946—John J. Redfern, Jr.; and 1947—Taylor Cole.



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1947  
TAYLOR COLE

## One Million Czech Youngsters Need Daily Ration Of Milk The UN's Fund Can Now Give Only 125,000 Of Them

By CHESTER BOWLES

PRAGUE, CZECHOSLOVAKIA—(NEA)—When you speak of milk, or feed for cattle, you speak of the life or death of the hungry children of the world. Czechoslovakia is no exception.

The milk shortage here, as in most other European countries, is frightening. The war reduced Czech dairy herds by only five per cent, but severe drought and the worst harvest conditions in recorded history have created a feed shortage that agricultural authorities fear will force farmers to slaughter 35 per cent of their cows by Spring.

The cows that are left give an average of only two and a half quarts of milk a day—compared to an average of 10 quarts for our dairy herds in Vermont, Wisconsin and Connecticut.

The death rate among babies under one year today stands at 96 for every 1000. In 1945, it was 245 for every 1000. The decrease, according to the director of the Children's Clinic in Bratislava, is largely due to supplies of dried milk from the United States through UNRRA.

Starts Feeding Program  
The UN International Children's Fund is just starting its feeding program, and will provide a small amount of milk and fats every day to 125,000 of the 3,000,000 Czech children under 15. At least one million children need such aid; milk is needed especially for 100,000 young babies, but funds are so limited that the Children's Fund is able to provide whole milk for only 11,000 sick infants.

About 25 per cent of the deaths among young children is due to tuberculosis; another 25 per cent is from intestinal disturbances, largely resulting from malnutrition. The enormous health problem has been increased by the fact that half of all the country's doctors were eliminated one way or another during the war.

Unlike France and Italy, the Czechoslovakia people have established a complete price control and rationing system. Almost all essential products are divided with efficiency where the need is greatest. The black market is relatively small. We found the prices in Italy had increased 61 times (6100 per cent) since 1939. In Czechoslovakia the increase has been three and one-half times.

In Italy, to make matters worse, wage increases have lagged far behind the rise in prices, and as a result there is a grave bitterness between the "haves" and "have nots." Here in Czechoslovakia the increase in wages has been roughly comparable to the increase in prices. As a result we found a far greater degree of good feeling on all sides.

Food Rations Vary  
Food rations vary between age groups and occupations. Very young children receive roughly

1350 calories daily. This remains at this level for those who are in jobs which require a minimum of physical effort.

The ration is increased for miners, steel workers and others who require more energy to complete their daily work. Nutrition experts tell me that the Czech rations average 39 per cent below the amount that the people should be getting to maintain really good health. Average consumption in America is 3400 calories daily.

Like their rationing program, the Czechs have no equals in the job of planning they have been doing for the United Nations Appeal for Children.

Arrangements have been made to call on every single home in Czechoslovakia to raise funds for the relief of children everywhere—this in a country whose own children are so desperately in need of help. The Czechoslovakians are hoping that cotton and leather can be obtained from other parts of the world, and made into children's clothing and shoes by Czech workers, to be sent out to other countries.

Frank Questions  
Mrs. Bowles and I had luncheon with Foreign Minister Jan Masaryk. Masaryk, whose mother was an American, has spent many years in the United States and speaks English with a familiar American accent. He told us of the struggle of the Czech people to put their country back on its feet, and to help to lead the way towards greater understanding between peoples.

Before leaving Prague, I held a press conference for 58 members of the Czechoslovakian and foreign press. Their questions were friendly, but frank. Only the difference in language kept it from being a replica of press conferences back home. Through their questions, I clearly understood the hopes which the Czechoslovakian people hold for the United Nations. They believe, as do the people of the United States, that understanding can and must be developed, and that through a United Nations, which constantly grows stronger, such peace will be forthcoming.

"HELL FROM HEAVEN MEN"  
Bombardier cadets at Midland Army Air Field during the war were called "Hell From Heaven Men."

MIDLAND COLTS  
Baseball teams of Midland in the early days were called the Midland Colts.

The Nazis destroyed 70 per cent of Netherlands bridges in their retreat from that country before the Allied advance.

The United States had about 31,000 manufacturing plants for clothing, shoes and luggage in 1939.

## Columns Come, Go On Pages Of Your Daily Newspaper

Columns and set features in The Reporter-Telegram have come and gone.

Regular columns in the present Reporter-Telegram include: the daily oil column, "Permian Basin Oil and Gas Log" by James C. Watson and the Sunday "Tool Pusher"; "Dirt, Squirt and Quirt" by Stanley Frank, farm, dairy and ranch news, weekly column; and "Down Sportlane" with Tanner Laine, Sunday sports column.

Society pages include "Coming Events," "Church Calendar," and "Midland Career Women" by Beverly Littlejohn, society editor. "What's New and Where To Find It" is a popular shopping column by Dorothy Watson. There is a daily column "McKenney On Bridge."

"Late News Flashes" is on page one. "Congratulations To" is a regular feature which welcomes new babies in the city. Questions and Answers is an editorial page feature.

Always there is "weather" on page one. This is a forecast, with highest and lowest temperatures of the preceding day given.

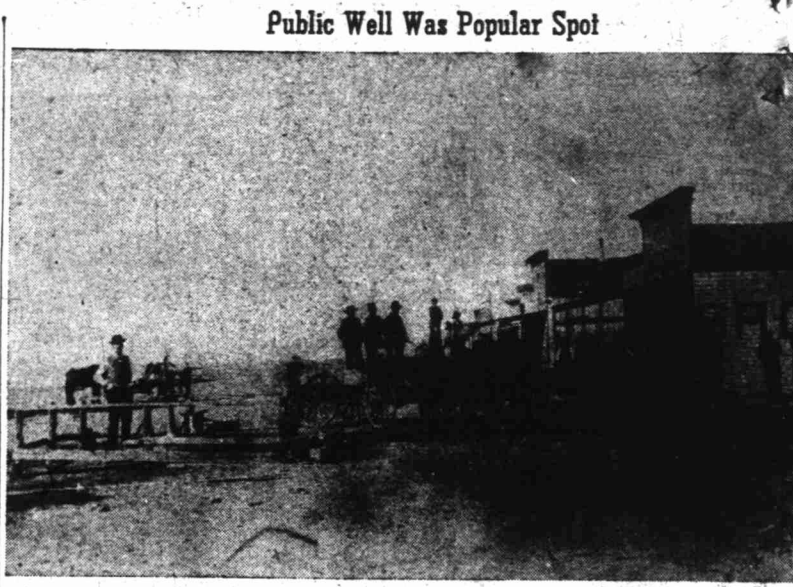
The Reporter-Telegram carries a daily Bible verse under the masthead on the editorial page. The masthead is the statement of ownership and runs every issue.

But, as said, columns and regular features come and go. There used to be an unsigned column in the paper called "The Town Quack." It was run daily and was carried for years and years. It commented on people and places and points of Midland.

"War News Flashes" became "War Bulletins" during World War II. This feature once was "Late News" (1937) and "Late Wire" before that in 1932.

The war gave rise to several features in the Reporter-Telegram including "MAAF," Prop Wash, "Sports Bomber," "Ration Calendar," "War At A Glance," "Ration Roundup," "The War Today," "Bomb Blasts from MAAF," and others.

Kathleen Eiland wrote a woman's



This public well, situated between Baird and Weatherford Streets about where the Williamson and Green Feed Store now is located, was Midland's only water supply when this picture was taken in 1884. The limited number of early day residents obtained their water from the popular well. The entire business section of the then new town is shown in the picture which is said to be the first ever taken in Midland.

column, "Feminine Fancies" for several years. And there was a "Becky Beckham Bundy's Advice To Lovelorn" and "Meet The Misses" by Paul Louise Johnson.

"Mind Your Manners" and "Social Situation" appear at intervals on the society page. And "Deen Talk," an Associated Press column is sometimes carried. "Skirting The News With Beverly" is a woman's page feature used now.

Back in 1931 R. C. Hankins wrote "Sport Reports" and Jess Rodgers had two columns, "The Sports Horn" and "The Payoff." Hankins also wrote "Football Sketches" in season. Cleddie Shelburne columned "Sport Slants" in 1942. "Sports Roundup" is an AP sports column sometimes used. Of course standings and bowling columns are carried regularly, and have always.

Jack Lively's sports column was "From The Press Box." "Basin Oil Developments" was the oil column in 1934. Paul Osborne was author. Frank Gardner wrote an oil column in the early 1940's.

Before "Dirt, Squirt and Quirt" Bill Cray wrote "Range Ramblings" and Ray Camp wrote "Around The Bullpen."

There was once (1940) a column called "Slips and Spins by Downwind," a column about Midland civilian fliers. And a "Mustang Club For Boys" column. "The Bulldog" is a page of news, written and prepared by the journalism students of Midland High School and published weekly on Sunday in the Reporter-Telegram. This page used to be simply "High School News."

## Much Ado About 'Mutt' Serving 'Sea Dog' Duty

NEW YORK—(P)—Amongst dogs was rescued from an ice floe 200 feet out in Gravesend Bay off Brooklyn recently after six hours' combined operations by amphibious force:

(1) Police ashore, (2) police in a launch, (3) a Coast Guard ice breaker, (4) a fire truck with extension ladder, (5) Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals agents with various life-saving gadgets, and—finally—just a little sailboat without canvas, which was poled through the ice pack by two men who lured the shivering animal aboard with dog food.



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### Early Day Joke Was Badger Fight

Midland in the early days was famous for its "badger fights." Every new citizen had to pull the cord to release the "fighting badger." He then became a member of the "Badger Club." Two of the most ludicrous memberships were gained by a senator, who made a big speech before he pulled the cord, and by a prize old maid, who got off a stopped T&P train to pull the cord "if you fellows seem to be afraid to do so."

### Lawyer's Hot Argument Wins Client Freedom

WASHINGTON —(AP)— A lawyer smashed his right fist into his left palm in a heated argument to the jury trying his client for assault and battery. Flames had smoke spurted from his hand. As surprised as the jury, he shook loose a burning packet of book matches he had been holding. His blow had started them burning. The lawyers, Roosevelt Page, was slightly burned on one finger. The jury freed his client 10 minutes later.

### TELESCOPE IS ACCURATE

California Institute of Technology's new 200-inch telescope mirror's within two-millionths of an inch.

## French Children Are Clean, Smiling— Also Very Hungry

By CHESTER BOWLES

PARIS —(NEA)— "There isn't enough food for the children. There is very little a doctor can do." Those were the simple words of Dr. Robert Debre, one of the leading pediatricians of France. They state the one central fact that stood out clearly among the enormous contrasts we found in a few days in France.

Despite all the French have done and are doing — on an average ration of 2900 calories a day — there remains a desperate gap between their needs and the resources available. Great numbers of adults are in distress — but the most painful thing is the effect on the health and welfare of 13 million growing children.

One of the most vital aspects of this general shortage is the lack of milk for children. Grow-ups have long since given up milk, so the children can have it. In the last few months, milk has been unavailable even for invalids in hospitals, suffering from ailments which require milk to relieve pain and bring about recovery.

Today, all the milk in France, almost without exception, is going to children, under four and to nursing and expectant mothers. Children over four, because they get no milk and because of a scarcity of other essential foods, have suffered severely — and the prospect is that it will be still harder for them in the months ahead.

These facts have hit France very hard, for the French have al-

ways been a great food-producing nation. Before the war, France raised almost all the food she needed and was able to pay for import of the balance. And afterwards, an excellent 1946 harvest made hopes soar, drought struck; last year's grain crop was the worst in French history; it depleted dairy herds, and the herds that remained gave less milk; it cut the bread ration, and the fruit and vegetable supply.

French Are Proud  
The direct and inevitable result has been that the infant death rate, already double that of the

United States, is again moving upward. The present average consumption of 2300 calories a day (the US average is 3400) will drop to 2000 in a few weeks. This is only an average; many children will get no more than 1700.

Men like Doctor Debre, the pediatrician, and Eugène Aujaleux, director of the Ministry of Health's division of hygiene, are doing all they can. They are both working to organize a national committee for the United Nations Appeal for Children, so that the work of the UN International Children's Emergency Fund can continue and ex-

pand. The French government has contributed one million dollars to the Children's Fund to help keep the agency operating until money comes in from the appeal.

The fund and the French government, working together, are giving emergency feedings to only 200,000 children and to 9,000 nursing and pregnant mothers, out of the millions who badly need them. The French government provides half and the fund the other half, with powdered milk. The food that is handled by the fund cannot go into the black market. It goes directly to the children, mostly in group feed-

ings. I was gratified to see the efficiency with which the supplies are protected.

Before we left home, we were warned that we would be shown only the worst conditions. In France, they wanted to show us the best — and we saw the worst only when we insisted. The French are a proud people, and do not like to parade their difficulties.

Children Were Clean  
At L'Ecole de Plein Air, a special school for invalid children in the city of Surresnes, we saw one side. Here 300 children are being given some of the best care in the world — until they have to make room for others and return to the conditions which induced their ailments. There is a fine modern

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building, with big windows. The food is adequate. The nurses and doctors are the best — but this is only a model, for France and other countries. Materials are not available to finish the long planned additions.

Mrs. Bowles saw the other side of the picture in the industrial town of Colombes, where she found whole families living in one-room shacks. In one of these lived a man and his wife, and their three children. The father was at home — not taking care of the children, but being cared for by them, because he had lost both legs. He will have to wait many months for artificial legs. His wife was at work

making \$10 a week in an oil refinery. Nearby was another family, in another one-room, windowless shack. For seven children and their widowed mother, there was one bed, two chairs, a table with a stove on it. For light, a few candles. Ordinarily, the oldest boy, 14, cares for his brothers and sisters. Today the mother was at home; the factory where she earns \$10 a week was shut down for lack of coal. It was not surprising that the children in this poor apology for a home were not only clean, but smiling and gay. It was one of the enormous contrasts that hit us hard in France, for these children were also very hungry.

### Litter Is All 'Tired' Out



"Sunny," German shepherd owned by M. Bass, Chicago service station operator, watches over her 12 new pups as they huddle together in their improvised "cassinet," a new automobile tire. The two-week-old litter was originally 15 strong, but three died.

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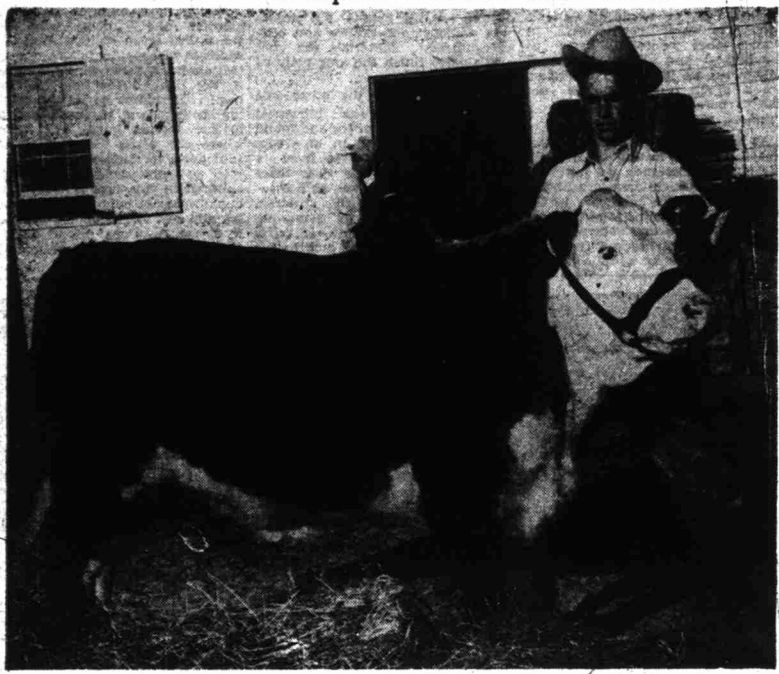
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Champion At Midland Show In 1946



The 4-H Club youths of this area feed and show many fine animals. Here, Jimmy Holloway of Garza, Martin County, is shown with his 870-pound champion milk-fed steer of the 1946 Midland Livestock Show. It was bred by Jimmy's father, C. E. Holloway.

Butane Gas Shortage Said Due To Insufficient Storage Capacity By Dealers

WASHINGTON (AP)—The butane gas shortage which is hitting so many Texas rural homes has been of concern to Rep. Lindsey Beckworth of Gladewater. He made inquiries and was informed by Governor Beauford Jester's office that the trouble is largely one of insufficient storage capacity to meet heavy demands in cold weather.

The Interior Department's Oil and Gas Division commented that exports of butane are so negligible in quantity, because of insufficient special pressure tanker vessels, that overseas shipments are not responsible as some people have believed.

Texas Congressman Wright Patman is coming out with a new book, and he says the Republicans are responsible.

Ten years ago Patman compiled 182 questions and answers on government, how it is set up and how

it operates. These were published in pamphlet form by the Government Printing Office as a document in accordance with provisions of a resolution adopted in the House.

Originally the pamphlets cost 10 cents, later enlarged editions went up to 25 cents and then back to 20 cents. The profit on these has netted the government over the years just about the same amount as his salary, Patman estimates . . . that is, up to Jan. 3, 1947.

On that day the Republicans took control of Congress, and he was no longer able to persuade a majority of the House members to authorize a new and revised edition of his pamphlet.

He says, "the upshot was that a publishing company sold him on the idea of compiling the information he has gathered over the years into a regular book.

With the voluntary retirement of

Rep. Milton West of Brownsville, effective at the end of the present 80th Congress, Texas House members will have a tough selection to make among themselves in filling West's spot on the Ways and Means Committee.

House Minority Leader Sam Rayburn says the vacancy will be filled by a Texan, notwithstanding the fact that many other states undoubtedly will seek to get representation on that most important of all committees.

Rep. Ken Regan of Midland expressed a desire to get on the Ways and Means "when he entered Congress last year. He would have an uphill struggle to win selection as West's successor because many members with more seniority undoubtedly also would prefer the position; nevertheless his bid is looked upon with favor by some of his colleagues. The Texas delegation makes the choice.

Solon Wants Push-Button Congress; Lawmakers Balk At Vote Machine

By DOUGLAS LARSEN

WASHINGTON (NEA)—Last year they streamlined Congress. Now they're talking about adding jet propulsion.

The latest suggestion for squeezing more legislation out of already overworked U. S. senators and congressmen is to give them an electric voting machine.

But most legislators seem to feel that they aren't any more ready for push-button law-making than the Army and Navy is for push-button warfare.

Rep. Arthur Lewis Miller (R-Neb), however, is one who thinks the taxpayer deserves more for his legislative dollar than he is now getting. That is why he has introduced a bill which would provide for such a machine in Congress.

Miller says all you have to do is to look at the record of the first session of the 80th Congress to find perfect justification for his measure. "Days' Saver"

During the first half of the 80th last year the House of Representatives met in formal session on the floor 144 days, a total of 686 hours. But 102 of those hours, the equivalent of 21 legislative days, were devoted exclusively to the voice procedure of answering roll calls and voting on bills. There was a total of 153 of these roll calls and yeas and nays, averaging 40 minutes apiece.

In the Senate there were 143 meeting days for a total of 807 hours of formal session. Because there are only 96 members of the Senate, compared to 435 members in the House, roll calls and voice votes took up only a total of 63.8 hours, or the equivalent of 11 days. That procedure in the Senate averages between seven and 11 minutes.

Simple mathematics shows that Miller's machine would have saved the House 15 3/4 days and the Senate 8 1/4 days in the first half of the 80th Session.

The Thompson International Roll-Call Corporation, which holds the patents on most of such equipment, reports it has installed electric voting machines in 25 per cent of the state legislatures.

Each Vote Recorded

Each vote is recorded on cards automatically, giving a permanent record of the totals and showing how each member voted. Any number of cards can be run off after a vote. Cards could also be duplicated for the press and radio galleries. Large electric indicator boards would show the vote of each member during and after a vote.

The machine can be kept open for a specified length of time after the start of a vote is announced by the chair. This gives members time to get from their offices to the chamber. A member can change his



Automatic roll-call machine: Miller thinks it would get more work out of Congress.

vote any time during the voting merely by reversing the switch. At the end of the time allotted for the vote the clerk locks the machine and the results are instantly recorded.

Estimated cost of such an installation is \$200,000. Floors of both chambers would have to be torn up and the wires run to each seat. In the House, it would also involve assigning each member a specific seat.

The price is one of the objections among congressmen, some of whom think the present method of voting is satisfactory. Representative Miller says they would practically all be for it if they just understood how it would ease their work.

His bill is now resting in the House Administration Committee.

MARITIME EMPLOY

NEW YORK (AP)—It is estimated that 168,850 people are employed in the U. S. maritime industry.

An electric shaver is being manufactured which is equipped with two cords and a connecting device that can be easily installed on the dashboard of a car.

Results Of Half Century Of County Elections On Record In Courthouse

A half-century of Midland County elections are on record at the courthouse here. They show that in November of 1896, E. B. Lancaster was elected county judge, Theo Ray sheriff and tax collector, A. B. Rountree assessor, R. H. Zane county clerk and district attorney, and L. B. Wadley, treasurer.

Every two years since then, there have been political races in the county. Sometimes incumbents had no opponents, and sometimes they had more than enough. Here's how each election turned out for Midland County officials:

1896—E. B. Lancaster, judge; Theo Ray, sheriff; A. B. Rountree, clerk; J. P. Collom, treasurer; T. M. Wadley, assessor; J. W. Moseley, attorney.

1898—A. B. Rountree, judge (he defeated Lancaster, 189 to 128); O. B. Holt, clerk; Theo Ray, sheriff;

J. A. Johnson, assessor; J. E. Col-J. E. Crosscut, assessor; I. H. Bell, treasurer.

1899—A. B. Rountree, judge; W. D. Allison, sheriff; O. B. Holt, clerk; Warren Pemberton, assessor; J. P. Collom, treasurer; H. E. Crowley, attorney.

New Judge In '94

1894—E. K. Bryan, judge; W. J. Moseley, attorney; O. B. Holt, clerk; W. D. Allison, sheriff; J. P. Collom, treasurer; J. A. Johnson, assessor.

1896—E. R. Bryan, judge; W. J. Moseley, attorney; C. R. Fuller, clerk; W. D. Allison, sheriff; W. O. Pemberton, assessor; I. H. Bell, treasurer.

1898—E. R. Bryan, judge; R. H. Zane, attorney; C. B. McGonagill, clerk; H. R. Wells, sheriff; W. O. Pemberton, assessor.

1900—E. R. Bryan, judge; D. T. Thomas, attorney; C. B. McGonagill, clerk; J. E. Crosscut, sheriff; W. G. Pemberton, assessor; I. H. Bell, treasurer.

1902—L. M. Murphy, judge; C. C. Watson, attorney; C. B. McGonagill, clerk; Frank Shelton, sheriff; I. H. Bell, treasurer; J. A. Johnson, assessor.

1904—L. M. Murphy, judge; Charles Gibbs, attorney; F. S. Thurston, clerk; J. Wiley Taylor, sheriff; W. G. Pemberton, assessor; I. H. Bell, treasurer.

1906—Charles Gibbs, judge; J. W. Moffett, attorney; F. S. Thurston, clerk; J. W. Taylor, sheriff; W. O. Pemberton, assessor; W. A. Holloway, treasurer.

1908—Charles Gibbs, judge; O. B. Smedley, attorney; W. J. Sparks, clerk; W. R. Beverly, sheriff; J. W. Taylor, assessor; W. A. Holloway, treasurer.

1910—J. H. Knowles, judge; W. P. Brady, attorney; W. J. Sparks, clerk; W. R. Beverly, sheriff; J. W. Taylor, assessor; W. A. Holloway, treasurer.

1912—J. H. Knowles, judge; W. E. Allen, attorney; W. J. Sparks, clerk; W. E. Bradford, sheriff; W. O. Pemberton, assessor; I. H. Bell, treasurer.

1914—Earl Anderson, judge; J. M. DeArmand, attorney; W. J. Sparks, clerk; W. E. Bradford, sheriff; J. E. Crosscut, collector; I. H. Bell, treasurer.

1916—J. M. DeArmand, judge; B. Frank Haag, attorney; W. J. Sparks, clerk; W. E. Bradford, sheriff; J. E. Crosscut, assessor; I. H. Bell, treasurer.

1918—J. M. DeArmand, judge; B. Frank Haag, attorney; W. E. Bradford, sheriff; C. B. Dunagan, clerk;

E. Crosscut, assessor; I. H. Bell, treasurer.

1920—J. M. DeArmand, judge; B. Frank Haag, attorney; C. B. Dunagan, clerk; Neville W. Ellis, assessor; Brooks W. Lee, treasurer.

1922—Charles L. Klapproth, judge; Oliver W. Fannin, attorney; A. C. Francis, sheriff; C. B. Dunagan, clerk; N. W. Ellis, assessor; B. W. Lee, treasurer.

1924—Charles L. Klapproth, judge; O. W. Fannin, attorney; C. B. Dunagan, clerk; A. C. Francis, sheriff; Ed Dossier, assessor, Mrs. Mary L. Quinn, treasurer.

1926—M. E. Hill, judge; C. W. Tate, attorney; J. L. Shelburne, clerk; A. C. Francis, sheriff; Ed Dossier, assessor, Mrs. Mary L. Quinn, treasurer.

1928—M. E. Hill, judge; Samuel K. Wasaf, attorney; A. C. Francis, sheriff; N. D. Statton, assessor; Mrs. Mary L. Quinn, treasurer; J. L. Shelburne, clerk.

1930—M. E. Hill, judge; A. C. Francis, sheriff; T. D. Kimbrough, attorney; C. B. Noble, clerk; Neal D. Statton, assessor; Mrs. Mary L. Quinn, treasurer.

More Changes

1932—E. H. Barron, judge; Walter E. Wilson, attorney; J. H. Fine, assessor; A. C. Francis, sheriff; Susie G. Noble, clerk; Mrs. Mary L. Quinn, treasurer.

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1944—E. H. Barron, judge; Joe Mims, attorney; Ed Darnell, sheriff; J. H. Fine, assessor-collector; Susie G. Noble, clerk; Lois Patterson, treasurer.

1946—E. H. Barron, judge; Joe Mims, attorney; Ed Darnell, sheriff; J. H. Fine, assessor-collector; Susie G. Noble, clerk; Lois Patterson, treasurer.

1948—Clifford C. Keith, judge; Joe Mims, attorney; J. H. Fine, assessor-collector; Lucille Johnson, clerk; Mrs. Minnie Dossier, treasurer; Ed Darnell, sheriff.

Disney To Feature Figures Of Legend

By BOB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—The vast field of American folklore is getting a prominent spot on Walt Disney's future production slate.

Walt feels that the legendary feats of Paul Bunyan, Johnny Appleseed, John Henry, Davy Crockett, Rip Van Winkle and Ichabod Crane are tailor-made for his medium. They have long been neglected by the stage and screen as too elusive and too fantastic.

Two figures of legend—Pecos Bill and Johnny Appleseed—will be featured in the forthcoming "Melody Time." Bing Crosby is being sought to narrate "Legend of Sleepy Hollow." The latter will be teamed with an English legend, Mr. Toad, for which Charles Laughton is wanted.

German Charged With Selling Slice of 'Siam'

BERLIN (AP)—Siam, only Berlin elephant to survive the war, died last year. Now a zoo attendant has been brought into a German court charged with stealing and selling a 200-pound slice of Siam at the excessive price—400 marks. That is \$40 at the military rate.

Taganyika in Africa is 10 times the size of Indiana.

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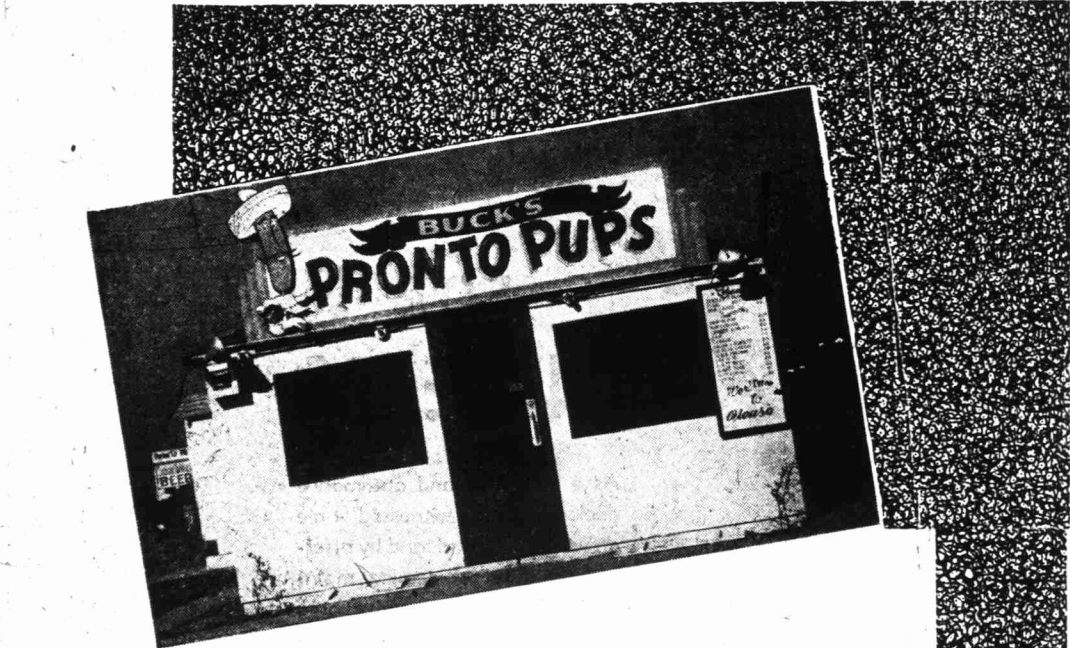
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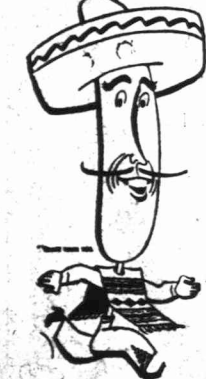
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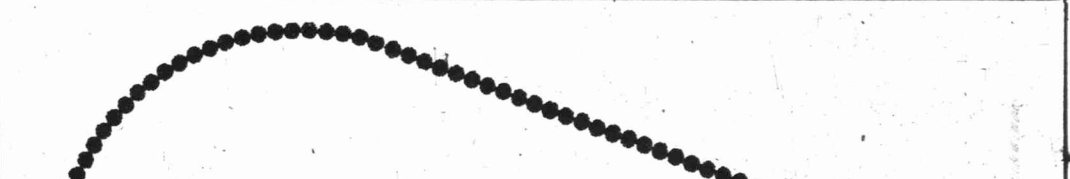
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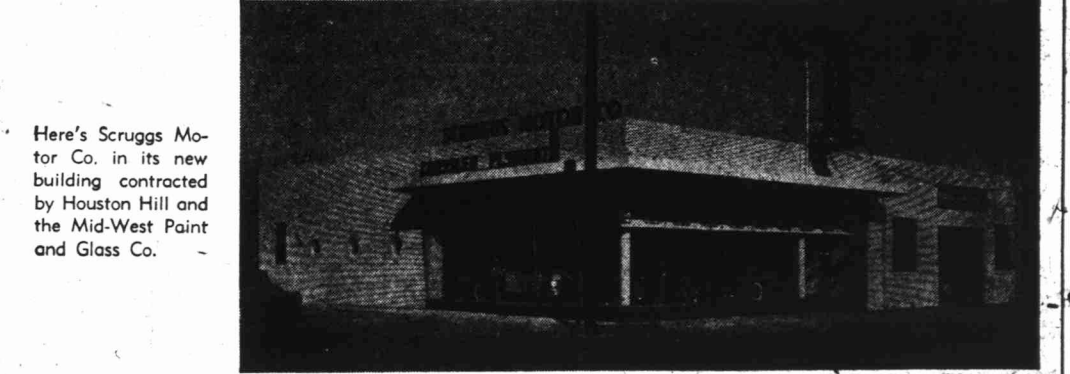
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**Main Street Before The Turn Of The Century**



Main Street in Midland before the turn of the century was a busy thoroughfare, as shown in the above picture. Buggies, buckboards, hacks and wagons churned the dust where today high-powered automobiles roll on pavement on one of the most modern and attractive Main Streets in the Southwest. Women then apparently did not frequent Main Street as they do today, since only men are shown in the photograph. The Ray and Wimberly store was one of the city's first general mercantile establishments. Wimberly was an uncle of Addison Wadley and Wallace Wimberly. The Legal Tender Saloon, extreme right, was moved to El Paso when Midland went "dry," and still later was moved to Juarez when national prohibition became effective.

**Woman Museum Director Explains Non-Objective Painting**

By CYNTHIA LOWRY  
AP Newsfeatures Writer

NEW YORK—The Baroness Hilla Rebay von Ehrenwiesen presided at a small table in her hotel suite overlooking a Fifth Avenue plaza, ladled cream of split pea soup from a silver tureen and talked about non-objective painting.

"It is like trying to explain music in words," she said, sprinkling croutons on each plateful. "It is cosmic in its order, balance and it is rhythmic. It cannot be explained in words. But looking at these paintings brings to the brain a sense of order and of rhythm. But mostly it brings these things to the soul."

The baroness is the director of the Museum of Non-Objective Painting in New York, established and flourishing under a liberal Guggenheim grant. Alsace-born, woman of ancient noble family is now an American citizen and officially is Miss Hilla Rebay. The title, however, still seems the more logical form of address.

All over her apartment walls are non-objective paintings—those strange compositions of geometric designs, some in brilliant hues and others stark blacks and whites. Some looked like blue prints of strange machines. But none had any relationship to forms encountered in nature: no human bodies, trees, flowers, sunsets.

"That is it," the baroness exclaimed energetically, waving a soup spoon toward a score of the paintings. "That is why people do not understand. They look for things they have seen in other paintings, they are familiar. They do not at first see this pure artistic, cosmic form and force."

People, she declared, must look at paintings of this type as they listen to music, "as something beautiful in itself and not an attempt to reproduce a beautiful scene."

Short, square and with graying blonde hair braided over her rather large head in a typical German manner, the baroness talked fast and violently of the type of art she has devoted her whole adult life. The Museum is in the process of moving to a second temporary home where it will await the building of a new home—a museum designed by famed architect Frank Lloyd Wright for only non-objective paintings.

The building, for which the foundation is not yet prepared, will be Wright's first in New York. It is a revolutionary in concept as the type of art it will house.

"It will be all flowing—flowering out to the sky to catch the light," Baroness von Ehrenwiesen said. "It will be all ramps, not stairs. There will be no sudden leaving a room with pictures and then, bump! walking down stairs."

and being in the street. Out of mood.

"The invention and development of the photograph made it unnecessary for the artist to recreate natural scenes," the baroness continued, very much in the manner of a platform lecturer. So the artist is free to paint—and he must be a genius—and create an even purer form of art than nature.

"Why? Because the composer can write pure rhythm and beauty but that composed music must be interpreted by a musician and instrumentalist. But the painter sets down his composition himself once and it is forever his own—caught there on canvas."

Coffee was poured as the baroness got around to one of her favorite non-objective theories: the school of painting as a panacea for ills of the brain and the soul.

"People who have such paintings in their home tell us over and over again that they are quieting to the children. They say the children become more orderly," she said.

"You can put such a painting in the cell of a criminal and it will bring his disordered mind to an orderliness. It will reach into his soul and make him a good man."

Psychiatrists, she said, frequently send their patients to the museum so that deranged men and women can absorb some of "this peace contained in the order and quiet of pure rhythm, balance and cosmic calm."

"No one who lives with a non-objective painting can ever ignore it," she continued. "No matter how long it has been hanging, there is something new to be found. When I was young and lived with my family in a castle in Alsace, all around me were great paintings, by Rembrandt and other masters. Guests would take pamphlets and look up the names and then gaze at the paintings in our dining room with respect."

"But one time I took some brown paper and covered up the paintings when just the family was at home, for five days, eating meals in that room, no one noticed the brown paper. That could never happen with non-objective paintings."

**Early Druggist Was Determined**

Suggested determination of the early-day businessmen of Midland is exemplified in the late C. A. Taylor.

Taylor entered in the drug business here in 1885 and was the first druggist owner. His first location was at the intersection of Main and Missouri Streets.

Taylor's stores burned down three times but he rebuilt and stayed on.

He retired in 1922 and his daughters, Cordelia and Fannie Beas, carried on his business.

Taylor died in 1931.

**Don't Women 'Usually' Get Their Way, Anyhow?**

TOKYO—(AP)—These wily women! Police hunted one they charged with brazenly talking her way out of a 500,000 yen (\$10,000) fraud.

They related: Asako Yano, women's labor thief in a postoffice, altered figures on a 1,200 yen savings certificate and sold it for 801,200 yen. Trapped she returned 300,000 yen and five packets she said held the remainder. The packets contained blank paper. Then she disappeared.

At Hiroshima, a judge sentenced an expectant mother to two years for black marketing. She collapsed; complained of severe pains.

The judge reduced the sentence to a 2,000 yen (\$40) fine.

The woman quickly arose, paid and strode jauntily away.

**NEON SIGNS CAN BE CHANGED**

Electric neon signs with letters that can be changed for new messages are available. Magnets keep the letters in position.

**POPULATION GROWS**

STOCKHOLM—(AP)—The population of Stockholm has grown from 500,000 to 700,000 since 1940.

Forty-seven state legislatures in the United States convened and adjourned in 1947.

The Mackenzie River pours

**'Trust In The Lord' Aids Salvation Army In Need**

By WILLIAM C. BARNARD  
Associated Press Staff

The big old Salvation Army Christmas kettles may be on the way out.

Perhaps they'll be sold as boiling pots for the family wash. We are not calling the kettles black. The army itself announced that four little kettles in one location are about four times as money-getting as one big kettle.

Here's what happened: Last December, Maj. Carl E. Cone, red-haired, 38-year-old secretary of the Salvation Army's Texas Division, established a kettle house in Dallas. The kettle house is his invention. It is an open shelter of asphalt and wood, painted to resemble red bricks. It has a gay red roof, too, and is strung with Christmas lights. Four little kettles hang from beams. The shelter provides room for two workers. One talks into the microphone and the other operates a recording machine which plays Christmas anthems and such holiday tunes as Jingle Bells.

"To make it easier to drop money into the little kettles," Cone told us, "we didn't put the usual wire netting over them and we strung them at pocket height." The result was that many people who walked by the kettle house put money into every one of the four kettles. I saw one man throw a dollar bill into each of them."

'It Takes Time'

And this is the result: The kettle house at Dallas took in \$5,082, \$1,000 more than all the old-style kettles in Houston put together. All the old-style kettles in Dallas took in \$3,664. San Antonio's yielded \$3,000 and Fort Worth's \$3,133 and Lubbock's came through big with \$3,400. Other kettle results: Austin, \$1,300; Corpus Christi, \$1,317; Galveston, \$1,400; and Amarillo, \$1,111. Total kettle take for the state: \$3,472. Other Christmas donations came to 42,948 making the final holiday figure of \$96,420, Cone said.

Despite all its efforts, the Salvation Army hasn't managed to blank out Texas as thoroughly as you might imagine. Cone said committees of laymen handle Salvation Army matters in such cities as Brownsville, Midland, Odessa, Edinburg, Alice and Beville.

In the Rio Grande Valley, for example, only Harlingen and Mission have the benefit of regular Army corps. Palestine and Borger do not even have lay committees. A committee is being organized at Marshall.

"Everything takes time," Cone said. "We feel our work is important and we gain a little ground every day. We have nothing to put aside for emergencies and in cases of such disasters as Texas City we pray for emergency contributions, trusting the Lord to provide."

Cone smiled, adding: "sometimes I think it must be a strain on the Lord, but for us he has always come through."

**SALE OF 'SNEEZE POWDER' GOOD FOR PAST 33 YEARS**

ASBURY PARK, N. J.—(AP)—S. E. Adams, novelty manufacturer, reports the sale during the past 33 years of more than 1,000,000 vials of sneeze powder.

Guendheit.

Every living person has had 16,777,216 ancestors, according to figures of a prominent clergyman.

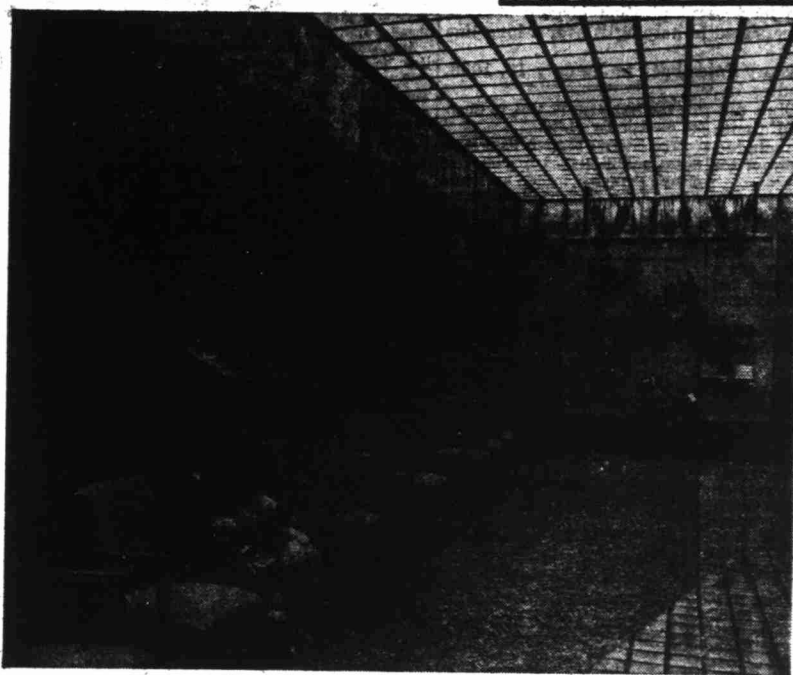
In some sections of Australia, the annual rate of evaporation is 15 times that of the average rainfall.

It has been estimated that the number of families in the United States will increase by 9.8 million between 1940 and 1960.

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# County Library An Example Of Midland's Progress

## Half-Century Of Work Rewarded

By STANLEY FRANK

A noteworthy example of the spirit responsible for Midland's progress is the Midland County Library. It is an institution of which the city and county can be proud, and it has grown to its present position largely because certain Midlanders persisted in helping it over a long line of difficult obstacles.

The library's history dates back to January 13, 1903, when a group of ladies belonging to the '99 Club discussed a library for Midland. The club secretary included this report in her minutes of the meeting:

"An spirited discussion arose over the possibility of the '99 Club making an effort to establish a public library. The club was rife with enthusiasm over the matter and a motion was made and carried that a committee be appointed to formulate plans to that end."

"The committee was composed of Mesdames Gray, Camp, Eldredge, Callaway and Ray."

This committee must have functioned efficiently, for a few weeks later the Midland Library Association was organized, and the "Time and Tidal Club" joined with the '99 Club in backing the movement. Charter members of the library association included Mesdames George Gray, C. A. Taylor, M. J. Riggs, Tom White, E. F. Whitefield, J. M. Caldwell, A. L. Camp, J. S. Daugherty, W. H. Cowden, A. E. Callaway, Campbell, E. R. Bryan, A. R. Eldredge, Chester McRae, O'Neil, Margaret D. Watts, Ross Ray, Frank Gary, J. N. McElroy, Halle Day, P. Staten, James Stowe, and Misses Emma Smith, Pauline Reid, Lydia Watson, Ada Blair, May Sutton, Magd Rankin, Effie Rankin, Ella Waddell, Stella Waddell, Iva Moore, Dollie Fienniken, Edna Harris, Mable Harris, Eula Wolcott, and Bess Cahill.

Mrs. George Gray was elected president. Under her leadership, and with the untiring assistance of Mrs. C. A. Taylor and other women in the association, sufficient funds were raised so that it was deemed the organization could build a structure to house the books it was hoped could be obtained later. Accordingly, a contract for the first build-

ing was let March 18, 1904, to Charles Sinclair for \$1,550.

"The interval between its organization and dedication is a story of many struggles made by these women," the Midland Reporter related in a history of the library published May 11, 1928. "All funds were raised by a series of teas, ice

cream suppers, tag days, markets, and so forth, together with such subscriptions as could be obtained from the big-hearted men of the town."

"During this time Andrew Carnegie and Helen Gould were appealed to for assistance and without avail."

**First Meeting**  
But, characteristically, Midland citizens were not dismayed by the lack of financial assistance from the Eastern capitalists. They went right ahead working to build the library.

And, June 11, 1904, the association held its first meeting in the newly-completed library building. The building was not paid for at that time, but Mrs. C. A. Taylor personally endorsed notes to pay off the debt and turn the building over to the library.

This public opening was held in the afternoon and was well attended, and it is recorded that the response was generous indeed. The '99 Club gave its entire collection

of books to the infant institution. Nevertheless, the cost of maintaining the library kept association members constantly working to raise necessary funds. Mrs. O. B. Holt was elected president of the association March 6, 1905.

Midland was a growing city in those days, too, and when schools became overcrowded the library building was used for class meetings. Other community meetings were frequently held in the library—church services, organization meetings, even terms of court were held there.

**Inherited By Wednesday Club**  
Among by-laws of the library association was a stipulation that officers of the organization must be members of some federated women's club. Therefore, when the '99 Club and the Time and Tidal Club became inactive, responsibility for the library was left in the hands of the only remaining

women's club—the Wednesday Club.

Mrs. W. L. Holmes was elected president of the association in December of 1907, and in the following year the association voted to place title to all property owned by the organization in trust of a permanent board composed of J. M. Caldwell, C. A. Taylor and J. E. Taylor.

Available data on the history of the library indicates the institution was dormant, if not dead, for a period of several years. In April of 1910, however, the building was reopened, furniture was repaired, and the Wednesday Club donated \$300 worth of books.

In October of 1910, Mrs. H. M. Half became president of the association to begin an administration of such efficiency and popularity that her term lasted 14 years. During those years Mrs. J. M. DeArmond was of especially valuable assistance to the president, and under their leadership the library expanded consistently.

During the first World War the library was closed. Mrs. Half moved from Midland during this period, and Mrs. Jax M. Cowden was appointed to the association presidency in February of 1924. Mrs. Sam Preston was elected president in November, 1924, and at that time the books were recatalogued. In October of 1927, Mrs. J. M. Caldwell was elected president.

**Wall Street Location**  
The library at this time was located at 300 West Wall, and the library association still owns the lot, which has become valuable property.

In 1928 the association began an effort to convert the library into a free county library. This was accomplished in 1929, when Mrs. J. M. Caldwell was president. Mrs. E. F. Cowden was vice president. Mrs. H. W. Rowe was secretary-treasurer of the association. Directors at the time the county took over the library were Mesdames S. R. Preston, Ruth Scharbauer, C. M. Goldsmith, J. M. Speed, E. J. Moran, and J. M. DeArmond.

Under county supervision of the library, funds are derived from the county, city, fines and rentals, and from income produced by the association's lot on West Wall. The county is permitted by law to allow the library 10 cents on each \$100 property evaluation from the general fund. With these funds, the county pays salaries of library em-

ployes and buys new books; the library derives an average of \$90 monthly from fines and rentals, and the city contributes \$1,440 to the institution's support. From the lot on West Wall Street, the library association receives lease amounting to \$800 annually.

**Geological Books**  
The total of these funds is not large, considering the city's size, cost of maintaining the library, and the amount of reading matter available free to Midlanders. The library contains over 18,000 volumes, subscribes to seven newspapers and 150 magazines. In addition, it includes 3,500 books and pamphlets pertaining to the geology and paleontology of the Permian Basin. This material is the property of the West Texas Geological Society and is of inestimable value to Midland's army of petroleum technicians. In this geological library also are a large number of microfilms and a reader belonging to the Geological Society. Children of all ages have been well provided for in the library's expansion, and books for entertainment and study, from fairy tales to histories, are available to young-

sters. A story hour is conducted at 10:30 a. m. each Saturday.

Mrs. Lucille Carroll, capable and hard-working librarian, is due a large measure of credit for the library's recent progress. She is assisted in the clerical work by Mrs. O. M. Luten; part-time assistants are Mrs. W. C. Cartwright and Mrs. J. M. Conner. Joanne Glass, a high school student, works on Saturdays.

**Branch Opened**  
An addition to the library of which Mrs. Carroll and her associates are particularly proud is the Dunbar Branch, established in 1947 for negroes. Midland civic clubs and others gave cash and books for the purchase and furnishings of the building, and now it has 1,568 volumes. Mrs. Mildred Jordan, teacher in Carver School, is custodian. A collection of books by and about negroes, and of records made by negro musicians has been started.

In 1947, a total of 1,333 volumes were added to the Midland County Library. So great is the institution's patronage, present quarters in the courthouse are becoming inadequate. Plans are being car-

ried forward to spread into an adjoining room.

Helping guide the library now are a board of trustees, including John P. Butler, E. H. Barron, and J. Frank Cowden; and a board of directors including Mrs. Ida Faye Cowden, president; Mrs. J. M. DeArmond, secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. Ruth Scharbauer, Mrs. C. M. Goldsmith, Mrs. J. M. Speed, Sr., and Mrs. Earl Moran.

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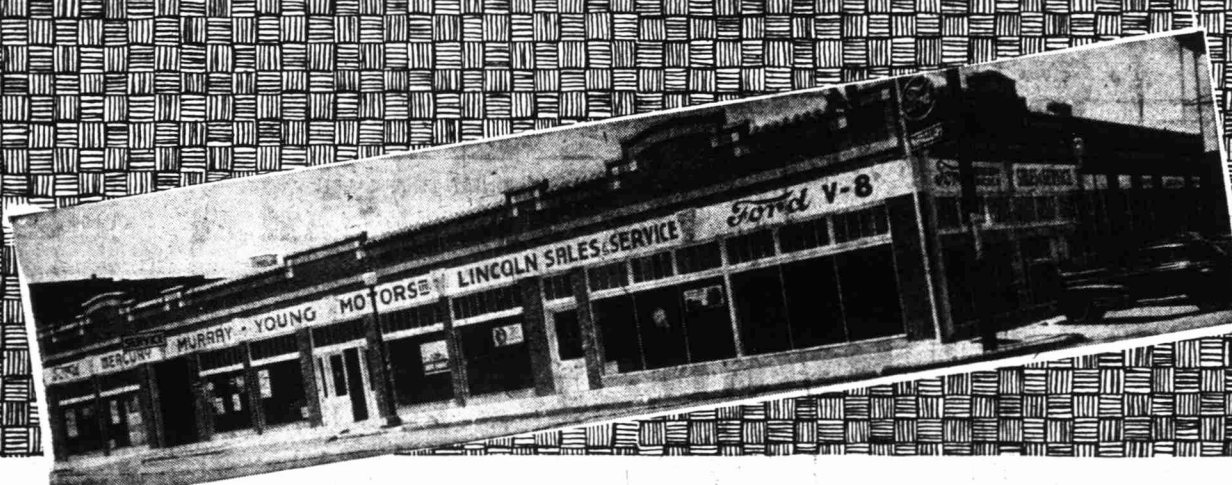


Members of a Searchlight Battalion of the U. S. Army stationed in Midland on maneuvers, parade through downtown Midland on Army Day, 1941. Several soldiers stationed here with the searchlight group returned to Midland after the war to make their homes.

### Arab Youths Ready for 'Front Line' Duty



Arab military leaders Abdel Kader Hussein, left, and Kamil Bey Arekat, right, trusted delegates of the exiled Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, lead a column of youths marching somewhere in the Judean Hills of southern Palestine. The young volunteers have completed several months of intensive training under Syrian commanders and are ready to join Arab fighting forces.



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New residences totaling 355 and valued at \$1,707,850 were built in Midland during 1947—an average of more than \$4,800 per home. And, too, an average of one home per day during the year.

The year 1946 saw 302 new dwellings, valued at \$1,242,526, erected by returning OIs and by others moving to Midland to make their homes.

Alterations and remodeling of homes last year amounted to \$144,875. Building permits for the year totaled \$4,291,700, an all-time record.

Construction permits in Midland have shown a steady increase each year since 1932. The 1946 total was \$814,116, and in 1946, \$2,816,400. Midland is growing.

Not only are the homes beautiful, but the yards and surroundings are well-kept and attractive, adding to the appearance of the city.

Midland citizens may well be proud of their city of beautiful homes.

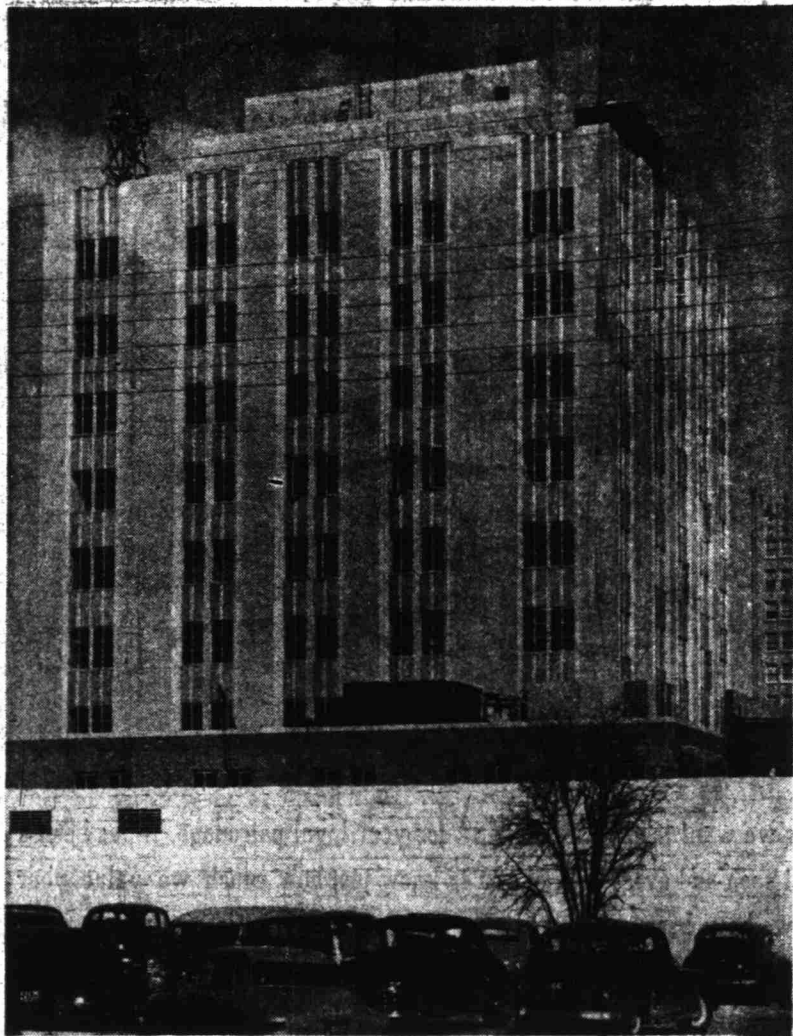
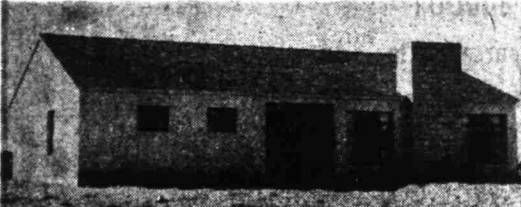
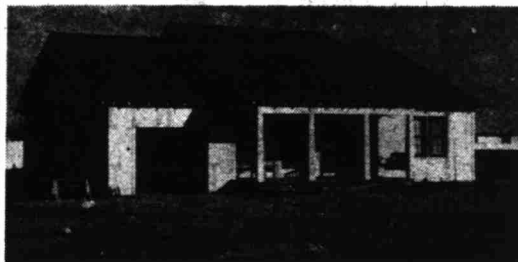
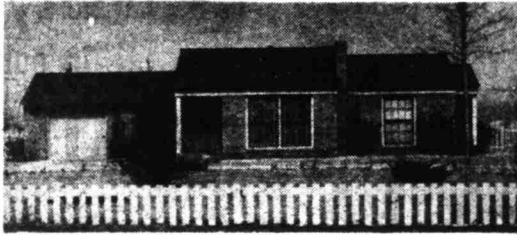
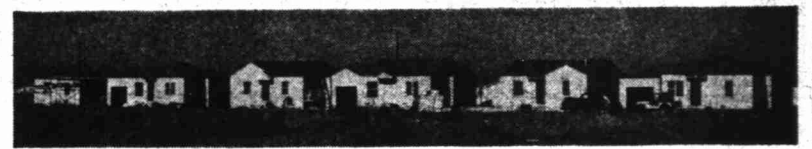
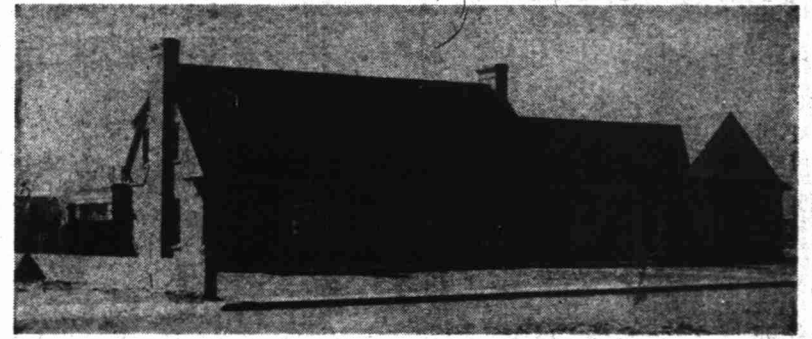
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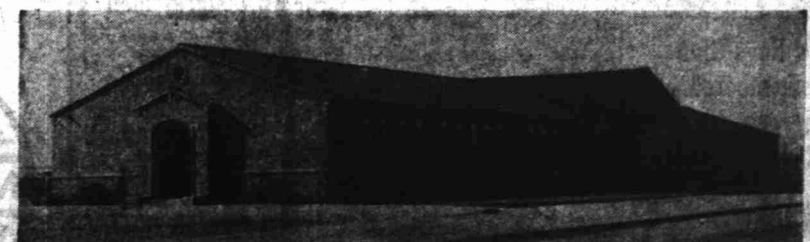
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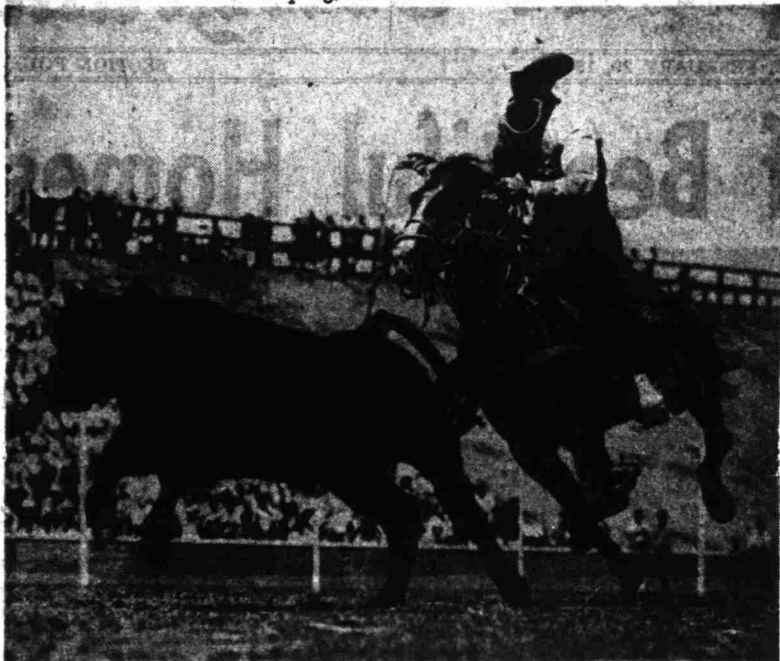
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Roping At Midland Rodeo



A roping contestant rides after his "stock" at the World Championship Midland Rodeo, which is widely recognized as one of the top rodeos of the nation. The big show is staged the first week in June each year.

Midland Rodeo Is Event Grown To World Championship Measurements

Midland annually presents one of the top rodeos of the world. The growth and progress of this stellar Western attraction is another example of Midland enterprise and go-getter ability. The top hands come to the Midland show. The sponsor contest attracts prettiest cowgirls on the face of the earth.

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The tough bronco is seated and the unseated rider is standing on his head. It all took place at a bronc riding contest during a performance at Midland's World Championship Rodeo, which is staged each year the first week in June by Midland Fair, Inc. The 1948 show is scheduled, June 3-4-5-6.

Ride 'Em Cowboy



The world's top cowhands contesting the world's toughest livestock may be seen each year at the World Championship Midland Rodeo. Here a cowboy rides a bucking Brahma bull who is not at all pleased with the situation. The rider seems to be taking it easy.

Back in June 1933 for the establishment of a World Championship Rodeo event at Midland were made. There was an informal conference of 20 men and from it came the beginning of the great event we know today. It was to be the first of an annual fair, livestock show, rodeo and race meet.

These Midland men said "We have seen 'em let's have 'em" and so it came to be. These were the originators of the idea: Foy Proctor, Clarence Scharbauer, Fred Turner, Jr., A. C. Francis, Roy Parks, E. B. Dickenson, Tom Nance, R. M. Barron, John P. Butler and the late Dr. W. E. Ryan. These boys moved fast and Midland Fair was organized and subscription began for an all-steel \$50,000 rodeo plant. And they made the grade.

The first rodeo, as we know it, was put on in October 1935. There were two nights and three days of performances and 12,000 attended. Officials of the fair were: Proctor, president; Uncle John Scharbauer and Audie Francis, vice presidents. Sponsor winner was Tommy Eppy of Fort Davis. Event winners were: Jack Sellers, calf roping; Red Craddock and T. Cooper, team roping; Vic Swartz, bronc riding; Howard Westfall and Allen Holder, wild cow milking; and Vic Blackstone, bulldogging.

From September To June Rodeos were held in September up until 1941. During the two war years, 1942 and 1943, Labor Day calf roping events were held. In 1944 the rodeos began to be held in June, the present schedule. Attendance has grown from the first 12,000 to over 20,000 in 1947.

Winners, who have been crowned at Midland rodeos down through the years, are:

1936: Mrs. Louis Roberson of Pease, sponsor winner; Everett Bowman, bulldogging; Jackie Cooper, bronc riding; Bob Crosby, calf roping; Jake McClure, wild horse roping.

1937: Fern Sawyer of Brownfield, sponsor winner; Bud Spillbury, calf roping; Allen Holder, wild cow milking; George Wilderspin, bulldogging.

1938: Mary Nell Edwards of Big Spring, sponsor winner; Tom Taylor, calf roping; Jack Fleming, bulldogging; Texas Kid, Jr., bronc riding; Dale Adams, steer riding.

1939: Margaret Owens of Big Lake was sponsor winner. Other contest results not available.

1940: Annabelle Edwards of Big Spring, sponsor winner; Leo Huff, calf roping; Homer Pettigrew, wild cow milking; Jack Bolton, steer riding; A. C. Wike, Jack Bolton, M. Cooper, saddle bronc riding; Smokey Snyder and Buttons Yonnick, bareback bronc riding; Rusty McInty, bulldogging.

1941: Billie Marie Miller of Coleman, sponsor winner; Leo Brannan, calf roping; Royce Sewall, steer wrestling.

1942: (calf roping) Toots Mansfield beat Clyde Burk, 12 calves; Troy Fort beat James McKinney, 12 calves; Sonny Edwards beat Jim Eppy, Rusty McInty beat Homer Pettigrew in exhibition bulldogging; Clyde Burk won jackpot roping.

1943: (calf roping) Mansfield beat Burk again with total time for 12 calves, 197.1 seconds to 200.2 seconds for Burk. Troy Fort beat Homer Pettigrew, special roping. Wiley Branch won the jackpot roping.

1944: Mrs. Christine Northcutt, Spade Ranch, Colorado City, sponsor winner; James Kinney, calf roping; Bill McMacken, bull wrestling; Louis Brooks and Vic Swartz, saddle bronc riding; Howard Brown, Jimmy Schumacher, Brooks, and Larry Finley, bareback bronc riding.

1945: Helen Barron of Lamesa, sponsor winner; Sonny Edwards and N. A. Pittcock, calf roping; Howard Brown and Gerald Roberts, bareback bronc riding; Ken Thompson, steer wrestling; Ken Roberts, bull riding.

1946: Thena Mae Farr of Seymour, sponsor winner; Bill Linderman, saddle bronc riding; Sonny Hancock, calf roping; Howard Baker, bareback bronc riding; Baker, bull riding; Ralph Thompson, steer wrestling.

1947: Dunde Barton of Fiomot, sponsor winner; Harry Howard, calf roping; Tom Hogan, steer wrestling; Larry Finley, bareback bronc riding; Red Walker, wild bull riding; Louis Powers, wild cow milking.

There have been helpers so numerous with the Midland Rodeo it is hard to name them all. These are always faithful: John Dublin, George Glass, Aldredge Estes, Clarence Scharbauer, Jr., John Dublin, Jr., Roy Parks, Jr., Leonard Proctor, Roy Parks, J. Homer Epley, Bob Hill, Paul Barron, Ralph Barron, Hollis Tyson, and many, many more.

1948? Why it will be the biggest and best yet—a world championship event.

Plea For 'Federal Fish' Sent To Congressman

WASHINGTON—(P)—Some people want rent control. Some want lower taxes. But the boys of Franklin (Pa.) Chapter of the Trout League just want fish. They wrote their Congressman, Representative Leon H. Gavin, Republican of Pennsylvania, and Gavin was so tickled he read the letter to the House.

The fishermen said they realized the world is in a mess. They said they hoped that something can be done to straighten it out. But in the meantime could they have some Federal fish to stock their streams?

The present Midland High School building was constructed in 1926 at a cost of \$150,000. The gymnasium was built in 1938 at a cost of \$80,000.

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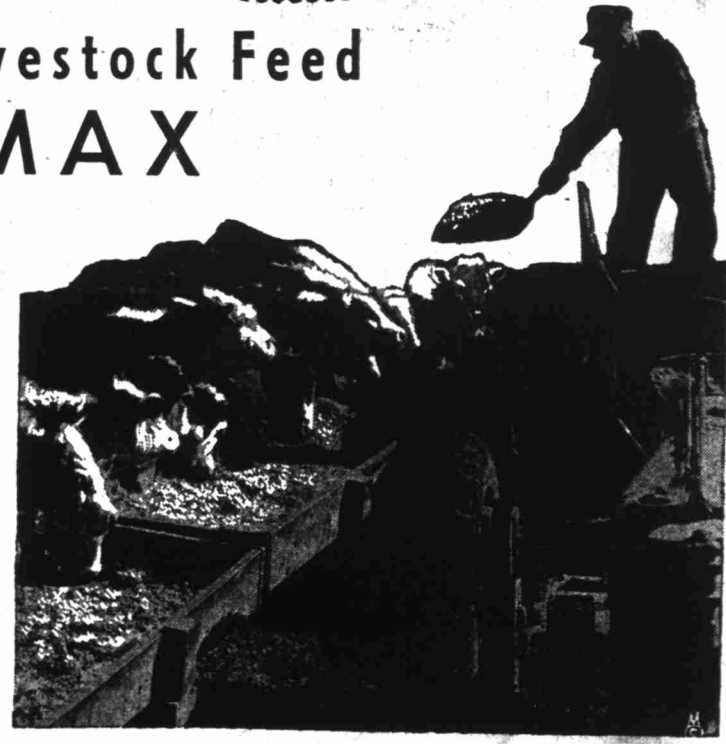


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Mustang Boys Club Well Remembered

Many Midlanders have pleasant memories of, and received benefit from, the Mustang Boys Club. This club for boys, ages 12 to 17 years, was organized in 1938 by Harold H. Hendrick. It met in the old North Ward School building. The Rotary Club was the sponsor.

When Kendrick left the city during the 1940's, the club faded out. It was an organization open to rich or poor, tall or short, South or North sides of Midland. There was it was good. And it was great in its way.



## Trinity Episcopal Church, Organized in 1929, Has Had Remarkable Growth



By the Rev. R. J. Snell  
Rector Trinity Episcopal Church

The organization of the Episcopal Church in Midland took place in 1929. Bishop Edward Temple records several visits during his Episcopate when he held services in the Presbyterian Church and usually numbered one or two Episcopalians in his congregation.

Bishop E. C. Seaman, consecrated bishop of North Texas in 1925, first visited Midland in the Fall of 1928, when he found five or six members. In April, 1929, he returned and held a Communion Service in the private dining room of the Hotel Scharbauer. On this visit he baptized Miss Jane Butler and the four sons of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cooksey.

The Rev. W. H. Martin of Big Spring inaugurated monthly services on June 7, 1929, this service being held in the private dining room of the Hotel Scharbauer with Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Haight, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Shipley, Mrs. I. E. Daniel, Mrs. Inez Brown, Mrs. Emily B. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Butler, Mrs. W. H. Martin and Wayne Martin as the congregation. Services continued in the Presbyterian Church.

**Auxiliary Organized**

On July 15, 1929, a Woman's Auxiliary was organized, with seven women being present. The following officers were elected: Mrs. I. E. Daniel, president, Mrs. Emily Smith, vice president and

Mrs. John P. Butler, secretary-treasurer. Through the combined work of the auxiliary and all members and a gift from Bishop Seaman, the membership was able to purchase the old library building from the Library Association in December, 1930. At the first service held in this building the seats were discarded ones from the courthouse, the altar was a packing case covered with a sheet and Mr. Martin had brought a gilded wooden cross from Big Spring. Gradually but surely this building was completely equipped and made into a real house of worship.

Services were increased to two a month, E. E. Soper as lay reader taking one service and Mr. Martin the other.

In March 1934 a Sunday School was organized with 25 members present. Soper was the first superintendent and Mrs. Frank Johnson the first organist.

During the first few years of the church's corporate life, J. P. Butler was the only male communicant. He served long and faithfully, first on the Mission Committee and then a three-year term on the vestry. The year 1947 was the first he had not been on the governing body of the church.

In 1935 the Rev. Walter Henckell took Mr. Martin's place and served until 1939. The Rev. O. C. Cox then took over and served one year.

**Old Building Sold**

Under the inspiration and leadership of the auxiliary the old building was sold and moved from the church's lots in April, 1939, and construction started on a new church. The first service in this building was held Oct. 1, 1939. The building committee including Mrs. J. L. Crump, A. N. Hendrickson, E. H. Ellison and J. P. Butler erected a substantial brick building at a cost of less than \$10,000.

The Rev. R. J. Snell became minister in charge on May 15, 1941, living in Big Spring. Due to the concerted work of a group of the men of the church the debt on the building was paid off and the church dedicated in May, 1942.

Soon after a pipe organ was purchased to replace the small foot pumping organ which had been given by the auxiliary in 1934. Within a year the debt on this pipe organ was paid. During this time the rose window, given by John Mabee in honor of his mother, Mrs. Mary Jane Mabee, was installed in its present location.

In September, 1944, after an intensive campaign for adequate financial support and with 170 communicants on the roster, a petition to the district to become a parish was granted by Bishop Seaman. The first vestry was elected, including R. C. Tucker, senior warden; Dave Henderson, junior warden; J. P. Butler, J. P. Ruckman, W. T. Hoey, B. K. Buffington, John Cornwall, James N. Allison and Tom Sloan. Since that time three men have been elected each year to replace three retiring from the vestry.

**Rectory Purchased**

A residence was purchased at B and Illinois Streets in 1944 for a rectory, and was completely renovated. Mr. Snell, having been called as rector, moved to Midland in May, 1944, with the Rev. Charles Abele being appointed his successor in Big Spring. In September, 1947, the final mortgage was paid off on this rectory and the church now stands debt free.

After almost a year of planning, ground was broken August 12, 1947, for a new parish house to cost around \$38,000. Completion is expected by June of 1948. The building committee for this project includes Reese Cleveland, John Cornwall, Dave Henderson, Don Thompson, Mrs. J. P. Ruckman, Mrs. W. L. Kerr and Mrs. J. L. Crump.

Many improvements have been made in the church edifice since its completion. New chancel furniture has been installed, along with a bishop's chair, a rector's chair and a font. Two stained glass windows have been given.

**Officers Listed**

During these expansion activities the auxiliary has grown apace and has contributed more than its share toward all projects. The auxiliary this year is operating under two guilds with the following officers: Mrs. W. L. Kerr, president; Mrs. John Fitzgerald, first vice president; Mrs. M. F. Turner, second vice president; Mrs. Preston Lea, secretary; Mrs. Duncan Aldridge, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. W. A. Schaeffer, treasurer. Guild leaders are: St. Margaret's Mrs. A. T. Barrett, chairman; Mrs. R. E. Keehn, vice-chairman; Mrs. Louis Barthé, secretary-treasurer. St. Cecilia's—Mrs. Taylor Cole, chairman; Mrs. W. W. Stuedert, vice-chairman, and Mrs. Roger Northrup, secretary. Their leading project continues to be the style show which was started in the Spring of 1939.

The church now numbers more than 400 baptized members and 288 communicants. The Sunday School, under the superintendency of Eric Bucher, has an enrollment of 135, and the auxiliary has about 60 active members.

The present vestry includes Harvey Herd, senior warden; W. L. Kerr, junior warden; Preston Lea, secretary; and A. T. Barrett, Chappell Davis, W. A. Yeager, Milward Miller, Dave Henderson and Don Thompson. John Cornwall is treasurer.

### Midland Youth Likes Snakes, Skulls, Pets, But Not Arithmetic

By WILLIAM C. BARNARD  
Associated Press Staff

Earl Chapman, Jr., lanky, sober-eyed youth of Midland, has the flair and fire of a collector.

"I just naturally hate to throw interesting things away," he explains. He hasn't.

A 14-year-old high school freshman who plays bass horn in the Midland High School band, he dotes especially on his skull collection.

Suspended eerily from the ceiling of his trophy room are the skulls of a crow, hawk, skunk, prairie dog, fox, possum, cat, horse, cow, coyote, badger, bass, alligator gar, turtle, goat, ram and pheasant.

**Doctor Uncle Holds Out**

Young Chapman says he is begging an uncle, Dr. W. Purviance of Pampa, to send him a human skull. The doctor hasn't done it.

Possum, skunk and fox skins cover the floor and the window is full of animal bones.

A desk supports a general assortment of shells, skeletons, a turtle hull and relics of both world wars. A stuffed fish, smoky lantern and rifles decorate the walls.

Earl's pets have included an Armadillo, white rats, possums, guinea pigs, a variety of live worms and 11 garter snakes.

Mrs. Chapman says a mother who hasn't come home to find her son staging a snake race in the middle of the living room hasn't lived. It happened to her.

**Mimes Arithmetic**

"What is your ambition?" we asked Earl, and got the following reply:

"I would like to just hunt; boy, do I love to hunt! Man, would it be fun to go off on one of those long African safaris, but where would I get that kind of money? Do you have any ideas? I thought if I couldn't do that I would like to be an archeologist or anything that doesn't have arithmetic in it."

Any ideas for Earl Chapman? Good old money-making ideas, without arithmetic?

### Carpenters Not To Ask Hike In '48 Pay Scale

WARREN, O. —(AP)— The A. F. of L. Carpenters union here has voted not to ask an increase in their 1947 wages—at least during a ninety-day trial period.

The carpenters hope to spark a campaign in this industrial city of 80,000 to encourage construction of needed housing and break the cycle of wages chasing prices upward and vice versa.

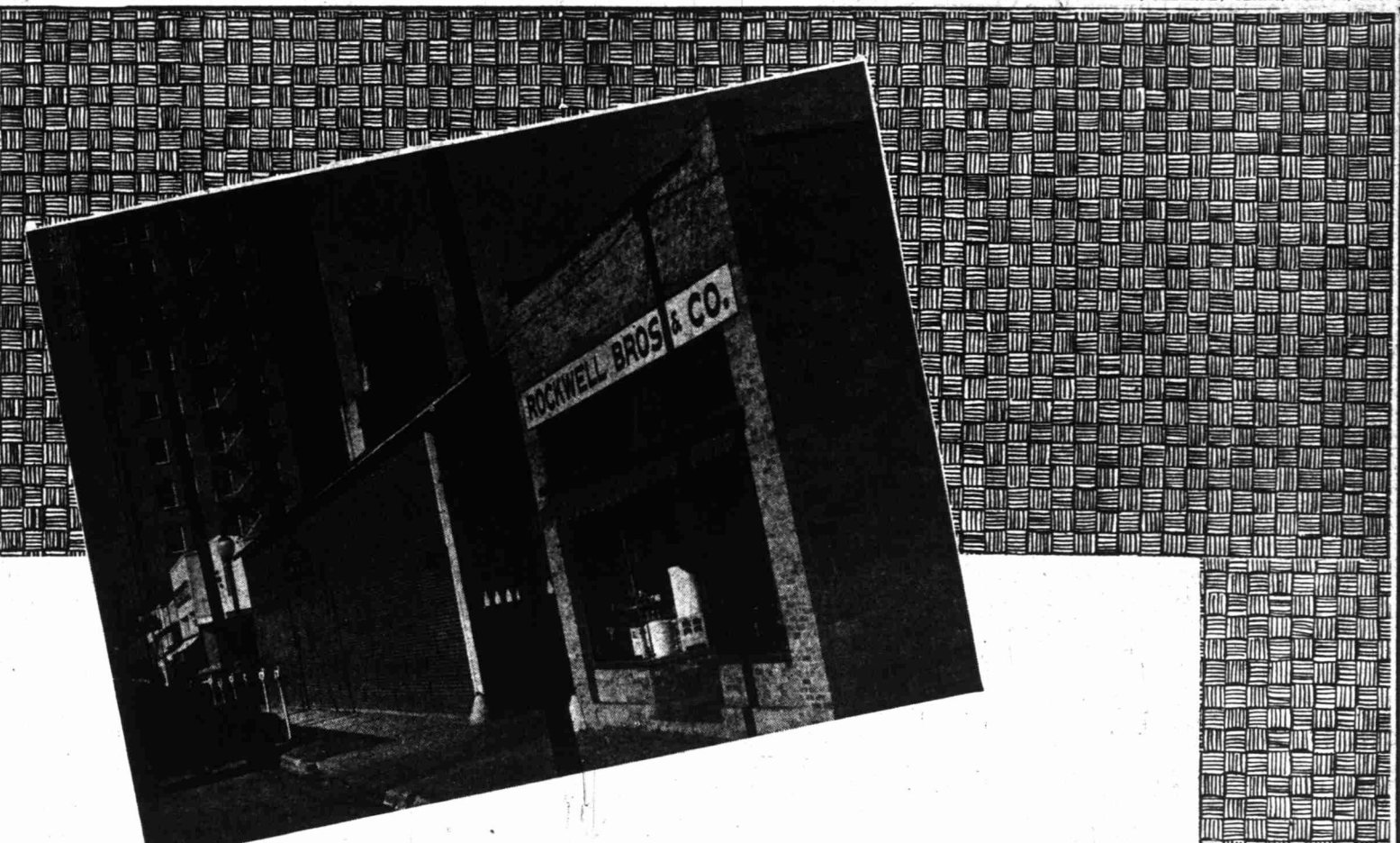
If the ninety-day trial brings cooperation from contractors, other craftsmen and supply dealers, the local will retain its 1947 wage scale throughout 1948, said M. D. Blair, union business agent.

### Mother's Breath Saves Baby Trapped In Chair

SIoux CITY, IOWA — (AP)— Trapped in a folding chair, his breathing halted, 2-year-old Michael Bateman was saved from death by his mother's breath.

Mrs. Francis Bateman found the child unconscious, caught between the folded seat and back of a metal chair. She blew into his mouth until his lungs began to function. Then she called a physician, who restored him to consciousness.

The sign "Go To The Church of Your Choice Sunday" was erected on the lawn of the Midland County Courthouse in 1946 by the Midland Ministerial Association.



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## First Presbyterian Church Has Shared In City's Experiences Since Organization In December 1885

By THE REV. E. MATTHEW LYNN  
Pastor First Presbyterian Church

The First Presbyterian Church is sharing in the glorious prosperity and the rapid growth of Midland. This is because it is a vital part of the life of the community. The church always has shared that which was the heartfelt experience of the community. When Midland was young, when it struggled for existence, when its future was uncertain, the First Presbyterian Church also shared these experiences.

In preparation for the dedication of the present church building in 1948, the late Mrs. Harriet Hanna Caldwell prepared a historical sketch of the church from which many interesting items may be gathered. This booklet states that the town-site of Midland was laid out and the promoters began selling lots in 1884. The splendid Spring rains of 1885, the open range and the offer of a section of land for farming attracted ranchmen and farmers. By the end of 1885 Midland was a thriving community of several hundred inhabitants, a courthouse, two hotels, the J. H. Barron Dry Goods Company, Stallings and Robinson Hardware Store, the Palmer Drug Store, Klapproth's Boot and Shoe Shop, a paint and boot shop, a meat market, the Ray, the McCullough and the Morris groceries; two saloons, a one-room schoolhouse and two church organizations, both of which held services in the schoolhouse.

**Nine Charter Members**  
The First Presbyterian Church was organized December 22, 1885, having been preceded by the Methodist in August of the same year. A committee appointed by the Presbytery of Dallas and consisting of the Rev. O. F. Rogers and the Rev. E. P. Palmer, and Elders P. C. Coleman and J. C. Peoples organized the church with nine members. J. C. Peoples, J. C. Kerr and Lee Thompson were elected elders. J. C. Shear and Henry Peoples were named deacons. The other members were Mrs. S. N. Peoples, Mrs. M. E. Thompson, Doctor Peoples and Mrs. M. E. Peoples. Services were conducted by visiting preachers in the schoolhouse and later in a church erected by the Baptists.

When the Rev. H. M. Smith came as the first resident pastor in 1890 not one of the charter members remained in Midland. This shift in population is not surprising in any pioneer community and especially so in Midland when it is remembered that not a drop of rain fell from the Fall of 1885 until April, 1888. The Smiths lived in the 100 block on South Marlenfeld Street. Mrs. Smith's sister, Miss Bell, taught embroidery and art, and Midland still has some fine specimens of needlework, made under her instruction.

In spite of the faithful efforts of Mr. Smith and the resident members there was such continued shifting of population that in April of 1897 the Presbytery of Fort Worth, under whose jurisdiction this church became an organization in 1886, thought it wise to disband since there were only two members left in Midland, Winslow D. Watts and Mrs. Mary Waters Allison.

**Permanent Characteristics**  
Within the next two years the town seemed to take on more permanent characteristics and there was talk of reorganizing the church. Mr. Watts felt that a church organization needed a church home. A building committee was formed composed of Watts, P. H. Burney, who conducted a boys' school, and C. P. Fuller, the postmaster, who, though not a Presbyterian, was interested. The committee bought three lots on the southeast corner of West Wall and East Big Spring Streets. This purchase was made August 17, 1899, for \$200. A contract was awarded to R. L. Dupuy for the building of the church.

After this building was completed, the Rev. R. L. Dale, evangelist for the Presbytery of Fort Worth, reorganized the church on November 29, 1899. The members at that time were: Mrs. W. M. Allison, Paul C. Allison, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Breckenridge, Mr. and Mrs. Philo H. Burney, Anna Glenn Cress, Kate Seal Cappa, Mrs. Charles Kerr, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Littler, Mrs. David White and Leonard H. Wiggins. Four days later Mrs. Emma E. Ramsey and Dr. J. W. Storey were received. There was another person whose name seems not to have been recorded in this initial roll.

On May 27, 1900, the church was dedicated with Dr. Junium French of the Broadway Presbyterian Church, Fort Worth, preaching the sermon. The first pastor to be officially called was the Rev. J. F. Lloyd. He and his family arrived in April, 1901, at which time the church had 17 members. The Sunday School had two officers and teachers and five pupils.

**Early Day Members**  
The earliest record of the relationship of any persons now active in the church was in 1902. That year the McCullintic and Jordan families joined the church. The late W. W. Jordan and George T. McCullintic served this church faithfully for years. A daughter in the Jordan family, Louise, and a son in the McCullintic family, Charles, were received the same day, May 20, 1902. Miss Louise Jordan later moved away and returned to Midland as Mrs. R. L. Miller. She and her family have been very active in the life of the church. At present, her husband serves as an elder, her son, Frank Miller, is a deacon and her

son's wife is organist and director of the choir.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCullintic and his brother, Harry McCullintic, have been intimately associated with the church through almost half a century. Harry McCullintic has been a faithful elder many years.

Charles McCullintic, together with W. J. Sparks, who joined this church in 1905, have the distinction of serving the church longest as active officers. Both have been deacons many years.

In the early part of the century the church had a succession of short pastorates. Mr. Lloyd's one term was succeeded by the Rev. Grenda H. J. Crumpston, O. G. Jones, W. L. Downing, T. B. Anderson, Robert F. Gribble, J. P. Kidd, W. H. Foster, L. W. Matthews, A. P. Willis, B. E. Tunney, Ted Hoffield, G. C. Bidwell, J. W. Allen. While these men remained in Midland only a short time, each had his own contribution to make. Though there were seasonal setbacks, the church was ever expanding its ministry. It takes pride in the future ministry to the church at large rendered by these soldiers of the Cross who labored here for a while.

Mrs. Caldwell recounts when 1927 rolled around, "but the cloud of prosperity—still no larger than a man's hand—could be seen just above the horizon and a season of refreshment was near. With the discovery of oil in West Texas, the entire appearance of Midland changed."

In December, 1927, the Rev. T. D. Murphy, a returned missionary to Korea, was installed as pastor. At that time the Church had 24 resident members, two elders, two deacons, and 34 persons enrolled in the Sunday School. In 1928, the church was enlarged to provide for a rapidly increasing membership. When Mr. Murphy resigned in July, 1931, the Church had 142 communicants, eight elders, seven deacons and a Sunday School enrollment of 115.

**New Building Erected**  
The Rev. W. J. Coleman became pastor in November, 1931. During his 10 year pastorate the present beautiful church was constructed. This building with its worshipful sanctuary, pipe organ and departmentalized Sunday School, has been one of the centers of the spiritual life of Midland for 10 years. Members of the building committee were Tom Sealy, chairman; W. J. Sparks, Len Peters, T. R. Wilson, Mrs. Andrew Faaken, Mrs. Fred Turner and Mrs. Harry Adams.

At that same time, the membership of the church was increasing rapidly. In one year 1939-40, 103 members were received, 48 of them coming by profession of faith.

When Mr. Coleman accepted a call to Bonham, Texas, the church called the Rev. Hubert Hopper who was serving as assistant pastor of

the Highland Park Presbyterian Church of Dallas. The fruit of his ministry might be described as "maturity." While the evangelistic was not lacking, the church having grown from 307 to 425 members, the church under his leadership moved rapidly toward maturity in its organization and stewardship. While for so many years of its life it had been aided by outside funds, it now caught a vision of its responsibility and opportunity to provide such a service to others. The program of stewardship education and participation developed under Mr. Hopper's leadership is being used by churches all over the nation. Many members have been enlisted in the expanding program of the church. Under Mr. Hopper's ministry, the present employed staff was obtained. The staff includes Louanna Roach, director of religious education; Mrs. W. M. Hester, secretary; Mrs. Frank Miller, choir-director-organist; Mattie West, nursery attendant, and Lester Rollison, custodian.

The church regrettably concurred when Mr. Hopper presented his resignation in order that he might accept a call to the First

Presbyterian Church of McAllen, Texas. The call for the services of the Rev. R. Matthew Lynn who was serving as minister of education in the First Presbyterian Church of Houston, was accepted by him. He arrived in Midland October 22 and was installed as pastor by a commission of the Presbytery of El Paso on Nov. 9, 1947, just six years to the day since the installation of Mr. Hopper.

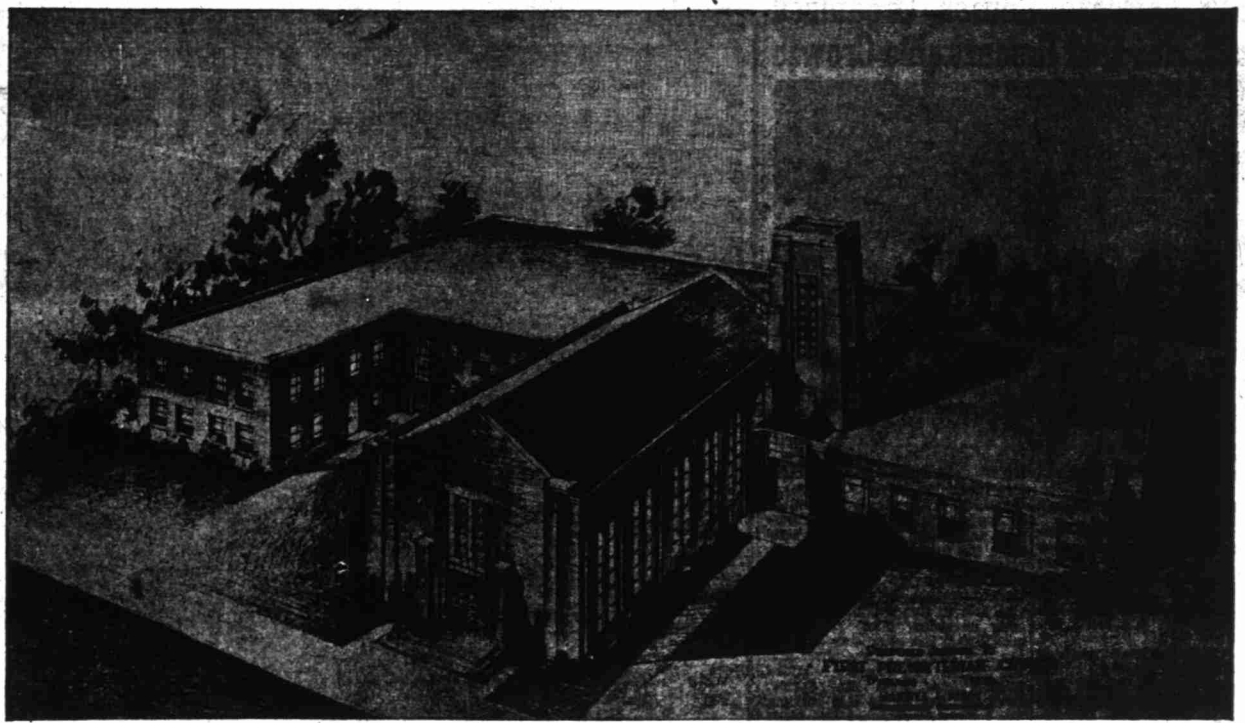
The church now has 514 members. At a recent congregational meeting, it adopted a budget of \$38,264. In addition to this, it has underway a campaign for \$200,000 to enlarge its building. More than \$100,000 of the amount has been obtained in cash and pledges. In

a recent campaign for the Presbyterian educational institutions in Texas, the Midland church pledged \$38,000, of which the greater part has been paid.

While most of the names which have appeared in this survey have been those of the ministers who have served the church, they are a small part of the total number whose love for Christ has prompted them to the prayer and service which has brought this church to its present status. The only reason for not including the names of the members who have so participated is that the list has no end.

Mrs. Mary Daugherty, 94, a resident of Midland County 58 years, died June 13, 1944.

## Presbyterians Plan Building Expansion Program For 1948



Members of Midland's First Presbyterian Church are engaged in a campaign for funds to erect and equip this two-story educational building annex to the present building which also will be enlarged. The goal of the campaign is \$200,000, more than half of which already has been

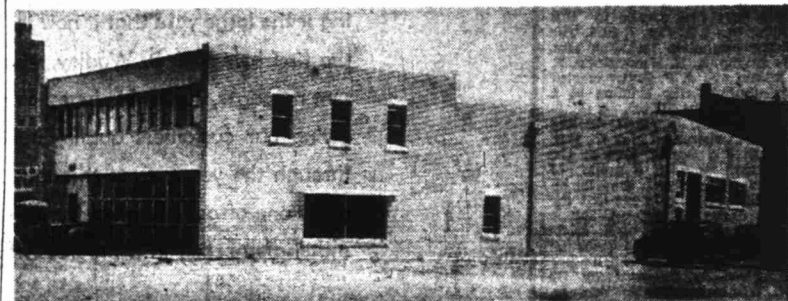
received. When completed, the plant, which will contain adequate quarters for all departments, will be one of the finest and most modern in West Texas. Actual construction is expected to be underway by the middle of the year.

### Don't Miss The Boat, Mates,' Warns Judge

OKLAHOMA CITY. —(AP)— On the eve of Lincoln's birthday, Federal District Judge Edgar S. Vaughn naturalized 13 new citizens from Germany, Czechoslovakia, Syria, Mexico, Bermuda and Canada. He added a new paragraph to the naturalization speech he has used with variations for 20 years: "If you are not in sympathy with our government, the best thing for you to remember is that the boat that brought you over is still running—it can take you back."

### Congressmen Oppose American Ship Sales

WASHINGTON — (AP)— Two members of the house merchants marine committee have served notice they will oppose any further sales of surplus American cargo ships to foreign operators. Rep. Bradley (R-Ore.), former sea-going navy captain, told the committee "I intend to propose legislation to bar the sale of ships to foreign nations." Value of the United States Capital building and grounds is estimated at \$28,400,000.



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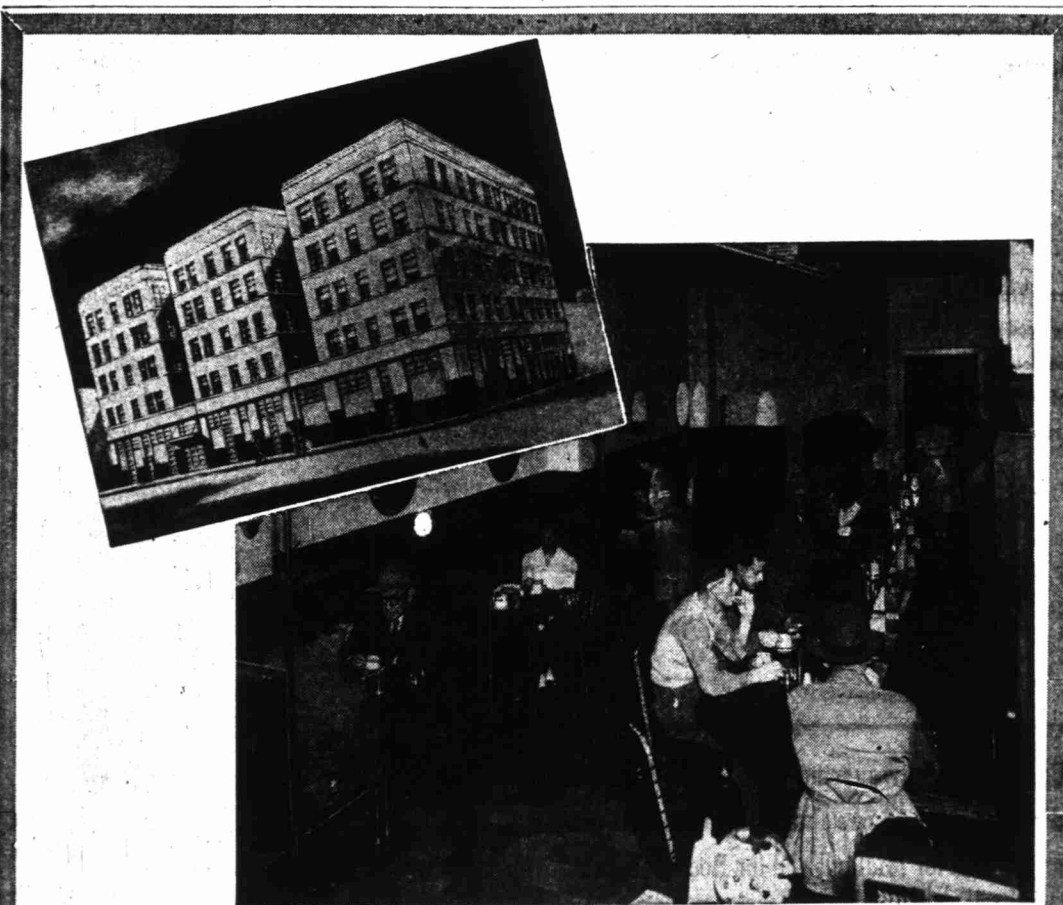


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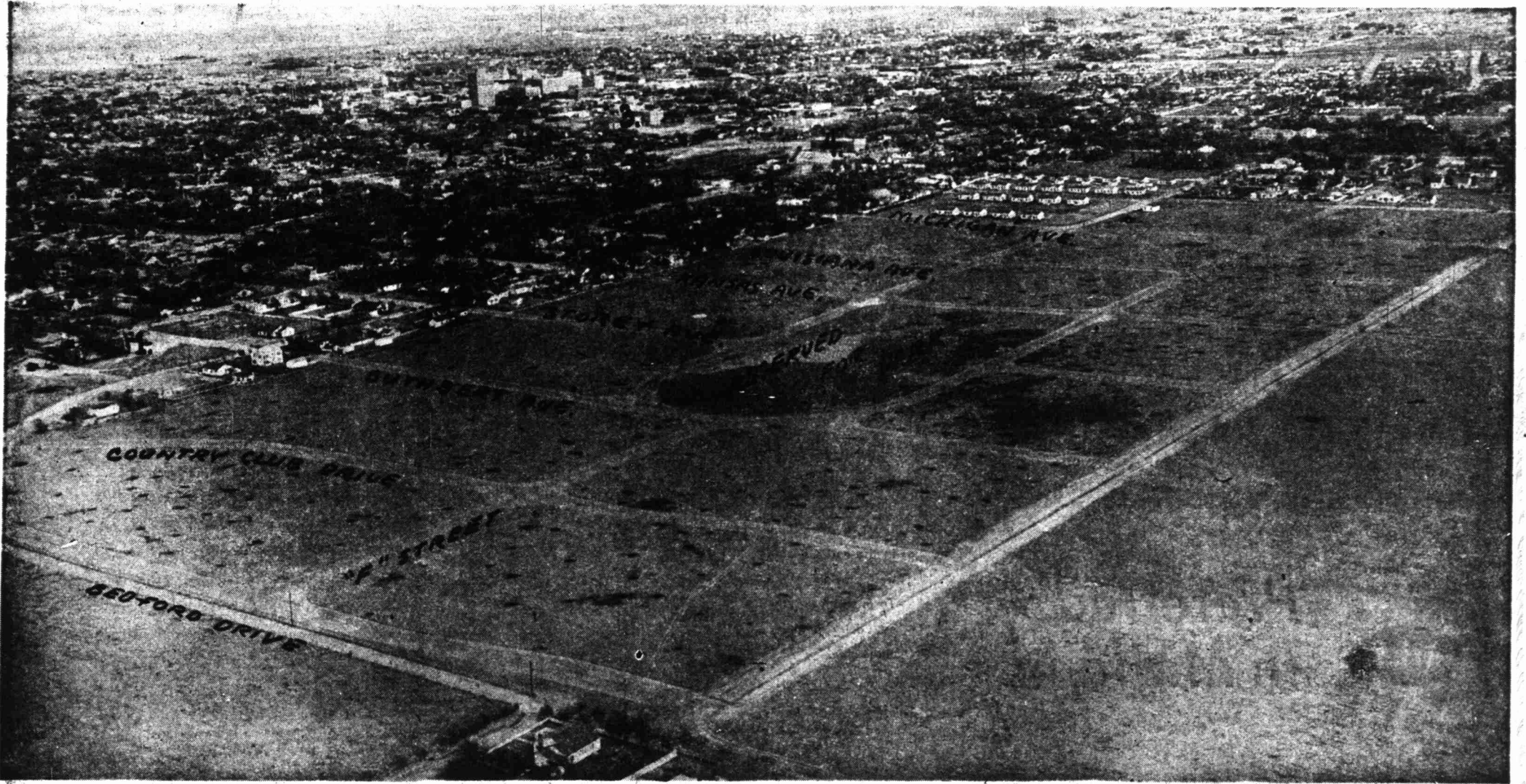
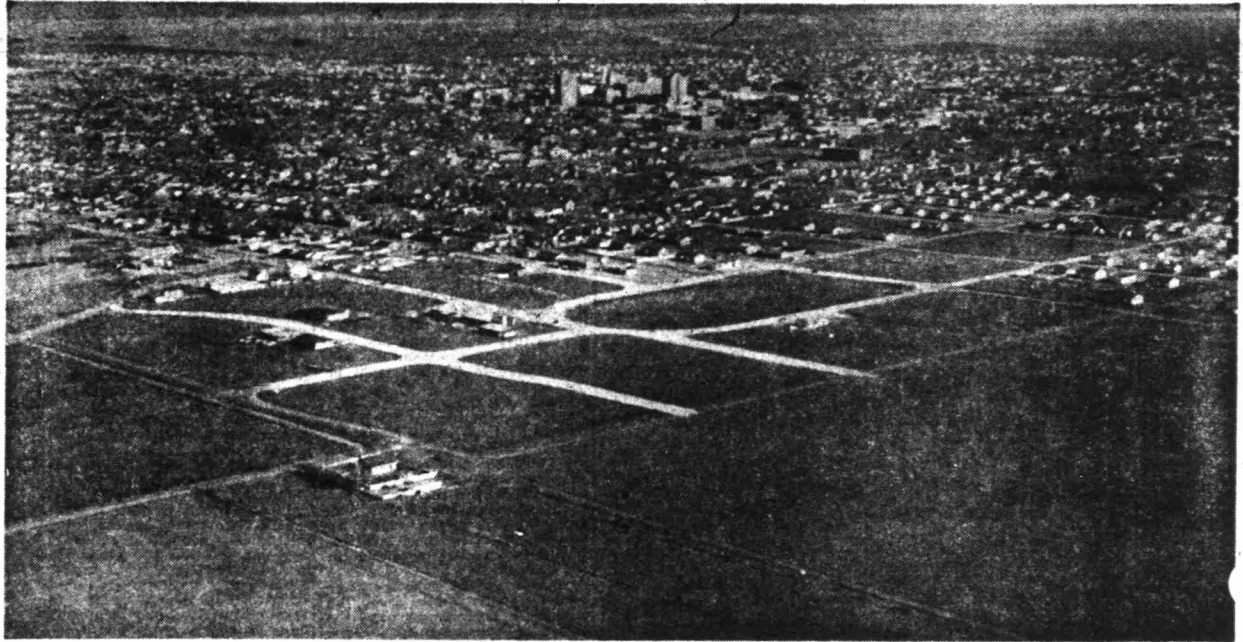
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### Hi Ho! Hi Ho! It's Off to Plant They Go!



With rakes over their shoulders, eight English school boys herald the first promise of spring by heading for their school garden. These children, all under 10, have already built an ornamental pond in their school garden in Willesborough, England. Now, under the guidance of their teacher, they're going to plant a regular garden.

### Popular Scharbauer Hotel Is Haven For Ranchers And Oil Men Of Area

In the lobby and throughout the hotel's six floors, oil is the big topic of conversation nowadays, what with hundreds of petroleum company employees and independent operators making Midland their headquarters for activities in the great West Texas and New Mexico fields. Deals running into fantastic sums are frequently arranged, and there is a saying that "more oil wells are drilled in the Scharbauer lobby than anywhere else on the earth."

But notwithstanding the magnitude of the oil industry in the daily life of the Scharbauers, the hotel remains a cowboyman's haven. At ease in lobby

The late Clarence Scharbauer was a cattleman all his life. He built the hotel as an investment apart from his wide-ranch holdings, he made it ornate and lavishly comfortable enough for a New

York executive, but a cowboy straight from the dust of the branding pen always has been able to feel at ease in the Scharbauer lobby.

That the Scharbauer is a ranchman's hotel is indicated by the number of bench-made boots and curled-brim Stetsons to be seen in the lobby every day of the week. Visitors in Midland, standing in the Scharbauer lobby, have one thing in common:

They're always amazed at the constant air of activity, the coming-and-going of so many people, the conversational buzz of groups of oilmen and cattlemen.

"This," they're frequently heard to say, "is the busiest hotel lobby in the country!"

And that's the way it's been at the Scharbauer for almost 20 years—ever since the hotel was opened. When Mr. and Mrs. Scharbauer

celebrated completion of the hotel at a formal opening party in May of 1928, all Midland joined in congratulating them on having built one of the finest hotels in the Southwest. With more than 100 rooms with baths, a large ballroom, sample rooms, private dining rooms, and with furnishings and decorations to match those of leading hotels in Texas' largest cities, the Scharbauer immediately became the area's most popular hotel.

Since then, additions have increased the hotel's size to 250 rooms.

Then there's the painting of young Clarence Scharbauer, Jr., which dominates the lobby. The picture shows him not as a business man, heir and responsible manager of a veritable empire of various types of property in addition to thousands of cattle on huge ranches.

It is a picture of a cowboy sitting on his horse with the naturalness that comes only to those who ride long and hard and regularly—a cowboy lifting his hat in a spontaneously friendly salute.

### Hitler's Luck Turned In '42, Briton Claims

LONDON —(AP)— Hitler's luck began to run out in Egypt in September, 1942, in the opinion of Field Marshal Lord Alexander.

The turning point, he declares in a 600,000-word survey released by the war office, was the battle at Alam Ely Halfa, even though it was Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's battle.

That was the German Afrika Korps effort to break through middle east defenses before American materials and British colonial manpower were poured into the war. Up to that time the Axis was setting up the pace. The crucial battle of El Alamein, only sixty miles from Alexandria, still was to be fought. In that battle, "Desert Fox" Rommel met crushing defeat.

Weight Felt

Alexander, who was commander of the British middle east forces and the Eighteenth army group, says the weight of the United States was beginning to be felt at the time. German tanks were arriving at Suez, Alexander wrote:

"I must express my profound appreciation of the statesmanlike vision shown by President Roosevelt, when, on his personal initiative, he ordered these new tanks to be taken from the American armored division for which they were intended and shipped around the cape (of Good Hope) to us in the middle east. At last we had, for the first time, a tank that was equal in armor, armament and performance to the best tanks in the Afrika Korps.

Marked Axis Ebb

"The moment the Afrika Korps began to retreat, slowly and stubbornly, from the sandy scrub of the Deir El Agram marked the first westward ebb of the tide which had carried the Axis so far to the east, an ebb which was about to begin in the north, as well as, in a few months from then, on the Volga steppe and in the Caucasus.

"To me at the time, the great features of the battle were the immediate improvement in the morale of our own troops and the confidence I felt in General Montgomery, who had launched his first battle in the desert with great ability."

The battle of El Alamein began October 23, before the U. S. landed in northwest Africa. It opened the campaign in which the Axis ultimately was expelled from Africa in May, 1943.

Parking meters were first installed in Midland, May 2, 1946. There were 583 meters installed at first.

### Policemen Bring 'Dead' Baby To Life



Three-week-old Dale Gabor, left, above, had stopped breathing for more than 30 minutes and was apparently dead in Cleveland's St. Alexis Hospital. But policemen Anton Plute and Edward Campbell, at the hospital on a routine assignment, brought the "dead" baby back to life. Mrs. Lottie Gabor was awakened when her new son started coughing. She noticed he was gasping and tried breathing into his mouth for an hour. Falling to revive him, the frantic mother rushed to the hospital, where doctors vainly used artificial respiration and stimulants, even after Dale had stopped breathing. It was then Plute and Campbell arrived. They used their ambulance's resuscitator and within 15 minutes the baby was breathing again. It was the third time in 18 months Plute had saved a child's life. At right, above, Plute, left, and Campbell signal "all's well."



### Germ Of Q Fever Reportedly Killed By Pasteurization Process

SAN FRANCISCO —(AP)— The germ of Q fever, a disabling disease resembling flu, can be present in raw milk but are killed by pasteurization, state and federal health researchers reported after a recent investigation.

The report removes some of the apprehension of health authorities over an outbreak in the Los Angeles area last year and discovery of the germ in the blood of dairy cows in 10 states.

Although there is no evidence that humans can get the disease even from drinking raw milk, the researchers said, the tests give assurance that pasteurized milk is not a potential source of infection.

How the disease spreads is a mystery. Thus far it has been confined to people working around dairies and livestock.

### Attlee Terms Russians As 'Inverted Czarists'

OXFORD, ENGLAND —(AP)— Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee says Communism "has turned its back on civilization."

He told the University Labor Club that Communism, as practiced in Russia, was "inverted czarism."

There is no chance, he said, that the British Labor Party might cooperate with the Communist Party.

"In the Labor movement," he said, "we have steadily repelled unity with the Communist party because of fundamental differences."

### Actress Spends 40 Years Along Road To Broadway

By JEAN MEEGAN

NEW YORK —(AP)— To stage-struck kids who dream of Broadway, the story of Ruth Amos may be a melancholy awakening.

At 56 years of age and after 500 plays and 40 years in stock companies and road shows the powerful little veteran at last is in a Broadway play, "Strange Bedfellows."

"I never even used to come in here," she nodded from her hotel window toward the world famous street. The agency that used to handle her would just send a wire: "Go right on to Rochester or Detroit or whatever."

Her absence probably was a mixture of diffidence and indifference. She says "it annoyed my friends that I wasn't more ambitious. I don't even know many of the stars. Broadway is all accident and influence. It's walking in at the psychological moment and being physically right for a part. If you have any ability it's discovered later."

Big Fish In Pond

Miss Amos traveled the northwest in a covered wagon four decades ago. In 1944 she followed the Fifth Army in Italy in "Kiss and Tell." She has been a big fish in the theatrical pool of Detroit.

where she was born.

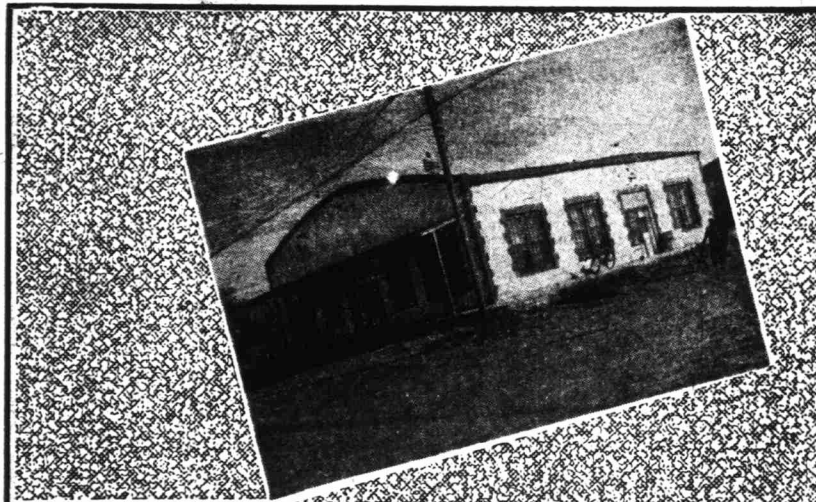
Of her 40 years on the stage, she split the last five between Worcester and Fitchburg, Mass. For six years she was undisputed stock queen of Toronto and she spent five years each in Winston Salem, N. C.; Pittsfield, Mass. and Guilford, Conn.

"I had the best parts," she reflects, "substantial salaries and I never was inactive. But I doubt if anyone could make a whole career of the road anymore. Resident companies have given way to the star system. I don't believe youngsters now want to work as much as we did."

Miss Amos happens to be in the Broadway play because someone told her to read the part of the 70-year-old grandmother, Florence Ryerson, co-author of the piece, fell in love with her interpretation.

The critics applauded her "grace," "style" and effectiveness. But most of all she liked the comment of Guy Palmerton, her boss for the last five years in stock. He listened to the murmurs of praise: "Oh well, she's always been good."

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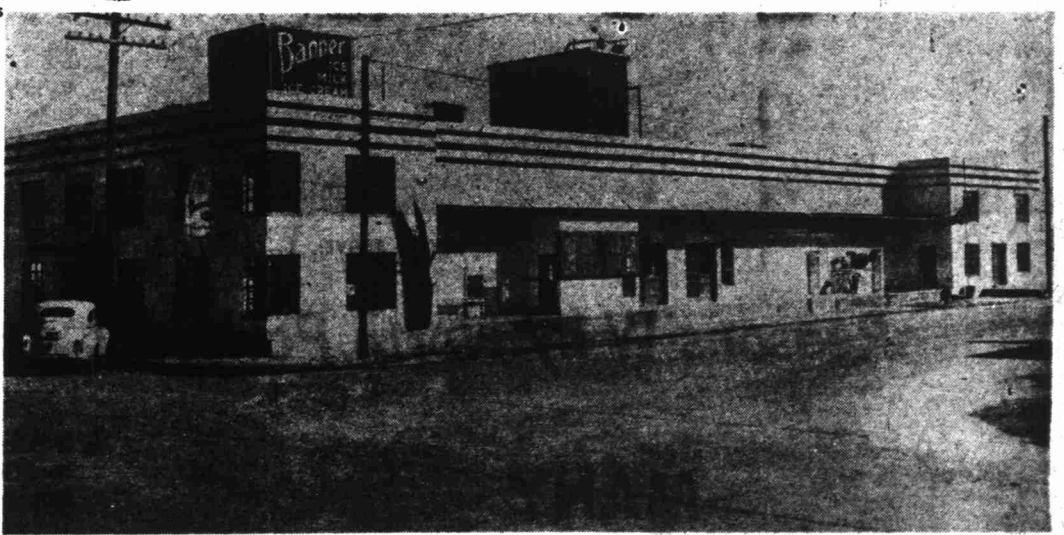
To the left is shown the old Banner plant that has long since been abandoned because of the growth of Midland.

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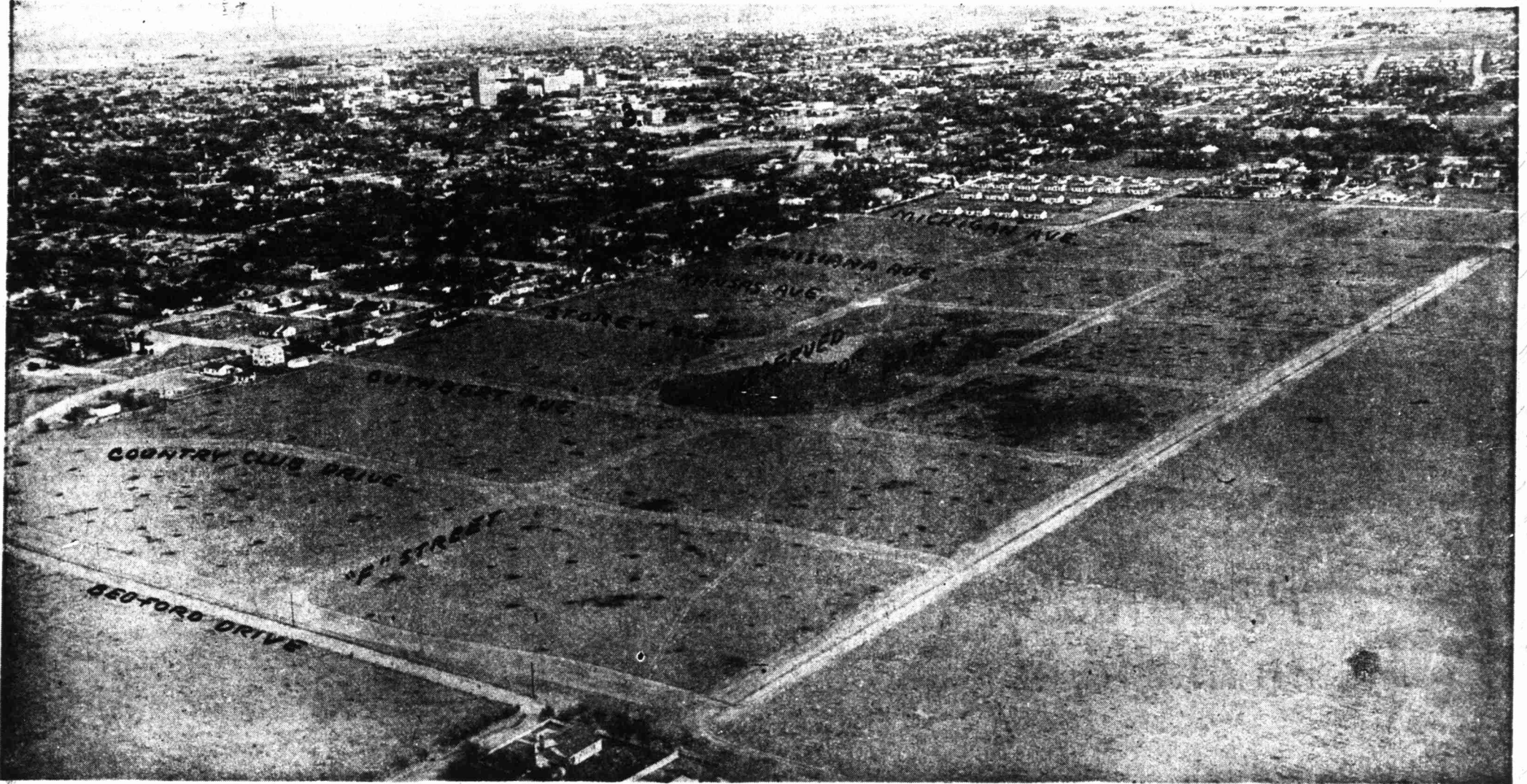
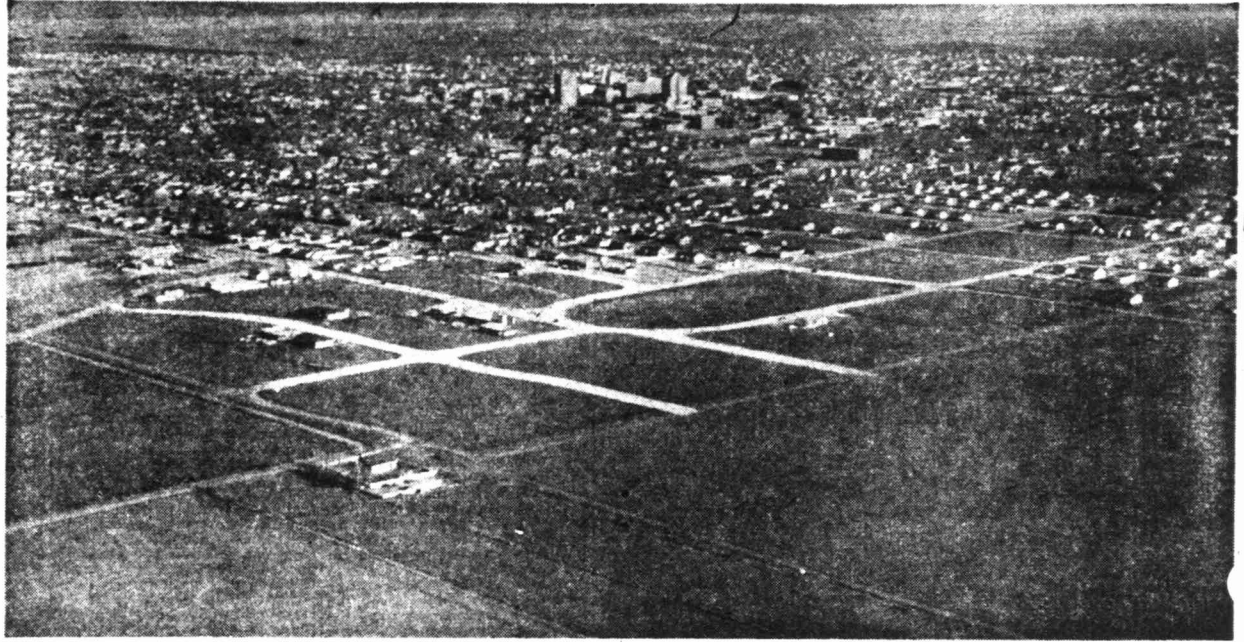
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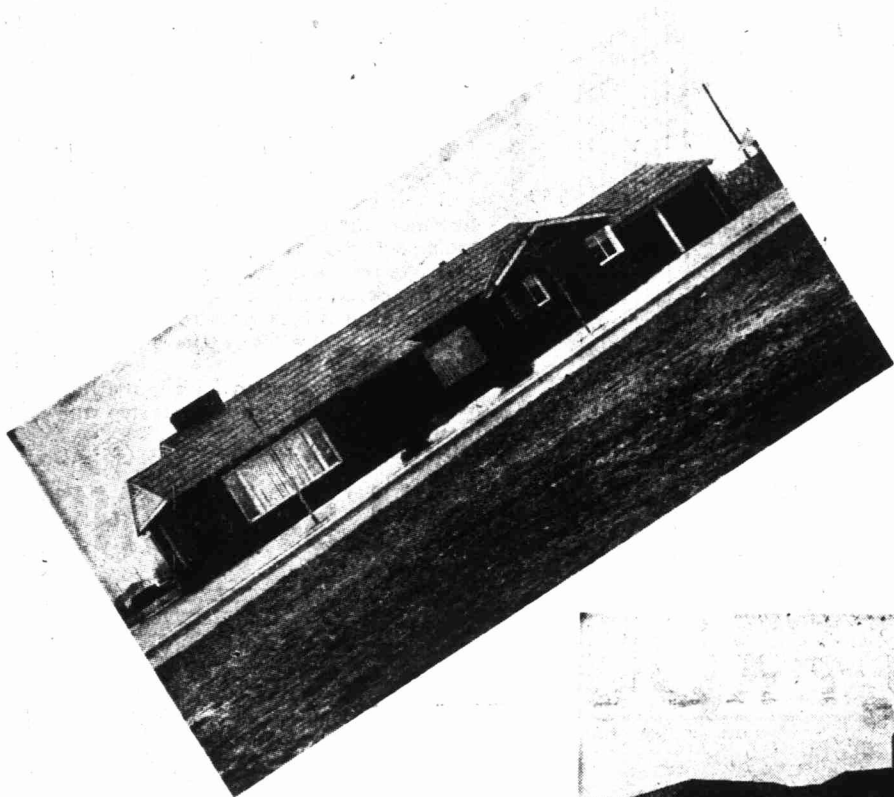
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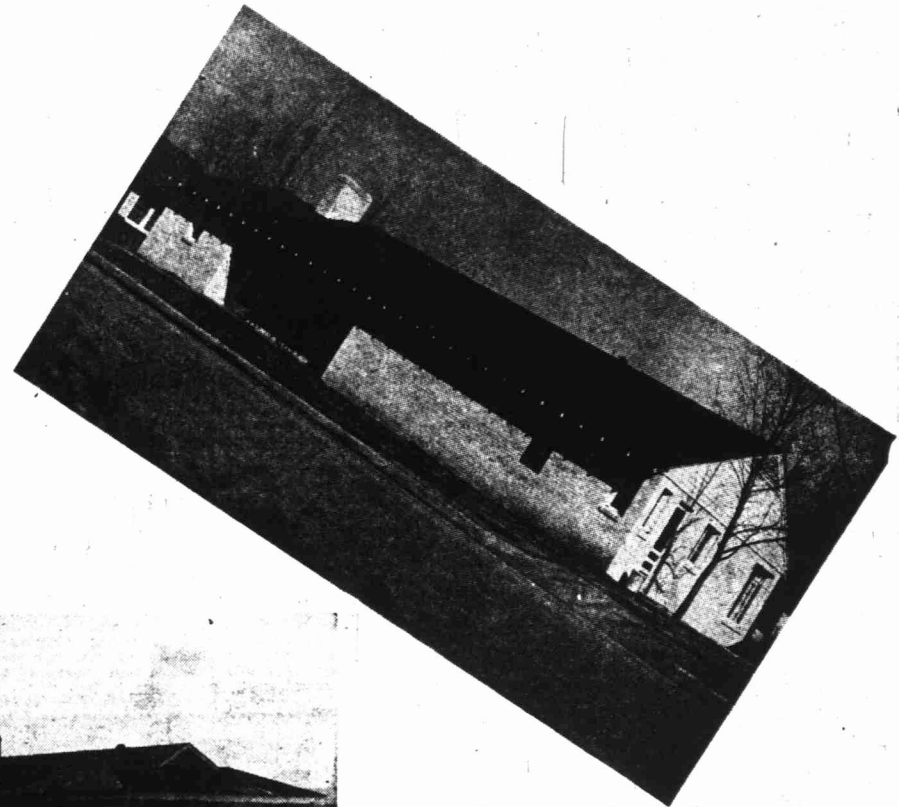
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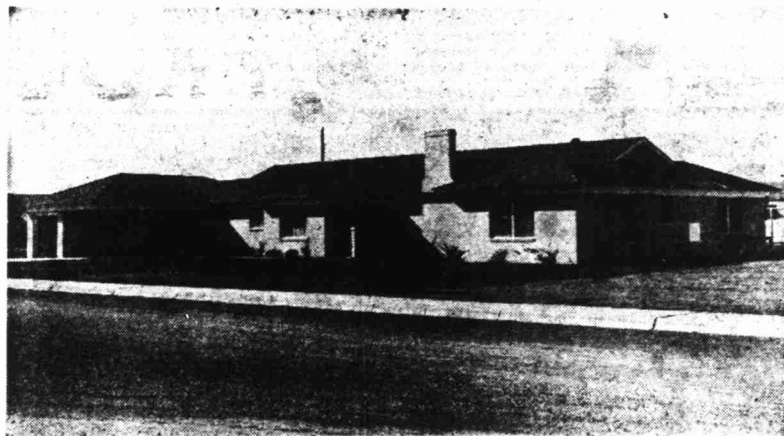
Right now we have good stocks of building materials and have associated with us building contractors who are leaders in their field. It is our belief that now is a good time to build and we will be glad to aid you with your plans. Pictured here are five residences recently completed by five of these contractors. All materials in connection with these projects were furnished by us.



**ABOVE:** A view of the residence of Dr. J. M. Devereux, which was built by E. A. Hoekendorf, Building Contractor.



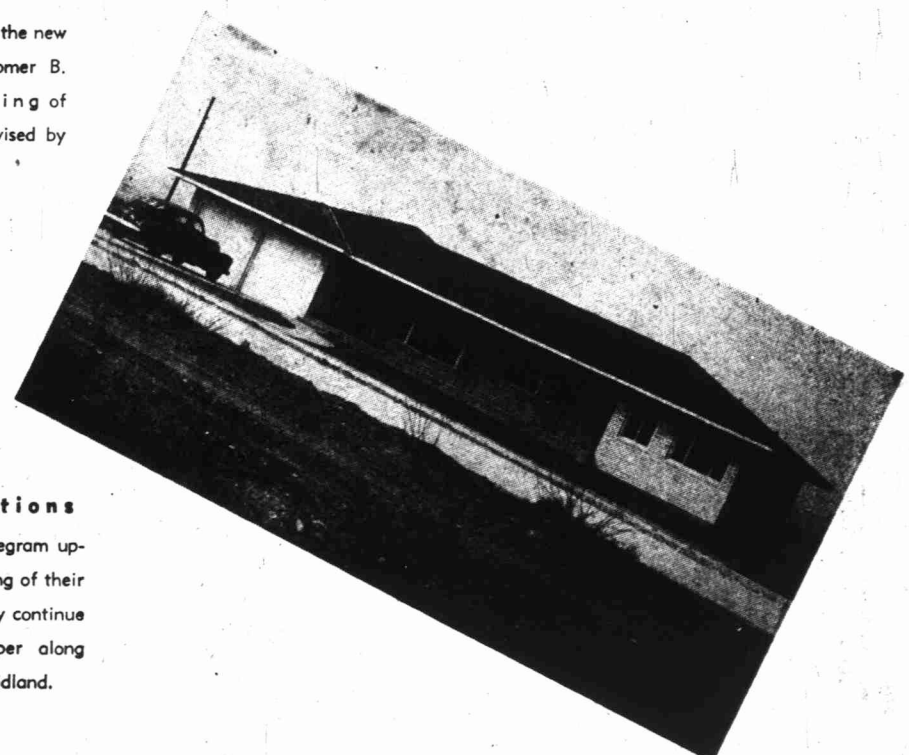
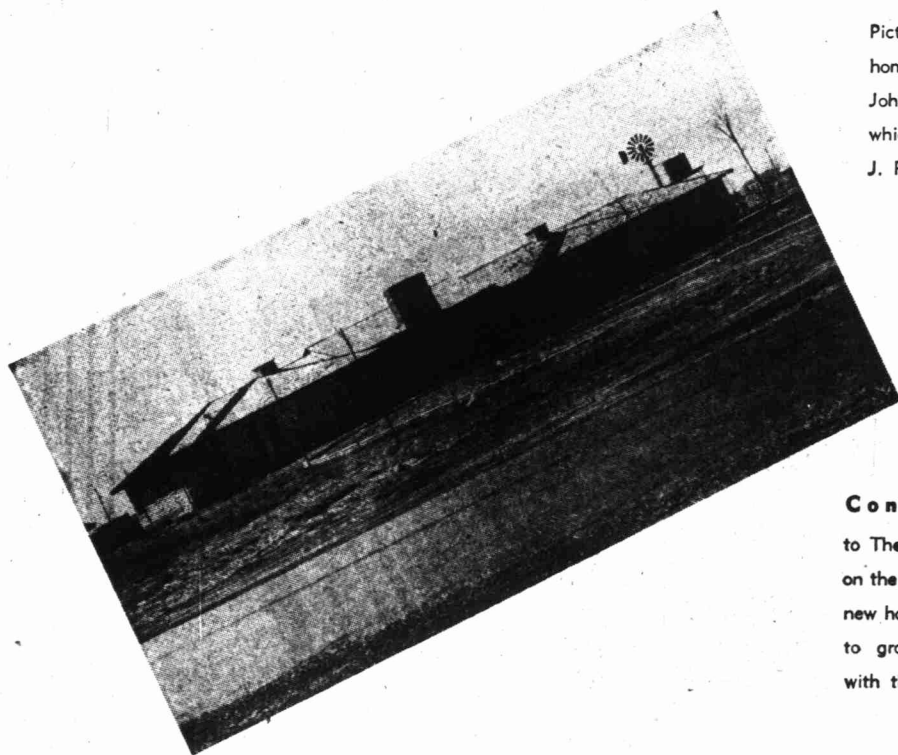
**ABOVE:** Home of V. E. Collins, constructed by Gregory Bros.



**BELOW:** is the residence of Dr. M. S. Dickerson. The building contractor on this job was J. Roy Jones & Son.

**BELOW:** Photograph of the new home of Louis H. Anderson. Building contractor, Park Hill, Inc.

Pictured above is the new home of Dr. Homer B. Johnson, building of which was supervised by J. R. Freetag.



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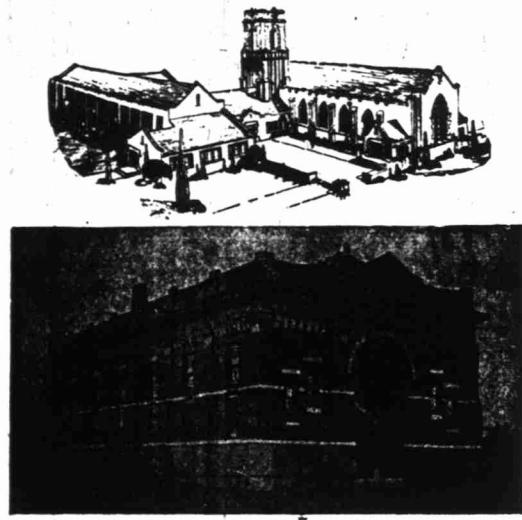
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### First Christian Church Organized Here In 1890; New Building Planned



A contract will be let soon by the First Christian Church of Midland for construction of this new and completely modern church plant in Park Hill Addition. The building will house all departments of the church and will replace the present plant at 215 North Loraine Street. Present building is shown at top.

By The Rev. Clyde Lindsley  
Minister First Christian Church

The date of the initial organization of the First Christian Church of Midland, Texas, is unknown by any person living in Midland County and perhaps in Texas. Many of the records of the church were destroyed during the burning of the Midland National Bank in 1909. As near as it can be learned the church was organized in 1890 or early in 1891. However, it is reasonably certain that the fellowship of persons of similar faith began in 1890 and led to the organization a few months later.

Records in the Midland County Courthouse reveal that the first property to be owned by the First Christian Church was purchased in June, 1892, from a Mr. Charles S. Nash for \$150. Adjoining property was purchased in December, 1906, from Charles L. Sinclair for \$250. Before a building could be erected upon their property, it was necessary for the congregation to meet first in the homes of the members and later in the First Methodist Church.

The original building erected was a frame structure. It was completed in 1892 and dedicated by a well known Disciple by the name of Mr. J. B. Sweeney. It was in this building that the only charter member of the church still living, Mrs. J. V. Stokes, Sr., was married. Quadruplicate silver communion ware still in use in the church dates back to this era, in fact, to Dec. 25, 1893. The old frame church housed the services for 15

years before it was outgrown. The present red brick church was started in 1907 and finished in 1908 to be dedicated on Easter Sunday. During the construction of the new church it was necessary for the congregation to meet in the courthouse for worship and study.

At the present time, the downtown property and building of the church is for sale. The congregation decided more than a year ago to abandon the corner of Loraine and Illinois Streets, the only location for its church buildings for over a half century, and move to a residential location.

A full block in the new Park-Hill addition was purchased in 1946. An architect was employed and plans have been completed for a new church. Construction will begin in 1948. A temporary meeting place has been obtained in the event that the purchaser of the old property must have possession of it before the new church can be finished.

Five young men who were formerly members of the Midland church have dedicated their lives to the ministry of the church. They are now either serving a full time church as pastor or continuing their ministerial training in a college of the church.

According to the statistical release of the Disciples of Christ for 1947, the First Christian Church of Midland ranks 32nd among the Christian Churches of Texas. The year before it ranked 45th. The year Book of 1945 placed

### 'Country' Men Are Called Healthier

CHICAGO—(AP)—A physician took sharp issue with conclusions, based on 4-H draft rejections, that the average city man is healthier than his country neighbor.

A study of selective service statistics show, said Dr. Maurice H. Friedman of Washington, D. C., that more white men from rural areas successfully passed military physical tests than did city men. This was despite deferment of the "cream" of the farm workers as essential and never submitted to examinations, he contended.

In a paper prepared for the national conference on rural health sponsored by the American Medical Association, he said:

"It is quite true that the number of rejections was higher in registrants from farms than in other occupational groups. Without hesitation this has been accepted as showing that the health of our rural population was distinctly inferior to that of our urban population and that this was a direct result of a lack of adequate medical care.

"When one makes a nationwide comparison of farm and urban registrants there is a disproportionate representation of southern men in the farm sample and a disproportionate representation of northern registrants in the non-farm sample. Moreover, in the farm registrants there is a disproportionate representation of Negroes."

Doctor Friedman contended it was "futile" to apply selective service statistics as a measure of health and added that even if a reliable yardstick were available "we could not draw any conclusions on the adequacy of medical care in rural areas.

"The health of a community is not dependent solely on the number of doctors, or hospitals, or the volume of medical care available. The community health is not the responsibility of the medical profession alone. A doctor's pills are no substitute for the essentials of good living."

### Man Can't Take Cat-Nap Without Losing Trousers

PHILADELPHIA.—(AP)—A man stretched out for a cat nap on a subway station bench and had his pants snatched.

A sneak thief unbelted the trousers and slipped them off. Passersby saw two bare legs and summoned police.

Awakened penniless and unhappy, the victim declined to give his name or file a complaint.

"Forget the whole deal," he said.

the church in 64th place. These figures indicate the rapid progress the church has made during recent years.

The Rev. Clyde Lindsley is the present minister of the church. H. G. Bedford, Sr., is chairman of the board of directors. Previous to Bedford, George Ratliff had served many years as chairman.

### Competing With the Keyboard King



Just for demonstration and the thrill, Bonadel DuMont, right, champion typist at Chicago's Jones Commercial High School, speed races with Albert Tangora, world's champion typist, as Jean Porter times them. Tangora's speed was 135 words a minute, while Bonadel hit 65.

### Niemoller Rebuked For Defiance Letter

STUTTGART, GERMANY.—(AP)—Gen. Lactus D. Clay has rebuked Pastor Martin Niemoller's Evangelical church in Hesse for advocating defiance of the denazification program.

"It is distressing to me that members of a religious faith advocate disrespect and violence of the law," the U. S. military governor told a press conference.

The church administration, headed by the famed wartime prisoner of the Nazis, has urged members of the church to resist the denazification program "as one which sows 'a new seed of hatred.'"

The letter, read in all Evangelical churches of Hesse, urged members not to support the program either as complainants or witnesses.

Clay said the letter was not good citizenship. He said no action had been decided against Niemoller, who was elected bishop of the Hesse Union of Evangelical Churches last October. However, Clay added, it is possible a warning will be sent Niemoller or an American official will be instructed to speak to him.

Clay said that while the denazification law is on the German books citizens have the right to criticize it and urge modification, but "under the conditions existing in Germany today it is very inadvisable for a church to advocate resistance to the law."

### Foolish Fellow Tries For Joe Louis' Title

NEW YORK.—(AP)—A 50-year-old Irishman made an unsuccessful bid for Joe Louis' heavyweight title in an unscheduled, punchless tiff at a Broadway night club recently.

Thomas Delaney, the Irishman, landed on the floor after taking a wild swing at Louis' jaw. Witnesses agreed the champion didn't hit his challenger.

Before the swing, Delaney told the champion: "So you're Joe Louis. Well I'm going to beat Walcott to the title. I'm going to become the first Irish heavyweight champion of the world."

Louis and his party were leaving the Ebony Club when the challenge was issued. Marshall Miles, the champion's manager, commented Delaney fell "apparently from the wind we caused by getting out of there so quickly."

Delaney, a six-foot, 200-pounder, refused to give his address to police, who let him go with a warning.

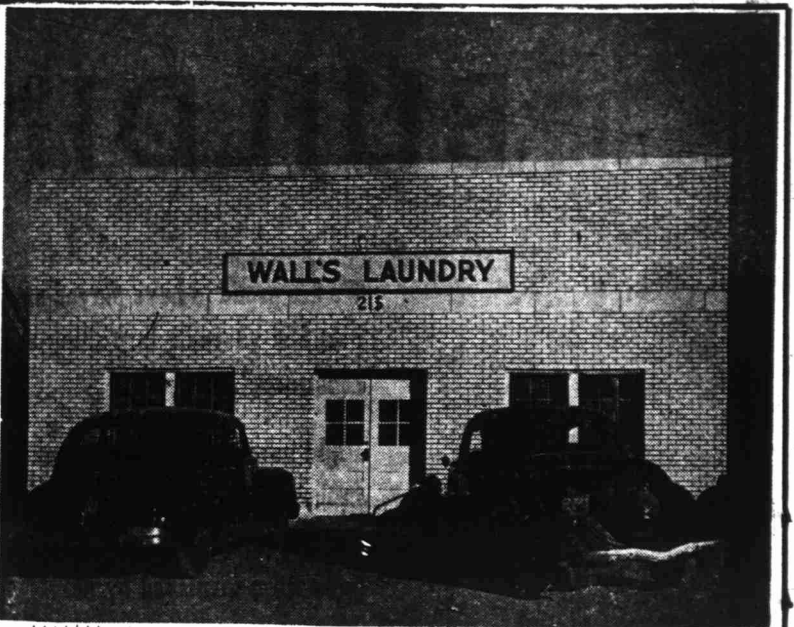
As for Louis, he was heard to say as he entered his car, "foolish fellow."

A landmark of Midland, the old North Ward School building, was razed in February, 1946, to make way for business buildings. It was built in 1893 and paid for in one day by public subscription.

W. H. Glenn, pioneer stock loader for the Texas and Pacific Railroad, died here, April 19, 1946. He lived in Midland 48 years.

An office of the USES (United States Unemployment Service) was established in Midland, May 21, 1944.

E. H. Barron served seven consecutive terms as county judge of Midland County. This represents 14 years of service. His first election victory was in 1932.



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By TANNER LAINE

Far-sighted vision into the future by Midlanders, air-consciousness and alert action of city government and chamber of commerce, has made Midland the air capital of West Texas.

What better place, our aviation-minded forebears said, than West Texas for an interest in aviation. Planes can fly 300 days of the year here. So they planned and worked to make Midland the focal point of operations with excellent facilities—the tower of operations so to speak.

It essentially is a story of ranch land to modern airports to Army airfield; then back to modern airports.

The late Sam Sloan established the first Midland airport as a landing field in 1928, 10 miles west of the city, where now is Midland Air Terminal. Sloan, a World War I flier, was killed in a plane crash and the field was taken over by his brother, Harvey Sloan. This port was Sloan Field, consisting of a small hangar and no paved runways.

In 1939 Sloan sold the port to the City of Midland for \$125,000. Midland started immediately to improve it. An airport of distinction was dedicated in November 1939 after a \$150,000 WPA improvement project had been sought. This project was gained in 1940 and it gave two new runways, paved aprons and a large hangar.

**Offered Port In 1940**

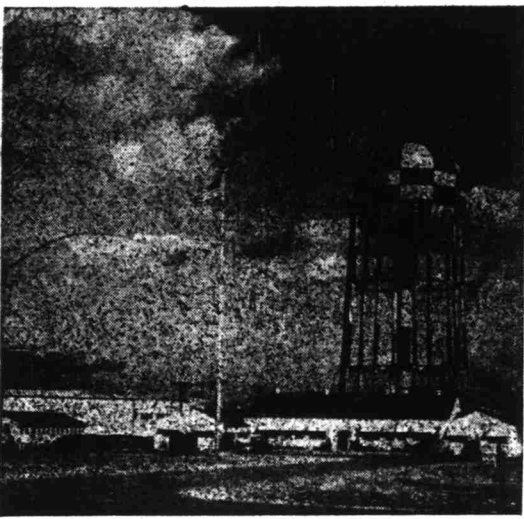
Until the World War II assumption of the Midland airport it served as a site of an U. S. Army Always refueling station with 25 soldiers stationed here to serve and service planes. The base was lighted for night landing.

Midland has spent more than \$300,000 in improvements of the now Midland Air Terminal, since 1939.

Back in 1940 shortly after plans were announced by the government to expand its air force, patriotic citizens of Midland wishing to cooperate in the national program, offered Midland's fine airport to the Army for full military purposes and use.

Some of the men, and they were legion, working for a better Midland in the national program of offense and defense of war (it had not yet struck with terrifying impact) were: John W. House, past president of the chamber of

## Scene At Midland Army Air Field



A familiar scene at the huge Midland Army Air Field during World War II years. The large overhead water tank is a landmark to pilots flying over this section. Thousands of "Hell from Heaven Men" received their bombardier training at the Midland field.

commerce and head of its aviation committee; James N. Allison, president of the chamber of commerce; M. C. Ulmer, mayor of Midland, and his city council members, R. M. Barron, Paul McHargue, Barney Greathouse, Tom Sealy, D. H. Roettger; Dr. W. E. Ryan, first chairman of a chamber of commerce aviation group; L. A. Rhodeniser, city engineer; George D. McCormick, city purchasing agent; J. C. Hudman, city secretary; J. C. Cunningham, S. S. Sinson and A. M. East, engineers; and others.

**Air-Interested Leaders**  
The late Clarence Scharbauer, Sr., beloved pioneer cattleman, was a great instrument in making Midland a center in aviation with his many contacts and generous expense of time and money.

Members of the chamber of commerce's aviation committee included: House, chairman; and H. J. Kemler, George McEntire, Jr., George Bennett, Ben Nysewander, Robert Patterson, Ralph Cooley, M. T. Smith, Bill Simpson, R. A. Barron, Tom Sealy, James Fitzgerald, Jr., and Ulmer.

The national defense committee of the chamber of commerce included: McHargue, chairman, and V. E. Cottingham, J. W. Thomas, C. V. Lyman, J. Louis Thomas, J. M. Kenderdine, J. V. Pilska, W. I. Pratt, W. L. Simmons, O. C.

of bombardiers in an endless stream. It became at one time a bombardier instructors school. The location of the giant installation here had its effect on Midland, the host city. It is estimated the strength at MAAF at one time during the war was 8,000 officers and men. The air over Midland was full of airplanes during the war and bombs rained down on practice bombing fields on the ranches, an area as large as the state of New Jersey. The last soldier left MAAF, June 7, 1947.

With its big and main airport in the strong and capable hands of the U. S. Army Air Force, Midland turned in 1942 toward establishment of a municipal airport. Bonds were voted for \$60,000 to make the installation at a point two miles north of the city. However, CAA financed the airport to the extent of \$750,000, making it one of the best in the South, certainly in West Texas. This fine airport was completed in 1943.

**A Second Port Loaned**  
The service again stepped in to take a Midland airport. It needed the Midland Municipal Airport. So the great plant the City of Midland and the CAA had constructed here went into the hands of Uncle Sam. The ferry service of the Air Transport Command established a base here. It was activated, Nov. 1, 1943. And so it was Midland had its second big base of the war. The ATC serviced thousands of planes at Midland Municipal Airport. The re-fueling base set records for fast and efficient service. Operations ceased at Midland Municipal Airport, July 16, 1947, with a job well done.

## Telephone Connections Increasing

A great increase in the number of telephone connections in Midland have been made as the city grows. Here are the number of connections since 1931 by years:

Year	Connections
1931	1,331
1932	1,053
1933	929
1934	956
1935	1,127
1936	1,328
1937	1,634
1938	2,081
1939	2,471
1940	2,637
1941	2,970
1942	2,975
1943	3,266
1944	3,557
1945	3,902
1946	4,327
1947	5,447

## Champion Drylot Calf



Ferry Walker, 4-H Club youth from Howard County, showed the champion drylot calf in the Midland Livestock Show last year. His 790-pound steer brought \$1 per pound in the auction sale.

Some activities and strength in men and planes of Midland Army Air Field and Municipal Airport the Navy for while after the war were combined in 1946. And the number two port was utilized by as refueling stop and servicing point.

It is estimated the USAAF spent some \$2,224,000 developing Midland Army Air Field which was turned back to Midland, June 1, 1947, having been declared surplus in December 1946. Midland took back its number one airport and for \$10,000 got the installation almost completely lock, stock and barrel, including 148 buildings.

And with two airports on its hands in 1947, Midland named the former Midland Army Air Field—Midland Air Terminal—and the former Midland Municipal Airport—Midland Airpark.

A \$33,000 terminal building has been constructed at Midland Air Terminal and so starts the story of commercial aviation in Midland. The story really goes back to 1944 when Continental Air Lines established a station at Midland Municipal Airport and became the first major airline to serve Midland. In 1947 two more great airlines established stations at Midland. They are Pioneer and American Air Lines. Now Midland is indeed a commercial aviation center with three major airlines serving this city and the great Permian Basin fields. There are upwards to 20 flights per day by air out of Midland, hauling passengers, air express and air freight. Midland's volume of air mail is said to be greater than cities twice or three times the size of Midland. And because so many oil companies use fast airmail and so many oil company employees travel by air—Midland is an important point on the list of all the big three—Continental, Pioneer and American. You can travel any direction by air from or to Midland.

Continental Air Lines moved to Midland Air Terminal from Midland Airport in 1947.

In 1946, with war over and the boys home and a lot of interest in civilian flying perking up, Midland organized one of the state's largest chapters of the NAA (National Aeronautics Association). The charter members were: Wallace Anderson, Ralph Barron, George Bennett, James N. Allison, W. M. Blevins, L. T. Boynton, Grady Brown, Jim Carlson, W. C. Carrington, Albert Cole, Taylor Cole, Bill Collins, K. B. Coughlin, R. B. Cowden, W. C. Cremin, Clint Dunagan, Charles Edwards, S. M. Erskine, E. J. Flannery, Robert Flynn, L. H. Frazer, D. E. Gabbert, Charles H. Gabler, Ralph Gelsler, J. P. (Bum) Gibbons, Richard Gile, George Glass, Gerald Graham, O. C. Harper, Ken Howat, A. J. Hill, Jr., Richard Hinkle, Dave Holster, J. W. House, Burton Hull, Grady Jennings, Gilard Kargl, Killiam Kellogg, A. Knickerbocker, Howard Koonce, W. W. LaForce, Lawrence Liberty, James Lore, Ralph Lowe, Guy Mabae, Joe Mabae, Lewis Macabee, Paul McHargue, Howard Mechlin, E. M. Miller, R. L. Miller, Roy Minear, John Mitchell, Joe Moore, John Moulton, G. G. Nowell, O. L. O'Dale, Leif Olson, H. N. Phillips, R. A. Plunk, Johnson Phillips, R. T. Prather, E. E. Reigle, W. H. Rhodes, M. J. Rodgers, J. P. Ruckman, Alfred Shelton, E. O. Shelton, L. F. Shiple, George Sientz, M. T. Smith, Frank Stubbeman, W. P. Thurmon, Fred Turner, Jr., William Wainsley, S. M. Warren, Jim White, Bob White, Tommy Wilson, Jr., and W. A. Yeager.

So in commercial and private aviation, Midland can claim its rank high in the nation. So now to the story of civilian aviation. Commercial aviation facilities notwithstanding the city has citizens who think nothing of boarding a plane for a junket to football games, hunting trips, ranch trips, or just picking up a number of passengers and going somewhere to close an oil deal.

More than a score of citizens of Midland own planes of their own. Some private citizens have planes costing \$50,000 new. And even costlier planes are owned by charter services.

The number of persons in Midland, who can fly an airplane, is not known. They are here by the hundreds, including many ex-servicemen. Many Midlanders have taken advantage of GI rights to learn to fly.

There are several woman pilots in the city.

There are three flying schools or services in Midland: West Texas Flying Service at Skyhaven Airport on East Highway 80; Midland Commercial Airport on the Garden City highway; and Globor Aviation Company at Midland Air Terminal.

**Flying Is Business**  
Harris G. Eastham, independent oil operator, is a Midlander who has put flying to ultra-practical values. Seldom does he use an automobile in attending to his leases scattered from Southeastern New Mexico to Southeastern Texas. He has runways on his oil and ranch properties and visits widely scattered holdings.

Ralph and Ted Lowe, oil operators and drilling contractors, operate a commercial aviation venture known as the Oil Field Charter Service. The brothers use an eight or a four passenger ship for long or short hauls. Lawrence Liberty is their pilot.

Ollman Guy Mabae has a four-place plane and a converted Army twin-engine ship, also. Louis Mabae owns a four-place plane.

G. E. (Blondy) Hall has two plants and is apt to go anywhere, anytime he likes, and taking several friends or business associates with him.

Other Midlanders, owning planes or an interest in them or just plain

**Midland Gun Club Organized In 1946**

The Midland Gun Club was organized, Feb. 26, 1946, in a meeting at the courthouse attended by 25 sportsmen.

First officers included: Jim Mascho, president; J. Louis Thomas, vice president; Carl Westlund, secretary; and H. H. Lawson, treasurer.

Now the club has its own setup on West Highway 80 for skeet shooting. Also the club sponsors the Midland Rifle Club as an affiliate.

The official flower of Midland is the Pyracantha and it is a memorial to veterans of two wars.

flying one occasionally are: Watson LaForce, Tommy Wilson, R. B. (Bum) Cowden, O. C. Shapland, Felix Cox, Thurston Ruple, D. E. Gabbert, Stanley Erskine, George Glass, Louis Thomas, John Moulton, Mack Title, Abner Ormond, Bob and Jim White, and Joe Henderson.

Regular fliers of course are: Norman Hoffman of Skyhaven and West Texas Flying Service; R. A. Plunk of Midland Commercial Airport; Bill Globor of Globor Aviation Company.

Formerly Kargl Aerial Surveys (now Muldrow) utilized aviation on a large scale. The firm specialized in making aerial maps of any region a client could name. At one time this company owned and used six planes, three of which were P-38 Lightnings, powerful fighter aircraft of World War II.

Two years ago it was decided to start advertising the big, world championship rodeo of Midland, by air. So began the aerocades, which each year fly over all West Texas and eastern New Mexico advertising the Midland Rodeo.

In 1947 Midland was designated on National Skyway Number 1, a civilian air traffic route. The Midland Junior Chamber of Commerce has completely airmarked the city to CAA and National Skyway specifications.

On top of all of this, Midland has an active Model Airplane Club, which recently licked Odessa's chapter in contests of the little powered models.

In the future when jet and rocket installations are established—Midland probably will have one. Because Midland is the air capital of all West Texas.

## League Of Women Voters Is Eight Years Old Here

The Midland chapter of League of Women Voters was organized in 1940.

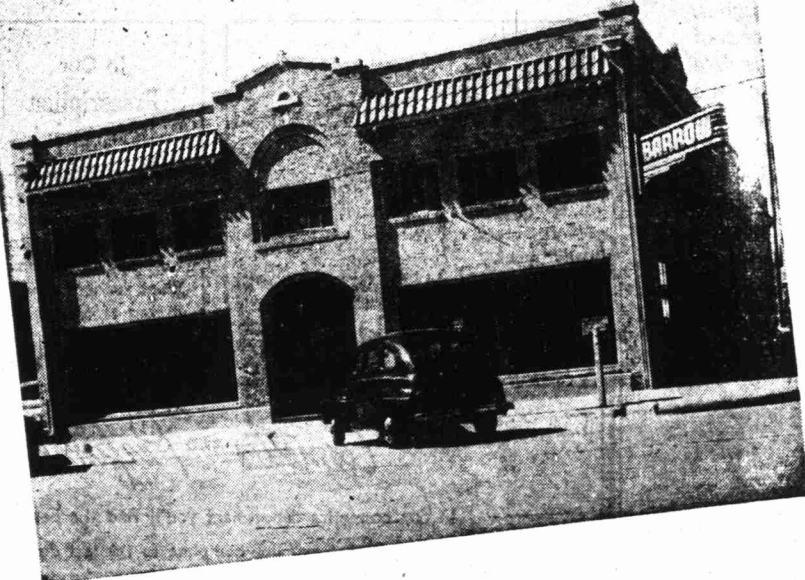
Its first officers included: Mrs. Berner Roy, president; Mrs. John J. Redfern, Jr., vice president; Mrs. W. C. Fritz, secretary; Mrs. Fred Fuhrman, treasurer; and Mrs. M. B. Arick, parliamentarian.

## Real Estate Board Organized In 1946

The Midland Real Estate Board was organized, Dec. 12, 1946.

First officers were: Barney Grafa, president; W. R. Upham, vice president; Floyd Boles, secretary-treasurer.

The unit is affiliated with the Texas Real Estate Association. Charter members included: Grafa, Upham, Boles, Laura Jesse, Roy McKee, Ted Thompson, T. E. Neely, L. R. Burnside, Cliff Hogus and James Mims. The firm, Sparks, Barron and Ervin held a charter membership.



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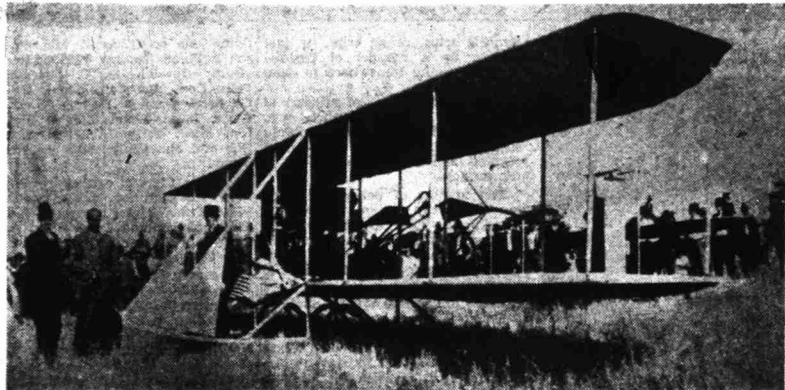
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### First Airplane To Midland In 1912



Here is shown the first airplane to land in Midland. It was in 1912. Citizens turned out on foot and horseback to watch the old bi-plane wheeze down the grassy prairie and all wonders, fly. Compare the plane with those of three major air lines now operating at Midland, or, with some of the planes seen here during World War II.

### Housing Problem Threatens Family Desire For Children

NEW YORK—(AP)—The housing problem today involves a serious threat to the average family's desire for children, according to a study published by the Woman's Foundation, Inc.

This threat comes from three directions, the study indicates:

1—The shortage of homes.

2—The cost of housing in relation to the family budget.

3—The inadequacy of existing homes for modern family life.

The study embraces the research of fifty-two experts, who find "a prime cause of major family difficulties" in the "obsolete house and obsolete community."

The Woman's Foundation, headed by Dr. James M. Wood, former president of Stephens college, Columbia, Mo., is a philanthropic organization devoted to research in "problems of the American home and of the American woman."

**Designs Outmoded**

Co-operating in the current study were architects, builders, housing officials, medical authorities, home economists, sociologists and others. Their conclusions were summarized by Frederick Gutheim in a booklet "Houses for Family Living."

Declaring the modern "efficiency apartment" flagrantly inefficient, and homes in general unsatisfactory, the researchers conclude that "we have not been building houses for families," but instead have compelled families to fit themselves into outmoded dwellings the best they can.

"The American family of today is smaller, by more than one-fourth, than its predecessor," the report says.

"The position of the child has greatly changed. Once a potential

producer in the family unit, the child today is an economic liability from the moment his first doctor bills arrive.

"Dr. Louis Dublin of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company has estimated it will cost in the neighborhood of \$10,000 to bring up the child to the age of 18."

**Inadequate Housing**

Recalling work once performed by the child in a farm family, the report observes that "the once powerful economic incentive to have children has greatly decreased."

Inadequate housing is stressed as a threat to the remaining incentives to have children.

"We need children to complete us as personalities," the report continues. "But we do not need them if children are a bore, a care, a nuisance, if they are in the way, if the responsibility of caring for them sets us in hopeless conflict with our environment. Couples will find it easier to escape all this conflict and submit to the lesser evil of not having children."

Pointing out that the fear of childbirth, "and even its pain, are things of the past," the report warns that "we have not conquered the fear of child rearing."

The experts predict that tomorrow's house will be basementless and atticless with rooms on one floor and without the specialized rooms of today. Instead, it will have a flexible "pattern of spaces" capable of change according to the changing needs of the family.

The first sewing machine sewed 250 stitches per minute; modern power-driven machines sew several thousand.

### Woman Appoints Self As 'Do Good' Leader

BURBANK, CAL. — (AP) — Careful and courteous driving rates a reward once in a while, Miss Helen Hittson believes.

She sent a \$10 check to Mrs. Yvonne Pessano with a note stating:

"Just because it seems that good and courteous drivers should be rewarded once in a while, I am enclosing a check as a token of thanks."

The incident came to light when Mrs. Pessano, slightly perplexed at receiving money from a stranger, told police.

Miss Hittson, it developed, had followed Mrs. Pessano's car for several miles recently and traced her through license plates. She said she puts aside 10 per cent of her earnings as business manager for a Glendale architect in a "Do Good" fund to make the awards.

Mrs. Pessano, in turn, donated the \$10 to the March of Dimes.

Miss Hittson said the "Do Good" fund, as such, has been in existence only since November. She used money from it at Christmas, she added to buy a portable phonograph for four children whose mother couldn't afford it.

The music store, she added, gave her the machine at wholesale and tossed in a supply of records free.

**Burglars Brave Cold To Steal Safe, \$1,000**

WICHITA, KAN. — (AP) — Burglars braved snow and eight-degree cold to steal a safe at a Wichita creamery—with contents estimated at \$1,000.

They not only used one of the creamery's trucks to haul it away, but also put a cardboard box in its place to fool watchmen, police reported.

### 'Curly' Tickles Tuneful Past For People Homesick For Yesterday

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK—(AP)—A bald-headed man called "Curly", who thirty years ago wrote hit dance tunes for Vernon and Irene Castle, is still tinkling a tuneful past for people who are homesick for yesterday.

He is Arthur N. Green, now billed as "the man of a million melodies" but once known as America's dance king.

In his sixtieth year Curly pulses a battered piano in the Knickerbocker Music Hall, a Manhattan theater cafe. It features old-time songs, variety acts and "the wayward maiden," a satire on the old-fashioned melodramas.

Green has found pleasant anchorage in this last refuge of vaudeville, which is popular both with college kids and old-timers who come to shed an alcoholic tear over the songs of their youth.

**'Funny Thing'**

"It's funny about the old tunes they're like life itself," said Curly, whose fingers are a rippling anthology of the last half century of music. "They're popular for a while and then lose out. But every

so often they come back again—as a new generation comes along to enjoy them.

"Each night he lives over his life again as he tinkles out 200 to 300 tunes.

Few people now request any of the thirty numbers he wrote himself, except lonely beleaguered Elks who call for "Hello Bill," the official lodge song. But more than three decades ago people in the streets hummed his now half-forgotten novelty, "If I Catch the Guy Who Wrote Poor Butterfly."

And an America weary of the wait turned eagerly to the new dance rhythms Green composed for the famous Castle team—"Tango Argentino," the first tango written in the country, "Innovation Tango," "Sans Souci," the "Half and Half" and "Raggin' the Old Virginia Reel."

Like Throwing Dice

The death of Vernon Castle in an air crash in 1918 broke up his hit parade. Castle had been his close friend.

"For twenty years I couldn't write a note," Curly said.

He went into vaudeville with his wife. They were a featured act on the "four-a-day" circuits for years until something happened to vaudeville that shouldn't happen—even to vaudeville.

Green retired but he's back again now. He's turned out a new catchy dance tempo—"kind of a boogie-woogie with a rhumba rhythm"—which he says is catching on in Harlem.

"Writing a melody is easy," he said. "I can do it in 15 minutes and base it on anything—a phone number, a car license, the figures on a dollar bill.

But turning out a hit tune? There's no rhyme or reason to that. Writing a hit song is like throwing dice—you can come up with a natural any time."

**Has Original Copy**

Green believes women may write the best American songs in the next generation.

"There've been only a few in the history of popular music," he said. "But women are turning more and more to new fields, and some are bound to put their thoughts in music."

I asked Curly if through the years he hadn't developed a phobia against familiar tunes he has played thousands of times.

"How can you dislike anything that has melody?" he said.

One of his proudest memories is the day in 1917 when the late George M. Cohan stepped into a music house humming a tune he had just composed. He wanted it written down. Green volunteered.

"I think Cohan got the tune from listening to the railroad wheels that morning as he rode in," he recalled. "There wasn't a piano handy, so I just wrote down the notes as he hummed them."

The tune was "Over There." Green still has the original copy, signed by Cohan, in the scrapbook all show people keep to cheer them through the rainy days.

### Hypnotist Puts Radio Audience 'Under Spell'

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA. — (AP) — Three-hundred persons went to a Sydney broadcasting studio the other evening to see and hear hypnotist William J. Ousley try to put his radio audience to sleep. Only two saw it through—the rest went to sleep.

Telephone calls to the broadcasting station indicated Ousley put some radio listeners to sleep.

These were some of the complaints of telephone calls:

A man said his wife was standing at the window laughing, and throwing all her hats out.

Another said he had told a hypnotized friend to pick carnations from the garden, and couldn't stop him. A dog was reported to have fallen asleep.

**To Encourage Relaxation**

Most hypnotized listeners, however, were awakened when Ousley told them at the end of the broadcast to laugh at the mental picture of an amusing hat.

The experiment, Ousley told a reporter, was to encourage people to realize they can hypnotize themselves. Auto-hypnosis, he said, enables people to relax completely in refreshing sleep.

Listeners to his broadcast were told they were going to sleep, that they were relaxing and would soon feel relieved of all their worries. He alternated his instructions with a slow count.

Dr. Charles G. McCall, 83, pioneer Midland physician, died, May 2, 1946. He came to Midland in 1908 and was a familiar figure in his Midland. He was known as a "family doctor."

### Champion Drylot Steer In 1947



Norman Drake, one of Midland County's outstanding 4-H Club boys, showed the champion drylot steer at the 1947 Midland Livestock Show. The 1,060-pound animal sold for \$1 cents a pound here and won the reserve championship of the Sand Hills show in Odessa. A. O. Bohannon of Midland bred the fine calf.



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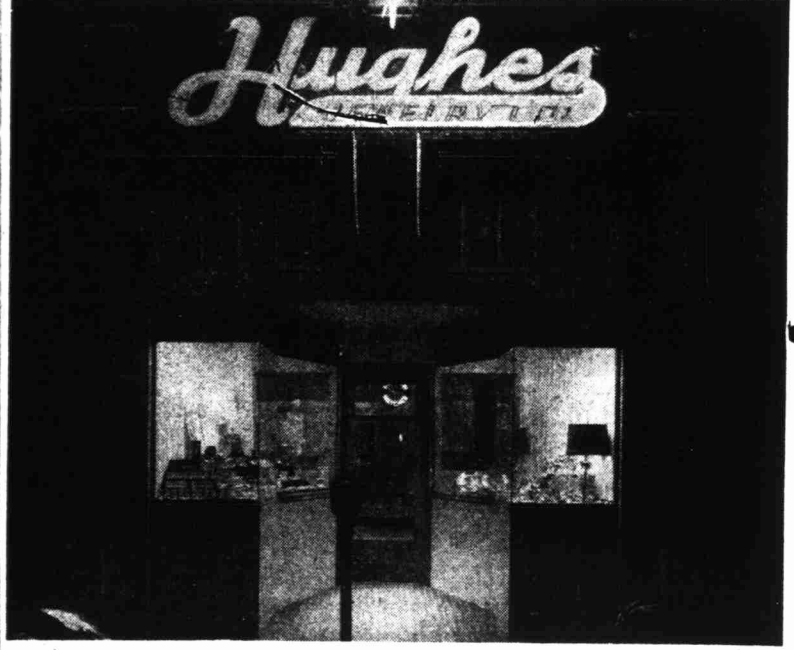
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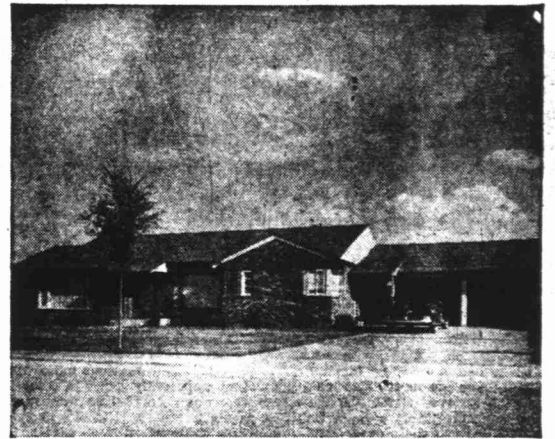
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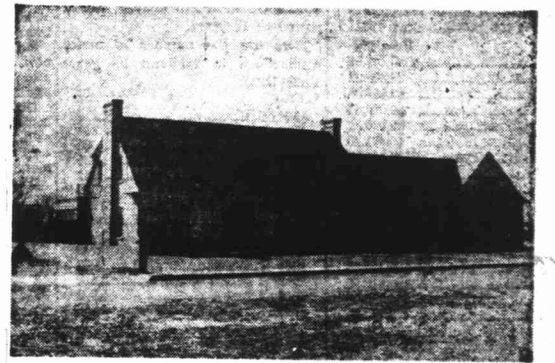
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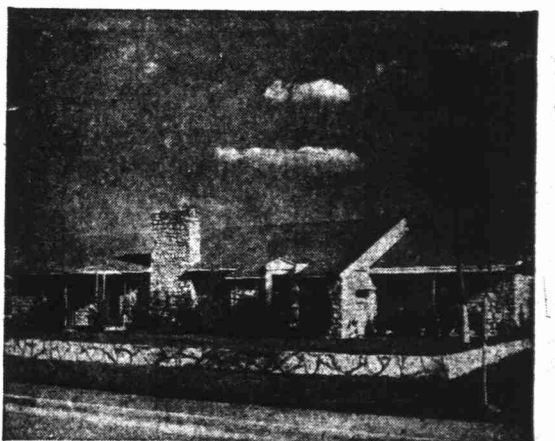
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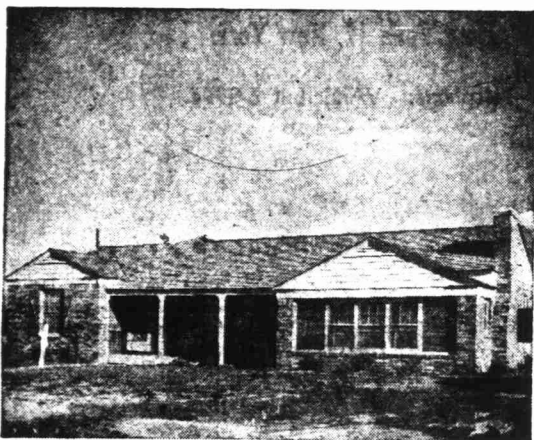
This beautiful Grafaland home is owned by Dr. James M. Devereux, and is located at 1709 West Ohio Street.



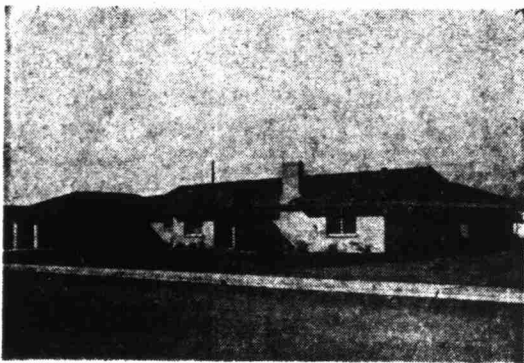
This lovely, spacious home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Wood was recently built in Grafaland, at 1507 West Ohio Street.



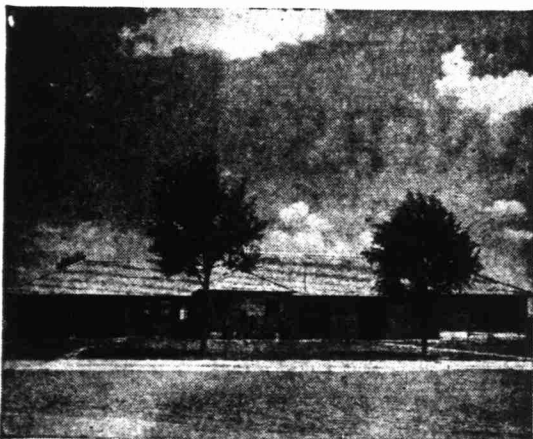
This spacious, handsome Grafaland home is the residence of Mr. W. Watson LaForce, located at 1711 West Ohio Street.



The Gordon Whites built and occupy this very lovely Grafaland home, located at 1603 West Michigan Street.



This is the modern, comfortable home of Dr. and Mrs. Homer B. Johnson, recently completed in Grafaland, at 401 West Broadway.



This lovely place is the home of Dr. Verner P. Neissl, located at 1604 W. Ohio Street, in Grafaland.

## In the beginning...

Reprint from The Reporter-Telegram of Sept. 21, 1945.

### Thought And Planning Required Before Grafaland Could Be Opened

The opening of Grafaland as the most highly restricted and exclusive residential section between Fort Worth and El Paso is not the result of chance, but follows months of planning and consultations with experienced municipal engineers. Barney Grafa, developer of Grafaland, has opened five residential sections in the years he has been here since 1927. All have been restricted and are from 95 to 100 per cent built up.

Grafa utilized his experience in developing those five sections in making his plans for the opening of Grafaland which will within a matter of months, civic planners predict, be the site of some of the finest and most luxurious homes in Midland.

Grafa long has planned the opening of such an exclusive residential section as Grafaland, but it was not until he was able to purchase the land five blocks west of Illinois High School and north of develop the exclusive residential section.

On High Ground  
Grafaland is on high ground overlooking the city to the south and east. Owners of homes in Grafaland will have no drainage problem when the rains come.

Citizens who are parents of children of elementary school age, or will find Grafaland an ideal location for their new homes as it is within nine blocks of every school in Midland.

Restrictions on building in Grafaland provide that each residence erected there must be in keeping with other residences. No unsightly structures will ever be erected which will cause a loss in value to nearby homes.

Staggering Is Permitted  
Since restrictions permit the staggering of houses, citizens who erect their new homes in Grafaland will find they can use initiative and imagination in providing a perfect setting for their homes through landscaping.

The wide winding streets of the development have drawn praise from citizens who have visited the new residential section. Not one square street corner is found in the entire addition. Two parks have been provided for the enjoyment of those who will live in Grafaland.

Grafa will be glad to show interested citizens Grafaland and explain its advantages as site for a better home. He has his offices in the Thomas Building.

## Grafaland Built On 'Faith'

Without faith in the promises of the developer the many fine homes in Grafaland would never have been built. We promised protection against erection of uncomplimentary buildings in the addition as protection of the heavy investments these lovely homes represent. We promised paved streets, all utilities, and various other improvements. We have not broken the faith. Drive out and see for yourself—today!

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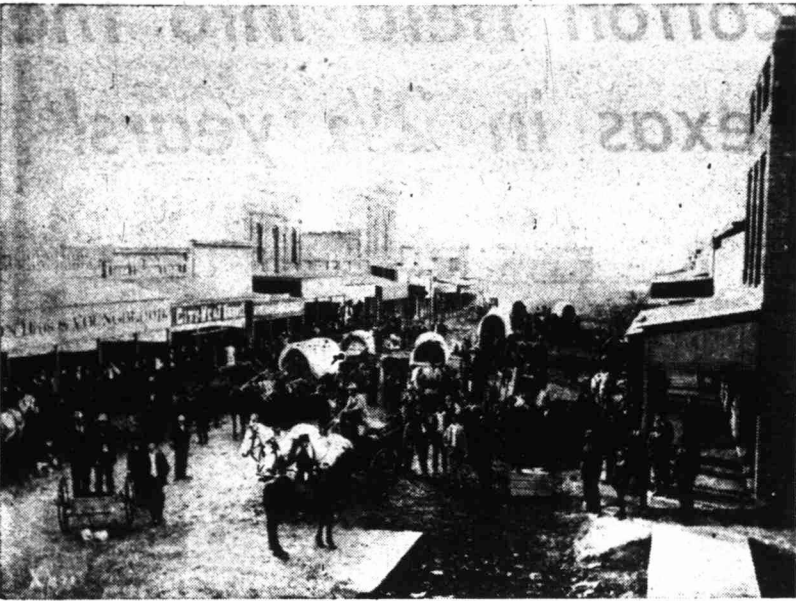
The six homes pictured here were picked at random from the many fine homes in Grafaland just to give an idea of the type homes that have been constructed. Where in West Texas can you find more beautiful?

### Grafaland Second Section To Be Developed Soon...

Development will be underway soon on Grafaland Second Section, which lies just north of Grafaland. It will be developed on the same scale, with the same protection and the same desirable features that have made Grafaland so popular. We promise you it will be equally as attractive, if not more desirable. Announcement of opening of development will be made soon.



### Men Came To Town Christmas Day



Santa Claus had just visited Midland and everyone was in a festive mood when this yesteryear Christmas Day picture was snapped. The male population apparently came to town 100 per cent for the picture taking. The unpaved street and the stores were not decorated as they now are during Christmas seasons, but the inhabitants perhaps had just as much fun. St. Nicholas likely delivered a number of ponies and saddles here in those days. The picture was snapped on Main Street, looking South, and the railroad may be seen in the background.

### Postal Receipts Gain, Gain, Gain, Indicating Growth

Postal receipts at the Midland post office by years indicate a sustained growth and progress of the city. Here are the receipts since 1931:

Year	Receipts
1931	\$ 26,147.02
1932	23,303.23
1933	23,968.96
1934	29,015.58
1935	39,700.81
1936	49,471.40
1937	64,519.77
1938	70,221.89
1939	70,522.80
1940	77,123.02
1941	88,091.17
1942	109,339.29
1943	121,151.52
1944	159,481.46
1945	190,818.90
1946	154,236.06
1947	172,750.29

\* This year Midland Army Air Field sub-station of Midland post office reported \$48,000, which is included in the total figure of \$190,818.90.

The altitude of Midland is 2,760 feet above sea level.

### Great Increase Shown Since '34 In Light Meters

Light meter connections in Midland have increased greatly over a period of 14 years. Here are the number of meter connections in Midland by years since 1934:

Year	Meters
1934	1,114
1935	1,254
1936	1,390
1937	1,685
1938	1,881
1939	2,068
1940	2,259
1941	2,518
1942	2,672
1943	2,740
1944	3,086
1945	3,529
1946	4,005
1947	4,766

J. V. Stokes, for whom the Stokes Community of Midland County was named, died here, March 1, 1946. He was a pioneer rancher and for years a Midland County commissioner. He lived here 54 years.

### Hoarding, Loss Of Currency High

NEW YORK (AP)—Rep. Frank L. Sundstrom (R-NJ) believes that between \$6 billions and \$8 billions of a total of \$28,120,000,000 of United States currency in circulation has been hoarded, lost or destroyed. He made the estimate during a news conference to explain his proposal to exchange outstanding American currency for brand new bills. Chief objective of the measure he introduced in congress recently, he said, is to make an accurate inventory of outstanding United States money. The New Jersey representative explained that the exchange of old currency for new would allow foreign governments to obtain dollar credit held by their nationals. The dollar, he added could be used for purchases in the United States, augmenting Marshall plan funds and lifting a part of the burden on American taxpayers. Ornamental mercury vapor street lights were installed on two blocks of the business district of Midland in December 1946. Eight lights were installed on Main Street between Missouri and Texas Streets.

### First College Course Of It's Kind Is 'More Thrilling Than Movie'

GALESBURG, ILL.—(NEA)—In one corner of a Knox College classroom a girl knitted automatically while her eyes watched the instructor. Here and there a student took notes. Most sat attentively in their seats concentrating on the lecture. The course was American civilization — the story of America — and first of its kind ever to be given in a U. S. college. All students must take the course but there are no textbooks, no examinations, no homework. Richard Lloyd Jones, editor and publisher of the Tulsa, Okla., Tribune, endowed the "Lincoln

lectureship," as it is called, because he felt "too little attention is given to the greatest civilization the world has ever known. "That civilization has flowered right here in our own republic and this our colleges do not seem to know. This highest civilization is the direct result of our constitutional rights and freedoms. "If this civilization is to maintain and progress, all that caused its creation must be revealed by our colleges, or our colleges are

### Gas Meters In City Increase

Gas meters in Midland have shown marked increase since 1931 with a steady rise in the number of installations since 1935. Here are the meter installations by years:

Year	No. Meters
1931	1,033
1932	932
1933	905
1934	937
1935	1,058
1936	1,180
1937	1,396
1938	1,556
1939	1,680
1940	1,742
1941	1,967
1942	2,100
1943	2,166
1944	2,306
1945	2,512
1946	2,856
1947	3,300

### DAR's Organized In Midland Year 1912

A Daughters of the American Revolution chapter was organized in Midland in 1912. It was the Benjamin Liddon Chapter. There were 12 charter members. First officers were: Mrs. W. H. Cowden, regent; Mrs. Callie Edwards, secretary; Mrs. C. L. Sterling, historian. Charter members included: Mesdames Mary Cowden, Hallie Day, Callie Edwards, Lily Cowden, Kate Crowley, Nancy Cochran, Mackie Calloway, C. L. Sterling, and Misses Bernice Cowden, Ida Lee Cowden, Kittle Cowden and Kate Cowden. All Midland High School teams are called Bulldogs. It is the athletic symbol. Junior High teams are Bullpups. Mrs. Mary Stolte, 77, who was a resident of Midland for 60 years, died, May 8, 1946. She came to Midland in 1885 from Dresden, Germany, where she was born.



Dr. Chauncey Boucher: He gave up retirement to teach "the greatest romance the world has ever known."

not "the fortress of our freedoms" and they cease to be our "capitals of culture." "Little Amazed" The college talked Dr. Chauncey Samuel Boucher, former head of the Universities of Nebraska and of West Virginia and dean at the University of Chicago, into abandoning his plans for retirement and taking over the course. Dr. Boucher agrees with Jones that "America is the greatest romance the world has ever known," that "it is a more thrilling story than a student can get by paying gate money at a movie show." He keeps the course informal. His suggested readings on American civilization range from standard historical texts to currently popular historical novels. Student reaction has been excellent. Ed Westerdahl, a senior, summed it up when he said: "I'm a little amazed to find myself actually reading the books Dr. Boucher has recommended." With no examination required, that's high praise from a college student.

The Modern Study Club of Midland was organized in September 1932 as the Mother Self Culture Club. The name was changed in 1936.

Susie G. Noble served as county clerk of Midland County 15 years. She took office, Jan. 1, 1931, and resigned Oct. 1, 1946, to enter business.

The North Elementary School building of Midland was erected in 1937 at a cost of \$75,000. The first South Elementary building was erected in 1909.

## CONGRATULATIONS

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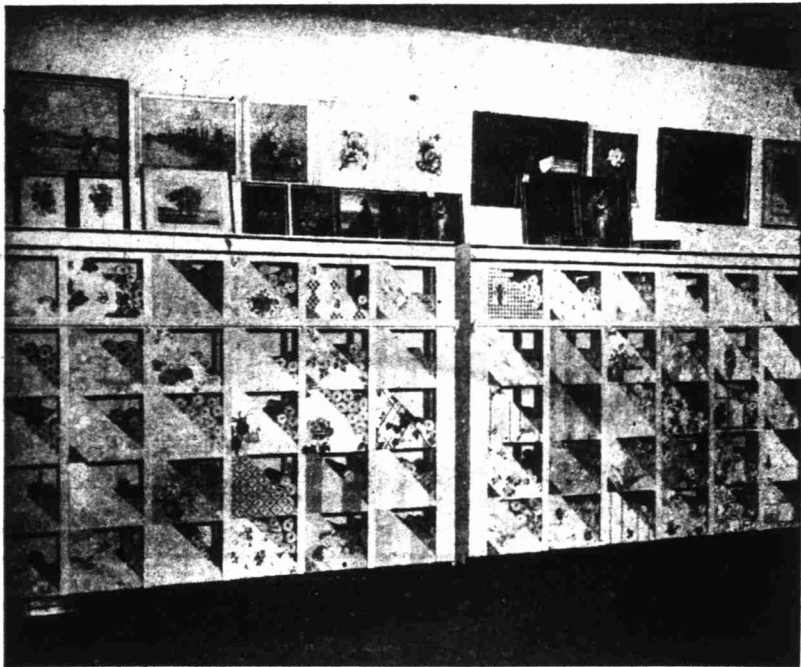
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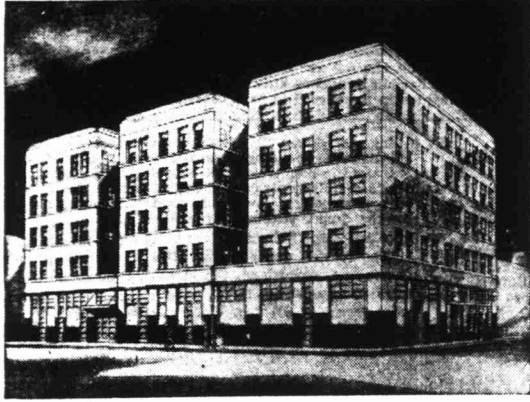
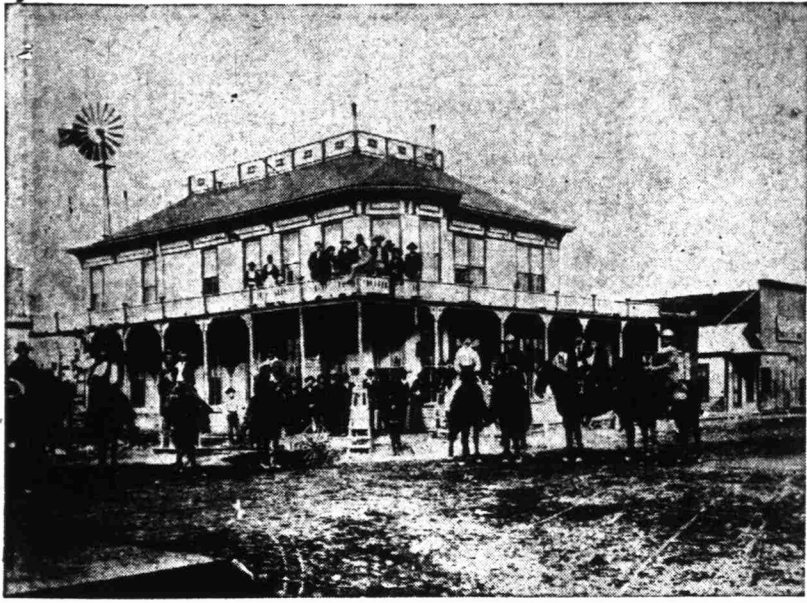
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Shown at the right is the Habit Cleaners, staffed by experts in the cleaning business.





## Midland's Old Llano Hotel Was West Texas' Finest; Termed 'Parker House Of The Plains'



By STANLEY FRANK  
When it comes to attributing credit for Midland's development as an oilman's headquarters, one of the first establishments to be

### MHS Graduates 60 In 1936-37; 157 In 1946-47

The number of graduates of Midland High School has increased yearly with the growth of the school.  
Here are the number of graduates each year since 1936-37:

School Yr.	No. Graduates
1936-37	60
1937-38	64
1938-39	75
1939-40	83
1940-41	110
1941-42	92
1942-43	114
1943-44	120
1944-45	144
1945-46	144
1946-47	157

### Bank Deposits Chart Growth

A growth of Midland is reflected in the increase of bank deposits in the two banking institutions of the city.  
Here are the figures since 1931:

Year	Deposits
1931	\$ 1,482,419.20
1932	1,273,832.01
1933	1,315,369.84
1934	1,688,110.09
1935	2,362,243.11
1936	3,031,200.72
1937	4,071,552.42
1938	4,574,101.07
1939	5,185,352.31
1940	4,982,968.65
1941	6,548,444.28
1942	8,082,569.56
1943	10,723,498.96
1944	17,505,997.63
1945	22,858,220.85
1946	23,570,177.80
1947	27,442,162.03

### Fingerprinting Of All Japs May Be Ordered

TOKYO — (AP) — The Nippon Times reported all Japanese may be fingerprinted because of the escape of a bank robber.  
The newspaper said the police were unable to check on the fingerprints of the robber, who fatally poisoned twelve employees of the Teikoku bank and escaped with 164,000 yen (\$3,280) January 26.

### Cat Comes Back After Visiting In Dallas

CHEYENNE, WYO. — (AP) — A white Angora cat has returned home after a weary lonesome trip of some 1,800 miles.  
The cat, tired and wild from its roamings, returned to the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Lacy.  
Last summer as the Lacy family was returning to Cheyenne from Atlanta, Ga., the cat jumped out of the car near Dallas. The car was traveling at sixty miles an hour and the Lacy's didn't believe the cat could have survived, so drove on. But Snowball proved cats have "nine lives" and showed up on the family doorstep.

### 'OK' WEATHER FORECASTERS

LOCK HAVEN, PA. — (AP) — The groundhog is vastly overrated as a weather forecaster says weatherman Joseph A. Beaver.  
"The skunk — now there's an animal to trust when it comes to weather," Beaver said.  
"Pay no attention to the groundhog," said Beaver. "If the skunks are out on the country roads, there will be a break in the weather."

praised is the old Llano Hotel, now known as the Crawford.

Even before the earliest discovery of oil in the Permian Basin, the Llano was noted as the most comfortable hostelry on the long stretch from Fort Worth to El Paso.

Originally, it was a frame structure, as practically all buildings were in the 1880's and 90's. A two-story, high-ceilinged edifice with a wide porch circling its waist, it was purchased in 1890, according to abstract records, by W. A. Dunn. It had been built only a short time before.

**Water From Windmill**  
Now, by modern standards, the Llano wasn't exactly a traveling man's dream in those days. The hotel didn't advertise hot and cold running water in every room. Guests were more likely to be hot or cold, depending on the season, while running after water. A windmill just behind the hotel was the sole source of water, and during periods of prolonged calm there was a definite conservatism in the way guests bathed.

Nevertheless, the Llano was a popular place to stay before the birth of the 20th century. Cowmen passing through Midland, or coming here to ship cattle, were fond of the relative comfort offered by the hotel. Cowboys, in town for an interlude of respite to break the monotony of long weeks or months alone on the vast plains, were glad to find a vacant room.

**Red Brick Building**  
Not long after the turn of the century, the frame building was torn down and a three-story red brick hotel was built in its place. It too, was called the Llano, and it was hailed as the Parker House of the Plains. It boasted three baths—one on each floor. The windmill in back of the hotel continued to supply water, but this new structure was definitely a proud milestone in the progress of Midland.

In 1908, though, the Llano burned, and in the conflagration a considerable portion of the rest of Midland's bustling business section was reduced to ashes.  
**Incomparable In West Texas**  
That was when the Llano Hotel Company formed by a group of the principal stockholders of the Midland National Bank, built the hotel now known as the Crawford—though until about 10 years ago it continued under the old name—"The Llano."

If the first frame hotel, and then the three-story brick, were indications of Midland's leadership in making people feel at home away from home, the third Llano hotel was something to beggar description.

It was four stories high, of modernistic architecture, with private

### Trimmed Civil Air Board Works Faster

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The civil aeronautics board has been deciding cases faster with three members than when it had a full roster of five.

The record shows 82 economic decisions in January, compared with an average of 73 a month during 1947. Also during January the board issued eight civil air regulations, four safety rules, two accident reports and one economic regulation.

The January pace was maintained through the first week of this month with more than 20 actions.

### Terrier Takes Nip; Couple Escapes Death

DUBUQUE, IA. — (AP) — Although Mrs. Joseph Kelly had a sore nose she doled out extra rations to the dog who bit her there.  
She said their 13-year-old terrier saved the lives of her husband and herself. The dog nipped her on the nose to awaken them when their bedding caught fire.  
They escaped safely but their trailer house was damaged.

## Training School Code Commission Studies Facilities At Gatesville

By DAVE CHEAVENS  
GATESVILLE, TEXAS.—It's early to bed and early to rise at the Gatesville training school for boys, but does it make Jack a good boy?  
Several members of the State Training School Code Commission came away from their inspection of the institution with the impression that merely keeping the juvenile delinquents busy from 6 a. m. until 8 p. m. is not enough.  
The commission found the delinquents "in training" here might more accurately be said to be "in detention."  
Its visit here was the first of

three such formal inspections undertaken in the task of studying the entire problem of juvenile delinquency and evaluating the state's effort to correct it.  
**No Formal Report**  
The commission has just barely no formal report on the school for boys, the first one to be visited. Most of its members are not yet ready to go on the record with their impressions or recommendations.

But on the basis of what they said informally, and on the basis of questions they asked the supervisors and inmates, it would be safe to say the members of this body are greatly concerned. Their concern was not over the administration, but the system the state is using.  
Several members put their finger on what appeared to be a basic weakness—little participation in vocational education.  
They found only a few inmates, for example, in the school's ample automobile mechanics shop. Just a handful of the 385 boys were in the well-equipped carpentry shop, and few in the plumbing and tinshop. Officials of the school explained that it is difficult—almost impossible—to find adequate vocational teachers for the salaries that are available. These would run from \$83 to \$100 a month, plus maintenance.

**Ample Farm Work**  
There seemed to be a full force in the bakery and the laundry, and there is plenty of work for the boys on the farm. The trouble here is the commission was told, most of the Gatesville inmates are city boys. They aren't interested in farms, and don't want to spend their lives farming.

The inmates of Gatesville gets up at 6 a. m., and most of the time he is in bed at 8 p. m.  
He is kept pretty busy at work or in school during those daytime hours. Half at work. But the question the commission members asked was, does it all add up to much from the standpoint of rehabilitation? Are the inmates getting enough useful training to make them independent and self-respecting citizens when they leave the school?

The members of the commission are coming back individually for further studies. They want to go into the entire matter more thoroughly before they are ready to sit down and write out a bill of particulars to submit to the next legislature. They will follow the same process at the Gatesville Training school for white girls, and the Brady Training School for negro girls. They are investigating all related matters, such as the code of laws which set up the system of treating juvenile delinquency, the manner of commitment to the institutions, what the states does if anything to follow up and keep track of "graduates" of the institutions, whether or not the state is appropriating enough money to try to reclaim wayward boys and girls.

### Water Meters Chart Great Increase Here

Midland had less than 1,000 water meters in 1931 and more than 3,000 in 1947.

Water meter installations have increased as the city has grown. Here are the number of meters since 1931 by years:

Year	Meters
1931	850
1932	840
1933	864
1934	937
1935	1,007
1936	1,100
1937	1,327
1938	1,502
1939	1,694
1940	1,764
1941	1,878
1942	1,968
1943	2,065
1944	2,100
1945	2,578
1946	2,890
1947	3,500

### Court Bans 'Ecstasy' Film In Kansas City

KANSAS CITY — (AP) — Circuit Judge Allen C. Southern upheld film censors here in banning from Kansas City theaters the film "Ecstasy," starring Hedy Lamarr, on the ground it is immoral.  
His action was taken on an alternative writ of mandamus asked by Samuel Cummins of New York, independent film exhibitor and owner of the film.

### Hard-To-Get Fuel Oil Received Too Soon

PHILADELPHIA — (AP) — Tenants of a West Philadelphia apartment building smelled fumes and telephoned firemen.

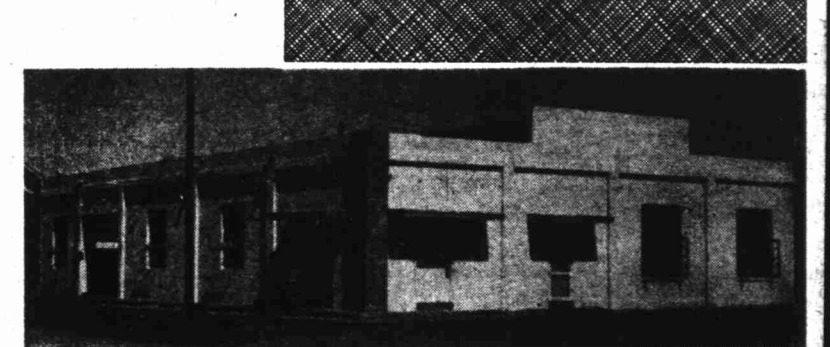
The firemen found 200 gallons of hard-to-get fuel oil flooding the basement.  
A new oil tank had been installed in the basement and someone neglected to tell the fuel truck man that it was not yet connected with the fuel intake pipe.

Lackey Field, Midland High athletic field and stadium, was built in 1939 at cost of \$12,000. It will seat 4,300 persons.

THE REPORTER-TELEGRAM, MIDLAND, TEXAS, FEB. 29, 1948—13

The average rainfall in Midland County is 18 to 21 inches annually.

Average mean temperatures in Midland are: 40 degrees in Winter, 65 degrees in Summer.



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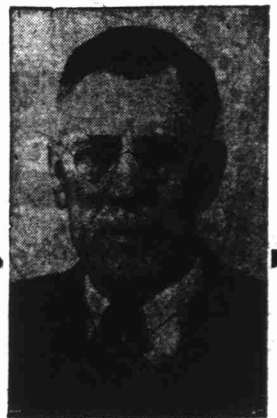
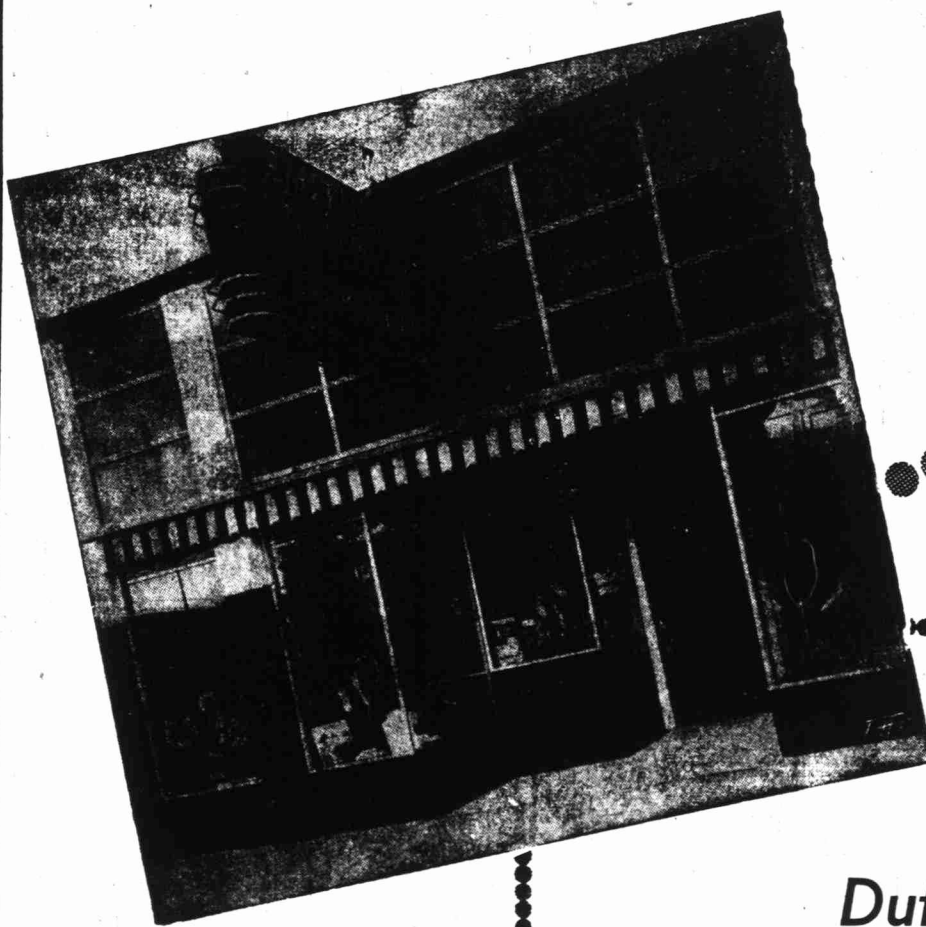
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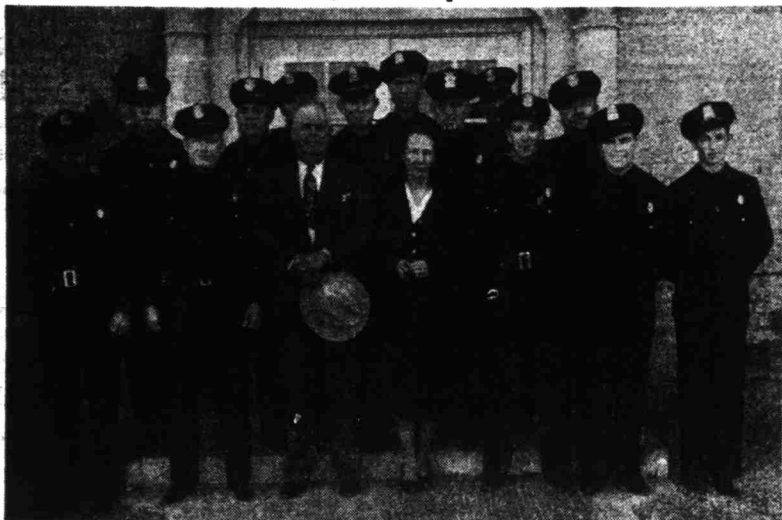
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### The Midland Police Department



Here are the members of the Midland Police Department: (left to right) front row—Floyd Maxwell, Odell Ponder, Chief Jack Ellington, Mrs. Gena Butler, Rube Hemingway, Marvin Lane, Mickey Heaton; back row—O. W. Roberts, Jr., T. T. Tabor, Dick Hemingway, Dave Allen, Gordon (Bill) Shipp, Dave Moran, A. B. Stickney, and Hoyt Cabiness. Not shown in the picture are Jess Cabiness and E. C. Lockard.

### Midland Police Dept., Organized In 1941, Is Uniformed, Has Equipment

The Midland Police Department as a uniformed organization with vehicles was organized in 1941.

Previous to that time Frank Manning had served as city officer and there was a night watchman. This was the force.

The first chief of police was L. P. McCasland, a former Texas Highway Patrolman. He was employed in April, 1941, by the City Council. His first action was to retain Manning as motorcycle officer.

McCasland began to build his department. He was empowered by the Council to employ six other officers including Manning. They were: C. A. Atkins, E. C. (Bill) Moreland, Glenn Hudson, Bill Durham and J. W. Merritt. This made up the first Midland Police Department.

Two patrol cars were purchased and uniforms ordered in 1941.

The first chief served five or six months and then Hollis Tyson took over, serving about a year.

Jack Ellington became chief in 1943 and he is the present leader.

The department in 1948 has 17 members, smartly uniformed in Summer and Winter. It has three patrol cars and two motorcycles. The most modern of radio equipment is maintained and more equipment is on order.

### Midland Club Was Organized In 1941

A Midland Club was organized in Midland in 1941. It consisted of 15 couples as members.

Charter officers included: Mrs. Ed Pritchard, president; Mrs. George Todd, vice president; Mrs. Langdon Tennis, vice president; Mrs. C. L. Bradshaw, secretary; Mrs. George Bennett, treasurer.

The club was a dancing organization.

Lula Brunson, pioneer Midland woman who taught a Sunday School class which bears her name, died here, March 2, 1946. She moved to Midland in 1883 with her husband.

### Midland Concert-Lecture Unit Was Organized In 1946

The Midland Concert - Lecture Association was organized in July, 1946, "to provide the city with a civic arts program."

First officers were: Leonard Thomas, president; Frank Ashby, vice president; Mrs. George Turner, secretary; and Roy McKee, treasurer.

First directors included: Mrs. Giland Kargl, Wendell Sanford, Mrs. Fred Fuhrman, Mrs. Alma Thomas and Winston Hull.

**"FIGHTIN' HOLLER" . . .**

There was once a draw near Midland called "Fightin' Holler," and in another direction there was "Clabber Hill."

**BANKHEAD HIGHWAY . . .**

Midland is located on U. S. Highway 80, which once was popularly called Bankhead Highway.

The WSCS (Women's Society for Christian Service) of the First Methodist Church was organized in 1940.

### Church Head Says Children Are Chief End Of Marriage

LONDON—(AP)—The archbishop of Canterbury says parenthood is a chief end of marriage regardless of a legal ruling to the contrary.

In the house of lords on Dec. 17 the five law lords held that a marriage may be consummated even though contraceptives are used.

The archbishop declared that the insistence of the Church of England upon the obligation of parenthood as a chief end of matrimony remains untouched. He conceded that the legal ruling might have a beneficial effect in preventing trial marriages which could be voided by collusion of both parties.

**Church Relieved**

"The church is relieved in that the judgment of the house of lords limits the range of wilful refusal and of decrees of nullity on that ground to cases in which marital intercourse is altogether refused," the archbishop said.

The ruling of the law lords was made on an appeal by Frederick Charles Baxter, London laboratory worker. Baxter said his wife refused to have sexual relations with him unless he used contraceptives. This constituted grounds for a nullification of the marriage, he said.

England's revised divorce code of 1937 provides for annulment upon wilful refusal to consummate marriage. Baxter lost twice in the lower courts, whose decisions were upheld by the law lords—England's highest court.

**Decision Listed**

The decision of the law lords said "the institution of marriage generally is not necessary for the procreation of children; nor does it appear to be a principal end of marriage as understood in Christendom."

The lords advised against relying on the wording of the Church of England prayerbook, which speaks of the "procreation of children" and the "increase of mankind" as principal purposes of marriage.

### Tragic Ending



In silent, stolid grief, Jose Lopez and his dog, Pancho, sit beside the charred remains of their ranch home near Norwalk, Calif. Underneath the tarpaulin is the body of Lopez' 2-year-old son, Freddie, who was killed in the blaze. Two sisters of Freddie were also burned to death. A butane gas explosion is believed to have caused the fire.

### Modern Roller Coaster Is Under Construction

CRYSTAL BEACH, ONT. — (AP) — If a 96-foot drop at 100 miles an hour is your dish—here's your chance.

The world's most modern roller coaster, says the designing engineer of Crystal Beach amusement park, will be ready for use Decoration Day.

The new scenic railway, to be christened "The Comet," is rising rapidly at an estimated cost of \$125,000. It will replace the old "Cyclone," formerly the leading attraction at this amusement center about 12 miles from Buffalo, N. Y.

The coaster, whose nearest rival is one in Coney Island, Cincinnati, Ohio (Coney Island, N. Y., doesn't rate), occupies 800 feet along the waterfront," says Mitchell. "It has a dip of 96 feet and is designed to give the thrill of floating through space. The ride itself is 4,000 feet long and will take about three minutes."

The 10-mile-an-hour speed reached on the drops will be cushioned in the comfort of foam rubber seats installed in three trains of three cars each.

## We Are Glad We Came To Midland

And we chose to cast our lot in Midland long before she could boast of her present population of over 20,000; long before she could lay claim to being the thriving metropolis of today with its myriad of tall office buildings which house the operating headquarters of over 200 oil companies, and the many other achievements of today.

But—she could lay claim to some of the finest people on earth, with the biggest hearts and the heartiest handclaps; with the pioneering spirit that builds and does things in a big way. That's the kind of folks we like and that's why we are glad we came to Midland.

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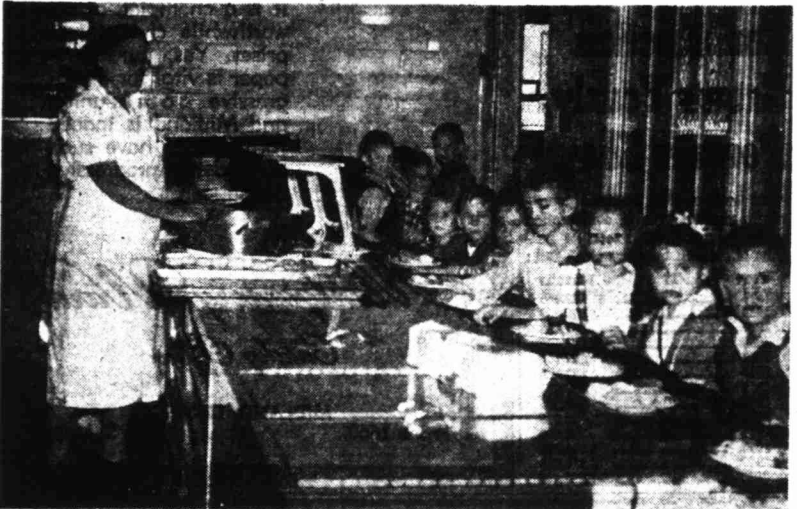
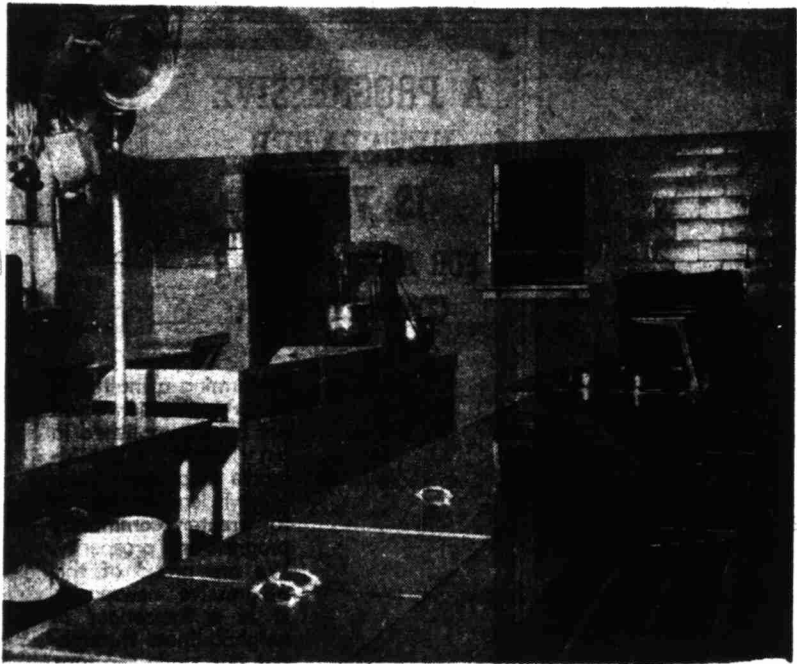
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Providing hot lunches and a well-balanced diet, modern and well-equipped cafeterias in four public schools serve an average of 750 Midland students and teachers daily. Cafeterias now are in the North, West and South Elementary Schools and Carver School. The new high and junior high buildings also will have similar installations. Mrs. Edith Wilson is cafeteria supervisor for the Midland Independent School District, and is in charge of purchasing food and planning and preparing meals. She also is in charge of cafeteria personnel. The school system has eight full-time cafeteria employees. Food is purchased wholesale, and the lunch cost to students is 25 cents. The cafeterias are self sustaining. The clean, attractive and modern North Elementary installation is shown at top left, while at top right, South Elementary students are pictured while enjoying their noon-day meal. Bottom left, Mrs. Angie Reeves and Sara Jones serve students of the West Elementary School. The students, rear to front, Charles Marsh, Bill Parker, Ronald Cheshire, Gary Samford, Tinker Downing, Betty Owens, Lanny Smith, Sid Waldrop, Mike Scott, Wanda Payne, Jan Drake and Robert Porter.

A NEWCOMER VIEWS MIDLAND—

City Has Growing Pains Aplenty, But Residents Are Taking Them In Stride

By J. M. RATCLIFF  
Midland has growing pains, and is taking them in stride. Oldtimers may not recognize the pains or the reaction, but to the newcomer, they stick out like a sore thumb. Just imagine, if you're an old resident, you had left your home town in the late twenties, and returned again in, say September, 1947, nearly twenty years later. Then you'd see what Johnny-comelately sees in Midland—growth so fast it has to be painful, yet carried out in a manner that bespeaks foresight and planning for a definitely permanent future. The writer, a native and lifelong resident of a small Southeast Texas town, visited Midland nearly twenty years ago. Then it was a sleepy Western cowtown, to all appearances, with the usual assortment of straggling structures along the main stem, possibly 5,000 inhabitants, a water tank and a railroad station. Imagine alighting at that same station (at least, it looks the same) about daybreak in the Fall of 1947 and watching the present Midland emerge from its slumbers. Growth? You said it, Mister. First revelations of that growth come in the downtown section—the Scharbauer Hotel, the Crawford. Then the mists clear and the Petroleum Building, with the fringe on top, looms up. Next to register is the Midland Tower, a tall mass of brick and stone with yawning black holes where the windows are to be. One after another, the modern buildings that set Midland apart from other cities of its size are "discovered." And they all tell a story of growth, the permanent kind. Midland's on a boom, you might tell yourself at first. But boom isn't the right word to describe it. Boom towns don't build of concrete, steel, brick and stone. And they don't build up, they sprawl. It's The People. Still a little dubious and anxious to convince yourself everything's on the up and up, perhaps you'll be curious about what makes Midland tick. So you'll wander a few blocks away from the main drag—and get the answer. It's the people. Yes, people. Some towns boast of their citizens. But citizens have to be people to build a city. Citizens live in houses. People build and live in homes. And Midland is a city of homes. There, Mr. Oldtimer, is how it looks to Mr. Average Newcomer. But what about the pains? Those growing pains are caused by the things Midland needs. What are they? They're many, but they're being supplied at as fast a rate as is possible under existing shortages and difficult conditions. Needs listed: No. 1 on the list is more homes, and brother, they're a-building. More than \$4,000,000 in building permits last year, they say, nearly half of it for homes. No. 2 is water—more of it, especially that little angle has been arranged in the form of a \$1,200,000 bond issue. Next hurdle will be an installation to treat that water and make it softer, more usable for domestic and industrial purposes. But let's cross that bridge after it's built. And there are others, too, such as more paving, better supervised recreation for youngsters, more school facilities, more Sunday School classrooms. All are needed. But as they are counted off one by one, the answers pop up almost immediately. Paving bonds, already voted; youth canteen, ground and building arranged for; permit issued; school facilities, bonds voted and construction planned soon; church facilities, being expanded in practically every church in Midland. Growing pains? Yes. But from where I sit, Midland seems to be taking them in stride.

Big Per Cent Of Britons Friendly Toward U. S.

LONDON —(AP)— A public opinion poll by the Daily Express said that 70 per cent of Britons are friendly to the United States. Five per cent said they were unfriendly, 21 per cent were indifferent, and 4 per cent didn't know. Forty-four per cent said they thought Britain has done more for the United States than the United States has done for Britain since the outbreak of the war in 1939. Seventeen per cent said America did the most for Britain, 30 per cent said the honors were equal and 9 per cent didn't know.

Professional Football Is Easier, Grid Star Says

SAN ANTONIO —(AP)— Professional football is easier than college brand, says Weldon Humble, Rice line star who played with the Cleveland Browns of the All-America conference this last season. Home for the winter, the 1946 all-America guard plans to play pro football three more years unless something better turns up. He is considering a coaching career. He scoffed at stories that professional football is rougher than that played in college. "The way we play at Cleveland," he says, "it is much easier than at college. Our coach, Paul Brown, uses different teams for offense and defense, which means most players are on the bench at least half the game. As a result, they don't tire themselves out and aren't so easily injured."

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Tenants Reject Gift Of 'House They Live In'

NEW YORK —(AP)— A Brooklyn landlord, harassed by complaints of a leaky roof, refrigeration, broken windows and inadequate heat, offered to give the dwelling to his tenants. Sam Yachter, 35, the landlord, had been brought to court by tenants who complained they had no heat. Yachter's lawyer explained Yachter was disgusted and would be "ticked to death" to deed the house over "free and clear" to his tenants. The tenants went into a huddle, then came back with their answer: "Nothing doing." The magistrate ordered a health department checkup on the house.

HD Club Work Began In 1928

Home demonstration club work has grown under her direction. There are now six clubs in the county. A home demonstration club council with representation from all clubs of the county governs the work. Its leaders have been: Mrs. Ray Hallman, 1928; Mrs. S. H. Gwyn, 1929-30; Mrs. Matt Locklar, 1933; Mrs. Sam Wumberley, 1935-36; Mrs. S. L. Alexander, 1937-38; Mrs. Gilbert Brunson, 1939-40; Mrs. Ray Tillman, 1941; Mrs. J. E. Wallace, 1942-43; Mrs. I. J. Howard, 1945-46; and Mrs. M. G. McConal, 1946-47.

ARMY WRESTLING TEAM INCLUDES CADET BACK

WEST POINT, N. Y. —(AP)— Rudy Cosentino, 192-pound Army half-back who is expected to figure prominently in the Cadets' 1946 attack, should be in good shape for spring practice. The 21-year-old Seneca Falls, N. Y. athlete is competing with the wrestling team.

Booster Club Was Organized In 1945

The Midland Bulldog Booster Club was organized in 1945. First president was John Scrogins. President in 1946 was Mike Brumblow and in 1947 the leader was J. W. McMillen. Charter members of the Boosters included: Stan Erskine, J. M. Mo-

Noel Cason, Fred Kneiff, Dr. H. L. Schlichting, Sherwood O'Neal, N. D. Webb, and Dave Ellis. The club meets monthly. It promotes good sportsmanship for high school athletics and supports the Midland High teams and individual. Charter members of the Boosters included: Stan Erskine, J. M. Mo-

City Bus Lines began operations in Midland in July 1948 with three vehicles and only part of the city was served. Now practically all of the areas of the city are covered by five modern buses.

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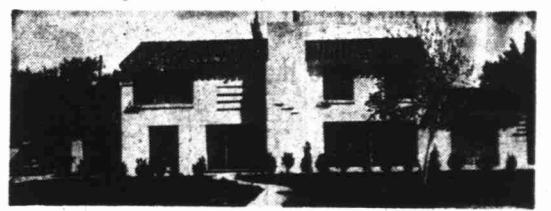
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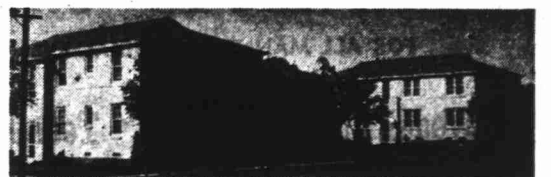
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## West Texas Chamber Of Commerce Has Served Area 30 Years; Big Projects Listed In 1948 Program

By L. A. WILKE  
Service Director, West Texas Chamber of Commerce  
(Written especially for the Progress Edition of The Reporter-Telegram)

ABILENE—Knitted closely into the culture and economy of the great domain known as West Texas, is the 30-year active history of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, an organization of and for the business and professional men and farmers and ranchers of the area.

For three decades the West Texas Chamber of Commerce has been able to usefully serve the territory, from which it derives its name by taking leadership in current problems and developing projects which will have effect on the future development of the raw materials capital of the world.

Representing more than 6,000 paying members, with interests in all walks of life, it has 174 directors made up of keymen of the 132 counties affiliated with it.

**Midland Leaders**  
The interest of Midland lies close, in that M. C. Ulmer, banker and business man of West Texas, served as president of the organization two consecutive terms during the trying times of World War II. Directors in Midland now are James N. Allison and Paul McHargue. Allison also is chairman of the editorial board of West Texas Today, the official publication of the organization, and is vice chairman of the all-important water resource development commission, which was authorized at the referendum meeting held in Abilene last November.

Officers of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce for this year are C. P. Dodson, Decatur, president; John Mitchell, Odessa, J. M. Willson, Floydada, and B. P. Bludworth, Brownwood, vice presidents; and Malcolm M. Meek, of Abilene, treasurer.

D. A. Bandeen has been general

manager since 1939 and is generally recognized as the most outstanding authority of his time on the economy of the territory he represents. A dynamic personality, Bandeen has devoted so much of his working life and enthusiasm in the development of West Texas, no history of the area can ever be written which does not reflect not only his efforts, but his achievements in so many individual undertakings.

**New Work Program**  
For instance the 1948 work program outlined for the annual meeting last Fall and now in operation, is an example of the intensity of the organization's efforts. Based on Bandeen's belief that important things come first, they include three new major problems.

The first is the setting up of the soil conservation commission, charged with the immediate task of studying the proposed diversion of the state's general revenue and ad valorem tax to soil conservation and farm to market road purposes, and to draft a proposed enabling act assuring the expenditure of soil conservation funds so as to supplement and augment the programs of other state and federal agencies. The committee activating this project is composed of Charles C. Thompson, Colorado City; Sterling Williams, Snyder; W. R. Cuseberry, Sonora; J. G. Nisbett, Dumas and Walter Humphrey, Fort Worth.

Another commission of equal importance is the water resource development group, charged with the responsibility of studying the conservation and maximum utilization of both surface and underground water, such studies to be conducted with the aid of professional engineers and in cooperation with other agencies. This committee is headed by Winfield Holbrook, Plainview; James N. Allison, Midland; W. C. Fortenberry, Lubbock; Charles L. South, Coleman and C.

Agriculture and livestock, as the two original economies of West Texas, likewise receives a great deal of the organization's attention, with strong committees. Nothing, however in the agenda of the organization, receives more attention than the educational objectives, and through the years of the organization many of the educational advancements in West Texas have been made possible through the efforts of WTCC.

Natural and chemurgic industrial research, along with mineral and metal resources are objectives, with a campaign for all measures striving for restoration and preservation of state's rights in the conduct of the oil business.

**WTCC Staff**  
Associated activities in the organization headquarters at Abilene are too numerous to mention.

Associated with Bandeen in the administration of WTCC is Max Bentley, organization director and editor of West Texas Today, the official organ. Working directly with the officers committee, he is handling membership and finance. To effectively gather information, there must be a research director, and that man is Joe C. James, veteran and graduate of TCU, who gathers the information on such subjects as soil conservation, water development, commodity freight rates, taxation and public expenditures.

Working with the service department is L. A. Wilke, former newspaperman and chamber of commerce manager, who handles the organization's publicity and contracts with the local chambers of commerce in the area served. He also organizes the various activities of the WTCC.

The Fort Worth office of WTCC is in charge of H. E. Nix, who also handles the advertising for the magazine and assists Bentley in membership work.

W. Coombes, Stamford. The West Texas Spanish-American Relations Commission also has been activated, charged with fostering projects common to both West Texas and Mexico, developing good will and working for a maximum trade relation with Mexico.

On this committee are C. W. Meadows, Sr., San Angelo; Tim B. Cobb, Del Rio; L. D. Aston, Cleburne; Ed Nunnally, Bronte; and Charles Stuckey, Monahans.

Another activity of the organization has been the creation of industrial committees to work with the various railroads entering West Texas, and two of those committees have made notable strides in their efforts. The first to report is the West Texas-Texas & Pacific committee, with Frank Kelley, Colorado City as chairman and J. H. Green, Big Spring, secretary. This committee has employed the services of an outstanding economist to make a study of the area served by the T&P, and to make his report available for all area cities. This survey will be an economic analysis with the idea of development of commerce and industry. It is now in process.

**Freight Rate Fight**  
Another very important agreement has been made with the Santa Fe railroad, through the committee of which E. L. Buelow of San Angelo is chairman and E. O. Wedgeworth of Pampa is secretary, to study textile possibilities of the area. This project now is under way, through a contract with Texas Tech at Lubbock.

Long an advocate of parity railroad rates for West Texas, the organization stands solidly on its record of working for the total parity for West Texas in all freight rate classifications.

Other objectives include studies of taxation, public expenditures and legislation, in which the organization has been taking a statewide lead.

No story of the Midland Fire Department is complete without the story of Luther Tidwell. He was a charter member of the department. He was its chief for 28 years. He missed less than a half dozen fires of the thousands during his years of service. Luther Tidwell has had much to do with the low fire insurance rate for Midland for many years.

Tidwell remembers the worst fire

## When The Fire Bell Rang



The Midland Fire Department, organized in 1909, by 1910 had acquired three push carts and some buckets. A couple of Midlanders are shown as members of that early department. They are Luther Tidwell, right foreground in hat, and Frank Prothro, left foreground in cap. Also shown are the late Fred Barber, right background, and Bonnie McCormick, left background.

## When You Think Of Fire Department You Think Of Veteran Chief Tidwell

Midland has a modern and well-equipped fire department in 1948. In 1908 Midland didn't have a fire department.

The Midland Fire Department was organized in 1909. It had no equipment at the start. By 1910 there were three hand carts and some buckets. First firemen were businessmen and volunteers.

The first firehouse was located near the Opera House which was where the present postoffice stands.

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In the history of Midland as one in 1918 when six business houses were destroyed and a man was killed. Another bad fire he remembers was when the old Llano Hotel burned and the fire jumped across the street and partially destroyed the First National Bank and three other buildings.

When Tidwell resigned in January, 1948, he had rounded out 39 years of consecutive service. His greatest impression of fire-fighting that long is: "fire is a grim business."

Tidwell is retained as an honorary member of the Midland Fire Department and in a way he always will be "chief."

## Construction Grows Yearly, Permits Show

An ever-growing Midland counted its greatest year in construction permits in 1947. The total of permits is charted by years since 1935:

Year	Permits
1935	\$ 131,055
1936	270,262
1937	801,882
1938	1,031,456
1939	667,145
1940	673,116
1941	638,275
1942	283,985
1943	55,270
1944	530,600
1945	1,544,805
1946	2,816,400
1947	4,291,700

## 'Keep 'em Flying'



If all the bombs dropped by the U. S. Army Air Force in its training program at Midland Army Air Field were dropped at once—what a mighty boom that would be!!! Here are shown AT-11s of the USAF dropping bombs on the practice bombing ranges near Midland—this was a common sight to many during World War II, as thousands of bombardiers were trained here.

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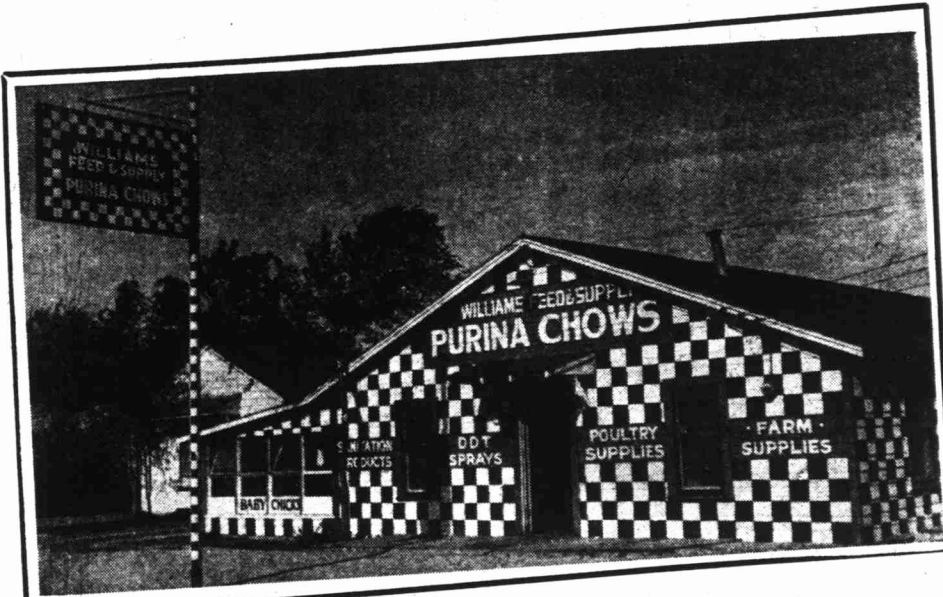
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This was Midland County's second courthouse to be located where the present one stands. It was built in 1905-06, and was used about 25 years. Ernest Woods paid \$1, thereby gaining a big wrecking job, material for several homes still occupied in Midland, and mention in Ripley's "Believe It Or Not" feature.

## 'Terminal' Is Quite A City In Own Right; 800 Citizens

Midland Air Terminal is a city in itself. So rapidly has grown the settlement of people and industries at the air terminal, which formerly was Midland Army Air Field, that application has been made for a post office.

"Terminal, Texas," is the proposed post office designation.

There are 800 persons at the terminal. Most of them live there. Army structures rapidly are being converted to living quarters. A barracks suddenly becomes an apartment house. A squadron headquarters building makes a nice little four or five room home. Rent is not excessive. It is paid to the City of Midland. Approximately 150 buildings are occupied. Population is not clustered but rather is scattered over the huge base.

"Terminal" has a school of its own. There are 64 students from grade one to five. And 60 students are transported to schools in Midland.

"Terminal" has its own utilities. There are water, lights and gas. There is daily garbage collection.

"Terminal" has a church. It has a deputy sheriff and a night watchman. It has playgrounds for youngsters. It has its own fire department. It has traffic problems.

"Terminal" has Boy Scouts and Cubs. Several clubs are in the formative stage. A home demonstration club has been organized.

**Has Commercial Buildings**

"Terminal" has its own grocery store and a service station. Doing good business, too, the owners say.

"Terminal" has milk routes, newspaper routes and ice delivery.

There is bus service to Midland and Odessa over two lines. Commuters turn left to Midland and right to Odessa daily going to work.

"Terminal" has its commercial buildings. There are beer company storages. There are two produce company warehouses. There will be a sash and door factory soon. Halliburton Company has

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SECTION FIVE

## Progress Cited In T&P Railway's History

### Three Courthouses Have Served Midland County

The history of the Midland County courthouses dates from a meeting of the commissioners court held in a vacant warehouse Aug. 10, 1885.

"Be it remembered," County Clerk A. B. Rountree wrote in his minutes of the meeting, "that on Monday, the tenth day of August A. D. 1885, then came on and was held in the town of Midland the first regular term of the Honorable Commissioners Court of Midland County, Texas.

County Judge E. B. Lancaster, and Commissioners M. Zirkler of Precinct 1 and J. S. Moore of Precinct 2, took up first the matter of appointing George G. Gray and D. A. Crichton as commissioners of Precincts 3 and 4, since men elected to those offices had failed to qualify.

Then, the court got right down to

the business of a courthouse: "It is ordered that the storehouse of F. M. Wardlaw now occupied by the court be and the same is hereby rented from said F. M. Wardlaw at \$15 per month for courthouse purposes as long as the same may be needed by said county for said purposes.

**Bid Rejected**

County Judge then presented in open court and had filed by the clerk the bond of the Midland Town Company by which said company agreed to donate to Midland County \$3,000 to build a courthouse and jail in Block 55 in the town of Midland."

Next day, the court continued in session and voted to build an adobe courthouse to cost not more than \$3,000 and a jail not to cost more than \$1,500. Contractors were given until September 7 to submit bids, but on that date only one bid had been received by the court. It was rejected and the commissioners then agreed to receive bids for a wooden building. The firm of Hunter and Wells was awarded the contract at a meeting September 9, 1885, on a bid of \$2,934.65.

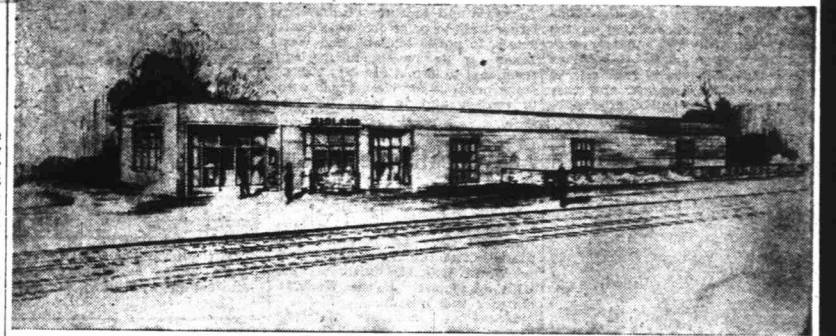
**Early Day Salaries**

At that same meeting, the commissioners discussed salaries of county officials and allowed the judge \$720 per year and the clerk \$300.

The court accepted the wooden building January 21, 1886, and for almost 10 years was reasonably well satisfied with their quarters. In a special election called for June 14, 1905, however, 125 citizens of the county voted in favor of issuing \$30,000 worth of county bonds to build a new courthouse. Only 15 voters opposed the issue. William Martin was awarded the contract for erecting this building, Sandstone from the famous old quarry near Barstow, which had furnished blocks for several other courthouses in Texas, including the one in San Antonio, was used. While construction was in progress the county's legal affairs were carried on in the library building at the Northwest corner of the intersection of what are now Wall and Colorado Streets. The sandstone courthouse was accepted September 1, 1906. Present at the meeting then were

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### T&P Railway Plans New Midland Station



The Texas and Pacific Railway Company will begin construction within 90 days of this new passenger station to bring Midland's depot abreast of the other modern and attractive buildings here. The station will be of buff brick with large expanses of recessed windows set in aluminum frames. Terrazzo floors, fluorescent lighting, and colorful furnishings will be installed. The above drawing is an architect's conception and still is subject to change. The new building will be on the railroad's right-of-way north of the main line tracks and 300 feet east of Main Street.

## Excellent Cooperation Between City, Railroad Through Years Has Been Beneficial To Both

By J. B. SHORES  
Director of Public Relations  
T&P Railway Company

(Written Especially For The Progress Edition of The Reporter-Telegram)

DALLAS — No city in West Texas has a better, more consistent record of progress over the years than Midland. Back in the 80's when it was "one of the best cattle towns between Fort Worth and El Paso," when unnumbered longhorns roamed the plains and a man could go out and start a herd of his own merely by branding the strays and registering his brand at the courthouse, northern ranch owners used to stop at the old Llano hotel. Its proprietress bought milk from Fort Worth because nobody would bother (or venture) to milk the wild cows that frequented the range.

Cattlemen, the town's chief citizens, were becoming more and more dependent on the recently completed Texas and Pacific Railway, and though these northern owners often stopped at the Llano for weeks at a time, they seldom inquired about the weekly rates—just plunked down straight \$2 a day for room and board as if money grew on trees.

Today a steak costs \$2.00 in Mid-

land, just as it does other places—and Midland's skyline has gone up like the price of steak.

If the old cow-pokes of the long-horn days could see it, they'd be amazed at the square with its numerous modern office buildings. Their horses would shy at the many automobiles, and their riders would yell a few pointed adjectives at the cop on the corner as they rode off in search of the wide open spaces.

**Dependable Iron Horse**

About the only remainder of the days they knew would be the T&P's dependable Iron Horse and his trail of boxcars, and even these would have grown so much larger than their predecessors that the resemblance would be slight.

Six months from now, even this reminder of the olden days will have taken on such a new look as to be no longer a near relative of the steam train so long a part of our nation's countryside. For within this time, new streamlined equipment will be added to the quiet, smokeless diesels already pulling trains over T&P tracks.

And within a hundred days construction of a new passenger station will be underway to bring Midland's principal transportation sys-

tem abreast of the other buildings which make it one of West Texas most modern cities. The new station will be of buff brick with large expanses of recessed windows set in aluminum frames. Doors also will be made of light steel, while floors of terrazzo will reflect the soft fluorescent light and colorful furnishings will highlight the New Look in keeping with the many other modern structures climbing into the sky about the square.

As it has for more than half a century, the Texas and Pacific Railway continues to work with Midland and other West Texas cities along its line. Most striking recent example of such cooperation is the planned construction of a Colorado River reservoir to serve Midland, Snyder, Colorado City, Odessa and Big Spring. The Texas and Pacific agreed to grant free easement for a 100-mile water pipe line to be placed along its right-of-way. The offer was estimated to be worth \$1,000,000 in the saving of trouble and time, as pipe can be unloaded directly from work trains to the point at which it will be installed.

As almost any year in the past \$0, examples of mutual helpfulness (Continued On Page 5)

### Midland's Present Courthouse



Midland's present courthouse, completed in late 1930 at a cost of approximately \$300,000 (including \$150,000 in county bonds and the balance in warrants), was planned and built while M. R. Hill was county judge and commissioners were S. R. Preston, Donald Hult, L. M. Estes and Holly Roberts. It is one of West Texas' finest and most beautiful courthouses.



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## Congratulations On New Plant— Eyes Of Nation Focused Upon West Texas And Its Vast Oil Reserves

By WILLIAM J. (BILL) MURRAY  
Member, Texas Railroad  
Commission

(Written especially for the Pro-  
gress Edition of The Reporter-Tele-  
gram.)

Along with its new oilfields, new  
gasoline plants, new carbon black  
plants, new pipelines, new office  
buildings, new municipal airport  
and a projected new hospital, Mid-  
land is to be congratulated on the  
completion of its new and very mod-  
ern newspaper plant. Newspapers  
have always played a vital role in  
the growth of America, and they  
have been of particular importance  
in the development of our fron-  
tiers. Since West Texas is one of

producing, so there exists a strong  
challenge for a continued improve-  
ment in our methods of producing  
oil. With such challenges known  
to exist in the petroleum industry,  
it must be presumed that similar  
challenges exist among other indus-  
tries and activities which are mak-  
ing West Texas great.

Because of its new plant, it is be-  
lieved that The Midland Reporter-  
Telegram will continue on an even  
larger scale to point out these chal-  
lenges, to praise Midland and West  
Texas for its success in meeting  
them, and to unfold the ever broad-  
ening horizons for West Texas both  
to prosper and to serve the na-  
tion.



William J. Murray

the last and greatest frontiers ex-  
isting in the United States today,  
the opening of this new plant is of  
utmost significance.

In that field in which I am best  
acquainted—oil and gas—I know  
that the eyes of an acutely oil-con-  
scious nation are focused upon West  
Texas, for here appears to lie the  
greatest potential undeveloped oil  
reserves. As Life magazine states,  
"Midland is in a perpetual boom";  
but Midland and West Texas should  
realize that in return for the priv-  
ilege of enjoying this stable and last-  
ing prosperity it must shoulder a  
major responsibility. The products  
of West Texas are vital to the na-  
tion and they must be conserved  
and wisely utilized to bring the  
greatest benefit to the greatest  
number of citizens, both of Tex-  
as and of the United States.

**Conservation Practices**  
West Texas has much of which  
to be proud in the field of conser-  
vation of oil and gas. Oil fields  
have been found and developed only  
after overcoming tremendous ob-  
stacles. The sour crude, which once  
was held in ill repute and could  
hardly be sold, is now much sought  
after and is helping to heat homes  
and run cars all over the nation.  
Much of the sour gas once thought  
useless is now being used to pro-  
duce urgently needed carbon black,  
or is being sweetened and deliv-  
ered to pipelines for domestic and in-  
dustrial fuel purposes.

However, we still are wasting lots  
of gas and leaving more oil unre-  
covered in the ground than we are

## Lady Leathernecks Cut Fifth Anniversary Cake

WASHINGTON—(NEA)—Less  
than 180 Lady Leathernecks, all  
that's left of the 23,000 who served  
in World War II, celebrate the  
fifth anniversary of the Women's  
Marines this month.

Meanwhile they are watching  
Congress to see what will happen  
to a bill which calls for an Or-  
ganized Reserve for women. And  
when it passes, Major Julia  
E. Hamblet, 31, director of the  
women's unit, is all set with her  
plans to set up 30 reserve com-  
panies, each with a complement  
of 125 enlisted women and five  
officers.

"Until that time," the Major  
says, "Women Marines, now in  
civilian life, can perform the  
equivalent of their war service by  
joining volunteer training units to  
assist the male Marine Corps Re-  
serve."

**Fill Great Need**  
In the past 10 months, 17 such  
volunteer training units have  
been formed.

"Women's Reserve VTUs," the  
Major says, "are composed of 10  
or more women. The girls serve  
without remuneration, but they  
fill a great need by assisting in  
the clerical and administrative  
work of the local men's Reserve  
organizations."

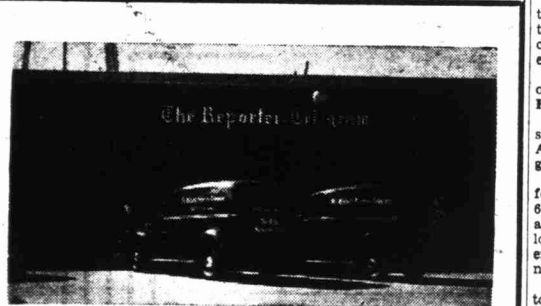
Major Hamblet is an old hand  
among the Lady Leathernecks.  
She was the first officer candidate  
to enlist in 1943 and was commis-  
sioned a first lieutenant soon af-  
ter. Before the war ended she  
rose to command of 2600 enlisted  
women and 120 officers in an avia-  
tion group.

She was in England on terminal  
leave in May, 1946, when she was  
recalled to her present post, mak-  
ing her the youngest woman to  
hold such a job in any of the  
women's services.

## Quick Sale Saves Car After Loan Is Refused

HONOLULU—(AP)—When Her-  
bert Gonsalves' car caught fire,  
he dashed into the nearest build-  
ing and asked to borrow a fire ex-  
tinguisher.

"We can't lend you one; our  
business is selling them," he was  
told, so he forked over \$10.95 to  
the clerk and bought a nice big  
extinguisher—in time to save his  
car.



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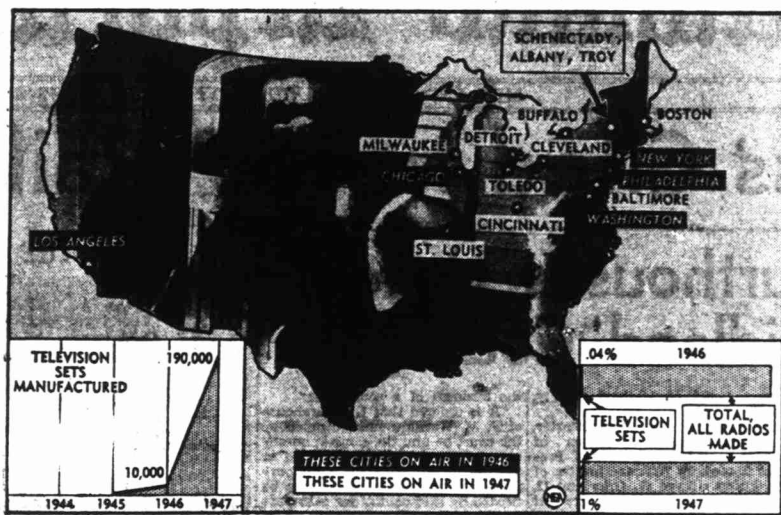
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small city in the Southwest and  
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## How Television Booms



The television industry, for several years strictly experimental, expanded tremendously in 1947. Ten more areas became acquainted with video presentations; production of sets expanded 1,900 per cent over 1946; and one per cent of all radio sets made were television, compared with .04 per cent the previous year. All figures from the Radio-Manufacturers' Association.

## If Alaska Is Given Statehood, Texas Will Be Second In Size

By JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON—(AP)—In Con-  
gress Alaska has been given its  
first push toward statehood.

That doesn't mean it will become  
a state this year or next.

Alaska, twice the size of Texas,  
has a population of about 90,000—  
60,000 whites and 30,000 Eskimos  
and Indians.

It's 89 times bigger than Hawaii  
which has a 500,000 population.

Recently a congressional group,  
the subcommittee of the house com-  
mittee on public lands, told the full  
committee it thinks Alaska should  
be a state.

Now if the full committee ap-  
proves, and tells the full house, and  
if the house approves, then it's up  
to the Senate.

All that's needed to make Alas-  
ka a state is an okay by both hous-  
es. But the Senate may not ap-  
prove, if the house does.

The Senate has a busy year. And,  
besides, the senators may think  
twice about this.

Statehood means Alaska's 90,000  
people would have two senators in  
Congress, the same as, say, New  
York state's 13,000,000 people.

**Three Main Businesses**  
Since the Senate has only 96  
members now, two more would be  
important in any close vote.

Alaska would be entitled to one  
representative in the house. But  
since there are 435 house members,  
one more wouldn't make much dif-  
ference.

About one-third of Alaska's vot-  
ers are against statehood now. The  
reasons for this will be gone into  
later in this story.

The territory has a delegate to  
Congress. He can't vote, but he  
represents the people of Alaska.

Output of industry runs over \$70-  
000,000 a year. It's concentrated  
mainly in three businesses: furs,  
fishing, mostly salmon, and mining  
—gold, coal, platinum.

The people pay federal income  
taxes but Alaska has no income  
taxes of its own, for persons or  
corporations, and no general prop-  
erty tax.

The territory has one railroad,  
owned by the U. S. government.

**Pro And Con**  
Some of the arguments against  
statehood for Alaska—a number of  
Alaskans have protested to Con-  
gress—go like this:

The population is too small now  
for statehood. The majority of the  
60,000 white people live in the towns  
and cities, Alaska, which gets a  
lot of money help from this gov-  
ernment while it's a territory, could  
not afford to run itself as a state.

The house subcommittee listened  
to those arguments against state-  
hood and brushed them aside. Some  
arguments for statehood go this  
way:

Twelve states had smaller popu-  
lations when they were admitted to  
statehood. Alaska now is a strate-

gic part of the United States.

As a territory, Alaska is subject  
to the whims of Congress which  
can pass any law it wishes about  
Alaska.

The subcommittee says other ter-  
ritories were able to raise money  
to pay their way when they became  
states so there's no reason why  
Alaska couldn't.

Besides, Alaska has tremendous  
resources waiting to be developed.

Thomas V. Ford, Jr. was the  
first baby born in Midland County  
in 1945.

## Army Loses Prospect, Navy Happy Over Loss

COLUMBUS, GA.—(AP)—The  
Army advanced \$2.20 to Rudolph  
Ball for expenses and transporta-  
tion to the nearest recruiting sta-  
tion—and the Navy is mighty  
grateful.

Enroute, Ball decided he prefer-  
red sea duty to the parade ground  
and signed up to be a sailor. The  
Navy said the Army also is out  
the \$2.20.

There's a difference.

## Bill Before Congress Would Make Synthetic Rubber Industry 'Solid'

By TEX EASLEY

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The  
war-built synthetic rubber indus-  
try in Texas, employing thousands,  
would be put on a permanent basis  
by a bill before Congress.

There are 10 plants in the coun-  
try in which butadiene and sty-  
rene are mixed to make rubber.  
Four with a total output of 195,000  
tons yearly are in Texas—at Borg-  
er, Port Neches, Houston and Bay-  
town.

Other plants are at Baton Rouge  
and Lake Charles, Louisiana, Ak-  
ron, Ohio, Naugatuck, Connecticut,  
and Los Angeles. The capacity of  
all 10 is 600,000 tons a year.

Besides these, there are others  
owned by Uncle Sam which turn out  
the main ingredients for the "copo-  
lymer" plants. Butadiene plants now  
operate at Port Neches, Baytown  
and Borg-er. Total cost to the gov-  
ernment of the entire synthetic rub-  
ber plant setup was \$700,000,000.

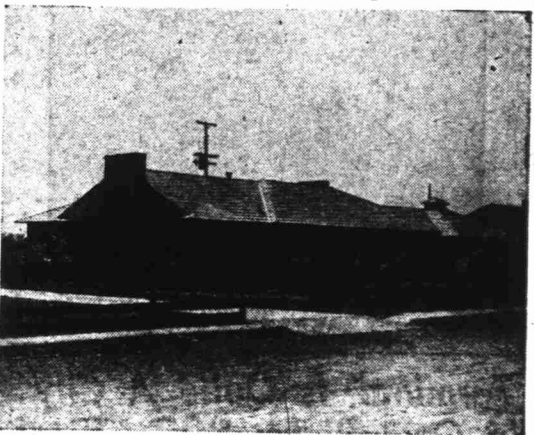
The legislation dealing with en-  
terprise was approved by a house  
armed services committee after ex-  
tensive hearings in which Reps.  
Lyndon B. Johnson of the Austin  
district and Paul Shafer (R-Mich)  
took active parts.

Shafer succeeded in getting his  
bill rather than Johnson's approv-  
ed—but only after the committee  
had adopted a vital amendment of-  
fered by Johnson.

That amendment, says the Texan,  
in effect makes the bill do ex-  
actly what he had sought in his own  
measure—set up an almost iron clad  
arrangement for continued own-  
ership of the plants by the gov-  
ernment.

Johnson's amendment makes it  
necessary to show that the national  
security will be "facilitated and ad-  
vanced" by the sale of a plant be-  
fore the government can sell. Shafer's  
bill provided originally for their  
sale if such disposal was not detri-  
mental to the national defense.

## Another New Home Completed



The new residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Velvin recently was com-  
pleted at 1805 West Michigan Street in the Grafaland Addition.

## Dr. R. T. Holman Joins A&M College Staff

COLLEGE STATION—(AP)—Dr.  
Ralph T. Holman, internationally  
recognized authority in the field  
of biochemistry, has joined the staff  
of Texas A. & M. College.

He will direct the building of a  
tiselius apparatus, first of its kind  
in the country, for research in the  
chemical composition of vegetable  
and animal fats.

After spending a year of post-  
doctorate study in the department  
of biochemistry of the Medical  
Nobel Institute in Stockholm, Swe-  
den, Holman worked four months  
with Professor Arne Tiselius at the  
Physical Chemical Institute, Upsala,  
Sweden.

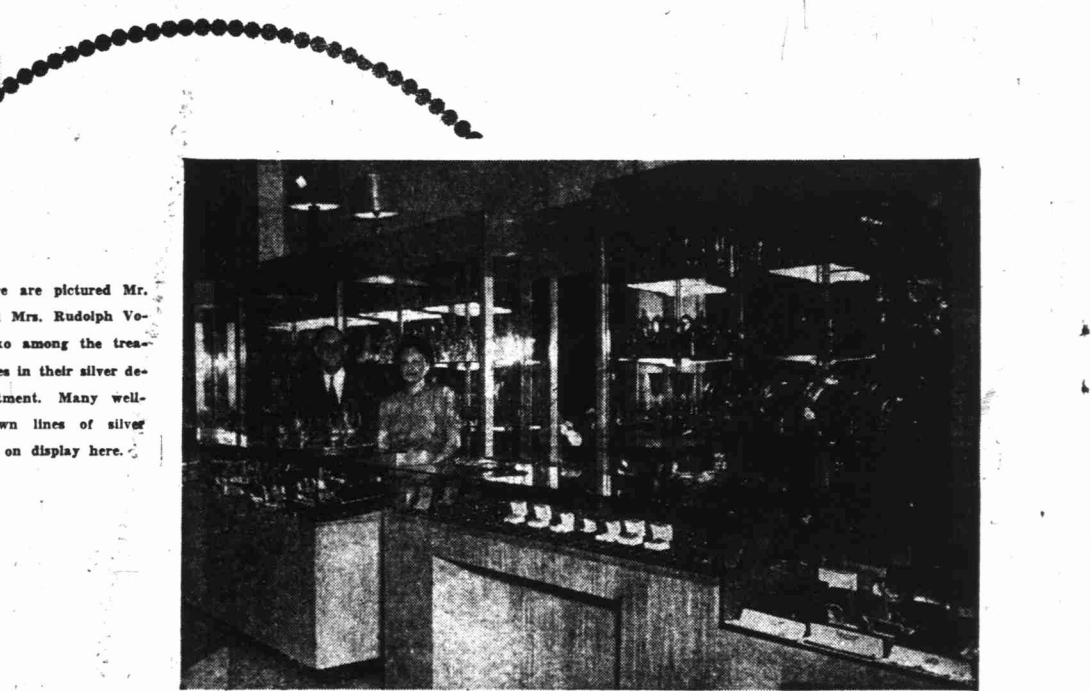
Here he became familiar with the  
new apparatus developed by the  
Swedish scientist which enables the  
researchers to break fatty substan-  
ces down into their component fatty  
acids of as nearly a pure state as  
is possible.

By this method it is possible to  
make a reasonably accurate analy-  
sis of the composition of a given fat  
compound. Such information would  
be extremely valuable to manufac-  
turers of soaps, shortenings, and  
other fat compounds.

**GIRL, BOY RELATIONSHIP  
WRITTEN AS 'KINSHIP'**  
WASHINGTON—(AP)—A youth  
applying for a marriage license in  
municipal court paused when he  
came to the line for "kinship."

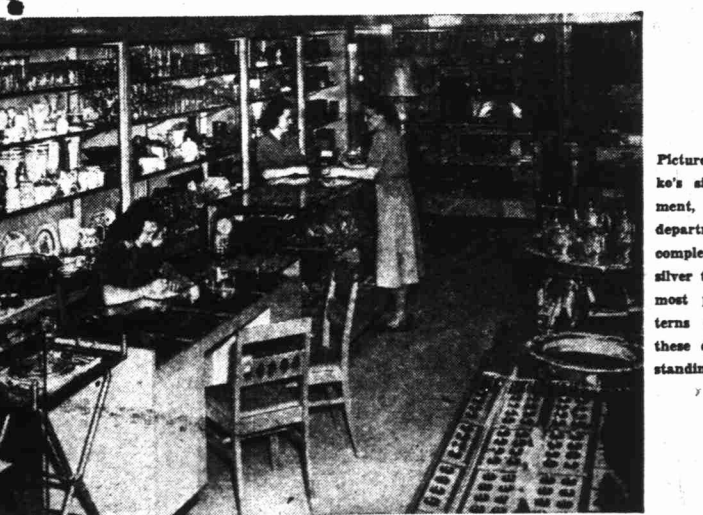
After consulting his fiancée he  
filled in the space with:  
"Girl friend and boy friend."

The YWA organization of the  
First Baptist Church was organ-  
ized in 1944.



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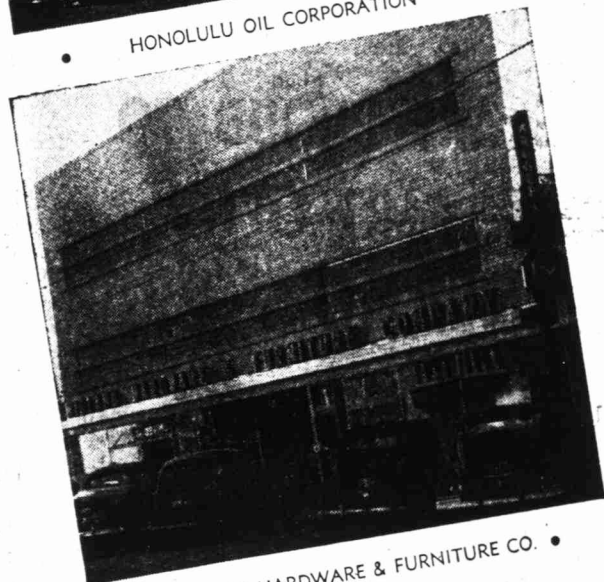
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### These Seas Are REALLY 'Angry'



If you want to know what the phrase "angry seas" really means, take a look at this picture. It shows gale-lashed waters of Mounts Bay, near Penzance, England, breaking nearly halfway up 110-foot Wolf Rock lighthouse. Three men were marooned there for over a month. Numerous attempts to send supplies by ship failed. Finally a helicopter, on the second attempt, successfully lowered food on a 100-foot line.

### Junior Canteen Started In 1944

The Midland Junior Canteen was started in April, 1944, at the old Presbyterian Church building now occupied by Magnolia Petroleum Company's new building. Sixteen members composed an Adult Advisory Board and 16 members composed the Junior Board. This phase closed in April, 1945, when the building was sold. Attendance during the year was 17,000 as shown by the registry with 170 parents participating as hosts and hostesses. Largest attendance for one night was 376. Junior Canteen was incorporated as a non-profit organization in October 1945. Its first year of operation cost \$1,262, donated by citizens. In May 1946, the equipment of the Mid-

land USO was purchased from funds raised by a tag day. The USO building was occupied by the Canteen until September 1946. The Chamber of Commerce financed the project for three months in 1946 with a \$900-a-month allotment. A paid director served the Canteen from June 1946, to September 1946. From November 1946 to June 1947 the Canteen met in the high school gymnasium. Recently the Canteen has met in the American Legion Building. Now things are looking up for the youngsters and their sponsors—a new Canteen building is to be constructed from a re-converted Army building and a paid director will be in charge.

### Time For Change, Guard Insists

TOKYO—(P)—Tip-conscious old Seiichi Katayama, chief bodyguard of Tetsu Katayama, has no regrets that his erstwhile boss quit as Japan's prime minister. Snapping through his almost-sized gold teeth, 67-year-old Katayama complained that Katayama was the only prime minister who didn't tip him. He has seen 29 of them come and go from the official residence, three feet first.

Methodist Men, an organization of the First Methodist Church, was formed in 1947 with James C. Watson, president. Other officers were: Paul Hicks, vice president; Keith Stuart, secretary; and J. P. Carson, Sr., treasurer.

### Four-Way Roads Essential In Building City

Pointing out that his organization is interested in providing motor freight connection for Midland and the Permian Basin on a North-South route, Art Jordan, president of the Curry Motor Freight Lines, Inc., said, "It takes four-way roads, North, South, East and West, to make a city in the level lands of the West."

Jordan, whose company's application for direct motor freight service into Midland and Odessa from Amarillo, Plainview and Lubbock, is pending, for years has stressed the North-South community of interest between the Permian Basin and the North and South Plains. Three years ago, he received a permit from the Texas Railroad Commission to extend his Amarillo-Plainview line to Lubbock. Since then his company has constantly improved the scope and speed of its service between the three cities. Several months ago, the line made application for an extension of its line directly into Midland and Odessa. There now is no direct connection between Midland and Lubbock and directly into Plainview and Amarillo.

The Curry Lines has a policy of placing an owner and official in charge of each of its key terminals. The same policy will be followed in Midland if the extension of its line is granted.

### 'Shuttle Army' Is Working On Atom

CHICAGO—(P)—A "shuttle army" of hundreds of top-flight scientists, engineers and physicians is working to make sure this country comes up first with the latest in atomic research.

Providing the building light in the nationwide project is the U. S. government.

The main work centers are the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission's regional national laboratories and plants scattered across the country. The key equipment at these facilities is the atomic ovens or reactors.

Taking part in the experiments which cover all phases of atomic research and its application to industry, medicine, plant growth and related fields are botanists, biologists, biochemists, chemists, engineers, physicians, physicists and students.

Some work at the centers full time. Some are on leave of absence from universities. Many are scientists carrying on research at their own institutions but using government facilities at intervals.

Cost About \$10,000,000. Two considerations dictated use of a "shuttle" method, where there is a steady stream of scientists back and forth from their own institutions to the government research laboratories.

With some atomic ovens and related equipment costing about \$10,000,000, numerous individual universities or research institutions can not afford such facilities. Also, many scientists can not work full time at atomic research, but are willing to devote part time to the project.

The program works this way: The various laboratories and plants conduct different kinds of atomic research.

The principal work with uranium chain reactors is planned at the Argonne National Laboratory near Chicago, which already has a uranium-graphite and a heavy water reactor in operation. A new high-flux reactor several times more powerful than the existing oven at Oak Ridge, Tenn., will be built.

Similar research and production of radioisotopes for medical and industrial research is being carried on at the Clinton National Laboratory at Oak Ridge.

The Brookhaven National Laboratory at Upton, N. Y., will emphasize research and production of atomic power.

Atomic power also will be the main purpose of the projected Knolls Laboratory near Schenectady, N. Y.

Plutonium, the man-made element used both in the atomic bomb and in one atomic oven, is being produced at Hanford, Wash.

A new type chain reactor plant described as a "controlled version of the atomic bomb" is being operated at Los Alamos, N. M. The reactor uses plutonium instead of uranium, and high energy neutrons. Military application of atomic energy also is centered at Los Alamos.

The Atomic Energy Commission operates its Argonne, Clinton and Brookhaven labs through contractors. A number of participating institutions, mostly universities, join in research.

Strict security precautions are taken to guard against any leak of restricted information.

Some of the discoveries are expected to further the country's national defense program and will be kept secret. Others, such as the production of radioisotopes, already have been made available to the world. They are expected to find many applications in medicine, industry and metallurgy.

Studies are being made of the properties of elements and atomic nuclei and radiations; the effects of neutrons and radiations on the properties of materials and living organisms; of fission products and their separation, and the application of radioisotopes and tracer techniques to the study of biological processes, chemical reactions, metallurgical phenomena and industrial processes.

The atomic ovens produce an abundant supply of uncharged neutrons. There is no other instrument known today that can duplicate their function.

### B&PW Organized In Midland In 1936

The Business and Professional Women's Club of Midland was organized in 1936. It now has 70 members and is an active and full-fledged service club.

Four present Midlanders were charter members. They are: Fannie Boss Taylor, first president; and Iva Noyes, Susie Noble and Laura Jesse.

A cross-section of the city's business and professional women are members.



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# T&P Railroad History-

(Continued from page 1)  
 can be discovered between Midland and this railroad. As settlers poured into the Midland area and the ranges were fenced, agriculture became of greater importance. In the "Texas and Pacific Quarterly" for April, 1912, an article entitled "Midland, Texas," appeared announcing that "the entire country surrounding Midland is all agog with excitement over the latest wrinkle in irrigation. The West Texas Land and Sub Irrigation Company has purchased large acreage of artesian water land surrounding Midland and is installing its system as rapidly as machinery can accomplish the same."  
 The entire territory surrounding Midland is underlaid with vast deposits of gravel bearing water at very shallow depths, and now that a successful means of utilizing this water has been brought to the attention of the public, Midland is destined to rapidly forge her way to the front of one of the foremost irrigating districts in Texas. Fort Worth and Dallas are the greatest markets in Texas and these markets are so close to Midland that we

can gather our vegetables and produce in the afternoon and have them on the wholesale and retail markets of these great centers the next morning."  
 But it was not until the opening of the vast oil fields of West Texas in 1920 that Midland received its greatest stimulus. From the first trickle of oil from the Permian Basin, it became apparent that Midland was to become a financial and industrial capital, and the city's progressive growth has since been steady. Again, T&P with its ample motive power and equipment stood by to haul out crude and haul in building materials.  
**Open Ranges**  
 In the early days of open ranges and billowing rye grass—during the middle 70's, the railroad circulated a map of the West Texas Territory through which it was later to pass. It said in part: "being comparatively a new country, and heretofore an exposed Indian frontier, until the past two years, but few settlements were made in the territory embraced with the boundaries of this country." Under "gen-

eral remarks" we find an appeal to the immigrant, then one of the important sources of West Texas population: "The immigrant and home seeker, will perceive from the information contained on the preceding pages that there is no country in the world which offers such inducements for settlement as are found in this region. The climate is believed to be desirable and the country healthy as any to be found on the habitable globe. The winter months are exceedingly mild. It is considered an unusually severe winter when standing water will freeze to the thickness of one inch and which occurs except during the prevalence of what is termed a "Norther," which is a strong wind blowing from the North and which generally lasts about three days, five or six northers constituting a winter in this latitude. The summer months are relieved from the exhausting and enervating heat experienced in other states of the South as well as those farther north by the refreshing and exhilarating southern breeze, or trade winds, the thermometer scarcely marking 90 degrees at midday. It is undoubtedly one of the greatest stock regions in the world."  
 The folder continued: "The immi-

grant with greater capital can here find large bodies of good lands offered at low prices and on most reasonable terms by the several railroad companies and numerous individuals owning land in this section."  
 Whether purchased for occupancy or speculation, the investment can hardly prove otherwise than remunerative. Lands here are remarkably good and cheap, their increase in value must be great and rapid; the distance this country is at present from a railroad market, is no obstacle to advantageous settlement, even were it not probable that in the early future it will be entirely overcome by the extension of projected roads through the country. The Texas and Pacific Railway Company's lands are now offered for sale at such prices and terms as will enable those desiring to purchase cheap and good lands to find them in this country. Trade is now directed toward Fort Worth, for the country traversed by the road from that city is settled and improved, and has shorter and more direct rail communications with the Northwestern, Northern and Eastern Markets. Its merchants are able to give purchasers the benefit of greatly reduced rates of transportation. The government supplies

and troops are moved by this route. The extension of the Texas and Pacific railway westward is contemplated, and it is believed that the settlers in this region will have all rail communications within our own country boundaries in the next years.  
 "For further particulars regarding price, terms of sale, etc., application should be made in writing to W. H. Abrams, Land Commissioner, Texas and Pacific Railway Co., Marshall, Texas."  
 With delivery of equipment for the new deluxe T&P Eagle trains, the railroads modernization program will again draw abreast of that of Midland with its rising steel work and expanding population. City and railroad have prospered mutually through almost three quarters of a century. Prospects for future growth and cooperation are bright indeed.  
 The two and one-half million gallons ornamental water tower located on the West city limits of Midland was completed in 1946 at a cost of \$50,000.  
 The Midland Production Credit Association has been serving ranchers of this area for 14 years.

## Cops Get Their Men, But Still Wonder How

WASHINGTON (AP)—The two police officers got their men, but it took them a while to find out how.  
 They were all set to chase a speeding motorcycle in their scout car when their path was blocked by an automobile listed as stolen. So they chased the automobile. And when two men leaped out and ran, they chased the two men. They caught one; the other got away.  
 Then, while they were waiting for the patrol wagon to show up, back came the motorcycle. On the rear seat was the second occupant of the stolen car. The motorcycle driver offered this explanation:  
 1. He knew the two other men. They were following him in the car.  
 2. He didn't know he was wanted for speeding.  
 3. He had met the second man after the chase and had agreed to return to the scene "to see what was going on."  
 The motorcycle driver was not held.

## This Is Better Than Germany



It's many a moon since these immigrants from German Displaced Persons camps enjoyed such a meal. They're some of the 400 DP's who recently arrived at St. Paul l'Ermite, near Montreal, to take up new and happier lives in Canada. With the help of the government, they are guaranteed homes and a year's employment at prevailing wages.

# PROGRESS!

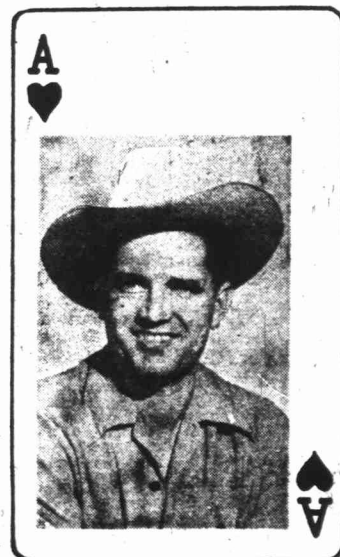
## We've Been Trying Pardner!

Two years ago we opened the Ranch House determined to give you the best foods, best service, and the very best in true Western Hospitality . . . all served to you in our typically ranch house styled restaurant; plain but beautiful! It was our earnest hope that after having visited us, you would return time and time again to enjoy yourself here. This you have done . . . making the Ranch House known throughout the entire Southwest! . . . Known for fine foods and Western Hospitality! That's progress, pardner!



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Above is pictured the friendly Ranch House . . . the place where more and more people are enjoying themselves daily! We have done everything possible to make the Ranch House a place in which you feel "at home" . . . your continued patronage has proven to us that we have accomplished this. Through the friendly doors of the Ranch House pass people from over the entire nation . . . people who like fine food and friendly hospitality.

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# Ranch House



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# First Of The 'Feeders' Pioneer Air Lines Serves Midland And Wide Area

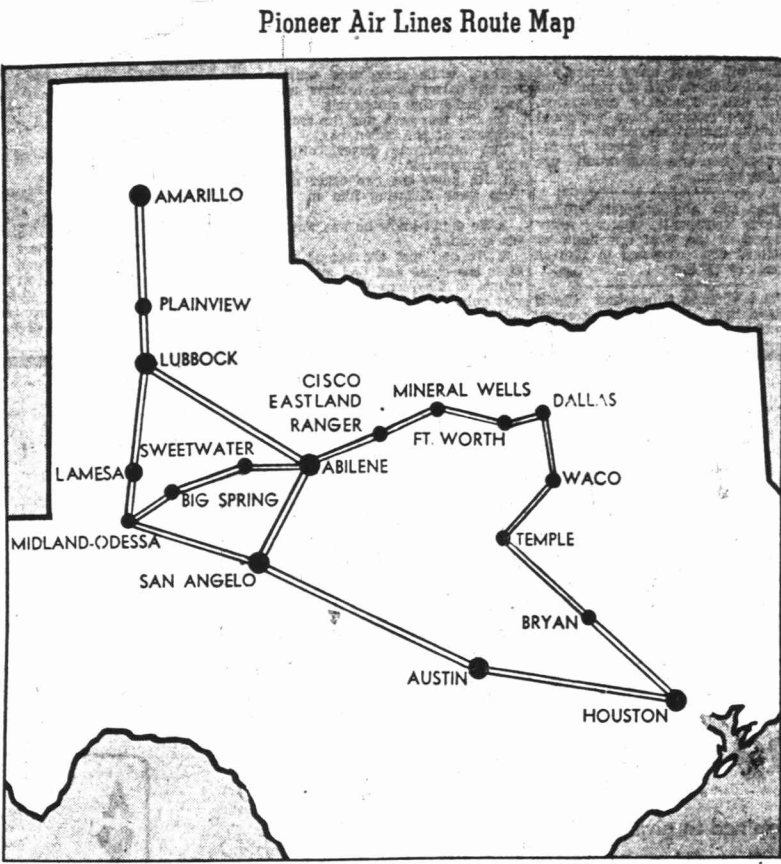
First of the nation's "feeder" air lines, Pioneer started regularly scheduled operations in August 1945. Then serving Air Mail Route 64 between Houston and Amarillo and the intermediate towns of Austin, San Angelo, Abilene and Lubbock, the air line flew eight-passenger Lockheed planes, and was allowed to operate in daylight hours. The progress made in slightly more than two years to Pioneer's present status is little short of phenomenal.

This all-Texas air line has equipped luxurious 24-passenger DC-3 planes and placed them in service. It has carried tons of mail. It has commenced freight services that have been increasingly valuable to shippers and individuals alike. And, it has greatly expanded routes over Texas to the point that seventeen cities are now being served. Two years ago less than one thousand passengers were flown each month. The total now reaches well over seven thousand. Flight restrictions have been removed allowing Pioneer to operate at night and to use instrument navigation.

Pioneer entered Midland February 18th, 1947, when the Midland airport became a "terminal point" on the expanded route granted the air line by the Civil Aeronautics Board. Since that time many hundreds of Midland businessmen and others have found all Texas near by flying Pioneer. As a turnaround point on the air line, Midland has convenient and direct services to the metropolitan Dallas-Fort Worth area over one Pioneer route, and equally good passage to Austin and Houston on another leg of the system. The Panhandle area, Lubbock and Amarillo, are also served directly from the airport.

The company, on February 17, was given CAB approval to serve El Paso and several New Mexico cities including Santa Fe, Albuquerque, Clovis, Las Vegas and Roswell. The extensions add 700 new route miles.

**Smith Is "Pioneer"**  
Headed by Col. Robert J. Smith, himself a "pioneer" in commercial aviation, the air line is staffed with officers and personnel widely experienced in air transport. Colonel Smith dates his entry into commercial aviation from 1928, when he was general traffic manager of Texas Air Transport, which became part of American Airways, the immediate predecessor of American Airlines. Later he was executive vice president of Braniff Airways. During the late war Colonel Smith served with the Air Transport Command, becoming Deputy Commander of the entire North African and Eastern Mediterranean areas. A great proportion of company employees are



The route map of Pioneer Air Lines shows all cities the company is authorized to serve. Because of airport limitations the cities of Eastland, Cisco and Ranger are not as yet scheduled. Service to Lamesa was recently suspended due to inadequacies in its airport. Regular service to Plainview has begun following airport improvements.

of veterans of Army, Navy and Marine air arms.

Pioneer now has in service a fleet of seven Douglas DC-3 passenger equipped planes, all named for an outstanding figure from the pages of Texas history, and a C-47 equipped for freight and charter flights. Another DC-3 is now in the process of being readied for addition to the passenger fleet. Every city on the system is served with at least two flights daily, Midland having a total of five arrivals and as many departures each day.

### Pioneer Plane In Flight



Here is shown one of Pioneer Air Lines' 24-passenger Douglas aircraft in flight. It is one of the type which serves Midland.

### Tech Club Here Among Earliest Alumni Setups

Ex-students of Texas Tech in Midland were the first to organize under the post-war alumni setup of the college.

A Texas Tech Club was organized here in 1946 with Bobby Watson, president; Harold Huffman, vice president; and Faye Frachiseur, secretary.

The 1947 officers were: Malcolm Brenneman, president; Bill Lyle, vice president; and Helen Brinson, secretary.

Recently chosen 1948 officers were: Carl Hyde, president; Clarence Sims, vice president; and Mrs. James Simmons, secretary.

### Representative Worley Thinks There May Be 'A Tax Refund Racket'

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Rep. Gene Worley of Shamrock wonders if there may be a tax-refund racket.

When Uncle Sam decides you paid too much income tax, he pays you back the difference later, plus six percent interest for the time he had your money. The Bureau of Internal Revenue recently announced it made refunds of approximately \$2,882,000,000 (billion) in the year ended last June 30.

The Panhandle congressman got out his pencil and figured that the interest alone on this amount for one year—assuming the average sum was held by the government that long—was \$173,000,000 (million).

**Could Be Exploited**  
Three corporations alone, U. S. Steel, Westinghouse Electric and N. Y. Central Railroad, received refunds totaling \$163,000,000. A year's interest would have netted them approximately \$10,000,000, Worley estimated.

"I do not make a charge that anyone has deliberately overpaid his income tax for the express purpose of securing a guaranteed return of 6 percent," he said.

"As you know, the interest rate on most government bonds is only about 2 percent, so the opportunities are broad that this situation could be exploited."

### 29,000,000 READY TO VOTE IN ITALY

ROME — (AP) — On the basis of reports from all provinces except Bolzano, the interior ministry estimates tentatively that 28,939,706 Italians—15,096,244 women and 13,843,462 men — are qualified to vote in the April elections to choose the new republic's first parliament.

### Los Angeles Phone Patrons Hit Jackpot

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — Pay telephones of the Madison and Mutual exchanges acted just like slot machines for a while.

If you called your girl and her line

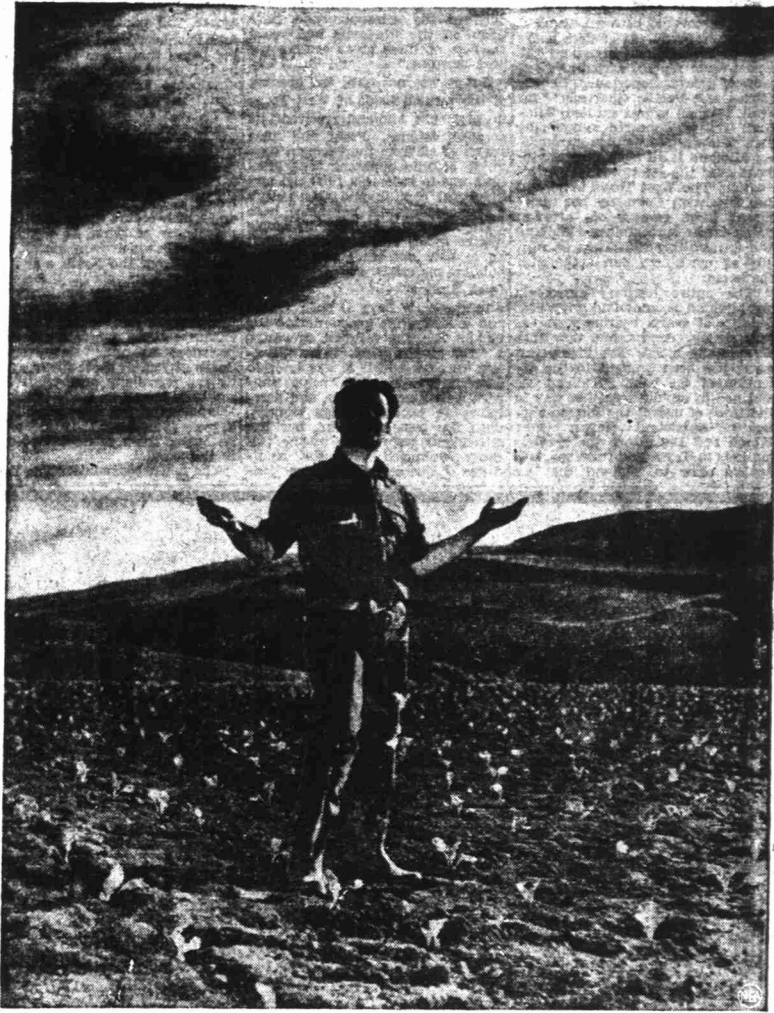
was busy you couldn't get your nickel back. Nobody could get any money returned. This went on for 48 hours Wednesday night.

But after repairs were made—

On Dec. 18, 1947, there were 41,000 letters processed at the Midland Postoffice. This set a record.

Jackpot! All the money due plopped out at once. Anyone around at the moment played "finders keepers."

### A Prayer for Rain



With a prayer in his heart, Albert Garibaldi stands in his parched cabbage field to welcome the first drops of rain that would break the long winter drought that has crippled California agriculture, imperiled the supply of livestock range grass and threatened the state's power supply. Garibaldi's truck farm is in the Colma Hills, near San Francisco.

# Roads To Empire

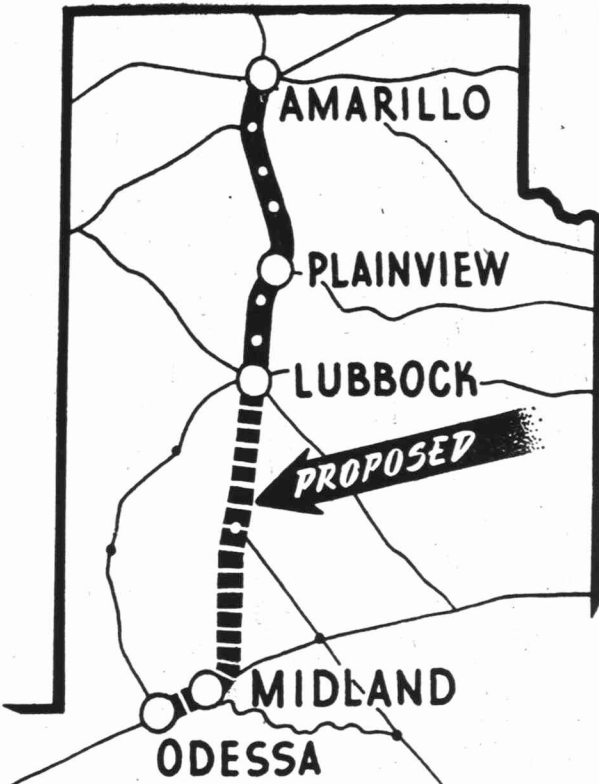
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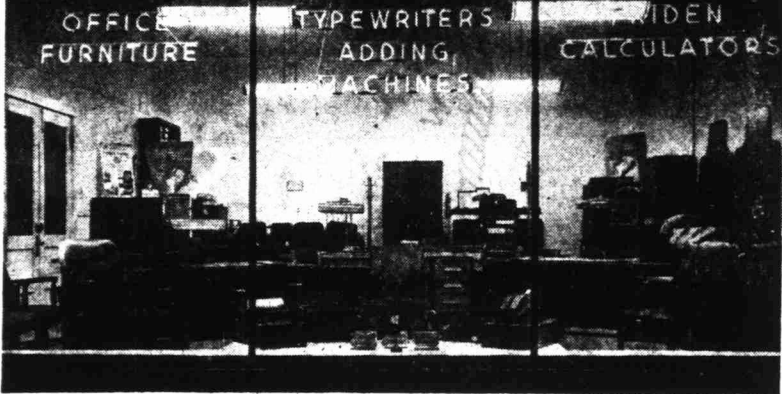
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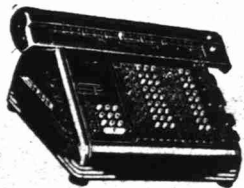
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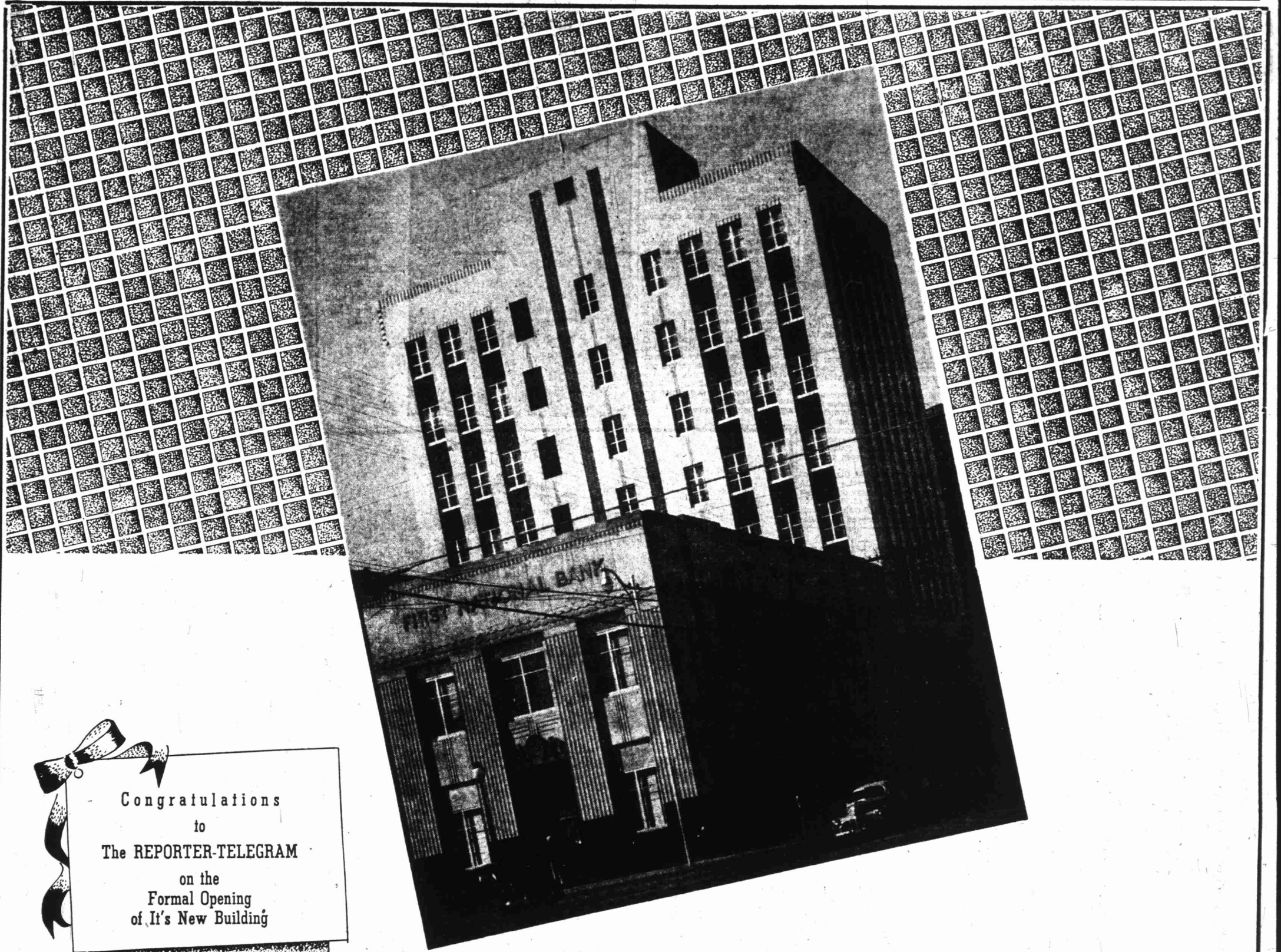
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# American Airlines Encircles The World Oceans; Inaugurated Service To Midland Port In 1947

American Airlines, Inc., was incorporated, May 13, 1934.

If any single dramatic event marked the beginning of American Airlines, it was the first flight from Boston to New York by a tri-motor Fokker transport plane operated by then Colonial Airways, which took place in April 1927. It may have been the first scheduled passenger flight in America and it definitely was the first night flight with passengers.

In 1931 then American Airlines operated the first transcontinental trip from New York to Los Angeles.

On May 5, 1934, American inaugurated the first sleeper plane on a flight from Los Angeles to Dallas.

A 100 per cent increase in passengers from 1934 to 1936 was partly attributed to the employment of stewardesses who served complete meals, provided information. The employment of girls to fly had a psychological effect on many who had hitherto feared flying.

**Set Speed Record**  
In 1935 American ran the first flight tests in this country on the Lorenz instrument landing system. An American pilot set the coast to coast record in regular transport plane—Los Angeles to Newark in 11 hours, 34 minutes. A system for control of airways traffic was developed by AA in 1935. Development of the Douglas DC-3, Flagship, began in 1935.

In 1937 the company was operating 11 daily schedules out of Boston, in addition to its other far-flung schedules, and carried 67,030 passengers during the year. The company officers were: C. R. Smith, president; Sigmund Janas, assistant to the president; Raymond S. Pruitt, general counsel; R. S. Damon, vice president operations; Charles A. Rheinstrom, vice president sales; T. J. Dunning, vice president treasurer; O. M. Mosler, vice president; W. Littlewood, vice president engineering. The company operated 30 Douglas Flagships, 15 Douglas DC-2's and had 14 Stinson tri-motor planes, some of which were not in operation.

The passenger total for the year 1938 reached an all-time high of 90,200 passengers.

The number of employees in the company had almost doubled from 1937 to '39. The November, 1939 total of American employees came to 4,500 with 250 pilots, 150 stewardesses, 700 mechanics, 20 in personnel and 1,380 in other departments which included company officers, sales, engineers and traffic.

American inaugurated a new service to Toronto on June 24, 1941. The airline received that National Safety Council award for flying a billion passenger miles without accident. Air Cargo, Inc., came into being that year—an organization with three other airlines for express research. American developed first successful blinking navigation lights, which are now required on

## American Flagship Landing



A welcome sight coming in for a landing at Midland Air Terminal is one of the Flagships of American Airlines. American opened service to Midland in 1947. This service connects with all points of the world.

all commercial transport planes. Shortly after Pearl Harbor, American turned over 38 of its 84 twin-engine Flagships to the Army. In June, 1942, American and other airlines received a rush call from Washington ordering every available plane in military service to land at the nearest airport, refuel and proceed directly to Edmonton, Alberta. American set up its airfreight division as a cargo service for volume shippers in industry and agriculture in 1944. At that time American was serving 54 cities in the U. S., Canada and Mexico—the most far-flung service afforded by any of the domestic airlines. Its airfreight program served all of these cities.

On October 23, 1945, the Flag-

ship New England, a 4-engine Douglas DC-4 took off from New York for London, marking the first commercial landplane service with three flights per week.

The name American Export Airlines was changed to America Overseas Airlines, Inc., on November 10. Nine days later the Chicago-London service on one-a-week schedule was inaugurated and on November 23 the Washington and Philadelphia service on a one-a-week schedule began.

December 26 marked the start of daily transatlantic service for AOA with five flights weekly out of New York, one flight out of Washington and one flight out of Chicago. Some of these flights stopped at Philadelphia and Boston enroute overseas.

At the end of 1945 American was authorized to serve 67 cities through out the United States, not including Toronto, Windsor, Mexico City and Monterrey. AOA was certified to serve the following cities overseas: Copenhagen, Shannon, Helsinki, Berlin, Frankfurt, Glasgow, London, Goose Bay in Labrador, Amsterdam, Gander, Oslo, Warsaw, Leningrad, Moscow and Stockholm.

AA's organization was composed of 11,450 persons.

**Flew 84,928,761 Miles**  
The latest figure on AA's number of employes available is for March, 1947, when they totaled 12,942. In February, 1947, AA flew 84,928,761 passenger miles; 567,741 mail ton miles; 359,750 express ton miles; 573,396 airfreight ton miles.

Company officers are: C. R. Smith, chairman of the board; R. S. Damon, president; Amos Culbert, vice president-operations; R. E. S. Deichler, vice president-sales; L. G. Fritz, vice president-operations; William Littlewood, vice president-engineering; O. M. Mosler, vice president; R. W. D. Smith, Jr., vice president-public relations; William J. Hogan, treasurer and senior financial officer; S. W. Jacob, vice president and secretary.

## Grass Roots Health Program Planned By Officials In Many Communities

By DAVE CHEAVENS

AUSTIN—A grass roots community and school health program built from the bottom up instead of from the top down is beginning to take shape in many Texas counties.

The plan was suggested at a mid-winter meeting of county school superintendents here. Scores of superintendents pledged themselves to go home and adopt plans similar to those now operating in 13 counties.

The 13 counties are Jasper, Wise, Denton, Dallas, Hockley, Wichita, Mason, Galveston, Hays, Travis, Fort Bend, Harris, and Williamson.

The general idea of the program is to bring about better coordination of existing agencies in the fields of health and education to provide a working program in each local community and school. The plan

sets up no new machinery—its object is to utilize that which is already set up, but get it in motion from the bottom instead of the top.

**Legal Responsibility**  
Dr. L. D. Haskew, dean of the college of education at the University of Texas, reminded the county superintendents that the citizens of Texas "live on the local level."

"Programs of this sort must therefore start on the local level," Haskew said. "Nothing is going to be done toward achieving general good health until it is done locally. The approach must be from the bottom, not the top."

The county superintendents were reminded that the legal responsibility for health services and instruction rests with county boards of health and education, and it should be retained by them. The plan they adopted calls for recommendations that a county health coordinator be employed. He would be a person of teaching experience plus health education training.

The plan calls for establishment in every school of the state, regardless of size, a school health council. Its job would be to get faculty support and interest on such vital school health problems as light, heat, ventilation, proper seating arrangement, sanitation of school buildings and grounds. It would be concerned with nutrition and school lunch programs, setting up of cumulative individual health records, provision of school medical examinations with follow-up programs.

## Ever Hear Of Towns: Midkiff, Dameron City?

Two towns were born and died on the ranch lands near Midland soon after the turn of the century. They were: Midkiff, Texas, and Dameron, City, Texas.

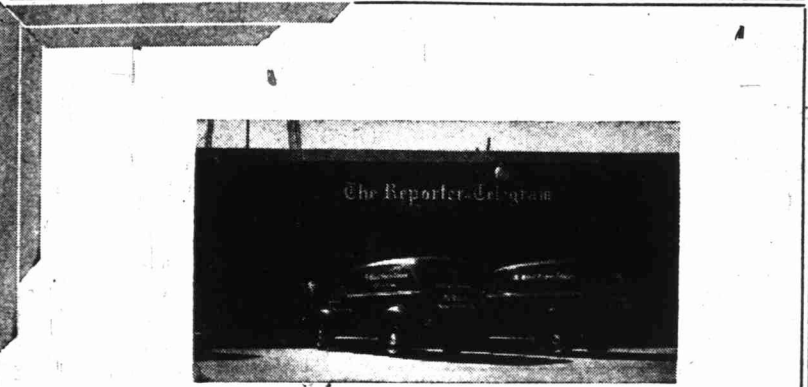
Midkiff had a postoffice. It was established in 1902 on the Midkiff Ranch. It sprang up when Midland was just "a few stores, houses and some wagon yards." It existed until 1906.

Dameron City was established in 1911. It lasted two years and its promoters went broke. Both towns had schools.

## American Is Everywhere



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## A Leg Apiece

A Chicago tailor is making these pants for 230-pound Matt Schlein of the Windy City. With its waist measurement of 55 inches, Maureen McDonauth, left, and Beverly Rafelson easily fit into a leg apiece.

## Pittman's Venetian Blind Factory Develops Into Big Business Here

Does Midland offer industrial possibilities?

Don't take "no" for an answer. If L. H. Pittman had done so, he wouldn't have his busy venetian blind factory today. He was advised not to risk a manufacturing business here two years ago, but he went ahead and established one. During the last year and a half he's had to double the size of his plant three different times.

When his son, Lloyd and John came home from their duties in the Armed Forces about two years ago, Pittman turned over to them his painting and decorating business. He had an idea he could make aluminum venetian blinds in Midland and make money, too.

**Swamped With Orders**  
He started on a small scale, modestly expecting it would take a long time for the little factory to really "get going." Almost immediately he was swamped with orders.

He employed two men from Fort Worth—Lloyd and Raymond Selman. The brothers had seven years' experience in making venetian blinds, and Mrs. Lloyd Selman was a veteran of five years' experience. With Lloyd as plant superintendent, Raymond in charge of the paint department, and Mrs. Selman supervising the "assembly line" in which four women work, the Shu-R-Pit Venetian Blind Manufacturing Company jumped into high speed. It hasn't slowed down, by any means.

Pittman, who has lived in Midland 23 years, owns a similar plant

at Hobbs, N. M., where Haskell V. Jobe is manager. His factories take rolls of flexible aluminum 2,500 feet long, cut the metal into strips of proper length and width, and assemble the strips into custom-made blinds. Pittman also is distributor for metal awnings and outside blinds, though he actually makes only the inside type.

**Three Delivery Trucks**  
At present his two plants use about 120,000 feet of aluminum per month. Three trucks deliver finished blinds over a large territory, sometimes to buyers who want a truckload at a time. For example, one of the company's big jobs last year was to furnish blinds for four school buildings in Monahan— it was a \$4,000 order.

Pittman's plant here is located at 900 North Weatherford Street, where he has made his home during his entire residence in Midland. As his willingness to venture into the manufacturing field would indicate, he is naturally progressive; yet he confides the rapidity of Midland's progress is amazing.

"It's growing so fast a lot of us old timers just can't keep up with it," he said recently.

However, there's nothing backward about this Midland manufacturer, nor his humming factory. He has shown there's a place in Midland for small factories, at least.

Percy Mims, pioneer businessman of Midland and civic leader, died in May 1945.

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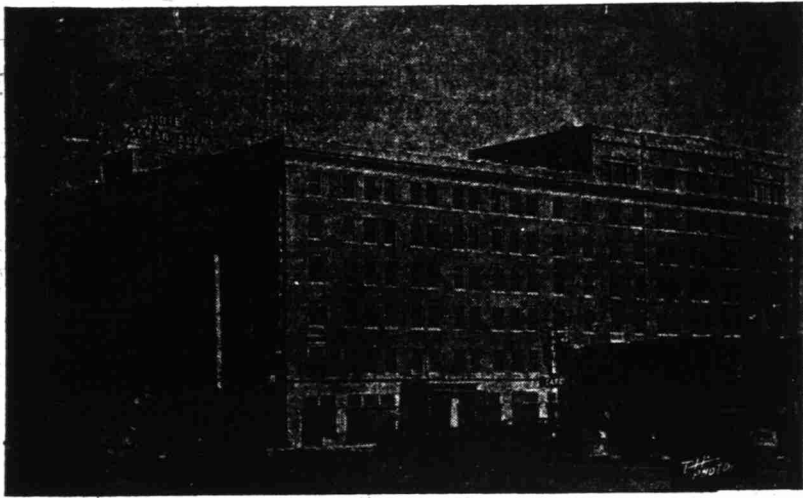
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### Biography Of Late John Scharbauer Published In 1895 Cattlemen's Book

The Woodward and Tiernan Printing Company of St. Louis published, in 1895, a "Historical and Biographical Record of the Cattle Industry and the Cattlemen of Texas and Adjacent Territory." It had a big name, this book. But then it was a big book about big men. Among those whose biographies were recounted in the massive volume were several cattlemen of the Midland area, including John Scharbauer. Lum Daugherty of Midland has a copy of the book.

Following is the biographical sketch of Scharbauer as it was written for the volume:

"John Scharbauer, to whom this history is devoted, was born in Albany County, New York, in 1852, and remained in his native state until he had reached maturity and married. John's parents were not well to do in this world's goods, so that he, being a member of a large family, was compelled to work out while in his boyhood and before he had had opportunity to gain a very complete education.

"But his advantages in this respect were made the most of, and he became well versed in the rudiments of an English education. He was of an economical turn, and recognized that thrift was the true road to success, and at the age of 24 had saved \$600 from his wages. At this age he married, and they increased their wealth by the succeeding five years managed his father-in-law's farm. The lady of his choice was Miss Kate Tomkins of Indianfields, Albany County, New York, and his marriage took place in 1875. At the end of five years his cash capital was \$2,400, and he, with his wife, decided that it could be more profitably invested elsewhere. So they left their native state in 1880 and went to the far away Empire State of Southwest, Texas, where Scharbauer engaged in sheep raising near Eastland.

"After a couple of years at Eastland he moved to Abilene and took a partner in the sheep business, and they increased their herds to 1,100 head, which they grazed in Taylor and Nolan Counties for three years, at the end of which time he bought out his partner's interest and moved his entire flock to Mitchell County in 1884, and made Midland his permanent home and headquarters in 1887.

**Record Shipments**

"During all his different moves he had cultivated his flocks with great assiduity and success, and had become, in 1892, in some respects, the most important sheep man in Texas. His shipments in that year were never equaled in point of numbers before, and have not been since. The total number marketed by him in 1892 was 47,000, and the year following he also made the phenomenal by shipping to various points 42,000 sheep, exceeding all previous shipments from one man from the state of Texas.

"Eighteen hundred and eighty-eight was memorable in his life as the year in which he started his first cattle ranch and embarked in that branch of the stock business. From this time he gradually curtailed his sheep business and extended his cattle interests, until at present he has none of the former whatever, and his wide cattle holdings and pastures embrace his original ranch, 35 miles Northwest of Midland, on which he has 700 head, a larger ranch, 125 miles North of the same city, consisting of an immense tract of 22,000 acres, in Martin, Andrews and Dawson Counties, on which he grazes 6,000 head of graded stock cattle and 55 saddle horses. Another property of 46,000 acres in one body is located 40 miles Northwest of Midland, and on this he carries 2,200 graded stock cattle and 25 saddle horses.

"Scharbauer has taken a deep interest in the improvement of Texas herds, and shown his faith by his works in establishing a fine ranch of 3,940 acres six miles South of Midland which he devotes entirely to breeding full-blood Herefords, and has at present 300 head, all bred from registered stock. In addition to the foregoing he has a partnership holding in the Scharbauer and McKemie ranch which consists of 38,000 acres, located 45 miles West of Midland, and is stocked with 2,000 cattle.

**Other Interests**

"Sheep and cattle raising have not occupied the whole attention of Scharbauer. His talents have led him into other fields of finance, and he is at the present time president of the Pecos Valley Bank of Pecos, Texas, vice president of the First National Bank of Midland, both of which are substantial institutions, and are conducted in a safe and conservative manner. Other enterprises of which he is the controlling spirit are a hardware store in each of the two cities, Midland and Pecos, and he is a partner with his brother in the grain business at his home city, Midland.

"He is a leader in many financial operations of magnitude in his part of the state, and it has come to be recognized that any enterprise which meets his approval and endorsement is a safe investment. He has, without the aid of education, money or influential friends, risen to that position of prominence he now occupies, by sheer force of merit, good judgment and unflinching industry. His property in cattle, lands and other holdings has grown steadily and rapidly from the beginning, until at the present time he is reputed to be the wealthiest man in Midland. Such a diversity of financial talent as he has shown is rare, and always makes itself felt in any community in transactions of an exceptional character. Whatever he undertakes is conducted with such foresight and skill as to insure success."

### Tidewater Lands Renew Feud On Heart Of Texas

By WILLIAM C. BARNARD  
Associated Press Staff

There's a fine feud always going on in Central Texas between three neighboring counties — McCulloch, Brown and San Saba — as to which should bear the designation, "Heart of Texas."

All three have laid claim to the honor but McCulloch has the edge and at Brady, the county seat, a "Heart of Texas" sign decorates the courthouse.

But the heart of Texas at Brady skipped a beat recently when State Land Commissioner Bascom Giles announced his plans to add 18,000,000 acres of under-water land to the state's eastern boundary.

Folks in Brown and San Saba Counties began figuring on the new acreage and how it would affect the state geographically and both wound up by renewing their claims.

As a result, McCulloch County Judge Claude Knight and Mayor Earl Rudder of Brady put in a call to Giles.

"They were told that Texas acquisition of the Gulf lands would not affect the location of the heart of Texas," L. B. Smith, editor and publisher of the Brady Standard, reported. "It's going to stay right here in McCulloch County. The land commissioner said so himself."

Smith says the center of Texas is about halfway between the McCulloch County communities of Mercury and Fife.

**Location Method**

W. V. Day, an old-timer of the Mercury community, says the center "is in Willie White's pasture about two miles west of where I live. It was marked, many years ago, on three old liveoak trees that still stand. For all I know, Indians marked that spot."

If you want to jump into the middle of the Central Texas feud, here's what Giles said is the land office method of locating the center of an irregularly shaped area such as Texas.

"Cut the outline of the state, accurately, out of cardboard, hang the cardboard map from pins stuck through all the extreme points, one at a time.

"Hang a pendulum from each point, and where the lines cross you have the exact center spot."

### Holland Plans Music Festival Competition

AMSTERDAM — (AP) — A musical competition festival will take place in Scheveningen, Holland, from May 19 to 29 organized by the Dutch Radio Philips. There are three divisions: singing, violin, piano.

Musicians from 15 to 30 years old may compete.

The judging committee comprises musicians of 14 nations and includes Yehudi Menuhin, Nathan Milstein, Georges Enesco, Sara Souder, Leonard Bernstein, Marguerite Long, Sam Dresler, Berthe Seron and Jo Vincent.

Kitchen cutting or chopping boards should never be soaked in water or never dried near heat. They should be washed with cool water with a stiff brush and wiped as dry as possible immediately.

### Watch Arteries To Stay Young, Doctor Advises

AUSTIN — (AP) — Want to live longer? Watch the condition of your arteries, advises State Health Officer George W. Cox.

It's those little vessels carrying blood away from your heart, he says, which are kicking your life expectancy around.

They can make you "old" at 60 or "young" at 80—and it all depends pretty much on you.

If you want to snub the old rocking chair, you absolutely must quit worrying and pull out from under that strain. Worry and strain hardens the arteries—that's where the trouble begins, Doctor Cox said.

He advises older persons to take life easy—go to bed for a day when they feel overtired, follow a balanced diet, and get some exercise.

That's the way to "grow old gracefully," he said.

### Hogs, Valuable As Gems, Denied Ambulance Ride

DECATUR, GA. — (AP) — Several hogs were injured severely when the truck in which they were riding overturned near here recently.

The price of pork being what it is, somebody in the crowd around the accident called two ambulances.

Neither of the ambulance drivers was perturbed on arrival. They said they understood the situation but still were confined to carrying just people.

### 20th Century Club Organized In 1938

The 20th Century Study Club was organized in Midland, February 8, 1938. It was federated in April of that year.

During the Spring of 1938 the club organized a junior unit called the Progressive Study Club.

Those who have been president include: Mrs. Karl Ratliff, Mrs. L. L. Payne, Mrs. Joseph Mims, Mrs. Oliver Haag, Mrs. Louis Caddell, Mrs. G. B. Bush, Mrs. Harlan Howell, Mrs. W. H. Rhodes and Mrs. Waldo Leggett.

Charter members were: Mrs. W. E. Chapman, Mrs. Allen Flaherty, Mrs. Haag, Mrs. Stanley Marion, Mrs. Jerry Phillips, Mrs. T. A. Pollard, Mrs. Ratliff, Mrs. Gene Reischman, Mrs. Tom Roberts, Mrs. W. C. Simmons, Mrs. R. E. L. Taylor, Mrs. C. T. Vicello, Mrs. Hubert Isbell and Mrs. J. Howard Hodge.

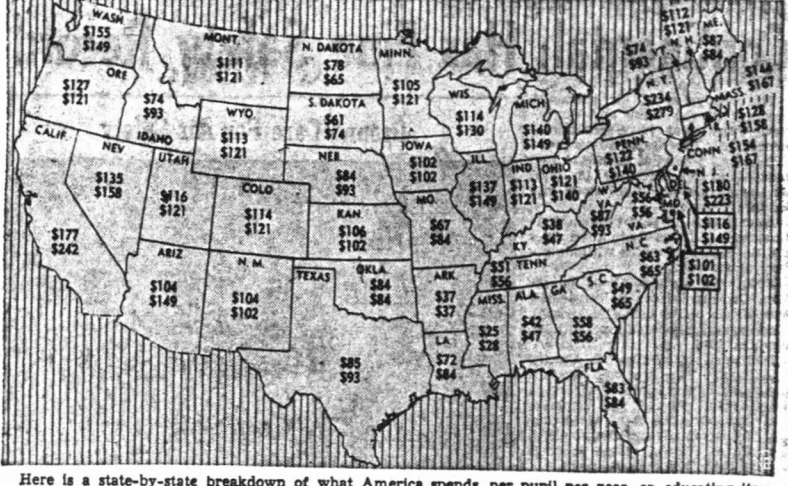
### Industrial Exodus To Southwest Scouted

SAN ANTONIO — (AP) — An Eastern industrialist says he doesn't believe there will be a mass exodus of industry to the Southwest.

Chester Jordan, owner of the Limerick Mills, Limerick, Me., told the Research and Information Committee of the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce of his belief recently.

He said also Texas should take effective measures to promote the sale of mohair products after noting the effects of a lowering consumer demand for mohair.

### America's Educational Expenses Still Not Enough



Here is a state-by-state breakdown of what America spends, per pupil per year, on educating its children. The top figure for each state indicates the 1946-47 expense. Below that is the figure which, according to the National Education Association, must be reached, because of the dollar's lessened purchasing power, before educational standards can regain prewar levels. The national average was \$99 per pupil in 1946-47, with \$112 the recommended outlay for today.

Service club memberships in Midland during 1946 were: Kiwanis 48, Rotary 88, Lions 150, Jaycees 190, and B&PW Club 50.

Midland County was granted 10.15 miles of farm-to-market roads in 1946 with an expenditure of \$71,303 by the Highway Department of Texas.

A Friendship Study Club of the Midland Rebekah Lodge 91 was organized in 1947 with Anna Bell Cowden as president. There were 2 charter members.



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# First Air Line To Serve Midland Is Continental; Has Fine Safety Record

Thirteen years of air transport progress in the West and Southwest—years that have seen Continental Air Lines grow from a route mileage of 541 miles in 1934 to 3000 today—was reached July 15, 1947, by the airline which serves 29 cities in six states.

During this 13-year period, Continental has flown more than 221,570,054 passenger miles without injury or fatality.

From the standpoint of operation, Continental can be considered one of the oldest domestic airlines, having begun operations at Elko, Nev., in 1926.

Pioneered by Walter T. Varney and Louis H. Mueller, present chairman of the board of directors, Continental entered the commercial transportation field as Varney Air Transport, flying between Elko and Pasco, Wash., under contract to the Post Office Department.

This line represented one of the first offshoots of the Post Office's Transcontinental mail route, and provided for the distribution of air mail to the entire Pacific Northwest. Boise, Idaho, was the midpoint on Varney's route, where maintenance shops were established for the budding airline. There began Continental's reputation for maintenance, which in 1942 was to result in receipt of Aviation Magazine's coveted maintenance award.

Varney began operations with two-place Swallows, and took orders for being the first airline in the country to carry a revenue passenger over a scheduled air mail route.

In 1927, Varney's route was extended to Salt Lake City in order to better connections with other West coast carriers as the line's second birthday rolled around.

With the cancellation of all domestic air mail contracts by the Post Office Department in 1934, Varney and Mueller joined forces to form a Southwest division of Varney Speed Lines. This company successfully bid in on the

re-advertised mail contracts, obtaining the route between El Paso and Pueblo. Service began July 15, 1934, with three Lockheed Vegas.

Lineas Aereas Occidentales, meantime, was having its difficulties. The Mexican government withdrew its 20-year mail contract on May 15, 1934. Varney elected to continue the operation, however, carrying cargo and passengers only, at the same time withdrawing from Varney Speed Lines (Southwest Division). The latter company underwent a reorganization, changing the name to Varney Air Transport, Inc., effective Dec. 17, 1934. The name became Continental Air Lines, Inc., July 1, 1937.

Eight officials and employees operated Varney Speed Lines at its beginning in 1934. They were: Avery J. Black, general manager; Roy L. Snyder, accountant; Don Davis, maintenance superintendent; Fred N. Ward, traffic manager; Jess E. Hart, John G. Montijo and Earl Campbell, pilots and stenographer; O'Neil Coleman, Six is President.

Although Varney held a mail contract only between El Paso and Pueblo, the company established headquarters in Denver, flying passengers.

On May 14, 1937, the purchase of the Denver-Pueblo segment of AM-17 from Wyoming Air Service (Inland Air Lines) was consummated, and Continental's route

mileage rose to 656 miles, with the addition of Colorado Springs as an intermediate stop. On July 1 of the same year, the name Continental Air Lines was adopted, and Robert P. Six became executive vice president.

Under the Continental banner, the company almost immediately launched an aggressive expansion program. Shortly after this the company was reorganized and recapitalized to provide for future expansion. Six became president in 1938.

Continental's applications for expansion saw their first dividends on June 23, 1939, when service was inaugurated over Route 43 between Pueblo and Wichita. Two, 10-passenger Lockheed 14's were added to the company's fleet of aircraft, enabling a roundtrip between Denver and Albuquerque to be added on Route 29.

The third expansion in Continental's routes came in 1940, when service around the New Mexico "loop", bringing direct air transportation to Roswell, Hobbs, and Carlsbad, was authorized. The first three of a fleet of six 14-passenger Lockheed Lodestars were purchased.

The Jap sneak attack on Pearl Harbor caused sudden disruption to Continental's plans for the immediate future. On June 1, 1942, the company was directed by the War Department to sell half of its fleet of Lodestars. The immediate effect of this slash in equipment was the temporary suspension of service over Route 43, which had been to Tulsa Dec. 15, 1941. Service was resumed within a month, but on the basis of only one round trip, and flights on Route 29 were curtailed accordingly. Route mileage then totaled 1,657 miles.

As Continental's remaining planes went to war, carrying the personnel and material necessary to the national defense, valuable lessons were learned in the utilization of aircraft until it reached the heretofore unheard-of figure of 12 1/2 hours of flying time a day.

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Dr. J. B. Peabody, Houston, Texas, children's dentist, explained during a Dallas Dental Convention that a parent sitting around the dental chair:

1. Makes a child apprehensive.
2. Keeps him from getting acquainted with the dentist.
3. Exudes sympathy which often makes the child so sorry for himself that he begins to cry.

"The mother, leading her son to the dentist's chair often comes in with an unconsciously protective attitude and generally wants to answer all the dentist's questions concerning the boy's teeth," the brisk, wiry, Doctor Peabody stated.

Third Party Acquaintance

"As a result, the young patient gets to know the dentist only through a third party, his mother, and the dentist and patient never really become acquainted.

"On the other hand, the dentist is able to make friends with the child who comes in alone and after a dentist gets the confidence of the average child he is a better patient than an adult because he relaxes in the chair."

Another tip from Doctor Peabody: "Take your child to the dentist before an emergency arises. When he is 2, he should be taken for the first visit, an examination. Six months later, the child should be returned to the dentist to have his teeth cleaned. Then, when a tooth begins hurting, the child will not fear a trip to the dentist."

They Can Dream, Can't They?

Ham & Sausage

Possibly attracted by the mouth-watering sign over the windows of this recently reconstructed Tokyo store, two Japanese women peer into the show windows. But there's nothing on sale inside except fruit and flowers. The proprietor says the sign is "a little premature" but that he hopes to have plenty of ham and sausage in the future.

## Ground Care For Air Safety



Here is shown a Continental Air Lines ground crew servicing one of the planes which serve Midland and the great Permian Basin. So intense is the ground care of Continental Air Lines—the company has never had an accident.

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## After All—Not So Bad, Not So Cold

January and February, supposed to be the "cold months" in Midland, are not so bad after all. A gauge of the West Texas Gas Company gave these figures of average temperature during these months since 1931:

JANUARY	
Year	Average Temperature
1931	42.16
1932	45.59
1933	45.38
1934	44.63
1935	49.46
1936	43.82
1937	43.56
1938	49.94
1939	45.20
1940	36.20
1941	48.40
1942	40.74
1943	45.32
1944	41.07
1945	47.81
1946	47.55

FEBRUARY	
Year	Average Temperature
1932	49.03
1933	43.08
1934	49.23
1935	47.82
1936	39.17
1937	47.62
1938	49.87
1939	44.79
1940	41.73
1941	49.43
1942	49.55
1943	51.87
1944	50.40
1945	51.35
1946	45.94

## California Leads In Hunting Accidents Toll

SACRAMENTO — (AP) — California broke its own record and led all states in 1947 with 18 killed and 32 wounded in hunting accidents.

This is according to the Division of Fish and Game. The division says the accident causes parallel a list of "don'ts" for safety around a gun.

Nimrods got shot by others who mistook them for deer, a turkey, and in one case, a rabbit. Hunters killed or wounded themselves while carrying a loaded gun on a streetcar, pulling a gun from an auto, resting a gun butt on the shoe while lighting a cigarette, crawling through a fence, falling, and—yes—looking down the muzzle.

Director Emil Ott, Jr., says hunting casualties for 1948 may be even higher unless hunters are more careful.

He says education is the answer. He notes only one veteran of World War II was on the 1947 list.

## Escaped Prisoner May Knock On Door Of Jail

GREAT FALLS, MONT. — (AP) — Tom War Bonnet escaped from the state prison, where he was serving a term for burglary, and a prison bulletin suggested that peace officers watch for him to contact his wife, Agnes, at "328 Third Avenue north."

That's the address of the county jail where Agnes served some time. Sheriff D. J. Leeper says he is expecting Tom to knock at the door any day now.

## Hard To Remove War From Man's System

PITTSBURGH — (AP) — Joseph Cafardi, a construction foreman hopes the last relic of World War I has been taken from him.

In 1918, while serving in the Italian Army, he was wounded. Thirty-one years later he began to limp and a physician removed some shrapnel from his hip. A few weeks ago he began to limp again and a physician found some more shrapnel.

## Police In Search Of 'Pie-Faced' Bandit

DETROIT — (AP) — Police are looking for a pie-faced bandit. The man tried to snatch Mrs. Charlotte Cloar's purse from under her left arm as she walked along a street. Mrs. Cloar swung with her right, in which she was carrying a pumpkin pie.

"Whoop," gasped the bandit, and ran.

In 1947 more than 505 persons took part in Midland Community Theater in seven plays.

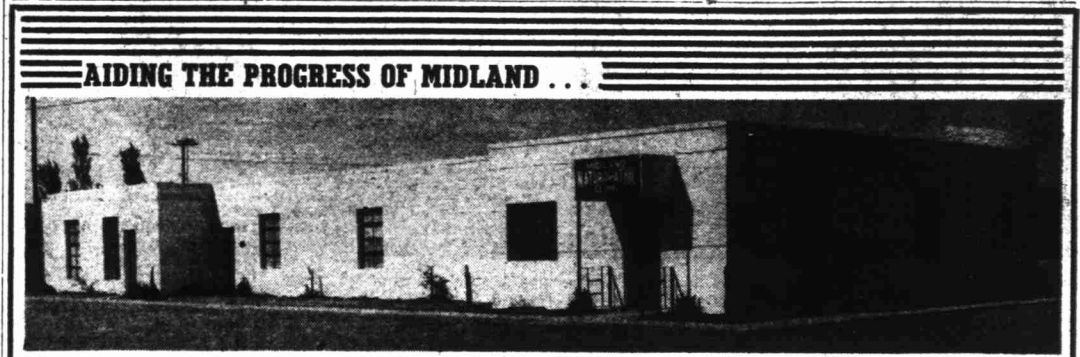
## City-County Health Board Formed In 1947

The Midland City and County Board of Health was organized in February 1947.

First officers included: C. C. Keith, president; Mrs. Lennie Davidson, vice-chairman; Robert T. Dickey, vice-chairman; Dorothy Sumner, secretary.

The board is composed of a cross-section of citizens including physicians and civic leaders.

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## Midland Chapter SPCA Organized

Discussed in late 1947, the official organization of Midland Chapter, Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, took place in January 1948.

First officers are: Carl Weyat, president; William Wimsley, vice president; Mrs. Robert LeBlond, secretary; and Mrs. A. S. Donnelly, treasurer.

The SPCA stands for help to homeless pets and is strongly opposed to dog poisoning here.

Membership in the Midland chapter is growing.

The Calvary Baptist Church of Midland was organized Dec. 1, 1940, in a tent on the Southside softball park. It now has more than 500 members, a church and a parsonage.



### B-r-r Is This Trolley Song



The Pheian family of Cleveland, O., decided to put an end to their trolley chills when they ride the city's antiquated, coal-stoked cars to their downtown jobs. Mabel, 25, and her brother, John Jr., 20, warm their toesies on hot water bottles filled from the family tea kettle, while their father, John, checks a check with the family thermometer.

### Midland Girl Scouts Grow From One Troop In 1936 To More Than 22 Now

Midland has more than 22 Girl Scout units with 450 girls participating and many parents enlisted as leaders. Not so at first. The first Girl Scout troop was organized in Midland in 1936 with Mrs. R. V. Lawrence, Mrs. W. G. Lewis and Mrs. M. R. Hill as leaders. This troop continued until its members outgrew Scouting. Another troop was organized in 1939 with Mrs. F. B. Kingon as leader. This troop was sponsored by the North Elementary P-T.A.

### Courthouse

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County Judge L. M. Murphy and Commissioners C. C. Johnston, J. V. Stokes, M. Smyth and E. H. Estes. Streets Paved  
Improvement of the county's courthouse facilities was not so important on the agenda of the commissioners court for several years after that. At a meeting January 19, 1927, the court voted to pave the streets around the courthouse square. In an election held September 21, 1929, county citizens voted to issue \$150,000 in bonds to build Midland's present courthouse. In favor of this bond issue were 418 voters; 258 turned thumbs down on the issue. The commissioners voted to accept the plans of Voelcker and Dixon, Wichita Falls architects, and they called for bids on the old sandstone courthouse. Nobody was very crazy about buying that old courthouse, it seems. Probably that was because there was a clause in the sale contract requiring the purchaser to remove said old courthouse from the premises. This failed to deter Ernest Woods, though. He formally submitted a bid of \$1 for the old building and agreed to remove the structure within 30 days if weather permitted. All he asked was that the county remove any shrubbery around the courthouse which officials wanted to keep. "Believe It Or Not"  
Woods tore down the sandstone building and used the stone to construct a number of residences and business structures in the city. And, by purchasing the courthouse for a dollar, Woods made Robert Ripley's "Believe It Or Not" cartoon—the only Midlanders known to have achieved that particular honor. The commissioners met January 3, 1930, and awarded final contracts for the new building as follows: General contract, J. O. Everett and Company, \$211,580; plumbing and heating, J. C. Kornoth Plumbing and Heating, \$20,675; wiring and fixtures, W. M. Smith Electric Company, \$5,578.77; steel filing equipment, Steel Fixture Company, \$2,289.35; wood furniture, Monroe-Benbrook and Company, \$15,000; jail equipment, Southern Prison Company, \$20,000; venetian blinds, Midland Hardware Company, \$1,964.50; elevator, Otis Elevator Company, \$7,000. Between December, 1929, and October, 1930, county officials used the Petroleum Building. District and county clerks had their offices where the Texas Electric Service Company is located today. The commissioners and all other county workers were proud of their new courthouse, and apparently have remained so, because for almost 20 years there has been nothing recorded in the minutes of the court to show the commissioners were planning a fourth courthouse for the county.

### Country Store In 'Big D' Has Air Of Yesteryear

By WILLIAM C. BARNARD  
Associated Press Staff  
A country store in a big city is the L. Wagner Grocery. Just across from the courthouse in downtown Dallas, the 79-year-old establishment preserves the mellow flavor of the nineteenth century. It has none of the trimmings of the supermarket. Things are stacked around informally, the interior is dim, the ceilings are high and there is a smell of age. Pinto, navy and lima beans are in bins that pull out from under the wooden counter. So are the black-eyed peas and sugar. There is a bin for brown sugar, too, but it's full of nothing but cobwebs. Built in 1868  
"Can't get brown sugar now," said Louis W. Wagner, stocky, middle-aged owner.  
George E. Wagner, co-owner, died in December at the age of 65. The store was built in 1868, operated for many years by L. Wagner, father of the two brothers. Then the brothers took over. The showcases are curved antiques, with brass decorations. Beneath them, on the floor, are buckets of honey and boxes of fruit. A few steps away is a spigoted barrel of cottonseed oil. "Cooking oil," Louis Wagner said. Three farmers were backed up to the big, pot-bellied stove. "Was in the barber shop awhile ago," said one. "A fellow come in selling sausage. Got \$1.50 for just a little bit of piece."  
One of the others shook his head: "things is sure high."  
An old man came in, bought a twist of chewing tobacco. Once the store sold 40 kinds of chewing tobacco—and colored whiskey for \$2 per gallon. Wagner rang up the purchase in the wooden cash register, a 55-year-old museum piece with creak.  
Wagner is sole clerk. His only helper is a negro handyman. And the country store in the city may be reaching the end of its days.  
"Don't know exactly what I'm going to do with it," Wagner said. "I'm alone here now. If a fellow with a pile of money comes in making offers he's liable to find himself with a grocery store."

### Student Leaders To Attend A&M Event

COLLEGE STATION —(AP)— Outstanding student leaders from Texas high schools, will visit Texas A&M College on Sports Day, March 13, under a plan set up by officers of hometown clubs. Grady Elms, assistant director of student activities, announced. Editors of yearbooks and newspapers, presidents of student governments, and others showing unusual qualities of initiative and leadership will be invited. Elms said the idea is to acquaint outstanding high school students with A&M so they might come here to college and provide superior leadership in publication and student government posts. Athletes do not enter into the program unless they are also qualified in one of the other fields, Elms explained.

**SOUVENIR**  
BUTTE, MONT. —(AP)—This is the land of the silver dollar. A Butte woman mailed a \$1 bill to the county tuberculosis fund and explained the only reason she had a bill that small was because a Kentucky friend had sent it to her.

### Chinese Buses Offer Lots Of Thrills, Chills

SHANGHAI — (AP)— The average Chinese bus driver in Shanghai must be a frustrated airplane pilot. In most lands a bus is a means of transportation, but not here. A Shanghai bus is more like a roller coaster. Chinese ride them for thrills. Getting where you have to go is somewhat incidental. The bus is built to carry 25 passengers, but no Shanghai bus driver is happy until he has at least 65 customers aboard. He needs the extra weight for momentum going down hills. Once underway, a Chinese bus driver recognizes no obstacle. He once ignored red lights, too, but the power of the police has at last prevailed. A corner presents a challenge. Bus drivers firmly believe corners are built to take on two wheels. It is always easy to tell when the bus comes to a traffic island, which in theory is put there for the safety of pedestrians. When your head hangs the ceiling you know the driver has run over the island, as usual. Every bus ride seems to last 30 minutes, even though your destination may require only 10. This is because it takes 20 minutes to fight your way out of a bus.

### 'Moonshining' Helps Pay Loan, Brings Sentence

TULSA, OKLA. — (AP)— Federal Judge Royce H. Savage agrees that determination to pay one's debts is worthy, but that law breaking isn't the way to go about it. A sharecropper haled into his court told the judge he started "moonshining" to pay off a \$100 bank loan. The culprit said he "had it down to \$4.75" before the revenue agents moved in. The judge assessed him 60 days in jail, plus a year's probation.

### 250 Miles on a Gallon, He Says



James Monroe, of Bellflower, Calif., checks the gadget he invented to make his car run 250 miles on a gallon of gas and a gallon of water. Soon he says he'll be able to do without the gasoline and just use water. Principle of Monroe's invention is the conversion of water into its hydrogen and oxygen components. These mixed with gasoline vapor, become a highly explosive product which is fed into the carburetor. Monroe hopes to perfect the device before it blows him and his car sky-high.

### Mechanical Mothers Are Losing 'Love' Of Chicks

WASHINGTON — (AP)— This year's incubator chicks have reason to wish for the old-fashioned sitting hen. The Agriculture Department reports that the modern, mechanical "mothers" aren't doing so well. The fuel oil shortage, you know. That, coupled with a drop in demand, caused commercial chick output in January to drop nine per cent below that of January, 1947, the department said.

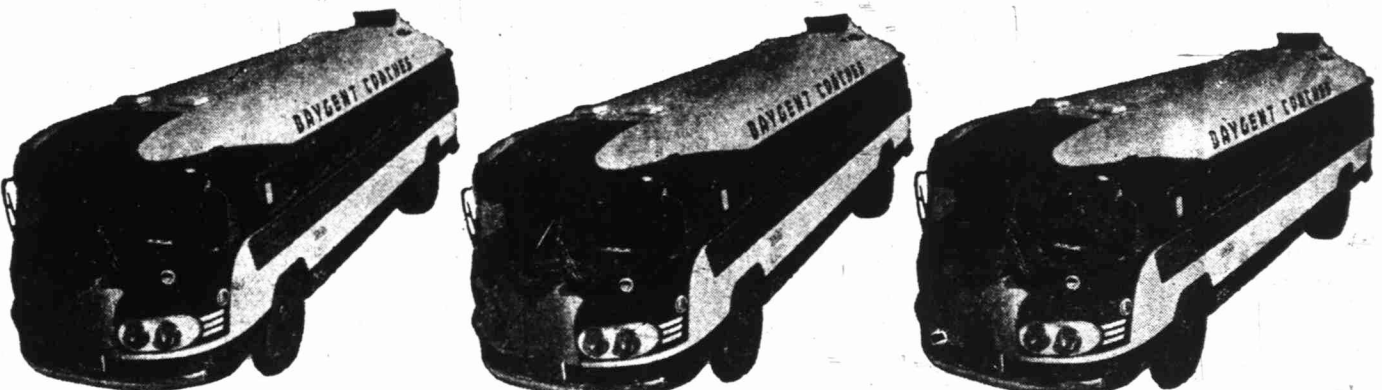
### Terminal

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three shop buildings. Globber Aviation has several buildings. Of course there is the air line terminal building. It is a modern and beautiful building which contains the offices and installations of Continental, Pioneer and American Air Lines. A cafe will be opened soon. There are 14 air flight schedules daily at the terminal. CAA has an installation near the terminal. L. A. Rodenhiser, former city engineer of Midland, is the city's representative at the air terminal. He is sort of a general manager and supervisor. He would be a logical candidate for mayor if "Terminal" ever has a mayor. Rodenhiser knows all the problems of the "City of Terminal". He is credited with naming the post-office application designation "Terminal." His office is at the air lines building. "Terminal" proudly claims the City Manager of Midland as a resident. Because he does live out there. Possibilities Unlimited  
The VFW post of Midland has a hangar at "Terminal" as its recreation and meeting hall. At this point there is also a swimming pool. There has been no real estate or suburban living boom for "Terminal." It has experienced a good normal foundation by families faced with the necessity of a home, a roof over the head. As they settled then came the industries. Read The Classifieds

### Old War Plane—New Peace Job



This battered surplus war plane isn't just resting in this date-palm grove near Los Angeles, Calif. The old ship has a new job. On hot days, its propeller circulates the air to disperse humidity, which concentrates under the heavy palm foliage.



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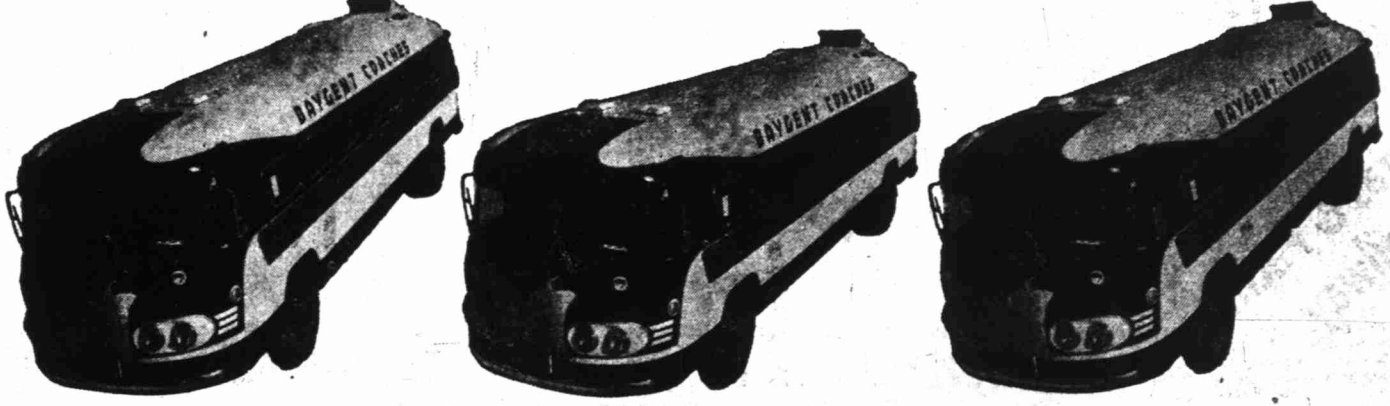
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21 DENOMINATIONS

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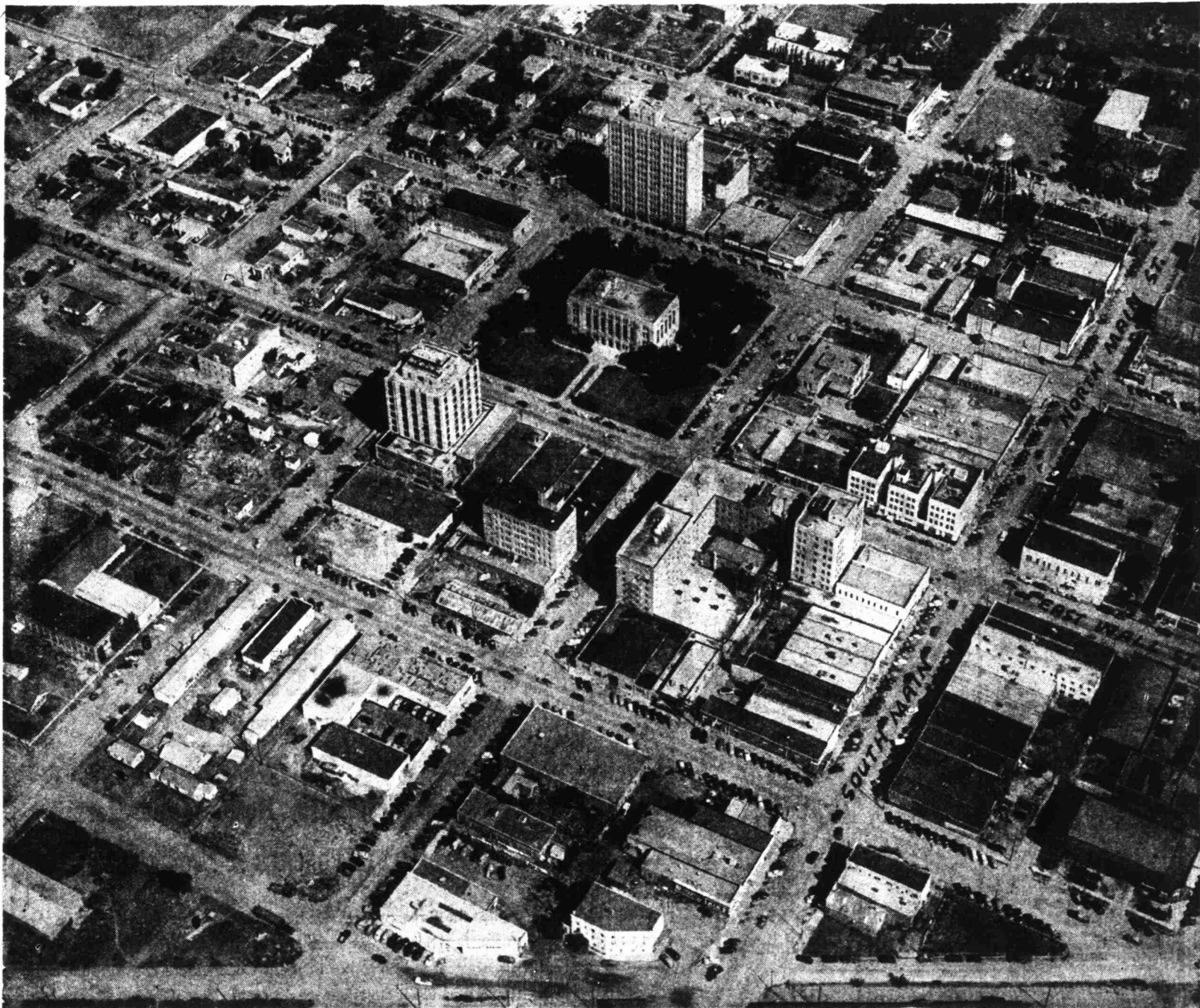
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## Health Unit Helps Guard Health Here

It's no secret that health conditions in Midland are exceptionally good. Climate, water and soil seem conducive to the physical well-being of the city's residents.

And guarding the health of the community is a trained staff of public health workers at the Midland-Ector-Howard County Health Unit, responsible to the county Board of Health and to the State Health Department for the general physical welfare of the public. A safe water supply, clean milk, sanitary food handling establishments, and the control and prevention of such diseases as tuberculosis, typhoid fever, diphtheria and venereal diseases are some of the duties of the staff.

**Staff Members**  
Dr. F. E. Sadler is director of the unit; W. M. Howard is senior sanitarian; Mrs. C. E. Hertz is secretary; Mrs. Geneva Pharris is nurse; Mrs. Alva Hagler is laboratory helper, and Buck Kirksey is VD representative.

Headquarters of the unit were moved to the present location at 200 South Colorado Street October 1, 1942, when Midland and Ector Counties were served jointly by the staff. In September of 1943 the unit was enlarged to include Howard County. Health workers, supervised by the office here, maintain residence in Odessa and Big Spring.

During the last year here, the health unit has conducted numerous broad programs designed to improve health conditions in this area. Among these were dental health programs in public schools, assistance in enforcing the United States Public Health Service Grade A Milk Ordinance and Food Establishment Ordinance, registration of food handlers and distribution of certificates and licenses to qualified handlers, and assistance in instituting a plumbing code and livestock ordinance.

**Health Board Personnel**  
The unit also has cooperated with civic organizations in such projects as city-wide cleanup campaigns, fly eradication programs in which the entire city was sprayed with DDT, rat eradication campaigns, and influenza typing.

On the Midland County Health Board, to which the health unit director and his staff are responsible, are County Judge Clifford C. Keith, Mayor R. H. Gifford, City Manager H. A. Thomason; Dr. Tom C. Bobo, city and county health officer; Dr. M. S. Dickerson; Dr. James M. Devereux; Home Demonstration Agent Nettie B. Messick; Mrs. Lillian Corbett of the American Red Cross; Mrs. Lennie Davidson, executive secretary of the county tuberculosis association; City Councilman R. I. Dickey; Mrs. Fred Cassidy of the Children's Service League; and School Superintendent Frank Monroe.

Bessie Love of silent movie fame, starting in "Broadway Melody," was born in Midland, September 10, 1896, as Jaunita Horton.

## Won State Cup



Miss Leona McCormick, now Mrs. Billy Bryant, won a state championship in declamation in 1917, and brought the loving cup back to Midland, one of the few state titles ever won by a Midland contestant.

## Catholic Church Aids In Bishops' Fund Campaign

An appeal in every Catholic Church in the United States to obtain funds for the continuance of the worldwide programs of the two American Catholic special relief agencies—War Relief Services-National Catholic Welfare Conference, and the Bishops' Emergency and Relief Committee—will be made Sunday, March 7, the Rev. Frank Triggs, pastor of the St. George Catholic Church here, said Saturday.

A minimum national goal of \$5,000,000 is sought through 15,000 churches throughout the nation.

The funds will be used to send food, clothing and medicine to victims of war, especially children, aged and the sick regardless of religion or race; to continue special programs of child feeding; care of war orphans; to aid in resettlement of displaced persons; to support youth groups combating post-war juvenile delinquency in war-stricken countries; to supply school needs and text books in countries where educational systems have been shattered; to provide immigration services to refugees; to distribute religious articles to priests and civilians; and to maintain maritime clubs in various ports throughout the world for the comfort and morale of seamen.

Father Triggs said the agencies operate with an administrative cost of less than two per cent.

Mail delivery service to the South side of Midland began in 1947, serving 400 families on a route of 15 miles, at the beginning.

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FIRST WITH THE NEWS

MIDLAND, TEXAS, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 1948

SECTION SIX

## Schools Map Expansion Program

### Present Buildings Are Overflowing

By STANLEY FRANK

There's no doubt that Midland is a rapidly growing city. Office buildings filled to capacity, new ones being built and already rented from basement to roof before they're finished, block after block of beautiful new homes under construction—these are unmistakable evidences of sound, permanent expansion. Progress indeed.

But even more than these

things, Midland's school system provides graphic proof of swelling population. It is no exaggeration to say that new school facilities are over-taxed as fast as they can be built.

The new South and West Elementary Schools are examples of what is happening in the city. They were completed last year and were opened to students in the Spring just before the end of the school term. The South school was to accommodate students which previously had long since overflowed the old red brick building into the Calvary Baptist Church across the street. The West school served a fast-developing section of the city which had never had a grade school.

**New Buildings Inadequate**  
Both buildings are identical, both represented the most modern, scientific developments in educational structures, both were credits to Midland or any other highly progressive, prosperous city. Each cost about \$187,000.

And yet, both buildings already are utterly inadequate to serve the steadily increasing number of students enrolled in them.

In fact, the old red brick South Elementary now is back in use—jammed full, except for a single room. And both the new buildings must have four more rooms to house students. Supt. Frank Monroe said recently it is hoped the additions will be completed in time for the beginning of the 1948-49 school year next Fall.

All this, of course, is apart from the great expansion program underway for the high school.

**Million Dollar Bond Issue**  
Last year, Midland voters approved a million-dollar bond issue, most of which was for construction of a new high school building and athletic plant. The new high school

building, according to tentative plans, calls for an expenditure of \$780,000, with \$50,000 to be spent on additions to the present high school buildings, \$80,000 on additions to present elementary school buildings, and \$100,000 on the stadium.

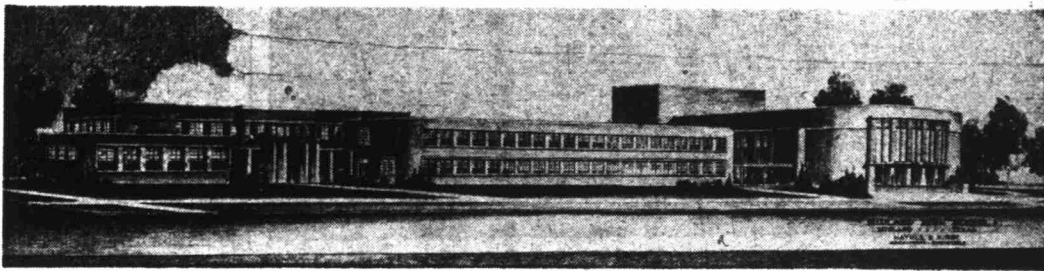
These new additions to the present extensive plant of the Midland Independent School District will give the city educational facilities comparable to those of any city. But, considering the way the city is growing now and probably will grow during the next 10 years, there is ample reason to believe every square foot of the expanded plant will be needed.

**New High School**  
The new high school building will have more and larger classrooms and science laboratories, two vocational training shops, a new auditorium more than twice as large as the present one. It will include a gymnasium which will seat 1,800 persons, compared to the 450-person capacity of the one now in use. A bigger library and a cafeteria are in the plans. Everything about the building will be as modern as progressive architects, forward-looking school officials and available funds permit. This new plant will maintain Midland's traditional insistence on "nothing but the best." The huge auditorium, which will face on Illinois at the corner of A Street, will be available for community use.

It is hoped the new high school building will be ready for occupancy by the Fall of 1949.

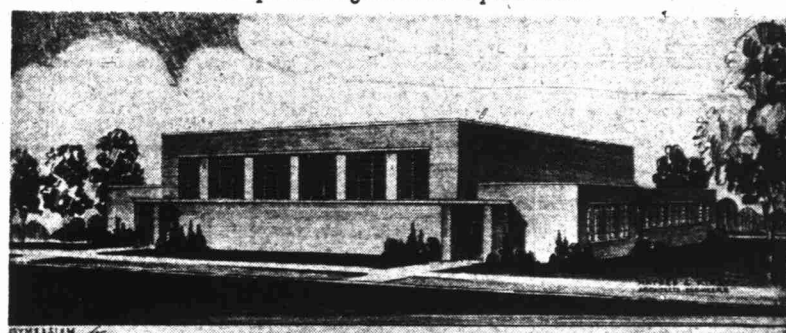
Work already has begun on the new athletic stadium. A tract of ground three blocks long and two blocks wide (14.34 acres) lying between Louisiana and Cuthbert Streets was purchased for this part of the new development program.

### New Midland High School To Be Erected This Year



Construction will be started soon on this attractive, spacious and completely modern Midland High School plant at the present junior high location on West Illinois Street. Contracts for construction will be let April 22 by trustees of the Midland Independent School District. A large auditorium is included in the building which is designed to take care of Midland's present and future high school needs. The latest type equipment will be installed in classrooms, laboratories, library, band rooms, offices and quarters for vocational departments.

### Proposed High School Gymnasium



This new, beautiful and spacious gymnasium will be built this year in connection with the new Midland High School plant. The new high school and gymnasium will be located at the junior high school site on West Illinois Street, and the present high school building will be converted into a junior high school. The gym will be of the latest and most modern design. A \$1,000,000 bond issue was voted last year for the school expansion program.

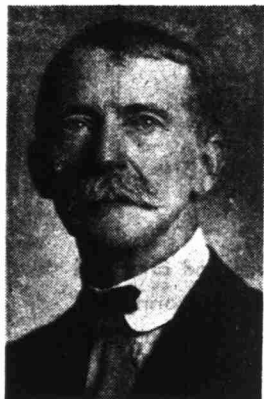
When high school students can move into the new building, the present high school building will be turned over to junior high students. A new cafeteria is planned for this plant, and school officials hope it will be completed by the beginning of the school term next Fall. Thus, high school students in the present building will have their own cafeteria next year.

History of the school system, as

outlined in Monroe's last report to the Board of Education, shows the first two school buildings in Midland were of frame construction. In 1896 these were replaced by a \$9,000 brick building which was paid for by public subscription, and in 1926 this was replaced by the present high school building, a brick structure costing \$150,000. This building comprises 12 regular class-

rooms, three well-furnished home economics rooms, two commercial rooms for typing and bookkeeping, one lecture room, one physics laboratory, a chemistry laboratory, an auditorium with a seating capacity of 612, three general supply rooms, a depository for free textbooks, a teachers' lounge, a 5,000-volume library with a seating capacity of 100, two offices used by the superintendent, and the principal's office. This school enrolls all Midland County students of the ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth grades and at present has 56 units of affiliation. The high school gymnasium was erected in 1938 at a cost of \$80,000. The present junior high school was built in 1928 and cost \$100,000. Continued On Page Twelve

## THE OLDEST ACTIVE BUSINESS INSTITUTION IN MIDLAND TODAY!



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### Baptists Have Large Educational Building



The educational building of the First Baptist Church is one of the most attractive and modern church school buildings in this section. The three-story structure was designed and built several years ago to meet "present and future" needs, but already the edifice is over taxed by a continually increasing enrollment. The building is located just north of the church's main auditorium on North Main Street.

### First Baptist Sermon Preached Here In 1885; Church Organized January 10, 1886

By the Rev. Vernon Yearby  
Pastor First Baptist Church

The early history of the First Baptist church of Midland dates from correspondence started Aug. 21, 1885. The late J. H. Barron, one of the city's earliest merchants and cattlemen, wrote on that date to W. R. Maxwell, superintendent of the board of missions of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, to interest the board in organization of churches in this section.

The first "Baptist" sermon at Midland was preached Aug. 21, 1885, by the Rev. J. A. Moore of Sweetwater.

The mission superintendent and two board members visited Sweetwater, Big Spring, Midland and Pecos, in November, 1885, and the organization of the church here on Jan. 10, 1886, followed.

Later, at the first anniversary of the church's occupancy of its present building, Barron was on a special program and related the following early history of the institution:

"I will preface my few remarks with an account of the work leading up to our organization, as it is a part of our church history. The board of the Baptist General Convention elected Brother W. R. Maxwell, who is now in Heaven, as superintendent of missions. He, together with Brother Benet Hatcher and Brother Walter White, visited this field in November, 1885, and, by consultation with the few Baptists out here, agreed to furnish us a pastor if we would pay half his salary.

"History-Making Year"  
"Pecos agreed to give \$250, Midland \$125 and Big Spring \$125. Brother S. B. Callaway was sent out. He soon got together the little band here and, on the tenth day of January, 1886, as read you in the minutes of that day, organized our church.

"Our first year was a history-making year. Our second conference meeting, Feb. 14, 1886, was devoted to the work of building a meeting house. A committee was appointed to at once proceed to let the contract. In March the contract was let and the building begun. In April the church incorporated, electing five trustees, J. H. Barron, J. J. McCullough, T. M. Waddell, H. C. Petty and C. W. Craft, Waddell and Barron are still on the board. Brother Callaway served us two years, or rather for the years 1886 to October, 1887.

"Brother L. R. Millican was then chosen. Our membership had only reached 30 when he came. During the year 1888 our gain was about ten.

"In January, 1889, we organized our first Baptist Sunday School, having had only a union school up to that time. This was a prosperous year with us in many ways. The church was paid out of debt; we raised our pastor's salary from \$250 for one Sunday to \$500 for two Sundays in each month. About 25 was our gain in membership for 1889.

"In 1890 the Lord greatly blessed the church and many new members were received both by letter and by baptism. In 1889 and 1890 the church received many such as Brother J. T. Pemberton and wife,

C. W. Cowden and wife, H. E. Crowley and wife, F. Divers and wife, and many others. In 1891 some progress was made and in 1892 the Lord abundantly blessed us in giving us such members as Brother C. Scharbauer and wife, and B. N. Aycock and wife. Many young people came in. During 1892 our church had become strong enough financially to move the church building to the present location, and it was greatly enlarged.

Elder Members Excluded  
"During the years 1892 and 1893, we had some good meetings, lots of conversions, and I notice from the minutes we had something doing in the way of discipline; elder members were excluded for intoxication and younger ones for dancing, and still the Lord blessed the church.

"In February, 1894, Brother Millican resigned the care of the church and moved to El Paso. We were without a pastor until May, when we secured Brother G. H. M. Wilson, Brother Millican having served us six years, added to Brother Callaway's two years, and completed eight years of history. When we called Brother Wilson, his salary was placed at \$1,200 per year for all time. We had a good year for 1894. Brother Wilson served us to November, 1895, when he resigned and moved to Beeville.

"After calling some two or three preachers, we finally secured Brother B. W. N. Simms, who began his work the first Sunday in January, 1896. This completes the first ten years of our church history, with much that was probably better than this left out.

"Brother Simms, on account of ill health, resigned in June. Brother G. H. M. Wilson was recalled to the care of the church and returned to us in September, serving until January, 1900."

Rev. J. C. Burkett, (1900-1912), was pastor of the church longer than any other one man, winning the hearts of the people and putting over a splendid program. Following his ministry, the Rev. U. S. Thomas was pastor for several months in 1912, and he, in turn, was succeeded by the Rev. L. E. Finney, (1913-1914).

New Brick Building  
During the ministry of Mr. Burkett, a new brick building was built to replace the former frame structure, this being the first unit of the present building. During the ministry of Mr. Finney, an addition was built on the east of the church building, completing it as it is today.

The Rev. E. Quick, (1915-1917), was the next pastor, and he, in turn, was succeeded by the Rev. O. J. Hull, (1918-1922). When the church celebrated its 30th anniversary in 1916, the membership had grown to 524. In 1920, under the leadership of Mr. Hull, the present parsonage property was acquired and the home remodeled.

Since that time, there have been five other pastors of the church: the Rev. W. S. Garnett, (1923-1924); the Rev. George F. Brown, (1925-1931); the Rev. Winston F. Borum, (1931-1938); the Rev. H. D. Bruce, (1938-1942), (under the leadership of Mr. Bruce the pres-

### Minutes Of First Meeting Of Baptist Church Here Lists 26 Charter Members

Minutes of the first meeting of the First Baptist Church of Midland, January 10, 1886, read as follows:

"Pursuant to a call made by Brother S. B. Callaway, minister in charge of this work, appointed by the Board of the Texas Baptist State Convention, the Baptists of Midland, Texas, and vicinity met at the School house in said town at 11 o'clock A. M. Sunday, January 10th, 1886, for the purpose of organizing a Baptist Church.

"The meeting was called to order and opened by Brother Callaway by reading appropriate selections of scripture and prayer.

"Upon motion and second it was unanimously voted by the Baptists present that we proceed at once with the organization. After the appointment of Brother J. H. Barron as clerk pro tem, a call was made and the following named persons deposited their letters, to-wit:

"Brother C. W. Craft, Sister Carrie Craft, Brother J. J. McCullough, Sister J. J. McCullough, Brother T. M. Waddell, Sister A. E. Waddell, Brother J. H. Barron, Sister Annie Barron, Sister M. E. Palmer, Sister Ann Willingham, Sister M. E. Nash, Brother Reeves Barron.

Other Members  
"Those not having letters but who are in good standing with their churches, and who present themselves for membership and were received upon their promise to procure letters at earliest convenience, are as follows, to-wit:

"Sister M. P. Stanfield, Sister E. J. Norris, Sister F. Westmoreland, Sister M. B. Talbert, Sister McKennie, Brother John R. Barron, Brother S. B. Callaway, Sister S. C. Callaway.

"Those who could not attend the meeting, some from sickness and others on account of difficulty in attending from distance to be traveled and etc., but who desired to go into the organization, being in good standing with their churches, who

### First Baptist Church



The First Baptist Church is located at the corner of Main and Illinois Streets in downtown Midland. The first unit of the building was erected in the early 1900's, and has been remodeled and added to on several occasions. A new and completely modern church plant now is planned to replace the present structure.

authorized Brother Callaway to make statement for them and to ask, for them, to be received as members upon said statement, agreeing to deposit their letters afterwards, are as follows:

"Brother A. H. Holmes, Sister A. H. Holmes, Brother H. C. Petty, Sister E. L. Petty, Sister Mary Petty, Sister Minnie Petty.

Church Covenant  
"All having presented themselves as above and having recognized each other as being proper persons with whom to enter into church fellowship, the articles of Faith as contained in Pendleton's Church Manual were carefully read by Brother Callaway, and then upon mo-

tion were read and adopted, article by article, until all had been adopted by the unanimous vote of the church. Then the motion was made that we do now bind ourselves together in organization more completely and finally by the adoption of the following Church Covenant:

"Having been, as we trust, brought by divine grace to embrace the Lord Jesus Christ, and to give ourselves wholly to Him, we do now solemnly and joyfully covenant with each other to walk together in Him with brotherly love, to His glory, as our common Lord. We do, therefore, in His strength, engage—

"That we will exercise a Christian care and watchfulness over

each other, and faithfully warn, exhort, and admonish each other as occasion may require;

"That we will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, but will uphold the public worship of God, and the ordinances of His house;

"That we will not omit closest and family religion at home, nor neglect the great duty of religiously training our children, and those under our care, for the service of and the enjoyment of heaven;

"That, as we are the light of the world, and salt of the earth, we will seek divine aid, to enable us to deny ungodliness and every worldly lust, and to walk circumspectly in the world, that we may win the souls of men;

"That, we will cheerfully contribute of our support, according as God has prospered us, for the maintenance of a faithful and evangelical ministry among us, for the support of the poor, and to spread the gospel over the earth;

"That we will, in all conditions, even till death, strive to live to the glory of Him, who hath called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

Pastor Cheesen  
"And may the God of Peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant make us perfect in every good work to do His will, working in us that which is well pleasing in His sight through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen."

"On motion, Brother Callaway was unanimously chosen our pastor for the ensuing year and J. H. Barron elected Church Clerk. It was then resolved that our church be called the First Baptist Church of Midland, Texas; the second Lord's day in each month was adopted as our regular time of meeting and 4 o'clock P. M. of same day as the

### Special Course Is Offered Counselors

AUSTIN—Preparation of counselors for schools and colleges is the objective of a new University of Texas College of Education Committee.

A bulletin on professional preparation for counselors is now being written by Professor H. T. Manuel, F. J. Adams, Thelma Bollman and B. F. Pittenger.

The committee will advise students who will go into personnel guidance, and clinical workers.

University programs of study lead to masters' and doctors' degrees with emphasis on counseling and guidance, Doctor Manuel said. Included are courses in tests and internships to qualified persons each semester. Four students now are serving their second semester of internship, and seven are doing whole or part-time counseling.

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### GARDEN CLUB HELD FIRST FLOWER SHOW IN 1941

The first flower show held by the Midland Garden Club was in 1941. Mrs. A. F. Shirey was MGO president then.

time of holding our monthly conference.

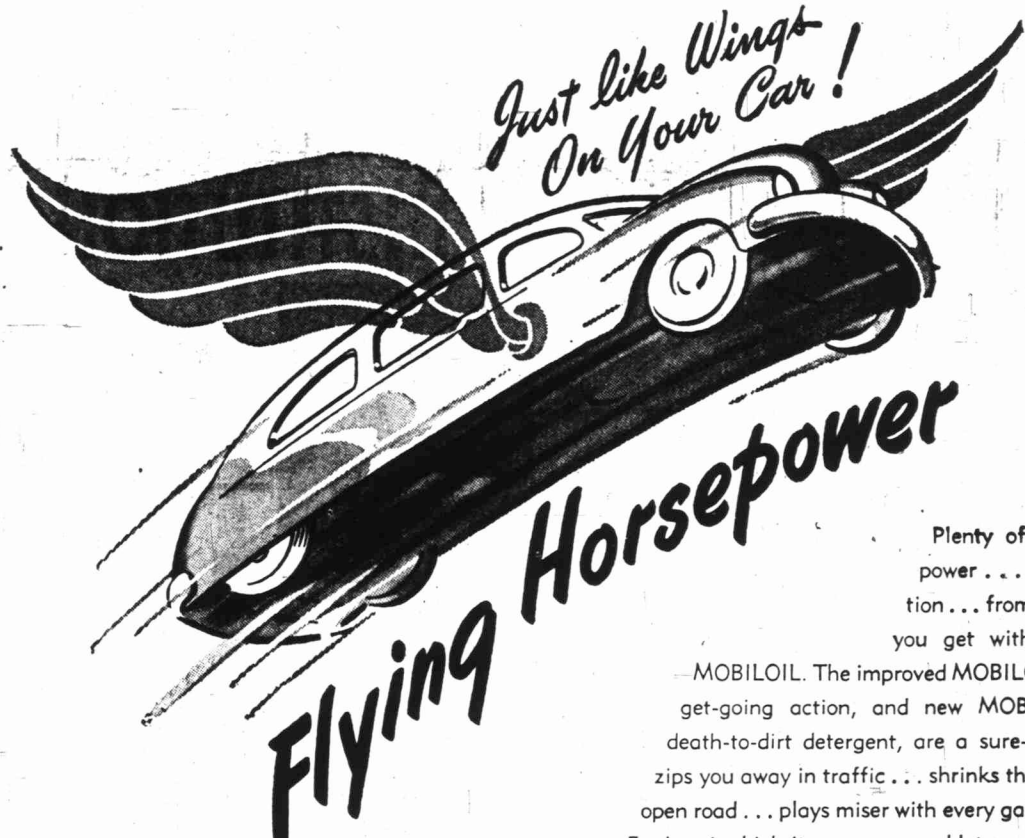
"The election of Deacons was postponed to some future meeting that our selection might be judiciously and wisely made.

"After a very feeling and impressive talk by the pastor upon the subject of our individual and relative duties as Christians, the meeting was adjourned.

"S. B. Callaway, Moderator.  
"J. H. Barron, Church Clerk."



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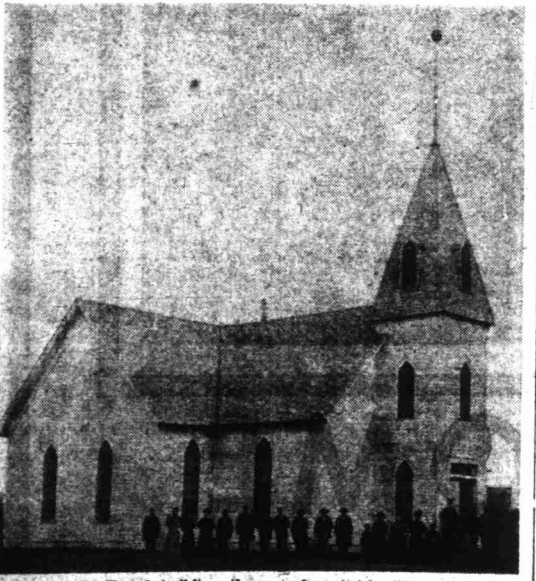
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"At The Sign of The Flying Red Horse"



This Baptist Church building, the second erected by the congregation in Midland, stood on the location of the present First Baptist Church at the corner of Main and Illinois Streets. It was built in 1890 and was replaced by a brick building in the early 1900's.

### Baptists Met Here in '92



# Rounding Out 20 Years Of Anticipating Midland's Needs!



Hotel Scharbauer

**Congratulations**  
to the management of The Reporter - Telegram for providing a modern newspaper plant in keeping with the progressive spirit of Midland.

In 1928 the Hotel Scharbauer opened its doors and became host, throughout the years, to thousands of guests, many of whom have become permanent residents of Midland.

Founded by the late Clarence Scharbauer, whose vision and foresight did so much to further the progress of Midland, Hotel Scharbauer, thru its efficient and courteous management and personnel, was quickly recognized as the outstanding Hostelry of the Permian Basin area.

By virtue of an exacting policy of "service," Hotel Scharbauer has retained this leadership, of which it is justly proud.

**A Pledge**  
to the people of Midland. No stone will remain unturned to maintain Hotel Scharbauer's reputation as the finest in the Southwest.

# Hotel Scharbauer



TEXANS IN WASHINGTON—

Texas Peanut Farmers Encounter Difficulties In Production Quotas

By TEX EASLEY  
WASHINGTON—(P)—Leave it to Texans to figure in unusual situations.

This time it's 1,800 peanut farmers in five Southeastern Texas counties—Harris, Fort Bend, Colorado, Austin and Waller. The trouble is they farm on leased land, and usually hop about each year to different tracts.

Their problem arose at a recent Agriculture Department conference on production quotas. It developed that no other peanut growers in the country and few in other parts of Texas were in the same spot.

Although a last minute change in plans prompted cancellation of quotas for 1948, they're likely to be enforced next year.

Under the program, the government fixes a production quota of a

certain amount in order to stabilize prices. Excessive production would cause prices to drop. The past six years there has been no restriction on acreage planted to peanuts because the demand was great.

Acres are assigned to farms, on a basis of previous years' production of peanuts. Therein lies the problem that is peculiar to the farmers in the five Texas counties.

During the war and postwar period, they leased lands here one year, and there the next. The idea of moving about is soil conservation. Rice crops are often rotated with peanuts.

Explaining the situation at the conference here was Howard Kingsbery of Santa Anna and Coleman, acting Texas state director of pro-

duction and marketing with headquarters at College Station.

Kingsbery, who discussed the situation also with Reps. Omar Burrellson of Anson, Bob Poage of Waco and Clark Fisher of San Angelo, said special legislation might have to be enacted to take care of the situation.

They're hopeful, however, the secretary of agriculture has sufficient power to remedy by executive order.

Three Texas peace officers are attending the current 12-weeks special training course at the FBI. The trio, who have shared with Washington one of the longest and coldest spells on record, are Sgt. Earl D. Westfall of the Odessa Police Department; Dallas A. Loe of the Dallas Police Department, and Russell H. Bridges of the Jefferson

County sheriff's department, Beaumont.

The Odessa officer took time off the other day for a tour of the capital and lunch with Rep. Ken Reagan of Midland.

A former Texas school teacher who now heads cultural relations work at Lima, Peru, is at the State Department for a periodic refresher course on American policies.

She is Miss Faye Bumpass of Lubbock. Finishing Texas Tech in 1932, she later taught school in Borger, Gladewater, Corpus Christi and Highland Park in Dallas.

A scholar in Spanish, she was in charge of Army courses given officers at San Antonio during the war. Now she is in charge of English courses taught 1,800 adult Peruvians at a school conducted by the U. S. government in Lima. Nearly 100 Americans there take Spanish courses under her.

Mrs. Lurleen Sanders, wife of a naval medical officer, Cmdr. Hubert Sanders, is employed as a secretary in the office of Rep. Bob Poage of Waco.

She came up from her hometown of Carmeron recently when her husband was assigned duty here.

"I think it might be interesting to most of you to know just what a typical day in a congressman's office might, and usually does, involve."

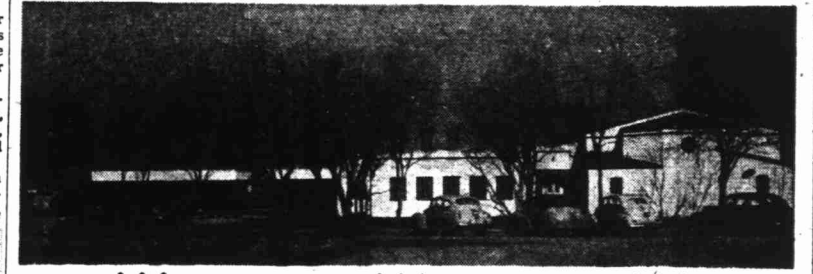
The Midland Coaches and Officials organization was first organized in 1946 with Pat Kniff as president. In 1947 with John Hart as president the organization became Midland-Odessa Coaches and Officials Association.

Professionals came and went at intervals. Gaither Nowell is remembered as a popular pro for several years and he did much to build up the club. Warren Cantrell is present business manager and professional.

The swimming pool was built at the Midland Country Club several

Midland Country Club Grows From 100 To 400 Members

New Clubhouse Of Midland Country Club



The Midland Country Club was organized in 1927 with \$20,000 capital stock. There were 100 members. In the organizational year, a nine-hole golf course with sand greens was established. Also a clubhouse was constructed.

There came a few depression years and the club suffered as did everything else. But the Midland Country Club survived.

Oil companies were coming to Midland along in 1937 and 1938 and the Country Club revived. These companies, wishing recreation for their employes, helped the club greatly with finance and with materials to establish a water system. So the club put in grass greens.

Midlanders will remember one Sandy Auchtrone, one of the earlier professionals. He was a Scotchman.

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The swimming pool was built at the Midland Country Club several

years ago. Dining room service has been offered at intervals throughout the years but is now assured with a modern kitchen.

"Military" Memberships The Midland Country Club performed a patriotic service during World War II with its military memberships. These allowed officers to become members with privileges of the club and enlisted men to play the course for green fees.

Thousands of soldiers were thus served and the club provided them recreation as best it could during a trying period.

Recently the Midland Country Club completed a new clubhouse. Which is the finest in West Texas. Other improvements were made including new locker rooms, kitchen, dining room—ballroom, and other additions. This project is estimated to cost \$75,000. This gives Midland one of the best club setups to be found.

W. I. Pratt has faithfully served the Midland Country Club as secretary of its board of directors for 10 years. The 1948 officers include: H. H. Lawson, president; Gerald

FitzGerald, vice president; Rees Cleveland, Bruce McKague, James T. Smith, Lelf Olson, William Simpson, W. W. Barker, Frank Johnson, and Ed Warren, directors. The club now numbers 400 members.

Schools Grew Under Lackey's Leadership

Midland Schools made great progress under Superintendent W. W. Lackey during 35 years of his leadership.

When Lackey became superintendent in 1906 Midland schools had 44 students and no affiliated credits. When he left in 1941 the schools had more than 2,200 students and 55 1/2 affiliated credits.

The Midland Livestock Show was started as Midland County 4-H Club Stock Show. The original show had 31 entries and was held at the Texas Cattle Sales barn, March 26, 1941.

Tech To Spend More Than \$300,000 For Enlarged Facilities

LUBBOCK—Expenditure of more than \$300,000 for enlargement of facilities and new construction at Texas Technological College has been approved by college directors. The figure includes \$80,000 appropriated toward completion of the West Texas Museum, made on provision that the remainder of needed funds be provided by the museum association, that construction be completed within the next two years and that space be provided in the building for classrooms.

The board also pledged research facilities of the college and services of staff members in the furtherance of studies on problems of conservation and development of ground and surface water resources in the state. A board committee was appointed to inaugurate a 10-year beautification program for the campus.

Numerous Projects Funds appropriated by the board included payment for some projects already started and partially completed. Projects for which appropriations were authorized included: \$5,000 for traffic control lights on the campus; \$27,500 for additions to the college bookstore; \$18,743 for enlarging electric cables on the campus; \$5,413.34 for sidewalks; \$26,216.74 for paving campus streets and parking areas; \$12,274.26 for addition to speech department facilities; \$35,585.96 for utility installation in temporary buildings; \$7,608.03 for enlarging extension division facilities; \$7,700 for a hydraulic lift in the chemistry building; \$3,000 for electric panels in the mechanical engineering shops; \$6,700 for addition to the meat laboratory; \$8,000 for tennis courts; \$40,000 for a revolving fund for purchasing new equipment for Tech Press; \$27,435 for additional farm shop building; \$28,000 for a garage and lumber storage building; \$15,000 for purchase of cows for agricultural research.

R. C. (Bob) Hoppe became the first City Manager of Midland, May 26, 1947.

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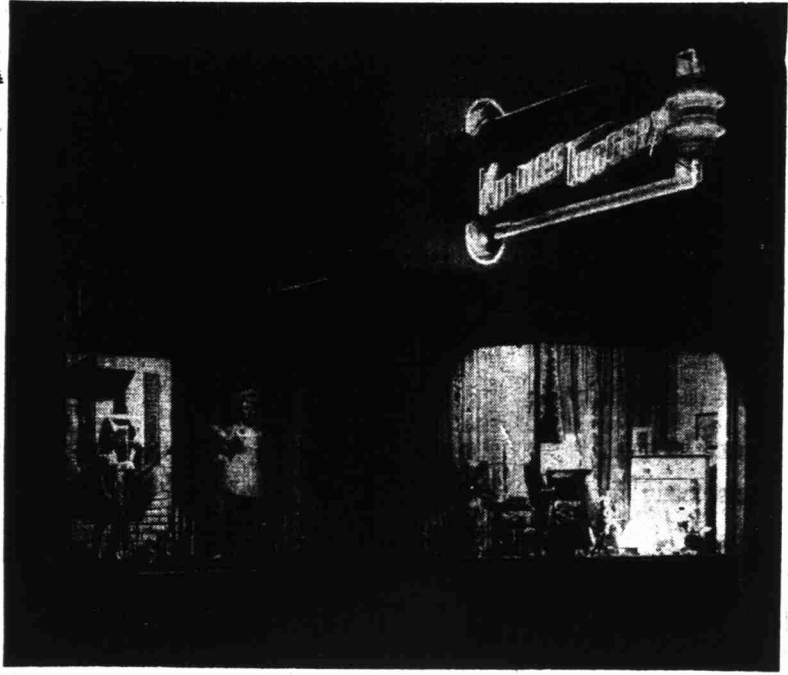
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Italy's Emblem



Here is the new national emblem of the Italian Republic. Selected from 900 designs submitted by Italian artists, it will replace the royal emblem of the House of Savoy. The olive branch side of the wreath represents peace; the oak leaf side, strength; the industrial wheel, work; and the big star, rebirth of the republic.



Growing With Midland's "Younger Set"

We are justly proud of the ever-growing interest Mothers show in our efforts to bring to Midland, adorable dresses, suits and all manner of apparel, both for dress and play, for their young sons and daughters. It has been our policy to offer only quality garments that help to reflect the personality of the young wearer. A cordial invitation is extended to all Mothers to come in and see the beautiful new garments that are arriving daily to help your youngsters look their best in the Easter Parade.

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Midland, Texas

What's doin' in the Panhandle and West Texas?



Someone once figured out that Texas, north to south, looked like a pan, the narrower section providing the handle. Therefore the name started and stuck: Texas Panhandle.

Plenty, mister! Cities, farms and industrial plants dot the landscapes in the Panhandle and West Texas where once only cattle trails held sway.

Here, in this area which is still one of the world's richest producers of beef, fine wheat and other small grain are growing in abundance.

Oil wells are pouring out 150,000 barrels of oil per day. Helium and natural gas are coming out of the earth by thousands of cubic feet.

Eighty per-cent of the world's supply of carbon black used in making printer's ink, automobile tires and other commodities is being produced.

International trade is flourishing through its border gateways.

Today—look at a Santa Fe freight rolling out of the Panhandle or West Texas. You'll find cattle cars, wheat cars, tank cars, coal cars, helium cars and cars filled with synthetic rubber, cotton, wool, turkeys, pecans and other important products.

Yes, there's plenty doin' in the Panhandle and West Texas these days!

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Santa Fe, a Texas partner and booster since 1880, and operating 3,693 miles of rail in Texas, provides rail service between the Lone Star State and Louisiana, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Iowa, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, and California.

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# Sprinkler Irrigation System Better Than Dry Ice Method For Controlling Rainfall

By STANLEY FRANK

In December of 1947, as the old year's waning light was already dimming before the approaching brightness of 1948, there occurred what someday may be hailed as the dawn of a new epoch in Midland County agriculture.

It was the installation, on the H. R. Solomon farm just north of the city, of a sprinkler irrigation system, the first to be used in the county.

Now, this method of irrigation has been in use in other parts of the nation for some time. In Glasscock and Martin Counties, adjacent to Midland, half a dozen farmers earlier in the year had made plans and purchased equipment to water their crops with artificial rain instead of floods. But Solomon showed that farmers of this county are as progressive as any in this section, because his system was purchased before those of farmers in adjoining counties had proved definitely to be profitable. And soon after he had bought his equipment, Ben Alton and S. C. Golladay ordered pipes and pumps for sprinkler irrigation set-ups on their farms east of Midland.

### Duplicates Rainfall

By the end of 1948, these men should have learned whether the new irrigation method is practical to farming operations of this area. They believe there is little doubt of the conclusion, and they have risked large sums of money on the theory that sprinkling crops rather than flooding them is as profitable here as anywhere else.

Considering the type of soil in this area, as well as average rainfall and other factors, farmers believe the sprinkler way of watering fields will prove even more advantageous here than in other sections.

Of the sprinkler way if irrigating, perhaps the most graphic explanation of its superiority is that it duplicates rainfall—rainfall of precisely the desired intensity and amount, at exactly the right time. Most farmers will tell you nothing could be much better than to be able to regulate the amount of rain falling on their crops, and so sprinkler irrigation apparently is the answer to their dreams.

This is especially true in the Southwest, of course. In some parts of the country it is impossible to control moisture on crops because too much natural rain is likely to fall. But in this part of the continent it is a rare year indeed when there is a surplus of rain. Therefore, to be able to furnish additional moisture to fields is to be assured of excellent crops.

Other Advantages  
There are other advantages claimed for sprinkler irrigation. Whereas flood irrigation, the ancient method used by man since he first began cultivating land requires an almost perfectly flat field for the simple reason that water runs downhill, sprinkler irrigation needs no leveling of land at all. It can be used as efficiently on naturally rolling land as on flat land, and there is no expensive grading and ditching of fields to add to a farmer's overhead.

When the land is sprinkled instead of flooded, every square inch of the field can be given the same quantity of moisture, while in the flood method such control is impossible—the slightest depression in a field becomes a lake, robbing other parts of the field of their share of the water as it sprinkles.

Of course, the first thing needed in any sort of irrigation program is an adequate water supply. There are some who believe widespread irrigation in Midland will soon result in much lower water rates, if not eventual depletion of wells. This remains to be seen. At any rate, exponents of sprinkler irrigation maintain, flooding Midland County lands will deplete water resources as quickly as sprinkling them. In fact, say backers of the sprinkler method, flood irrigation is more wasteful of existing water supplies than sprinkling. To flood a field, water must be pumped from the ground just as in sprinkling. But, during the process of transporting water along ditches and rows in the flood methods, a great deal of the water is absorbed by the sandy soil before it ever reaches thirsty roots of crops.

### Every Drop Utilized

Not so with the sprinkler method. Water is carried from wells to fields in pipes. It is forced through sprinkler heads and falls over the land in a gentle shower, every drop being utilized where it is needed. Practicality of sprinkler irrigation is due in no small measure to the light alloy metals used in pipes for main and lateral lines. This makes for extreme portability, enabling farmers to move lines across fields with relatively little labor.

The equipment being used in this section is the Stout Portable Irrigation System. The Sprinkler Irriga-

factor in the economy of agricultural equipment. The company is distributor, and J. C. Mott of Stanton is representative in this territory. This equipment consists of aluminum pipes of large pipe through which water is carried from the well to the field; and "risers" which conduct water upward from the larger lines to revolving sprinkler heads much like those used on certain types of lawn sprinklers.

A 20-foot joint of five-inch main line weighs only 35 pounds. As an example of the speed of this method of watering a field, Moss recently conducted a timed experiment in which two men moved a quarter-mile of the line 90 feet in 30 minutes without working extremely hard. Patented coupling devices make it easy to connect or separate the joints of pipe without use of any kind of tool.

### Permanent Pastures

One doesn't have to let his imagination get utterly beyond control to foresee wonderful vistas opening up for Midland County agriculture as a result of the use of portable, sprinkler-type irrigation. Permanent pastures, in which most desirable livestock forage is planted, watered and grown the year round, are a definite prospect. These would enable a farmer or ranchman to raise as much livestock on a single section, perhaps, as the could produce on many sections depending solely on the unpredictable and almost always insufficient natural rainfall of this region.

Truck crops raised right here on Midland County's fertile farms, might well become an important

## Federal Agents Raid Ship; Find Filth And Marijuana, Salty Crew

OAKLAND, CAL. (AP)—Even such landlubbers as the cops knew all was not well aboard the freighter Thomas E. Mitchell.

Her bottom was rusty as a bucket. Her insides were dirty. Her sailors peeked through blackened eyes. Some had knots on their heads. They had bandaged loudly for edible food and their pay.

The 10,000-ton Mitchell (operated by the Prudential Steamship Company of New York) made this port five and a half months after leaving New York. Dockside said the sailors were punching each other on deck. The Coast Guard visited the ship. It said all was quiet.

But trouble flared again in a bar and one man went to a hospital with a knife wound. Another went to jail. Others told police that narcotics were hidden on the ship. That brought federal agents. They found a small amount of marijuana and a lot of filth.

### Straighten Payroll

And they heard this story from crewmen: The Mitchell laid over a long time in Venice and ran out of fresh food. She picked up a light cargo of fatty untanned hides.

In Sardinia she loaded salt for Japan. Monsoons and typhoons buffeted her all the way. She arrived in Japan with no food and only two days water supply. The sailors said the untanned hides went into the galley. From Japan the Mitchell sailed for Oakland in ballast. The last two weeks the men lived on lifeboat rations picked up in Japan. Police found in her storerooms half a sack of flour, some rotten Italian potatoes, moldered beets, pancake mix and remains of the rancid hides.

Capt. James F. Church of Boston went ashore in Oakland. The Coast Guard, crew and delegates of the National Maritime Union looked for him. He was needed to straighten out the payroll.

### YUCCA GARDEN CLUB ORGANIZED IN 1947

The Yucca Garden Club of Midland was organized in April 1947 with officers: Mrs. M. S. Dickerson, president; Mrs. Rex Russell, vice president; Mrs. Otis Baggett, secretary; Mrs. George Byrne, treasurer; and Mrs. J. W. Erickson, corresponding secretary.

Workers in one plant complained that black metal boxes they had to lift were too heavy. But one week-end the boxes were painted green and the workmen were delighted with the "new" lightweight boxes.

## Construction Of Building Here Is Indicative Of Stanolind's Interest

By R. D. KARNS  
Assistant to the President,  
Stanolind Oil and Gas Company  
(Written especially for the  
Progress Edition of The Reporter-  
Telegram).

TULSA, OKLA.—Indicative of Stanolind Oil and Gas Company's interest in the Midland area and the Permian Basin is the three-story office building now being constructed in Midland. The new building, which is expected to be completed this Summer, will be headquarters for more than 50 Stanolind exploration and production employees working in and out of Midland.

Stanolind and its predecessor companies have maintained offices in Midland since 1928 when the Southern Crude Oil Purchasing Company opened an office. When Stanolind was formed in 1931, the office was transferred for a time to San Angelo where it was combined with the Dixie Oil Company, Inc., office located there. In March, 1933, Stanolind again returned to Midland and has maintained offices there since then. This office is now the largest

## exploration district office Stanolind has, and there are more than 30 geologists, landmen and geophysicists based there. Because of the wide variety of exploration activity in the Permian Basin area, the company uses this office as a training center for new geologists and landmen.

Stanolind is producing approximately 65,000 barrels per day from about 2,000 wells in these West Texas fields: Slaughter, Whiteface, Yellow House, Levelland, Antton, Irish, Fuertson, Fuhrman, North Cowden, Goldsmith, Foster, Midland Farms, Keystone, Hendrick, McGamey, Yates, Toborg, Todd, Wheeler, Cedar Lake, Howard Glasscock, Powell and Abell.

The company will operate the natural gasoline plant of 90 million cubic feet per day capacity now being built in the Slaughter field, and has announced that it plans also to build a natural gasoline plant in the Levelland field. With its rapidly expanding natural gasoline business, it is possible the company also may build further gasoline plants in West Texas.

## Early-Day Midland Rodeos Attracted Crowds



Rodeos long have been popular in Midland, and the shows of yesteryear attracted big crowds as shown in the above photograph furnished by Lum Daugherty, pioneer Midland resident. The grandstand is not nearly as large or elaborate as the huge all-steel stand at Midland Fair Park today, but it served the purpose and early-day citizens were proud of the facilities provided.

The yearbook of Midland High School is CATOICO standing for Chamber of Commerce slogan of Midland since was "Most Ambitious City Between The Oceans." The Midland cattle area annually produces more than 50,000 highly-bred Hereford feeder calves.

## MIDLAND'S OLDEST DRUG STORE UNDER CONTINUOUS MANAGEMENT IS . . .

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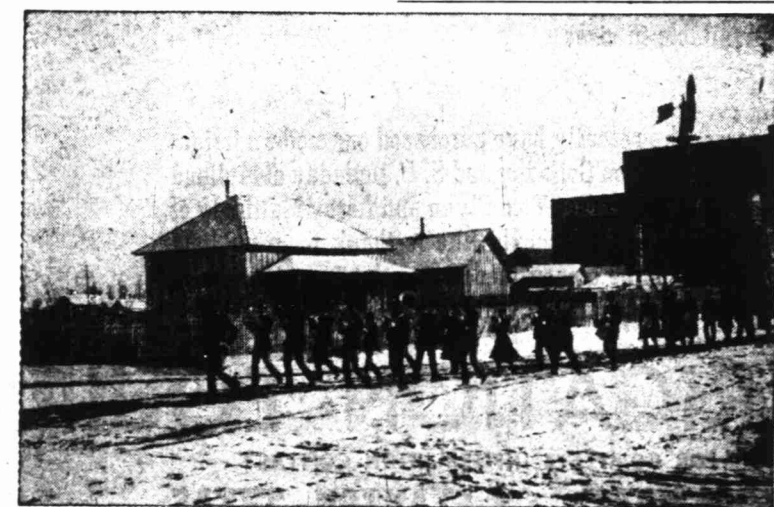
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The house in the foreground on the corner in this early day street scene is located on the site where the Midland Drug now stands, corner Wal and Loraine streets.

## Winter in the Raw



One of the outstanding ice sculptures at the Dartmouth College's annual Winter Carnival, in Hanover, N. H., is this massive statue called "Winter's Entrance." It was designed by Alfred Graves, of Lewes, Del.



# Phamphlet In 1886 Cited Midland's Glowing Opportunities

More than 60 years ago, when Midland was a "city" of 100 houses, there was a lack of optimism among some of its citizens regarding the future of the community. Nor was there any coyness on the part of J. C. Rathburn, publisher of Midland's first newspaper, when it came to advertising the city's advantages.

In the winter of 1886, the Midland Town Company engaged Rathburn to print 50,000 copies of a pamphlet boosting Midland in this vein:

"Garden of the Southwest, Midland County, on the Staked Plains of West Texas. The most desirable locality on the continent for home-seekers."

To this modest expression, which appeared on the cover of the pamphlet, Publisher Rathburn added a footnote headed "Condensed Information For Anxious Inquirers About the Garden of the Southwest—Midland County."

This was the footnote:

"By an act of the legislature, February 28, 1885, Midland County was created and provision made for its organization. The latter was completed by an election of a full quota of officials on the 15th day of the following June.

"The county was set apart from the North central portion of Tom Green County, adjoining the Northern line of Martin County.

"The Texas and Pacific Railway traverses the Northwestern portion, giving direct communication with the market of the East and North, and those of Mexico and the Pacific Slope.

**Climate**

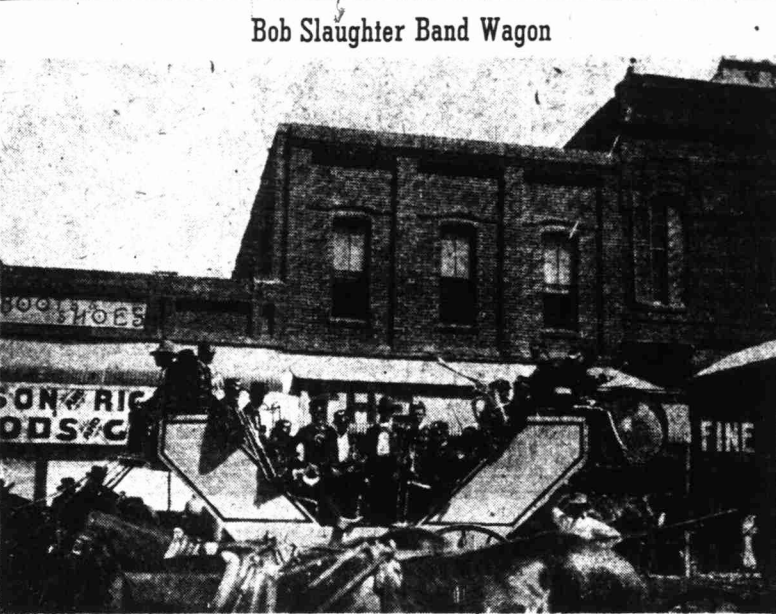
"The climate is unsurpassed. Extremes of heat and cold are unknown. With an altitude of 2,779 feet, a pure dry atmosphere is insured. The Staked Plains has a climate peculiar to itself and is fast becoming a popular health resort. Those who are suffering from catarrh, bronchitis, asthma, consumption and all diseases of the respiratory organs are afforded immediate relief and, in the incipient stages, permanent cures are effected. Owing to the high altitude, malarial troubles are never experienced. Midland was entirely free from the dengue, which was so prevalent in Eastern and Southern Texas during the past season.

**Topography and Soil**

"The country is a magnificent prairie, slightly rolling without waste land. The soil is a sandy loam, varying in color from chocolate to black; is from one to 20 feet in depth and easily cultivated. It never bakes, but pulverizes thoroughly and retains moisture for almost an indefinite length of time. Plowing can be done every month in the year.

**Water**

"No fears of scarcity of water need be entertained for aside from an abundant rainfall, which is sufficient to assure vegetation and to mature crops, and unlimited supply for stock and other purposes can be had by digging a depth of from 15 to 50 feet. It is soft and pure, free from unpleasant taste or ef-



The Bob Slaughter Band Wagon was a pleasing and familiar sight in the early days of Midland's history. The wagon, built in Midland and kept at the Slaughter Ranch about four miles north of the city, was used in parades and public functions of various kinds. Here Midland's uniformed Municipal Band is shown riding on the wagon in an early-day parade. The photograph was taken on Main Street.

posed of intelligent and refined people from the various states. The laws are respected, and no violations will be tolerated. The present population is 600.

**Prospect**

"The rapid growth and prosperity of Midland County in the immediate future are insured by her natural advantages. No legislative action, in the way of protection, is necessary to secure her an immense trade. Centrally located on a fine rolling prairie of more than 20,000 square miles, shut off from competition from either East or West by ranges of sand hills, together with her live, energetic people, rapid increase in immigration and business interests is sure to result."

## Matador Mayoralty Candidate Offers To Refund \$600 Salary

MATADOR, TEXAS—(P)—Something new in Texas politics! Douglas Meador, publisher of the Matador Tribune, has announced as candidate for mayor of this bustling little city in the big ranch country.

Texas editors have gone into politics before this, but wait . . .

Doug, lean and lanky, a philosopher and poet of the range lands, friend of editors, newsmen and multitudes of others, far and wide, has something new . . .

"As a slight inducement to voters, I offer to refund the city the \$600 yearly salary which goes with the office," said Meador's announcement.

"Also in event of my resignation, impeachment or assassination, the city will have no investment in my training and administration."

**Should Be Honor Job**

Candidate Meador further confessed:

"I have no income besides my little two-by-four newspaper and I need the \$600, as many of my creditors will testify, but I sincerely feel that mayoring of Matador at present should be an honor job.

"I covet the honor of being mayor of the city in which I was born. I am proud of Matador."

In his first campaign statement Meador said, "This is perhaps the most ill-advised, desultory political announcement since Henry Wallace launched the Third Party."

He also promised to make no campaign speeches, but the eyes of West Texas are on the Meador campaign at Matador.

There were 20,300 producing oil wells in the Permian Basin as of Jan. 5, 1945.

Mrs. S. P. Tyner, 86, Midland resident for 30 years, died Jan. 8, 1945.

fects and is pronounced the best water in Texas. It is found in white sand or gravel after passing through the soil, a strata of limestone, flint rock or granite and sandstone.

**Farming and Fruit Grazing**

"The success that has rewarded the efforts of those who have engaged in farming within a radius of 20 miles of Midland for the past three years, together with the luxuriant growth of vegetation, has exploded the theory that the Staked Plain is a barren country. Every species of grain and vegetables that has been fairly tested has been successfully grown. No finer specimens of vegetables than were produced here the past season are grown anywhere. Trees, shrubs, and vines grow splendidly. With a soil, climate and altitude so nearly identical with those of the renowned fruit region of California, there is every assurance that in a few years this will become one of the first fruit and grape producing sections of the United States.

**Grasses**

"About 20 varieties of indigenous grasses cover the surface of the Staked Plain. As these mature at different seasons of the year they afford fine grazing at all times. The different varieties of the mesquite and gramma are the most abundant and furnish the best pasturage.

"The mild and even temperature and plentiful grasses render this one of the best stock countries on the continent. Sheep thrive remarkably well, attaining to a large size, producing a fine and heavy coat of wool. There are now within shipping distance of Midland not less than 300,000 head. Many thousand head of cattle have been located by cattlemen with a view of making Midland the market from which to purchase their ranch supplies.

**Lands**

"School lands are sold at \$2 per acre, one thirtieth cash, balance on 30 years' time with interest of five per cent. One section can be had on these terms, but the purchaser must become an actual settler. Texas and Pacific lands can be bought at from \$4 to \$5 per acre cash with 20 per cent added if sold on five years' time, and 30 per cent if sold on 10 years' time. By purchasing Texas and Pacific land grant bonds, the railroad lands can be bought below one-half of the above cost. In some counties farther North splendid land can be purchased for \$1 per acre.

**Markets**

"The cost of living is not excessive. Good board can be secured at from \$4 to \$6 per week.

"The pineries of East Texas furnish an inexhaustible supply of lumber, while the soil makes a fine

quality of brick, which is delivered at from \$8 to \$10 per thousand.

**The Town of Midland**

"Midland is on the Texas and Pacific Railway 306 miles West of Fort Worth and 317 miles East of El Paso. The first house was constructed in July of 1884. Since that time more than 100 substantial buildings have been erected.

"Ample grounds for all public, educational and religious purposes have been donated.

"A neat and commodious courthouse has been built by contribution alone. There is also a good brick jail. Steps are being taken toward the organization of a graded school which is expected to be in operation at the beginning of the Fall term of 1886. Taxation is less than one per cent. Society is com-

**Texas' U. S. Taxes Total \$1,130,540,754**

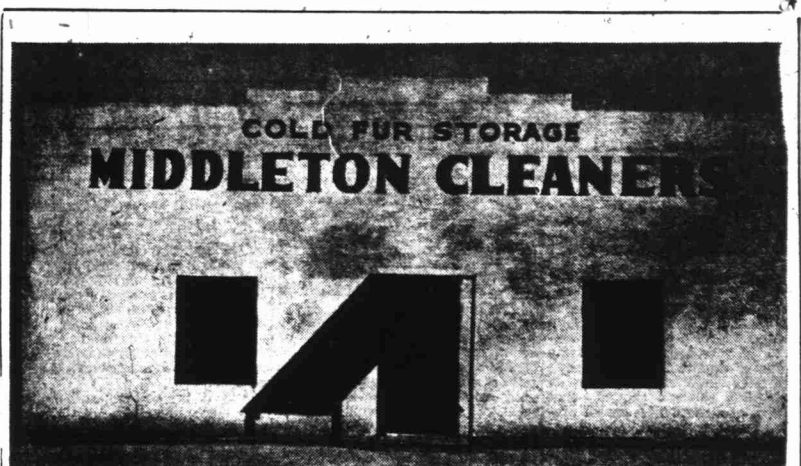
WASHINGTON—(P)—Federal internal revenue collections from all sources in 1947 totaled \$39,420,845,446, an increase of \$780,787,586 over 1946, the Treasury has reported.

Total collections in Texas, including corporation and individual income taxes, employment taxes, customs receipts and postal receipts, was \$1,048,760,460 for 1946 and \$1,130,540,754 for 1947.

Mrs. J. H. Knowles, 77, wife of a pioneer lawyer of Midland, died October 13, 1939. She came here in 1885 with her husband.

Midland schools officially were certified by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools in 1939.

Elma Jean Noble of Midland won first place in the state Latin essay contest for first year students in 1939.



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This picture was taken recently on the Ocie Smith Farm near Tarzan in Martin County. A quarter of a mile of pipe, handling 900 gallons of water per minute waters about 2 acres of land at a time at a rate of 1 1/4 inches per hour.

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# Cattle Industry Faces Bright Future, With Growing Demand, No Competition

By **TEX EASLEY**

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Cattlemen are in a good business in 1948.

That's the considered opinion of Charles A. Burmeister, veteran economist and analyst of the Agriculture Department.

"Livestock today is in the soundest position of any branch of agriculture," said Burmeister, who has been with the government since graduation from Texas A & M College in 1908.

"All the factors that make for a favorable outlook are present. The population of the country is increasing. There is a strong demand for meat which increased sharply during war years. Labor income is high, and there is a lack of import competition."

Unless a sharp recession or depression develops and drastically lowers consumer purchasing power, he added, meat prices could be attributed to a great extent to a seasonal decline.

"Prices will naturally go up again unless consumer demand falls off," he continued.

"The only way we could have cheap meat this year is to have a depression with people laid off from work. What the big industries do regarding employment, of course, is out of my line."

**Meat Consumption Up**  
Reviewing the livestock picture, he noted that 16 months have elapsed since most of the war-time price controls were discontinued. During that period, prices have been free to find their natural level as determined by supply and demand. Backed by consumer incomes more than double those of prewar years, that demand has caused prices to reach all-time highs.

Meat consumption during the past year was the greatest on record. About 155 pounds per capita. Because the supply of meat per person is decreasing, the per capita consumption this year is estimated at 143 pounds—still below the average of 130 pounds of the 1930's. These figures include pork and lamb products.

The all-time high cattle population in the United States of 85,000,000 head was reached at the end of 1944. The estimate now is 76,000,000 to 77,000,000.

The number was reduced by 4,500,000 head in 1945 and 1946, and by approximately that number last year to bring about a total reduction of about 9,000,000 or 10 per cent in three years. Actual figures are:

Beginning of 1945—population was 85,000,000 head. Calf crop that year was 35,200,000, supplemented by imports of 500,000 head. Slaughter was 35,300,000, head, and death

and calves for slaughter will probably continue to decrease until 1952 or 1953.

Other data Burmeister pointed out included these facts:

The past year ended with prices up 7 per cent over December of 1946 on hogs, 13 per cent on lambs, 18 per cent on cattle, and 30 per cent on calves.

Except on calves these increases were about enough to offset the rise of 14.5 per cent in prices of goods farmers buy. The purchasing power of lambs decreased 1 per cent and that of hogs 6 per cent. Purchasing power of dairy products and poultry declined even more.

Compared with their purchasing power in 1941, cattle are up 25 per cent, lambs 22 per cent, and hogs 54 per cent. In 1941, hogs were 5 per cent below parity and cattle and lambs about 21 per cent above. Prices on all three now are about 50 per cent above parity.

Parity is a price level selected to give farmers purchasing power roughly equal to that they enjoyed during the 1909 to 1914 period.

Cattle imported from Canada are negligible in number because of an embargo imposed by the Canadian government to enable it to carry out commitments to furnish beef for Great Britain. These commitments extend to 1950. Cattle prices in Canada are only about half as high as in this country, so the removal of this embargo would cause prices to rise sharply in Canada and prompt complaints there.

Illustrating what has been happening in the United States during the past five years with its record-breaking per capita meat consumption, Burmeister likened the situation to a man who had \$10,000 capital, made \$3,000 yearly but spent \$4,000 a year.

"We have been living off our reserves," he added. "Obviously we couldn't keep that up. It will be difficult to get back to our maximum production again in less than 10 years."

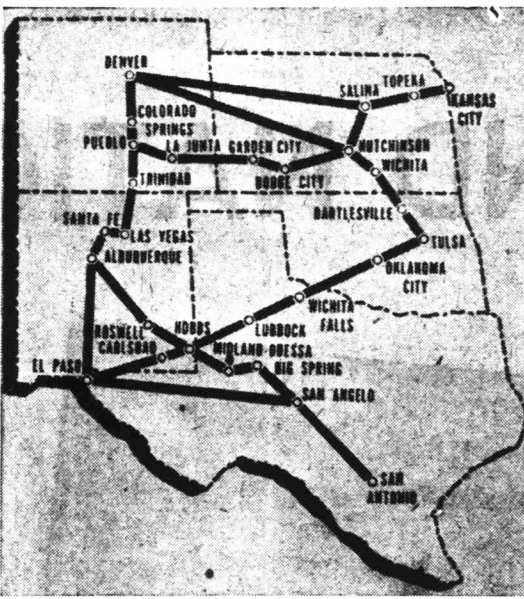
**Livestock Production**  
"In my judgment the long-time prospects indicate a need for greater livestock production to take care of future demands."

He expressed uncertainty as to how much longer cattle numbers will decrease, but added:

"The downward trend will end when producers have more confidence in future price stability and when they find it necessary to retain cattle to obtain the maximum net return from their pastures and crops."

"Assuming the present downward trend in cattle numbers is not likely to end before 1950, there is reason to expect supplies of cat-

## On Continental's Route



Midland is an important point on the route of Continental Air Lines, which serves five states. Continental Air Lines was the first to serve Midland. Jim Carlson is station manager for Midland and he and his staff are well-liked Midlanders.

## That Food Cost Worry Could Cease To Bother Under Boyle's Plan

By **HAL BOYLE**

NEW YORK—(AP)—One theory of history holds that emergencies produce the heroes to meet them.

This a muddy street in England created the legendary deed of courtesy—Walter Raleigh spreading his cloak before the dainty feet of Queen Elizabeth.

Walt acted quickly and coolly to meet this emergency and lost his head later in another one. From the Crimean War came Florence Nightingale and the development of modern nursing. From the ruins of the 1919 baseball scandal rose a new figure—big Babe Ruth.

History is full of such examples. Out in Chicago the present emergency—the high cost of living—may have produced a new Joan of Arc for budget-bothered housewives.

This lady is 22-year-old Mrs. Ruth Berbes, who recently launched a one-woman drive against present food prices by going on a "high cost of living fast." Her passive rebellion began after she was charged 26 cents for a quarter pound of butter.

Mrs. Berbes immediately went on a diet consisting of five slices of bread a day and two glasses of milk. In the first few days she lost three pounds. She said other housewives were taking up the idea.

Stingy bachelors will benefit most. They will show up at their

girls' houses with a loaf of bread and a bottle of milk and say:

**Soda Fountain Job**  
"Let's stay here and enjoy a nice meal at home, honey. We'll fight this 'inflation' together."

Personally I think Mrs. Berbes is overlooking an even better way to reduce her grocery bills.

She works at a drugstore soda fountain. I did this for two years during high school and found my worries about food costs were at an end.

When I took the job I weighed an anemic 135 pounds. Technically we were supposed to pay for any delicacies we consumed. But with me the public always came first. From time to time I found it necessary to taste a spoon full of ice cream to see that its flavor and consistency were proper for the customers. I also regularly checked the marshmallow, the fudge sauce and the crushed pineapple.

After two years the store manager found that my wholehearted devotion to the public welfare was costing him about one gallon of ice cream out of every five. So he moved me over to the tobacco counter.

I had gained twenty-five pounds, could hold a case overhead with one hand and tear a Kansas City telephone book in half. I even went out for the high school football team and would have made quarterback except that another fellow tried out for the job that year.

## Geological Society Organized In 1931

The Midland Geological Society was organized in 1931. It functioned as a luncheon group with irregular meetings with the West Texas Geological Society.

The MGS still is functional and continues to progress. Dr. Andrew Cooper, 72, pioneer Midland physician, died Dec. 24, 1947, after almost 50 years of practice.

## FOUNDATION CHAPTER

A Midland County Chapter of the National Infantile Paralysis Foundation was organized in 1947. Officers were: Ray Gwyn, chairman; the Rev. Lennox Hester, vice chairman; Mrs. John M. Hills, secretary; Cecil Waldrep, treasurer; Wesley Martin, Mrs. V. C. Maley, Mrs. W. G. Epley, Hamilton McRae and Mrs. George Putnam, directors.



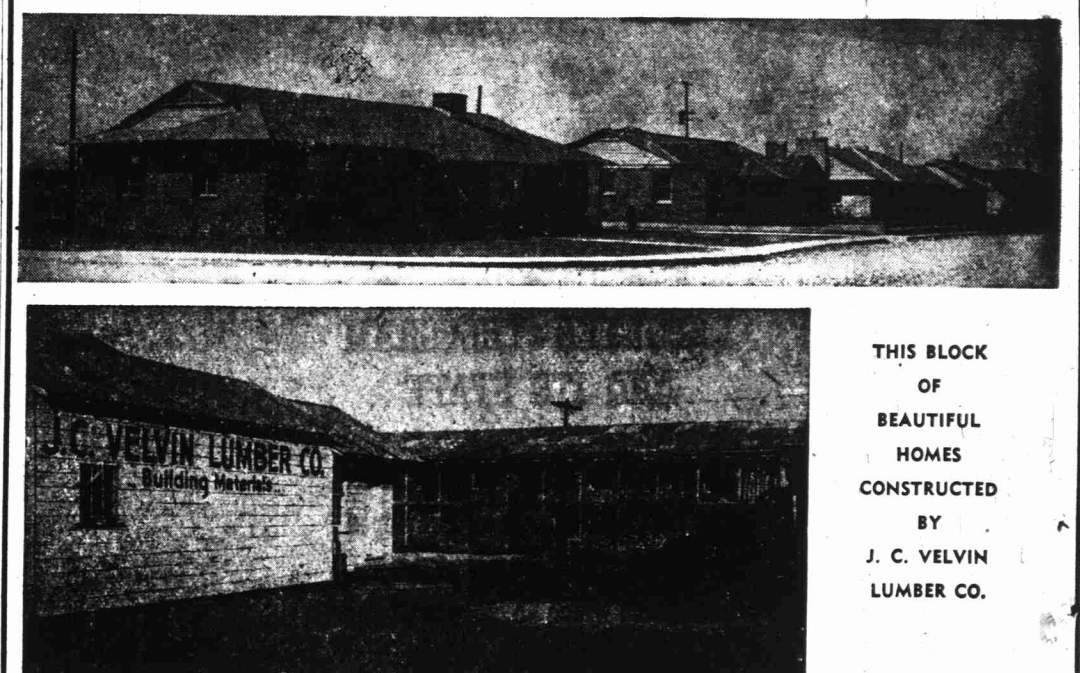
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# How Midland Got On Super Highway

## DeArmond, Aides Pushed Designation

No history of the development of Midland and West Texas would be complete without the story of the present Highway 80, which means so much to this city and area. This transcontinental highway was first known as the Bankhead Highway.

This highway was first conceived by the late Senator John B. Bankhead of Alabama to be a great highway from the Nation's capital extending along a Southern route to San Diego, Calif. The Senator introduced a bill in Congress which made possible the granting of federal aid to the states and counties. In the states and counties then bonds were voted for the highway's construction to go with the federal aid.

Immediately after passage of the bill, representatives of the Southern states, desiring the routing of the highway through their states, met and organized the Bankhead National Highway Association and elected Senator Bankhead as first president.

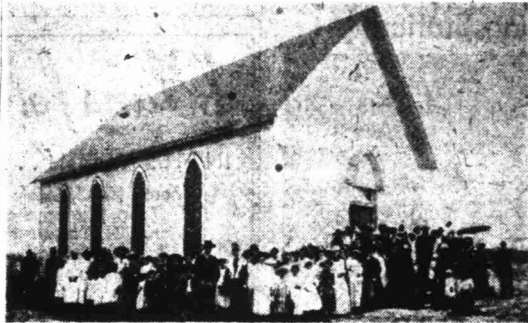
This was in the year 1914. Texas was one of the first states to follow the passage of Federal legislation for the highway by creating the Highway Commission of Texas and otherwise complying with requirements of the Federal grant and voting to match Federal funds in highway construction.

**Texarkana—El Paso**  
The first meeting of the Texas Highway Commission in West Texas was held at Mineral Wells with Senator Bankhead attending. The proposed route of the highway was submitted to the Commission. It was to extend across the state from Texarkana to El Paso, via Dallas, Fort Worth, Mineral Wells, Abilene, Midland and follow the Texas and Pacific Railroad to El Paso. This designation was accepted and this route was honored with the name State Highway Number 1, and has ever since been so recognized.

Judge J. M. DeArmond, present Judge of the Corporation Court here was at that time County Judge of Midland County, and was selected to head a delegation to the Mineral Wells convention, among whom were: M. F. Burns, Ben F. Whitefield, R. D. Healy, Capt. W. E. Wallace, J. S. Cordell, H. W. Rowe, R. E. Estes, J. Wiley Taylor, W. A. Dawson and E. H. Barron.

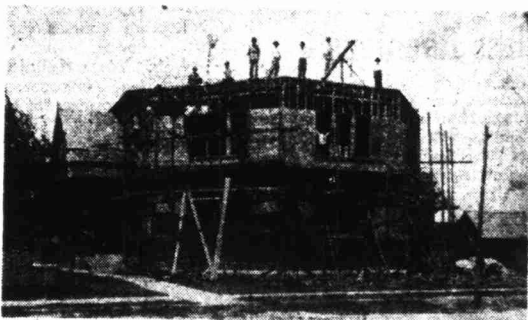
A Commercial Club was organized in Midland and became affiliated with the National Association. At the next convention of the National Association held at Little Rock, Arkansas, Judge DeArmond was elected a director of the Association, later a vice president, and finally president of the Texas Division of the Bankhead National Highway Association. In this capacity it became his duty to organize units in the different counties through which the highway had been designated for the purpose of voting bonds to participate in the allotment of Federal

## First First Baptist Church



This picture, taken in 1890, shows Midland's First Baptist Church which was located where the Service Drugs now stands. A conference or special meeting might have been responsible for the extra large gathering. The church was organized in 1886 with 26 members.

## Church Expansion In 1912



Midland churches had expansion programs underway back in 1912, too. Here a second floor and balcony are being added to the First Baptist Church, which today is planning another big expansion program to meet the needs of an ever-growing Midland. J. H. Williamson, still a Midland resident, was the contractor on the 1912 church construction job.

ral funds and in this capacity, visiting each of the counties and assisted in organizing and putting on the bond elections.

Annual conventions were held by the National Association in Greensboro, N. C., Birmingham, Ala., Memphis, Tenn., Little Rock, Ark., Mineral Wells, Texas, El Paso, Texas, Albuquerque, N. M., Phoenix, Ariz., and San Diego, Calif. At every convention an effort was made by rival contenders for a change in the routing to extend across Oklahoma and North Texas.

**West Texas First**  
West Texas was first to grasp the possibilities of such a transcontinental highway and began qualifying by voting bonds, immediately after the highway was definitely voted to traverse this section. Howard, Martin, Midland and Ector Counties voted bonds at the same time. In a reminiscent mood, Judge DeArmond recalled that he suggested to the commissioner's courts of these counties that they go in together and build the stretch across

these four counties as a unit figuring that in so doing the counties would save money on a job of 100 miles rather than four different contracts covering only the approximate 30 miles across each county.

In true western spirit the four courts agreed and authorized him to submit the proposition to the State Highway Commission. He laughs when he recalls the comments of the commissioners, when he submitted the proposition. The chairman remarked that it would be a wonderful thing and would save both the state and the counties money but he had never heard of one commissioner's court being unanimous on a proposition much less four.

Thereafter the four commissioner's courts organized and Judge DeArmond was elected chairman of the united body. After advertising for bids the contract to build the entire 100 miles was let to the Womack Construction Company. A gravel pit was bought outright by the four counties and through the methods adopted as a unit it was estimated

## Midlander Won State Title And Trophy In Declamation

By TANNER LAINE

### Baptist Church Keeps Pace With Midland's Growth

By The Rev. Vernon Yearby  
Pastor First Baptist Church of Midland, continues to grow and to keep pace with the City of Midland.

Within the last few years the church has sponsored a mission among Latin Americans, and a day time kindergarten for pre-school negro children.

The church last year established Baptist work at the Midland Air Terminal. The church now supports two missionaries in addition to its regular \$80,000 annual budget. These missionaries are the Rev. W. J. Williams and the Rev. Howard Bryant.

The church staff has grown to include the pastor, the Rev. Vernon Yearby; associate pastor, the Rev. Raymond G. Hall; church secretary, Nellie Clark; educational secretary, Dorothy Raines; nursery attendant, Mrs. J. A. Forrester; janitor, Samuel Schrock; Mexican missionary, the Rev. S. Lara; and negro kindergarten superintendent, Mrs. L. E. Doyle.

**Building Program Planned**  
Within the last five years contributions have increased from \$15,000 a year to approximately \$70,000 a year. The Sunday School has grown from an average attendance of 350 to 750. There are now almost 2,300 members of the church. About 30 young people from the church are preparing for full-time Christian service.

The First Baptist church is now in the process of developing an enlarged building program estimated from \$500,000 to \$750,000. The First Baptist church believed in Midland and is attempting to keep up with the rapid growth and progress of the city.

that a saving of approximately \$100,000 was made to the state and counties on the project of 100 miles.

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The girls were thirsty but none seemed brave enough to ask for a drink of water before speaking. Miss Leona McCormick of Midland wasn't afraid. She calmly walked across the stage and got a pitcher of water and gave her opponents each a drink of water.

The crowd got quieter and quieter. The big moment was here. Speaker number one walked out and the big contest was on.

**"Peace and Patriotism"**  
Hopes of a downstate city for the speaking championship were pinned on a fine-speaking girl, beautiful daughter of a great lawyer. This declaimer was dressed "fit to kill" in the latest of fashion. She was good. No doubt about that and her declamation title was "Peace and Patriotism." It was a good subject what with World War I in progress and all the world hoping for peace.

Would this girl win? The audience was inclined to think so.

But wait!  
A girl from West Texas was stepping to the speaker's position. She carried herself as graceful as a fine pony from her beloved West paces, as effortless. She was cool.

Then her voice rang out in the hall, clear and toned and sweet as the song of the mockingbird in her beloved West at twilight.

Her voice was sincere. Her subject, too, was "Peace and Patriotism."

**Could She Win?**

The crowded hall wondered—could this West Texas girl, not so lavishly dressed but very sincere and almost musical in her talk, could she beat the well-dressed lawyer's daughter at her own game and subject.

The judges, experienced and capable speech authorities, gave the decision to the girl from West Texas.

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Thus it was Leona McCormick now Mrs. Billy Bryant, won a state championship trophy for Midland in 1917. The band met her in honor when she returned to Midland.

She won the district contest and regional contest to advance to the state meet.  
Mrs. Bryant taught speech for several years after her triumph. She sent 18 students to the state meet but not one has even won it, as she did.

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## WUXTRY! SLUMP IS OUT!

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The paper, Nacht Express, is Russian-controlled.

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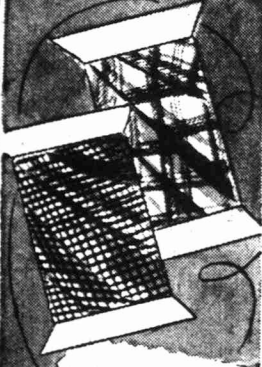
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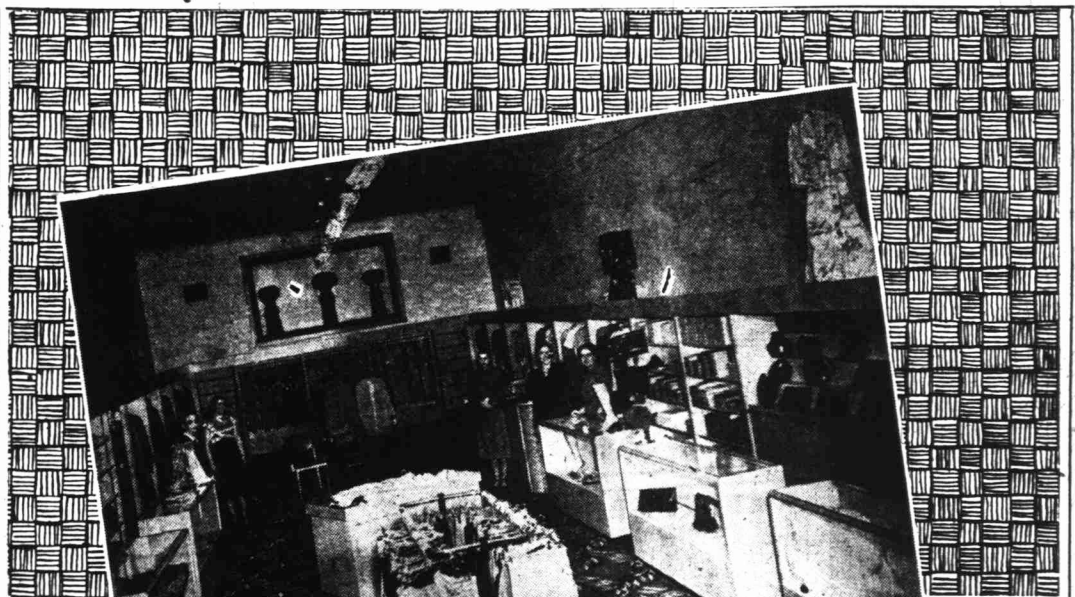
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## Plans for the Future

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Recitals of our local students as they build up repertoires.  
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Normal refresher course for piano teachers from surrounding towns in June.  
A series of recitals in the Permian Basin area through the 1948-49 season, dates being made now.

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Counties under El Maida's jurisdiction are El Paso, Hudspeth, Culberson, Jeff Davis, Presidio, Reeves, Brewster, Pecos, Terrell, Crockett, Sutton, Schleicher, Reagan, Upton, Crane, Ward, Loving, Winkler, Ector, Midland, Glasscock, Howard, Martin, Andrews, Gaines, Dawson and Borden.

W. J. Hooten is the 40th potentate of the temple. There are 23 living past potentates, Eugene L. Harris, Houston, being the senior in this line. He was potentate in 1914. The late John M. Wyatt was the first elected potentate.

Since 1909, there have been but three recorders, the late W. H. McCullough being the first, Harry W. Connolly, second, and John W. Gibb, the present recorder who went in in 1941.

**Three Shrine Clubs**

The temple has had two emeritus representatives to the Imperial Shrine Council, Wyatt and the late Dr. James B. Brady.

The three Shrine clubs sponsored by El Maida are in Midland, C. W. VanAlstyne, president; Odessa, Howard Bethel, president; Pecos, Judge William E. Bell, president.

El Maida owns its temple, an imposing and modern structure at 126-28 Campbell Street, which was designed and built exclusively for a lodge's home and headquarters. In May, 1946, the temple paid cash for the valuable property and moved in the following August. On September 20 that year the first meeting was held in the building.

Seventy-seven years ago in New York City two men conceived the idea of the Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. They were William Jermyn Florence, an actor, and Dr. Walter Millard Fleming, a surgeon. Both were Knights Templar and Scottish Rite Masons. May 31, 1871, a resolution was adopted calling for the formation of Mecca Temple in New York and making the 13 brethren in attendance charter members.

Dr. Fleming was the first illustrious grand potentate and also the first imperial potentate, which office he held from June 6, 1876, to June 14, 1888.

The organization grew throughout the East and finally reached Texas in 1887, when Hela Temple in Dallas was founded May 31, of that year.

**Dispensation Granted**

El Maida was granted a dispensation May 8, 1907, by Imperial Potentate Frank C. Roundy at the Imperial Council session in Los Angeles. The temple was opened by Past Potentate John G. Hunter of Dallas and the first officers under that dispensation were H. C. Miles, potentate; Charles H. Leavelle, chief rabban; Scott White, assistant rabban; H. A. Carpenter, high priest and prophet; F. W. Brown, oriental guide; J. A. Smith, treasurer and



Midland's "Town Band" of pioneer days was a popular organization which was called upon to play numerous concerts and to provide music for fairs, rodeos and other public functions. For some unknown reason, the musical organization was called "Sheet Iron Band." The early-day picture shows the band playing a concert on Main Street. (Note the derby hats).

**Popular Town Band Of Early Days**

A. H. Richards, recorder. The following appointments were made: Dr. James B. Brady, first ceremonial master; R. Del Richey, second ceremonial master; L. J. Freudenthal, assistant oriental guide; H. Knapp, captain of the guard; L. E. Patton, director. Meetings were held in the Stevens Building, Mesa Avenue and Texas Street, and also in a building at Overland and Oregon Streets.

June 9, 1909, El Maida was granted a charter and headquarters were established in the Masonic Temple, then in a building at Mesa Avenue and San Antonio Street, the ground on which the Popular Dry Goods Company's building now stands.

**Officers Named**

The first meeting of the temple in its new quarters was called to order by Past Imperial Potentate George C. Green of Dallas. El Maida then becoming officially the fourth temple in Texas and the 194th of the 159 temples in North America.

At this meeting the following officers were elected: Wyatt, potentate; R. Del Richey, chief rabban; Dr. James B. Brady, assistant rabban; Robert W. Fage, high priest and prophet; Tom C. Lea, oriental guide; Winchester Cooley, treasurer, and William M. McCullough, recorder.

While the Shrine organization was based originally on good fellowship and fun, its work in behalf of crippled children, whose parents or guardians are unable to pay for treatments, stands as one of the most magnificent projects ever adopted and carried through by a fraternal body.

Today, the Shriners have built, operated and maintained 15 hospitals for crippled children exclusively. The present investment in these approximates \$50,000,000. About 100,000 children have, to date, been cured or materially benefited.

Children are admitted to the hospitals regardless of their race, creed or color. The only restriction is, those who have charge of the children must be without means with which to pay for treatments.

**Present Officers**

The hospitals are built and maintained through an annual \$2 assessment from each Shriner throughout the world. Shriners and their friends purchasing the \$60 permanent memberships, as well as donating large and small amounts both in cash and through their estates. Members of El Maida, like those of all other temples, are vitally interested in these hospitals for crippled children.

Besides Potentate Hooten, other present officers of El Maida are: Cecil E. McNutt, chief rabban; J. Paul Kerr, assistant rabban; Joe H. Boone, high priest and prophet; J. LeRoy Schuller, oriental guide; Walter W. Scott, treasurer; John W. Gibb, recorder; the Rev. Malcolm N. Twiss, chaplain; Fred G. Maley, first ceremonial master;

Don Davis, prominent oilman and former city councilman, died August 7, 1947. He first came to Midland in 1916.

A Midland Scottish Rite Club existed in Midland as early as 1909. It was the oldest such club in Texas at that time.

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A Midland courthouse once sold for one dollar when a new one was planned.

Midland and Ector County health units were combined in 1941.



**Housewife Discovers Modern Living Danger**

ARKANSAS CITY, KAN. — (AP) —Mrs. Darrell Keifer reached inside the freezing unit to dislodge a piece of ice.

Her wet hand froze to the side of the unit, which had been switched back to freezing operation.

Alone in the house, Mrs. Keifer was unable to reach the refrigerator switch.

After standing for several minutes with one hand trapped and the other holding an ice tray full of water, she finally put the tray on top of the refrigerator and turned the switch.

About 10 minutes later the icy surface released her hand, sore and frostbitten but otherwise uninjured.

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A very important progressive action was taken recently when we opened our fourth down-town theatre, the Tower . . . and at the present time we have under construction the newest and finest type of drive-in theatre, "THE CHIEF," located on the Andrews Highway.

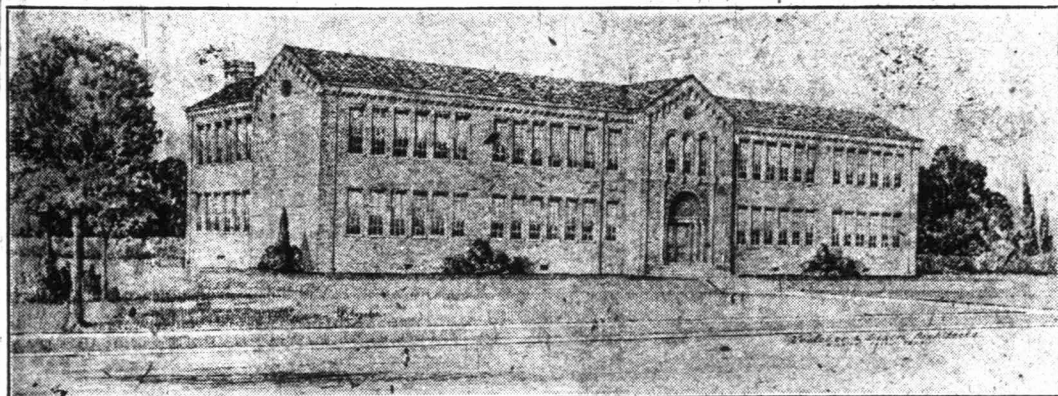
Look to your Midland Theatres, operators of the Yucca, Ritz, Tower, Rex, and the new drive-in, The Chief, for all that's new in entertainment. We will keep pace with Midland's progress by constantly striving to give you the kind of entertainment you so richly deserve, and to maintain leadership in this field of endeavor.

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### North Elementary School Cost \$75,000 In 1937



More than one-third of Midland County's pre-high school students attend North Elementary School. It was built in 1937 at a cost of \$75,000, and has 13 classrooms, a hospital room, teachers' lounge, depository for free textbooks, three supply rooms, a large storeroom in the basement, a combination gymnasium-auditorium equipped for visual education, principal's office, and a cafeteria which was added two years ago at a cost of \$6,000.

### One Of Midland's Early Schools



The first two school buildings in Midland were of frame construction, but in 1896 this brick structure replaced them. It cost \$9,000, and was paid for by public subscription. In 1926 the present senior high school was built and this building was used for elementary instruction until the present North Elementary School was built in 1937. Then, for several years the building served as a meeting place for Midland Boy Scouts and the Mustang Club, a boy's organization. Located in the 300 block of West Illinois Street, it was torn down in 1946 to make way for the city's expanding business section.

### Heritage Foundation Has New Publication

AUSTIN—(AP)—A 100-page brochure, containing the United States and Texas constitutions and the declarations of American and Texas independence, is the most recent publication of the Texas Heritage Foundation.

Adair, Texas Memorial Museum curator of history, and Col. Paul L. Wakefield, who was active with Adair in the Texas Centennial campaigns of 1936 and 1945-46. The Heritage foundation was an outgrowth of the Centennial observances and is headed by C. V.

Terrell, Austin, president; Adair, executive vice president; and Wayne W. Wagonseller, Fruitland, secretary.

More than 800 soldiers were in Midland in 1941 on maneuvers with the 33rd Coast Artillery, Anti-Aircraft Provisional Searchlight Battalion.

### Design For Floor Of Capitol Rotunda Displayed In Austin

AUSTIN—The original design for the center of the terrazzo floor in the Texas capitol rotunda is now on exhibit in Texas Memorial Museum at the University of Texas.

Sketches for the design were prepared by Harold E. Jassen of Austin and presented to the museum by C. H. Page and Son, Austin architects. Dr. E. H. Sellard, director, said.

Texas' Lone Star is the center of the design, with five points spreading in a circle 32 feet in diameter. Between the points are five smaller circles, each bearing the coat of arms of a nation of which Texas has been a part.

The idea of the design was suggested in 1936 when the Centennial was celebrated, but it was not until months following the observance that the floor was laid. Doctor Sellards said.

### CITRUS CROP HURT

LOS ANGELES—(AP)—An estimated loss of 15 per cent, or one and a half million boxes, was sustained by the state's navel orange crop during recent freezing weather, the California Fruit Growers exchange announced. Loss to the lemon crop was estimated at 4 per cent.

During its first year of operations in Midland from 1947 to 1948, Pioneer Air Lines boarded and deplaned more than 16,500 passengers here.

### Schools Map—

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000. It consists of 14 classrooms, auditorium, library, and other modern facilities. Students of the sixth, seventh and eighth grades are enrolled here.

The North Elementary School was built in 1937. It cost \$75,000 and has 13 regular classrooms, a hospital room, teachers' lounge, combination gymnasium-auditorium, and a cafeteria built two years ago at a cost of \$6,000.

**Other Facilities**  
The South Elementary School's new building was first occupied in May, 1947. It cost \$187,000, has 10 classrooms, large cafeteria, teachers' lounge, combination gymnasium-auditorium equipped for a visual education program, and other modern features.

The old building was built in 1909 at a cost of \$14,000 and has seven classrooms. The West Elementary School is identical to the new South school.

The present Latin American school was built in 1938 at a cost of \$14,000 and includes four classrooms. It enrolls students through the eighth grade.

**Growth Continues**  
It is apparent from the superintendent's report that the demand for greater educational facilities for Midland children has shown a constant gain for many years. And it is equally apparent that the trend has not stopped.

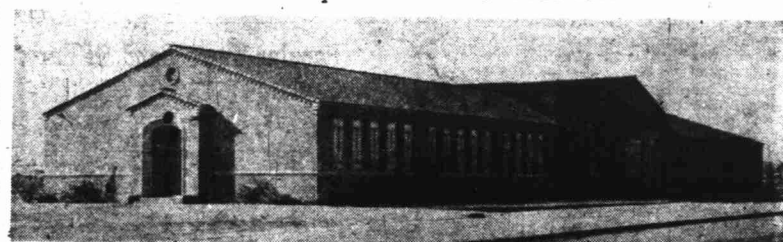
In 1936 there were 55 teachers in the Midland school system. Last year there were 96, and now there are 107. Monroe says he will need at least 10 more teachers by the beginning of the 1948-49 term next fall.

There's no doubt, then, of the progress of the city's school plant, and on the basis of past and present ability of the city and county to meet the requirements of progress, there need be no worry about the ability of the school system to cope with the future.

The city now has a population estimated at about 23,000. With its present opportunities for its citizens, with considerable national publicity as a community rich in developed and potential resources, and with conservative observers predicting the population will grow to 50,000 or more within a few years, schools here are certain to continue to feel the pressure of additional increases in enrollment.

The Perennial Garden Club of Midland was organized in November 1947 with Neta Stovall as first president.

### Elementary Schools Are Ultra-Modern



Two new elementary schools, West and South, were opened to students last year. The buildings are identical, and cost approximately \$187,000 each. Each include 10 classrooms, teachers' lounge, principal's office, cafeteria, combination gymnasium and auditorium, and supply rooms. The latest-type construction was used to make the buildings unusually attractive as well as scientifically designed for educational purposes. Additions to the buildings already are planned to meet increased enrollments.

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### Congratulations...

to the publishers of The Reporter-Telegram upon the formal opening of their new newspaper plant. We have the finest newspaper plant to be found. Their vision of a larger and greater Midland is well described in the construction of this modern, streamlined plant.

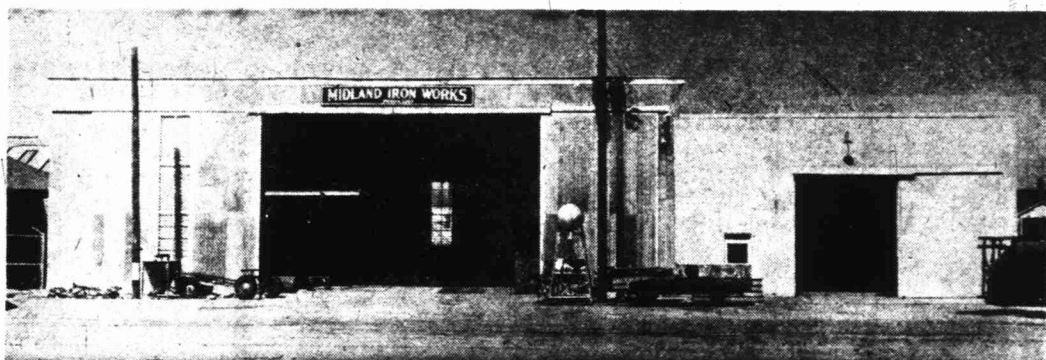
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R. L. (Dick) Mitchell, 64, pioneer contractor of Midland, died March 21, 1947. He came to Midland in 1901, died March 12, 1947. She was a 40-year church worker.

Mrs. M. W. Whitmire, who came to Midland on her honeymoon in 1901, died March 12, 1947. She was a 40-year church worker.

Thirteen persons were killed in traffic accidents in Midland County during 1946. Six of these were killed in the city.

## Progressing With Midland...



Over the many years the J & M Steam Laundry has served you no effort has been spared in the constant improvement of our service and the addition of the newest and most modern equipment in order to more efficiently handle the laundry needs of our friends and patrons in Midland. The fine co-operation and patronage we have enjoyed over

these years has made our business what it is today and as this community expands and develops it is our intention to keep pace with every improvement. Above is pictured machinery which enables us to handle shirts in the most modern and efficient manner. We appreciate your valued patronage and are ready at all times to serve you.

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## Palestine Jews Travel in Peril of Arab Ambushes



Lurking among rocks of Palestine's rugged northern area, this band of Arabs is ready to ambush any Jews trying to reach the northern Hebrew settlements. Such a group recently surprised and mowed down 35 Jews.

## McMurry Alumni, Exes Organized

The Midland Alumni and Ex-Students of McMurry College were organized, April 18, 1947. A Founder Day dinner was held in the educational building of the First Methodist Church.

Charter officers included: Elmer Watkins, president; Beth Shepherd, vice president; Carolyn Oates, secretary-treasurer; Frances Atwater, reporter. Among charter members were: Wanda Smith, Lennol Hester, Reta Beights, Don Moore, Clyde Parnely, Mrs. Elmer Watkins, Elias Stewart, Ralph McCleskey, Howard H. Hollowell, Mrs. Wayne Campbell and Maedelee Roberts.

## His Honeymoon Coupe Goes 300,000 Miles

WAYNESBURG, PA. — (AP) — James L. Johnston has driven his "honeymoon coupe" 300,000 miles without so much as denting a fender.

It was back in 1930 that Johnston bought a new automobile to take his honeymoon. Still in service, the auto is used by Johnston daily as he commutes to work. He has replaced the car's motor twice but the 18-year-old vehicle's body still has a brilliant polish.

Johnston's recipe for safe-driving: "Just use your head and exercise ordinary care, caution and common sense."

The Play Readers Club was organized in Midland in 1932.

## Olin Culberson Predicts Bright And Prosperous Future For Permian Basin

By OLIN CULBERSON  
Member Texas Railroad Commission  
(Written especially for the Progress Edition of The Reporter-Telegram).

No section of Texas has brighter prospects nor more assuring promises of future new discoveries than the area served by The Reporter-Telegram.

## NEA Says School Support 'Unequal, And Inadequate'

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The National Education Association said recently school support is "grossly inadequate" and schooling opportunities "shamefully" unequal.

An Association survey reported that school boards face almost insuperable financial problems because they have 20 per cent less buying power than before the war.

Dr. John K. Norton, one of the survey leaders, estimated it would cost about \$600,000,000 a year to bring per-pupil expenditures in all states up to at least \$99, the current mid-point for the nation as a whole.

NEA made public this tabulation showing the average spending per pupil in 1946-47, the percentage increase over 1939-40, and the average annual outlay needed to restore education to the pre-war level.

The recent discovery of the fabulously producing Eilenberger lime in the Stick-Urschel Well in Upton County will act as a stimulus to increased wildcatting.

The announcement of this great strike, like that of the magic word "Gold" in the 1849 California Gold



Olin Culberson

Rush, will bring people to this area who will remain long after the "rush" is over.

Midland will be the Permian Basin what Denver was to the Colorado gold area in the days of its development. And like that splendid city, Midland will continue as a most pleasant and profitable place within which to live and do business.

Believing that statistics are always dry and boring to those who are not forced to study and apply them, I am refraining from quoting the almost unbelievable figures attaching to the Midland area as applies to the oil and gas industry.

**Will Take Lead**

I predict that this area will, in a few years, take the lead in the volume of oil produced in the state. Although in the past 25 years the 15 counties composing the Permian Basin has produced over 2,000,000,000 barrels of oil, we will see this fabulous area produce that much more oil in much less time. This vast region, covering over 46,000 square miles, is just now beginning an intensive development campaign for deeper production that is destined to establish the presence of additional reserves that will double the estimated figure of 3,245,845,000 barrels. This is 27.7 per cent of the state's reserves and 15.1 per cent of the nation's.

I take a great deal of satisfaction in the fact that since coming on the Railroad Commission I have consistently fought the battles of this section of the state, both in the instance upon the removal of what I thought to be a discriminatory situation with the reference to comparable shut-down days with other districts of the state, and in the support which I have always given the West Texas Chamber of Commerce in its fight to remove the discriminatory freight rates in the Southwest and which were falling with undue discrimination against this West Texas area.

Heartiest congratulations are due the entire area served by The Reporter-Telegram upon having received at the hands of its progressive owners a press service that is second to none.

**Moral Principles**

While "liquid gold" of course, is the greatest contributor to the material development and progress of Midland and its territory, I would admonish its leadership that unless the other great assets and fundamentals of that area are retained and intensified all other considerations will be of little or lasting satisfaction. The greatest contribution that can be made to the area would be that it cling to those moral and religious principles which the pioneers of that section implanted there and bequeathed to those who have followed them.

The retention of these practices and precepts together with the typical old time western hospitality of "Howdy stranger, light and look at your saddle" will assure to the present and future citizens living here that full measure of health, wealth and happiness which is the goal of all normal human beings.

No greater goal and no greater accomplishment could be wished for you who make up this area than that by so acting you shall prove yourselves worthy of the heritage and opportunities which those God fearing pioneers left to you.

To the awe and perhaps score of "eastern" visitors, but delight to the locals, winning livestock of the Midland Livestock Show annually is kept overnight in the lobby of the Scharbauer Hotel.



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- Leonard Crabtree, market
- Allen Heard, market



## Santa Claus Gives Tip, Christmas Tree Farm

LARAMIE, WYO. — (AP) — Ever thought about a Christmas tree farm?

W. O. Edmondson, Wyoming agricultural extension service forester, has. He's decided it could make farmers some money in their off-season while using spare land.

"By planting an acre a year to trees spaced six feet each way, a grower can market about 1,000 trees a year after the first trees have grown to merchantable height," says Edmondson, adding that will take six to 15 years, depending on the species used.

The Texas Garden Club of Midland was organized in April, 1947. First officers included: Mrs. R. M. Jones, president; Mrs. J. D. Dillard, first vice president; Mrs. James C. Velvin, second vice president; Mrs. Roy Minear, secretary; Mrs. Bert Goodman, treasurer; Mrs. Roy Douglas, historian; Mrs. John Smith, corresponding secretary.



## Midland's House of Leather!

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# Midland First Methodist Church Had Its Beginning In 1885

## Growth, Progress Revealed In Interesting Church History

By the Rev. Howard Hollowell  
Pastor First Methodist Church

"Brother Scoggins, the Methodist minister, organized a church today, with six members—only one male member." This information is contained in a letter written by J. H. Barron, Sunday, Aug. 23, 1885, to Miss Annie Aycock, whom he later married.

From this time until several years later, the history of the First Methodist Church of Midland is a little on the incomplete side, the reason being that the church was transferred several times from one Annual Conference to another, and since many of the ministers have moved far away or have died, much of the first-hand information which would be of interest and which might be included in a historical sketch of the church's life has been lost.

From a Methodist standpoint, Midland is situated in a most favorable position to be transferred from one Conference to another. The line of demarcation between the Northwest Texas Conference and the New Mexico Conference is somewhere between Midland and Odessa, the latter city being included in the New Mexico Conference, and Midland now being the last city on the western extremity of the Northwest Texas Conference. This same invisible, yet significant, line is very close to the city of Midland on the south, for Midland is also situated at the very extreme south boundary of the Northwest Texas Conference. Methodists in Midland used to at-

tend the sessions of the Annual Conference in which they found themselves in for the ensuing year. This made for a sort of rugged individualism on the part of the First Methodist Church of Midland, and the name still holds in the minds of many, so far as this church is concerned.

### History Traced

Phelan's "History of Texas Methodism," page 281, Volume II, says "J. A. Scoggins was another young and promising member of the Conference (West Texas). He was born in 1859, a brother of J. D. Scoggins (also a member of the West Texas Conference). He attended Grandbury College for two years; was licensed to preach, and served two years as a supply, being the first preacher to be sent as far west as the Pecos Mission. He was admitted into the West Texas Conference in 1886; appointed to Cotulla and Pearsall, and was in the midst of his first year, attending District Conference at Uvalde, when he was taken sick and died." This bit of information is of interest because Midland was then a part of the Pecos Mission.

Some idea of the vast distances between points and the wide expanse of territory included in Methodist circuits and conferences in those early days may be gained by reading an account of the work of the Rev. J. W. Sims in this West Texas and New Mexico Area. This quotation from Sims is taken from the Texas Methodist Centennial Yearbook: "While living in

### Present Church Plant Erected In 1940



The present auditorium and educational building of the First Methodist Church of Midland were erected in 1940 and dedicated, debt-free, in 1943. The church plant is one of the largest, finest and best-equipped in the Southwest, but already an ever-increasing enrollment has over taxed the facilities and another educational building is planned adjacent to the present buildings.

Mason County, Texas, in January, 1888, I was employed by Rev. Andrew Jackson Potter to become pastor of the Roswell Mission in

the San Angelo District. The territory lay within the bounds of the Denver Conference, but by some mutual agreement was being cultivated by the West Texas Conference.

"Accordingly, in response to my summons from Brother Potter, with my wife and two young children, I started on Feb. 8, 1888, in a two-horse wagon, for my first appointment, five hundred miles to the northwest. We passed through San Angelo and Midland, and on across the Staked Plains; camping out each night, except one. After twenty-one days I arrived in Roswell in a terrific sandstorm to find a circuit 100 miles long stretching south along the Pecos River to include the adobe villages of Seven Rivers and Lookout. During the year I made a trip up the Pecos at the request of the presiding elder to include Fort Sumner, 80 miles to the north.

"Roswell" at that time had two general stores, one hotel and a number of saloons. I preached in a one-room adobe school house that stood across the Honda to the south. I lived in a one-room apartment five miles southeast of town on the Wetstone farm. There were six members in the Roswell Church when I got there and sixteen when I left. One Mr. Carl, from Nashville, was pastor for a brief time the year before, but was serenaded at Seven Rivers while preaching in a toppled over adobe building, handed a purse next morning and told to return to Nashville at once—which he did.

Assigned to Midland "My salary for the year 1888 on the entire charge, including old clothes and poundings, amounted to \$109. I was succeeded in the Fall of 1888 by the Rev. W. F. Gibbons, and I was appointed to MIDLAND, Pecos, and Toyah."

So it was that J. W. Sims became the pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South of Midland, Texas, when Midland was still a mission.

Churches need buildings. Information as to the type of building, if any, to which the small congregation of Methodists in Midland had access at the very first is not at present available. It is known, however, that for a time prior to the erection of the first building by Methodists in Midland the Baptist Church shared its building with the Methodists. This building which was built by the Baptists stood about where the Service Drug now is located.

Records of the purchase of property as a site for the first Methodist Church building to be erected here show that the site comprised lots four, five, six and seven of block fifty-four. This is the location which now is occupied by The United Store and south to Perry Brothers Variety Store. Real estate in Midland has advanced some, too. The records show that lot number four was purchased by the Methodists from the Midland Town Company for the total sum of \$10. That transaction was made May 29, 1889. In the same year, October 3, lots five, six, and seven were purchased from M. M. Pittman for a total cash consideration of \$80. Soon after the purchase of this property the Methodists erected a house of worship, borrowing \$500 from the Church Extension Board. The loan was made Nov. 7, 1889, and a mortgage was given on lots four, five, and six in Block 54.

**Property Sold**  
The Methodist Church, enjoyed eighteen years in its first location. A part of the property was sold in September, 1894. Trustees who signed the deed were C. A. Taylor, S. L. Mooney, John Scharbauer, George Pemberton, E. R. Bryan, and A. S. Hawkins. G. W. J. Driver bought the original site from the Methodists. Only lot seven, the actual site of the church building was retained by the church.

The following names are found on the first register of members of the Midland congregation when it was still a mission: H. S. Weller, V. M. Hughes, Elizabeth Rathburn, J. N. Jackson, L. G. Morris, D. Evans Decker, Emma S. Scoggins, Laura Wineburne, F. E. Kelley, W. L. Moran, Menerva Gates, M. C. Scott, Hattie Moseley, Alice Lawrence, Clara Rolhling, Mary B. Kelley, J. M. Chastain,

could foresee the phenomenal growth of Midland, however. Many structures have had to be replaced or enlarged. This was true of the Methodist Church. The corner stone of this building, the first to be erected upon the present site of the First Methodist Church, Main Street at Illinois Avenue, was laid on Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 1907.

So Midland grew. And with it grew the churches. Accordingly, it became apparent about 1939 or 1940 that more adequate housing for the Methodists should be had. The Rev. W. C. Hinds, now district superintendent of the Plainview District, was the pastor. The situation was studied, necessary committees appointed, plans were studied, and finally out of the work, the thought and the prayers, there came into being the lovely church sanctuary and educational plant which is one of the inspiring beauty spots of this city. The building committee which planned and supervised the building of the modern plant of today was composed of the following persons: M. C. Ulmer, chairman, George W. Glass, Charles L. Klapproth, J. C. Miles, and Mrs. Phil Scharbauer. The building was dedicated, debt-free, on May 2, 1943. Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, then resident bishop of the Dallas Area of the

Methodist Church, preached the dedicatory sermon.

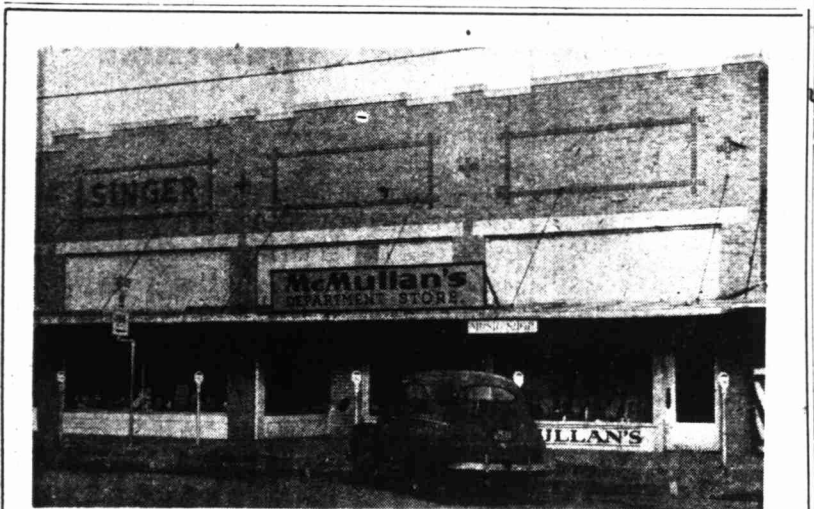
The Rev. W. Carl Clement, pastor of the church at the time of its dedication, had this to say: "Surely it has been none other than the hand of God that has led the people called Methodists from that memorable Sunday, August 23, 1885, when the Rev. J. A. Scoggins organized the Methodist Church at Midland, Texas, with seven members, six women and one man, to the thriving church of today with 1,100 members; from the little frame church in a small, dusty village to the beautiful edifice that is to be dedicated today in a lovely little city. This church continues to exalt the principles that were responsible for its formation. Its message is the simple gospel, which through the years has provided comfort for the sorrowing, relief for the distressed, deliverance for the sinful, hope for the bewildered, consolation for the dying and challenge for the strong. It affords an opportunity for worship, for instruction, for fellowship and Christian service. The worship services are characterized by inspiring music, helpful messages and Christian fellowship. The church school provides classes for each age group, with consecrated teachers and officers. The church endeavors to visualize the needs of the world and

reach out beyond itself and contribute to the world program of Christianity. Today we pass another milestone. But we have not arrived. We press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

### Organ Installed

Church officers at the time of the erection and dedication of the new building included M. C. Ulmer, chairman of the board of Stewards; Charles L. Klapproth, vice chairman of the board; Ulmer, chairman board of trustees; Mrs. W. Earl Chapman, president Woman's Society of Christian Service; J. W. Thorne, superintendent Church School; and Miss Tommie Smith, secretary Church School. The church staff at that time included Mrs. N. G. Oates, secretary; Mrs. J. DeLo Douglas, director of music; Mrs. J. Holt Jewell, organist; Mrs. S. Ross Carr, assistant organist; Lt. Jerome R. Snyder, assistant organist; and Mrs. J. W. Akin, Jr., guest organist.

A beautiful Wurlitzer organ was given for the new church sanctuary by Mr. and Mrs. George W. Glass and Mrs. O. B. Holt, Jr., in memory of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Holt and O. B. Holt, Jr. There is at present a choir of 30 voices, under the direction of Don Moore. Mrs. J. Holt Jewell is the regular organist. (Continued on page 15)



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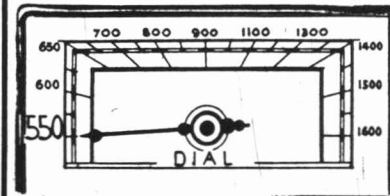
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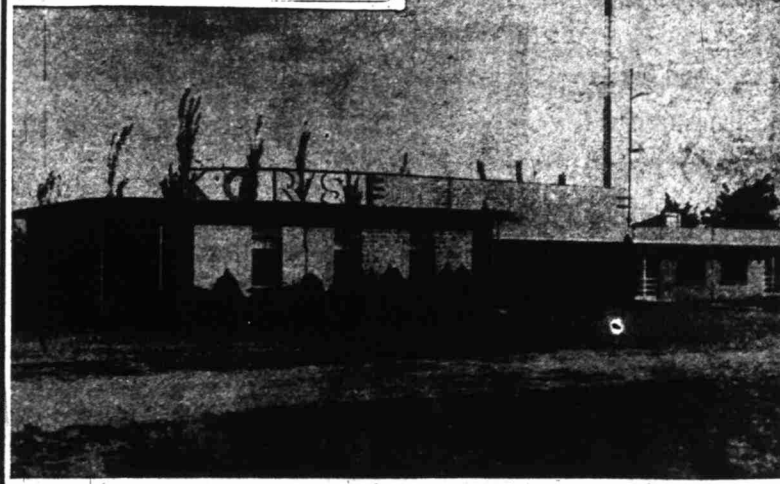
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The slogan of the Midland Chamber of Commerce at present is: "Where Cowtrails, Pay Dirt and Airlines Meet."

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## Whaler Brings In \$5,000,000 In Oil

ELIZABETH, N. J. — The colorful saga of American whaling is running out in a New Jersey oil port.

The S.S. Anglo Norse, a far cry from the tall masted whalers that sailed out of Nantucket, has brought in its annual load of sperm oil.

Its 75,000 barrels of the only sperm oil coming into the United States is worth \$5,000,000. This will mean \$4,000 in shares to each of the Norse seamen who were at sea for 10 months.

The modern whaler is the mother ship to a fleet of seven fast killer boats, 130-foot, 200 tonners which made their own way back to Norway after the whaling was done.

No longer do stout sailormen pull the oars of long boats, as a man poses in the bow to drive home a harpoon by hand. The killer boats fire 200-pound harpoons, with shrapnel-like charges in the head.

**Leaps Forward**  
Chief Officer Jacob Knudstad of the Anglo Norse says the expedition worked off the coast of Peru, where sperm whale is found in "families" of two or three and in large "flocks."

When a sperm whale is sighted blowing in the distance, the cry is "blast," the rough Norse equivalent of "thar she blows."

"Where away," sings the officer on watch.

"Off the starboard bow," the lookout may call down.

The high-powered killer boat leaps forward.

"Sometimes we have to track a whale for hours," recalls Knudstad. "But they have to come up for air, and every time one comes up, the killer boat is after it."

Sperm whale can stay down for as long as an hour.

Eventually the killer boat comes within range. Then the gunner in the bow fires a 200-pound harpoon, with its explosive nose.

The whale may dive, but eventually is pulled to the surface with a power winch. Another harpoon, and still another—each with a nose of dynamite—is fired into it, until it is killed.

If the boat is in a school of whales, and there are others in sight, the huge body is pumped up with compressed air to keep it afloat, and a bamboo pole with the "nannet" of the killer boat is posted on it.

Then the boat radios the mother ship, and a tow boat picks up the prize.

"Sink one of our boats?" says Knudstad. "One of those big whales could crush the side, even of a 130-footer, but they never have."

However, the thrashing whale sometimes tear away the propeller or rudder.

Knudstad exploded the popular belief that in ambergris there is a fortune.

"One time, a five pound piece of it was worth a half million (Norwegian) crowns," he said. A crown is worth 20 cents. "But they've developed synthetics for perfumes, now. It isn't worth much today."

The Anglo Norse brought back 100 pounds of ambergris.

## Methodist-

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is assisted by Mrs. Charles Reeder and Mrs. J. B. Koenig.

In the tower of the church there is an amplification system which is the gift of Mrs. Phil Scharbauer. Contained in a booklet in which appeared the service of worship for the day of dedication, is a page titled, "In Grateful Appreciation."

It reads as follows: "To Mrs. Phil Scharbauer, our love and gratitude and faithful remembrance for her gracious and liberal contributions to the cause of the church in our community through the years, her life an inspiration and every memory a benediction; Ever faithful and always abounding in the Spirit of the Lord."

"In loving memory of Uncle Phil Scharbauer, long time active member of this church, a faithful and ardent worker and liberal supporter in every church cause—his generous heart envied no one and wished everyone well."

"In loving memory of Uncle John Scharbauer, whose liberal contributions and large investments in this church edifice typify the spirit of this great pioneer; the very soul of inspiration and helpfulness, a friend to man and a benefactor in the cause of right. This church will never forget him and will ever revere and cherish his memory."

"In loving memory of Mrs. M. J. Riggs for the generous contribution made in her will to the church she loved."

"Of J. W. Bullock who gave his all—his memory will ever be bright to all who knew him."

The First Church, in 1947, sponsored the organization of the Asbury Methodist Church here.

**New Building Planned**  
Like many other churches of this city, the First Methodist Church has come to another significant time in her history. The demands made by the growing community have taxed even the new building to capacity. Children are crowded into too little space for the growing Sunday school. Plans are underway at this time for another building to provide additional space.

The parsonage, which is located directly behind the educational plant, is to be sold and another parsonage erected north of the church. The lot on which the parsonage now stands is the site selected for the new educational unit.

Gifts of \$15,000 each by Mrs. Phil Scharbauer and Mrs. Alma Thomas to the building fund were announced last Sunday.

The present official roll of the church contains the following names:

Stewards: Roy McKee, chairman, Stacy Allen, Ben Black, E. P. Birkhead, J. P. Carson, Sr., Ellis Conner, W. M. Conner, Tom S. Edrington, George W. Glass, Jack W. Goddard, Barney G. Graf, Burl P. Guyton, Ray Gwyn, Oliver Haag, John Hammack, Dave E. Hoover, S. H. Hudkins, J. Holt Jowell, N. N. Lacy, R. L. Langford, Marvin McCree, Noel G. Oates, Harvey C. Powledge, W. I. Pratt, W. F. Prothro, F. B. Rhodes, E. D. Richardson, John Allen Sewell, C. H. Shepard, J. R. Smith, L. C. Stephenson, J. B. Terry, J. W. Thorne, M. C. Ulmer, S. M. Vaughan, James C. Watson, Bill Wyche, M. W. Whitmire, J. C. Miles.

Trustees are M. C. Ulmer, chairman, Ellis Conner, George W. Glass, J. Holt Jowell, W. I. Pratt, J. C. Miles.

Miss Beth Shepherd is the church secretary.

**Voters League Gives Service To Citizens Here**

Midland's League of Women Voters, an organization open to every woman over 21 years of age, stems from an old and well-known national organization. Midland's group was organized in 1940 to assist the progress of the city, by aiding women in knowing their candidates and national and international issues.

First officers of the group included: Mrs. E. A. Ray, president; Mrs. John J. Redfern, Jr., vice president; Mrs. W. C. Fritz, secretary; Mrs. F. H. Fuhrman, treasurer; and Mrs. M. B. Arick, parliamentarian. Among the first board members was Mrs. William Y. Penn, present leader of the group, and Mrs. Hal Peck who was president stand on them.

The League of Women Voters has monthly luncheon-meetings through which it keeps Midland women informed on public issues and how Congress and leading citizens stand on them.

Since the time of its establishment, Midland's League has made studies of city, county and school systems, and has given voters service—non-partisan information on elections.

Marking last year's achievements was the mailing, to each person paying poll taxes, questionnaires filled out by candidates showing how they stood on civic affairs. This year, which will be marked by both city and state elections, similar questionnaires will be available to any citizens desiring them, and they will include non-partisan information on amendments to be voted on. All information is open to the public.

The present slate of officers, assisting Mrs. Penn, includes: Mrs. George Turner, first vice president; Mrs. Eric Bucher, secretary; and Mrs. R. A. Estes, treasurer. They are ably assisted by the following board members: Mrs. M. B. Arick, publications chairman; Mrs. Coe Mills, membership chairman; Mrs. John FitzGerald, publicity; Mrs. J. E. Beakey, atomic energy chairman; Mrs. William H. Pryor, meetings chairman; and Mrs. H. A. Ireland, legislation.

**Prisoner, Picture Both Disappear—With Wall**

ABERDEEN, MISS. —(P)—Day after day a prisoner has been lying on his bunk and admiring a landscape which he tore from a magazine and put on the jail wall.

Now the prisoner has disappeared. So has the picture.

So has the portion of the wall which the picture covered.

## Early Day Calf Roping At Midland



This calf roping scene was photographed during the staging of an early-day Midland Rodeo on grounds where the city's Latin American quarters now are located. Plenty of arena space and plenty of contestants were available in those days, too. The first rodeo here was staged in 1898, and others have been held off and on ever since. Always big crowds, and world championship contestants have attended.

## Pulling Wool Over Their Eyes Makes Them Beef

SOMERSET, PA. —(P)—A herd of long-haired Westhighland cattle and a flock of blackfaced Scottish sheep give an authentic flavor of Scotland to the hilly southwestern Pennsylvania farm of W. John Stiteler, Jr., a former U. S. Army colonel.

Stiteler is carrying out stock-raising ideas he dreamed about during World War II.

He bought 17 of the shaggy Westhighland cattle from the eastern Pennsylvania farm of the late Wil-

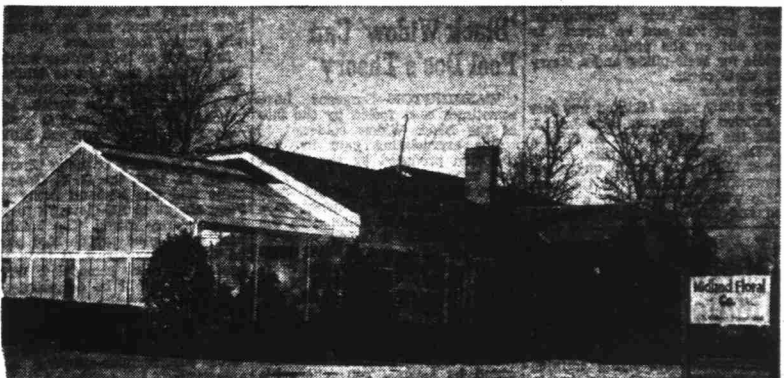
liam Conyngham, president of the National Biscuit Co. He aims to develop a new type of heavy beef animal by breeding the Westhighlanders with the familiar Short-horn.

A hardy stock, needing little attention, Westhighlanders forage for themselves Winter and Summer, and give their crossed offspring their docility, sturdiness and fine-grained meat.

When Stiteler first turned his Westhighlanders out to graze they leaped the five-foot fences and he didn't see them again for a month. He had to build new fences "horse high, bull strong and hog tight."

To give his farm another Scottish highland touch, Stiteler bought 23 Scottish Blackface sheep which, like the cattle, need little forage and protection and boast extremely long, fine fleeces.

Dr. John B. Thomas started the practice of medicine in Midland in 1905.



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## Visiting Clergy First Served Catholic Parish Here; Two Churches In City

By Frank B. Triggs O.M.I., pastor, St. George's Catholic Church

The first English-speaking Catholic family came to Midland in the year 1884. The family name was James. The nearest Catholic church at that time was in Stanton (then Marienfeld).

Some four or five years after the arrival of the James family two more families, namely Taylor Brown and Andrew Campbell moved to Midland. During these days the Carmelite Fathers came from Stanton and offered mass in the improvised chapel of the Cyrus James home.

In the year 1896, Father H. A. Boniface, a Carmelite, built the original sandstone church, which was later enlarged. It was through the personal subscription, supervision and generosity of Andrew Campbell that the church was built.

For awhile, Father Herbert Brockman of Carlsbad took care of Midland because the Carmelites left Stanton shortly after the church was built at Midland. In 1900, Father Hoban came to Stanton and took charge of the work in Midland and Big Spring as well. In the year 1903 Thomas Moran and family moved to Midland bringing the total number of Catholic families to four.

**Traveled On Horseback**

Upon Father Hoban's departure in 1906 the Oblate Fathers came to Stanton from San Antonio. And Father I. Tresch, O.M.I., was the first to take care of the Midland Parish Father Chevrier, O.M.I. was one of the best known early Oblate missionaries. He traveled horseback with the sun as his guide. He would go day after day from ranch to ranch administering the sacraments and instructing children and adults alike. Very often these early missionaries would get lost and be forced to sleep out on the prairies with a saddle for their pillow and a starry sky their cover.

**First Pastor**

For many years Midland was just a mission of Stanton. On July 8, 1933, the most Rev. R. A. Girklin, D. D., Bishop of Amarillo, established Midland a parish under the protection of St. Ann At the time there were approximately a hundred and fifty individual American

## Superforts Fly To Middle East Points

WASHINGTON — (AP) — B-29 Superfortresses are flying training missions from American bases in Germany to the Middle East.

Their course describes a careful half circle to avoid the politically delicate area of the Balkans.

However, the giant bombers do fly over Tel Aviv, in Palestine, on their way to Dharan in Saudi Arabia.

The huge wartime base is being used as a terminus by agreement with the Saudi Arabian government.

The B-29's make the 3,600-mile jump nonstop, headquarters of the Strategic Air Command said.

The flights are part of a general training program designed to give air crews experience on long trips under various climatic conditions and to familiarize them with remote routes.

**ROUGH SITTER**

ROCHESTER, N. Y. — (AP) — Albert Aroeste, 22, sat on a davenport. His girl friend sat on his lap. Aroeste felt his knee snap. A police ambulance was called. The surgeon treated Aroeste for a dislocated knee.

## Proposed St. Ann's Catholic Church



The Midland Army Air Field chapel has been moved to 2000 West Texas Street and now is in the process of being remodeled. When completed it will be dedicated as St. Ann's Catholic Church to serve Midland's English-speaking Catholics. The building will be remodeled as shown in the above architect's drawing, and will be brick veneered.

and four hundred Mexican souls here. Father Edward P. Harrison O.M.I. was appointed first pastor by Rev. A. C. Dusseau, O.M.I. of San Antonio. The patron and title of the church was changed to St. George when a generous donation was given toward the enlargement plan by Terence G. Brady through the Catholic Church Extension Society.

Father G. Garter, O.M.I., succeeded Father Harrison as pastor in September of 1937. Father Car-

## 'Black Widow' Can Fool Doc's Theory

WASHINGTON—Surgeons have sometimes been fooled by the bite of the Black Widow spider.

The excruciating pain in the abdomen produced by the bite of the venomous "widow" has at times been mistaken for the pain of some organic ailment, says Lt. (JG) Dallas E. Billman in the "Naval Medical Bulletin."

Some victims of the Black Widow are subjected to needless operations, he says, as a result of diagnosis of acute appendicitis or rupture.

"The excruciating abdominal pain renders the patient willing to submit to any surgical procedure which he believes will relieve his pain," Doctor Billman adds.

**More Cases Likely**

He recommends that doctors always consider the possibility of "Black Widow" bite in case of acute abdominal pain, and that close attention be paid to possible heart effects in proven cases of such bites.

"More of these cases will probably be encountered in the future with greater frequency," he predicts, citing a report of a group of doctors, made in 1936, which said the Black Widow is greatly increasing in number and is invading large cities.

Doctor Billman says research shows that the venom of the female is 15 times as potent as the venom of the rattlesnake.

The female spiders destroy the smaller males soon after mating. Male "Black Widows" can bite, but their bite is not dangerous.

The "Black Widow" also is called the "hour-glass spider," from a marking shaped like an hour-glass on their bellies.

ter remained only a short time until the Rev. John O'Connell, O.M.I., was made pastor in March of 1938. The present pastor came from San Fernando, Calif. to replace Father O'Connell in June 1943.

**From 40 to 150**

Since 1943 the American congregation of St. George's parish has grown from 40 to 150 families. The number of Latin American families has remained about 250. In order to serve so many in the small church, it has been necessary to have three masses each Sunday. Now the church has so grown it will require four masses.

In March of 1947, Father Patrick Ryan, O.M.I., was sent to Midland as the first officially appointed assistant pastor of the parish. Last October Father Ryan was succeeded by Father Raymond Miller, O.M.I., who formerly was the pastor of the Brady Catholic Church.

Sep. 24, 1947, the U. S. Government sold the Midland Army Air Field chapel to St. George's parish on a priority rating. The building has been moved to the 2000 block on West Texas Street. It is in the process of being remodeled. When completed it will be dedicated as St. Ann's Catholic Church to serve the English-speaking Catholics of the city. The present St. George's Church will remain to serve the Spanish-speaking congregation.

**LAWYERS MUST MOVE WHERE SENT IN POLAND**

WARSAW — (AP) — Poland's minister of justice now has the authority to send lawyers wherever he sees fit.

A decree empowers the minister to "reassign" attorneys in districts and localities at present lacking legal talent. A lawyer who refuses to move to an assigned spot is subject to suspension from practice.

**SOME KIND OF RECORD**

FORT WORTH — (AP) — Officers were surprised when they charged a Fort Worth man with two cases of assault to murder and learned that he had been asserted 475 times previously. In addition to the two assault charges, also pending were charges of forgery and drunkenness.

T. S. Patterson, 74, pioneer merchant, died December 24, 1939. He lived in Midland 36 years.

## Midland Cowboy Startled Movie World By Proving He Could Actually Ride

By STANLEY FRANK

Though Midland's fame has been carried afar by the achievements of its sons and daughters abroad, it may come as a surprise to many present-day residents to learn a Midlander distinguished himself in Hollywood more than 30 years ago.

He was "Boss" Glenn, a cowboy who learned to punch cattle right—as it's done in Texas. But he yearned for a screen career, even as you and I, and he went to work for a producer of some of the wild-west shows ever seen.

As a result of his genuine daring and horsemanship, this tall cowpoke in 1917 won the hand of a comely movie actress. In fact, he won all of her.

It happened this way, according to a story in the Midland Reporter

dated Oct. 12, 1917:

Boss and a lot of other cow-punchers and the young lady were working on a scene which called for the gal to ride at full speed, pursued by about 40 tough genits who looked as though they hadn't shaved since away last Spring.

**Showed True Mettle**

Suddenly, something happened which the script writers hadn't thought of. Her boss stumped his toe and fell, right in front of all those villains on their racing steeds. It looked like the young lady, Miss Alice Dingmar by name, had finished her last chance. Those guys were going too fast to keep from running over her.

Then Boss showed his true mettle. Also, he showed his boss some, too, as he put the spurs to his mount's straining sides. Leaning

from the saddle, he scooped Miss Dingmar from the ground and carried her safely out of the way of the thundering hooves which had seemed certain to mess up the best hair-do in Hollywood.

This act of heroism was all Cupid needed to start Miss Dingmar's pulse cutting up even when she wasn't working. It was practically no time at all before she and Boss were discussing furniture prices.

"It will be a real cowboy wedding," a Los Angeles paper enthused. "All the men will come clad in chaps, booted and spurred, and totting their guns. To prevent any unpleasantness during the celebration the shooting irons must be left at the door. A table will be placed just outside to hold

## Hold Her, Roger, She's Headed For The Barn

LYNN, MASS. — (AP) — Roger Bragdon's motor trip from Lynn to nearby Revere left him footsore and leg-weary.

On the way, his car was in a collision with a trolley. The crash tossed Bragdon—uninjured—out of his automobile which kept on going. The 23-year-old driver chased the vehicle several blocks before he could overtake it and climb back into the driver's seat.

Main Street, of Midland, according to some old timers, was once called Ablene Street.

the array of heavy artillery."

And so it was that a Midland cowboy pulled an unheard-of act which left professional stunt men dumbfounded while camera men were too amazed to film the best scene they ever had a chance to shoot.

## Episcopal's Trinity Club Organized 1939

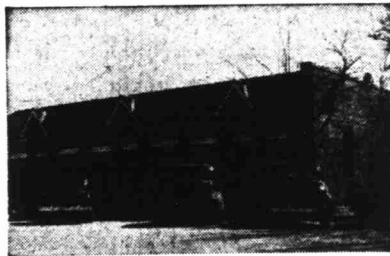
The trinity club of the Episcopal men was organized May 26, 1939, as a fellowship unit of the Trinity Episcopal Church of Midland.

R. W. Hamilton was master of ceremonies at the organization event held in the Scharbauer Hotel.

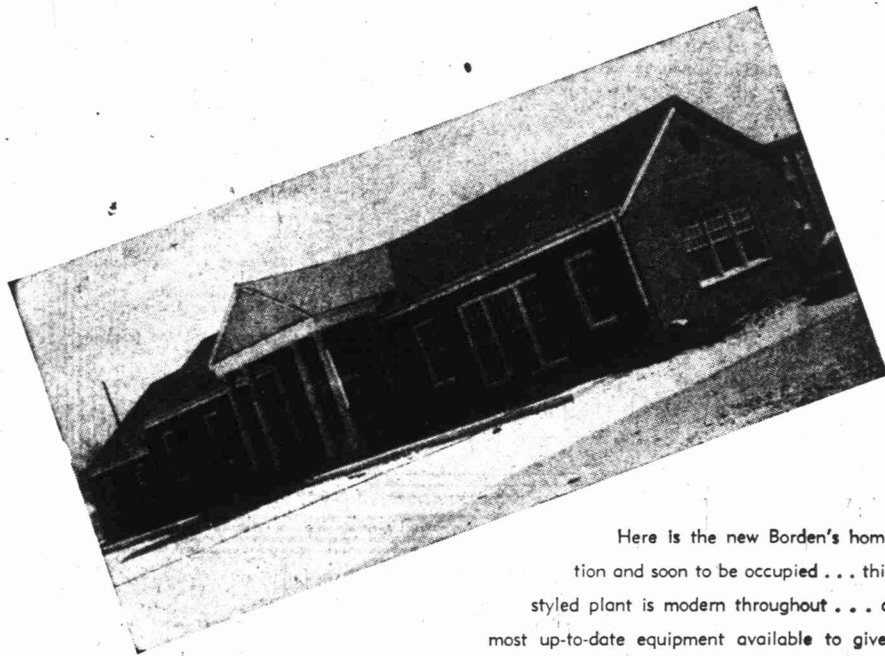
First officers were: John Cornwall, president; Tommy Thompson, vice president; J. Guy McMillan, secretary-treasurer; Earle Payne, program chairman.

Some of the charter members included: C. C. Keith, W. W. Studert, Dave Finley, C. Young, Charles Reed, J. P. Butler, W. A. Yeager, Dan Carter, J. Reaney, A. N. Hendrickson, J. D. Dillard.

Mrs. B. N. Aycock, 72, wife of a widely known cattleman and resident of Midland 60 years, died January 6, 1939.



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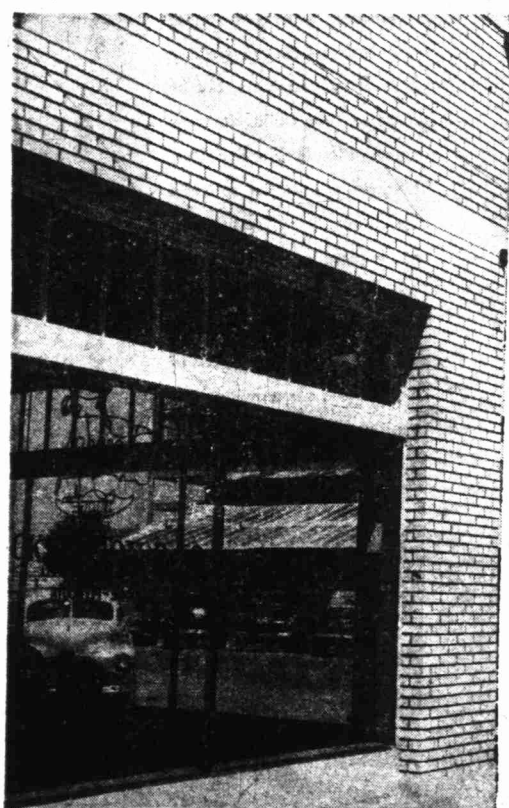
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# The Midland Reporter-Telegram

FIRST WITH THE NEWS

MIDLAND, TEXAS, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 1948

SECTION SEVEN

New Home Of The Reporter-Telegram



## New Tubular Press Prints 20,000 Newspapers An Hour

The Reporter-Telegram's new Duplex Tubular press operates at a pace which prints more than 20,000 16-page newspapers an hour. It delivers these newspapers in an expanding, ever-flowing line with a leather belt conveyor.

Its speed of 20,000 per hour compares with the old press which chugged out 2,600 8-page papers an hour.

New equipment throughout The Reporter-Telegram plant backs up the press, the latest model available for newspapers of this size. This equipment, plus correct newspaper plant design, assures top-flight production.

Mounted over a thick-walled cement pit, the press sends newspapers fluttering out like rapidly thumbed pages of a book. Color may be printed on the press and some color is used in this edition.

**Press Attracts Interest**  
The press is located in a large, well ventilated and excellently lighted room on the north side of the new Reporter-Telegram Building. Hundreds of persons have paused at the large plate glass window to see the press operate.

A 30-horsepower motor powers the large press. It also has separate motors for starting and to operate its hydraulic brakes.

The press was completed in January by the Duplex Division of the Goss Printing Press Company in Battle Creek. It took two box cars to move the press and its necessary equipment to Midland. Two factory experts were here a month erecting the press and making necessary adjustments to assure its perfect operation.

Four skilled men are on duty in the press room when the Duplex Tubular is printing newspapers.

### Safety Council Was Fine Organization

A Midland organization, which did much good for the community but is now inactive, was the Safety Council.

It was organized in November 1937 with representation from several clubs or groups. It was sponsored by the Modern Study Club.

Charter officers were: Mrs. John W. Skinner, chairman; W. G. Epley, vice chairman; Mrs. Fred Wemple, secretary-treasurer.

Represented at the organization meeting were: Modern Study Club, Lions Club, Delphian Club, P-T-A, City Federation, Chamber of Commerce, schools, Junior Wednesday Club, and Rotary Club.

## Linotypes Are The Heart Of Paper's Mechanical Unit

Linotype machines are the heart of a newspaper's mechanical department — a heart, which makes strange noises, is made of steel, and brass and tumblers, and whose warmest spot is a pot of molten lead.

Resembling a huge typewriter, the Linotype machine, as the name implies, sets a line of type in metal. But what the name doesn't signify is the rapidity with which these machines operate. One line of type falls soon on the heels of another, and it is possible to set eight lines of type (such as those in this story) per minute on one of the machines.

Said to be a machine that "almost thinks for itself," these machines range in price up from about \$5,000, according to the model.

In the former home of The Reporter-Telegram, three of the machines were in operation, and with the move to the new building another was added.

**New Machine On Order**  
A fifth machine has been on order two years and now is scheduled to arrive in May. It will be the latest type available and will be placed into production line promptly by a factory expert.

The keyboard on the linotype is much larger than that of a typewriter. The keys operate with a very light touch.

The Linotype machine doesn't set actual type, but assembles a line of brass matrices, each engraved with a letter in taglio. This line is presented to melted metal by the machine, which flows into the indentations of the letters, and molds the type on the edge of a lead slug. This slug thus composes a line of type, such as any of the lines of this story.

Composition on the machine is rapid, the slugs are easy to handle, and the machine has eliminated the extra work, as formerly, of placing the individual type characters back into their proper cases when the day's paper has been printed.

The machine is operated from its keyboard on the same principle as the typewriter. Mounted above the keyboard is a magazine containing matrices (which mold the letters). Each of these occupies a separate channel, with one channel for each letter of type character.

**Lines Are Assembled**  
Operation of the keys causes the matrices to fall, and assemble into lines, the words being separated by wedge-like devices called spacebands. Upon pressure of a lever, the assembled line of matrices is carried to a casting device which casts the slug.

The slug drops into the galley which holds it, and the matrices that cast the letters in the line then are carried back to the magazine slots from which they were drawn, in readiness for use again.

The automatic nature of the Linotype makes it possible for the three operations of composing the line, casting it, and re-distribution of the matrices to be carried on all at one time.

A correction in a line necessitates recasting the entire line.

### Mexico City Water Plan Near Completion

MEXICO CITY — (AP) — The federal government has announced that 30,000,000 pesos (\$6,000,000) would be spent this year to complete work on the Lerma River project which will bring drinking water to this thirsty capital.

The government has been digging a tunnel through the mountains for several years. Preliminary work is expected to be completed next July.

J. E. (Bob) Hill has been a director of the Midland Chamber of Commerce more than 35 years.

### Publisher



James N. Allison is publisher of The Reporter-Telegram, which he purchased in 1940 after coming from the Midwest where he was with The Associated Press 14 years. Progress has been the watchword of the newspaper under Allison's leadership and great strides in improvement and expansion have been made.

## Four Telephone Lines To Paper, And Own System

It's not hard to telephone The Reporter-Telegram now. Four trunk lines into the newspaper are the reasons why. Your chances are double what they once were.

Formerly, conversations frequently were held up going into or coming out of the newspaper office because lines were busy. The two additional trunk lines reduce these holdups appreciably.

The number to call is 3000, since the operator will automatically switch to one of the other lines if 3000 is busy.

There are 17 separate phones in the new plant, making one handy to all staff members. This system of phones operates from a central reception from which in-com calls are routed. Various departments and staff members have inter-office numbers and there is an inter office dial system.

## Reporter-Telegram Has Correspondents In Cities Of Area

The Reporter-Telegram has correspondents in five Permian Basin cities who each day write and send in news happenings from their respective communities.

They are Mrs. Maud Green, Kermit; Mrs. J. Lee West, McCombs; Mrs. R. A. Bennett, Stanton; Mrs. Tom Workman, Rankin; and Mrs. W. M. Stacy and Mrs. Joan Crowover, Crane.

Interesting news items and stories—social, city, school, county and business—are carried daily in The Reporter-Telegram under dateline of the correspondents' cities.

### CARE USED ON TICKLISH TOPICS

HOLLYWOOD — (AP) — Ticklish topics are due for more realistic treatment in future movies. "The Judge's Wife" tackles mercy killing, and "The Pitfall" deals with cheating husbands. Both had skirmishes with the Johnson office.

## Newspaper Has Its Peculiarities Of Language As Do All Professions

Every profession has its peculiarities of language, and the newspaper business is no exception.

A few newspaper expressions, and slang of the trade follow: Thirty usually written (30) by reporters at the end of each story to signify the end—between 15 and 16 originated when telegraphers sent news in dispatches, and a mark used by him to signify he was through sending.

Kill—leave out. Don't publish. Said of a line, ad, word, or anything.

Mat—matrix in full, is an impression in cardboard of a cut (engraving) a drawing, or type which can be cast into a metal cylinder. The cylinder goes on the press to print the paper.

Art—term for illustrations in the paper.

Pix—another term for a picture. Pic also.

Hop—when a story is continued from one page to another it is said to be "hopped." Also referred to as "jump."

PI—page one (the front page). Fly leaf—a single leaf in the paper; not a section of four pages.

Beat or run—the rounds of places a reporter makes searching for news.

Copy—a general term referring to all written material which goes into the paper, whether ads or stories.

Copy paper—what straight matter is written on, usually being cut to letter size from newsprint paper for use by the staff.

Dummy—a sheet of 8 1-2x11 inches and ruled proportionately into columns on which ads, pictures and stories are "dummed" as a guide to the makeup man.

"Washed up"—what the reporter says when he's finished writing the stories in a particular assignment.

"Put to bed"—when the last piece of "copy" has been sent to the composing room on an edition.

Sidebar—a side-light story connected with a major straight news event.

Slug—metal strip on which type is cast; as a verb, "to slug" to give the story a dateline or write at the top of the story instructions for the printers, also "guide line."

Annie Oakley—free press.

Slot-and-rim—the editorial section devoted to editing and heading copy.

Sob sister—woman reporter.

Set—word meaning that material should be printed as originally written before markouts or changes were made.

Deadline—the precise minute after which not one line can be gotten in a particular edition.

R. L. Dupuy, 67, a resident of Midland for 30 years, died Oct. 15, 1937.

The Reporter-Telegram for many years published from this location at 112 West Missouri Street before moving to its new and modern newspaper building at the corner of Main and Illinois Streets. Keeping pace with an evergrowing Midland necessitated an expansion program to provide added space and additional modern equipment.

## Newspaper History Shows Growth And Progress In Midland

By TANNER LAINE  
Volume XIX, Number 305 of The Reporter-Telegram came flowing out of a Duplex tubular press at the machine-gun rate of 20,000 copies an hour, today, 1948.

Volume II, Number 8 of The Staked Plain was hand-set and hand-printed on an old type press with much stomping and cussing, at the rate of maybe five copies per hour, in 1886.

These newspapers, the first and the present, were printed at the very same site in Midland—62 years apart. And there is a lot of newspaper history in between.

It's a story of growth, a development with Midland.

Midland's first newspaper was The Staked Plain. Its publisher was J. C. (Judge) Rathbun. Location of the plant was on North Main Street, exactly where the present Reporter-Telegram plant stands.

Rathbun and his wife put out the paper. Their plant and office combined was in a one-story, long wooden building in which also were located other tenants. A copy of the Staked Plain is preserved in the Midland County Museum. From it can be learned the newspaper was started in 1885 the year Midland County was organized.

At random, a couple of items gleaned from the first newspaper in Midland, read: "The cowboys had a busy time with the cattle Tuesday night on account of the storm but none was lost." "The El Paso Times is the only West Texas paper publishing Associated Press dispatches." There were display ads on the front page of The Staked Plain.

The classified ad section announced a few sections of land near town for sale cheap. J. H. Barron Dry Goods Store had an ad. T. B. Wadley was advertised as salesman at Midland, Texas, of rough and dressing lumber. National advertising boomed the merits of patent medicines and bitters.

Field correspondents sent in news. The tax evaluation of Midland County was listed as \$1,069,105. James H. Barklay, barber and hair dresser, advertised a first-class bathroom in connection.

Cockney Accent Style  
How long The Staked Plain as such was published is not known exactly. There are reports of a newspaper here called "The Eye-Opener" and another paper, The Midland Gazette, was published by A. Rawlings, an Englishman, somewhere near the turn of the century. Some say that Rawling's Gazette, was printed in much the style of the publisher's cockney accent. It was printed on an old George Washington-type hand press.

Another early newspaper in Midland was "The Gusher," published by the late Calvin Noble.

When the Examiner came out, Watson changed his paper to Midland Reporter, dropping the livestock. And he went from five to six columns. The Examiner changed hands many times. One of its purchasers was A. C. Parker, pastor of the First Christian Church.

Another early newspaper in Midland was "The Gusher," published by the late Calvin Noble.

Watson Published On  
Still another early newspaper was The Midland Gazette. It was published weekly by H. Rawlings. And a copy of it is in the museum here. This copy is Volume II, Number 12, May 5, 1905. A news item says:

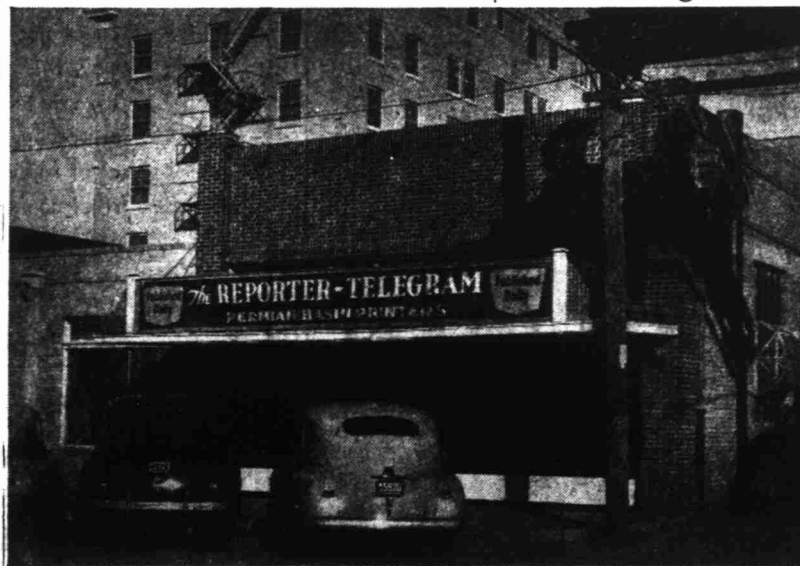
"Edd M. Whitaker made a business trip to Streetwater this week. Another item read: 'Clu. McGonigal is in from the ranch.' Advertisers included: N. W. Ellis, undertaker and embalmer, 'best line of coffins and caskets in the West'; Elliott and Finlayson, Grocery; and classified ad which read: 'we will sell you the east half of Block 164 Southern Addition for \$25 in cash.' Lost or strayed cattle were advertised by 'J. J. Yarnor brought in a bobcat scalp and received bounty on same. The animal was killed in John Cowden's orchard.'

Newspapers came and went but Watson published on. His paper oftentimes absorbed Rawlings and others as seen by his Midland Reporter and Gazette-Examiner of November 15, 1918, Volume XXIII, Number 6, a copy of which is in the museum.

The banner headline of the November 15, 1918 Midland Reporter, of course, was about "Midland's Celebration of the Armistice." The story said "joy of the heart was given in free reign." There was a meeting at the corner of Main and Wall Streets. Some of the advertisers in this issue were: Everybody's Store, Midland National Bank, Rockwell Brothers, Burton-Lingo Company, C. A. Taylor and Son, First National Bank, Wadley-Patterson Dry Goods and Department Store, Liano Barber Shop. Professional men list included: Dr. L. G. Pemberton, dentist; Dr. J. F. Haley, physician; B. Frank Hays, lawyer; J. V. Pilska, was the town blacksmith and Walter Jarden its plumber.

Started First Daily  
Said the masthead of the Midland Reporter: "Printers of anything typographical, the official organ of both Midland County and City of Continued On Page Eleven

## Former Home Of The Reporter-Telegram



## Newspaper Must Have A 'Morgue'

The Reporter-Telegram has a "morgue."

"The morgue" is so called because during the infancy of the newspaper business, plates of people were kept together, and when someone died the paper went to this place to get out the plate to run.

Morgues have become more complete and complicated as newspaper services have improved.

Plates, or cuts, of course, still are used, and there are thousands of them in the steel filing cabinets at The Reporter-Telegram.

Countless scores of pictures of men and women prominent in politics, sports, business, science and other fields are available instantly for use. These plates are furnished by various news picture agencies in the form of mats (cardboard impressed with the surface of a cut) and from which a cut can be quickly cast by the stereotype department of the paper.

And The Reporter-Telegram has hundreds of local mats and cuts. A card and index-number system enables the news department to find quickly any cut desired.

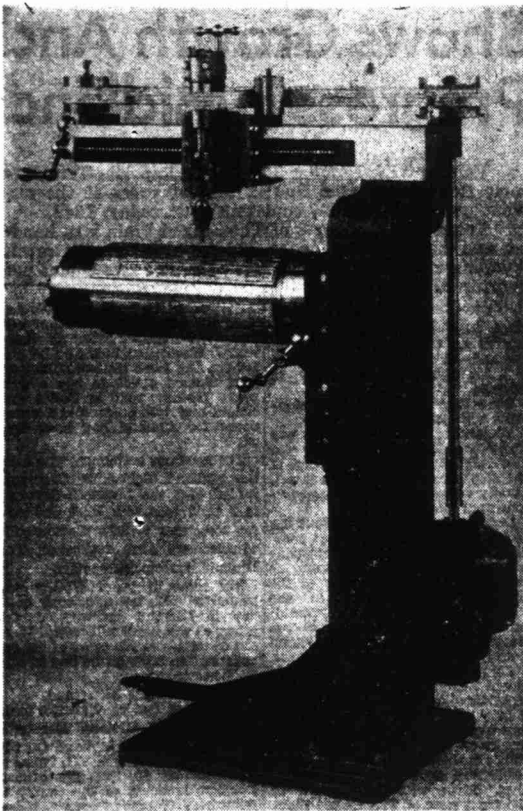
### Reporter-Telegrams Flow From New Press



Your Reporter-Telegram now is printed on a new 16-page Duplex Tubular press, the latest type of printing equipment for newspapers of comparable size. The new press was installed and placed in service last month. It was manufactured by the Duplex Division of the Goss Printing Press Company in Battle Creek, Mich. The press is two plates wide and has a high-speed folder. Reporter-Telegrams flow from this press at the rate of 20,000 per hour. A 30-horsepower motor powers the press. It has a smaller starting motor and a third motor operates the hydraulic brakes.



**Straight-Line Router**



In the stereotyping department of The Reporter-Telegram is a Duplex straight-line tubular router, a machine especially designed for the strength and rigidity. The working side is entirely free from obstruction of view and the operator can see what he is doing at all times. The control mechanism for travel and cutting is especially designed for accuracy and delicacy in operation. The entire machine is of the finest workmanship and finish.

**Plymouth Oil Company President Says Possibilities Of Area Unlimited**

By W. S. HALLANAN  
President Plymouth Oil Company

PITTSBURGH, PA.—I am pleased to have this opportunity to extend congratulations to The Midland Reporter-Telegram upon the formal opening of its new and modern newspaper plant. This is evidence that The Reporter-Telegram is keeping abreast of the remarkable development which is reflected in the unusual, although sound, growth of Midland and surrounding communities.

It is our opinion that in its great need for new sources of crude oil to safeguard the national defense and to keep the wheels of industry and transportation turning, America must look to the deeper formations of West Texas for a large share of its new reserves.

National Safety  
It is entirely possible that the country around Midland may hold the key to our national safety. It

**Rural Electric Co-Op Is Fast Growing Concern**

By O. R. BRYAN  
Manager Cap Rock Rural Electric Cooperative

One of the fastest-growing institutions in the Midland area is the Cap Rock Electric Cooperative, Inc. In Midland County alone it has expanded service to rural consumers of electricity from 20 in 1941 to 189 in January, 1948, and service is expected to be extended to 38 more members during the year.

The cooperative was organized in 1940, with headquarters in Stanton. A loan of \$144,000 was obtained from the Rural Electrification Administration to build 172 miles of line serving 325 rural consumers in Midland, Martin and Howard Counties. Serves Eight Counties

Since that time, the cooperative has borrowed from the REA \$1,035,000 and has built 850 miles of rural electric line extending throughout Midland, Martin, Howard, Borden, Glasscock, Dawson, Andrews and Ector Counties, serving a total of 1,712 consumers.

From the beginning, the cooperative has paid all principal and interest payments and in 1947 paid an advance of \$10,000. At present the cooperative has 250 miles of additional poles up, ready for cable, and by the end of this year officials expect approximately 350 miles of line will have been added to serve 625 more farms and ranches in the territory.

Among recent equipment additions is a two-way radio communicating system which enables officials to dispatch nearest repair crews at on-site areas needing immediate attention.

**Reporter-Telegram Motor Trucks Serve Cities Of Wide Area**

The Reporter-Telegram maintains two half-ton panel trucks to expedite the delivery of newspapers to its readers in the Permian Basin area.

When the press begins to roll, the trucks are ready at the circulation room door to transport newspapers to nearby cities. They carry bundles to Andrews, North Cowden, Mabee Ranch, TXL, Goldsmith, Kermit, Wink, Wickett, Monahan, Crane, McCamey, Rankin and other points of the area.

The trucks are kept in tip-top condition to avoid delays.

Agents Deliver Newspapers  
Drivers are trained in the laws of the road and in courtesy. Each day the trucks may be seen on the highways of this area.

At each stop, agents are assigned to deliver the newspapers in the communities so the drivers will not be delayed on their routes.

The circulation department is responsible for all delivery work and keeps a representative traveling in the area to assure good service by all agents and employees of The Reporter-Telegram to its thousands of readers in the Permian Basin.

Other cities and communities of the area are served by buses and private automobiles of agents.

Billy Don Smith was the first baby of 1944 in Midland.

**Modern Study Club Dates Back To 1925 And The Mother's Club**

The Modern Study Club, one of the oldest study groups in Midland, was organized April 25, 1925 under the title, The Mother's Club.

Organized in the home of Mrs. Rube Clayton, Mrs. C. M. Goldsmith was named first president of the group which selected as its original study course the "development of the child," literature for children, music as an aid to child development, and the "definition of true obedience and methods of securing it."

Mrs. Goldsmith, in 1925, was assisted by the following officers: Mrs. P. J. Mims, first vice president; Mrs. A. B. Coleman, second vice president; Mrs. R. V. Lawrence, recording secretary; Mrs. Fred Wemple, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Ellis Cowden, musical director.

Painting, Furniture For MHS  
Tracing the group's early history, one finds that it joined the State Federation in 1926, followed by a change of name in 1928—at this time, it became known as the Mother's Culture Club—a name under which it continued until 1936. The group joined the General Federation in 1929.

Early projects of the club included the donating of a painting and dining room furniture to Midland High School.

The Modern Study Club, in September of 1946, commemorated its 25th anniversary with a "silver" tea.

No original members appear on the club's present roster, but the

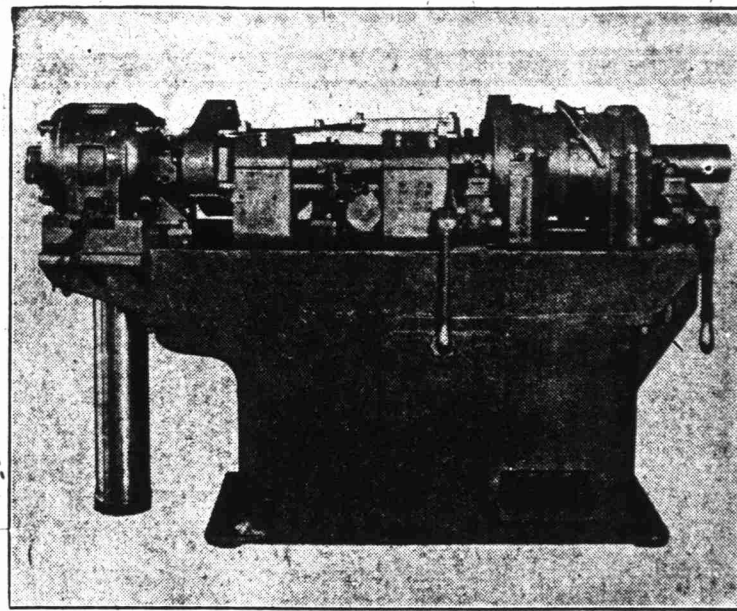
organization continues to develop under the present leadership of Mrs. M. S. Dickerson, assisted by the following officers: Mrs. Kenneth Slough, vice president; Mrs. Ivan Hood, recording secretary; Mrs. A. C. Bulnes, corresponding secretary; Mrs. J. M. Devereux, treasurer; Mrs. F. R. Schenck, parliamentarian; and Mrs. J. W. Carroll, reporter.

In study courses, the club has not strayed far from the intentions of the original members, for this year's study is entitled "Building A Better American Family," and achievements throughout this year have been highlighted by donations to the Dunbar Branch Library and to the Memorial Hospital Fund—achievement for both the club and a progressing Midland.

The Midland Reporter-Telegram's advertising layout style is in pyramid, this style having been tested and approved as the best for reader convenience and appeal. In this type layout, the ads are pyramided up the page, with the result that reading matter and ads are placed together more closely than is possible in any other style of layout.

The oldest dancing club in Midland is the Minuet Club.

**Plate Finishing Machine**



The tubular plate, after it is cast, is placed in this combination plate finishing machine in the stereotyping department of The Reporter-Telegram's new plant. At one operation, this machine trims off spare metal, bevels both ends and shaves the inner surface, turning out the finished plate. The entire operation requires only a few seconds, as the processes are performed simultaneously.

**The success of a community is measured by the progress of its major institutions**



The Midland Reporter-Telegram's new plant is an example of the kind of progress that is leading this community to success. When old, established business institutions have such faith and confidence in a community it is a sure sign that this community's growth is on a sound basis.

**A progressive newspaper is vital for a progressive community**

Performing a multitude of services which could not be accomplished in any other way, Midland's own newspaper is leading the way to greater community progress and prosperity. A loyal citizen and proud booster of Midland, our local newspaper is our chief connection with the outside world. It

is a messenger of neighborliness throughout our trade territory. It is the champion of all worthwhile civic enterprises. Yes, our newspaper is vital for a progressive community, and Midland is indeed fortunate to have such a modern, progressive newspaper.

It is with pride and pleasure that we join all Midland in saluting The Reporter-Telegram on the formal opening of its fine new plant.

**T. E. Neely Agency**  
Crawford Hotel Bldg. Phone 1850



Yes, we are happy to have played a part in the Program of Progress of Midland and its trade area for the past 20 years. We shall continue to do so by providing high-grade foodstuffs . . . the best agency of Good Health for community expansion.

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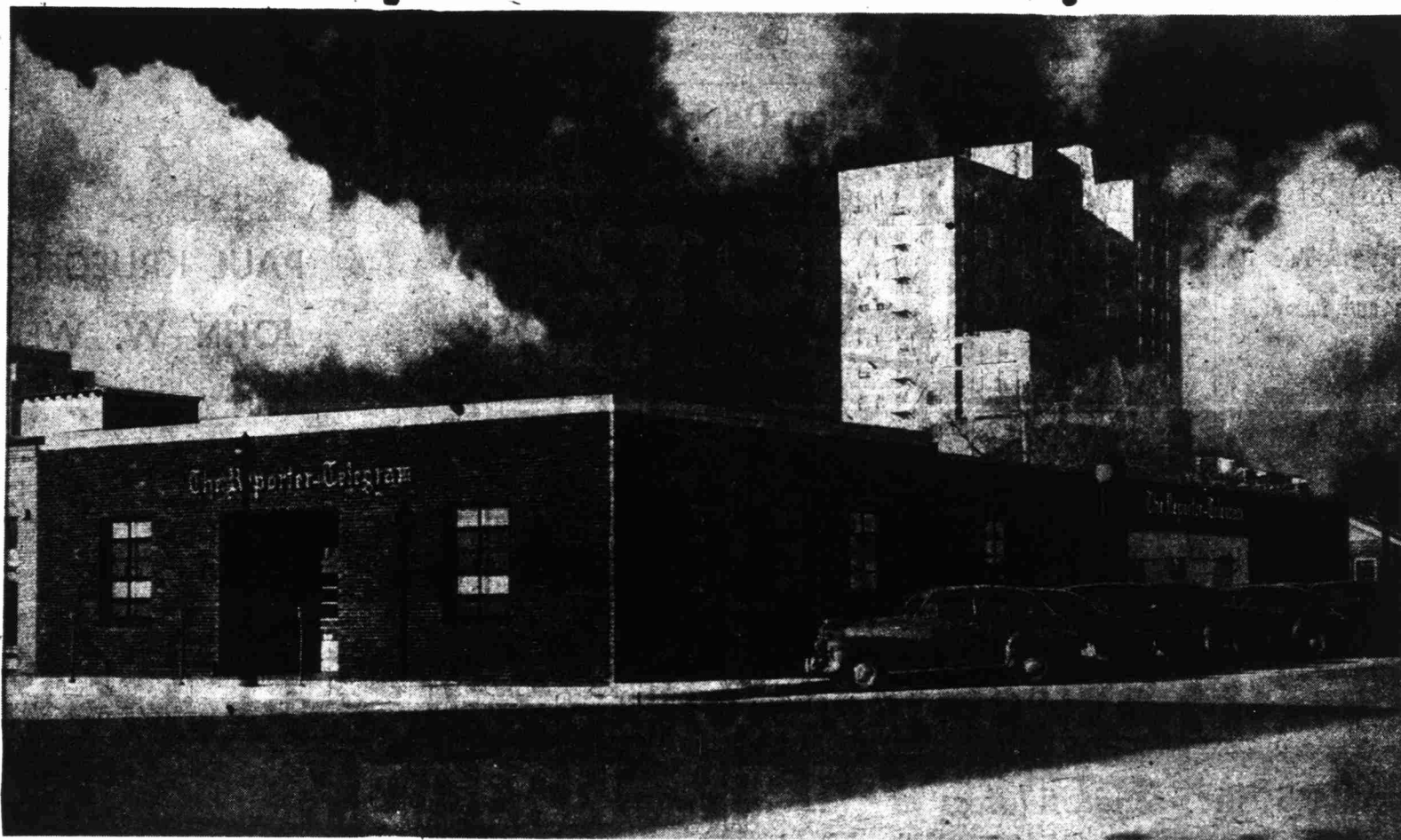
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# YES, FELIX STONEHOCKER ERECTED THE MODERN, STREAMLINED REPORTER-TELEGRAM BUILDING

Here's The New  
*Reporter-Telegram*



We point with pride to these  
other buildings erected by us:

- ★ **W. W. VIRTUE DRY GOODS**  
201 N. Main
- ★ **CECIL KINGS FINE FOOD**  
416 W. Texas
- ★ **DUNLAP'S**  
117 N. Main
- ★ **SHEPARD ROOFING CO.**  
204 S. Main
- ★ **STANLEY'S Humble Station**  
111 E. Front

We don't say this boastfully . . . but, we do say it proudly for we believe that all Midland can point with pride to the New Home of The Reporter-Telegram. This is one of the most modern and best arranged newspaper plants in the entire state of Texas. Thanks to the owner, nothing was spared in building this fine building . . . it insisted upon the finest materials and workmanship. It's faith in the future of Midland is well defined in the type of plant erected.

To The Reporter-Telegram and its staff we offer our sincere congratulations and best wishes for a prosperous future. Attend their open house and see one of the biggest assets which Midland has — an outstanding newspaper.

We point with pride to these  
other buildings erected by us:

- ★ **FURR'S SUPER MARKETS**  
411 W. Texas
- ★ **PLAMOR PALACE**  
211 W. Wall
- ★ **H & H FOOD STORE**  
605 W. Texas
- ★ **KCRS RADIO STATION**
- ★ **Williamson & Green Feed Store**  
115 S. Baird

# FELIX W. STONEHOCKER

GENERAL CONTRACTOR



Reporter-Telegram Carriers And Sales Boys

Cold Drink, Coke Always Available

MANY TYPEWRITERS USED IN NEWSPAPER OFFICES

A cold drink of water or a cold bottled Coca Cola is within a few steps of staff members of The Reporter-Telegram.

The plant has three drinking fountains, electrically cooled, and two Coca Cola dispensers.

One of the fountains is in the main office and another is in the composing room.

Newboys have their own Coca Cola dispenser and fountain.

Twenty-one typewriters are used in the news, advertising and business departments of The Reporter-Telegram. Many of the machines recently were purchased new and all are kept in excellent condition.

Clarence Scharbauer, Sr., beloved cattleman, civic leader, banker and citizen Number One, died Oct. 2, 1942.

L. C. Proctor, 78, rancher and father of Leonard and Foy Proctor, died June 11, 1937. He came to Midland in 1907.

Mrs. T. W. Embrey, 87, Midland resident 34 years, died Nov. 26, 1941.

Reporter-Telegram Mat Service Aids Advertisers

Almost any product a Midland firm wants to sell, from hot water bottles to refrigerators, can be illustrated in Reporter-Telegram advertisements.

This is made possible through the newspaper's subscription to a national "mat" service. The Metro Newspaper Service of New York regularly sends the Reporter-Telegram's advertising department huge books of illustrations, and for each illustration there is an accompanying "mat." Mats are cardboard impressions which, when they are used as molds, reproduce in lead the illustration form which they were originally made. These lead casts, made in the Reporter-Telegram shop, are then used in making the final layout desired by the advertiser.

Artists Serve Merchants

Thus, accomplished illustrations artists, if you please—serve merchants who advertise in the newspaper.

A two-year supply of the mats are kept on file in the Reporter-Telegram office, and when a member of the advertising staff wishes an appropriate illustration for an advertisement he merely looks up the illustration in the Metro guide book, selects the mat, and lays out the ad.

In addition to this service, Reporter-Telegram advertising men constantly study special magazines

dealing with display ideas, trends of public demand, and results of scientifically conducted surveys showing methods of advertising which are most successful.

In this way, Reporter-Telegram ad men are able to back their own training and experience with nationally-proved and accepted advertising methods, and are able to enlist the most highly paid talent in getting their clients' messages across to the public.

First Grid Team Fielded in 1912

Midland fielded its first football team in 1912. There were 11 players and one substitute.

The team downed Big Spring, 38 to 0.

Members included: Leonard Proctor, Foy Proctor, John V. Francis, Fletcher Terry, Bascom Terry, Gene Burkett, L. B. Pemberton, Irl Hix, Oliver Fannin, John Allen, Fred Collins and John Collins.

Spence Jowell, 68, pioneer cattleman who once took some cowboys to South America to stage rodeos, died May 27, 1942. He came to Midland in 1886.

Frank L. Williams, 76, a Midland resident 33 years, died January 3, 1939.



More than 40 boys and young men, salesmen and businessmen in their own rights, distribute copies of The Reporter-Telegram throughout the City of Midland. The boys purchase their newspapers at wholesale for distribution to customers, handling their own collections and other business dealings. Most of the carriers and salesboys are pictured above with R. Russell, left, circulation manager, and Herschel Parkis, right, assistant circulation manager. The Reporter-Telegram has 33 regular routes in the city. Between 15 and 25 salesboys are on the streets with the newspaper each week day afternoon and Sunday morning.

Secret Of How Type Comes Out To Fit Each Page

One of the things what frequently perplexes people outside the newspaper business is how it comes out each day with just the amount of type to fill each page.

There are several ways of accomplishing this.

Long stories from the front page are "jumped" to another page.

Many three, four or five-line, or longer short stories are set and held in readiness to fill in a short column.

"Fillers"—such as "Meteors travel at the rate of about 100,000 miles an hour"—are used.

A paragraph or two may be cut here and there, if necessary.

Or the man making up the pages into type may "lead" the lines in a column to "stretch" it. This is done by inserting thin "rules" of lead between the lines of type. It is known as "justifying."

(Just to illustrate the principle, this story could have as well been killed just before it got to this paragraph.)

A Christmas present to the citizens of Midland in 1939 was an iron lung given by Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Cowden. This was one of two iron lungs to be found anywhere in West Texas.

Circulation Department Has Big Job To Do Every Day

It takes a lot of work to get out a newspaper. Frequently a single copy of the Reporter-Telegram contains as many words as a full-length novel.

But after the paper is printed, a big job has yet to be done. The paper must be delivered to readers.

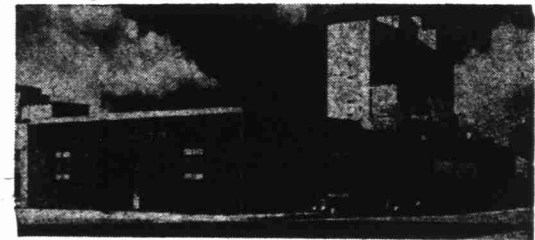
The Reporter-Telegram's circulation department, headed by R. Russell, goes into action as soon as the press begins whirling "out each day's paper. As the papers come off the folder they are handed into the mailing room, where they are bundled and wrapped for mailing, given route men for door-step delivery, or assigned to newsboys for street sales.

Utmost speed and accuracy are goals of the circulation department, just as in other departments of the newspaper.

In the circulation department are to be found the youngest businessmen in Midland. Boys who have routes or who sell papers on the street are actually sold papers at wholesale prices, and then they sell their papers to readers, making a set margin of profit. All basic business elements, on a small scale, are presented in these operations, and many a youth has learned business principles while delivering papers on a route—selling, collecting, keeping records, managing his affairs so as to show a profit from each day's work.

Assisting Russell in the circulation are Herschel Parkis, assistant manager; Fred Fromhold, who travels among adjacent communities, seeing that Reporter-Telegram deliveries are properly made, taking new subscriptions, and so forth; Charles Goodwin and Leland Brashear, out-of-town delivery men; Walter Trent, Walter Lynch, Leroy Collyar and Thomas Palmer, independent merchants who deliver to large areas of the city; some 15 other carriers, boys who have their own routes but whose routes are smaller than those of the adult, independent merchants; and 15 to 25 newsboys who sell on the streets.

J. W. Collins, Midland dairyman, was killed when his truck was struck by a train, Oct. 23, 1941. He had resided here 15 years.



With Best Wishes For Continued Progress and Expansion



PAUL KRUEGER  
JOHN W. WEBB

Congratulations AND BEST WISHES

to the publishers of The Reporter-Telegram on the completion and formal opening of its

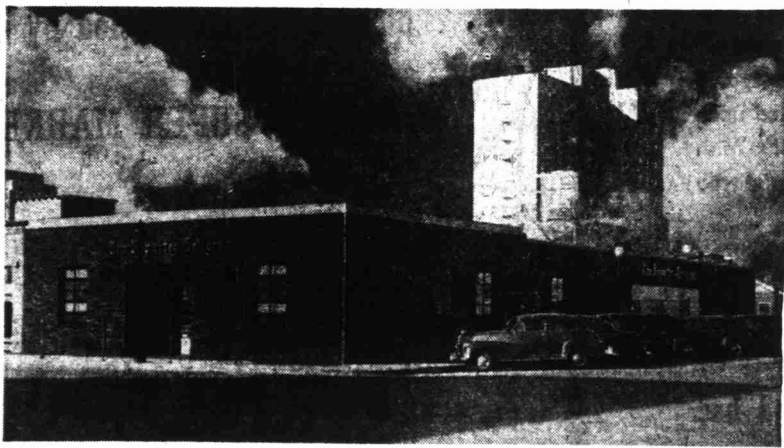
NEW BUILDING!

We are proud to have done the glass work on this fine building!

SERVICE GLASS CO.

306 N. Weatherford Phone 2432

CHAMBERS, Inc. congratulates  
The REPORTER-TELEGRAM  
UPON THE COMPLETION  
OF ITS NEW BUILDING



Chambers, Inc., salutes this fine newspaper, The Midland Reporter-Telegram, so integral a part of this progressive city . . . and is proud to be a part of Midland's daily life and activity.

Chambers, Inc.  
BUILDING SUPPLIES & SERVICE



Colorado and Front St.

Phone 367

Congratulations

To

Publisher James N. Allison

and

Entire Staff of

The Midland Reporter-Telegram

on the opening of your modern newspaper-plant which is in keeping with the progress of Midland and West Texas, the oil center of the world.

C. H. Leonard

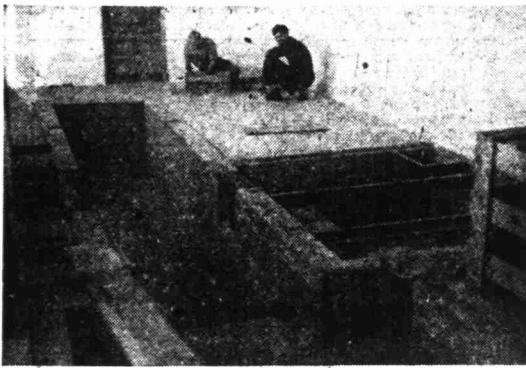
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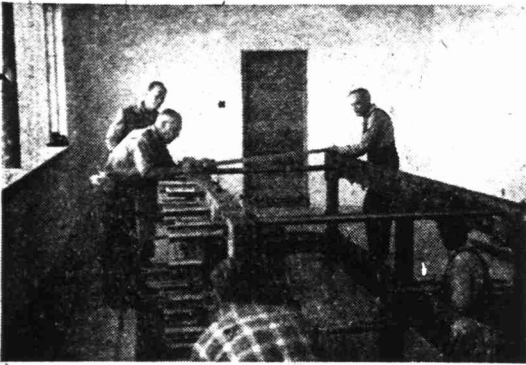
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# New Reporter-Telegram Tubular Press Is Installed



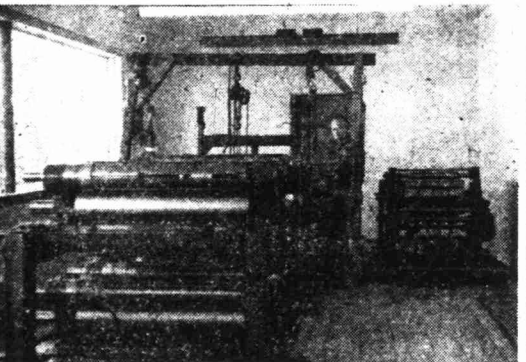
The made-to-measure concrete pit in the press room of the new Reporter-Telegram building is readied for the installation of the new 16-page tubular press, Midland's first modern rotary newspaper printing equipment.



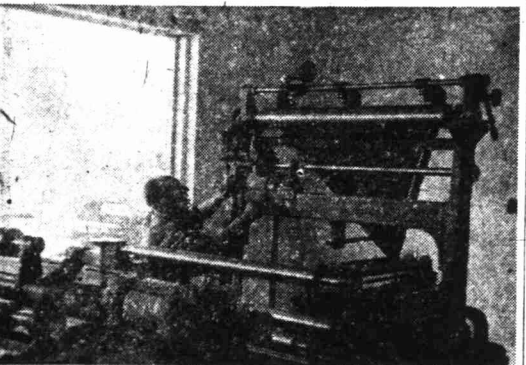
Erectors from the Duplex Printing Press Company factory, aided by Reporter-Telegram employees, put the framework of the press in place.



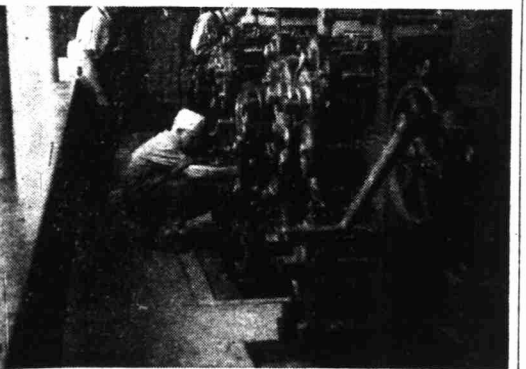
The assembling job progresses as rollers, gears and other parts are installed on the frame. The press was made and assembled in Battle Creek, Mich., where a test run was made. It then was dismantled, the parts numbered, and shipped to Midland for re-assembly in the Reporter-Telegram press room.



The folder, right background, is ready to be put in place at the front end of the big press.



Adjustments are made on the paper former which is in place directly above the folding and cutting equipment.



Final adjustments are made to the completely assembled press before a trial run is made. The press was shipped to Midland in two railroad freight cars. Its capacity is 20,000 16-page papers an hour.

## Hot Metal Is Center Of New Process For Printing Newspaper

In the room in the northwest corner of The Reporter-Telegram Building is the stereotyping department and in this department is a large pot of molten metal. It contains more than 3,000 pounds of lead which never cools. This metal is used to cast tubular plates which go on the new Duplex press to print the newspaper.

Each of these tubular plates prints a page of the newspaper and weighs almost 50 pounds. The stereotype department, whose work centers around the molten metal, is brand new at The Reporter-Telegram because of the difference in method of printing used by the new press and that used by the old press, which was sold when the new building was occupied.

### More Efficient Process

On the old press, type was locked in a steel frame to form the newspaper page. This frame was put on the press, and the type came

directly in contact with the paper. The bed that held it was flat, and for that reason it was known as a flatbed press. It printed only eight pages at a time, and because of its design was necessarily slow—2600 eight-page papers an hour.

The new press prints more than 20,000 16-page papers an hour. The stereotyping department makes this speed possible by making the plates which go on the press.

The department's work begins when the composing room finishes locking a page-in-type into a steel frame, called a chase.

The chase goes to a mat machine, and a mat (similar to a heavy piece of cardboard the size of the page) is laid over it. Padding is placed over the smooth mat, and a roller, exerting great pressure, is rolled across. This indents the surface of each letter, or the engravings that may be on

the page, into the mat. This may be picked up and read much as a newspaper, but its journey to becoming a newspaper has just begun.

The mat is sent to the stereotyping department to go through the processing on the heavy, expensive machinery which casts the plate.

First, the mat's corners are trimmed square on a big trimming board. The high spots on it between letters and elsewhere then are marked down with a metal point.

It is placed on a table where strips of packing are placed at various places on the back to bring up different parts of the surface.

Then it goes to the scorcher where it is heated to a high temperature to set the shape.

It next is placed in a casting pot—in effect, a mold—and 50 pounds of metal from the 3,000

pound supply from the big pot is pumped in.

Thus the plate that goes on the press is cast, but at this stage still more remains to be done before it is a finished product.

It now is lifted to the finishing machine which saws off the edges of the metal and it is cooled.

Then it goes to the "block" where trimming and finishing are carried out.

The plate now is complete—a tubular size page in and upon whose surface have been cast the type-characters which print the page.

## Ludlow Machine Casts Type For Heads And Ads

Among the modern equipment in The Reporter-Telegram's new building is a Ludlow. Its job is to cast type and it practically is a type foundry.

It casts rapidly from molten metal almost any size of type wanted.

It sets display type for advertising, and the large type for the heads which go on stories.

The machine is waist-high and about half as wide as an office desk.

It has a sloping metal top, behind which is a pot containing melted typecasting metal. On the front of the machine un-

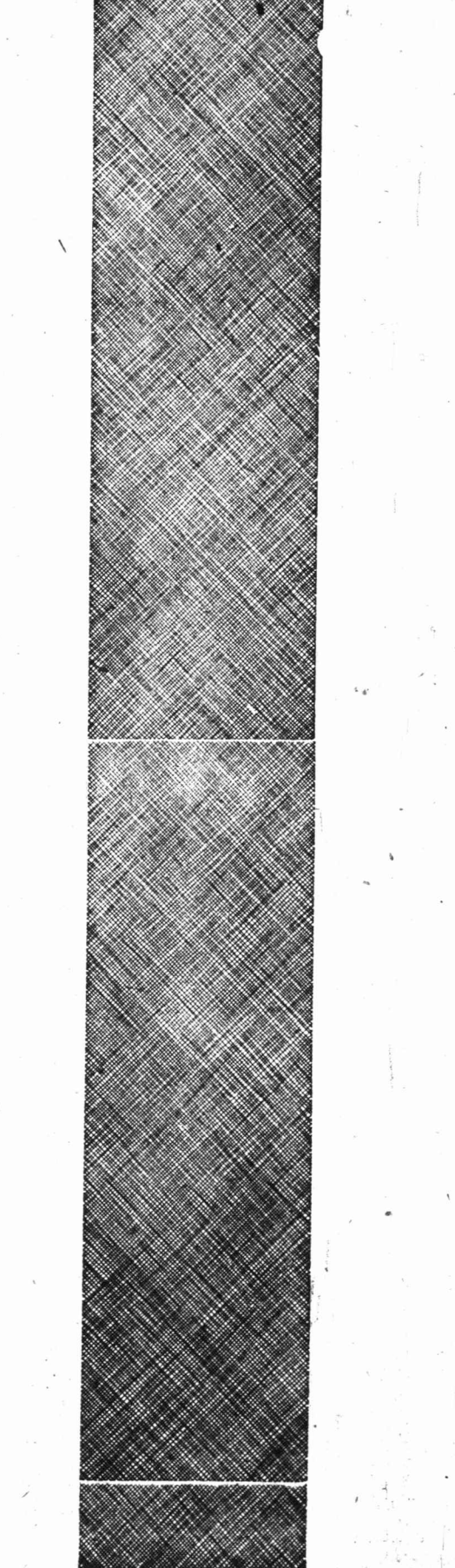
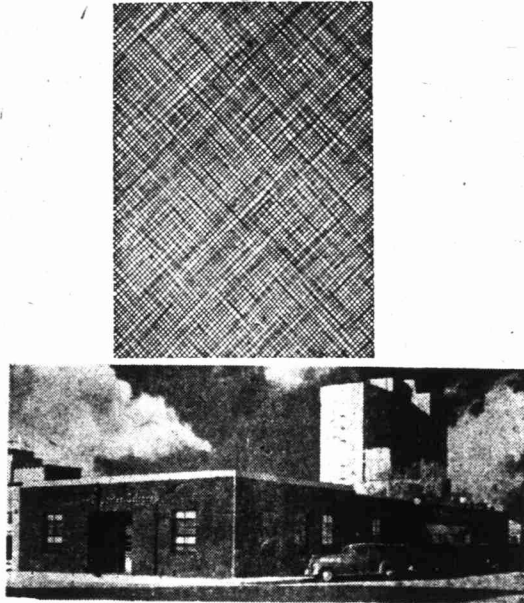
der the lip of the top is a slot where the line being cast is thrown out. On the right of the top is a flat wooden holder with slots into which the operator deposits each line after it is cast.

Large Supply of Molds  
The Ludlow draws for its type-casting from steel units containing matrices into whose surface the type face is cut.

These matrices, each bearing the indented imprint of a letter, are picked up to compose the line by the operator, who places them in a metal frame, known as a "stick."

The stick is placed in the machine, a lever pulled, and in about three seconds, the cast line is thrown out. The machine then is ready for another "stick."

Delta Pegasus Sewing Club was organized in 1941 with Mrs. John A. Sewell as president.



# To The

# Reporter-Telegram

There's been a heap of news since that day in 1886 when the first edition of your heritage appeared to the eyes of West Texans . . . when Main Street was just a sandy cowtrail and oil would have been an unknown topic of conversation on the ranches.

As each issue appeared the daily happenings in print have become the lore of our land, a story of the growth and development of Midland and its trading area . . . and The Reporter-Telegram became an important part in our daily lives without any of us realizing it at the moment.

So today we say to you: "Proud are we of the achievements of The Reporter-Telegram, your modern plant and equipment, your capable staff, and may your confidence in the future of Midland and its area be more than fulfilled by the events of days ahead."

**GRAMMER-MURPHEY**  
Women's Wear



News Editor

Circulation Manager



J. M. Ratcliff



E. R. Russell

# The Editorial And Advertising Departments

## Advertising Man Aid To Both Merchants And Readers

One of the most important parts in a newspaper organization is the advertising man.

This is true not only from the standpoint of the newspaper's revenue. The man who sells and lays out advertising copy renders a service which business cannot do without and which the public, too, actually needs.

Advertising is a vitally important commodity to those who have a product, a service or an idea to sell. All successful business establishments set aside a definite portion of their yearly budgets for advertising expense because their managers realize advertising is the most effective, economical means of reaching a great number of people with a sales message.

Standard of Living  
And the consuming public depends a great deal on advertising to help decide which products to buy and to provide information on new or improved goods on the American market.

It has been said that advertising has done as much anything else to elevate the American standard of living. This is because our high standard of living results largely from our intense development of mass production. Mass production is profitable, however only when a huge sales volume is maintained. And advertising, by building and buying urge among the American public, has made volume selling possible.

As an example, consider how much it costs to manufacture the first model of a new automobile—the investment may run into hundreds of thousands, perhaps millions of dollars. One of America's cheapest cars probably would cost \$10,000 or more, except for assembly-line production, gigantic distribution channels and mass de-

mand. Advertising helps create mass demand.

Without the advertising man, you'd have to go to considerable trouble to find what was playing at Midland movies, what goods were being sold at Midland stores, and other information you need every day.

Reporter - Telegram advertising men are not so much salesmen as they are helpers—helping Midland merchants tell customers what they have to offer, and helping readers learn what they may buy. The advertising man, like other merchants, has definite, valuable commodities for sale. His paper's prestige, its circulation and reader interest are behind the space he offers advertisers.

Indirectly, he also is selling success, too, because the profits from many a business are dependent on the effectiveness and extent of that business' advertising efforts.

R. S. (Bob) Brashears is advertising manager of The Reporter-Telegram. Members of his staff are Horace Busby, C. S. Jackson, W. E. Robiack, E. F. Payer, and Dorothy Watson.

### 'Isms' To Be Topic At School Meeting

LONGVIEW —(AP)— East Texas school officials have been called to meet "to discuss the encroachment of foreign ideologies in the schools of this country."

The meeting was called by Raymond I. Dillard of Mexia, president of the East Texas Chamber of Commerce, for March 4, at Palestine.

The announcement said another purpose of the meeting is to promote education for American citizenship among adult groups.

Galloway Calhoun of Tyler, chairman of the chamber's committee on education for citizenship, said a discussion of citizenship will be held.

## DAR Chapter Here Named For Colonial Ancestor Of Organizer

The Midland chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, a national patriotic organization, is called the Lt. William Brewer chapter, for the colonial ancestor of the organizing agent, Mrs. Earl Powell.

Mrs. Powell organized the chapter April 17, 1939, and the first meeting was held in the home of Mrs. H. C. Wheeler. Among the first officers was Mrs. Erle Payne. Charter members included Mrs. J. P. Butler, Mrs. Frank Cowden, Mrs. George Glass, Mrs. R. W. Hamilton, Edna Hannah, Mrs. W. C. Caldwell, Mrs. James Goodman, Mrs. Ben Smith, Mrs. John Robinson, Mrs. Jack Wilkinson, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Powell, Mrs. R. R. Porterfield, Mrs. J. I. Moore, Mrs. Tom Sealy, Mrs. John Perkins, Mrs. Payne and Mrs. Frank Elkin.

This patriotic organization—has throughout the years supported conservation of natural resources, correct use of the flag, good citizenship and student loan funds. The group's work has extended as far as Ellis Island where hospitals and occupational therapy are maintained for immigrants. The broad field of work also includes the filing and lending of papers of national importance.

The Lt. William Brewer chapter sends to the annual state meeting a high school girl to represent Midland and perhaps be chosen for the pilgrimage to Washington, D. C. This year's electee was Betty Joyce Gerald.

Present regent of the chapter is Mrs. Tom Sealy, who leads a group

of officers consisting of: Mrs. Charles Sherwood, first vice regent; Mrs. R. W. Hamilton, second vice regent; Mrs. Robert LeBlond, recording secretary; Mrs. Ben Golladay, treasurer; Mrs. C. L. Klapproth, chaplain; Mrs. Harvey Herd, registrar; Mrs. Nelson Puett, historian; and Mrs. John Perkins, corresponding secretary.

Mrs. T. B. Wadley, 83, who came to Midland in 1884, died Nov. 14, 1937. She was a leading worker in the First Christian Church.

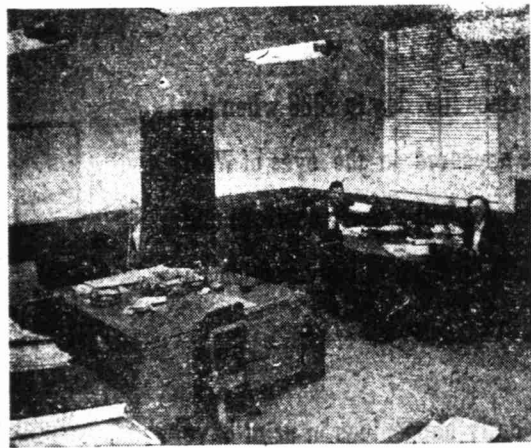
Mrs. Nancy Vest, 93, beloved pioneer woman of Midland, died May 30, 1939. She was a resident here for 51 years.

## Advertising Department Was Jammed



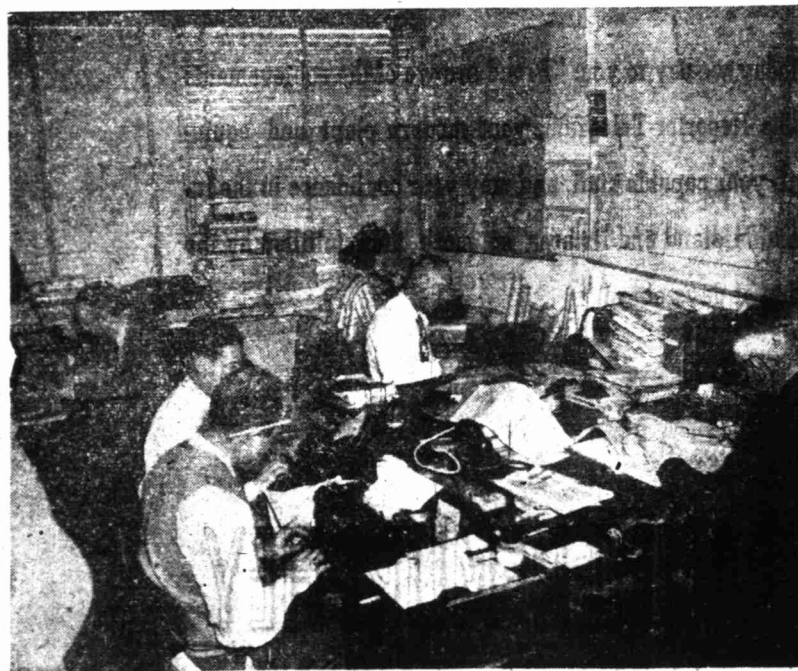
One very good reason for the new Reporter-Telegram Building was to provide ample space for the function of the newspaper. Here is shown the crowded condition of the business and advertising department in the old Reporter-Telegram building. Receptionists and classified advertising employees were jammed against the advertising department. Even the windows were piled high with materials of the departments in the old location.

## Accounting And Circulation



The accounting department of The Reporter-Telegram handles book-keeping of the firm, sends out the statements, pays the bills, and otherwise tends to the business. It keeps the accounts and a watchful eye on the business of each department. The job of circulation is well known. It gets the newspaper to you. Although the desk of the circulation manager is in the front office much of his work is with the newsboys and carriers in another section. However your subscriptions come in and also your calls for your paper when it does not arrive and so circulation is up front to greet you.

## Former News Room Bulged



The news room in the old Reporter-Telegram plant was bulging and overflowing. Shoulders of staff members practically rubbed. Desks were jammed together. Every nook or cranny was utilized for files and papers and they spilled over all areas of the desks. The noise of ringing phones and clinking typewriters was terrific. The song of the teletypes was not far away—too close in fact. It was a wonder you didn't get your oil, sports and livestock news all mixed up in one big story.

## Field Man



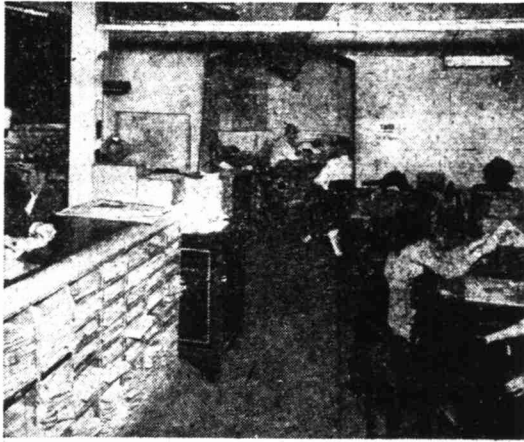
Fred Fromhold is the traveling representative of The Reporter-Telegram in the Permian Basin area served by the newspaper.

## Publisher Had Nook



Even the publisher was crowded in the former plant of The Reporter-Telegram. Here he is shown in conference with his credit manager, H. G. Orson. Their business at hand covers the small desk. In the background are files on top of files. The electric fan was necessary because the small office was located far back in a secluded nook of the building away from windows and the air conditioning.

## Desk Against Desk Against Table



It was desk against desk and table pushing table in the old Reporter-Telegram plant. Here is shown a sector of the front office at the former location. Right up against the file counter and reception desk was the classified ad department, which in turn was pushed against the society editor's desk and proofreader's place. And in the background is shown the bulging news room. Such was the general crowded condition before the new Reporter-Telegram.

## Hardly Room To Move



The carriers and the newsboys had little room to fold their papers in the circulation department of the former Reporter-Telegram Building. Paper stock took up much of their space. When all the boys crowded into the small room they could hardly move about to say the least to fix their papers. Here is shown that crowded circulation department room.

## This Is The Advertising Department



Couriers of prices and news of products, making it possible for you to sit at home and determine where to shop tomorrow, are The Reporter-Telegram advertising department members shown here. The department is set up for efficiency and effectiveness. Its desk are wide and roomy for laying out your ad in the best manner and style. In the foreground are the receptionists, who greet you or answer the telephone when you first call the newspaper. They accept classified ads.

## This Is The Editorial Department



Under the finest of lights, at new desks of steel, in surroundings spacious but streamlined, works the news or editorial department in the new Reporter-Telegram Building. Shown is this department at work. Through this department (the news room) flows the news of Midland, the state, the nation and the world. Personnel shown here are staff members. They write and edit the news which you read in your daily hometown newspaper.

## Publisher And Editor Are Near News Room



The office of the publisher and the editor are near the news department of The Reporter-Telegram in its new and modern building. From the wall on which is hung The Associated Press certificate of membership (above publisher's head) to the clinking teletype machines at the wall ending the department, a busy section.

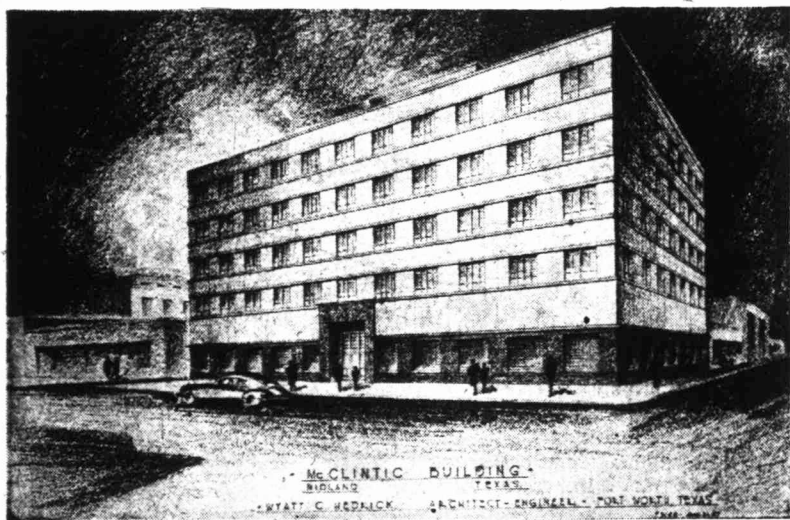


# SIGNS OF PROGRESS

## REFLECTING THE PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENT IN MIDLAND

### WE ARE PROUD OF THE CONFIDENCE PLACED IN US.....

and proud to have been chosen as architect by many of the leading establishments during the years Midland has made such splendid progress. It is, and always has been our aim to offer the best architectural and engineering service obtainable. It is our intention to continue to merit the confidence in the future development that is sure to come. Pictured below are a few of the buildings we designed . . .

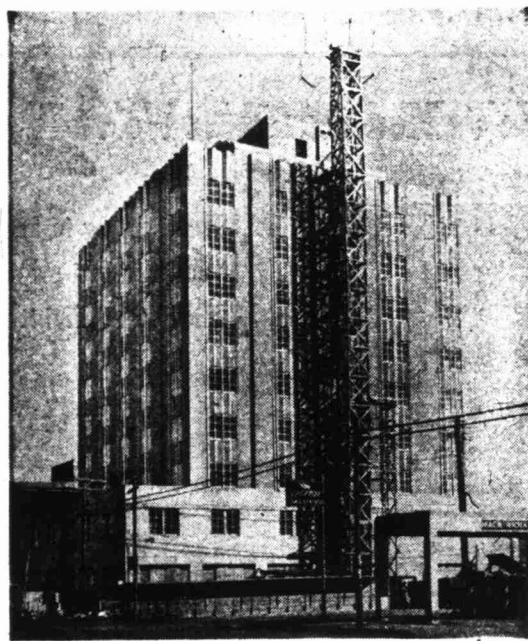


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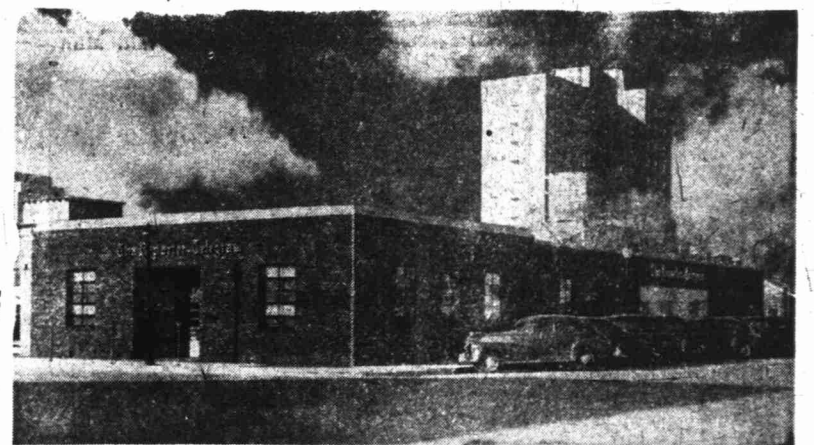
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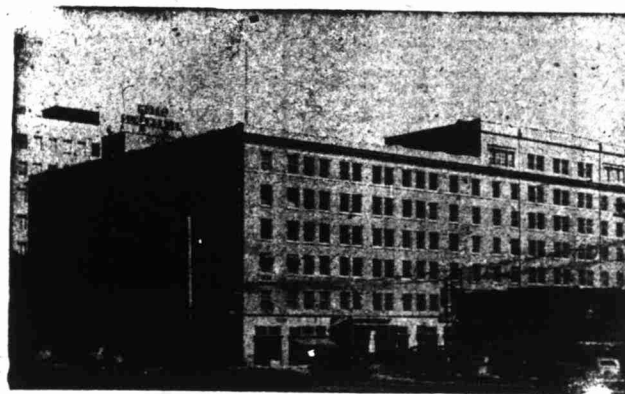
FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING—ERECTED 1938



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PETROLEUM BUILDING—ERECTED 1929

# WYATT C. HEDRICK

ARCHITECT and ENGINEER

MIDLAND

FT. FORTH

DALLAS

HOUSTON



## 20th Century Organized In '38; Helps Form Progressive Club

By BEVERLY LITTLEJOHN  
A group of young women of Midland met Feb. 8, 1938, to organize the Twentieth Century Study Club, with the ideals of strengthening "the intellectual, physical and moral advancement of members as a means of furthering their common interests," and enabling members to work better as a group in cooperating with citizens in building up the community in which we live.

This group, sponsored by Mrs. J. Howard Hodge, was composed of Mrs. W. B. Chapman, Mrs. Allen Flaherty, Mrs. Oliver Haag, Mrs. Stanley Marion, Mrs. Jerry Phillips, Mrs. T. A. Pollard, Mrs. Karl Ratliff, Mrs. Gene Retschman, Mrs. Tom Roberts, Mrs. W. L. Simmons, Mrs. R. E. L. Taylor and Mrs. V. C. Vicellio.

**War, Peace Programs**  
"International Relations" was the study theme for the remaining months of the first club year, and in April the club became federated with the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. L. L. Payne served as president in 1939-40 when the group presented programs on "Around the World with Recent Writers." For a Christmas project, the club filled baskets with food and toys for needy families in the city.

During the Spring of 1940, members met with another group of women for the purpose of organizing a Junior Twentieth Century Club, now known as the Progressive Study Club.

The club's 1940-41 activities, under the leadership of Mrs. Joseph Mims, included working with the Red Cross and contributing to the Goodfellow, student loan and milk

funds, as well as subscribing to magazines for the Latin-American library. Members selected "The Home-First Line of Defense" for 1942-43 programs, assisting in the Red Cross sewing room.

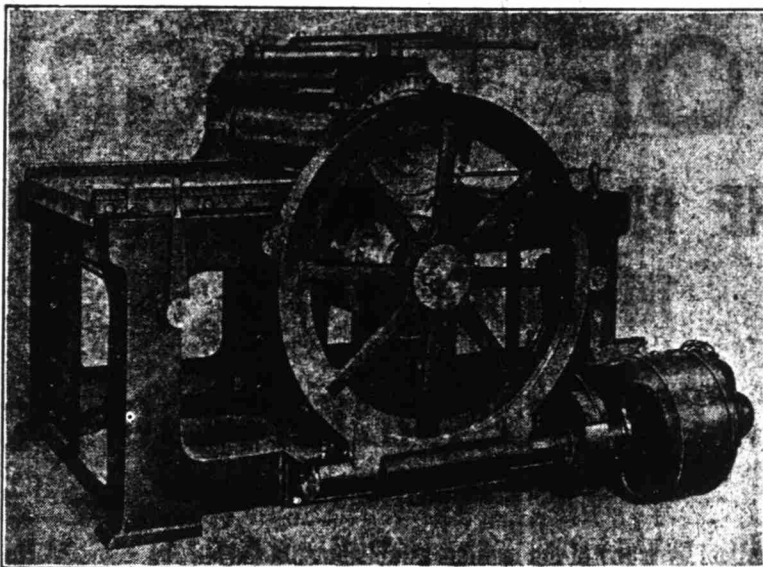
Mrs. Louis Cadgeil led the group in 1942-43 when all efforts were directed toward victory for the country and allies. Mrs. Louis Chase later led the group in an effort to inform the membership on peace plans of the past and present.

Mrs. G. B. Rush led the group in 1944-45 when it received national publicity for being the first group in the nation to volunteer to serve the community as price panel assistants for the local OPA. Under the leadership of Mrs. Harlan Howell, the group studied "Our Latin-American Neighbors."

This year the club is under the leadership of Mrs. Raymond Leggett, and is studying "A World of Women" in all the phases in which women have participated in world activities, beginning with Biblical women and coming up through the various vocations in which women have excelled. This club year opened with a coffee in the home of Mrs. Leggett and will close with a luncheon and installation of 1948 officers.

Mrs. Leggett is assisted by: Mrs. Frank Monroe, first vice president; Mrs. Duke Jimerson, second vice president; Mrs. W. E. Crites, recording secretary; Mrs. John Speed, Jr., corresponding secretary; Mrs. Louis Chase, treasurer; Mrs. W. H. Rhodes, reporter; Mrs. Ray Howard, parliamentarian; Mrs. Robert Cox, federation counselor; and Mrs. W. G. Epley, historian.

## Heavy Duty Matrix Roller



In the composing room of The Reporter-Telegram is a new, heavy-duty matrix roller of the most modern type. It is automatic and its construction withstands the pressure and strain of heavy duty. It is a self-contained unit, the motor and controller being attached to the main frames. By means of a special impression adjustment the pressure of the cylinder on the form and the matrix may be made instantly and absolutely uniform. The controls and brake are especially convenient to the operator.

## News Room Is Nerve Center Of The Reporter-Telegram

The editorial department (news department) of The Reporter-Telegram is the nerve center and starting point for the fast-paced daily job of getting news of Midland, news of the territory, news of the state, news of the nation, news of the world, in compact form to your doorstep.

The pulse of the city, the nation and the world beats steadily into the news room, where newsmen, telephones and a globe-wide wire of the network of the Associated Press pour a stream of accounts of the happenings of the hour, the minute for that matter. Against a background of the clicking AP machines, the ringing of the office telephones, news is received, appraised, written, edited and headed.

Doing this job in Midland for your Reporter-Telegram are: James N. Allison, the publisher; Bill Collins, editor; James C. Watson, oil editor; J. M. Ratcliff, news editor; Beverly Littlejohn, society editor; Billy Broome, copy reader; Stanley Frank, livestock writer and reporter; Tanner Laine, sportswriter and reporter; Mrs. Margaret Byerley is an oil reporter; Irene Humphrey is proof reader.

In the new Reporter-Telegram building, the news room is located

## Reporter-Telegram Delivery Trucks



These half-ton panel trucks, parked in front of the new Reporter-Telegram building, each day rush copies of The Reporter-Telegram to various cities and communities in the Permian Basin area. The trucks are familiar sights on the highways of this area.

to the left on entry by the front door. It is streamlined for production.

The day for the news room personnel begins at 6 a. m. At that time The Associated Press machines are switched on. This brings to life an unending flow of news on the teletypes. This is the setting for week days except Saturday when the "wire comes on" at 3 p. m. and goes until midnight.

**On "Beats" Or Runs**  
The news staff begins arriving at 8 a. m. to start the typewriters going on head-writing, society, sports, local news. Envelopes containing news from the correspondents in towns throughout the Midland district are opened and handled.

In a short time the reporters have put out the early work and are out on "runs" or "beats." These include: City Hall, Courthouse, banks, post-office, Chamber of Commerce, and other sources of regular news.

The proof reader is scanning stories previously set in type, marking errors for correction. Stories from the AP teletype are torn off of the long run of copy which has come over the wire and has been teletyped on the long paper ribbon. The news editor takes what he tears to his desk and tears them apart into separate stories.

The "copy", typewritten local or "teletype-printed" by AP, then goes to the hook of the linotype operators, who set the type. The type then is composed into pages of the paper. Straight matter and headlines are set on different machines. As the proof reader completes reading proof, she hooks them in the composing room and takes up more proof. This goes on until everything has been proof-read.

**Tempo Increases**  
The telephone rings. A reporter answers: "Yeh," he says. "Well, what about . . ."

The society editor's phone always rings. She answers, holding the phone against her ear with a hunched up shoulder, places hands over her typewriter keyboard and writes: "Announcement of the engagement of . . ."

Reporters come in from their "runs" before noon. Typewriters clatter on new local stories. The tempo increases near deadline. The paper is about to go to press, and a mental "hurry it up" prevades.

In the last scramble before deadline finishing touches are put on

the day's edition.

At mid-afternoon the hum of the press pronounces that day's work done.

Then, because the world has never yet stopped, and because news is perpetual, the editorial department begins the work that leads to another day, and toward another deadline.

The first practice bomb dropped by MAAF bombardiers went down February 16, 1939.

## B&PW: Promotes Women's Interest In Public Affairs

A club was needed in Midland to promote the interest of women in business and the professions, to stimulate active participation in community and public affairs, and to strive for higher ethical standards among women and closer cooperation between women. Thus, the Business and Professional Women's Club was organized March 12, 1936, in the Chamber of Commerce office in the Scharbauer Hotel.

Sponsoring the organization of the group was the Sweetwater B&PW, and first officers were led by Fannie Bess Taylor, assisted by Frances Stallworth, vice president; Drucilla Lord, secretary; Lotta Williams, treasurer; and Marguerite Elvins, corresponding secretary.

Among the 12 actual charter members and the 17 who joined at the second meeting and are thus considered charter members, five still serve the organization with their untiring activities. They are

Mrs. Susie Noble, Mrs. Iva Noyes, Laura Jesse, Maria Spencer and Fannie Bess Taylor.

**Constructive Programs**

The programs of the B&PW are constructive, educational and entertaining, stressing community affairs and everyday topics of vital interest in a changing world. Among the accomplishments which have carried the club to its height of importance are: participation in Red Cross activities, Goodfellow, Community Chest (there is a member on the board); member of the Chamber of Commerce; member of the City-County Federation; has supported and contributed to the Carver School library and lunch room; has maintained a medical loan fund and worked through the Public Health Board; has sent food and clothing to Europe for three years and this year has adopted a Belgian orphan, giving her medical care and sending her food and

clothing. Members who have served on the state board include Mrs. Dan Carter, Mrs. O. M. Luton and Maria Spencer. This year, Mrs. Noyes will be a member. During Fannie Bess Taylor's two years as state treasurer, she was a member of the state executive committee.

The club membership has risen to 85 members who this Fall plan to entertain the district 8 conference, with Mrs. Noyes as director. Officers this year are: Mrs. Luton, president; Thelma Gardner, vice president; Mrs. Neta Stovall, secretary; Mrs. Ophele Pope, treasurer; and Mrs. Vera McLeRoy, parliamentarian.

This year's program is highlighted by a special project in which the club is helping the Chamber of Commerce in a survey through its Education and Vocation Committee.

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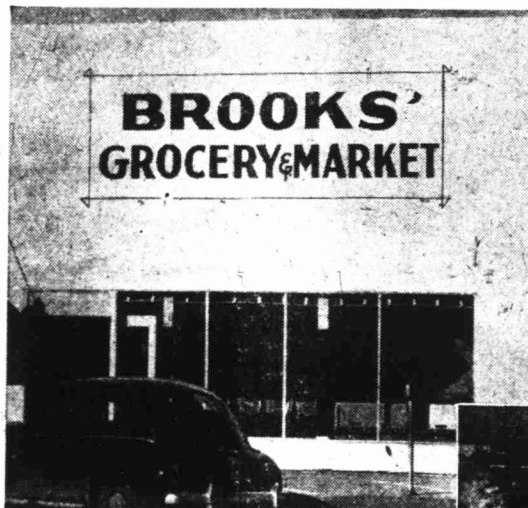
## Congratulations . . . . .

to The Midland Reporter-Telegram and staff upon the completion of their new plant. It is an example of the kind of progress that is leading this community to success. When old, established business institutions have such faith and confidence in a community it is a sure sign that this community's growth is on a sound basis.

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# First Services Of Church Of Christ Held In Midland In Summer Of 1925

By J. WOODIE HOLDEN  
Evangelist North Side  
Church Of Christ

In the Summer of 1925, a group consisting of three pioneer families, met in the old courthouse for the beginning of gospel work which has resulted in the present congregation of the Church of Christ meeting for worship at North A and Tennessee Streets in Midland.



J. Woodie Holden

R. D. Hamlin, one of those charter members, tells an interesting story of how he searched the city in vain for a church bearing a Bible name, and of those early sacrifices in the beginning of a congregation of the Church of Christ.

## North Side Church Of Christ



The North Side Church of Christ is located at the corner of North A and Tennessee Streets. The attractive building was erected in the early 1930s, and now an expansion program is planned to meet the demands of the fast-growing congregation.

Harvey and Thornton Crews preaching. In 1930 the congregation erected a brick-veneer building at North A and Tennessee Streets. In the meantime, to those original families, the Hamlins, the Skaggs and Bodines, had been added about ninety other members, some of whom were the A. G. Bohannans, O. C. Collins, D. E. Gabberts, Raymond Hines, W. F. Hejls, the Blekers, Mannings and others.

now under the problem of trying to build for an increasing membership. The approximate membership now is about 275, but it should be remembered that this is actual membership. It does not include those who have been here and have either moved on or deceased.

## Refresh Your Club Memory

Midland always has its full share of clubs. Sewing accounts for many of them. Bridge and games account for many more. General fellowship is the theme for most of them. Some are high school clubs.

Here are some of the clubs of the past and present: Cactus, So-Sum, Midweek, Firemenettes, Lion Tamers, Twelve-ites, Banner Sewing, Friday Knitting, Tejas del Oeste, Tachies, Bluebonnet, Play Readers, Wednesday, Loyal Bersani, Q. V. V., Lucky Thirteen, Needlecraft, Dos Mesa, Lorado Sewing, Vesta Cinco, Tuesday Bridge, Round Table, Home Arts, Robyn Junior Music, Double Foursome, Gulf Sewing, Bien Amigo, Treble Clef, Jollite, San Souci, Colonial Card, Wednesday Happy Hour, Paleto, Kolonial Kard, Double Four, Bridgette, Delta Dek, Dos Reales, Adelante, Enigma, Altruists, As You Like It, Maenad, Justamere, Thursday Night Bridge, O. C. A., Entre Nous, Trump-It, Joie de Vie, Escondida, Jolly Doves, Delta Pegasus, Tomaco, Miriam, Edelweiss, Ace High, Sub Deb, Unexpected, Needle and Thimble, Star Study, Busy Wives, P. E. P., Slam, Chez les Amies, Octet, Stitch and Chatter, Alpha, 1928, Merinda, St. Thomas, 1939 Sewing, G. N. O., and many others.

Remember them? Hubby's Not In Act, But Acts His Part Well. OKLAHOMA CITY — (AP) — Ballet Dancer Louise Formaca likes to bring houses down. Her hubby, Tom Cleland, prefers to put them up.

## 'Big Blowup' Designed To Keep Sailors Afloat

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Navy has developed a sailor suit with a built-in life preserver. The garment is intended for submarine men who have to stand topside watch in rough weather. It consists of a coverall with an attached hood extending to the waist. The hood can be inflated to keep the wearer afloat.

## Children's Service League, Social Aide

Since the Children's Service League was organized in 1939, it has continued to grow as an integral part of the city's social system, for it has become one of the greatest social aides here through its welfare services.

## Professors Have High Intelligence, Low 'Do'

FREMONT, NEB. — (AP) — College professors are among the worst drivers, according to Ken McCaw, field representative for the Nebraska State Safety Council.



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## California Seeks Stub That Will 'Smoke Out'

BAKERSFIELD, CALIF. — (AP) — California may ask cigarette manufacturers to make a new kind that will go out when dropped. Governor Warren's committee on fire prevention, said the cigarette is a leading fire hazard because the stubs burn after they have been discarded. Fire prevention groups, they said, would like the burning agents reduced, so the cigarette will go out when not being smoked.

## Domestic Farm Labor May Handle All Crops

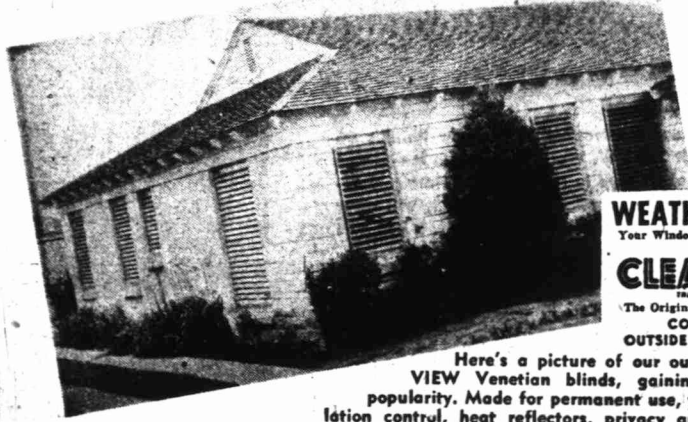
WASHINGTON — (AP) — The U. S. employment service said recently it may be necessary to bring in farm labor from Mexico and Puerto Rico this year. Director Joseph C. Goodwin said high crop goals mean a record demand for field workers in 1948. But, he added, domestic workers should be able to handle the crops if they are fully mobilized.

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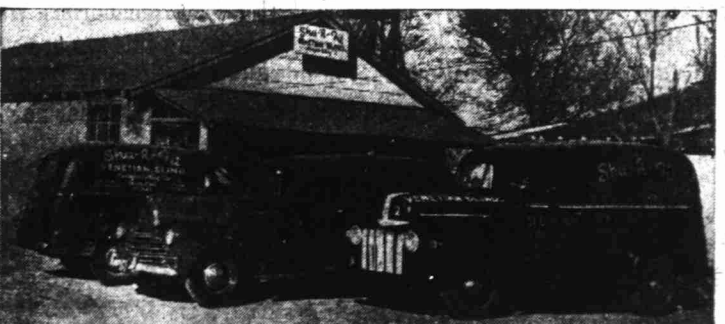
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## Reporter-Telegram Agents In Permian Basin Cities



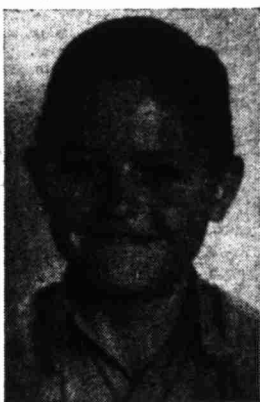
Martha Kay Gillispie McCamey



Harrol and Carrol Kolb Andrews



Charles Blue Rankin



Dan Blue Rankin



Danny R. Mason Monahans



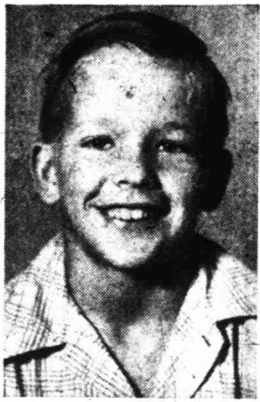
Hugh Neal Green Crane



Harry Chandler McElroy Camp, Crane



John Dunbar Kermit



Curtis McNeely Wickett



Ray Young Midland Air Terminal



Prince Elker Garden City



Billy Glenn Silgar Goldsmith



Ted Croom Gulf Camp, Monahans



Robert Ford Pierce Stanton



Robert B. Tindle Mabee Camp

## Alert Boys And Girl Are Agents For The Reporter-Telegram In Area Cities

Alert, ambitious and energetic young businessmen, and one young businesswoman, serve as agents for The Reporter-Telegram in the various cities and communities served by the newspaper in the Permian Basin area.

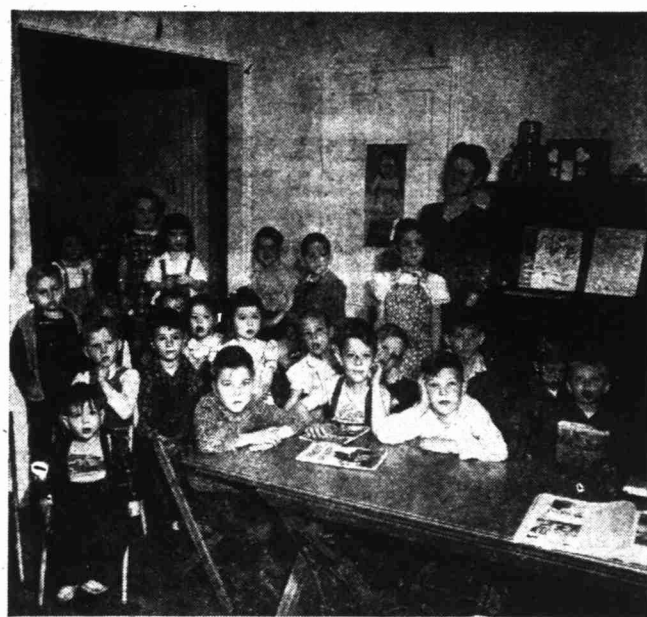
They range in age from 10 to 17 years, and all are in school, delivering their routes after school hours. Their earnings range from \$10 to \$30 per month, and the average work time is about one hour and 15 minutes daily. One boy has been on the job 18 months and another only a few weeks. All are interested in their jobs and all know what is going on in their respective communities. They perhaps make more friends and know more people than any other youngsters in their cities.

Martha Kay Gillispie, 13, has been delivering The Reporter-Telegram in McCamey the last nine months, and the thing she likes best about her route is the friends she makes. She makes an average of \$30 a month. She is an honor student in school, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Gillispie. Teddy Croom, 14, is the alert

agent at the Gulf Camp in Monahans. He has been on the job 18 months and has lived at Monahans five years. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Croom. He is interested in sports of all kinds.

The agents in the booming city of Rankin are Charles and Dan Blue, brothers, who have been holding down the circulation job about eight months. They like the work and say they will continue to give good service. They have lived in Rankin five years.

Ray J. Young, 13, is the newspaper's representative at the bustling Midland Air Terminal where he has resided the last seven months. He has been handling the paper since July. He averaged about \$24 a month and it takes about one (Continued on Page 11)



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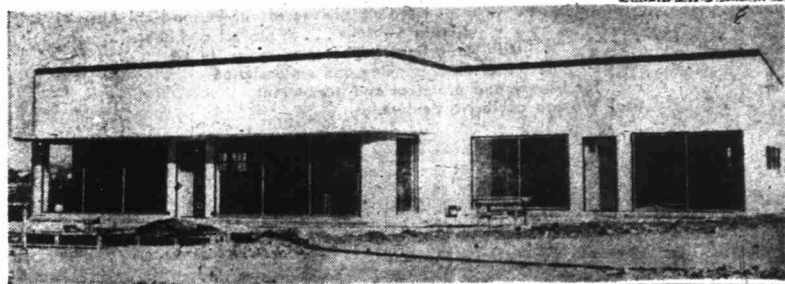
FELIX COX and VERN CUBIT wish to take this opportunity to announce the change of ownership of the Phillips 66 Station located at 500 W. Wall Street in Midland. They are proud to invite their friends to a completely redecorated station that is thoroughly equipped to give you the best in wash and lubrication service which includes a thorough vacuum cleaning; friendly, prompt service; and the very best in automobile products. You will always find clean, sanitary rest rooms here. They hope that you'll drive in and let them give you the service that you desire . . .

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### Alert Boys-

(Continued from Page 10) and a half hours to deliver his route. He is a Boy Scout and the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Young.

Harry Elton Chandler, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Chandler, Sr., is the agent at McElroy Gulf Camp at Crane. He has been working 10 months and enjoys meeting and knowing friends and customers on his route. He plays football and tennis and enjoys woodwork.

**Crane Agent**  
The agent in Crane is Hugh Neal Green, 13, who has lived in Crane 11 years. He is a comparative newcomer on the route, but likes it fine and is determined to give his customers the best of service. He is in the seventh grade and his hobby is sports. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Aron T. Green.

The Reporter-Telegrams in Goldsmith are delivered by Billy Glenn Sligar who has been on the job seven months. The 11 1/2 year old boy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold A. Sligar. He is in the sixth grade and participates in all sports. He likes to attend Sunday School, Training Union and Royal Ambassador meetings.

John Carroll Dunbar, 17, makes \$80 a month as the Reporter-Telegram agent in Kermit. He is a senior in high school and plays basketball. He likes to fly a plane and ride and train horses. He has been on the job three months.

Roddy Boye Tindie is the agent at Mabee Camp, and the thing he likes best about his route is the cooperation of his customers. He attends high school in Andrews where he is a freshman student. The 14-year old boy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Tindie.

A twin-brother team, Harrol and Carrol Kolb, handles the agency at Andrews.

**4-H Club Member**  
Prince Ricker, 14, son of Mrs. R. R. Ricker, is the Garden City agent. He has been delivering the route about four months, and has lived in Garden City five years. His mother is a school teacher. He is interested in 4-H Club work and showed a calf in the recent Glasscock County Stock Show.

The agent in Stanton is Robert Ford Pierce, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ford Pierce. He has been on the job about three months and makes \$50 a month. He builds model airplanes as a hobby.

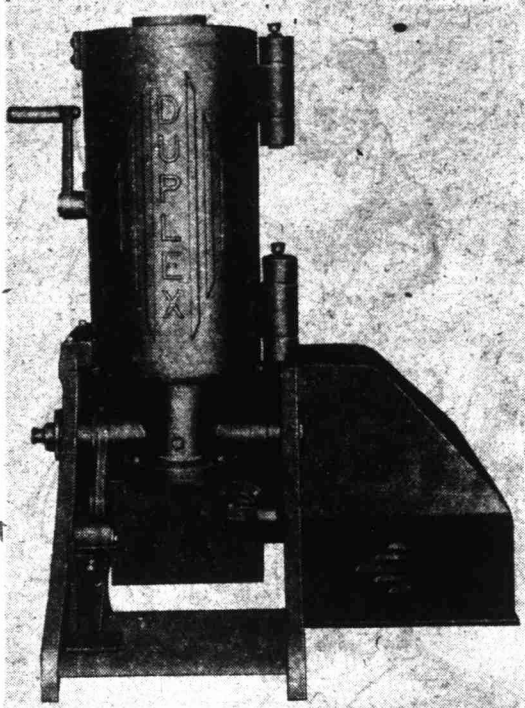
The Monahan agent is Danny Raymond Mason, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Mason. He plays football and softball, and likes to meet and serve his route customers. Curtis Alvin McNeely handles the Reporter-Telegram agency at Wickett, having been on the job three months. Bicycle riding is his hobby.

#### U. S. NATIVE SENTENCED

**BELGRADE** (AP)—Mrs. Emma Debeljak, a native of the United States, has been sentenced by a people's court to 10 years at forced labor on a charge of collaboration with the Ustachi, Croatian terrorist organization. Five co-defendants received sentences ranging from three to 10 years.

Sam Patterson, 84, farmer and Midland County citizen 32 years, died Oct. 21, 1937.

### Vacuum Casting Box



A Duplex tubular vacuum casting box is included in the new equipment of The Reporter-Telegram. A page is placed in the box and metal then is pumped into it to cast the tubular plate, which is used for printing on the rotary press. The box is water cooled. With this box, plates may be made more rapidly than with old styles and the plates, being circular in form and lighter, are much easier to handle.

### Civic Music Club Makes Music Part Of City's Life

Midland's Civic Music Club, which has made music an integral part of the civic, industrial, educational and vocational life of the city, was discussed one Sunday afternoon, September 20, 1937, by a group which included the Big Spring Music Club and Mrs. Ann Gibson Hausler, first president of the 9th district of Texas Federation of Music Clubs.

Officers were elected in October of the same year, and the club's activities began, activities which were to include such studies as "Our American Music," "Music Through the Ages," "Composers Personalities Reflected in their Music," "Music of the Allied Nations," and "Our Twentieth Century Heritage."

The first group was headed by Mrs. Myrtle Scharborough-Smith assisted by Mrs. Lee Cornelius, first vice president; Mrs. C. P. Lancaster, second vice president; Mrs. Thomas Inman; treasurer; and Mrs. Tom Parker, secretary-reporter.

The active membership of 28 included Mrs. Roy Parks, Mrs. F. C. Cummings, Mrs. J. B. Leonard, Mrs. M. A. Park, Mrs. Holt Jowell, W. L. Haseltine, Mrs. Chase Murph, Mrs. De Lo Douglas, Lydia Watson, Ned Watson, Chase Murph, Thomas Inman and Wallace Wimberly. Since then, the organization has grown to more than 40 members.

The group's first public concert was presented December 14, 1937, with 60 persons attending. Now rarely do less than 250 attend the club's public concerts.

Among the other aims of the club and the general federation are: to encourage and advance American creative musical art and to promote American artists; and to hold high musical standards, and through organization and education, to make America the music center of the world.

Leading today's membership are: Mrs. B. W. Stevens, president; Mrs. Hermann D. Williams, first vice president; Mrs. Benton Howell, second vice president; Mrs. Joseph B. Koenig, recording secretary; Mrs. Ralph Crays, corresponding secretary; Lotta Williams, treasurer; Edith Conyers, historian-reporter; and Mrs. Ben Dansby, Jr., librarian.

### Woman's Wednesday: Oldest Study Club Traces History Of 45 Years

**By BEVERLY LITTLEJOHN**  
This year marks the close of 45 years of service for the Woman's Wednesday Club, the oldest Study Club in Midland and recognized by the State Federation as the pioneer club, for it was begun in the "horse and buggy" days, and Midland's progress can be traced through a view of the club's history.

The Woman's Wednesday Club was organized and federated in 1903, with 11 charter members. Membership was limited to 15 members. The club participated on a program for a 1909 district meeting held in Big Spring.

Throughout the years, the club has been an evidence of worthwhile and progressive endeavor in study, civic work and cultural projects, helping with all civic improvements. The first civic project undertaken by the group was active participation in a city-wide "clean-up" movement sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce in 1910. The 1911 program was highlighted by a "town beautification" campaign.

The Woman's Wednesday Club in 1918 was the first to undertake the sale of Red Cross Seals here, and an article regarding this service appeared the same year in the Dallas Morning News. The organization also assisted in the 1914 campaign to establish Midland's first tourist camp.

The club was the first to offer prizes in the "Simple Dress Contest" to high school girls graduates, and in 1918 it gave a benefit scholarship to Midland College. In the early days of the city, the group showed a vivid interest in the welfare of public schools and at various times petitioned school boards for new school buildings.

Through the years, the club has been closely identified with such civic improvements as the Girl Scouts, Parent-Teacher's Association, Civic League and Consumers' League. Tracing its history through the years of World War I, one will find that each member enrolled for sur-

gical dressings courses and presented Red Cross benefits. The group also helped to establish a kindergarten school in 1916.

**Outstanding In Library Work**  
The Woman's Wednesday Club, from the first years of its organization, counts as one of its outstanding achievements its work for the Midland County Library. Before becoming a county institution, the library was kept open by the group under the title, Midland Public Library. During the library's formative years, the club gave various benefits for it, among which were the home-talent plays staged in Midland's old "opera house" on the block where the postoffice now stands. In 1935, the club sponsored and established in the library, a memorial section where one may find many worthwhile books.

The Woman's Wednesday Club has always felt that some form of philanthropic work is necessary for a well-rounded program of cultural endeavor, thus contributions of time and money throughout the years have been given to the Community Chest, Goodfellows Fund, the Red Cross and many other worthy causes.

Several years ago, membership was increased to 25 members, and 23 members appear on the present roster. They are headed by Mrs. Charles Goldsmith, president, assisted by the following officers: Mrs. R. M. Turpin, first vice president; Mrs. Clyde Cowden, second vice president; Mrs. William Kerr, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Russell Conkling, corresponding secretary; Mrs. J. M. DeArmond, historian; and Mrs. George Glass, parliamentarian.

The club, this year, has responded to all requirements of the State Federation, and has contributed more than 200 books to the Dunbar Branch Library, cash donations to the main branch of the library and memorial section, and contributions also to the Junior Canteen and Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch.

### New Legion 'Home'



Midland American Legionnaires and their Auxiliary members had long fought for a meeting site in the city. Their efforts were rewarded in 1947 when a Legion home was constructed on South Colorado Street near the City-County Auditorium. This modernistic structure of brick, tile and concrete shown above was made possible by financial help of many citizens, much energy exerted on the part of the Legion members, donations of all kinds in labor and materials. The estimated cost of the meeting hall and recreation center for ex-service folk and all citizens of the city is \$40,000.

## Idea Of The Associated Press Was Born In Mexican War Over 100 Years Ago

A war in Texas prompted the beginning of the Associated Press—greatest new service in the world. It was 1847, and the United States was at war with Mexico. Some of the fighting was this side of the Rio Grande, and people in all sections of the United States were particularly interested in that.

In the east, where the nation's population was concentrated, Americans were especially hungry for news of the fighting. James Gordon Bennett, publisher of the New York Herald, saw his subscribers would pay for such news. A few years earlier, Prof. Samuel

F. B. Morse had successfully operated his first telegraph line, between Washington and Baltimore. Three years later the line was extended to New York and the wires were strung westward to Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Louisville and St. Louis.

**Used Telegraph**  
New Orleans was the center of news coverage of the Mexican war. Gordon hired couriers to pass news along from New Orleans to New York, using telegraph lines wherever he could. He beat the mails by four days, "scooping" rival papers on the big story of the times.

His paper was first to publish news of the fall of Mexico City in 1847, and not long after that David Hale, publisher of the New York Journal of Commerce, suggested the two papers collaborate in collection of news. Bennett accepted the proposition.

Gordon's use of telegraph facilities and the resulting speed with which he got news to his readers forced other papers to emulate his tactics, and soon the price of newspapers in the East soared. Hale then proposed the organization of The Associated Press in 1848. Other

publishers approved the idea, and he became the news service's first president.

**Modern AP Emerges**  
During the Civil War there arose conflict between the Western Associated Press and the New York association. From this argument there emerged the modern AP, in which each paper pays a fair share of the total cost of gathering and distributing news, and in which each paper has a voice in shaping the organization's policies.

First president of the new organization was Victor Lawson, publisher of the Chicago Daily News. Melville E. Stone, Lawson's former partner, was the first general manager. They instituted the rule that the association's news should be written according to verified facts, without bias or partisan color. This has become the accepted principle for news handling by American papers everywhere.

The Associated Press had 612 newspapers as members in 1900, and approximately 30,000 miles of telegraph wires were leased for news distribution. Today, the organization serves more than 1,500 newspapers and has about 300,000 miles of wire leased, in addition to thousands of additional miles of international, coast-to-coast network wires for transmission of news pictures. With such facilities, stories bearing the familiar "AP" symbol are flashed throughout the country minutes after the stories break.

**Reporter-Telegram A Member**  
In the Reporter-Telegram office, Associated Press stories are received over two teletype receivers which, hour after hour, type stories from all parts of the world. Driven by electric motors, keys much like those on a typewriter beat rhythmic story of man's triumphs and failures, his nobility and ridiculousness, his thoughts and actions and sufferings everywhere on earth.

AP stories in West Texas are dispatched from a regional bureau office in Dallas, where world, state and local news is edited and distributed. Each member paper assists the organization in collecting news, so the service has thousands of helpers in its gigantic task. For example, a major news story in Midland is wired to the Dallas AP office by Reporter-Telegram staff writers, and then the story is flashed from Dallas to all other member papers whose readers may be interested.

**High Standards**  
The Associated Press maintains a huge staff of its own highly-trained reporters, photographers and feature writers, and sends them on assignments to all parts of the earth. Rigid standards of integrity and writing ability are required of reporters, and veteran newsmen edit all copy going out over the association's wires.

Reliability, speed, and unequalled scope of coverage—these are hallmarks of The Associated Press.

### Newspaper-

(Continued from page 1) Midland, C. C. Watson, editor and publisher.

As a newspaperman in Midland from the early days to 1924, Watson moved locations several times and was twice burned out. In 1903 or 1904 when the paper was located where Shepard Roofing Company now is, it burned. And also in 1909 when it was located where Midland Drug now is, it burned.

T. Paul Barron bought the weekly Midland Reporter, from C. C. Watson in August 1924 and converted into a semi-weekly the following year. The paper was then located on Main Street near where the City Drug now is.

After selling out to Barron, Watson went to Belton and published the Belton Journal but came back and started the first daily newspaper in Midland, the Midland Daily Telegram in March 1927.

Barron had gone to a daily, March 1, 1929, with his Midland Reporter. On March 10, 1929, with Gene Howe and the late Wilbur C. Hawk, Amarillo publishers, he formed the Midland Publishing Company. This company purchased the Midland Daily Telegram, which had been started by C. C. Watson and son in July 1927.

The Daily Telegram and daily Reporter were merged into the Midland Reporter-Telegram. Barron purchased the stock of the Amarillo men in July 1936.

**Allison Purchases**  
August 15, 1940, The Reporter-Telegram was sold to James N. Allison. The present publisher, an experienced newspaperman, came here from the Associated Press.

The Reporter-Telegram, under ownership of Allison, published from August 1940 to January 1948 in a location on West Missouri Street. January 26, 1948 a move was completed to a modern and new plant at 221 North Main Street.

This brought the Midland newspaper back where it started in 1880's as The Staked Plain. But a vast difference took place and a great growth. As had grown the city of Midland during this time, so grew its newspaper.

### Business Manager

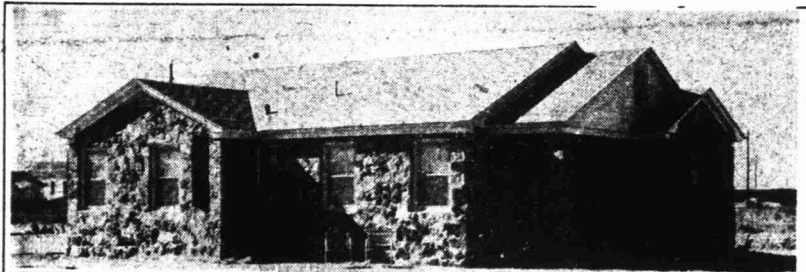


R. S. (Bob) Brashears is the business and advertising manager of The Reporter-Telegram.

**BOOKIES BRIDLE AT COPS' CURBS**  
PENANG, MALAYA. — (AP) — A spokesman for Penang's bookmakers (strictly illegal) issued a manifesto recently.

Unless police quit arresting bookmakers, they will refuse to accept any bets on the next Penang race meeting.

T. A. Pannin, a Midland resident for 38 years, died in July, 1942.



TED THOMPSON

TO JIM ALLISON, THE REPORTER - TELEGRAM AND ITS STAFF . . . CONGRATULATIONS on your new newspaper plant. It's men like you whose vision and foresight guarantees the future of Midland.

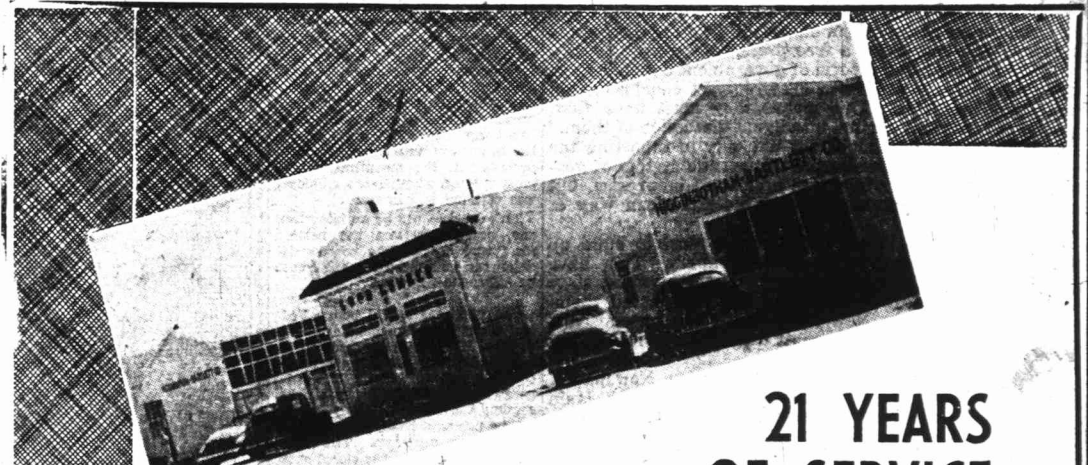
This is one of the first 100% G. I. FINANCED HOMES to be built in Midland. This loan was secured through this agency. The above home is located at 1811 West Ohio.

### CLOVIS THOMPSON . . .

younger brother of Ted Thompson, is now associated in the real estate department of this agency. As an ex-G.I., Clovis is extremely interested in seeing the veterans have a home and will be available at all times to assist the Midland veterans with their home and loan problems.



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# THE REPORTER-TELEGRAM

12—THE REPORTER-TELEGRAM, MIDLAND, TEXAS, FEB. 29, 1948  
 Everings (except Saturday) and Sunday morning  
 221 North Main : : Midland, Texas

JAMES N. ALLISON Publisher  
 Entered as second-class matter at the post office at Midland, Texas,  
 under the Act of March 30, 1879.

Subscription Price	Advertising Rates
One Month \$ .85	Display advertising rates on application. Classified rate 3c per word; minimum charge, 45c.
Six Months 4.75	Local readers, 20c per line.
One Year 9.00	

Any erroneous reflection upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may occur in the columns of The Reporter-Telegram will be gladly corrected upon being brought to the attention of the editor.

The publisher is not responsible for copy omissions or typographical errors which may occur other than to correct them in the next issue after it is brought to his attention, and in no case does the publisher hold himself liable for damages further than the amount received by him for actual space covering the error. The right is reserved to reject or edit all advertising copy. Advertising orders are accepted on this basis only.

MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
 The Associated Press is entitled exclusively to the use for republication of all the local news printed in this newspaper, as well as all AP news dispatches.  
 Rights of publication all other matters herein also reserved.

And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full.—  
 Mark 4:37.

## Teamwork For Progress!

The demand for printed intelligence has placed the newspaper high among the necessities of life and yet it is a necessity of which its readers know little. The essentials of a newspaper are that it contain news and information and issue at regular intervals.

Year after year The Reporter-Telegram strives for a news report which is alert, comprehensive, and presented attractively, but which also is sound and authentic.

A slogan, "Your Newspaper Serving Freedom By Serving You," has been displayed for several months by your Reporter-Telegram. That it strives to do and its policies are keyed to that goal. It concurs in the thought advanced years ago by a great newspaperman, "An Informed Nation Is a Secure Nation."

It is the duty of the staff of The Reporter-Telegram to see that its news is important, clean, and free from any tinge of propaganda. Its readers expect its news columns to be free from partisanship and they will be. News is reported in your Reporter-Telegram without bias and also without fear or favor on the theory that in a self-governing nation like ours "the citizens if given the facts are able to form their own opinions."

The Reporter-Telegram recognizes its obligation to give its readers a balanced picture of the world's news. News, not views, is the policy.

It provides accurate information regarding the happenings, the conditions, the joys and the sorrows of this world of ours. It reflects today over the world—the pleasant, the horrifying, the spectacular, the drab, the beautiful and the mean. Nothing of importance can be pushed aside without consideration. Instructions to its staff are that the news should be forcefully written and in conformity with the requirements of good taste. Conflicting sides of a dispute are accorded equal treatment in the news columns.

These policies are required in the program to aid in serving freedom by keeping Midlanders, West Texans and Americans informed.

A prominent American once said, "To me democracy is inconceivable without a free press."

"The success of our form of government depends upon the ability of our people to draw correct conclusions on important problems. This means they must have first, pertinent facts, and second, intelligent discussion of them."

Newspapers are important not only in reporting the news and in this preserving the democratic system of government so necessary to a free system of enterprise, but as leaders in the improvement of the American way of living.

No medium in the world has done more to build up its country than the Hometown Newspapers. They have been so busy building up every other worthy civic, state and national institution that they have neglected themselves. A Hometown Newspaper is a constant, constructive community builder, the most unselfish service institution in the community.

Your Reporter-Telegram, a Hometown Newspaper, now is established in its new home at 221 North Main Street, one of the finest small newspaper plants in the nation. It is designed for service and efficiency.

Unable for several years to obtain adequate equipment and materials, it operated under severe handicaps. But now your Reporter-Telegram is geared for a Greater Midland. It is established in its own fireproof building, and equipped with the most modern machinery available.

The Reporter-Telegram is determined to give the people of Midland and the Permian Basin area, of which our city is the capital, the most comprehensive newspaper possible in a business area of this size. "Growing with Midland" has been a slogan of The Reporter-Telegram for many years, but it has been pressed by shortages and limitations to keep the pace.

Now it is "Forward Together" for the development of Midland and the Permian Basin area. The Reporter-Telegram can develop only as Midland develops. Its future is linked with Midland's future. Midland and the Permian Basin need their newspaper, which is home-owned and free from partisan controls, to champion their rights, air their problems and proclaim their accomplishments.

The modern newspaper plant was built with an eye for the future. Provisions have been made for the expansion of each department of your newspaper as rapidly as business conditions merit further development of the organization.

The real force behind The Reporter-Telegram is not the most modern equipment which the market offers for newspaper production. It is not the new Reporter-Telegram building for which we feel a certain degree of pride, as it reflects a growth through success. The real force behind The Reporter-Telegram is a human force—the coordinated efforts of 38 individuals.

Each member of this staff directs his or her thought and energy to the production of your Reporter-Telegram. Each is hopeful that each edition compliments the combined efforts of all in that The Reporter-Telegram is welcome in your homes as it has been for many years. Each member of the staff makes every effort to assure that each edition is a true reflection of our community and area as it goes into other cities and towns of the world.

No institution can function efficiently without the coordinated efforts of all members of its staff. There must be services of people unto people in the operation of any enterprise and in the development of communities, states and nations.

In the years ahead, The Reporter-Telegram hopes to merit your continued confidence. Public confidence is the greatest asset of a newspaper or a community. Forward Midland!

An investigator says the blonde is on her way out. And that scraping noise is the men guests getting up to follow her.

## Welcome

Doors of The Reporter-Telegram's new building at 221 North Main Street will swing open at 2:30 p. m. Sunday so its thousands of readers and friends in Midland, West Texas and the nation may inspect the fireproof structure and its modern equipment. Members of the newspaper's staff will greet you and explain the many operations necessary in the production of a modern newspaper. From 2:30 p. m. until 6 p. m., The Reporter-Telegram will be on dress parade. Most of its new equipment has arrived and is in operation, but some machinery and office fixtures were delayed. They will arrive later and be installed as rapidly as possible.

You always are welcome in The Reporter-Telegram Building, but you will find Sunday a good time for a visit. The personnel will be free to chat and explain the various processes. They will not be under the pressure of meeting a deadline for an edition.

The latchstring is out; join us today in celebrating the opening of our new plant.

## Too Much Bipartisanship

Republican Senator Wherry says the GOP killed the OPA. With that statement he takes issue with Republican Senator Taft and takes sides with Democratic President Truman.

Maybe the gentlemen in Washington are carrying this bipartisan agreement business too far. It's fine for foreign policy. But election years are confusing enough at best without having bipartisan line-ups for a purely political argument over who killed Cock Robin.

### ★ WASHINGTON COLUMN ★

#### Decisions On T-H Law Case Produces More Labor Confusion



By PETER EDSON  
 NEA Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON — (NEA) — Biggest difference between the old Wagner and the new Taft-Hartley Acts is that the government is now authorized to go to court and file petitions for injunctions to restrain labor or management from carrying out what the law defines as unfair labor practices.

NLRB General Counsel Robert N. Denham has thus far moved very cautiously in the use of injunction proceedings. He believes that good labor relations cannot be promoted by the use of court orders.

Under the Norris-LaGuardia Act the injunction was practically outlawed. In the first five months of experience under the Taft-Hartley Law, only 106 charges were made which might have necessitated the filing of petitions for court injunctions. The general counsel's office actually filed only 11.

The two most important are those filed against General Motors on behalf of the United Auto Workers, and against International Typographical Union on behalf of Chicago newspaper publishers.

In the General Motors case, the employer had set up a pension plan for employees. The union charged that GM had refused to discuss the terms of this plan, though it had previously been a subject of collective bargaining. GM has accepted the injunction until June 1, without protest. In the meantime, NLRB must rule on whether the employer was refusing to bargain.

This decision will be an important one, probably setting the pattern for future cases. The board's decision can be appealed to the courts by either side, however.

The ITU case is still before Federal Court in Indianapolis as this is written. It is here charged on behalf of the employers that every conceivable delaying tactic has been used by the union to keep from signing a contract.

The printers have long enjoyed closed shop contracts. The Taft-Hartley Act outlaws the closed shop. The union has therefore refused to sign a contract which does not protect its closed shop rights. But the employers would be guilty of violating the law if they signed such a contract. The issue is whether the employer can be forced to sign a contract which is not in compliance with law.

There have been six lower court decisions on other injunction cases to date. Their combined result is merely more labor confusion, because of conflicting opinions. Only Supreme Court decisions can straighten out what this part of the law means.

In Utica, N. Y., an injunction was granted to prevent the Teamsters' Union (1) from refusing to bargain for a closed shop contract, (2) from demanding payment for "featherbedding" labor not actually performed, and (3) from coercing other employees. The court also ruled that the Norris-LaGuardia Act could not be used for purposes contrary to the terms of the Taft-Hartley Act.

In the more recent case, in California, the court denied an injunction which would have compelled the union to accept a contract without the closed shop provision.

In the Amazon Cotton Mills decision just handed down at Salisbury, N. C., the court held that the employer must bargain until the NLRB says that the employer is not guilty of an unfair labor practice by refusing to bargain. In this case the Textile Workers Union sued the employer for refusing to bargain for renewal of contract last February.

The mill was shut down on strike, throwing 500 out of work. It was reopened for limited operations last October, an open shop. The employer argued that an injunction could not be granted to the strikers. But the Federal Court held that the Norris-LaGuardia Anti-Injunction Act had no application, since it was intended only to prevent employers from obtaining restraints against employees.

If this last opinion is upheld, it will open the way for many injunction suits filed against employers by unions. In that event the Taft-Hartley Law would become one of the greatest legal weapons union la-

## 'One At A Time, Boys!'



## Editor



Bill Collins

## Credit Manager



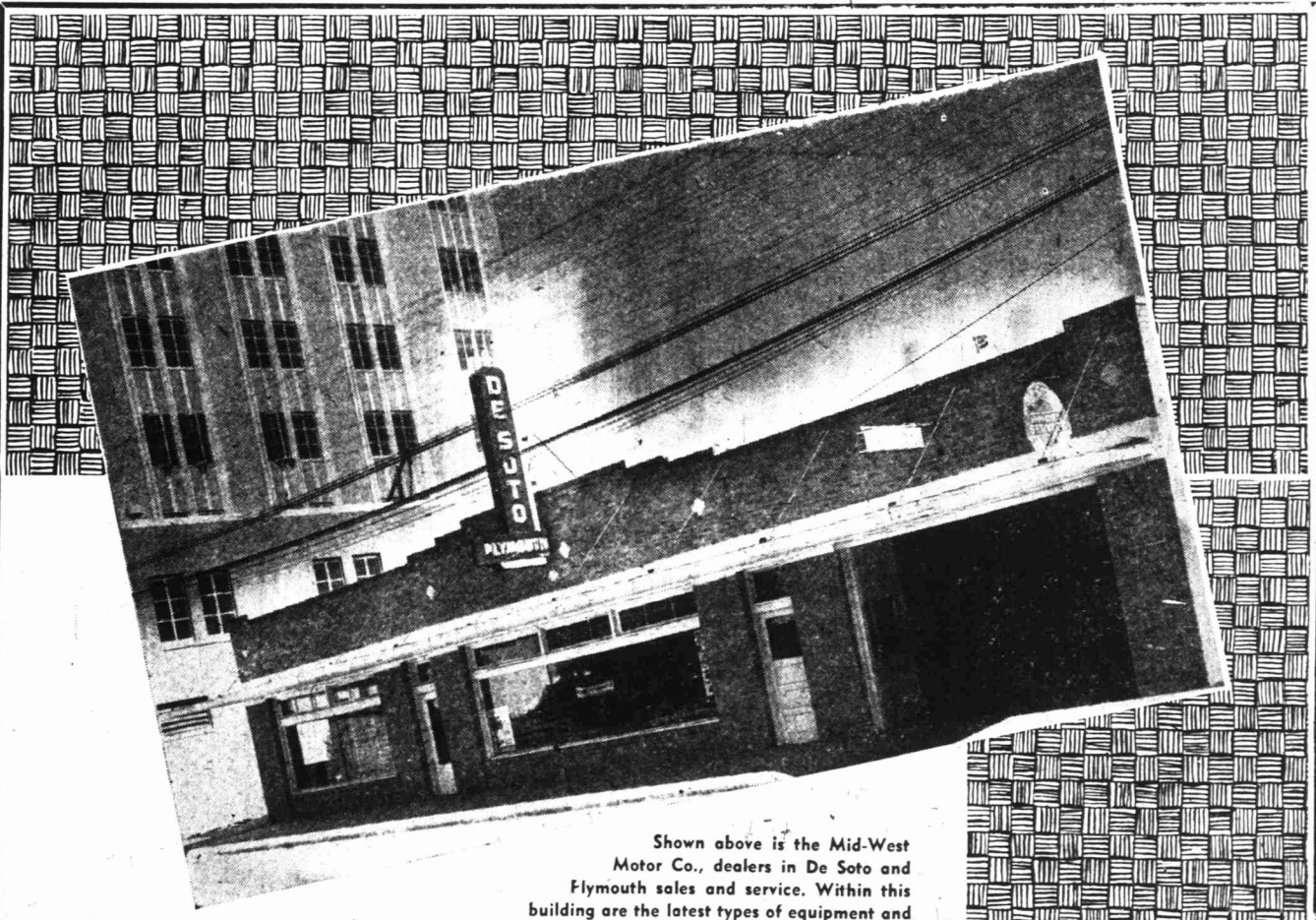
Henry Orson

## Prospective Father Is Excused From Jury

HOUSTON — When Federal Judge Allen B. Hannay swore in 92 men for grand jury duty recently he asked if there were any who wished to be excused.  
 "I just received word 15 minutes ago that my wife is on her way to the hospital to have a baby," Archer Prude, young Houston resident replied.  
 "Well, what are you doing here?" Hannay quickly asked. "You're excused and I hope it's twins."  
 Prude left the court room so quickly the court clerk didn't have time to get his name. It took several hours to determine which prospective juror the judge had excused.

## Russian-Stripped Zeiss Plant Makes Comeback

JENA, SOVIET ZONE, GERMANY — (AP) — The come-back of the huge Carl Zeiss optical works which was dismantled by the Russians for reparations a year ago demonstrates how industrious Germans can rebuild their shattered industry even under the handicap of raw material shortages.  
 A year ago the Zeiss plant in the hills of the Thuringian forest was left 94 per cent stripped. Machines, electrical wiring, even elevators and sanitation facilities, were removed. Today, Zeiss production is up to 18 per cent of prewar capacity. Hugo Schrade, one of the company's three directors, said:  
 "Now that rebuilding is in full swing, production will increase as we go along," he added.  
 6,500 Back At Work  
 Dismantling left Zeiss with six per cent of its former equipment or 573 machines scattered through acres of plant. By the end of 1947, Zeiss again had 1,220 machines as against a prewar layout of 10,000. Part of them were acquired through barter. Others were built. Two hundred and fifty tons of iron were obtained from the western zones of Germany in the last quarter of 1947 in return for a million marks worth of optical goods.  
 More than 6,500 employees are back at their workbenches. Before the war the company employed 11,000.  
 "The Russians have given us the go-ahead on full production except the manufacture of topographical and other measuring instruments," Schrade said. "The photo lens department of Zeiss already is back to 80 per cent of prewar production."  
 Part of the Zeiss production goes to reparations at a rate still to be fixed by the Russians, Schrade said.  
 Midland in 1941 had a paid recreational director for the city. He was Sam Spears.



Shown above is the Mid-West Motor Co., dealers in De Soto and Plymouth sales and service. Within this building are the latest types of equipment and the highest trained, experienced personnel.

## 14 years in Midland!

14 years of serving Midland's automotive needs has given O. J. Hubbard, owner of this establishment, a thorough knowledge of the needs of Midland motorists. During this time he, with trained personnel, have been giving customers satisfactory service on their cars. During the period of years he has built up his business through his policy of giving the best possible service.

In the service department, under the management of Olin Burnham, you'll find the latest equipment including new arrivals of the Bean front end equipment and a Sun motor analyzer. Burnham has had 23 years experience in the automobile service business.

The parts department is thoroughly complete with parts for your car. Joe Harwell, parts manager, has had several years experience in this business and is thoroughly acquainted with automobile parts that are necessary for the perfect performance of your car.

**MID-WEST MOTOR CO.**  
 O. J. HUBBARD, Owner  
 107 S. Colorado Phone 359



# The Permian Basin is on the Move!

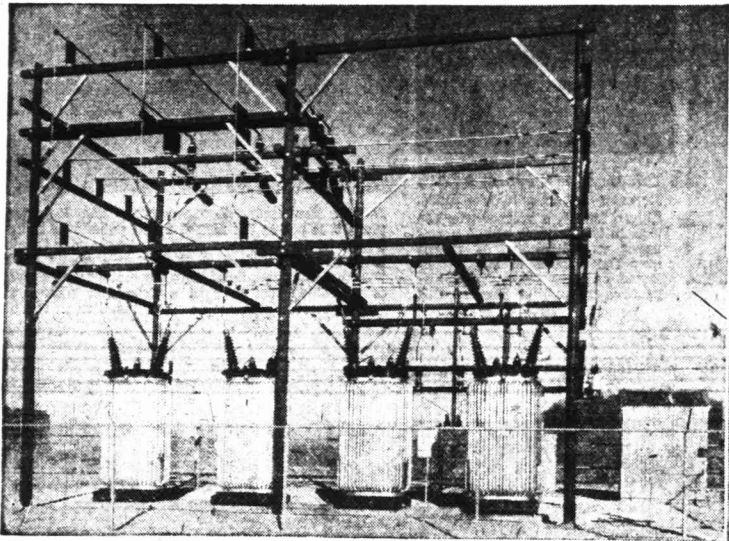
Anywhere one looks in the Permian Basin area, the evidence of rapid, steady growth and expansion is clearly seen.

The cities, towns and communities of the area, the many oil fields, the industrial plants, the farms and ranches—all plainly show that the confidence the pioneers of West Texas had in the area was justified and that the Permian Basin bids fair to being one of the fastest growing, most prosperous sections of the entire nation.

It was in the Permian Basin that Texas Electric Service Company

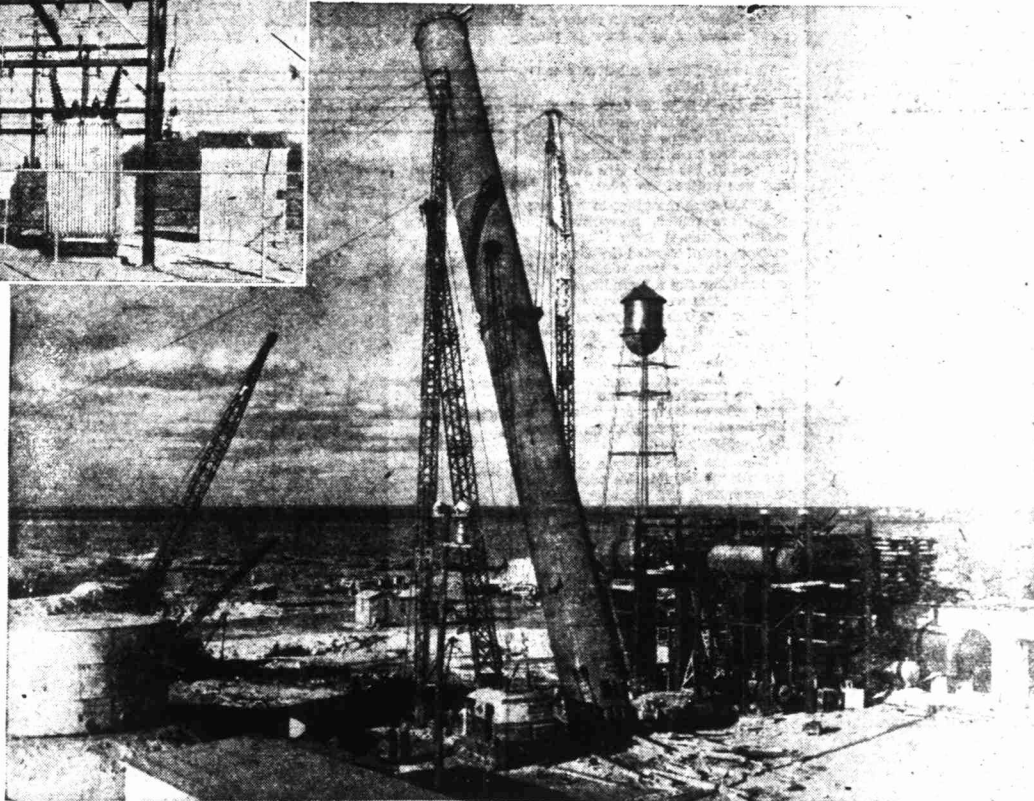
electd to build one of its new, ultra-modern power plants. This new plant, originally designed to produce 25,000 kilowatts of electric power but which is now planned for 50,000 kilowatts capacity, is being built to provide the additional electric power necessary for the continued growth and expansion of the great Permian Basin oil empire and the progressive cities, towns and communities of West Texas served by the Texas Electric Service Company.

This new power plant is scheduled for operation in the near future.

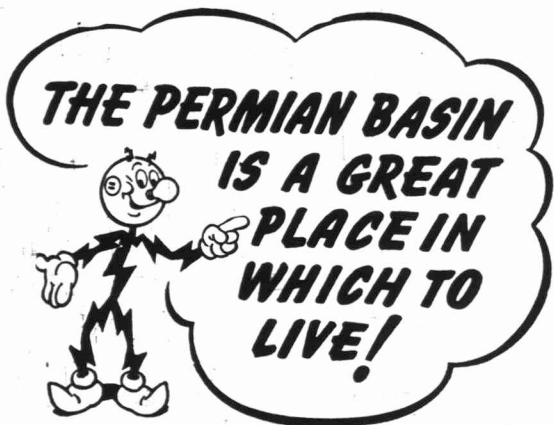
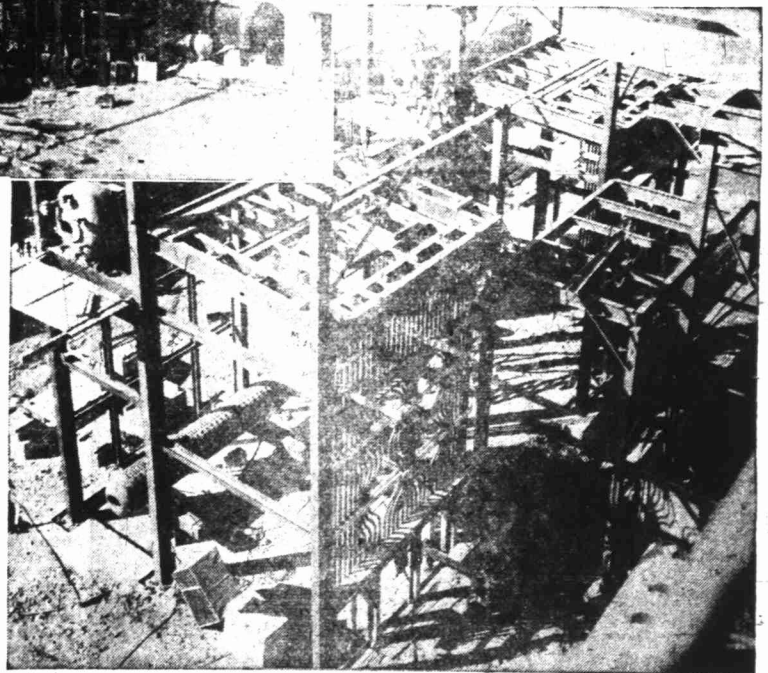


(Above) Recently completed 66,000 volt substation located in the Keystone Oil Field of Winkler County.

(Below) Raising the 150-foot, 114,000-pound steel smokestack was just one of the major engineering tasks encountered in the construction of the new Permian Basin power plant. The stack was welded together on the ground and lifted bodily to its concrete base.



(Below) View of structural steel framework and supports for the first two boilers in the Permian Basin power plant.



Texas Electric Service Company has pioneered in supplying dependable electric power and light service to oil fields, industries, farms and ranches, cities, towns and communities of the Permian Basin. This Company became a part of this area more than 25 years ago. Electric power, through these years, has been one of the greatest single aids in the development of the area.

## TEXAS ELECTRIC SERVICE COMPANY

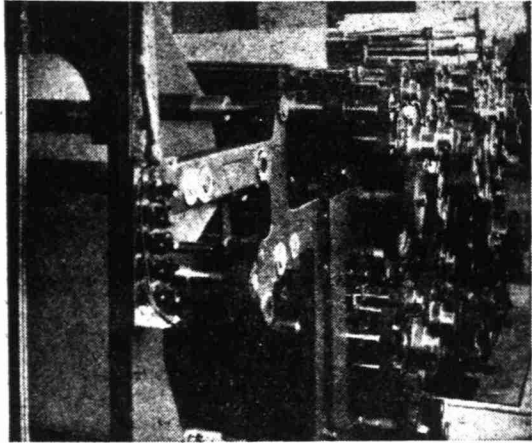
R. L. MILLER, *Manager*



# Composing Room In The Old And New Plant

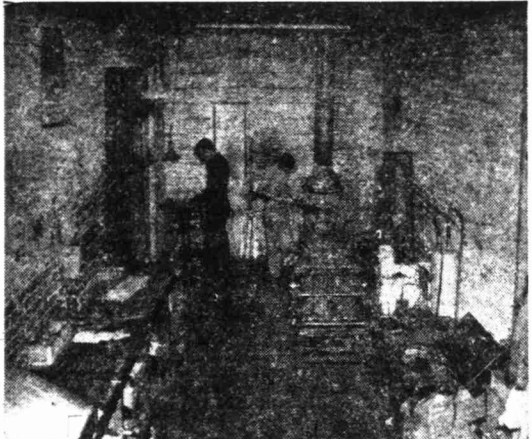
Push Button, Press Roars

No Lost Motion In Composing Room



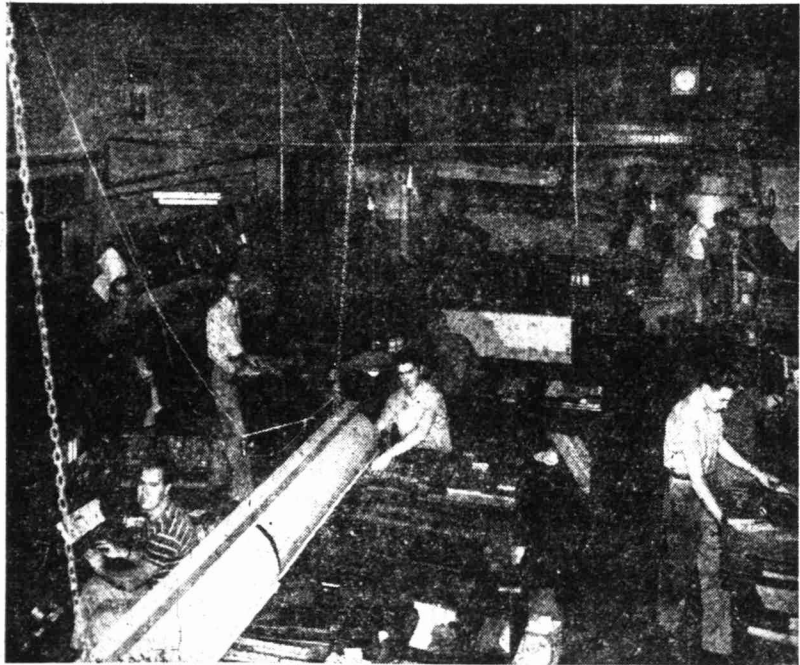
The large Duplex press of The Reporter-Telegram is a maze of cylinders, cogs and rollers. In the foreground are shown the buttons which when pushed start the roaring action. There are several speeds to the press—the maximum is 20,000 papers an hour. When such action is taking place lots of things turn—and fast. This action can be seen through the large window at the North side of The Reporter-Telegram Building.

## Stereotype "Hot Box"



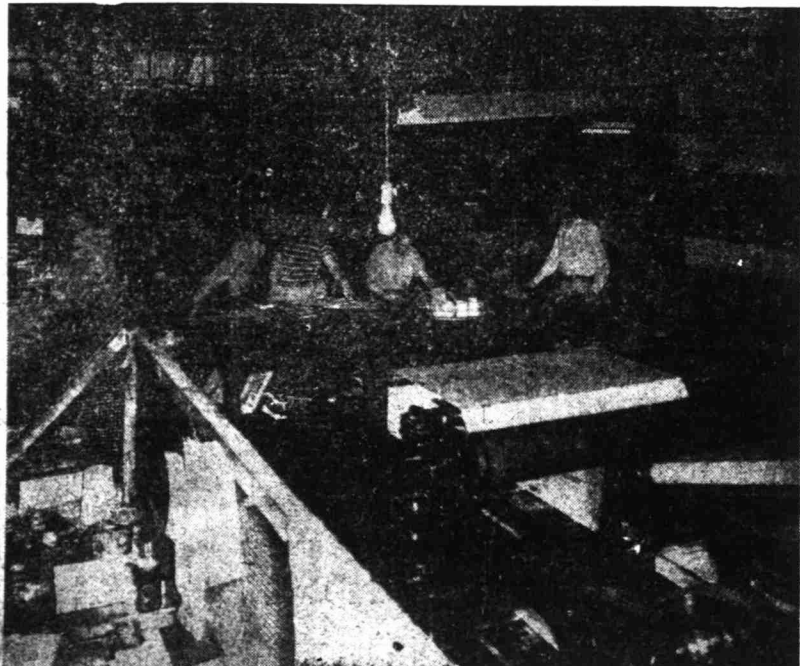
The stereotype room at the old plant of The Reporter-Telegram was a hot box. A roaring fire under the old metal pot kept it so. The room was a catch-all for just about everything. A saw was located in this room. Scraps of metal were piled all about. One of the greatest improvements by the move to a modern and new building took place in the stereotyping department. Shown here is the old. The new is 100 per cent better.

## Crowded Men And Machines In Old Plant

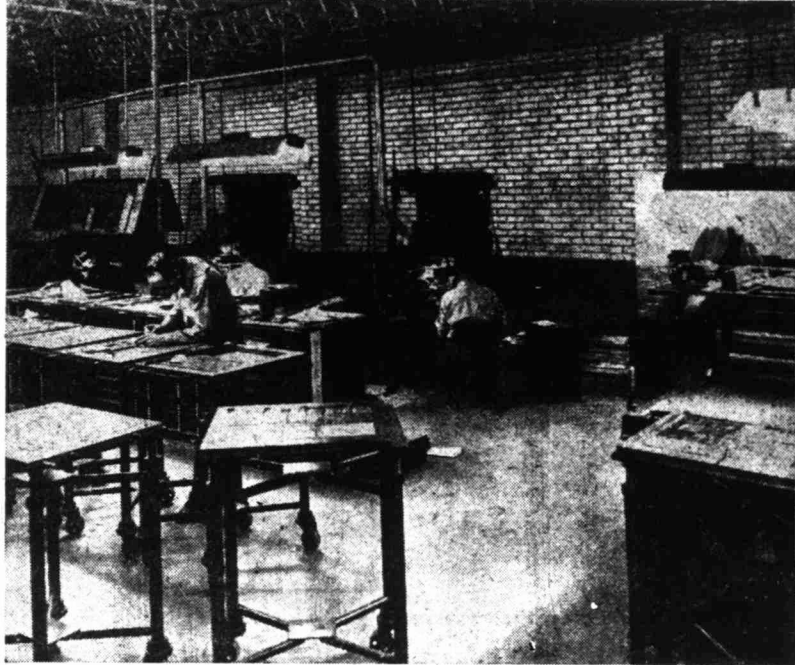


The composing room in the old Reporter-Telegram plant was really composing room, press room, job department, all in one. There was hardly room to move and make the pages of the daily newspaper and print it. Everyone was in everyone's way and couldn't help it. Note the crowded condition of men and machines in the composing room of the old plant. It was ink-stained and old. Now it is bright and well-lighted, clean and spacious in the new Reporter-Telegram Building.

## The Old Composing Room, Too Compact



An interesting comparison of conditions in which men work can be seen by comparing the old and new composing rooms of The Reporter-Telegram. Here is shown the old. Machinery was so concentrated that the men could hardly move from one part of the room to another. The press was located within two steps of the composing stones. Passageway through the room was wide enough only for one to walk. When two workers had to do a job together there was a crowd.



The composing room is The Reporter-Telegram's "middle man." It is an important cog between the intake of news and ads and the output of a printed newspaper. And space sufficient for the operation of this important part was given consideration in plant construction of the newspaper. The bank of Linotype machines is along the wall. These set type which goes in the pages. Each page is composed on a separate table. The tables then are moved to the mat machine and the finished mat is sent along to the stereotyping department. The typewritten or teletypewritten words go into metal in the composing room.

## Composing Room Is Paper's 'Middle Man'

An important cog between the intake of news and ads and the output of a printed newspaper is the composing department.

Forming the second step between the other two of getting news and telling it to the reader, this department at the new Reporter-Telegram building is the largest in the structure. It is a department of 21 tables and eight machines.

Its inhabitants are known as print-

ers, Linotype operators and make-up men. Its work broadly, consists of setting type or in taking type already set and making it up into a page.

For this operation in an efficient organization, it takes a lot of space, a lot of machines, and a lot of highly trained craftsmen.

**Men Work Rapidly**

The work, as is most news work, must be done rapidly and yet at the same time accurately. It is work requiring close attention to detail and thus a high degree of concentration.

The Reporter-Telegram composing room is staffed by a crew of nine persons.

Its broad floor is filled with machines and tables.

On the left is a bank of four Linotype machines, which set type. Another Linotype will arrive from the factory in a few months. It is a Model 31, the latest type available and was ordered two years ago.

All Linotype machines in the new plant are vented, preventing the escape of fumes from the molten casting metal carried in the machine's pot, and thus reducing heat and making the air-conditioning of the big room more effective.

When the Linotype operator has finished setting a galley (steel tray into which the type slugs fall from the machine), it is inked and a proof taken. The proof is read for errors by the proof reader who marks it and returns it for corrections. A line in which there is an error must be completely reset.

Near the four Linotype machines are the makeup tables where type is assembled, and from which it is taken to the line of steel-topped tables each of which hold a page.

When the composing department finishes locking up the page in its steel frame it goes to the mat machine, then to the stereotyping department.

## 'Who's Who' Directory Lists Molotov, Sinatra, Gandhi, 5,400 Others

CHICAGO (AP)—Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov has appeared in Who's Who in America for the first time.

So did Frank Sinatra, Roy Rogers, the late Mohandas K. Gandhi, Frank Leahy, Notre Dame football coach, and about 5,400 others.

Out of the directory of prominent Americans or well-known non-residents, 1,429 former Army and Navy brass hats. These men were reduced in rank after the war ended. On the basis of rank alone, the directory lists nothing below brigadier generals and commanders.

Thomas J. Watson, president of the International Business Machines Company, New York, again has the longest sketch—201 lines. It ran only 155 lines in the last issue. Runnerup is the late Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia, whose sketch was increased three lines to a total of 138 lines before his death.

**Other Listings**  
Watson's sketch cost the Who's Who publishers \$50 to print at current publishing costs. The biographies of President Truman and Albert Einstein cost only \$5 each to print.

One line has been inserted in General Eisenhower's previous 42-line sketch. It reads, "president of Columbia University."

The oldest and youngest listees were not displaced. They are Calvin Francis Adams, West Roxbury, Mass., engineer, who will be 97 in July, and Margaret O'Brien, screen star who was 11 on January 15.

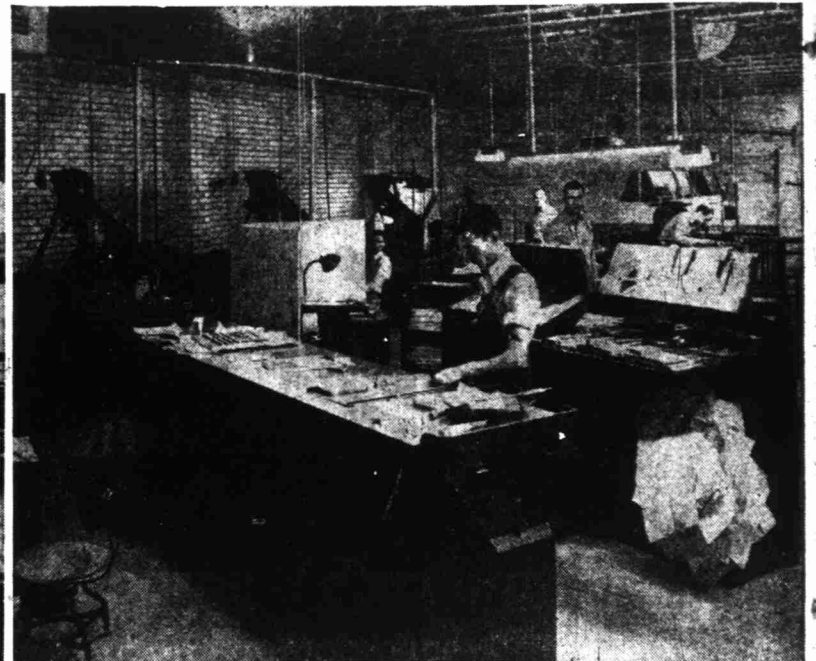
Among other first-time listees are Dorothy Lamour; Hildegard; Opera Singer, Dorothy; Kirsten; Minerva Pious, the Mrs. Nussbaum of Fred Allen's radio show; James W. Glenn, president of the Reynolds Tobacco Company, and Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia.

## Plant Foreman



A. C. Robertson

## Composing Room Is Important Cog



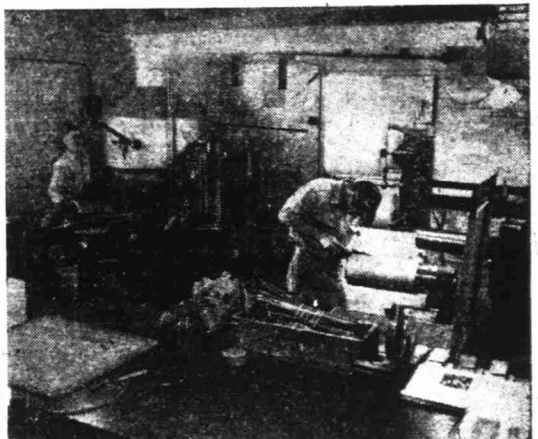
The composing room of The Reporter-Telegram's new building is large, one of the largest departments in the structure. Here is shown a portion of it. On special-built cabinets the advertisements, set in metal, are made up to go in the page forms along with the news stories. There is no lost motion in the composing room of the new building for it has been arranged to fit a master plan for efficiency. The typesetting machines are near the composing tables and cabinets.

## Monahans Agent



Dan Mason is the agent for The Reporter-Telegram in Monahans. Calven Mason, a brother who assists in the delivery of the newspaper in Monahans, is shown over Dan's name in the picture layout of West Texas agents appearing on another page in this issue.

## The Stereotyping Department

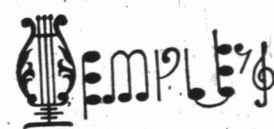


In the stereotyping department of The Reporter-Telegram's new plant it is hot as the melted metal pours over the mat impression of a page of the daily newspaper, hardens, and is trimmed ready to do a cylinder of the big press. Stereotypers receive the rolled mats from the composing room and have the metal ready to mold a page. Metal is used over and over in a newspaper plant. New and modern stereotyping equipment is installed in the new plant.



# Congratulations

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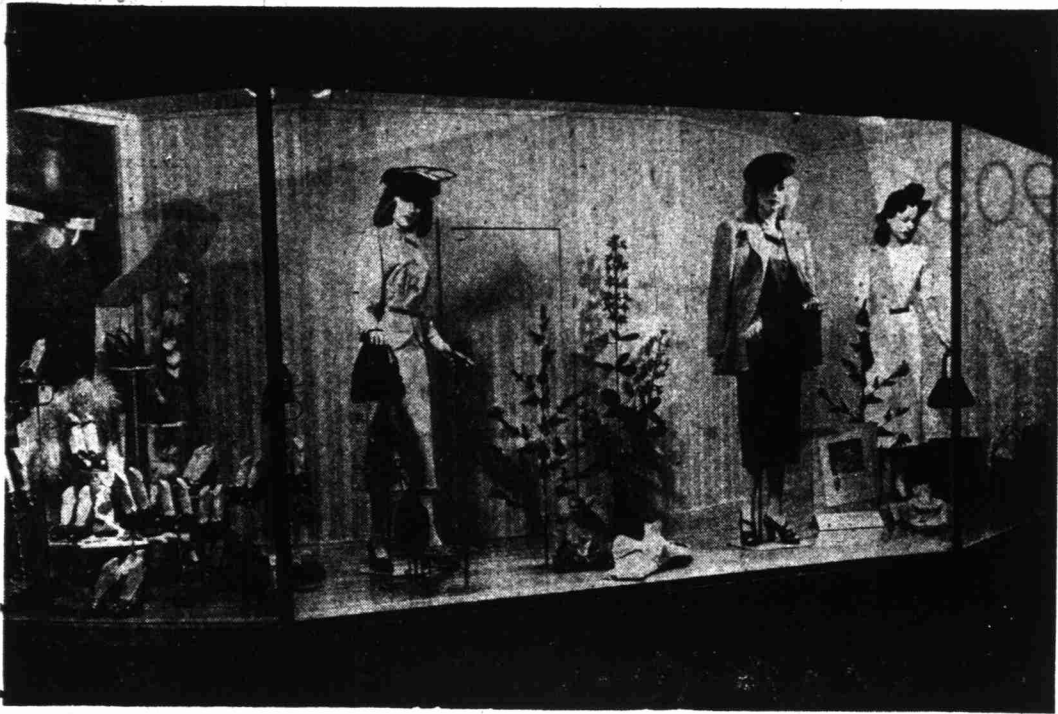
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of the trade names that hang by more than a thread are as follows:

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| McKertrick          | Walk-Over             |
| Western Fashions    | Marquise              |
| Tabak of California | Jacqueline            |
| Pat Premo           | Connie                |
| Max Kopp            | Edwards               |
| Miss Hollywood, Jr. | Trimfoot              |
| Irene Bury          | Acrobat               |
| Marjorie Montgomery | Red Goose             |
| Rena Sportswear     | Stetson               |
| Majestic            | Lee                   |
| Textron             | McGregor              |
| Josef Bags          | Wilson Bros.          |
| Garay Bags          | Hickok                |
| Marilyn Belts       | Paris                 |
| Corette             | Club Fashions         |
| Bennington          | Wilshire              |
| Helene of Hollywood | Country Life          |
| Gotham Gold Stripe  | Sporteens             |
| Alba                | Windsor               |
| Glamour Girl        | Olympic               |
| Milliken            | Gurian                |
| Stehli              | Edythe Wayne of       |
| Cohn-Hall-Marx      | California            |
| Shirley Fabrics     | Josi Casuals          |
| Logantex            | Columbia              |
| Blackstaff          | Achilles of Hollywood |
| McCall              | Gordon and Marx       |
| Simplicity          | Blume Knitwear        |
| Blumenthal          | Glengarry Sportswear  |
| Talon               | North Star            |
|                     | Chatham               |

and scores of others!



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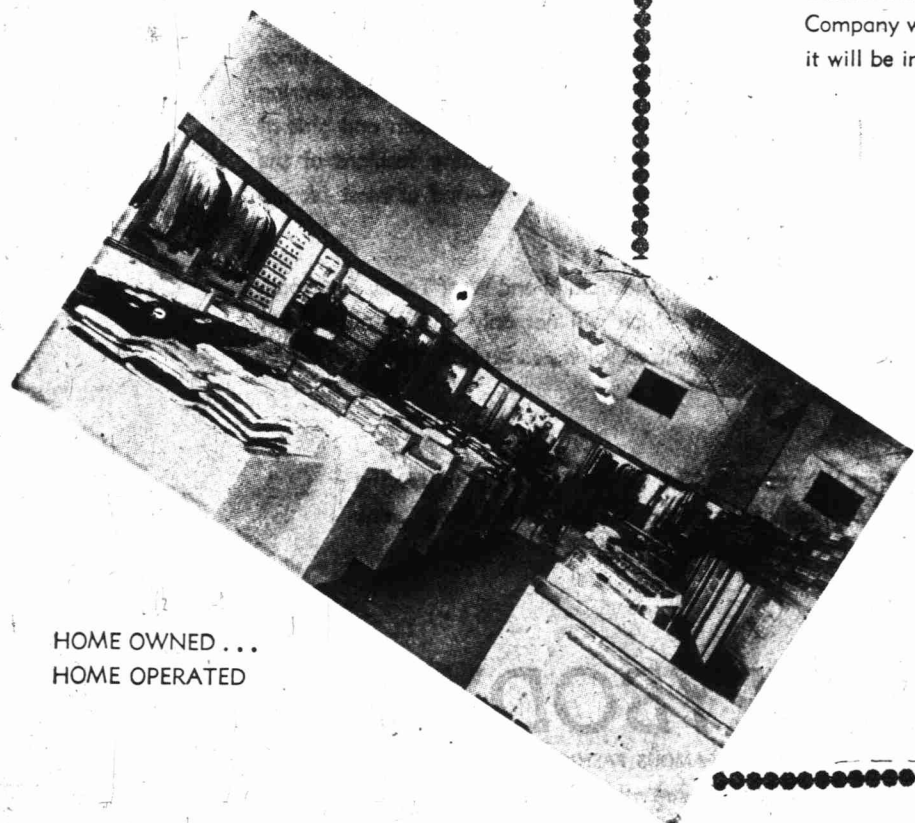
**..... Intangible Assets That  
Are Worth More Than  
Goods And Dollars**

Swapping merchandise for dollars and letting it go at that is one way of doing business, but that is not the Haynes system. This institution created by Chas. A. Haynes did not "just happen." It was PLANNED — over a period of years and these plans called for more than just ordinary merchandising.

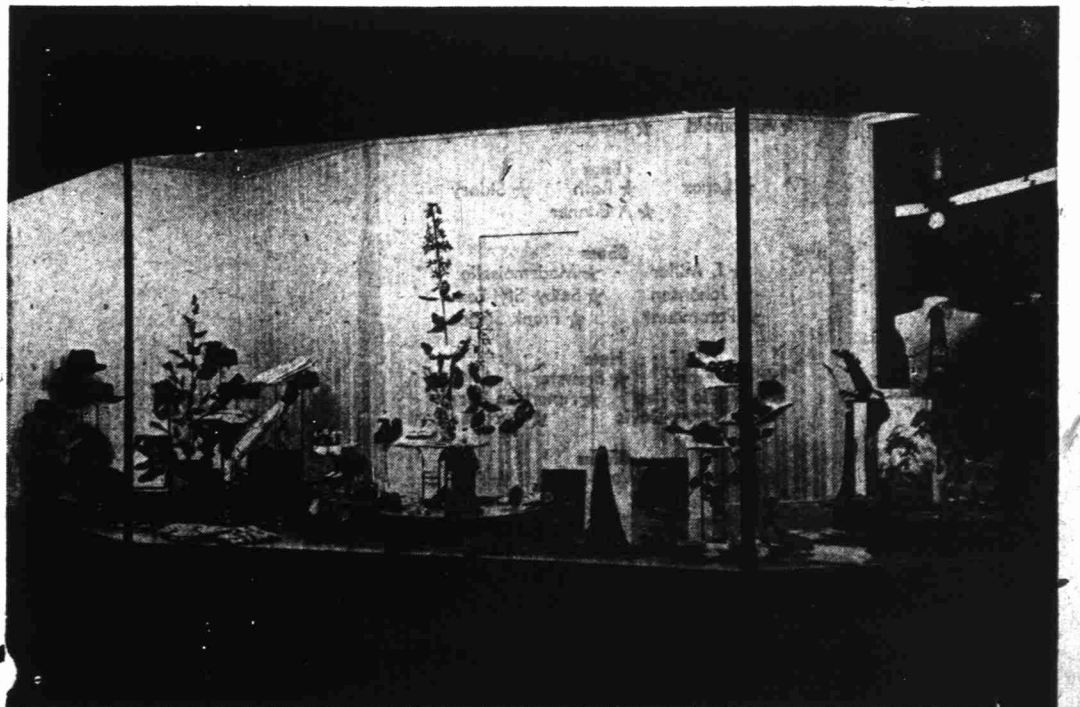
Your Haynes store in Midland is a part and parcel of this community and the Permian Basin it serves. Realizing this fact we have devoted no little time, effort and money toward the further development of this area since we selected Midland as our home. Haynes is fully conscious of the fact that the progress of this store depends upon the progress and prosperity of our entire trade territory. The people made Chas. A. Haynes Company what it is today and will make it what it will be in the future.

Faith in Midland and this area was expressed when the Haynes store was established here in April 1947 and now we are happy to know that this faith was justified from our growth over a period of less than a year. There is a great deal of satisfaction in knowing that Haynes has brought to the buying public of this area an extensiveness and variety of merchandise and a service that people appreciate. And there is added satisfaction in the knowledge that this merchandise and service was made available on the most economical basis possible in this sector.

For these and for many other reasons, we of the Chas. A. Haynes Company pause to express our thanks for your business and for the greatest asset any business ever had—YOUR FRIENDSHIP AND GOOD WILL.



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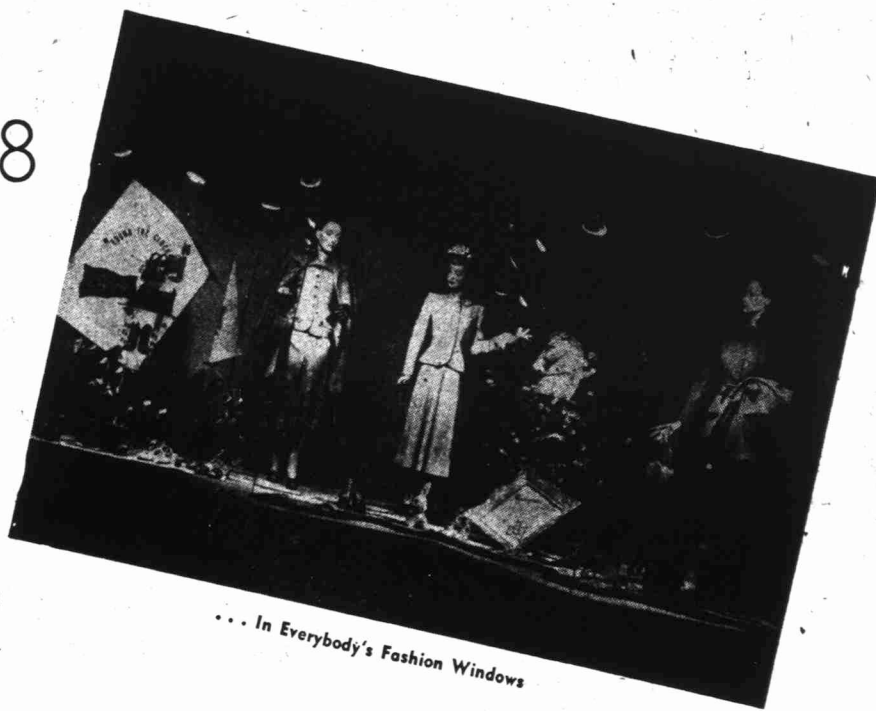




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- ★ Fred A. Block      ★ Jablow Originals
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- ★ Marcy Lee      ★ Claire McCardle
- ★ Carlye      ★ Petti      ★ Darna Lee
- ★ Dorsa Exclusive Originals
- ★ Junior Guild Originals
- ★ Lilli Ann California Originals
- ★ Daryl      ★ Hobbies by Larch
- ★ Bobbie Brooks      ★ L'Aiglon      ★ Yolande
- ★ Textron      ★ Justin McCarty
- ★ Victor Alexander      ★ Marlene Jr.
- ★ Minx Mode Junior      ★ Western Fashions
- ★ Perez Casuals      ★ Nardis of Dallas
- ★ Arthur Weiss
- ★ Martini Frocks      ★ Star Maid

#### Lingerie

- ★ Rhythm      ★ Seam-Prufe      ★ Yolande
- ★ Hollywood V-Ettes      ★ Hi-A Bras
- ★ Carter and Faerie Knitwear
- ★ Gossard and Jantzen Girdles

#### Hose

- ★ Artcraft      ★ Wisteria      ★ Larkwood
- ★ Atommaid      ★ Claussner      ★ Oakbrook

#### Bags

- ★ Lenox      ★ Rath      ★ Sidney
- ★ A Banner

#### Shoes

- ★ I. Miller      ★ Mademoiselle
- ★ Johansen      ★ Selby Styl-Eez
- ★ Paramount      ★ Frank Sbicca

#### Hats

- ★ Nat Frank      ★ Brewster      ★ Knox
- ★ Studio Styles      ★ American Room
- ★ Casper-Davis      ★ Yvonne

#### Gloves

- ★ Fownes      ★ Wear-Right      ★ Polava

Time brings about some very interesting happenings. For instance, many of the styles worn by our best dressed women and girls of today are almost precisely the styles that were worn by the belles of yesteryear, way back in 1908, when Everybody's first began supplying the clothing needs of West Texas folk.

Reaching back into the past we find that Mr. J. H. Barron purchased the Morrison & Richards store in 1907. Mr. Addison Wadley joined Mr. Barron as a junior partner in 1908 and the name of the store was changed to Everybody's, having as their slogan: "Everything to Wear." The store has been operated under various ownerships on down through the years but always, in the same location and under the same name—Everybody's—since 1908. The present owners, Max Cohen and Herbert Silverman (Colbert's, Inc.) purchased the store in 1945.

Everybody's has been considered one of the leading stores in West Texas since its inception. We are proud of this reputation and are constantly endeavoring to merit the continued patronage and confidence of the women and girls of Midland and West Texas by bringing to them the leading fashions of the day by America's foremost designers—while it is new—and at most reasonable prices.

And we are continuing to progress with Midland and West Texas. An expansion program will be begun shortly which will not only give us much more floor space but a thoroughly modernized salon . . . and an opportunity to be of even greater service.

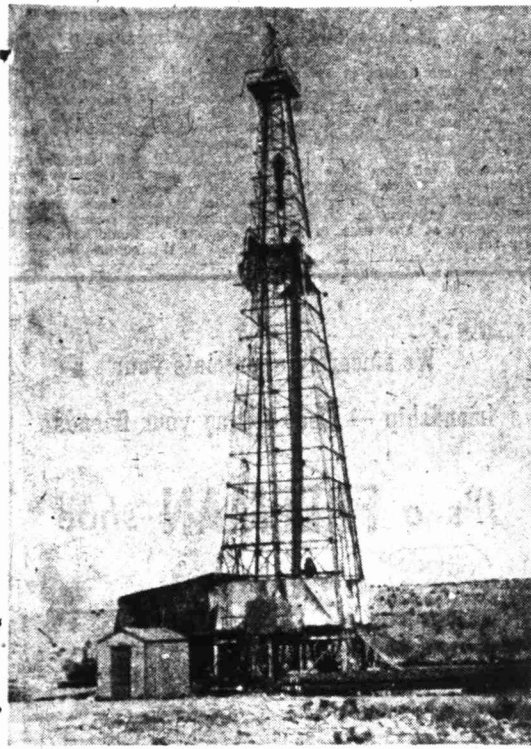
Our Best Wishes go to The Reporter - Telegram on the formal opening of their modern new plant today . . . one of the finest to be found anywhere.

# EVERYBODY'S

NATIONALLY FAMOUS FASHIONS FOR HER

Mrs. Minta Ervin, Manager





This rotary drilling rig is over one of the latest oil discoveries in West Texas. It is at the Anderson-Prichard Oil Corporation and The Vickers Petroleum Co., No. 1 Marvin Francis Foster, in Southeast Sterling County, which recently flowed 1,399.4 barrels of 28.5 gravity oil in 48 hours from lower Permian pay at 4,352-4,343 feet. The project is drilling ahead past 5,300 feet and will go to about 8,500 feet to test into the Ellenburger. The modern drilling unit is owned and operated by Hall & Stewart Drilling Company of Midland. The picture was taken while the well was flowing to tanks from the producing formation already found.

## Permian Basin Oil Reserves Continue To Bound On Upward Trend

By JAMES C. WATSON  
Oil Editor

The Oil and Gas Journal estimated proven reserves of crude oil, and condensate in West Texas was 4,112,000,000 barrels on January 1, 1948. That was a net increase over the publication's estimate of proven reserves for West Texas on January 1, 1947, of 866,155,000 barrels. Calculations were that the 38 new discoveries in the territory in 1947, together with extensions during the year to fields which were found previously, added a gross total of 1,086,554,000 barrels to the West Texas reserves.

However, before the actual net of proven reserves at the beginning of the year could be determined the production of the region for 1947 had to be subtracted. That figure was 220,399,000 barrels.

West Texas proven oil reserves at the start of 1948 accounted for 17.3 per cent of those of the entire United States. That figure was 21,345,138,000 barrels.

### New Mexico Reserves Increase

The Southeast New Mexico proven reserves total at the start of 1948 was estimated at 540,000,000 barrels. That represented a net increase of 32,086,000 barrels over the total of 507,914,000 barrels of estimated reserves which that district had to its credit January 1, 1947. That increase came from two new fields and four new pays found during 1947. The net increase resulted despite a total production during the year of 40,970,000 barrels.

The New Mexico reserves at the start of 1948 accounted for 2.3 per cent of the total reserves of the United States.

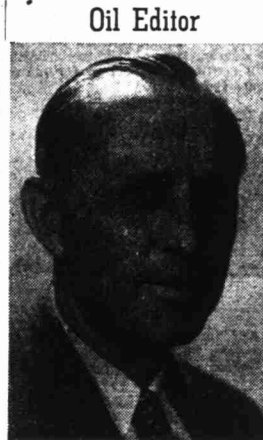
When the West Texas 17.3 per cent and the New Mexico 2.3 per cent are added together they give the entire Permian Basin 19.6 per cent or approximately a fifth of the known, proven reserves of the entire continental United States. The actual total of the Permian Basin's estimated reserves was 4,652,000,000 barrels, at the beginning of 1948. This is a net gain over the total a year ago of 898,241,000 barrels.

### Reserves Increase

The history of the Permian Basin reveals that at the end of 1941—six years ago—the estimated proven reserves of the entire district were approximately 3,000,000,000 barrels. West Texas accounted for 2,564,000,000 barrels and Southeast New Mexico was credited with the remainder.

The difference is the estimated net proven reserves in the six-year period, between the end of 1941 and the end of 1947, roughly was 1,652,000,000 barrels.

However, that figure does not by any means represent the actual total of new reserves discovered in



Oil Editor

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the Permian Basin during that time. Cumulative production of the two-state area at the end of 1941 was 1,499,351,000 barrels. The figure for the region at the end of 1947 stood at 2,652,103,000 barrels.

The difference in those two figures—1,152,752,000 barrels—represents the actual, accounted for production of the oil fields of the Permian Basin during the six-year span.

To determine the aggregate amount of new reserves actually discovered in the region during those six years it is necessary to add the amount of the net increase in reserves, 1,652,000,000 barrels, to the actual production, 1,152,752,000 barrels—which gives a total of 2,804,752,000 barrels of new reserves estimated to have been proven in West Texas and Southeast New Mexico between the beginning of

1942 and the beginning of 1948. The Yearbook-Forecast issue of World Oil, published February 15, 1948, had this to say about one Permian Basin discovery of 1947—

"Undoubtedly the most important discovery of the year, (in the United States), was a deep Ellenburger discovery in West Texas which, because of the thickness of the pay sec' and estimates of areal extent, ... rise to estimates that it would eventually prove to be a reserve of perhaps one half billion barrels."

"However, nothing like that amount can be placed in the proven category, and World Oil's estimate of its proven reserve to date is purely nominal, although its future importance is not minimized."

The well referred to is the Silk-Urschel Oil Company and Plymouth Oil Company No. 1 Alford, in East-Central Upton County, about 50 miles south of Midland.

The Review and Forecast issue of The Oil & Gas Journal, published January 29, 1948, had the following to say about the same discovery:

"In West Texas, the discovery of Ellenburger production in East-Central Upton County, 10 miles north of the Big Lake field, was considered to be one of the most important developments of recent years in the entire Permian Basin area. Significance of this test is that it has extended Ellenburger production far to the east of the Central Platform, and into the deep Midland Basin, thus opening a large new area for exploration."

"The new discovery has aroused considerable controversy as to areal extent and reserves of the field it has opened, and many observers are of the opinion that it will rival the Big Lake field in this respect."

### Another Increase

At the beginning of 1941 engineering surveys revealed a total of 795,368 proven producing acres in the Permian Basin. The West Texas territory accounted for 618,168 acres and Southeast New Mexico had credit for 177,200.

The actual figures for the number of new proven producing acres developed in the territory during 1947 have not been released. However, conservative operators estimate that at least 10,000 additional producing acres were proven during 1947 and when the full limits of the new fields, and new pays found in the that year, are determined the size of that figure likely will be increased several times.

The May 4, 1942 issue of The Oil Weekly (now World Oil) carried (Continued on page 14)

## Midland Is Headquarters For Large Division



Importance of Midland as an oil operating center is shown by the map of the territory included in the West Texas division of the production department of Magnolia Petroleum Company, which maintains headquarters here. The company has district production offices at Kermit, Brownfield, Pampa and Electra, all under the West Texas division. All drilling and production activities of Magnolia in the region extending from Dallas to the west line of New Mexico, and from San Antonio through the Oklahoma Panhandle, are supervised by the office in Midland, which is under the direction of R. T. German, division superintendent, and his staff. Several other oil companies handle approximately the same spread of territory from offices in Midland.

## Petroleum Industry Responsible For Rapid Growth Of Midland And Permian Basin Area

By JAMES C. WATSON  
Oil Editor

The oil industry is responsible for the progress Midland and the Permian Basin have made in recent years. That is freely admitted by every person who is familiar with the facts.

What are those facts? What has the oil industry done to change Midland and other cities in the oil areas of West Texas and Southeast New Mexico, and to generate the growth and expansion which is now underway?

The best way to answer the questions is to make a few comparisons of the oil development and production business in the Permian Basin at the end of 1942 and at the same time five years later, at the end of 1947. It has been during these five years

that the big change has taken place in this area—and particularly in Midland.

At the end of 1942 there were 15,042 producing oil wells in West Texas and 3,825 producing oil wells in the Southeast New Mexico fields. That gave the two-state area a total of 18,867 wells.

Five years later, at the end of 1947, the same regions had a total of 25,745 producing oil wells. The West Texas sector accounted for 21,056 of the wells, and the New Mexico section was credited with 4,689 active oil producers. The 1947 total was a net increase of 6,878 wells, in the five-year period.

However, these totals do not tell the big story of the change that has come during the five years, in the oil industry in the Permian Basin.

At the end of 1942 all the oil wells in West Texas had a daily average production of 212,831 barrels per day and the figure for all the New Mexico wells at that time was 94,031 barrels per day—or a total daily average production for the 18,867 wells in the Basin, at the end of 1942 of 306,862 barrels.

At the end of 1947 the total daily average production of the West Texas wells was 695,725 barrels, and New Mexico wells, 121,300 barrels, to give the Permian Basin a daily average production of 817,025 barrels from the 25,745 active wells in the region.

The increase in daily allowable was 316,163 barrels per day—or almost 180 per cent. Total production of the area for 1942 was 112,870,909 barrels. That (Continued On Page 2)

## Thirty-Eight New Oil Discoveries Counted In West Texas In 1947

The West Texas Geological Society listed a total of 38 new petroleum discoveries in West Texas during 1947. Twenty-four were openers of new oil fields, and the other 14 were the first wells to find new pays in fields which had previously had production from other formations.

Those 38 discoveries were scattered in 14 counties of West Texas.

In 1946 the area had 26 new discoveries. There were 25 in 1945, and only nine in 1944.

In New Mexico, Lea County accounted for all the officially listed new discoveries of 1947. Two new oil fields were found and four new pays were proven to be productive. The list of all the new discoveries:

**ANDREWS COUNTY**  
BLOCK 12-DEVONIAN FIELD—Atlantic Refining Company No. 1-E Texu, section 18, block 12, University survey, total depth 8,817 feet in Devonian, plugged back

8,710 feet, Devonian, pumped 30 barrels oil, plus 210 barrels water in 24 hours, 8,454-8,710 feet, gravity 39.

**FULLERTON - WOLF CAMP FIELD**—Fullerton Oil Company No. 124 H. M. Wilson, section 15, block A-32, psi survey, total depth 9,235 feet, Simpson, plugged back 8,135 feet, Wolfcamp, pumped 156 barrels oil in 24 hours, 8,098-8,135 feet, gravity 42.1.

**DOLLAR HIDE - SILURIAN FIELD**—Magnolia Petroleum Company No. 2-B E. P. Cowden, section 9, block A-55, psi survey, total depth 8,365 feet Silurian, flowed, (Continued on page 14)

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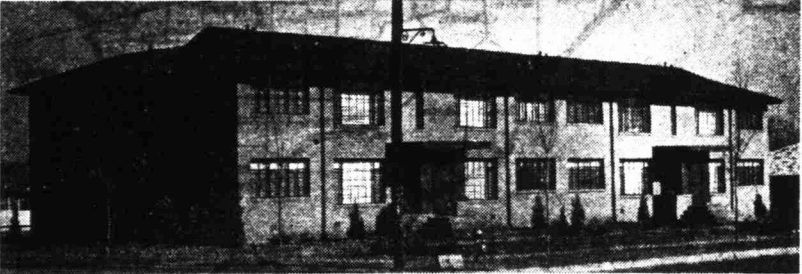
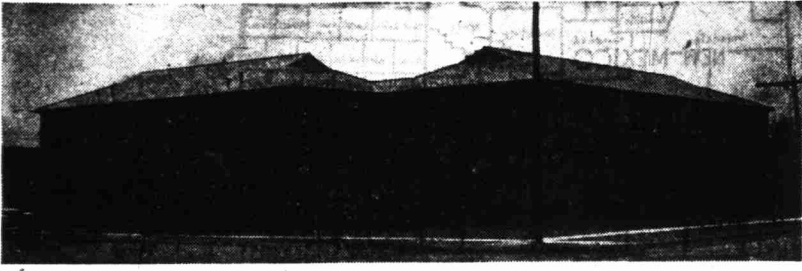
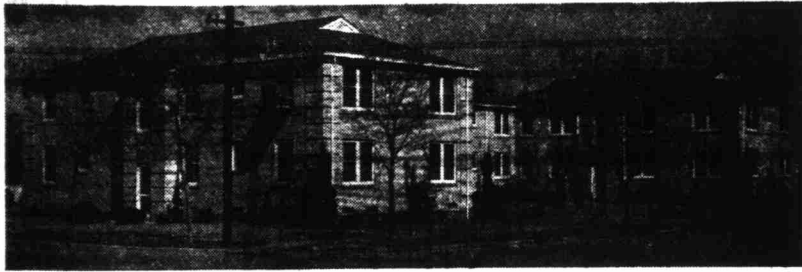
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### Attractive Apartment Houses



These three large and attractive apartment houses were erected in Midland recently to help relieve an acute housing shortage. They are the Maefair (top), Ann Juan (middle), and Park Terrace. They are completely modern in every respect. Other apartment houses now are under construction here.

### MPCA Is Powerful Factor In Region's Agriculture

From an idea—a hope—the Midland Production Credit Association has grown to become one of the strongest lending agencies and one of the most important factors affecting agriculture in the Midland area. It was organized under the Farm Credit Act when a group of 46 stockmen and farmers met here January 2, 1934, and agreed that the idea of agricultural producers having their own source of credit, a lending organization which they themselves would help operate, sounded good. S. R. Preston was elected the first president. John M. Gist vice president, and Bruce Frazier secretary-treasurer. First inspectors were H. F. Neal and Hamp Carter. Rankin, M. G. Dameron, Crane, K. H. Irwin, Andrews, Roy Bates, Big Spring; D. C. Driver, Odessa; Cal-

vin Smith, Odessa; A. G. Bohannon, Midland; and Edmund Tom, Lenorah. Early Directors Early-day directors were J. P. Rankin, Rankin; J. P. Jamison, Garden City; George G. White, Big Spring; and counties served by the association included Midland, Upton, Glasscock, Reagan, Crane, Ector, Winkler, Andrews, Martin and Howard. Later War and Loving Counties were added to the organization's territory. Originally, the authorized capital stock of the association was \$60,000. In June of 1934 this was raised to \$180,000; today, it is \$300,000. The government owned all stock in the association when it was first organized, until nine members together bought \$45 worth. Today, members own \$173,420 worth of stock and the government has been paid back completely except for a \$5,000 "token" equity. During the association's first year of operations members were loaned \$53,000. Since then, more than \$20,000,000 has been loaned—\$7,000,000 in 1947 alone. Managers After Bruce Frazier, H. C. Barnes and Louis Thomas were secretaries of the association until C. C. Thomas, present secretary-treasurer-manager, took the post several years ago. Among those credited with having been especially instrumental in putting the young association on its feet when it was still in the crawling stage were W. B. Elkin, W. A. Hutchinson, Timberline Floyd, Stanton Brunson and S. R. Preston. Officers of the association, now are M. F. King, Midland, president; Jim Thornton, Poyte, vice president; C. C. Thomas, secretary-treasurer-manager; and W. W. Percifull, assistant secretary-treasurer-manager. Directors are King, Thornton, Ed Guy Branch, Rankin; Charles J. Cox, Garden City; and Frank Williamson, Midland.

### Shell Company, In Basin Since 1924, Maintains Area Office In Midland

By E. DYKSTRA  
Area Manager Shell Oil Company, Inc.

An integrated organization capable of handling all of Shell Oil Company's production and exploration activities and related operations in the West Texas-New Mexico area has been functioning in Midland for more than a year!

Shell entered into active leasing operations in West Texas in 1924, four years after the discovery of oil in the Permian Basin. At that time, Shell was known as the Roxana Petroleum Corporation. It was not until May, 1926, that Roxana completed its first producer, Powell No. 1 in the World pool.

Activity spread to the McCamey, Hendricks, and Yates pools. Roxana changed its name to Shell. As the drilling and production operations expanded, district offices sprang up in various key towns. Then in 1935 Shell established a division office in Midland to coordinate its West Texas leasing and production operations.

Area Office Here Thirteen years ago, Shell's West Texas division office in Midland consisted of a few land and exploration agents and a small production staff totaling approximately 25 employees. Shell's gross production that year (1935) totaled approximately four million barrels of crude oil.

The increased demand for oil since 1940 and improved refinery technique in handling sour crude gave great impetus to exploration and development in West Texas fields. Shell's expanding activities increased to such an extent that on November 1, 1946, an area office was established in Midland comprising all departments necessary for complete functional organization. Production, Exploration, Land, Legal, Gas-Gasoline, Personnel and Industrial Relations, Treasury, and Crude Oil Departments were organized, and an area manager was appointed to coordinate the work of these eight departments.

In 1947, Shell's gross production totaled approximately 16,500,000 barrels. Shell's area office staff in Midland now totals more than 275 employees which means a substantial payroll for the city. This large staff occupies office space in four buildings in Midland, principal of which is the Petroleum Building where Shell will soon occupy more than six complete floors. Housing this large group is becoming less of a problem with the city's rapid growth.

Big Gasoline Plant Early in 1947, as a step toward utilization of natural gas, Shell began construction of a gasoline plant at Notrees. This plant when completed within the next few months, will process 45,000,000 cubic feet of gas daily produced from the T. X. L. and Wheeler fields. This will utilize the major portion of the gas produced in these fields which is now being flared.

The two gasoline plants which Shell operates at Wason (owned jointly by Shell and Coltex) now process approximately 75,000,000 million cubic feet daily. During the latter part of 1947, construction was begun to enlarge the Wason No. 2 plant to handle an additional 30,000,000 cubic feet per day. This

extension is expected to be placed in operation by mid-Summer and will utilize the great part of the gas now being flared in the Wason field.

New Pipe Line Shell Pipe Line Corporation operates two 10-inch lines, moving more than 80,000 barrels daily out of the Permian Basin, one from Wason to Houston, and the other from McCamey to Wood River, Illinois. In addition, Shell Pipe Line Corporation operates more than five hundred miles of gathering lines in the Permian Basin.

In view of the urgent need for increased pipe line capacity out of the Permian Basin, a pipe line capable of moving 150,000 barrels of oil daily is being constructed from Jal, New Mexico, through Wink, Midland and Cushing to the refinery center in Illinois. The line is owned jointly by Shell Pipe Line Corporation, The Texas Company Pipe Line Corporation, Sinclair, Prairie, and Cities Service.

The capital investments in gasoline plants and pipe lines are motivated by Shell's confidence in the future and the expectation that the production from the Permian Basin will continue to increase for many years to come.

### Assistant Pastor



The Rev. Raymond Hall is the assistant pastor of Midland's First Baptist Church. The Rev. Vernon Yearby is pastor.

### Good Old Days Lacked Glamor

MEADVILLE, PA. — (AP) — Times have changed! Frank Prather, a newly elected member of the Meadville School Board, helped hand out diplomas to 44 members of the mid-term graduating class and remarked: "Things were different 24 years ago when I was the first — and only member of the mid — year class. We didn't have a ceremony. The principal said, 'Well, Frank, you've graduated.' Then, about three weeks later, I got my diploma in the mail."

W. F. Scarborough, 72, died June 20, 1939.

### Petroleum Industry -

(Continued From Page 1) was accounted for by \$1,191,350 barrels from West Texas and \$1,679,549 barrels from Southeast New Mexico.

Total production of the area in 1947 was 261,389,000 barrels. West Texas accounted for 220,399,000 barrels of the yield, while the New Mexico fields produced 40,990,000 barrels.

Numerous Fields The 1947 oil came from a total of 810 separate oil fields or oil pays in the Permian Basin. The Texas side of the territory accounted for 232 of the fields and the New Mexico sector of the two-state area had 78 of the producing areas.

All of the increases in production, in numbers of wells, and in numbers of oil fields has not just happened.

It has taken drilling to put the Permian Basin oil industry in position to develop the record production levels it has reached—and it is going to take more drilling to keep the present levels of production up and to increase it by about 300,000 barrels per day additional, which is the goal the industry has set as the anticipated daily average crude production of this territory within the next two to three years.

The story on what has happened on that item gives another graphic picture of the change that has come during the last five years. In 1942 a total of 1,220 new wells were drilled in West Texas. Total footage of all these holes was 5,434,000 feet. They were completed as 1,122 oil wells; 123 gas wells and 85 dry holes.

In 1947 a total of 2,287 wells were drilled in West Texas. There were 1,975 oil wells in the list; 21 gas wells and 291 dry holes. Total footage of all the wells was 10,809,000 feet.

In 1942 a total of 325 wells were drilled in Southeast New Mexico. There were 261 oil wells, 12 gas wells and 62 dry holes in that list. Aggregate footage in the wells was 1,148,000 feet.

There were a total of 562 wells drilled in New Mexico in 1947. Of that group, 423 were finished as oil wells; 60 were gas wells and 79 were dry holes. Total footage accounted for by those wells was 2,512,000 feet.

The forecast of proposed drilling operations for the Permian Basin in 1948 reveals that the pace is to be considerably faster than it was in 1947.

According to a careful survey it has been found that a total of 2,988 wells are planned for West Texas this year. The projected total footage to be drilled by the time these ventures are completed will aggregate 14,157,000 feet.

284 Wildcats Of the total of 2,988 wells planned for West Texas for 1948, 2,704 of them are slated to be field wells and 284 are planned as wildcats.

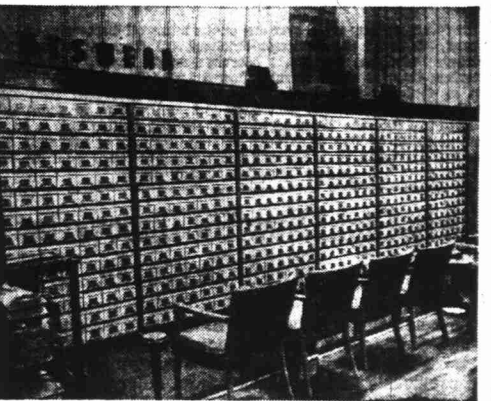
Southeast New Mexico is scheduled to have a total of 622 new wells drilled in 1948. Total anticipated footage is 2,768,000 feet. There are to be 565 field wells and 57 wildcats.

Midland Boy Scouts attended a National Jamboree in Washington in 1937. Scouts included: Bobby York, Frank Arrington, Val Borum, Buster Howard (Scoutmaster), Goodrich Hejl, Billy Noble, Harry Sindorf, E. J. Ragsdale, Ken Williams, Billy Kimbrough, John Watson, Bobby Martin and John Scarborough.

### UNESCO Extended To Ex-Enemy Nations

BERN, SWITZERLAND — (AP) — The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization is extending its activities to former enemy nations, including Germany. Prof. Julian Huxley, UNESCO director general told a news conference. Prof. Huxley said the occupation authorities in Germany were expected to approve UNESCO operations in the near future, and that Switzerland, which recently joined the organization, would have a special task in this connection.

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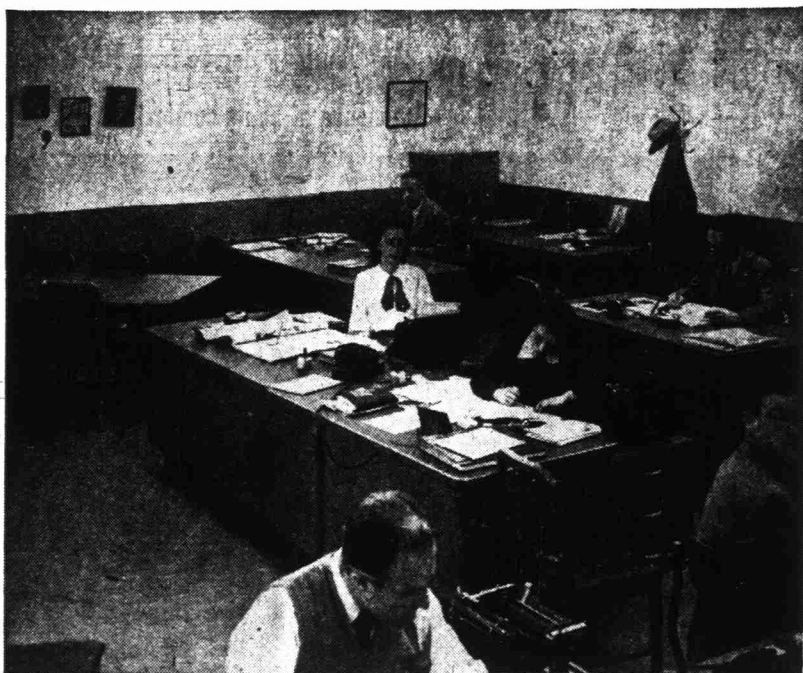


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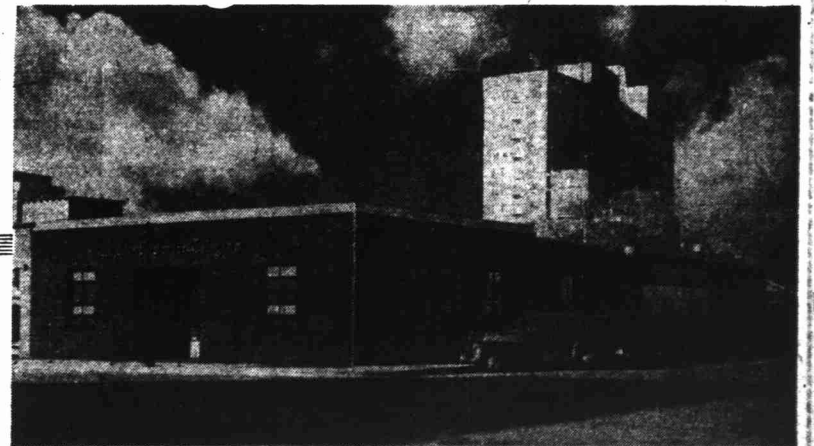
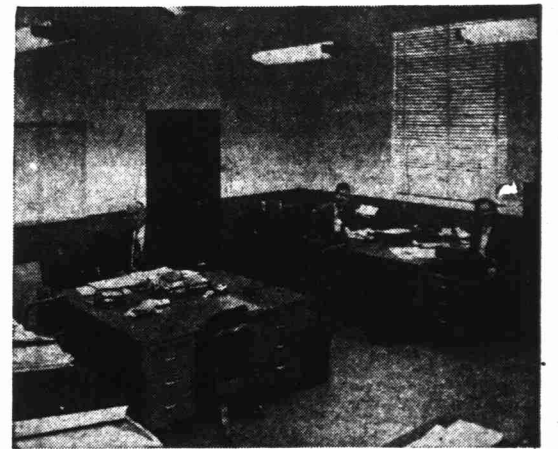
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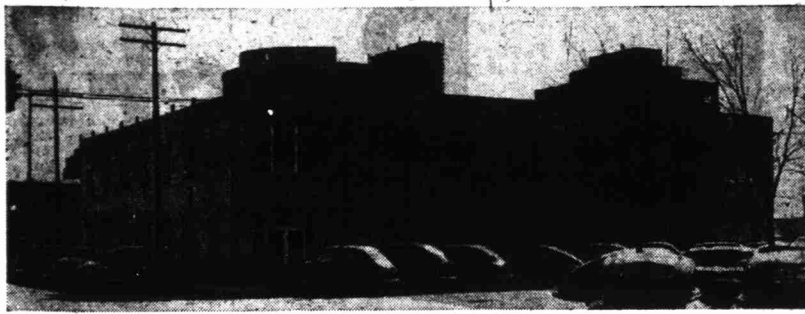
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### Rhodes And Chapple Building



The attractive Rhodes and Chapple Building, one of the Southwest's nicest, was completed last year and is occupied by oil company offices. Ray Rhodes and Dr. James H. Chapple are the owners.

## Community Theater Here Was Started In 1946

Midland Community Theater was born, February 6, 1946, when a steering committee was formed for the purpose of guiding and leading the organization of a new community-wide theater program for the city.

Members of the steering committee were: Mrs. John P. Butler, chairman; and Bill Collins, Miss Elma Graves, Mrs. Fred Fromhold and John DeFord.

After three weeks of work this steering committee called the first regular meeting of Community Theater, March 5, 1946. Acting as a nominating committee, the steering committee offered a slate of officers for the new theater project. Ronald DeFord was elected president; George Putnam, chairman of the board of governors; Mrs. V. W. Rogers, secretary; and Mrs. Fred Fromhold, treasurer. Other officers were: Mrs. W. A. Waldschmidt, Henry Murphy, J. S. Noland, Mrs. John P. Butler, C. H. Shepard, Frank Stubbeman and H. S. Forgeron.

March 29-30 (1946) Community Theater presented its first play "George Washington Slept Here," opening a season. The cast of the

### Transportation And Fred Wemple Go Hand-In-Hand

Fred Wemple of Midland is a member of the Texas Highway Commission by appointment in 1947. He has been connected with transportation one way or the other for most of his life.



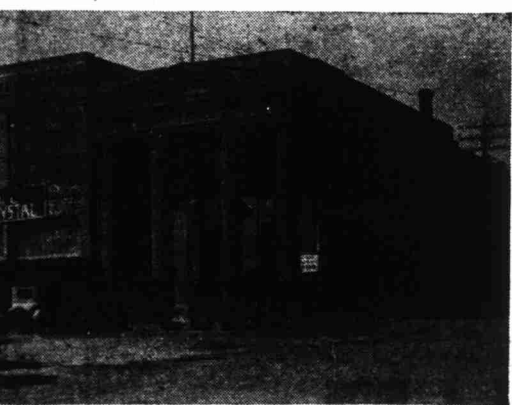
Fred Wemple

Wemple's parents moved to Blossom, Texas, while he was in service during World War I in the Navy. Upon return from service, Wemple married and made his home at Clarksville, where he was employed by the Texas and Pacific Railroad in 1920. Later in 1921 the Wemples moved to Marshall where he was promoted to passenger and ticket agent.

The Wemples moved to Midland in West Texas in 1923 to establish a business dealing with automotive transportation. Wemple served for several years as a member of the executive committee of the Texas Good Roads Association and was president of it for the year 1941-42. He was a member of the State Board of Education of Texas from 1943 until appointed to the Highway Commission.

Wemple points out Texas is way out ahead in highway efforts and has doubled its mileage in the last 10 years despite the war impediment. Texas paces the nation in highway construction and matching federal allotments. Estimates indicate that about one-third of the land surface of the world is too dry for agriculture without irrigation.

### Bank Building Housed First Oil Office



This picture, taken prior to 1928, shows the old First National Bank Building which was located at the present site of the bank's modern, attractive and spacious building at the corner of Wall and Main Streets. The first oil company to establish district offices in Midland was quartered on the second floor of the building.

## Enrollment Of Schools Shows Gain

Enrollments in Midland public schools increase as the city, county and area grows and progresses. Here are the figures of enrollment by years since 1930-31, as taken from the superintendent's annual report:

Year	White	Colored
1930-31	1,386	72
1931-32	1,553	64
1932-33	1,542	75
1933-34	1,561	132
1934-35	1,666	127
1935-36	1,817	98
1936-37	2,140	102
1937-38	2,406	136
1938-39	2,361	193
1939-40	2,515	192
1940-41	2,213	212
1941-42	2,629	255
1942-43	2,636	256
1943-44	2,486	269
1944-45	2,643	288
1945-46	2,908	320
1946-47	3,163	383

### Katharine Cornell Sets Shakespeare Mark

NEW YORK —(AP)—Katharine Cornell, one of the several "first ladies" of the American theater, broke the all-time record for productions of "Anthony and Cleopatra", the Shakespearean drama in which she is starring. It recently was presented for the 100th time.

The longest previous run the play enjoyed was 90 performances in London during the 1906-07 season, when Sir Herbert Tree starred Constance Collier in the Cleopatra part.

Claudia Kay Kuykendall was the first Midland baby of 1942.

The Midland Chapter of the American Petroleum Institute (API) was organized in 1929. It was inactive after 1931 and was re-activated in 1937. Soon after it became Permian Basin Chapter. Midland was one of three chapters in Texas in 1929.

### Labor Leaders Approve Sale Of Prison Goods

HUNTSVILLE —(AP)—Two Texas labor leaders have gone on record as favoring the sale of prison produced and manufactured products to other state institutions at a profit to the Texas prison system.

They are W. J. Harris, Dallas, president of the Texas Federation of Labor, AFL, and Robert Oliver, regional director and director of the southern organizing committee in Texas for the CIO.

Harris and Oliver, qualifying their statements by saying they favor sale of such products only to state institutions, told officials of the Texas prison system here they believe the system should not sell any products on the open market in competition with other businesses.

The two head a group of organized labor leaders who are conferring with members of the prison board on problems of preventing the system from operating at a deficit.

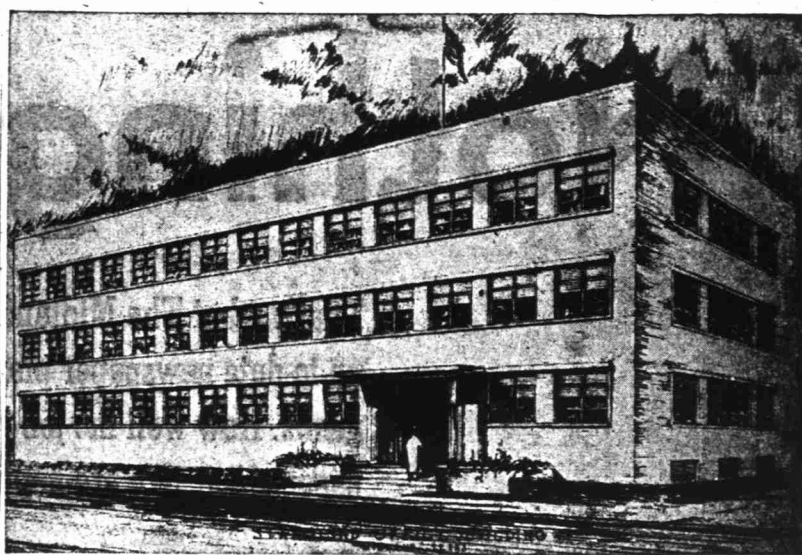
### COUNTY RETIREMENT SHARE MUST BE PAID FROM GENERAL FUND

AUSTIN —(AP)—A county participating in the county employee retirement system must pay its share from the county general fund, the attorney general has ruled.

Dist. Atty. Will R. Wilson of Dallas raised the question, asking whether Dallas County could pay its share out of the fund from which the employee is paid.

Midland schools adopted the 12-grade system in the 1939-40 school year.

### New Stanolind Building



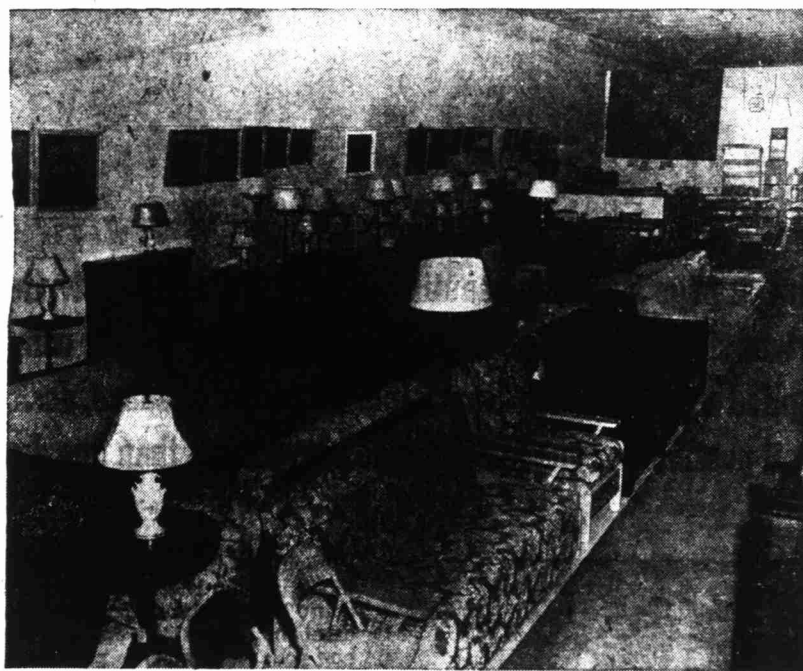
The Stanolind Oil and Gas Company is erecting this fine three-story office building in downtown Midland. Its completion is scheduled this year. The estimated cost is \$350,000. The imposing building will house offices of the company's district land and geological departments, district production department, and Stanolind Crude Oil Purchasing Company.

Midland was an original member of the West Texas-New Mexico League (baseball). The league was organized here in 1937.

Arthur Mayfield, 65, Midland resident 45 years, died Dec. 11, 1937.

D. W. Brunson, 80, pioneer cattlemen, died June 1, 1937. He came to Midland in 1886.

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## Addison Wadley, Retired Merchant, Says Opportunities Are Unlimited

By BILL COLLYNS

Addison Wadley, retired merchant, who has witnessed and been a part of the rapid growth and development of Midland since 1884, said Saturday the progress of Midland and West Texas has been remarkable but "greater opportunities exist here today than ever before."

"I can hardly keep from getting back into business," the veteran merchant said. "Possibilities for



Addison Wadley

success are unlimited, and the field is wide open for men of energy and vision."

Wadley's father, the late T. B. Wadley, came to Midland in 1884 to open Midland's first lumber yard, which a few years later was purchased by the Burton-Lingo Company. The firm still is in bus-

ness here and is the city's oldest business institution from the standpoint of continuous operation. T. B. Wadley also was Midland's first county treasurer, and later engaged in the contracting business.

**To Midland In '84**

Born in Texarkana in 1881, Addison Wadley came to Midland with his parents in 1884, and has stuck around ever since, with the exception of two or three years when he operated stores elsewhere. But he always managed to get back to Midland, and he doesn't expect to move again. Addison Wadley likes it here, and many other old and new comers feel the same way about Midland.

When he was about 13 or 14 years old, Addison Wadley took his first job—serving an apprenticeship with A. J. Long, painting and paper hanging contractor. He was attending public school at the same time. He remarked the schools of the early 1900's are far-cry from the schools of today. He attended first classes in the old red brick school building which was erected by public subscription.

The young man then spent a year or two working with his father in the contracting business, and later drove a delivery wagon for the old Evans Grocery Company. Later, Wadley, Ben Whitefield, Burl Holloway and Ed Stowe bought the Evans Grocery which still later became the Midland Mercantile Company with Ben Whitefield as its head.

Fresh out of business and desiring more education, A. Wadley went to Dallas to attend the Metropolitan Business College, and after finishing his course, returned here to work for Morrison and Richard Dry Goods. That started him on his long and successful career as a dry goods merchant.

In 1905 he went to Toyah, to run the Youngblood Dry Goods Store. He returned to Midland in 1907 to join J. H. Barron in operating a dry goods store. Barron was Midland's first dry goods merchant, but had sold his business a few years previous to enter the ranching business. Barron disposed of his ranch in 1907 and purchased the Morrison and Richard store. Wadley stayed on that job nine years.

**Sold Store In 1943**

Wadley and T. S. Patterson, in 1918, bought the Patterson Dry Goods Company, and operated it as the Wadley-Patterson Company. Later it was the Wadley-Wilson Company, with T. R. Wilson as the partner. Wadley-Wilson sold out in 1928 and Wadley spent a year or so as manager for the Grissom-Robertson Company. In 1930 Wadley purchased Grissom-Robertson's Midland store. It became the Addison Wadley Company, the largest and best-known department store in the Midland territory. In 1943, Wadley sold the big store to The Dunlap Company which is operating here today.

Since then, Addison Wadley has been taking it easy and enjoying life. But he still has the urge to return to active business in ever-growing Midland.

The pioneer merchant down through the years has been active in civic and cultural affairs, and has done much in building a greater Midland. He was a director of the old Commercial Club and later a director of the Midland Chamber of Commerce. He also served two terms as a member of the City Council.

A long, active, profitable and enjoyable career in Midland, Texas, and Addison Wadley would like to do it all over again.

**Ex-Owners May Get To Lease Camp Hood Lands**

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Army engineers decided to give former owners of 22,000 acres at Camp Hood, Texas a chance to lease their old farms.

The decision was announced by Rep. Poage (D-Tex.). He had protested a plan to lease the entire area in two separate tracts to the highest bidder.

Poage said he was informed by the engineers that orders to receive bids on March 2 had been canceled.

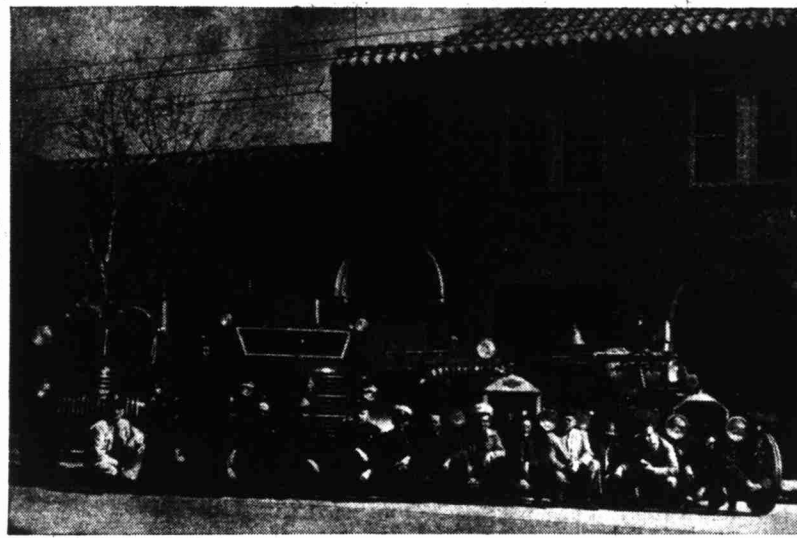
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## Your Midland Fire Department



Your Midland Fire Department is a well-equipped, fire-fighting unit with trained personnel. It has grown from three hand-carts to a four-truck unit. Plans are indicated for a sub-station and additional equipment. Here is shown the department and its equipment, pictured near the fire station in the City Hall: (left to right) O. E. Reed, Lee Thomas, J. L. Brooks (standing), Leon Griffith, Charlie Blalock, Ben Biggs, W. E. Klatt, Grady Brown, Athel Cole, Chief J. T. Walker, Honorary Chief Luther Tidwell, Bill Greenwall, Frank Prothro, Corbie Friday, E. D. Fitzgerald, N. D. Beauchamp. Members not shown include: Johnnie Pilska, Marvin Beauchamp, G. D. Fuller and J. T. Baker. Midland has four paid full-time firemen, the rest are volunteer citizen-firemen.

## Deaf School Action Challenged By Dallasite

AUSTIN — (AP) — State Board of Control promises to improve conditions at the State School for the Deaf were challenged as never amounting to "a hill of beans."

The board had declined to dismiss Supt. Roger M. Powell, whose removal had been demanded by

the strikers. Appointment of a prominent educator of the deaf to study needs at the school was promised.

Orrill said the board's verdict "was expected—more or less."

Frank Wolcott, 52, rancher and resident here for 44 years, died January 10, 1942.

## Midland Is Strong Link Of Masonic Lodge, Texas

By ROY MCKEE  
Treasurer Midland Commandery

Midland long has been one of the strongest links of the Masonic Lodge in Texas.

Midland Lodge Number 623, A. F. and A. M. was chartered December 16, 1888.

The lodge hall originally was located over the First National Bank and the lodge "owned" the second floor. When the building burned in 1908 the "sky rights" of the second floor were sold to the First National. And the Masons built a two-story brick building, which still is used.

The Keystone Chapter Number 172, R. A. M. of Midland was chartered December 14, 1887. Also the Keystone Council was chartered the same year.

The Midland Commandery Number 84, Knights Templar, was chartered April 5, 1923.

Although many early records were destroyed in the fire of 1908, it is known that Judge E. R. Bryan of Midland was once Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas. And Judge J. H. Knowles of Midland was a member of the Committee of Work of the Grand Lodge of Texas for 25 years.

Sir Knight R. B. Cowden is present Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery Knight Templar of Texas and is scheduled to be Grand Commander in 1951.

In 1946 the Midland Commandery drill team won second in the state in a contest of Asylum Tactics. Only two-tenths of a point separated

## Sul Ross Unable To Spend Summer Funds

AUSTIN — (AP) — Sul Ross State Teachers College may not use its "summer school" fund to pay current salaries, the attorney general has ruled.

The president of Sul Ross desired the transfer of \$18,401 from the Summer school appropriation into the long session salary fund. William L. Kerr, president of the board of regents of state teachers colleges, said the extra money is needed because the Veterans Administration has been slow in paying Sul Ross as well as other colleges.

Chester E. Ollison, assistant attorney general, held that the Summer school fund is a specific appropriation and may legally be used only for its express purpose.

## Turkey Production Due For Decrease In 1948

SAN ANTONIO — (AP) — Turkey production in Texas during 1948 will be approximately 26 per cent less than last year, F. Z. Beانبlossom, poultry marketing specialist, Texas A&M extension service, declared here recently.

Beانبlossom, who last year developed the boneless turkey steak production method, said the drop in production would help wipe out the surplus of turkeys in cold storage. He said approximately 140,000,000 pounds of turkeys and turkey meat were held in storage Jan. 1, 1947, as compared with approximately 70,000,000 pounds this year. Texas and Oklahoma lead all southern states in turkey breeding he said.

The City Council of Midland passed an ordinance in 1942 banning fireworks.

## Ratcliff Brings Large Gladiolus Industry To City

Midland, in the heart of the world's greatest cattle country, and the oil capital of West Texas, recently has added a new business which carries its name into remote sections of the United States and Canada. It's gladiolus.

And what are gladiolus? They're flowers. They grow in tall spikes of 12 to 24 blossoms from a bulb planted in the Spring. They're known simply as "glads" to those who know them and grow them, second only to roses as America's favorite cut flower.

Midland's new gladiolus business is conducted by J. M. Ratcliff, formerly of Jasper in Southeast Texas, and is located at the Ratcliff home, 2307 West Kentucky Street.

**Bulb Business**

It's a bulb business, not cut flowers. He sells them by mail in many states, from a catalogue mailed each January to a list of established customers. Parcels of "Choice Gladiolus," his business style, have gone from Midland to hundreds of cities and towns in Texas, as well as to other states, including Louisiana, Mississippi, Georgia, Virginia, Kentucky, New York, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Minnesota and Washington.

Ratcliff's 1942 descriptive catalogue lists 64 varieties of glads, as well as unlabeled collections of bulbs which include every known color. There are more than 8,000 varieties in existence, he says, and his home plantings each season include several hundred of them. By trying them in his own garden, and by attending the major gladiolus shows in the East, he keeps abreast of the new ones as they appear, and includes them in his list when they prove themselves superior to older sorts.

**Glads Have Fancy Names**

Glads, like a lot of other flowers, have fancy names, some of which are definite assets. Several years ago, Ratcliff relates, a grower in Oregon introduced a ruffled cream variety which he named Shirley Temple. The name was an instant hit, and so was the flower. It was extremely popular, and when it came from the limelight as better ones came along and Shirley herself grew up and disappeared from the screen for several years.

Among the outstanding names of today's finest varieties are some that describe the flower, some that merely reflect the fancy of the originator. The 20 top varieties in popularity during the 1946 and 1947 growing seasons were: Leading Lady, Red Charm, Elizabeth the Queen, Corona, Picardy, Burma, Alconquin, Black Opal, Vagabond Prince, Margaret Beaton, Myrna, Greta Garbo, King

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## Judge In City Government



An integral part of city government of Midland is the Corporation Court judge. He is J. M. DeArmond, shown at his desk in the City Hall. DeArmond is a former judge of Midland County and was active in getting U. S. Highway 80 designated through Midland. He has held various district, state and national highway leadership jobs. As City Judge he handles cases brought to his court by the Midland Police Department, including the many traffic and parking violations.

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The history of the Scharbauer Cattle Co., too, has been one of constant progress and development. Since the establishment of the first ranch thirty-five miles northwest of Midland in 1888, the company has expanded until now its operations extend over Midland, Ector, Martin and Andrews counties in Texas and Lee and Chavis counties in New Mexico.

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## Texas' Vast Highway System Leads All Other States In Primary Mileage

By D. C. GREER  
State Highway Engineer  
(Written Especially for the Progress  
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AUSTIN—Texas has the greatest primary highway mileage of any state in the nation. This road system is of vital importance to every citizen of the state. Its contribution to the state's agricultural, industrial and business progress of the past is beyond measure. On it depends a great part of the commercial and cultural expansion of the future.

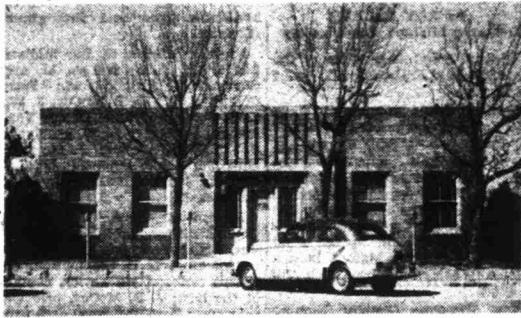
It has required a tremendous effort to provide the network of roads that now serve the people of Texas. The progress made has not been easy. Since the organization of the Texas Highway Department in 1917 there has been a constant improvement in Texas roads. By 1929 some progress had been made. The state at that time had 6,661 miles of pavement. Yet the road system was completely inadequate. Many towns and cities were mud-bound. Others were linked with neighboring communities by roads that were impassable for weeks during the year. There was no direct hard surfaced road connecting some of the major state's cities.

This was especially true in the Western part of the state. Less than 20 years ago it would have been impossible for a motorist to have gone from Lubbock to Amarillo on hard surfaced roads, regardless of the route that he chose. It would have been equally impossible to travel on hard surfaced roads from Midland, Odessa or Big Spring north to Lubbock or south to Austin and Houston. In 1929 U. S. Highway 80, one of the most important roads in Texas, had several unpaved sections between Fort Worth and El Paso. Scores of counties in the state had no hard surfaced roads whatever.

**Road Network**  
At that time the efforts of road builders were concentrated on a road network that would connect the major towns and cities. The need for feeder roads was dwarfed by the greater need of a primary system. Yet today the Texas Highway Department has completed or scheduled construction of 7,500 miles of farm-to-market roads. This is considerably more than the 6,661 miles of pavement that existed on the entire state highway system 20 years ago.

Today the designated Texas highway system consists of 33,000 miles of roads, all of which will be paved under existing programs of work. Virtually all towns, cities and com-

### Texas-New Mexico Building



Offices of the Texas-New Mexico Pipe Line Company in Midland are housed in this building which the company built several years ago. It is one of several oil concerns which have erected their own office buildings here.

munities are now connected with a paved road and land service roads are piercing remote agricultural and ranching areas.

Within 20 years the state road network has expanded by some 25,000 miles, in spite of the construction lag during the war years.

The progressive spirit of Texas people has made this expansion possible. They have supported sound policies that made possible able administration and the employment of competent engineering skill. They have paid the taxes necessary to carry on the better roads program. Yet with all the progress that has been made in road expansion and improvement, the picture is not complete without a knowledge of present conditions and a conception of future road problems. In 1947 the state of Texas registered well over 2,000,000 vehicles. That is nearly three times the number 20 years ago. It represents an increase of 14 per cent over 1946, the first post-war year. With a growing number of automobiles coming off the assembly lines and the tremendous demand for still more vehicles, it is evident that the 1948 registration will be much greater than was 1947. The average vehicle is doing more traveling than in prior years.

The traffic problem created by this rapidly growing number of automobiles and increased travel must be faced. Traffic on many urban routes and along some of the busier high-

ways has reached capacity. Highways must be built to handle the increasing number of vehicles.

The job of providing adequate highways to meet the increasing demand is a never ending one.

Serving the cause of better roads and contributing their time, energy and knowledge are three of the most progressive and forward-looking state highway commissioners that have ever served the state. The Texas Highway Commission is composed of John S. Redditt, chairman, Fred E. Knetoch of Seguin and Fred Wemple of Midland, members.

Wemple is well known to the people of West Texas. Those who have been associated with him and know the interest he has manifested in community and state progress will agree that his influence on behalf of the better roads movement in Texas is tremendous.

Often overlooked in our evaluation of agencies contributing to road improvement is the Public Roads Administration. Its function is to integrate the network of highways that serve the nation and supervise the expenditures of federal aid. Functioning on a nationwide scale it has coordinated the agencies of the different state governments in the routing and designing of their highway systems.

It was federal aid that made possible the creation of highway organ-

izations in the various states. The Texas Highway Department was activated in 1917 following the first Federal Aid Highway Act which was passed in the national Congress the year before.

Among the most beneficial functions of the Public Roads Administration are its nationwide surveys and studies of road use, economics and finance. Outside the jurisdiction of any one state, these studies have aided state administrators in forming sound road policies.

The national Congress is now considering a new Federal Aid Highway Act. It is not yet fully clear what the provisions will be but there is good reason to hope that the new bill will follow the pattern of the current act which gives Texas a total program of 174,000,000 in state and federal funds. If the Congress does provide another program of this scope, Texas can proceed with improvements to the highway system on a scale equal to that of the last two years. If the price of construction declines during this time, it is possible the new funds will build more mileage than the previous program.

Although it will fall short of meeting traffic demands in full, extension of Texas road building on the scale of the last two years will be a notable forward stride. It will aid the continued progress of Texas agriculture, industry and commerce which make a better life for all.

## Four Railroad Goals Plugged

NEW YORK —(AP)—Robert R. Young has urged four goals he said the railroads must achieve if they are to meet the nation's transport needs.

His program: Adequate rates, freedom from non-competitive agreements, replacement of all out-worn equipment, and a "positive and progressive attitude toward railroad labor."

Young, chairman of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway, made his proposals in an address prepared for the anniversary dinner of the Federation for Railway Progress which he organized just a year ago.

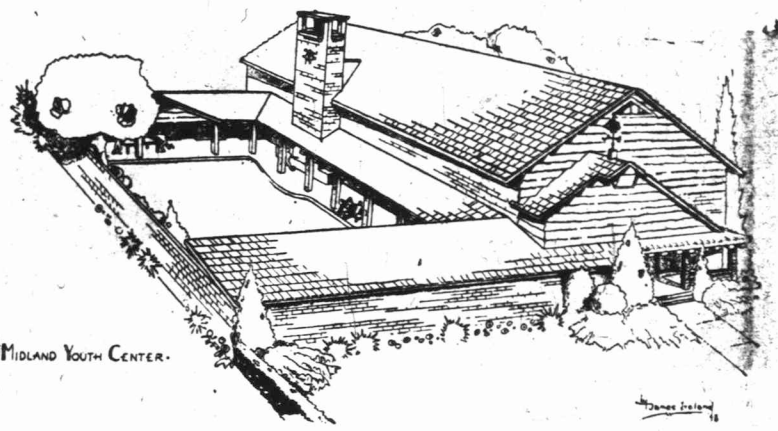
Young, outspoken critic of carrier managements, said the railroads have been "allowed to decay" because competition has been stifled by "the forces of monopoly."

"Today, with few exceptions," he told the federation members, "there are 131 non-progressive non-competing railroad presidents and their expansive staffs saddled on this country's shippers."

Mrs. W. B. Lee, 78, pioneer ranchwoman, who came to Midland in 1881 in a covered wagon with 300 head of cattle, died April 4, 1937.

Rubber production in British Malaya has been increasing since the war. Before the war, the area produced half the world's rubber.

### Proposed Youth Center



The attractive Youth Center which sponsors propose to erect at the corner of Illinois and B Streets in Midland. It is planned to move the former cadet club at Midland Air Terminal to the site and to remodel it according to the above drawing. The Center would house activities of the Junior Canteen.

## Report Mihai Quit With Gun In Face

ROME —(AP)—Romanian Premier Petru Groza showed a gun when he went to force the abdication of King Mihai, an informant close to the former monarch has said.

The source said he thought it probable that ex-Queen Helen, the former king's mother, has got approval from Pope Pius for the

marriage of Mihai of the Orthodox Church and Princess Anne of Bourbon-Parma, a Roman Catholic. He said Mihai is preparing to sail from England for the United States on March 5 and may decide to have his wedding in the United States. If the wedding is in the United States Mihai's moti-

er will accompany him on the trip. The informant, who left Romania when Mihai abdicated, said Premier Groza carried a pistol inside his jacket when he presented the abdication for the king to sign.

T. O. Midkiff, 67, pioneer cattleman and sheepman, died Feb. 17, 1948. He came to Midland in 1895 and was the first to fence his sheep ranch.

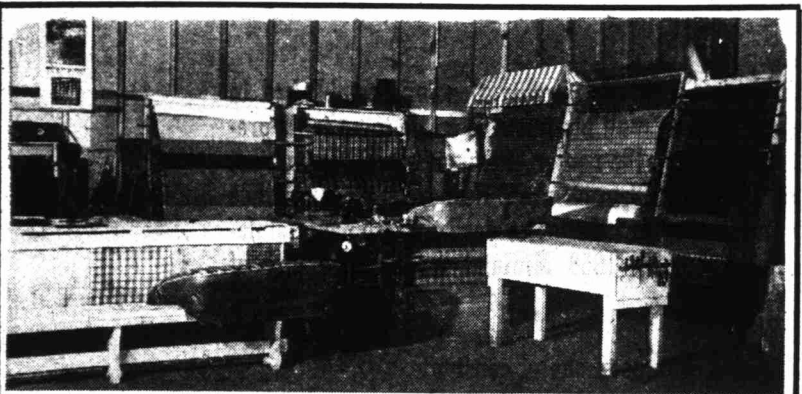
## Nineteen Of Nation's 110 Oil Fields Are Located In Permian Basin Area

The Permian Basin of West Texas and Southeast New Mexico has 19 of the 110 major oil fields of the United States. A major field is one which is calculated to have an ultimate recovery of at least 100,000,000 barrels of crude oil.

The list of such oil reserves in the Permian Basin: All barrel figures are in thousands of barrels.

WEST TEXAS				
Field and County	Year of Discovery	Estimated Ultimate Production	Remaining Reserves	Total Production To Jan. 1, 1948
Big Lake, Reagan	1923	120,000	12,196	107,804
North Cowden, Ector	1920	175,000	108,461	66,539
Fullerton, Andrews	1942	450,000	415,294	34,706
Goldsmith, Ector	1934	440,000	357,908	82,092
Hendrick, Winkler	1926	230,000	17,717	212,283
Howard-Glasscock, Howard and Glasscock	1926	200,000	71,062	128,938
Keystone, Winkler	1930	450,000	399,017	50,983
McCamey, Upton and Crane	1925	115,000	44,039	70,961
McElroy, Upton and Crane	1926	300,000	124,942	175,058
Seminole, Gaines	1937	130,000	90,023	39,977
Slaughter, Hockley, Cochran and Terry	1936	475,000	362,642	112,358
TXL, Ector	1944	200,000	177,327	22,673
Ward, North, and Estes, Ward	1929	120,000	59,422	60,578
Wasson, Yoakum and Gaines	1936	650,000	500,527	149,473
Yates, Pecos	1926	750,000	418,175	331,825
<b>Total West Texas major fields</b>		<b>4,805,000</b>	<b>3,158,752</b>	<b>1,646,248</b>
NEW MEXICO				
Eunice, Lea	1928	150,000	63,532	86,468
Hobbs, Lea	1928	175,000	115,245	59,755
Monument, Lea	1934	180,000	93,048	86,952
Vacuum, Lea	1929	130,000	90,827	39,173
<b>Total Southeast New Mexico major fields</b>		<b>635,000</b>	<b>302,652</b>	<b>332,248</b>

All figures from The Oil and Gas Journal.



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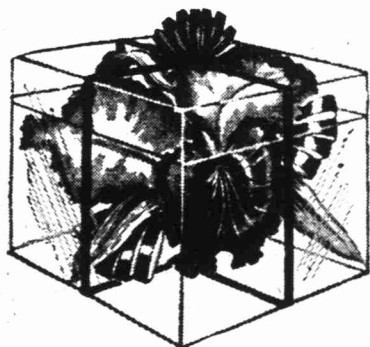
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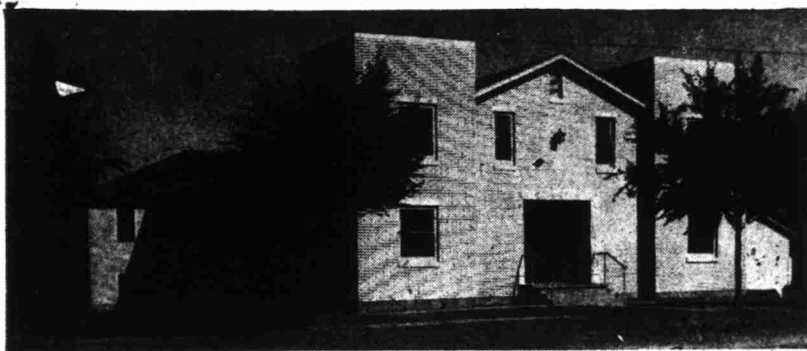
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The Calvary Baptist Church, located at 1001 South Main Street, is one of the city's newest and most modern church plants. The main auditorium was completed in 1944. The congregation already has outgrown the \$30,000 building, and an expansion program now is being considered.

### Calvary Baptist Church Organized In 1940; Progress Has Been Rapid

By THE REV. A. L. TEAFF, Pastor Calvary Baptist Church. Organized December 1, 1940, in a tent on the 700 block of South Main Street, the Calvary Baptist Church of Midland now owns and occupies its own modern and attractive church plant at 1001 South Main Street. The church also owns the parsonage adjoining the main building property.

The membership has grown by leaps and bounds from 70 charter



Rev. A. L. Teaff

members to more than 500 at the present time.

The Rev. Fred McPherson, now pastor of the South Side Baptist Church of Lubbock, assisted in the organization of the Midland church and served as its first pastor. He resigned in August of 1942 to enter the Army as a chaplain.

During Mr. McPherson's absence, the Rev. A. W. Smith served the church as its pastor. He now is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Roscoe. Mr. McPherson returned

as pastor in April, 1946, and served until July, 1947, when he resigned to accept the Lubbock pastorate.

**Expansion Program**

The Rev. A. L. Teaff is the present pastor, coming here from Denver City in September of 1947.

The church observed its seventh anniversary with a special, homecoming celebration in December of last year.

Although the church plant was completed only a few years ago, the congregation already has outgrown present facilities, and plans for an expansion program are being considered.

The church is determined to keep pace with the progress of Midland.

#### Freedom Train Business Catches

LOS ANGELES —(AP)— This freedom train business is really catching.

A three-year-old called "Corky"—that's the only name the police obtained—vanished from the thousands milling about the train recently.

Police, after a brief search, found Corky happily wading in a fountain-fed pool in nearby Exposition Park. In his quest for freedom, he had shed all his clothing.

#### Thief May Have Lean Christmas, Due Politics

SEATTLE —(AP)— A burglar who took \$30 from the home of Henrietta Lippis left a refund offer—but with political strings attached.

The burglar's note said: "Dear friend: 'I hate to do this, but I am broke and I cannot get work and have got a wife and three kids at home. I'll pay you back next Xmas; that is, if Henry Wallace is elected president.'"

Midland Hardware was established in 1906.

### Club Of Early '30's Is Foundation For Four Midland Garden Clubs

The Midland Garden Club, organized in 1941, was actually a re-organization of an earlier club organized in the early 1930's and passing from the Midland scene in 1936.

The club of the '30's was under the leadership of Elma Graves and was responsible for a great deal of the city's beautification. During the 1936 Centennial, the club sponsored the planting of highway trees. Other activities in city beautification included the planting of bird of paradise and rose bushes. Two charter members, Mrs. J. E. (Bob) Hill and Mrs. W. E. Ryan, planted by hand the grass and shrubs that form the attractive park across from St. George's Catholic Church.

The older club met in the county courthouse, so when the Midland Garden Club was formed in 1941 it, too, met in the courthouse with more than 76 members. Parking problems, however, forced the club to withdraw to homes, thus limiting membership to 35 and opening the way for the branching off and organizing of the Yuca Garden Club (April 4, 1947), Tejas (April

20, 1947), and the Perennial Garden Club (October, 1947).

The officers leading the Midland Garden Club during the year of its organization were: Mrs. A. P. Shirley, president; Mrs. W. H. Gilmore, first vice president; Mrs. Frank Aldrich, second vice president; Mrs. Frank Stubbeman, recording secretary; Mrs. Ben Black, corresponding secretary; Mrs. J. M. Hills, treasurer; and Mrs. Butler Hurley, historian. Before it branched into other clubs, the club listed among its more important achievements, the Wild Flower Show of '42, in which more than 225 varieties of

wild flowers were displayed. The Midland Garden Club, which is now led by Mrs. J. C. Smith, lists among its past presidents, Mrs. W. H. Gilmore, Mrs. E. R. Osborn, Mrs. A. L. Repeka, and Mrs. W. B. Neely.

President of the Yuca Garden Club is Mrs. M. S. Dickerson, while Mrs. J. D. Dillard lead the Tejas Garden Club and Mrs. Neta Stovall is president of the Perennial Garden Club for business and professional women of the city.

Outstanding in the achievements of all the clubs is the choosing of pyracantha as the city and county shrub. The clubs are now sponsor-

ing the planting of this shrub as the year's project, with a prize to be awarded in September of this year to the owner of the "best" pyracantha in the city.

The garden clubs have helped landscape two new schools here, and have sponsored pilgrimages through noted local gardens. The largest annual event is the flower show, sponsored since 1941. In cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce, the garden clubs have recently published a booklet, "Gardening in Midland," available now in the OC office.

Following the organization of the

several garden clubs, a council was needed as a clearing house by which all could work together. The Midland Garden Club Council was organized in May, 1946, and is now headed by Mrs. A. F. Shirley, president, and Mrs. Roy Minear, secretary. Council members include the presidents of each garden club, plus one other member from each group. The council has progressed and, from this year forward, will direct the annual flower show.

B. N. Aycock, 73, cattleman who with John Scharbauer brought the first white face cattle to Midland, died March 6, 1937.

#### Hard Working Mother Builds Two Story Home

CHICAGO —(AP)— Mrs. Evelyn Rosko, who operates a one-woman taxicab service in suburban Stickney, also has another job—building a two-story frame house for herself and two young sons.

Mrs. Rosko, who says she is "just a farm girl who learned to work hard," said she soon will complete construction of a nine-room home with no help from anyone except her son, Martin, 13.

Mrs. Rosko, Martin, and another son, Andy, 4, already are living in the home, which they started building last April and which they work on during their spare time.

The Midland National Bank was organized in 1903.

#### Plane Went That 'Away When It Was Last Seen

NOME, ALASKA —(AP)— An airplane took off without a pilot here recently and banked and circled for half an hour over the town.

When last seen, the plane, was heading out over Bering Sea, still circling.

The student training plane rolled to a perilous takeoff after it had been left with the engine running. It was owned by Cyril Seeds. Residents of Nome were unaware of the danger as the plane circled overhead.

#### Clogging Up The Highway



Tourists in Holland will see more wooden shoes this year because of the acute leather shortage there. Here's a cartload on the way to market in Gouda. Each pair of clogs costs about \$1, lasts about a year.

## Congratulations

TO THE MANY progressive firms in Midland who are represented in this splendid "Progress Edition" prepared and published by The Midland Reporter-Telegram.

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# Longhorn Cattle And Dusty Trails Were Routine In Midlanders Life

By STANLEY FRANK

Arthur Johnson was a young man when he came to Midland in 1887. He was en route to take charge of the old TX Ranch, headquarters at Horsehead Crossing on the Pecos River, 60 miles farther west.

But, though he was only 27 years old at the time, he already had done more cow work than the average cowpuncher of today will ever have a chance to do, though he lives a century.

For Johnson had nine trips up the trail from South Texas to the Northern Territories under his belt when he came to Midland. There's nothing quite like a six-months tour with a couple of thousand grown steers to season a man. Such trail drives belong to a long-gone era, and men who can remember them are becoming hard to find. Johnson, however, is not given to thinking much about those old days. When you talk to him at the Crawford Hotel here, where he has lived a long time, he is more likely to discuss the future than the past.

## Born In Gonzales County

If he had kept a detailed account of his experiences during his 87 years of fooling with Texas cattle, his diary would be worth considerable money today. But he was always more concerned with doing things than writing about them, which is a good thing. He was a successful cattleman and businessman, with little time to scribble; and, as any writer will tell you, if a man tinkers with the written word when he can make a dollar any other way, he should have his head examined.

Johnson was born in Gonzales County November 10, 1860. His father, a district judge, was of the opinion that he was the most mischievous boy in all history, but his mother was quick to defend him as merely being energetic. He finished military school in Austin when he was 17 and went to work with cattle. He had had some experience around hocks and horns. His father had a small ranch, and Johnson learned as a lad which end of a steer to rope. The ranch was lost in the reconstruction following the Civil War, so Arthur went to work for wages.

The job he took was that of handling trail herds for the King and Kenedy ranches.

Now, for a 17-year-old lad to be in charge of a single herd of cattle is a remarkable thing. But Johnson was responsible for all the King and Kenedy cattle going to the Northwest Territories when he was that age.

An incident that occurred soon after he took the job may explain

why Johnson held so much responsibility.

Johnson and an appropriate number of other cowboys were to move 4,000 steers from the King Ranch to Cotulla. Henry Stephens, Johnson's uncle, sent a man to pilot the herd.

"This bird," Johnson remembers, "didn't have as much sense as a road lizard." He led the cattle into the great thorny thickets which are jungle-like in South Texas. It was impossible to drive the cattle one way or another. The brush was so dense cowboys couldn't work, and the cattle became so crazed from thirst they were practically berserk—meaning nuts.

Johnson and his men worked night and day, trying to get the cattle out of the brush. Seven hundred of the animals died of thirst before the cowboys could get them out in the open. Johnson's uncle, Henry, sent out a general alarm, thinking Arthur was lost in the thorny wilderness, but the youth was only trying to save as many of the cattle as possible.

The herds going from the King and Kenedy ranches to what is now Colorado, left South Texas in March and were delivered by early Summer. The trip North and back required about six months. Ordinarily there were around 2,000 cattle in the herd, and nine or 10 men were assigned to each herd.

The cattle were genuine Texas longhorns, tough enough to travel hard all day and, if they got scared, run half the night. Stampedes were common enough in the experience of the youthful Johnson, but the worst one he can remember offhand occurred when a bunch of hogs got in a herd. When a steer stepped on a boar a loud squeal ensued. The cattle ran. The pigs squealed and ran with the cattle. It was impossible to get the porkers out of the frightened herd.

"That," Johnson avers, "was the damndest mess you ever saw." The trail taken by the herds led straight through the middle of Fort Worth. Farther North it passed through plenty of Indian country, too, but Johnson hasn't many exciting Indian stories to tell. He was quite unimpressed with the aborigines and says the braves were content to let cowboys alone unless they outnumbered the white men by a tremendous margin.

Once, on the Northern line of Texas, it looked as though there might be a real Indian fight for Johnson and his cowboys. As it happened, about 40 herds of horses and cattle converged at the same place on the trail. Some cowpuncher

shot an Indian, and the whole pack went on the warpath. All the white men, numbering some 300 pretty tough hoppers, grouped together and prepared for battle. A thunder shower added heavenly violence to the scene.

## A Sign From Above

While the Indians discussed strategy and the white men coolly waited for them to come within shooting distance, a big fat squaw slipped up to one of the wagons accompanying a herd of cattle and began to rummage through it in search of anything she might like to take back to her wigwam.

Suddenly, from one of the black clouds boiling over the prospective battleground, there came a streak of lightning that struck the wagon fairly and squarely, immediately dispatching the squaw to wherever squaws go when they're electrocuted. When the rest of the Indians saw this sign that powers from above were on the cowpunchers' side, they decided to put off the fight until some other time.

"They were scared anyway," Johnson remembers. "That was about as rough a bunch of cowpunchers and horse traders as I ever saw in one place."

Johnson knew Sitting Bull, too. He knew him well enough to give him three or four dogies from the herd every time he saw him. "He wouldn't let any other Indians bother our outfit at all," he recalls.

JTF Ranch

In 1882, Johnson took charge of the JTF Ranch, located at the head of the Colorado River. He stocked the country with 1,500 cows and 1,500 steers and was getting along fine until his uncle, one of the owners of the outfit, decided it would be prudent to sell it.

Reason for the sale was that Johnson's uncle believed it unsafe to try to operate in that section. A certain venerated Texas cattleman, one of the biggest and most influential in the history of the state, was a shade hard to neighbor with, Johnson says. All he wanted was horse steers and was getting along fine until his uncle, one of the owners of the outfit, decided it would be prudent to sell it.

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Traded In Midland

For six or eight years, Johnson ran the TX. He bought supplies in Midland, and drove cattle here for shipment. Though it was a mere village in those days, Midland was a busy place even then. Cattle from a huge radius in Texas and New Mexico were brought here to be shipped, and herds were continually on the way here or were being held in this vicinity until the stock pens and cattle cars were available. One or two freight wagons were always on the road between Midland and the TX, even when TX cattle were not being moved from the ranch to the railroad.

Owners of the ranch couldn't get along, and the outfit was sold over Johnson's heated protest in the 90s. It was good range, leased at three cents an acre a year, and stocked with good cattle. It made money in those days and if kept would have made all the owners' heirs rich for generations to come.

Steers At \$16

Once, Johnson sold Nelson Morris, owner of the C Ranch, 5,000 steers, two-year-olds and up, and was given two years to deliver them at \$16 per head. This sounds like a ridiculously low price, Johnson says, but the cattle made the ranch plenty of money.

Midland was a little wild at times in those days. Cowpunchers carried guns as naturally as they wore spurs, and it was inevitable that

there would be an occasional case of lead poisoning, Johnson recalls. Johnson recalls such outbreaks, but they were rare. Though he claims cowboys at the TX were as hilarious as any in the country, only one of them ever got shot, and that was an accident. Johnson didn't permit any drinking on the ranch. When a cowpoke felt he had to let off some steam, Johnson told him to go to town, get it out of his system, and come back ready to work.

## Favorite Horse

The best horse Johnson ever owned he bought in Fort Worth. He was a big dun, with a long black tail and mane and a broad black stripe down the middle of his back. He had one bad foot, which made his former owner willing to part with him for a certain amount of cash. Johnson bought him, had him properly shod by a good blacksmith, and the pony was never lame again in his life.

This was one of the few horses he ever saw that wasn't afraid of a buffalo, Johnson says. Soon after he bought the dun he took over the ranch on the Colorado River, and at that time there were a lot of buffalo in that section.

Nine horses out of 10 are mortally afraid of the first buffalo they see, Johnson says, and some of them never get over it. But the dun would run right up against one, and it was easy for Johnson to ride alongside

one of the fleeing animals and shoot it with his pistol.

In 1906, after he had made his home in Midland, Johnson organized the Midland Hardware Company and operated it 14 years before selling his interest in it. He had one child, now Mrs. Aldridge Estes, who has lived here all her life, and one grandchild, Aldridge Estes, Jr., who nicknamed Johnson "Daddo" when he was a child and whom Johnson calls "Pardner." Johnson has long been a stockholder in the Southland Life Insurance Company and was a salesman for the company here for 25 years.

## Top Baseball Fan

Johnson has always been known as one of Midland's most enthusiastic baseball fans; for several years he was in charge of the sport here. And now, when Midland's Indians are playing at home, he misses not a single play.

Though he'll be 87 come next June, few details of baseball (other sports, as far as he's concerned, could just as well be eliminated entirely) or current events escape his attention. He can look back over more years than the three-score-and-ten which are proverbially allotted to man, but it isn't the past with which he's concerned.

"Daddo" Johnson still looks ahead. It's a habit. You don't get far as a trail driver looking back over your shoulder.

## Food Problem



Mrs. Joseph A. Lopes, 26, of Onset, Mass., is thinking about the food problem as she holds the fourth set of twins born to her within five years. The other twins, left to right, are three-and-a-half-year-old Joanne and Dianne; new twins Donald and Donna; two-year-old Joseph (bottom) and Mariene (top) and, at right, Juanita, 5, whose twin, Anita, died. The Lopes' have two other girls, Jeanette, 10, and Phyllis, 9.

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Ralph Zoller, of Vergennes, Ill., displays his 20-year-old pony that really rocks when he walks. The animal's hooves started growing ten years ago and veterinarians say they cannot be trimmed since the skin grows within two inches of their tips. The rear hooves measure 14 inches, the front 12.

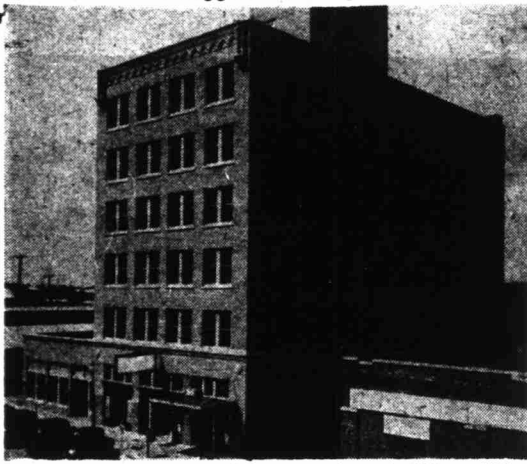
## Midland Is Air-Marked



Thanks to the Midland Junior Chamber of Commerce's aviation committee the city is completely air-marked to CAA and National Skyway specifications. Here is shown the air marker atop of the Willis Sales Building on South Baird Street. The top of the building is 110 feet long and the air markings just about cover it. In fact, part of the markings had to be put on a nearby building. The sign Midland is 10 feet high letters. It is the city designation. The wings (two triangles) and Figure 1 indicates that Midland is on National Skyway Number 1 (East-West). The circle and figure one indicate one mile to the nearest servicing point with dirt runway. Longitude marking is 100°04' and latitude is 35°00'. The arrowed sign Midland and figure 10 indicate 10 miles to Midland Air Terminal, recognized air lines stop point complete servicing point with hard-surfaced runways. The arrowed sign Airport on another building indicates two miles to Midland Airport, another hard-surfaced runway accommodation.



### Leggett Building



The Leggett Building, built by Dr. John B. Thomas in 1928, was Midland's first major office building, and had much to do with attracting oil companies to Midland. Dr. L. Waldo Leggett last year purchased the building from Doctor Thomas. It is the headquarters for a number of oil companies operating in the Permian Basin area.

### Story Of 'The Bell' That Did Not Toll Has Dramatic End

As an example of what a business man can do if he knows his business, consider the case of J. P. H. McMullan, Sr., department store owner in Midland.

In September of 1934, he opened up a store on South Main Street. He had \$72 capital, and the store was 12 feet wide by about 16 feet deep.

In his present office he has the first deposit slip showing receipts of this new business. The slip is dated September 12, 1934, and shows the store owner had put \$11 in the First National Bank.

Now, the store is 25 feet wide and 100 feet deep. Five employes work there regularly, and additional help frequently is required to take care of customers.

And not a cent of capital has ever gone into the business that the business hadn't made.

**In Business Since 1898**

When McMullan opened up his little department store on South Main, he wasn't new to the business, however. He's been associated with department stores in one place or another since 1898, when he worked in such a store in Decatur, Ala. He joined the Acorn Stores in 1925, managing a branch at Rogers, Ark. In 1928, he was transferred to Midland, to manage the Acorn Store here.

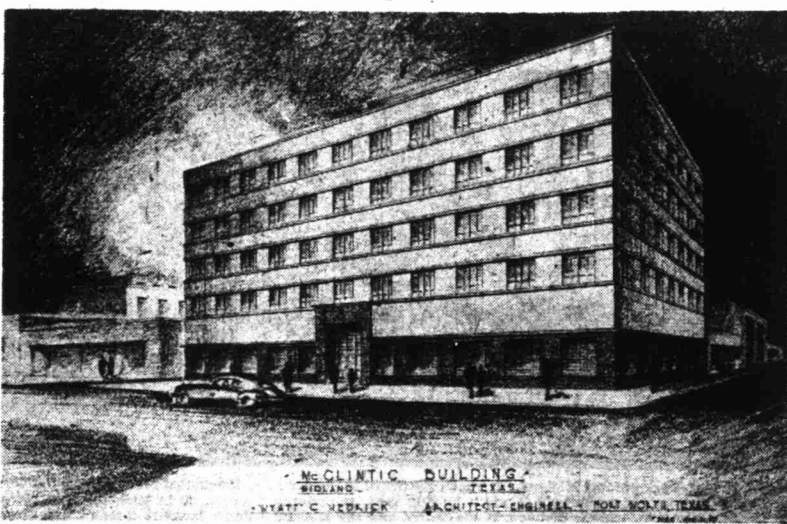
He once owned the first department store in Blackwell, and was in business there when the Orient built the railroad in 1907. He also operated a store in Edith, also in Coke County, and for four years operated a store in Sweetwater, where he was one of the organizers of the City National Bank.

The merchant is one of Midland's most enthusiastic boosters and thinks the city is destined to grow and prosper beyond the dreams of many of its citizens.

"There will come a time," he said recently, "when 10,000 office workers will be employed here by the oil industry."

And if McMullan's Store grows as much during the next 13 years as during those that have passed, the business will be right in step with Midland's great expansion.

### McClintic Building Under Construction



The McClintic Building, which will house oil company offices, is under construction at the corner of Texas and Colorado Streets in Midland. Adding to Midland's impressive skyline, the beautiful building will be among the finest and most modern in the nation. The six-story building will be completed in 1948. Charles A. and Harry McClintic, pioneer Midland residents, are the owners.

### West Elementary P-TA, New, Progressive Unit

A planning board to organize a Parent-Teacher Association for the new West Elementary School met September 24, 1946, and, under the leadership of Mrs. Tom Parker, gained its first feeling of permanence.

The marks of progress began to show a steady rise, both in interest and attendance, during the year's nine meetings which were highlighted by programs varying from music and art lectures to talks on the various phases of P-TA work. The year was marked with the formation of Cub Scout dens and Brownie groups, together with the presentation of the annual Halloween Carnival. Proceeds from the carnival helped equip the new school with playground facilities. The year closed for the unit with the city-wide installation of P-TA officers, for which the West Elementary was the hostess group.

The Halloween Carnival, held in October, is the most outstanding example of the association's progress—the 1947 carnival showed a profit of \$1,842.12, as compared to the '46 profit of \$332.

The group's donations this year to the school have included a piano, a motion picture projector and blackout curtains, and a contribution toward the installation of a loud speaker system.

The unit is now under the leadership of Mrs. Bert Cole, Jr., president; Mrs. E. H. Barron, vice president; Mrs. Scott Brown, secretary; and Mrs. Bill Collyns, treasurer.

The six school districts of Midland County consolidated in 1945.

### If All Started In 1920 When Empire Of West Texas Embraced A New King

Oil!

The empire that is West Texas embraced a new king in the 1920's. The new monarch did not dethrone the cattle industry, but he sure took a seat beside him.

Derricks became more common than windmills. Old overland ranch trails became paved highways. Towns grew into cities. Railroads branched.

Oil did it!

Meager oil production in West Texas was opened in Mitchell County in October, 1920, by the Underwriter's Production & Refining Company on T&F land. Earlier the Toyah shallow fields in Reeves County made some oil but not in sustained commercial quantity. It was a strike by the Texon Oil and Land Company on University land in Reagan County that got exploration started. This was the Big Lake field area, home of the famous Santa Rita No. 1.

**Crockett Discovery**

In November 1923, the Loutex Corporation Number 1 Moore gave Scurry County its first oil. Then came the World Oil Company's discovery on the L. P. Powell Ranch in Crockett County.

Magnolia Petroleum opened the Iatan field in Mitchell County in August 1925 near the West Texas discovery Westbrook field.

The first high grade, gravity sweet oil production in West Texas was established November 1, 1925, in Loving County by the Pecos Valley Petroleum Company. The first oil directly west of the Big

### Consumers Spent 20 Billion More In '47 Than In '46

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Consumers spent \$20,000,000,000 more last year than in 1946, the Commerce Department reports.

The total paid out was \$194,000,000,000. Most of the increase over 1946 "stemmed from higher prices," the department said.

Consumer incomes — all forms of personal receipts, from wages to dividend checks—were up \$20,000,000,000 to a record \$197,000,000,000 before taxes.

**Increase Over 1946**

After-tax income, however, was \$175,000,000,000, an increase of \$17,000,000,000 over 1946, the department said.

Since consumer spending rose more than consumer incomes, it added, personal savings dropped \$3,800,000,000 to a total of \$10,900,000,000 last year.

That was 6 per cent of after-tax income. The year before, personal savings amounted to 9 per cent of after-tax income.

The gross national product, which measures the "market value" of gross and services produced by the nation, set one of 1947's many record high figures, \$230,000,000, up 13 per cent from 1946.

The national income, which covers "total earnings arising from current production," rose to \$203,000,000,000 in 1947 from \$178,000,000,000 the year before.

A polo club was organized in Midland in 1937.

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The first annual West Texas Skeet Shoot was held in Midland, October 17, 18 and 19, 1947.

Midland Jaycees purchased a DDT spray machine for Midland in 1947.

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### Midland Men's Chorus Now Has 30 Members

The Midland Men's Chorus, which started about two months ago with an original membership of seven, now includes more than 30 members.

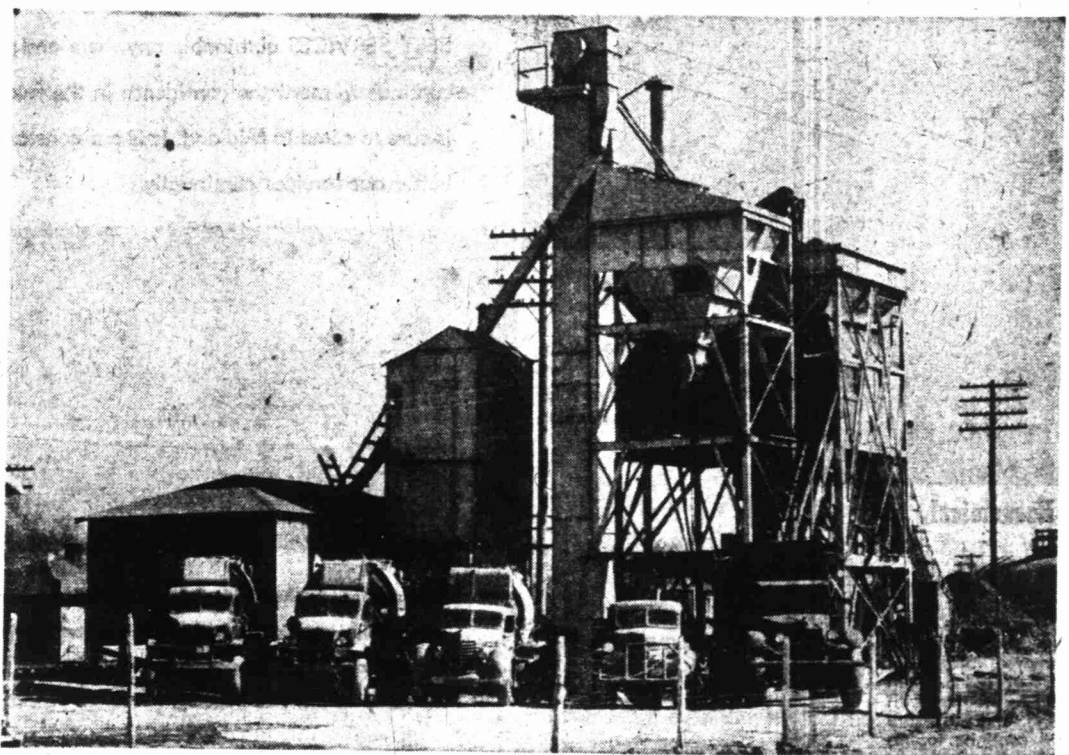
Duke Jimerson directs the chorus, in which men who have had no previous musical experience are equally welcome with trained singers.

The chorus has made several public appearances and more are planned this Spring.

Mail delivery in the city began October 1, 1940.

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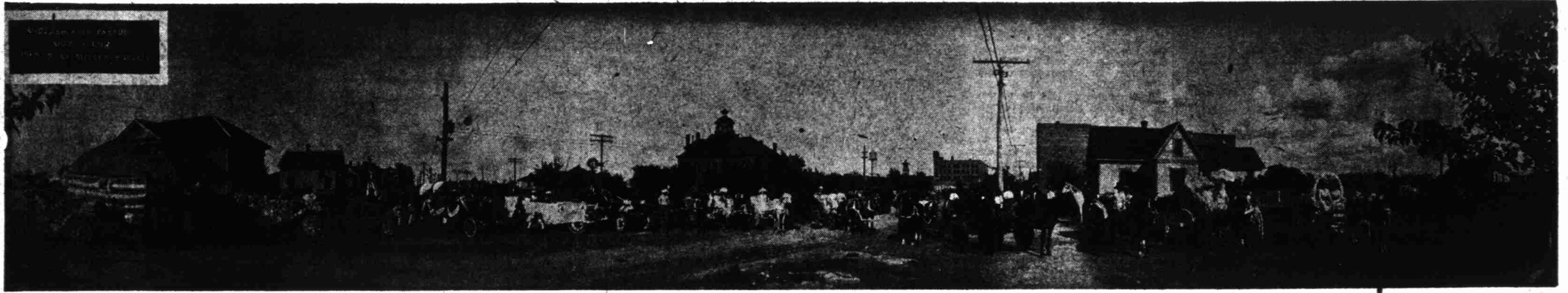
403 South East Front Street

CHUCK HORTON, Manager

Phone 1521



This Midland Fair Parade Picture Of 1912 Will Bring Pleasant Memories To Many Old-Timers Here



Many old timers will remember this scene which was photographed October 3, 1912, in downtown Midland. It shows participants lined up for the annual Midland Fair Parade of that year. The decorations were really fancy, and represented hours and hours of work. The judges undoubtedly had a difficult job in selecting the winners. Horse-drawn carriages outnumbered the automobiles which by 1912 were becoming fairly common in Midland. The two-story Masonic Hall is shown in the right background, with the old Llano Hotel, far background. The old Midland County Courthouse is pictured in the center, and the Midland Library building (present Ever-Ready Service site) at the extreme left.

Petroleum Building



The 12-story Petroleum Building in downtown Midland is one of the largest and most beautiful office buildings in the Southwest. It was erected in 1929 and has been the home of many oil company offices in Midland. The majority of its space now is occupied by the area offices of the Shell Oil Company, Inc. The huge building is completely air-conditioned.

Midland Once Had College; 1910 To 1922

Midland once had a college. Many present Midlanders are ex-students or alumni of it.

The remains of its main building are at the end of College Avenue in West Midland.

Midland College was opened in September 1910, and its last year of operation here was the session of 1921-22. It was inspired and sponsored by the Christian Church. It was maintained from gifts and fees.

It was moved to Cisco in 1922. A main building of three stories was erected here in 1915 at a cost of \$100,000. The college owned a large acreage of land near Texas and Pacific Railroad tracks in the west area of Midland. The main building had 50 rooms and its own heating plant. The third story was a girl's dormitory. The boy's dormitory was a wooden building at the edge of the campus.

E. F. Elkin was an early donor to the school.

"Great Institution"

Pioneers here say "when the college was founded it was freely prospected it would be a great institution of learning."

It started in 1910, was officially organized in 1913. An early Board of Directors included: Burl Holloway, S. W. Estes, C. C. Johnson, Roll Dublin, Frank Elkin, and Dr. W. R. Curtis.

The college had a football team and various clubs. Its yearbook was "The Sandstorm."

Some of the students included: Clint Myrick, Dee McCormick, the Barron boys, Aldridge Estes, Sr., the Dublin boys and others.

Midland County Had Prize Exhibit At Dallas Fair In 1906

Frank Elkin, Charlie McClintic, a man named Davis, and one called "Farmer" Roberts arranged for Midland County's first exhibit at the Dallas fair.

It was in 1906. Counties of Texas did not exhibit products separately in those days, so a county's identity was practically lost.

The Midlanders recognized this and appealed to the fair management for a separate exhibit of their own. They were told this would be all right if they could arrange for a booth. The T and P Railroad furnished them with a large tent.

In the exhibit was the first bale of cotton produced in the county. Farmer Roberts raised it, had it ginned at Big Spring, and took it to the fair. It graded middling fair, and veteran cotton buyers at Dallas said they had seldom seen such good cotton anywhere in the South.

Also in the Midland County display was a four-horse load of watermelons. One of them, a 96-pounder, was sent to President Theodore Roosevelt. Fruit, grain, and other products from Midland County were in the exhibit, which was one of the best in the fair that year.

A "wedding on horseback" was performed at the Midland Rodeo in 1949. Bill Creighton and Gertrude Dougherty were married at the Hardin-Simmons Cowboy Band played traditional music.

History Of Humble Companies Closely Parallels Growth Of Permian Basin

The history of the Humble Companies closely parallels the growth and development of the Permian Basin, according to a statement released by John W. House, Production Department division superintendent for West Texas and New Mexico for the Progress Edition of The Reporter-Telegram.

The Humble company was three years old when the discovery of oil in Mitchell County attracted the attention of such men as W. S. Parish, R. L. Blaffer, H. C. Wiess, and Ross Sterling. T. H. Parish, with headquarters in El Paso, began to scout the area actively in 1921. West Texas rapidly became recognized as a potential source of crude oil reserves, and a decision to build a big pipe line outlet for the mounting production led to the completion of an eight-inch line from Big Lake to Comyn in April, 1925. Eight other companies had pipe line operations in the area by late 1921, and together they were moving 234,000 barrels of oil daily.

Humble's first production was established in the Powell field one year after the first pipe line outlet was completed. In November, 1926, the company's production in West Texas was 300 barrels daily from eleven wells.

J. W. Thomas, Pipe Line Division superintendent, recalls the rapid growth of the Humble Pipe Line Company in the area as production was expanded northward along the western shore of the basin. Humble's line was expanded to Crane and McCamey in 1927, and on to Wink and Hobbs in 1928.

Today Humble remains the largest transporter of crude oil from the Permian Basin. Pipe Line and tank car movements total 175,000 barrels daily.

Offices To Midland

Humble's production has increased to 33,000 barrels daily from 982 West Texas and Eastern New Mexico wells.

The movement of Humble people in West Texas traces the development of the area. Early geological offices were moved from San Angelo to McCamey in 1927, when a production office was established in that town by David Frame, now a vice president of Humble. Pipe Line headquarters

were maintained in Cisco with a branch office in McCamey until 1939, when offices of the Humble Oil & Refining Company and the Humble Pipe Line Company were established in Midland. Production and geological offices were moved from McCamey to Midland in 1935, when the company recognized the growing city as the logical administrative center for the Permian Basin oil activities.

The Humble Pipe Line Company has 497 employees and the Humble Oil and Refining Company has 426 employees carrying on a variety of oil activities in the area that is now recognized as the most active in the nation. Seventy-nine Hum-

ble families and 27 single employees live in Midland.

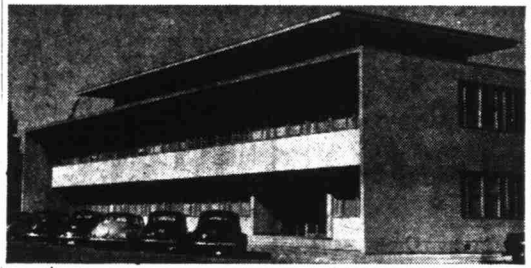
Drilling Budget

Twenty per cent of the company's announced drilling budget of \$65,000,000 for 1948, will be spent on wells planned for the Permian Basin. The pipe line company's growth is expected to continue in line with construction projects completed in 1947, when capacity was increased from 115,000 to 125,000 barrels daily.

V. C. Mailey, Exploration Department division head, points to the activity of his land division and the company's wildcat program as an indication of Humble's confidence that the Permian Basin will supply the major portion of the future crude oil reserves of the nation.

The companies soon will occupy quarters in the new Midland Tower.

Honolulu Oil Building



The Honolulu Oil Corporation in January, 1948, occupied this new building, which it erected. The architecture is entirely unique in West Texas. The concrete structure is attractive and completely modern in every respect. It is a Midland show place.

Tom Nipp New Manager Of Willis Sales Co.

Tom Nipp, with 14 years' experience in the automobile business, has been appointed manager of Willis Sales Company in Midland, it was announced Saturday.

Before coming here he was traveling representative for G.M.C. trucks in Corpus Christi.

L. E. Jordan has been made service manager of the Midland firm, and W. C. (Bill) Thomas is parts manager. Jordan formerly was in San Angelo, and Thomas came here from Raymondville. Both have had long experience in automotive sales and service work.

Radio Catches Fire; Plane Lands Safely

BATTLE CREEK, MICH. — (AP) — Thirteen crew members and medical patients escaped injury as main radio of an Army transport command hospital plane caught fire in mid-air 20 miles from here. The crew extinguished the blaze and brought the plane down safely at Kellogg Field here while fire apparatus and first aid trucks stood by.

Public relations officers at the Army's Percy Jones General Hospital here said the patients included five servicemen and two dependents of servicemen.

James H. Goodman of Midland was state representative of the 88th District of Texas for several years.

Mrs. W. P. (Bud) Estes, a Midland resident 27 years, died February 28, 1944.

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Besides our large stock of supplies for the home, farm and ranch we are able to make immediate delivery of: Truetone Radios, Wizard Washing Machines, Wizard Refrigerators, Wizard Batteries, and Davis Tires.

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Our sales department, under the supervision of Tom Nipp, is making deliveries on Jeeps, G.M.C. Trucks. They are taking orders for new Packards. You'll find a square deal here . . . one that will give you the benefit of the doubt.

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The new and beautiful Midland Tower Building is nearing completion at the corner of Wall and Colorado Streets in Midland. The nine-story edifice, completely air-conditioned, is the most modern office building to be found anywhere. It was built with Midland capital and is owned by the Midland Building Company. Oil company offices will occupy almost all rentable space. One company already has moved in and others will follow soon.



The Magnolia Petroleum Company in 1947 erected this two-story building with complete basement to house offices of its various departments operating in the Permian Basin. The building is one of the best-equipped oil company offices in the Southwest.

### Mrs. Roy Parks Organized Fine Arts Club In '26 For Cultural Knowledge

By BEVERLY LITTLEJOHN

Midland and its phenomenal growth from a small community to a modern city marched hand in hand with the Fine Arts Club, an organization formed September 10, 1926, because a small group of women felt the need of an organization that would further their cultural knowledge and prepare them for the tasks ahead.

Charter members were Mrs. T. Paul Barron, Mrs. Leon Bryant, Mrs. A. P. Baker, Mrs. J. M. Caldwell, Mrs. Frank Cowden, Mrs. Ellis Cowden, Mrs. Elliott Cowden, Mrs. R. B. Cowden, Mrs. R. Edd Cowden, Mrs. W. R. Chancellor, Mrs. C. M. Goldsmith, Mrs. O. B. Holt, Mrs. O. B. Holt, Jr., Mrs. Donald Hutt, Mrs. Earl Moran, Mrs. Roy Parks, Mrs. Fred Cowden, Mrs. Roy Proff, Mrs. W. E. Ryan, Mrs. J. M. Speed, Mrs. Paul T. Vickers, Mrs. J. Tom White, Carolyn Caldwell, Quinnie Cordill, Leona McCormick, Annie Merle Moran, Les Patterson, Ann Walk Lotta Williams, Lillie B. Williams, Juliette Wolcott, Thelma White, Lydie Watson and Mrs. W. E. Wallace.

#### Members Remain Active

Throughout the club history, charter members who have remained active are Mrs. T. Paul Barron, Lydie Watson, Mrs. Roy Parks. Charter members who have become associate members are Mrs. Leona McCormick Bryant and Mrs. Foy Proctor.

The Fine Arts Club was organized in the home of Mrs. Roy Parks, with the motto, "He Who Does Not Advance Falls Behind." The group has never lost view of its objectives—studying the Fine Arts, stimulating intellectual and cultural devel-

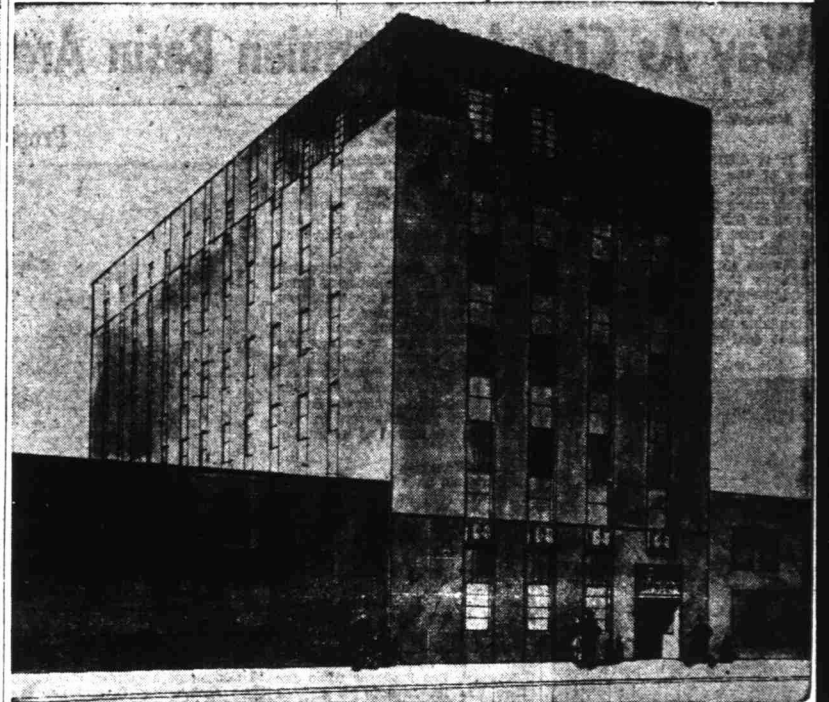
opment, and promoting good fellowship among its members. First officers were led by Mrs. Parks, president.

The Fine Arts Club played an important part in forming the City-County Federation of Women's Club. It was the 1930 president, Mrs. Paul T. Vickers, who called the first meeting of other clubs to organize the federation.

The club, throughout its history, has led Midland in the study of drama, music, poetry, paintings and the other Fine Arts. The club sponsored the "Little Theater Movement in Midland," and in 1929 sponsored a National Music Week Program. One finds that the most noted art exhibits and book reviews were sponsored here by the Fine Arts Club. Among the club's other achievements were: magazine contributions to the Dunbar Branch Library; donations to the student loan fund; provision for dental work among rural children; and patron membership in the Little Theater. Tracing achievements through the war, one finds that the Fine Arts Club was active in defense work, and their achievements still continue for now they are supporting the Midland Memorial Hospital Fund and the Junior Canteen.

Leading the Fine Arts Club in 1948 is Mrs. Nelson Puett, ably assisted by Mrs. E. H. Barron, first vice president; Mrs. J. M. White, second vice president; Mrs. B. R. Schabaram, recording secretary; Mrs. J. Howard Hodge, corresponding secretary; Mrs. George Kidd, treasurer; Mrs. L. G. Byerley, historian; and Lydie G. Watson, critic.

Read the Classifieds



The new Wilkinson-Foster Building, six stories, is under construction at 117 North Colorado Street in downtown Midland, with completion scheduled this year. It will be 50 by 130 feet, and completely modern. The structure will be of brick, tile and steel construction, and will house oil company offices. The owners are Jack Wilkinson of Midland, I. N. Wilkinson of Abilene, and Mrs. R. T. Foster of Sterling City.

### Portugal Attacks Dairies And Bakers

LISBON —(AP)— Milkmen, bakers and millers in Portugal are targets for scathing attacks by the daily newspaper O Seculo, which accuses them of believing they are above the law in refusing to submit to price control.

Since Daniel Vieira Barbosa became minister of economy and Capt. Silba Pais took over the job of cleaning up the black market, these three services have consistently stayed in the headlines.

Diluting milk, putting illegal mixtures into bread and selling at prohibitive prices have been among the charges.

O Seculo says the present system of fining is not adequate to stop abuses and deplors the fact that hanging is not allowed in Portugal.

### Transportation Facilitates The Growth Of City

Midland's growth and progress has been facilitated by its various transportation services.

There are 28 bus schedules in and out of Midland daily on three lines—Greyhound, All-American and Baygent. There are 24 air line schedules daily by—Continental, American and Pioneer. There are four passenger trains of the Texas and Pacific Railroad, two each direction (East - West) daily.

There is much tourist and regular traffic on three highways into and

out of Midland—U. S. Highway 80, State Highway 349 and 158.

The T&P came to Midland in the 1800's. It stretches East-West. Greyhound buses have served Midland since 1928. Prior to that time the West Texas Transportation Company maintained East-West service. All-American Bus Lines started East-West traffic through Midland about four years ago. Baygent Coaches brought much-needed South and West transportation in 1947.

And Midland once had a railroad—Seminole—the old Midland and Northwestern.

Midland Civic Theater, forerunner to Community Theater, was organized in 1938.

Town Hall, forerunner to Concert Lecture Association, started in 1940.

### 'Sharks' Follow Singer Shopping In Argentina

NEW YORK —(AP)— The blond singer of the liner Argentina, whose low-neck, backless dress caused a commotion in Buenos Aires recently, wore it for blouse ship news reporters without bringing any whistles.

Norma Raymond, 25-year-old soprano who sings with the Argentina's orchestra, was interviewed as the liner docked after a cruise. She said she had worn the black linen "new look" dress in "New York, Philadelphia, Atlantic City and Rio de Janeiro with no resulting excitement whatsoever.

"I ask you," she said to the reporters, "is this dress indecent?" The newspapermen's heads wag-

ged negatively. But in Argentina, she said, the dress had these results:

One thousand "sharks"—Argentinian for "wolf"—followed Miss Raymond through the streets on a shopping tour. They were making cute remarks, in Spanish," she explained.

A Midland Druggist Association was organized here in 1940. Officers were: A. E. Cameron, president; Barney Greathouse, vice president; and Lester Short, secretary-treasurer.

The Commercial Club was Midland's first Chamber of Commerce, 9, 1947.

### Fugitives From Reds Overrunning U. S. Base

TSINGTAO, CHINA — (AP)— This base for the U. S. Western Pacific fleet is being overrun by starving fugitives from the Communists.

They even strip the bark from trees for food. U. S. Marines have to guard the huge Navy stores. They carry shotguns loaded with birdshot so as not to kill the desperate, would-be looters.

Best estimates place the number of refugees at more than 300,000. This is about equal to the city's normal population.

Ell Smith, 77, retired farmer who came to Midland in 1925, died April 9, 1947.



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# Midland Chamber Of Commerce Looks To Future; Leads The Way As City And Permian Basin Area Show Great Progress

By DELBERT DOWNING  
Manager Midland Chamber of Commerce

It is difficult to write the history of the Midland Chamber of Commerce. History comes from facts taken from old files and records, or from men and women who draw upon their memory. A good Chamber of Commerce relies very little on its past accomplishments because it moves on into other undertakings almost before the record is written. Hence it is understandable that no one would take a great deal of time to record the



Delbert Downing

events of its past. No written record of Midland's earlier Chamber of Commerce is available. The fact that "old timers" don't remember much about the Chamber of Commerce is complimentary in a way. They remember that there was such an organization, and some of them remember working on various projects that it sponsored, but their thoughts were of the future and they, like the organization itself, spend little time in retrospect. Maybe that's one reason Midland has grown steadily and soundly. Men thought of the future. There is a hazy recollection or two about some sort of a Chamber of Commerce having been in existence around the turn of the century, but no one will be quoted on any specific activities that it carried on. The turn of the century was 48 years ago. Memories grow hazy in 48 years. Commercial Club For a time, several years before automobiles graced the streets, there was a Commercial Club. Some folks think it must have grown out of the old "Pickwick Club," and a bunch of men remember the "Pickwick." It was a rooming house, located right where the Scharbauer Coffee Show is now. More than a dozen young bachelors lived there at one time, and somebody dubbed it the "Pickwick Club." They had

their own cook, and perhaps their own set of rules. They had fun.

Maybe the first Commercial Club had its beginning in the minds of some of those struggling young men, but none of them remember for sure. Anyway in 1907-08-10 and along in there the Commercial Club was in existence.

It was easy enough to establish the fact that the Chamber of Commerce office was first located across the street east from where the present Midland National Bank is located. At one time or another, the office was located in the old Llano Hotel and in the building now occupied by the Midland Production Credit Association. When the Scharbauer Hotel was completed in 1928 the office was moved to its present location.

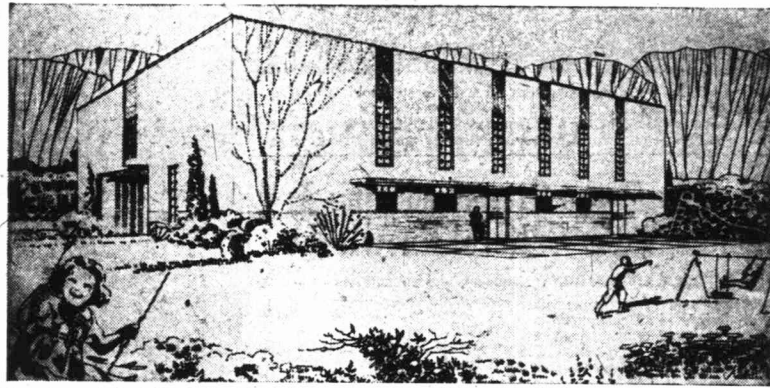
Previous Managers Somewhere back down the line a Mr. Carrington was manager, but Mr. Carrington is going to have to be responsible for remembering his own first name because everybody else seems to have forgotten it. Later W. B. Starr, a man who is still remembered well by many people was manager. He devoted a great deal of energy to a County Fair, and his fair was successful.

Paul T. Vickers, who now is manager of the McAllen Chamber of Commerce, was manager when the office was moved into its present quarters. Paul Vickers was a popular man. He devoted a great deal of time to publicizing Midland and in obtaining an analysis of the soil which proved Midland County to have big deposits of potash. He also was interested in diversified farming and did a great deal of constructive work toward developing agriculture in the county.

Sallye Covington, who is still a resident of Midland, was acting secretary-manager for a while. Bill Collins became manager in 1936 and served 10 years in that capacity. He resigned in 1946 to become editor of The Reporter-Telegram. Aside from his duties as manager of the Midland Chamber of Commerce he held many regional and state offices in Chamber of Commerce Managers Association, and in 1941 was presented the Certificate of Award by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce as the Most Valuable Chamber of Commerce Secretary in West Texas.

In the beginning the Chamber of Commerce devoted most of its energies to giving service to cattle men and to the cattle industry. The cattle industry was Midland for a long time. With the advent of automobiles better highways were a must and the Chamber of Commerce was the clearing house for ideas and efforts to obtain them. (A highway program is never complete, and highway committees are still active.) During the middle '20's the oil development in the Permian Basin brought oil men to Midland and the Chamber of Commerce quickly teamed up with the oil man, and in a way, made him a partner to the cattleman and the result has been the two groups have

## Proposed IOOF Recreation Hall



A major project of the Midland IOOF Lodge, one of the city's most active fraternal organizations, is the constructing and equipping of this large recreation hall in South Midland. It is a project for the youth of the community. The organization also is sponsoring the development of a playground on the South Side.

always dealt on friendly terms. Quick to realize the potentialities of air traffic the Midland Chamber of Commerce appointed one of the first Aeronautics Committees ever appointed by a Texas Chamber of Commerce. Now that Midland is West Texas' Air Terminal the effectiveness of those committees cannot be doubted. During the war years almost 100 per cent of the efforts of the Chamber were devoted to lending assistance to service men and their families and to bond sales, scrap drives and other war time activities. Since the war the organization has devoted most of its energies toward keeping Midland the clean, progressive city that is now "The Headquarters City Of The Permian Basin."

Numerous Projects Projects and accomplishments of the Midland Chamber of Commerce are too numerous to mention in detail. There was a time, for instance, when ranchers could list the cattle he had for sale with the Chamber of Commerce. Other projects included such items as trades days; price surveys; stocking fish in ranch tanks; organizing rabbit drives; coyote poisoning; Broadway of America interests; Midland as a tourist stop; money exchange during national bank moratorium; Midland only City in U. S. under 500,000 population to have day at Chicago World's Fair; cattle drouth relief; road signs; folders; livestock shows; sports events and on and on the list goes.

The Chamber of Commerce has aided many hundreds of families to obtain housing, and thousands of individuals to obtain bed-rooms. Midland's Annual World Championship Rodeo is known all over the nation, but it isn't always known the germ of the idea that later became Midland Fair, Inc., was born in a Chamber of Commerce meet-

ing. The 75-bed Memorial Hospital that will be built this year will stand on its own, as it should, but those men who were officers and directors of the Chamber of Commerce in 1944 will forever remember that Midland Memorial Foundation had its birth in a meeting of Chamber directors.

The Chamber of Commerce assisted in organizing the Midland Production Credit Association, which now serves many ranchers and stock men in this area.

Through the years Midland has received many pages of publicity in newspapers and magazines of national scope. Most of the information for those articles was gathered in the Chamber of Commerce office. The number of letters written in answer to inquiries about this area are uncounted, but the figure would be staggering.

History Of Men A history of the Midland Chamber of Commerce is a history of men and it is regrettable that all of them cannot be named here. Here are some of the men who are past presidents: W. R. Chancellor, Leon Goodman, Malcolm Meek, R. M. Barron, George D. McCormick, M. C. Ulmer, Clarence Scharbauer, Sr., Dr. W. E. Ryan, Marion Flynt, Ed Whitaker, John W. House, George Glass, J. B. Wilkinson, Frank Haag, James N. Allison, O. C. Harper, Paul McHargue, John P. Butler and now Tom Sealy.

Others who have been officers and directors: Aubrey S. Legg, W. I. Pratt, Jack Hazeltine, Harry Haight, John O. Nobles, K. E. Ambrose, Edward Lee, Sam Preston, Dave Smith, W. S. Hill, J. E. (Bob) Hill, W. A. Yeager, J. D. Young, M. R. Hill, Paul Young, W. R. Smith, M. M. Seymour, Fred Turner, M. F. Peters, R. J. Moore, C. W. Alcorn, J. O. Garlington, Fred Wemple, T. S.

## Asbury Methodist Church Organized In June, 1947

By THE REV. J. LENNOL HESTER  
Pastor Asbury Methodist Church

The Asbury Methodist Church in Midland was organized June 8, 1947. The new church was sponsored by the First Methodist Church of Midland and the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Northwest Texas Conference of the Methodist Church. Fifty-three members had joined the church Sunday, May 25, 1947, at which time the first services were conducted prior to the organizational meeting. At the end of the six-weeks charter membership period, there were 173 members. Present membership is 211.

The church is located at 501 South Loraine Street. However, property has been purchased at South Loraine Street and West Dakota Avenue which is just north of the South Elementary School. The present building will be moved to that site in the near future, and an additional building will be erected to provide assembly and Sunday School rooms. As soon as this project is completed, the church will inaugurate plans for the permanent church auditorium.

Dr. O. P. Clark, district superintendent of the Southwest district of the Methodist Church, has congratulated the church. Other members of the church include: John Bonner, Sam Weaver, A. E. Horst, Allen Watts, W. F. Heil, Frank Stubbeman, Clint Myrick, Fred T. Hogan, E. B. Dickenson, Frank Cowden, J. Howard Hodge, D. H. Griffith, H. F. Fox, L. G. Mackey, T. E. Bizzell, Homer Rowe, B. N. Aycock, Charles Gibbs, Charles Klapproth, Ira Lord, Steve Debnam, A. O. Thomas, R. C. Conkling, K. L. Sappington, Charley McClintic, Chris, Phil and John Scharbauer, Dr. John B. Thomas, Addison Wadley, C. C. Watson, R. L. Miller, Stan Eskrine, Barney Great-house and many many others.

mended Asbury Church for the phenomenal progress which has been made. Speaking to the congregation sometime ago, Dr. Clark said, "Asbury Methodist Church in Midland has had the most phenomenal beginning of any Methodist church in this vast territory of the Northwest Texas Conference, at least in recent years."

### Church Officials

Officials of the church are as follows:  
Board of stewards: J. P. Carson, Jr., chairman; Allen Hall, secretary; Harrison H. Bickley, Billy J. Carlisle, Floyd Countiss, Bill Countiss, George Damron, Joseph H. Franks,

## Psychiatrist Wields Hairbrush At Times

DALLAS—Dr. Lewis Robbins, a psychiatrist, approves of using the hairbrush on your offspring and even does so on his own.

In a speech here, he added, "I do not approve, however, of punishing a child when the parent is angry. It is to be done only in order to teach him something he cannot learn any other way. I will spank my boy if he starts toward the fireplace but not if he breaks my choice piece of china, which I should have put out of his reach anyway."  
He said, "children will conform, will obey because they love you and want to keep your approbation. Too much punishment only brings resentment and discouragement."

Lake Mead behind the Hoover Dam on the Colorado River contains four-fifths as much water as Lake Erie.

Bruce Goode, Clyde Gwyn, John M. Henderson, Elvis Hughes, Wayne Keener, Clyde C. King, Allen Mashburn, Grant Nichols, J. W. Pace, Carmel Pirtle, O. M. Pulliam, A. C. Robertson, Leonard Robey, Coren L. Stephenson, Edgar Tanner, and Lawrence Whitmire.

Board of Trustees: W. C. Gwyn, W. A. Hughes, Loy Mashburn, J. M. Franks, and Hoyt Vineyard. The late E. H. Peyton was the first chairman of the board of trustees.

Clyde Gwyn is the general superintendent of the Sunday School. Mrs. George Damron is superintendent of the Home Department. O. M. (Buddy) Pulliam is superintendent of the Youth Division and Mrs. J. P. Carson, Jr. is the superintendent of the Children's Division.

Teachers in the Sunday School include Clyde King, Mrs. Ruth E. McCraw, Mrs. J. C. Johnson, Joyce Damron, Mrs. Edgar Tanner, J. P. Carson, Jr., Mrs. J. A. Andrews, Mrs. O. M. Pulliam, Mrs. Jean Noe, Mrs. Elvis Hughes, Betty Peyton and Mrs. Floyd Countiss.

The late Mrs. E. H. Peyton was the teacher of the Susanna Wesley Class. Soon after her death, the members of the class changed the name to the Carrie Peyton Class in her memory.

Other officers include Wayne Keener, president of the Men's Brotherhood; Mrs. J. A. Andrews, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service; Mrs. Lucille Howell, president of the Wesleyan Service Guild; and Jim McGraw, president of the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

Mrs. J. P. Carson, Jr., is in charge of the music. The Rev. J. Lennol Hester is pastor.

It is estimated that there were 4,000 lakes in Connecticut at the end of the Ice Age, of which 2,500 have disappeared.

Mrs. W. F. Scarborough, 71, pioneer ranchwoman who was Midlander 40 years, died August 1, 1937.

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# 'Miss Lydie And Mister Ned' Watson Organized First Music Clubs

By BILLY BROOME

The white frame residence-study of "Miss Lydie" and "Mister Ned" Watson at 210 West Ohio Street might well be termed a landmark in the cultural growth of Midland, for it was here that several still active music clubs were organized, and students of musical education have received instructions the last 48 years.

Miss Lydie and her brother, Ned, came to Midland from Little Rock, Ark. in 1900 to assist their brother, C. C. Watson, founder of both the Midland Reporter and The Telegraph. For 28 years, Miss Watson served as society editor on her brother's newspaper, teaching piano in her spare time, and Ned Watson was a Linotype operator who devoted his leisure hours to teaching string instruments and the woodwind.

They organized the first music club in this district, the Robyn Junior Music Club, in 1900; later they founded the Moment Musical Juvenile Club, and the Civic Music Club, all federated clubs in which they still maintain an active part.

Several years later, this talented brother and sister organized the Estrellito Orchestra, which took in three towns, Midland, Odessa, and Stanton. They still maintain this symphony orchestra, but because it has grown in size, its activities are confined to this city.

At one time, they sponsored the only string quartet between Fort Worth and El Paso. They also directed the Plectrum Club.

From 1900 to 1908, "Mister Ned" led a cowboy orchestra which serenaded the builders of the West. He recalled, with an air of pioneer pride, Summers spent on a traveling prairie schooner, drawn by six mules, and equipped with bunks, water tanks, food, and musicians.

"The schooner," related Watson, "was owned by Bob Slaughter, and it could be converted into one of the best dance floors in the West—complete with bandstand."

They received their early training in Gallaway College, Searcy, Arkansas, Landon's Conservatory in Dal-

las, and the American Conservatory of Music at Chicago. Both "Miss Lydie" and "Mister Ned" proudly display teachers' diplomas from all of these schools.

Miss Watson, took advanced work under Silvio Scionti, whose autographed picture "To Miss Lydie Watson—a poet, a musician, and a friend" adorns her studio walls, and Allen Spenser, both of Chicago. She also studied under Louise Robyn, who is considered America's best qualified child teacher, and John Haststead, president of the Conservatory at Chicago.

"Mister Ned" has studied under Scott Willis, a former assistant teacher of Sevicik in Bohemia.

The musical talents of this brother and sister have not been restricted to their students. Miss Watson was organist in the Methodist Church for 25 years, and Ned conducted an orchestra in the First Baptist Church for several years.

Former students of the couple, who have held classes longer than any other music teachers in Midland, have gone into varied fields of the music profession, some holding responsible positions as orchestra leaders, teachers, and church music directors.

Watson recalled, with still an air of pride, having sent three students to Abilene some years ago to

compete in a music contest; "Those three students," he continued, "returned with first, second and third place honors."

But not to be outdone by her brother's boast, Miss Lydie told of a former pupil who won first place in a contest sponsored by the Federated Music Clubs of Louisiana. "She not only won a gold medal for superior playing," said Miss Watson, "but she also received a scholarship to the University of Louisiana."

Another of Miss Watson's former pupils has gone into the movies. "Sarta Wooten still corresponds with me," beamed Miss Lydie, and numerous autographed pictures of Sarta were recalled from a collection of photos of former pupils who keep in close contact with her.

When asked her opinion of popular music of today, Miss Watson replied, "some popular music is good, and the best popular tunes are based on classics;" but added Ned, "the general run of so called popular rhythm is music profanity."

"Our standard of teaching is that while there are many methods, there is only one set of fundamentals," announced Miss Watson, "and we try to make our pupils so thorough that after a while they can take up anything and play it."

Mister Ned added, "during our years of teaching in Midland, there have been many teachers come and go, but we have stayed because we are among our friends, and we feel that Midlanders are our own kind of people."

Both Ned and Lydie Watson declared they felt from the beginning of their lives they were to be professional musicians. From a long line of ministers, dating 266 years back, Miss Lydie remarked that they felt they were called to teach as well as their ancestors felt they were called to preach.

The couple, who have "stayed on the job" and dedicated their lives to music, love dealing with young people and they try to instill their

minds and hearts with the thought—that music is God's best gift to man; the only art of heaven given to earth—the only art of earth we take to heaven.

They never intend to retire from their profession, and Mister Ned compared their feeling about retirement as "the Indian who said, 'where's there a pipe of peace we'll surely pass away,' and the Irishman who replied, 'where's there a piece of pipe, we're surely here to stay—we're Irish,'" he emphasized.

When asked what they thought of the progress of Midland, Miss Watson declared, "Ned and I can't get over the miracle of Midland's growth, the growth of Jack-and-the-Bean-Steak is dwarfed in comparison."

"Why, when we built our home in 1910," she added, "it was surrounded by mesquite trees and weeds, but now we feel that every modern convenience has grown up around us." "If we wish our picture taken—we walk across the street; if we need to catch an out-of-town bus, we walk across the street; if our car needs servicing, we don't have to leave the neighborhood; if we should need hospital treatment, it's right across the lot; if we die, the funeral home is only two blocks away, and if we should have to go to jail—its convenient," she laughed.

Miss Lydie Watson, a charter member of the Fine Arts Club, and one of its former presidents, and Mister Ned Watson, members of the Texas Music Teachers Association, and the American Guild of Mandolinists, Banjos, and Guitars, treasure the praise given them by a minister who said "you have done most for the cultural life of Midland, Texas."

"We try to cultivate our pupils' minds and hearts as well as their fingers," they agreed.

An ordinance creating a City Planning Commission for Midland was passed in November 1947.

## WMS President



Mrs. J. E. McCain is president of the Women's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church.

## Broker Blames Taxes For High Living Costs

DALLAS—(AP)—A New York broker blames taxation at all government levels as the principal cause underlying today's high cost of living.

Robert M. Harris, senior partner in Harris & Vose, commodity brokerage firm, said: "Today's high rate of taxation destroys opportunities of the younger generation to establish an estate. Punitive taxation on capital gains makes growth and expansion at once uneconomical and impracticable."

He said the American farmer last year accounted for slightly less than 15 per cent of the national income and that present high costs could not be blamed on farmers.

Taxes during the same period claimed more than 35 per cent of the income, he said.

## Wife Thought Husband Ill, But He Was Dead

CHANUTE, KAN.—(AP)—A coroner said recently an elderly woman thought her 80-year-old husband was ailing and cared for him more than a week after he had died.

Coroner Ralph Light said the death was discovered by Police Chief Ralph Rhodes, who stopped to inquire about the health of the man, Charles W. Miller.

"He's very ill," Rhodes quoted Mrs. Minnie Miller, 74, as saying. "He can't speak or hear you, but you're welcome to come in and see him."

Mrs. Miller said her husband had remained in bed since he was injured in a fall on ice, Feb. 15.

The Midland Junior Canteen was chartered in 1945.

## Statistics Show Britain Changing

LONDON—(AP)—Britons are going in for divorce far more than they did before the war.

Crimes by women have doubled since 1935, while those by men have risen by 50 per cent.

These changes in Britain's national life, are shown in the first postwar publication of the annual abstract of statistics for the United Kingdom.

The abstract, issued by the Central Statistical Office, shows the drift of population from the rural districts in England and Wales con-

tinued. More marked was the movement of people from the North to the South of England. There was a large decrease in the civil population of the London Southeastern region.

Illegitimacy showed signs of declining in 1946 after having reached a wartime peak. The number of illegitimate births, which averaged about 32,000 (4.5 per cent) at the outbreak of war, rose to 71,000 (8.9 per cent) in 1945 and fell in 1946 to 62,000 (6.5 per cent).

Statistics since 1870 show that

every year more men than women die. In 1870 by far the largest number of male deaths—80,000 or 25.7 per cent of the total—were infants under one year. In 1946 such deaths were only 7.9 per cent, and deaths of men over 75 comprised 27.8 per cent of the total.

Figures for women show a similar trend.

In 1945 there were 312,700 bachelors in the United Kingdom, compared with 275,900 in 1946; and the number of spinsters was 320,000 against 287,000.

A large increase in the number of divorce petitions is shown. In England and Wales the number filed in 1946 was 41,704 against 9,970 in 1938.

## A Foursome Formed Edelweiss Club In '27

Four Midland women (just enough to play bridge) joined together in 1927 to organize what is probably one of the oldest bridge clubs in Midland—the Edelweiss Bridge Club.

The four women were Mrs. Tom Nance, Mrs. Hayden Miles, Mrs. J. M. Speed, Sr., and Mrs. Weldon Russell—the first three still live in Midland and are among the present active 13 members who meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

Joining the club soon after its organization, and therefore considered charter members are Mrs. Roy Parks, Mrs. J. C. Crump, Mrs. Foy Proctor, Mrs. Billy Bryant and Mrs. Aubrey Legg.

Each member becomes president of the club as she is listed in alphabetical order.

Leading the present membership is Mrs. John Dublin.

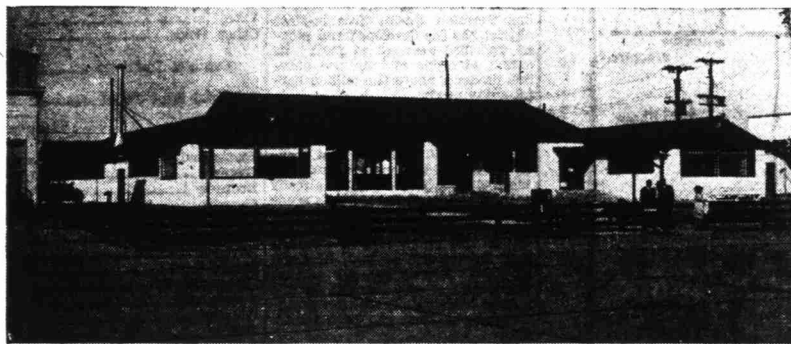
## 'Oz You Like It' Was Shakespeare's Best

LONDON—(AP)—A man settled himself comfortably in the stalls at London's Strand Theater as the curtain rose on the stage version of "The Wizard of Oz."

As the girl usher checked through the tickets she discovered that he had got in on a ticket for the Aldwych Theater next door, where Shakespeare's "Macbeth" is being staged.

She called the manager, and they watched the man, who sat through the show enjoying himself, after all there is a witch in "The Wizard."

## Airport Terminal Building Is Area's Finest



The new terminal building at Midland Air Terminal is one of the largest, most attractive and most modern airport stations in the Southwest. It was completed last December. American, Continental and Pioneer airlines have offices in the terminal. A cafe will be opened there March 15. Midland Air Terminal, formerly Midland Army Air Field, is owned and operated by the City of Midland.

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U. S. Bonds	226,800
Other Assets	3,262
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$1,316,932</b>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>	
Money Due Intermediate Credit Bank	\$1,025,000
Interest Payable	8,117
Other Liabilities	2,815
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$1,035,932</b>
<b>NET WORTH:</b>	
Voting (B) Stock owned by members	\$ 111,970
A Stock owned by members	61,450
A Stock owned by Government	5,000
Accumulated Earnings	102,438
<b>TOTAL NET WORTH</b>	<b>\$ 280,858</b>
<b>PROGRESS:</b>	
Dec. 31, 1942	Dec. 31, 1947
Number of members	130      281
Stock owned by members	\$ 57,995      \$ 173,420
Reserves	57,946      102,438
Reserves and local stock	115,941      275,858
Loans made during year	1,820,000      2,926,190
Stock owned by Government	130,000      5,000

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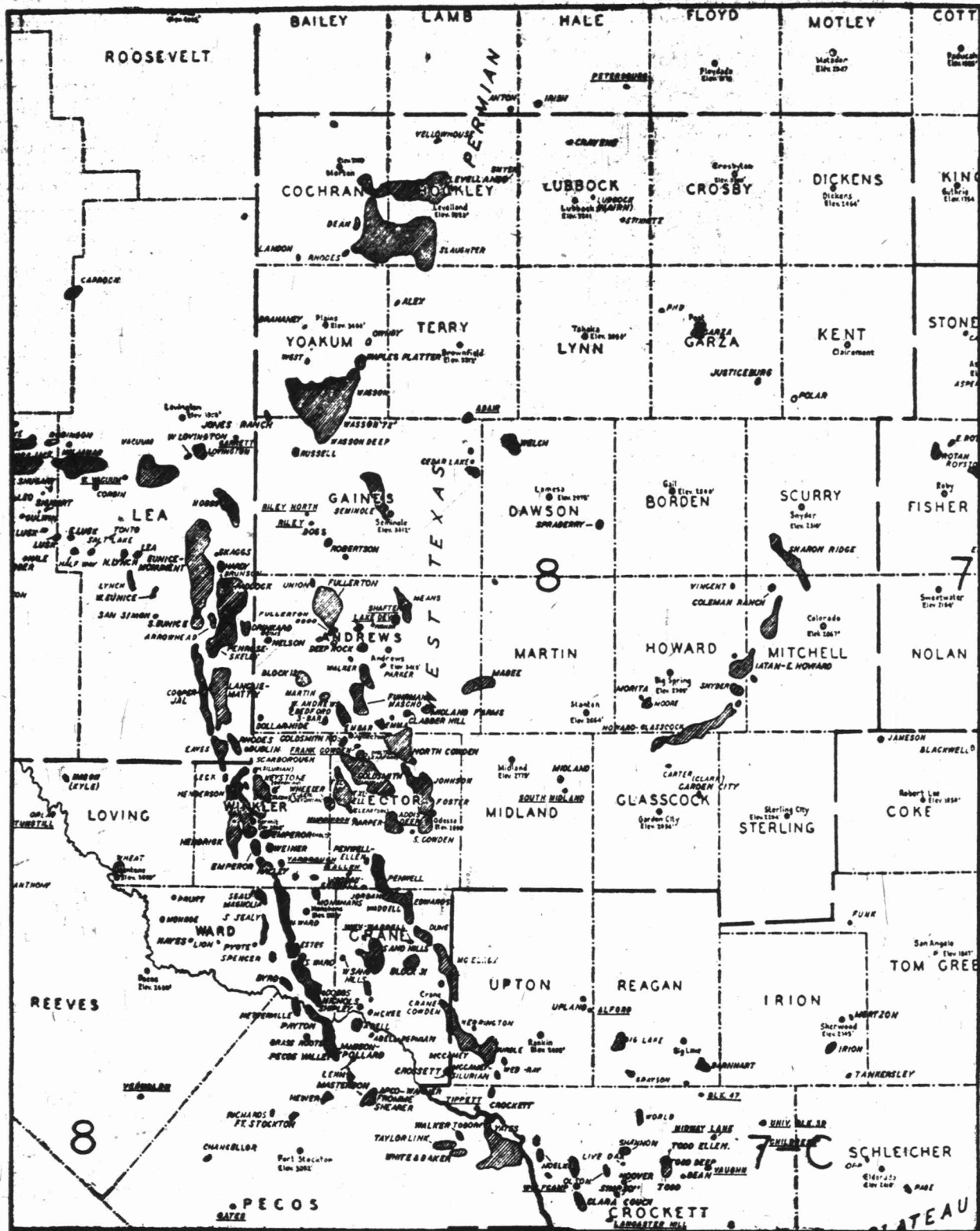
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Permian Basin Discoveries—

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**NATURAL 535 BARRELS OIL IN 24 HOURS, 8,250-8,365 FEET, GRAVITY 43.8.**

**DOLLAR HIDE-ELEMBURGER FIELD—**Pure Oil Company and Humble Oil & Refining Company. No. 1-E E. P. Cowden, section 24, block A-52, 2nd survey, total depth 10,210 feet, plugged back 10,140 feet, Ellenburger, flowed 637 barrels oil in 21 hours, 9,975-10,140 feet, gravity 44.2.

**SHAPIER LAKE-DEVONIAN FIELD—**Sinclair Prairie Oil Company. No. 1-173 Shapiers, section 25, block 13, University survey, total depth 9,228 feet, Devonian, flowed, natural, 1,036 barrels oil in 24 hours, 9,428-9,228 feet, gravity 43.8.

**FULLERTON NORTH-DEVONIAN FIELD—**Texas Pacific Coal & Oil Company No. 14-D Emily M. Jackson, section 17, block A-32, 2nd survey, total depth 10,334 feet, Ellenburger, plugged back 8,290 feet, Devonian, flowed, natural, 1,628 barrels oil per day, 8,120-8,290 feet, gravity 38.9.

**COCHRAN COUNTY**

**LONDON-STRAWN FIELD—**Standard Oil & Gas Company No. 1 M. J. Hall, section 13, block L, 2nd survey, total depth 11,108 feet, Mississippian, plugged back 10,541 feet, Strawn, flowed, natural, 321 barrels oil in 24 hours, 10,410-10,541 feet, gravity 39.

**CRANE COUNTY**

**UNIVERSITY-WADDELL FIELD—**Gulf Oil Corporation No. 1-35-RR University, section 3, block 31, University survey, total depth 11,090 feet, Ellenburger, plugged back 10,290 feet, Ellenburger, flowed 2,326 barrels oil per day, 10,520-10,290 feet, gravity 46.3.

**JORDAN-CORNWELL FIELD—**The Texas Company No. 31 W. E. Connell, section 29, block B-16, 2nd survey, total depth 9,964 feet, Ellenburger, plugged back 4,890 feet, San Angelo, flowed 289 barrels oil in 24 hours, 4,890-4,890 feet, gravity 34.2.

**CROCKETT COUNTY**

**TIPPETT FIELD—**Byrd and Frost and Gulf Oil Corporation No. 1 Mayberry, section 39, block 31, 2nd survey, total depth 7,798 feet, Ellenburger, plugged back 6,942 feet, Pennsylvania, flowed 1,391.04 barrels oil per day, 6,325-6,942 feet, gravity 41.8.

**CLARA COUCH-WOLF CAMP FIELD—**Ohio Oil Company, section 4, block 1-B J. W. Owens, section 8, block 1-G, total depth 8,264 feet, Pennsylvania, plugged back 5,995 feet, Pennsylvania, flowed 396 barrels oil in 24 hours, 5,995-6,265 feet, gravity 38.4.

**BLOCK 47 FIELD—**Continental Oil Company No. 1-5A-12 University, section 12, block 47, University survey, total depth 2,175 feet, San Angelo, pumped 37 barrels oil

in 24 hours, 2,110-2,175 feet, gravity 32.

**VAUGHN FIELD—**Gar-Ter Drilling Company No. 1-R Weiner-Vaughn, section 85, block OP, 35&36 survey, total depth 1,501 feet, San Angelo, pumped natural 218 barrels oil in 24 hours, 1,500-1,501, gravity 19.

**LANCASTER HILL FIELD—**Gulf Oil Corporation No. 1-R University, section 14, block 29, University survey, total depth 1,667 feet, San Angelo, pumped natural 108 barrels oil in 24 hours, 1,667-1,668 feet, gravity 33.3.

**CHILDRESS FIELD—**Humble Oil & Refining Company No. 1 Elizabeth C. Michan, section 12, block AB, D&E survey, total depth 8,165 feet, Ellenburger, plugged back 8,145 feet, Ellenburger, flowed natural, 488 barrels oil per day, 8,092-8,145 feet, gravity 41.

**MIDWAY LINE FIELD—**Sinclair Prairie and Atlantic No. 1-66 University, section 30, block 46, University survey, total depth 7,680 feet, Ellenburger, plugged back 7,650 feet, Ellenburger, flowed natural 1,310 barrels oil per day, 7,530-7,650 feet, gravity 49.

**BLOCK 39 FIELD—**Standard Oil & Gas Company No. 1-TT University, section 12, block 39, University survey, total depth 9,000 feet, Ellenburger, plugged back 8,080 feet, Ellenburger, flowed 63 barrels oil plus 1 barrel salt water in 24 hours, 8,044-0,060 feet, gravity 43.

**ECTOR COUNTY**

**MURCHISON FIELD—**American Republics Corporation No. 1 TXL, section 7, block 45, T-2-S, T&P survey, total depth 10,736 feet, Ellenburger, plugged back 8,000 feet, Wolfcamp, pumped 121 barrels oil in 24 hours, 7,795-8,000 feet, gravity 33.8.

**JORDAN-ELEMBURGER FIELD—**Gulf Oil Corporation No. 1-A University-Pogelson, section 7, block 39, University survey, total depth 8,595 feet, Ellenburger, plugged back 8,565 feet, Ellenburger, flowed 223 barrels oil, plus 57 barrels water in 24 hours, 8,514-8,565 feet, gravity 42.7.

**GOLDSMITH-DEVONIAN FIELD—**Gulf Oil Corporation No. 241-D C. A. Goldsmith, et al, section 15, block 44, T-1-S, T&P survey, total depth 9,811 feet, Ellenburger, plugged back 8,022 feet, Devonian, flowed 131 barrels oil and 161 barrels water in 24 hours, 7,970-8,022 feet, gravity 38.5.

**GOLDSMITH-ELEMBURGER FIELD—**Gulf Oil Corporation No. 430-E C. A. Goldsmith, et al, section 15, block 44, T-1-S, T&P survey, total depth 9,845 feet, Ellenburger, plugged back 8,568 feet, Ellenburger, flowed natural 301 barrels oil in 24 hours, 8,494-8,565 feet, gravity 42.8.

**GOLDSMITH 5000 FIELD—**Gulf

The Permian Basin area of West Texas and Southeast New Mexico, of which Midland is the operating capital, is the world's greatest known oil reserve. New oil fields discovered in the West Texas part of the Basin during 1947 are underlined on the above map. Thirty-eight pools were discovered, compared with 28 in 1946, 25 in 1945, and only nine in 1944. Potentialities of major structures exist in some of the discoveries. Southwest Mapping Company map.

Oil Corporation No. 437 C. A. Goldsmith, et al, section 28, block 44, T-1-S, T&P survey, total depth 6,700 feet, Permian, plugged back 5,700 feet, Clear Fork, flowed 1,049 barrels oil per day, 5,600-5,700 feet, gravity 38.3.

**YARBROUGH & ALLEN FIELD—**Humble Oil & Refining Company No. 1 Yarbrough & Allen, et al, section 18, block B-14, 2nd survey, total depth 10,630 feet, Ellenburger, flowed natural 867 barrels oil in 24 hours, 10,490-10,630 feet, gravity 40.

**ANDECTOR-CLEAR FORK FIELD—**Plymouth Oil Company No. 3-12-A R. B. Cowden, section 12, block 45, T-2-N, T&P survey, total depth 6,285 feet, Clear Fork, flowed 188 barrels oil in 24 hours, 6,200-6,285 feet, gravity 39.

**ADDIS DEEP FIELD—**Standard Oil & Gas Company No. 1 Eva B. Kayser, section 34, block 43, T-2-S, T&P survey, total depth 7,300 feet, Ellenburger, plugged back 5,735 feet, Pennsylvania, pumped 159 barrels fluid in 24 hours, 155 barrels oil, and four barrels water, 4,840-5,735 feet, gravity 32.

**RILEY FIELD—**Citic Services Oil Company No. 1 T. S. Riley, section 361, block G, COB&RONG survey, total depth 7,281 feet, Clear Fork, plugged back 7,237 feet, Clear Fork, pumped 42 barrels oil in 24 hours, 7,045-7,237 feet, gravity 33.1.

**NORTH RILEY FIELD—**Honolulu Oil Corporation, No. 1 J. M. White et al, section 404, block G, COB&RONG survey, total depth, 7,003 feet, Clear Fork, plugged back 6,859 feet, Clear Fork, pumped 161.04 barrels fluid in 24 hours, three per cent water, 6,890-6,950 feet, gravity 31.8.

**PETERSBURG FIELD—**Standard Oil & Gas Company No. 1 E. L. Fisher, section 5, block CL, EL&RR survey, total depth 6,992 feet, Pennsylvania, flowed 1,341 barrels oil per day, 6,861-6,992 feet, gravity 39.

**MIDLAND COUNTY**

**SOUTH MIDLAND FIELD—**Humble Oil & Refining Company No. 1 Mary E. Turner, section 34, block 37, T-2-S, T&P survey, total depth 11,488 feet, Ellenburger, plugged back 8,650 feet, Lower Permian, pumped 139 barrels oil in 22 hours, 8,500-8,650 feet, gravity 40.1.

**PECOS COUNTY**

**ABEL-UPPER PERMIAN—**Magnolia Petroleum Company No. 2 Santa-Grove, section 26, block 3, H&GN survey, total depth 8,894 feet, Ellenburger, plugged back 3,179 feet, San Angelo, flowed 134

barrels oil in 24 hours, 3,155-3,179 feet, gravity 34.

**MCCANDLESS FIELD—**Bryce McCandless No. 1-101 Cordova Union (Atlantic), section 101, block 11, H&GN survey, total depth 4,103 feet, Ellenburger, plugged back 3,909 feet, Lower Permian, gauged 5,900 MCF gas per day, 2,970-3,909.

**GAZDES FIELD—**Pure Oil Company No. 1-B J. S. Oates, section 204, block 3, T&P survey, total depth 845 feet, Rustler, pumped natural 39 barrels oil, and 501 barrels water in 24 hours, 790-845 feet, gravity 18.1.

**REEVES COUNTY**

**VERHALEN FIELD—**Argo Oil Corporation No. 1 Dora Roberts, section 294, block 13, H&GN survey, total depth 14,073 feet, Wolfcamp, plugged back 10,860 feet, Wolfcamp, flowed 71 barrels oil, plus 10 per cent water in 24 hours, 4,873-4,945 feet, gravity 33.1.

**TUNSTALL FIELD—**Texzona Production Company No. 1 Tunstall Bros., section 10, block 56, T-2, T&P survey, total depth 3,305 feet, Delaware, flowed natural 71 barrels oil in 24 hours, 3,268-3,305 feet, gravity 42.

**TERRY COUNTY**

**ADAIR FIELD—**Amerada Petroleum Corporation No. 1 Sam Adair, section 4, block CL-37, 2nd survey, total depth 4,945 feet, San Angelo, swabbed 808 barrels oil per day, 4,873-4,945 feet, gravity 33.1.

**UPTON COUNTY**

**BENEDUM FIELD—**Slack & Urshel Oil Company and Plymouth Oil Company No. 1 D. L. Alford, section 504, P. B. Scott survey, total depth 12,022 feet, Ellenburger, plugged back 12,011 feet, Ellenburger, flowed 988 barrels oil per day, 11,885-11,985 feet, gravity 36.

**WARD COUNTY**

**SOUTH SEALY YATES FIELD—**Standard Oil & Gas Company No. 3-Y University, section 13, block 16, University survey, total depth 2,800 feet, Yates, flowed 131 barrels oil per day, plus 15 per cent base sediment and water, 2,700-2,800 feet, gravity 36.8.

**WILEE COUNTY**

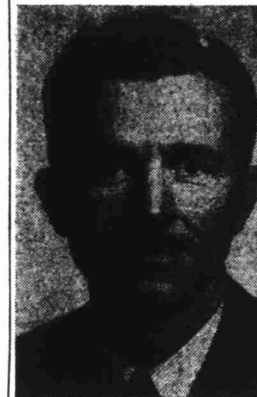
**CHRYENNE FIELD—**Ohio Oil Company No. 1 W. F. Scarborough, section 3, block C-22, 2nd survey, total depth 2,339 feet, Yates, flowed 144 barrels oil per day, 2,285-2,339 feet, gravity 36.8.

**LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

**HEAR FIELD—**Amerada Petroleum Corporation No. 6 Hara, section 23-21-37, total depth 5,168 feet, Ellenburger, plugged back 4,900 feet, Simpson, flowed 922 barrels oil in 24 hours, 7,789-7,930 feet, gravity 33.7.

**SAWYER FIELD—**Devonian Oil Company No. 1 Federal-Browns,

Heads Brotherhood



Dub Hagler is the 1948 president of the Men's Brotherhood of Midland. The group is one of the strongest men's church organizations in West Texas.

Basin Trend—

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a special section devoted to the Permian Basin. The lead article in that issue said:

"The West Texas-New Mexico Permian Basin presents the largest and most prolific undrilled oil reserve in the United States. The territory's vast land areas, large reserves and proven undrilled locations assures it continuing as an important oil region for many years."

The summary of what has happened in the Permian Basin since 1941 proves the statement was correct.

**Greatest Gain**

The October 1947 issue of World Oil carried another special section on the Permian Basin. In summing up the position of the region, and its prospects for the future, the publication said, in part:

"The greatest production gain of any oil-producing area in the United States is in prospect for the sprawling Permian Basin. This bi-state district has the developed and proved undrilled reserves to push its output of crude and natural gas-line products above the million barrel a day mark.

"Burden of forestalling a deficit in the United States petroleum supply falls largely upon the Permian Basin area. With hundreds of proven undrilled locations, an unusually high discovery rate and already with one-fifth of the nation's crude reserves, this area is to experience great expansion. Production of the region will reach 800,000 barrels daily by the end of 1947, (it stood at 817,025 barrels per day at that time), and it will increase to one million barrels daily as soon as additional pipe lines can be constructed."

The first of the two predictions already has been more than proven. The facts indicate that the production will also turn out to be a reality in a short time. All factors are working toward that end. It appears that the Permian Basin is to continue to progress for a considerable time into the future.

Permian Basin Production Figures, Other Information Listed In Report

The 1947 production, cumulative production, estimated reserves, and numbers of producing oil wells at the beginning of 1948, in the major oil fields in West Texas and New Mexico, is given herewith.

All figures on production and estimated reserves are in thousands of barrels. In order to get the actual amounts on those items, add three 000s to each. These tables are from the 1948 Annual Review and Forecast number of The Oil and Gas Journal.

	1947 production	Cumulative production	Estimated reserves	No. of wells
<b>WEST TEXAS</b>				
<b>Railroad District 7-C (San Angelo)—</b>				
Barnhart	1,953	6,137	26,867	47
Big Lake	1,177	107,804	12,196	190
McCainey	3,358	70,361	44,039	870
Todd Deep	8,259	8,842	78,038	86
World	862	11,496	8,531	109
Other fields	1,587	4,927	22,309	222
Subtotal District 7-C	13,896	212,240	190,000	1,623
<b>Railroad District 8 (Midland)—</b>				
Andector	742	764	49,236	25
Block 31	1,580	2,478	47,522	38
Cowden, North	8,539	66,539	108,461	685
Cowden, South	1,091	8,898	16,302	143
Embar	1,830	6,945	18,055	28
Emma	787	5,144	9,856	76
Poster	7,320	44,219	80,771	634
Fuhrman-Mascho	1,327	9,580	15,440	210
Pullerton	13,290	34,706	415,294	569
Garza	1,680	3,034	8,966	177
Goldsmith (all)	9,076	82,092	357,908	1,053
Hendrick	1,292	212,283	17,717	213
Howard-Glasscock	5,171	128,938	71,062	790
Isaac-East Howard	1,371	23,450	16,550	408
Johnson	739	7,211	7,789	126
Jordan	2,158	16,587	23,443	225
Kermit	914	34,823	15,177	565
Keystone (all sands)	14,742	50,983	399,017	694
Levelland	970	1,068	23,932	144
McElroy	10,489	175,058	124,942	727
Mabee	1,072	3,493	21,507	83
Martin (all sands)	825	1,321	18,679	36
Waddell	1,671	12,450	27,550	180
Monahans (all)	1,256	2,589	47,431	36
Penwell	1,038	28,802	16,192	177
Sand Hills	4,469	21,533	78,447	344
Seminole	7,311	39,977	90,023	329
Sharon Ridge	832	3,697	8,303	377
Slaughter	18,485	112,358	362,642	2,139
T-X-L	16,768	22,673	177,327	253
Wardell	1,037	8,706	11,234	150
Ward, No. (inc. Estes)	3,738	60,578	59,422	865
Wasson	26,121	149,473	500,527	1,601
Welch	1,217	2,304	17,696	128
Wheeler	2,353	4,766	45,244	64
Yates	16,559	331,825	418,175	598
Other fields	16,240	191,363	194,151	4,321
Subtotal District 8	206,503	1,913,508	3,922,000	19,431
Total West Texas	220,399	2,125,748	4,112,000	21,056
<b>NEW MEXICO</b>				
Arrowhead	1,547	13,070	17,930	120
Bowers	253	258	4,742	28
Brunson	1,360	1,708	18,292	41
Caprock	615	1,076	18,924	87
Cooper-Jal	721	24,794	6,206	96
Drinkard	3,332	4,128	25,872	178
Eaves	330	3,938	3,062	26
Eunice	4,792	89,468	63,532	461
Eunice, South	576	9,290	3,710	94
Eunice, West	426	2,382	2,618	33
Grayburg-Jackson	1,935	19,900	20,010	277
Hobbs	3,562	119,755	55,245	252
Langlie-Mattix	1,122	22,487	12,513	298
Loco Hills	874	11,669	8,331	190
Lovington	598	4,657	5,348	53
Lovington, West	615	1,749	5,251	53
Maljamar	2,119	15,636	19,364	233
Monument	6,541	86,952	93,048	488
Paddock	1,208	2,009	12,991	79
Penrose-Skelly	608	17,724	5,276	870
Square Lake	637	5,012	2,988	184
Vacuum	4,099	39,173	80,827	357
Other fields	3,008	43,691	43,925	788
Total New Mexico	40,970	537,616	540,000	4,680

Swan Throws Horse For Loss On Gridiron

MACLESFIELD, ENGLAND—(AP)—It was maddening day in Maclesfield when the milkman's horse met a swan.

The swan acted in an aggressive manner and the horse took off, clearing the fence around a football field in one bound. Some of the milk splashed on the near side of the fence and the rest near the goal line.

WOLVES IN PORTUGAL

BEJA, PORTUGAL—(AP)—A wolf and 15 foxes were shot in a maas hunt in the Beja district where wild animals have been killing poultry. Some 200 hunters took part in the hunt and reported that five big wolves escaped.


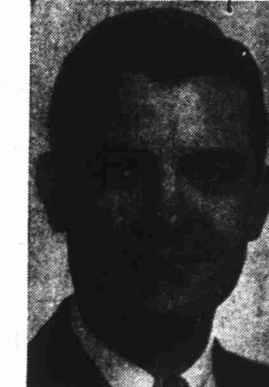
London's Tea Ration Saved From Flames

LONDON—(AP)—London had a pretty bad scare recently. Fire threatened the city's tea.

A blaze was reported in a dockside warehouse which an official said held all of London's tea ration.

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**New York, Midwest Buy Most Modern Art**

NEW YORK—(AP)—The Midwest leads all other sections of the United States, except New York City, in purchasing paintings by living American artists, according to the Association of Dealers in American Art.

The organization reports that New York City bought approximately 48 per cent of all contemporary American art sold in the past year. The middle west's share was 25 per cent, while purchases made by residents of the east, outside of New York City, amounted to 13 per cent. The far west trailed with 11 per cent, and the south came last with four per cent.

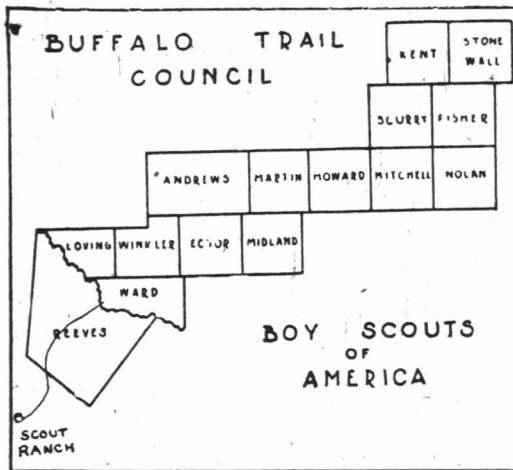
**941 MENTAL PATIENTS TO BE SWAPPED FOR 200**

GENEVA—(AP)—The International Refugee Organization announced that arrangements have been completed for the exchange of 941 Polish mental patients in the British zone of Germany for 200 German mental patients in Poland.

The Fine Arts Club of Midland is 22 years old. Mrs. Nelson Puetz is president at this time.



Midland Is Council Headquarters



Headquarters of the 15-county Buffalo Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America, are in Midland. The headquarters were moved here in 1947 from Sweetwater. Midland is the logical and geographical center of the huge West Texas council.

Midland Boy Scouts Look Forward To Biggest Year

By P. V. THORSON  
Executive Buffalo Trail Council  
Boy Scouting in Midland is making progress, and 1948 is expected to be a banner year in the history of the Scout movement here.

Under the leadership of Dr. H. A. Ireland, chairman of the Midland district, which is known as District 10, a number of new troops and packs have been organized recently, bringing the total number of units to 14.

The units, their sponsors and leaders are:

Explorer Post 85, Lions Club, Ralph E. Smith, leader, and C. E. Hogue and Goodrich Hehl, assistants; Troop 53, Midland Air Terminal, W. T. McGohtlin, Scoutmaster, and J. B. McDonough, assistant; Troop 152, First Methodist Church, Gilbert H. Blankenship, Jr., and Jack Sheffield; Troop 51, Kiwanis Club, Jim Morris, W. G. Smith, Jr., and Dr. Ireland; Troop 54, First Baptist Church, John A. Murphy; Troop 85, First Presbyterian Church, John Nicholson; Troop 104, Negro Chamber of Commerce; J. E. Latham; Troop 151, I. O. O. F. Lodge No. 384, Leonard H. Miller and Clyde A. Johnson; Troop 153, First Christian Church, Allen Heard.

Pack 6, sponsored by a group of citizens, Earl Wells, Jr.; Pack 35, South Elementary School P-T-A, C. E. McCain; Pack 31, North Elementary School P-T-A, W. W. Williams; Pack 53, Midland Air Terminal citizens, Newbert A. Green and R. T. Templin; Pack 104, Negro Chamber of Commerce, E. L. Jordan.

15-county Area  
Midland is now the headquarters of the Buffalo Trail Council, the offices having been moved here last June from Sweetwater where they had been located since the

South Side Church Of Christ



Members of the South Side Church of Christ erected this modern and attractive building in 1947. The Rev. J. V. Davis is the pastor.

Lions Club Since 1928

By TANNER LAINE  
The Midland Lions Club, which is in existence at present, was organized April 9, 1928.

It is believed there was an earlier Lions Club in existence in 1923 or 1924 but it disbanded.

So in 1928 with 102 charter members we can say the Lions Club of Midland was organized. First officers were: Homer W. Rowe, president; R. J. Moore, secretary; and B. G. Grafa, treasurer.

Charter members included: L. A. Arrington, H. L. Atkins, J. S. Atkins, Warren Babb, A. P. Baker, Clyde Barron, H. G. Bedford, Dr. Tom C. Bobo, Lee Bradshaw, George F. Brown, E. W. Britton, R. T. Bucy, J. M. Caldwell, Dr. K. F. Campbell, A. M. Cato, Joe Chambers, A. B. Cooksey, Ed Cowden, Ellis Cowden, R. B. Cowden, Orland Dallas, G. W. Dunaway, H. B. Dumas, Jr., Frank Eskin, David M. Ellis, N. W. Ellis, Fritz Estell, T. A. Farrum, J. P. Finlayson, W. L. Floyd, J. W. Fowler, A. C. Francis, George W. Glass, C. M. Goldsmith, C. B. Goodman, B. G. Grafa, T. L. Griffin, H. L. Haight, Oliver C. Harper, the Rev. Stanley Haver, Jeff Haynie, Jack Hamletine, Carroll Hill, Melvin Hill, W. C. Hill, W. S. Hill, John Hix, Joe Hogan, A. E. Horst, D. L. Hutt, Ray Hyatt.

J. J. Kirby, Charles Klapproth, O. L. Kiepper, Edward Lee, C. B. Ligon, Ira Lord, Harry McClintic, A. D. Martin, H. H. Meeks, F. G. Middleton, R. J. Moore, Earl Moran, H. J. Neblett, Charles Nolan, I. K. Parker, Roy Parks, T. H. Patterson, C. W. Post, Jim Powell, Foy Proctor, C. A. Rainwater, R. P. Rankin, Donald Ratliff, H. W. Rowe, R. D. Scruggs, Martin Seymour, E. N. Smoogras, J. M. Shelburne, J. E. Stephens, A. W. Thomas, Dr. John B. Thomas, Allen Tolbert, Fred Turner, Harry Tolbert, M. C. Ulmer, Van Camp, R. L. Van Dyke, C. C. Watson, Jr., Ned Watson, J. M. White, Tom Whitehead, Dr. W. G. Whitehouse, J. B. Wilkinson, Earl Williams, Nolan Williams, W. H. Williams, W. T. Winter, Charles Yorwe, Roland York and J. D. Younge.

One of the earliest campaigns of the Lions Club in Midland was to build a wading pool at Cloverdale Park.

R. D. Scruggs has been a member of the Midland Lions Club consecutively each year since 1928.

M. C. Ulmer, charter member and president in 1929, recently was made a lifetime honorary member.

Hundreds of Midland children have been fitted for glasses as projects of the sight conservation committee of the club.

The club sponsored and financed the Cub Boy Scout program in Midland. It formulated the beginning of a Booster Club to support high school athletes.

It sponsors a Boy Scout troop.

The Lions Club has presented \$7,500 to the Midland Memorial Hospital.

It annually holds a barbecue welcoming school teachers to the city.

A carnival is held yearly to raise funds for the various charities.

The Lions Club has on many occasions furnished milk for needy families and has performed many acts of charity not recorded.

Has Orchestra  
A booster musicians unit, the Lions Club Philharmonic Hill-Billy Orchestra, is sponsored by the club. This orchestra has been invited to be the official Texas band at the convention of Lions International in New York this Summer.

The membership of the Midland Lions Club is 190 as of this week.

Present officers include: James Daugherty, president; Clyde Lindsay, first vice president; Roy Minear, second vice president; Ed Frichard, third vice president; C. E. Nelson, secretary; the Rev. Raymond Hall, Lion Tamer; H. L. Schlichting, Tall Twister.

The term, Kangaroo Court, was brought to America by Australian "forty-niners" during California's great gold push.

Most of the farm houses on Ceylon are made of wattle and clay with roofs of palm or plaited coconut leaves.

Midland Kiwanis Club Is Just A Little Over A Year Old

By DR. H. A. IRELAND  
Past President Midland Kiwanis Club

The Midland Kiwanis Club was organized October 3, 1946, in the Scharbauer Hotel, and has met there each Monday noon since that time.

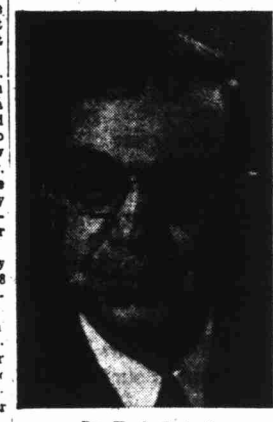
In September of 1946, Dr. H. A. Ireland, who had been a Kiwanian for 12 years, was approached by a delegation from San Angelo and asked by the district governor to initiate the organization of a new club. He was assisted by the Rev. R. J. Smell, W. W. Barker, and Berte Haigh, former Kiwanians; and by J. T. Baker and Riley Parr, in getting together a group which later became the club.

The club here was sponsored by the San Angelo Club which sent 28 members to assist in the organization.

Midland had 26 organizations members and this number has increased to 43 charter members on November 14, 1946, when Gov. J. J. Neff presented the official charter before a group of 180 persons.

Charter officers were: Dr. H. A. Ireland, president; J. T. Baker, vice president; and Steven Parson, secretary. The first directors were Reese Cleveland, Berte Haigh, Mr. Shell, Riley Parr, W. W. Barker, C. O. Watts, and Robert White. Bill Coltrina and Art Cole are honorary members in recognition of their public service and their assistance to Kiwanis.

The club is little more than a year old, but it has made considerable progress in membership, activity and service to Midland. It has supported the Community Chest,



Dr. H. A. Ireland

Red Cross, Memorial Hospital and other agencies, as well as providing funds for welfare and underprivileged children. A joint Kiwanis and Community Theater minstrel-revue with a cast of 80 persons last year netted over \$480 for an underprivileged children's fund which has been well used. The minstrel will be repeated in June for similar purposes.

Glasses, medical treatment and special service have been financed for underprivileged children. An expenditure for airplane fare saved the life of a child needing immediate surgery. A Junior Safety Patrol for school children was sponsored and awards for the elementary school athletic program were provided.

The club has been highly complimented by Kiwanis International and district officials for its activity and progress. The Rev. Matthew Lynn recently was appointed a member of the district committee on Vocational Guidance, and Ireland was appointed chairman of the Program Committee for the Texas-Oklahoma District. Joe Koegler is the president for 1948 with Harvey Herd, vice president, and Dr. J. F. Gaines succeeds Ralph Crays as secretary.

The motto of Kiwanis is "We Build" which includes fellowship, friendship, citizenship, and leadership. The slogan for 1948 is "Citizenship Responsibility—the Price of Freedom." Objectives of Kiwanis are to promote world peace and international understanding, develop an informed public opinion, participate actively in public affairs, champion tolerance, and cooperation, build responsible citizens and foundations of our social structure—the home, church, and school.

Mrs. W. T. Beauchamp, 72, resident of Midland for 34 years, died in August 1942.

Midland Musicians Relate Experiences On Concert Tours

LaVerne and Howard Orr, who opened a piano studio in Midland last December, have had some unusual experiences in the concert field. Believing that the larger cities have ample opportunities to hear classical music played "in person," they seek to bring music to the smaller communities. They have played more than 300 recitals in 11 states, sometimes as many as four different hour-long recitals in a day, as many as 20 in a week.

Before they were married, Orr went on a nine-month tour through the Ozark region traveling by train, bus, or wagon. In the day there would be recitals for the school children. At night the adults would come out, some in bare feet who would no more know of Beethoven than of the Ptolemaics of Egypt, but they would listen—no one ever showed disrespect as he listened to Bach, Beethoven or Strauss. Always, too, in every town the Ors found people with fine educations, who knew the musical literature and who were hungry for such concerts. And the pianos? Usually terrible! Broken strings, keys, pedals. Frequently the pieces they would play had to be chosen according to which keys would or wouldn't sound.

One of the chief hardships of such tours, Orr found, was the lack of practicing facilities, so he bought a large bus and converted it into a mobile studio. It can carry two pianos, recording equipment, their essential music library, divan, easy chair, desk and can seat 10 people for lectures. On the last tour they also had a house trailer.

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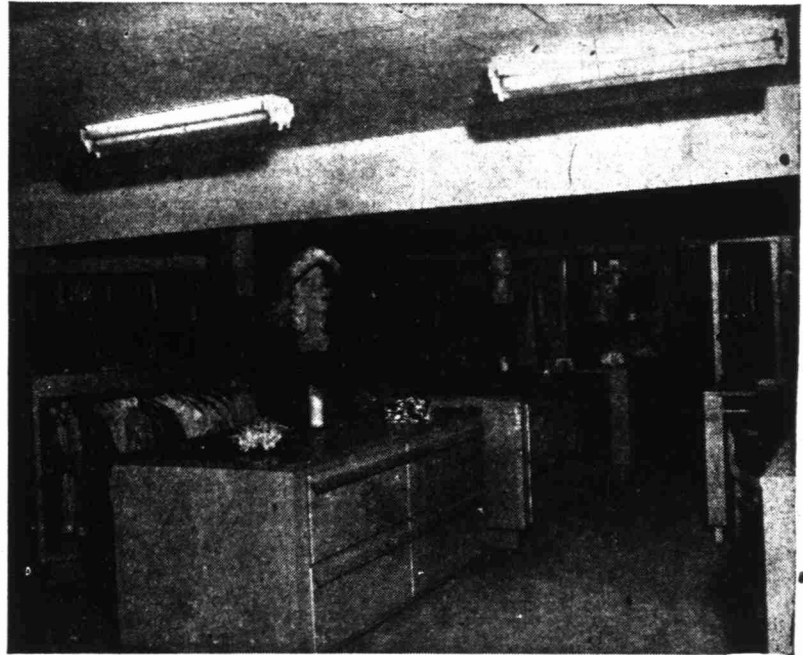
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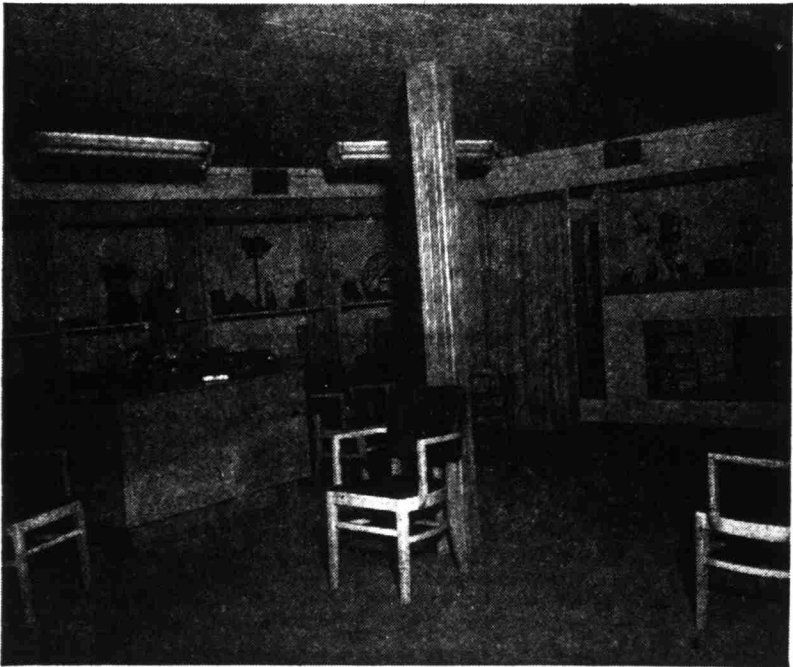
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SECTION TWO

Wed In Recent Rites



Mr. and Mrs. James (Red) Roy are residing in El Paso following their recent marriage in Midland's First Methodist Church. The bride, the former Billie Jean Callaway, is the daughter of Mrs. Thelma Callaway, and Roy is the son of Mrs. W. R. Roy. Following a reception in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Campanella, the couple left on a short wedding trip.

Billie Jean Callaway, James Roy Exchange Vows In Church Rites

An impressive twilight ceremony in Midland's First Methodist Church recently united Miss Billie Jean Callaway, daughter of Mrs. Thelma Callaway, and James (Red) Roy, son of Mrs. W. R. Roy. The Rev. Howard H. Hollowell, pastor, read the double-ring nuptials before a family group and friends. Decorating the church altar were beautifully arranged baskets of white gladiolus and white stock. The bride, given in marriage by her uncle, Leon Neely, chose a navy crepe Paula Brooks original dress fashioned with rhinestone trim and accented with accessories of navy with white trim. Her navy straw hat was fashioned off the face with a large taffeta bow and white roll brim. Her ensemble was augmented with a lace handkerchief belonging to her grandmother, Mrs. J. V. Neely of Crahe, a blue garter, and a white Bible borrowed from her sister, Mrs. Johnny Otto. Topping the bride was a bridal bouquet fashioned of white gardenias with long white streamers of love knots and stephanotis. Mrs. Thomas McMullan, attending her sister as matron of honor, was attired in grey faille dress fashioned with a peplum which culminated into a back bustle. She wore long black gloves and a white carnation corsage. Jerry Hudson served as best man, and ushers were Henry Roy, Thomas McMullan and Charles Campanella. Special pre-nuptial music was presented by Mrs. Ruby Bartley, aunt of the bride. The bride's mother chose a black crepe dress with lace trim and a corsage of red roses. Mrs. Roy, mother of the bridegroom, wore a beige gabardine accented with a white carnation corsage. Reception In Campanella Home Immediately following the ceremony, a reception was held in the home of the bridegroom's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Campanella, 921 North Main Street, where entertaining rooms were attractively decorated with arrangements of white gladiolus and stock. The lace-covered dining room table held a wedding cake topped with a miniature bride couple, flanked with crystal service and illuminated with white tapers in crystal holders. Sue Davison presided at the cake service, while Mrs. Campanella had charge of the punch service. Mrs. Roy chose as her traveling ensemble a blue wool suit with white blouse and blue accessories accented with a gardenia corsage. The bride, a graduate of Midland High School where she was band majorette during her senior year, has been employed in the Fire Company Adjustment Bureau, Inc. She is a member of the women's bowling team. Roy, a graduate of Midland High School where he lettered in football, served a year with the Army in Korea. Since returning to the states, he has been employed with LeSage Company, Odessa. The couple's plan to reside in El Paso, where Roy has been transferred, it was announced.

Floy McWilliams To Wed G. R. Brown In Brownwood Rites

Mrs. Scott McWilliams of Brownwood announces the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Miss Floy McWilliams of Midland, to G. R. Brown of Wichita Falls, son of Mrs. John Brown of Colorado City. The ceremony will be read March 27 in the home of the bride-elect's mother. Miss McWilliams is employed here with Pure Oil Company, and Brown is district engineer for the Texas Company's Wichita Falls office.

B&PW 'Progressive' Dinner Slated Sunday

The "progressive" dinner for the Business and Professional Women's Club is scheduled to begin at 5 p. m. Sunday in the home of Mrs. Laura Self, 906 North Big Spring Street. The remainder of the schedule includes: second course, in the home of Nellie Feeler, 317 South Big Spring Street; main course, in the home of Mrs. Susie Noble, 1211 West Illinois Street; and dessert course, in the home of Mrs. J. B. McCoy, 1405 West Illinois Street.

AAUW EXECUTIVES TO MEET

The AAUW executive board meeting will be held at 8 p. m. Monday in the home of Mrs. Robert Clarke, 220 Brunson Street.

'Spring Prevue '48' Scheduled Wednesday

Youth, Parent Leader To Speak Here Friday

Mrs. Elwood Street of the Woman's Foundation of New York and the Hog Foundation, nationally famous leader for youth and parent groups, will appear in Midland Friday for three public meetings under the auspices of the P-T-A Council, Youth Center advisory council, and the American Association of University Women. The meetings to which the public is invited without charge are scheduled for: 10:30 a. m. at the Midland High School assembly when she will discuss "Responsible Citizenship in a Democracy"; 3:30 p. m., West Elementary School, to discuss "The Inner World of Childhood," for all parents and teachers of pre-school and elementary school children; and "Reaching Toward Maturity," 8 p. m. in the high school auditorium. The second meeting is sponsored by the West Elementary P-T-A and the night meeting is sponsored by junior and senior high school P-T-A's, Youth Center board and AAUW, with the Child Development Group as hostess.

Mrs. Street, who has devoted considerable time as a volunteer to work with young people and their leaders, has assisted in the in-service training of Girl Reserve groups of the YWCA, P-T-A, and has served as chairman of a Play Institute in Washington, D. C. For four years she was chairman of the National Maternal and Child Health Council, working with 60 national agencies. She helped organize the Virginia Conference on Family Relations and the Virginia Social Hygiene Council, and has given short courses on family relationships for P-T-A's, church and club groups. Mrs. Street has been a member of three of the White House Conferences on Children.

Jerry Hudson served as best man, and ushers were Henry Roy, Thomas McMullan and Charles Campanella. Special pre-nuptial music was presented by Mrs. Ruby Bartley, aunt of the bride. The bride's mother chose a black crepe dress with lace trim and a corsage of red roses. Mrs. Roy, mother of the bridegroom, wore a beige gabardine accented with a white carnation corsage. Reception In Campanella Home Immediately following the ceremony, a reception was held in the home of the bridegroom's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Campanella, 921 North Main Street, where entertaining rooms were attractively decorated with arrangements of white gladiolus and stock. The lace-covered dining room table held a wedding cake topped with a miniature bride couple, flanked with crystal service and illuminated with white tapers in crystal holders. Sue Davison presided at the cake service, while Mrs. Campanella had charge of the punch service. Mrs. Roy chose as her traveling ensemble a blue wool suit with white blouse and blue accessories accented with a gardenia corsage. The bride, a graduate of Midland High School where she was band majorette during her senior year, has been employed in the Fire Company Adjustment Bureau, Inc. She is a member of the women's bowling team. Roy, a graduate of Midland High School where he lettered in football, served a year with the Army in Korea. Since returning to the states, he has been employed with LeSage Company, Odessa. The couple's plan to reside in El Paso, where Roy has been transferred, it was announced.

New Circle Formed For Business Women Of Christian Church

A group from Midland's First Christian Church met recently in the home of Mrs. Ann Ratliff, 401 North Marientfield Street, to organize a mission study club, the Ann Ratliff Circle of the Women's Auxiliary, to meet in the evening in order that the business women of the church may have the opportunity for fellowship. Following the naming of the circle, officers were elected. They include: Mrs. Mittie Norman, chairman; Mrs. Helen Barr, vice chairman; Mrs. Margaret Barber, secretary-treasurer; Elma Graves, hospitality chairman; and Beth Gilbreath, social service chairman. The next session of the circle, at which time a regular meeting time will be named, is slated March 22 in the home of Mrs. Ella Ragdale. Others attending this week's meeting were Mrs. Clyde Lindsey, Mrs. Paul McHargue, Mrs. Al Boring, Mrs. Ratliff and Dell Steele.

WYOMING VISITORS RETURN

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Holstinger returned Friday to Sheridan, Wyoming. They had been visiting in Midland with Mrs. Holstinger's brother, the Rev. W. R. Mann and family, 901 West Indiana Street.

Sudy Cowden, B. G. Craig Exchange Vows

Miss Sudy Cowden, daughter of Mrs. J. Ellis Cowden, 810 West Louisiana Street, is the recent bride of Berkeley G. Craig, DDS, son of Mrs. Temple Phinney of Dallas and B. O. Craig of Longview. Nuptial vows were exchanged February 20 in the home of the bride's mother, with the Rev. Howard H. Hollowell, pastor of Midland's First Methodist Church, officiating. The bride, given in marriage by her brother-in-law, W. C. Smith of Odessa, wore a cream gabardine with green accessories and carried green orchids on a prayer book. She was attended by Mrs. W. C. Smith, her sister. Jack McMahon of Odessa served as best man. Doctor Craig, who attended Brownwood High School and Texas A&M, received his dental degree from Baylor Dental College in Dallas, where he received the honor of dental key of his class. He served as a lieutenant in the Navy. The couple plan to live at the Ashford Arms in Odessa, it was announced. Out-of-town guests were: Mrs. Temple Phinney, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Carlson, Brownwood; Mr. and Mrs. Gus Cary, Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. Ross Clark, Dallas; J. Wiley Taylor, grandfather of the bride, Big Lake; and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Smith, Frances Sullis and Frances Smith, Odessa.

Luncheon Fetes Women Golfers

Mrs. James C. Watson and Mrs. Edwin Stephens were hostesses for the Ladies' Golf Association luncheon Friday afternoon in the Midland Country Club which was attractively decorated with intertwining ivy and acacia arrangements in the dining room. Next week's hostesses will be Mrs. Tex Carleton and Mrs. Mike Brumlow. Out-of-town guests for the luncheon included: Mrs. J. H. Gallo-way, Andrews; Mrs. Horace Holly, Abilene; and Mrs. Earl Reynolds, Big Spring. Other guests were Mrs. Otto Deal, Mrs. David Crofton, Mrs. Frank Elin, Mrs. Linnie Davidson, Mrs. Clark Matthews, Mrs. John Ed Cooper, Mrs. Ralph Keen, Mrs. Gel Thompson, Mrs. Walter Walne, Mrs. Robert LeBlond, Mrs. Robert E. Adams, Mrs. Walter Jarrett, Mrs. Roy Kinsey, Mrs. A. J. Cooper, Mrs. Fred Burson, Mrs. John Skinner, Mrs. Frank Shriver, Mrs. H. Fleming, Mrs. M. M. Conn, Mrs. Russell Hayes, Dorothy Watson and Beverly Littlejohn. Mrs. Ruckman Scores High Members present were Mrs. F. C. Ashby, Mrs. Louis C. Ayres, Mrs. L. H. Anderson, Mrs. W. W. Barker, Mrs. F. Chapple, Mrs. John Cole, Mrs. J. A. Cleveland, Mrs. W. Cantrell, Mrs. C. C. Cool, Mrs. Le-davidson, Mrs. Mrs. B. Dick-inson, Mrs. Frank Downey, Mrs. Stanley Erskine, Mrs. Bennie Estes, Mrs. Bob Franklin, Mrs. R. L. Gates, Mrs. E. H. Griswold, Mrs. Richard Hinkle, Mrs. J. K. Hallip, Mrs. H. F. Johnson, Mrs. A. Knick, Mrs. H. Ed Kent, Mrs. James Mascho, Mrs. J. P. Ruckman, Mrs. Henry D. Murphy, Mrs. William Harry Pryor, Mrs. C. E. Pritchard, Mrs. John L. Smith, Mrs. Edwin Stephens, Mrs. George Todd, Mrs. J. O. Vance, Mrs. J. C. Veivin, Mrs. H. H. Watson, Mrs. Nathan Webb, and Mrs. James Watson. During the afternoon of "progressive" bridge, Mrs. Ruckman scored high, with Mrs. Todd taking second and Mrs. Hallip, Bingo.

Children's Service League Plans Easter Campaign For Crippled

The Children's Service League, meeting Friday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Robert Dewey, 1210 West College Street, made detailed plans for the Easter Seal campaign for crippled children. Mrs. T. S. Jones was co-hostess for the session. The group plans to meet at 2 p. m. Friday in the Red Cross building room, and then have a business session in the home of Mrs. Alan Leeper, 1808 West Texas Avenue, it was announced. The meeting featured case reports by each member. Those attending were Mrs. C. H. Atchison, Mrs. Fred M. Cassidy, Mrs. Arthur W. Cole, Mrs. Walter Collins, Mrs. Robert Dewey, Mrs. Ralph Pitting, Jr., Mrs. Robert Pitting, Mrs. Lee Flood, Mrs. John M. Hills, Mrs. Theodore S. Jones, Mrs. Leeper, Mrs. Vaughn Maley, Mrs. L. S. Page, Mrs. W. T. Schneider and Mrs. W. A. Wald-schmidt.

R. W. SEVIERS VISITS PARENTS

Ensign and Mrs. B. W. Sevier and their son, Ben Wytly Jr., arrived Friday to visit their parents. Ensign Sevier is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Sevier, 1202 West Tennessee Street, and the D. R. Carter, 301 West Florida, are the parents of Mrs. Sevier. Ensign Sevier will report soon for duty in Pensacola, Florida.

J. T. CADENHEAD RETURNS

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Cadenhead have returned from a Big Spring hospital where Cadenhead underwent surgery.

To Head Club Here



Mrs. James O. Simmons, Jr., recently elected president of the Twentieth Century Study Club, will be installed in May and will take office as head of the group in September. She will be assisted by: Mrs. Carl Hyde, first vice president; Mrs. Tom Edrington, second vice president; Mrs. W. G. Epley, recording secretary; Mrs. W. E. Shipp, Jr., corresponding secretary; Mrs. Raymond Leggett, secretary; Mrs. Harlan Howell, parliamentarian; Mrs. Ernest Neill, Federation counselor; and Mrs. Robert Cox, historian.

Tea Compliments Ann D. Mohan, Bride-Elect

A tea honoring Miss Ann Dauphine Mohan, bride-elect of Pat Stanford, was given Saturday afternoon in the home of Mrs. J. C. Smith, 1001 West Kansas Street. Mrs. R. E. Hargraves, sister of the honoree, was co-hostess for the entertainment. More than 75 guests attended the tea. Receiving callers during the first hour was Mrs. Hank Avery, and Louise Cox presided the second hour. Others in the receiving line were the honoree, the hostesses, and Mrs. W. I. Pratt. The honoree chose a dress styled in black taffeta and trimmed with lace. Her corsage was fashioned of red roses. Entertaining rooms were decorated with Spring flowers accenting the Easter theme. Joyce Melancon and Mrs. Hank Avery served coffee and tea from a table laid with an Italian cut work cloth, silver services, and an arrangement of Easter flowers. Pink, white, blue, and yellow napkins inscribed with the names "Dauphine and Pat" and "June 8," announced the wedding date. Those assisting in the house party were Mrs. Pratt, Mrs. C. S. Britt, Mrs. Fred Wemple, Mrs. Avery, Miss Cox, Ann Tolbert, Mrs. John Carter, Mrs. Burns Crotty, Mrs. John Beal, and Miss Melancon.

Annual Style Show Big Event Of Week

"Spring Prevue '48," annual style show sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary of Trinity Episcopal Church, will be presented at 8:30 p. m. Wednesday in the YuCCA Theater, with the music of Jack Free and his orchestra and special musical selections by a male quartet as added features. Art Cole, director of Midland Community Theater, will be master of ceremonies, and 27 Midland women will represent 23 merchants in the new and fascinating styles which will make 1948 an important year in the fashion world. Among the models appearing are Mrs. J. C. Ratliff, Jr., Mrs. Thornton Hardie, Jr., Jean McMillan, Susan Hemphill, Mrs. James T. Smith, Sarah Lew Link, Marylee Cowden, Betty McCain, Norma Jean Hubbard, Shirley Cooper, Enid Wheeler, Mrs. Mary Ellen Midkiff Conner, Betty Joyce Gerald, Frances Fuetl, Patricia Pryor, Peggy Bissell, Mrs. L. G. Mackey, Mrs. Sally Hull Pittgerald, Mrs. William V. Byrd and Mrs. R. S. McKnight. Models Listed Other models listed include: Mrs. R. C. Schmidt, coming here a year ago from Kasper, Wyo., who is formerly of St. Louis and attended the University of Missouri; Mrs. Gilbert Tompson, formerly of Great Falls, Mont., who is a graduate of Stanford University where she was a member of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority; Mrs. Robert LeBlond, secretary of the L.A. William Brewer chapter. Continued On Page Sixteen

Youth Center To Get Benefit 'Box' Supper, Square Dance Proceeds

The Twentieth Century Study Club will sponsor a benefit "box" supper, proceeds from which will go to the Midland Youth Center. It was announced Friday, following a called meeting of the group in the home of Mrs. Raymond Leggett. The ways and means committee, headed by Mrs. Harlan Howell, will be in charge of arrangements for the event which is slated at 7 p. m. Thursday in the City-County Auditorium. The supper will be followed by a square dance featuring the music of Jack Fomby and his orchestra. All members are urged to attend and bring guests, it was announced. Others working on the entertainment are Mrs. Carl Hyde, Mrs. Ray Howard and Mrs. L. E. Patterson, Jr.

What's New And Where To Find It

Advertisement for Krugers' 'What's New And Where To Find It' featuring various household goods. Text includes: 'The Easy Way To Be Right—Whatever the occasion, you'll find the right gift for the right person when you shop at KRUGERS. And it's so easy to buy when you take advantage of Krugers' credit plan...'. 'Equipped For Midland's Progress—A city and its people progress only as steadily as institutions maintain their future-varying goals...'. 'A Legacy Of Service For You—Since 1908, discriminating women of the Permian Basin area have chosen their hats from EVERYBODY'S array of beautiful chapeaux...'. 'You Need Not Fear—Furniture repairing and refinishing requires a great deal of skill...'. 'You, Too, Will Try Ever-Dry—Double acting Ever-Dry is the year around favorite of both men and women...'. 'Amazing Yet True—\$5 Pen For 98¢—Sensational Value—ball point pens, regularly priced at \$5, are selling now for only 98¢ at CAMERON'S PHARMACY...'. 'Sun Lovers' On Parade—FRANKLIN'S frocks on display in "Spring Prevue '48," were chosen because they harmonize so completely with midland's warm weather needs...'. 'For Rent—Store Of Murder And Romance—Adventures are waiting for you at THE BOOK STALL...'. 'Do You Have "Office Fatigue"?—After five, a working girl needs to relax and, most of all, she needs exercise...'. 'For Your Information—New enrollments are being accepted by Betty Farrar, teacher of tap, ballet and acrobatic dancing...'. 'What's New And Where To Find It' BY BARBARA. For You At Coffee Time—How about a cup for coffee from MIDLAND HARDWARE...'. From 1 To 12 For Little Girls—Little girls like to "dress-up" too...'. Companionable Fashions At Wilson's—When in doubt—wear a suit from WILSON'S...'. Added Service In Step With Progress—Keeping step with the social and economic progress of Midland...'. A New Feature At Walker's Nursery—You'll be glad to know that in a few weeks, just in time for Spring planting...'. You Won't Be Satisfied—When you see how miraculously custom-made seat covers transform the appearance of a car you won't be satisfied until you, too, have the best from MILLER BROTHERS TRIM SHOP...'. A 'Junior' Diet—Junior enjoys eating out, too...'. New Floor Coverings At Simmons—Announcing a completely new stock of floor coverings now available at SIMMONS PAINT & PAPER COMPANY...'. Progressive People Need Recreation—Recreation walks hand in hand with work to give happiness to progressive men and women...'. Added Years Bring Added Value—The personal value of your china, crystal, and sterling will increase many fold through the years...'. Images of a teapot, a hat, a jar of Ever-Dry, and a child are included.

Advertisement for Stradivari Perfume by Prince Matchabelli. Features an illustration of a woman's face and a perfume bottle. Text includes: 'Stradivari PERFUME by Prince Matchabelli', 'For the lovely lady who is destined for romance, Prince Matchabelli created this immortal masterpiece in fragrance—Stradivari—the perfume with a love song in its heart.', 'Now Available In Cologne and Bath Powder also.', 'Midland Walgreen Drug Co. Agency'. Price: \$20, 13.50, 25.00.



### + Crane News +

**CRANE** — Mrs. C. P. Brunette's mother, Mrs. J. R. Layfield from Van Nuys, Calif., left Tuesday after a week's visit. Another daughter of Mrs. Layfield's, Mrs. Ruby Pemberton, and family of Brownwood were here during the week.

Mrs. Cliff Newland was called to Midland the first of the week upon the serious illness of a three-year old niece, Linda Lou Fine, whom she reports is improved.

Recent guests of Mrs. Jack Newland were her mother, Mrs. J. C.

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### Federation Head Asks Pecan Tree Planting

Mrs. J. M. Montgomery of Fort Stockton, president of the Eighth District, Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, is urging citizens of this area, in connection with a statewide program, to plant pecan trees this Spring. The pecan tree is the state tree of Texas.

"The state tree is a beautiful, hardy and productive tree, and I trust West Texans will cooperate to the fullest extent in planting the pecan tree for its beauty and productivity," Mrs. Montgomery said.

There were recent guests of relatives in Seagraves.

Mrs. J. F. Branam was dismissed from the local hospital Wednesday.

H. O. Waters was admitted to the Robinson Hospital last week.

The J. M. Johnsons are vacationing in the Rio Grande Valley after sight seeing in Mexico City. Upon resignation of Dr. C. Gordon Smith as president of the Crane Lions Club, Iadore Loaman was named successor, and Doctor Smith was elected secretary-treasurer.

There were 1,475 milk producing cows in Midland County in 1941, according to a survey.

### To Model In Midland Show



Appearing in Wednesday's "Spring Preview '48" style show sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary of Trinity Episcopal Church, are Peggy Bissell (left) and Mrs. R. S. McKnight (right). Miss Bissell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bissell, is a graduate of Midland High School and attended the University of Texas where she was a member of Alpha Phi sorority and participated in the group's style show. She is now employed by the West Texas Gas Company. Mrs. McKnight moved to Midland two years ago from Tulsa where she did professional modeling. She lists golfing as her top hobby.



### Angelo Stock Show Opens Thursday With Record Entry List

**SAN ANGELO** — With Everett Colburn and his World Championship Rodeo staging performances each afternoon at 2 p.m. and ever held here, 1,650 head of livestock on display for junior and adult exhibitors, the San Angelo Fat Stock Show, March 4 through March 7, this year is shaping up as the biggest and best ever held here. Livestock exhibitors will compete for \$6,000 in prizes, while rodeo buckaroos have a \$3,500 kitty to make their work interesting. The 4-H and F. F. A. boys fat stock sale will be held at 9 a. m. March 8.

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### MIDLAND CAREER WOMEN—

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Mrs. Thelma L. Gardner, tracing her career from her first job as office girl for her high school principal in Big Lake, finds that she has always been interested in business administration and office work, although she has found her career side-tracked several times into fields that have added to her wide experience.

Now associated with the Mabee Drilling Company, Mrs. Gardner can express much delight with her present position in which she combines keeping accounts for one of the Mabee brothers with being receptionist for the entire office.

Thelma, after coming to Midland in 1946, did clerking, typing and bookkeeping for a statistical firm here, and prior to coming to Midland was associated with the Plymouth Oil Company in Sinton, but her desire for a career has also led her into two verified fields, journalism and the armed forces.

Worked For Weekly Paper

She was married to Roy F. Gardner, a lease man who has been with Plymouth for 21 years, and moved to Sinton where she got her chance for a journalism career with the Sinton weekly for which she worked two years writing society copy and keeping the books. She wound up in the press room running handbills. Her hand was caught in the press, however, and her journalism career soon ended. She was happy in the journalism field, though, and it will always hold somewhat of a fascination for Thelma. Since her husband was connected with Plymouth in Sinton, Thelma saw her chance to "get away from newspaper deadlines," so she became employed with Plymouth and gained experience in land, geological and production work.

Thelma had previously studied business administration in Big Lake and also through University of Texas extension courses.

Then came the war, and Thelma's Army career. She entered WAC training in Ruston, La., was later sent to an Army administration school in Commerce, Texas, to learn the Army way of doing things, and finally became a payroll clerk at Camp Rucker, Ala., in the infantry division.

When discharged, Thelma went to San Angelo where her parents reside (she is a real West Texan) and worked in the bombardier school there as chief clerk in the cadet section. After her husband returned from the Mediterranean Theater, they went back to Sinton and Plymouth.

This brought them right into Midland where Thelma has entered the oil work in which she has always been interested. Thelma, who likes sports, sewing and civic activities, is the recently-elected vice president of the B&PW.

#### B&PW, C Of C To Conduct Business Survey In Midland

Since Midland has grown by "leaps and bounds" as recorded in this issue of the Midland Reporter-Telegram, the Chamber of Commerce is interested in the over-all employment picture since it has daily inquiries from all parts of the country, relative to employment, salaries and living conditions.

The opening of headquarters offices in Midland by numerous oil industries has provided more work for more classes of labor than ever before.

Beginning next week, under the direction of the Chamber of Commerce, the Business and Professional Women's Club will conduct a business survey to determine the total number of people employed in each type of business, from high school students who work only part time to the highest-paid executives of the major industries.

The statistics meted from this survey will deal with the total number of persons in any one job classification and salary bracket, rather than with the salary or job of any individual, it was announced by the Chamber of Commerce.

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### Worley Jewelry To Be Formally Opened Tuesday

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Worley have announced the formal opening and open house of Midland's newest business firm, Worley Jewelry, 120 West Wall Street, will be held at 9 a. m. Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Worley came here from Colorado City, where they operated a gift shop three years. Their shop is attractively furnished and decorated, and the owners plan to carry a complete stock of high-quality jewelry in a wide range of prices.

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### Rites Unite Eagle Pass Girl To Midlander, W. B. Preston, Jr.

Miss Maydelle Herring, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Herring of Eagle Pass, Texas, is the recent bride of Walter Boyd Preston, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Preston, Sr., of Midland.

The Rev. G. F. Benter, pastor of Eagle Pass' First Baptist Church, read the marriage vows, while Mrs. Benter presented special nuptial music and accompanied Joe Collins, Sul Ross student, in a vocal solo, "Because."

### Shower Fetes Gwen Simpson, Bride-Elect

A miscellaneous shower honoring Gwendolyn Simpson, bride-elect of Duke Johnston, was given recently in the home of the sister-in-law of the bridegroom-to-be, Mrs. Bill Johnston, 710 North Marienfield Street.

Hostesses, Mrs. J. S. Griffith, Nellive Clark and Lafara Harblson, were assisted by Mrs. Johnston, Ruby Gilbert and the mother of the honoree, Mrs. Edward Simpson of Big Spring.

Reception rooms were attractively decorated, with a yellow jonquill arrangement centered on the coffee table. Centering the dining table was a cake topped with a miniature bride and bridegroom under a sweet pea wreath, accented with floral designs.

#### Guest List

Those attending or sending gifts included Mrs. Rudolph Vosatko, Mrs. Lois Auguston, Mrs. Kenneth Newton, Mrs. Hans Winkler, Mrs. James Colvin, Mrs. George Hyatt, Mrs. Yates Brown, Mrs. Joe Mims, Mrs. Barbara Wall, Mrs. Ray Hyatt, Mrs. Bill Kelton, Mrs. J. W. Harp, Mrs. Frank Monroe, Mrs. R. O. Walker, Mrs. C. M. Chase, Mrs. Bill Edwards, Mrs. E. R. Powell, Mrs. H. M. Webb, Mrs. Laura Self, Mrs. J. E. McCain, Mrs. Merle Hamilton, Mrs. J. M. White, Mrs. Dub Hagler, Mrs. Floyd Boles, Mrs. Vernon Yearby, Mrs. Raymond Hall, Mrs. H. M. Glass, Mrs. E. P. Birkhead, Mrs. H. R. Harris, Mrs. J. O. Simmons, Jr., Mrs. Cliff Hogue, Mrs. Bob Branham, Mrs. John Dunagan, Mrs. Bob Preston, Mrs. S. M. Erskine, Mrs. Joe Wright, Mrs. Raymond Jones, Mrs. Joe Angel, Mrs. Willenne Smyre, Midland Hardware and Mrs. Edward Simpson.

Juanita Chick, Dorothy Routh, Ruby Hale, Estelene Warren, Dorothy Raines, Rosemary Black, Miriam Jones, Edith Conyers, Wilda Drake, Mary Flanagan, Alta Sparks, Elizabeth Knox, Anna Joyce Streeter, Faye Powers, Verla Lee Goin, Norma Middlebrok, Ruth Melton, Nell Frances Simpson and Eleanor Simpson.

### Episcopal Style Show To Take Place In Outline Of History

Fashions for Spring of 1948 are new and intriguing, and the "Prevue," being sponsored at 8:30 p. m. Wednesday by the Episcopal women in Midland's Yucca Theater, will be just as fresh and dashing as the styles themselves.

The annual show was an idea born in 1936 in the minds of 29 women then constituting the Woman's Auxiliary of the Episcopal Church. They were headed by Mrs. I. E. Daniel, president; assisted by Mrs. Aiden Donnelly, vice president; Mrs. R. C. Tucker (now of Lubbock), recording secretary; Mrs. Erle Payne, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Charles Vertrees, treasurer.

Proceeds from the show were devoted to building the church's present structure.

More than 150 persons attended the first event in which 22 models represented seven Midland firms. They included: Everybody's, Mrs. E. H. Ellison, Kathleen Scruggs, Phyllis Haag and Mrs. Frank Miller; Lettie Lee Shop, Mrs. Hugh Corrigan, Mrs. W. B. Harkrider, Ruth Aklin of Odessa, Martha Louise Nobles and Mrs. Tom Sealy; J. C. Smith Company, Jean Bodkin, Adale Reiger, Frances George and Marcelline Wyatt; Maydelle Shop, Martha Louise Nobles, Mrs. Frances Stallworth and Connie Wells; Wilson Dry Goods, Mrs. J. D. Hicks and Bernice McCullough; Wadley's, Benjie Sue Radtiff, Mrs. Sealy, Allene Kaderli and Mrs. Alf Reese; and Modern Shop, Lucile Thomas and Julia Ann Aycock. Mrs. A. N. Hendrickson was mistress of ceremonies, and piano music was presented by Mrs. Fred Wilcox.

During the next few years, the show attracted larger and larger crowds and was forced to spread to the mezzanine of Hotel Scharbauer to seat the patrons and to adequately present the ever-increasing number of models. So that all might have a clear view of the clothes being shown, specially constructed ramps were built which had to be drawn up the outside of the ballroom and brought in through the windows. These ramps are still in existence and will be used this year but not for the purpose for which they were originally intended.

One of the early shows featured dresses of other eras, and in 1939 James T. Smith, attorney, served as master of ceremonies.

The fifth annual style show, which

featured a ballet dance by Elizabeth Ann Cowden, displayed a series of evening gowns in which was noticed the trend to the wide-skirted, demure styles of a generation ago. Mrs. D. C. Sivalis, Mrs. E. M. Miller, Mrs. R. E. Kinsey, Georgia Goss, Mrs. R. W. Hamilton and Mrs. John P. Butler were at the helm for this show.

#### Patriotic Note Set

The sixth annual show, which was attended by more than 400 persons, featured the South American trend of 1941 and was declared a success by sponsors. Setting the patriotic note for the event was the surprise first number in which Ralph Vertrees, Ann Mason, Pat Butcher and Bobby Lee entered, attired as Boy Scout, Girl Scout, Red Cross Nurse and Soldier.

For the duration of the war, the style shows were discontinued as a defense measure.

They were resumed in 1946, however, because merchandise was beginning to return to the market and wardrobes were greatly in need of refurbishment. Merchants and the public were in the mood for a continuation of the fashion shows. Seeking a larger seating capacity, the auxiliary moved its annual event to the Yucca Theater. This move proved advantageous, for the entire 1,100 seats were sold. This show was under the supervision of Mrs. Jack Bliss, with Mrs. William Hoy as co-chairman.

A lovely garden was the scene for the Easter Parade of 1947. Proceeds derived from present-day shows are applied to the Parish House Building Fund.

"Spring Prevue '48" has not taken, as yet, its place in history, but it remains to be enjoyed by hundreds, this Wednesday.

#### MR. AND MRS. ROY OWENS ARE PARENTS OF SON

WINK — An eight pound three ounce boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Owens, Jr., at 6:30 a. m. Tuesday in a Kermit hospital. The baby has been named Roy Lyman. The parents are residents of Wink.

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### Society Editor



Beverly Littlejohn is the society editor of The Reporter-Telegram.

### Sally Walston, Prexy Of Brownie Troop 24

Brownie Troop 24 elected Sally Walston, president, and Joy Lynda Davis, vice president, at a recent meeting in the home of leader, Mrs. S. C. Giesey, 608 West Louisiana Street.


Other newly-elected officers include Glenda Gay Henderson, secretary, and Carolyn Boles, treasurer. A guest, Mrs. J. J. Green, served refreshments to a guest, Gloria Webb, the officers, and Barbara June Barber, Beverly Bradbury, Ginger Culp, Mary Giesey, Naomi Green, Cecelia Hodges, Earlene Watson and Dorothy Jane Yeckel.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Swanson on the birth, Friday, of a son, Raymond Harold, Jr., weighing seven pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Spradling on the birth, Saturday, of a daughter, Donna Lea, weighing seven pounds, six ounces.

R. V. Lawrence served as Midland County Chairman of the Republican Party for more than 20 years.

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### Midland Farmer Will Compete In District Conservation Contest

E. B. Reinhart, cooperator with the Martin-Howard Soil Conservation District, has been selected to represent Midland County in the district competition of the Fort Worth Press-sponsored state-wide soil conservation contest for 1947. Outstanding conservation farmers from each county in this district will be named to compete for the district award, officials of the conservation service said Saturday.

Reinhart planned and established 1.7 miles of terraces which were built up to meet the district specifications. The broad type of terrace was built because it would be easier cultivated and will catch and hold all the rain that falls. Using his terraces as guide lines, he established 95 acres of contour cultivation for moisture conservation purposes.

He also planned and established 95 acres of cover crops and crop residue management. These practices provide a protective cover to help check wind erosion and add organic matter to the soil. The addition of the organic matter will increase the ability of the soil to soak up more rainfall and will make the soil less subject to blowing.

The First Baptist Church of Midland, established in 1886, celebrated a Golden Jubilee in January, 1936.

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**+ Coming Events +**

**MONDAY**

The Women's Council of the First Christian Church will meet at 3 p. m. in the church.

Midland Community Theater adult workshop on stagecraft will meet at 7:30 p. m. in the City-County Auditorium.

Trinity Episcopal Church guilds will meet at 3:30 p. m. with the following hostesses: St. Cecilia's with Mrs. C. J. Westlund, 801 North Marlenfield Street; and St. Margaret's with Mrs. R. E. Kechn, 1406 West Tennessee Street. The nursery will remain open during Auxiliary, it was announced.

P-TA Council will meet at 1:30 p. m. in Supt. Frank Monroe's office, with Mrs. Harlan Holt of Abilene, president of the 18th district, as guest. Plans will be made for the April 23-24 Spring Conference in Midland.

First Presbyterian Church circles will meet at the following times for the last meeting of the church year: No. 1, a covered-dish luncheon at 1 p. m. in the home of Mrs. A. Knickerbocker, 107 Club Drive; No. 2, at 3 p. m. in the home of Mrs. Nelson Puett, 612 West Storey Street; No. 3, a 1 p. m. covered dish luncheon in the home of Mrs. B. E. Schabarum, 103 Ridgela Drive; No. 4, at 3 p. m. in the home of Mrs. Andrew Fasken, 1511 West Missouri Street, with Mrs. J. W. Rettig and Mrs. Harvey Sloan as hostesses; No. 5, a covered-dish luncheon at 1 p. m. in the home of Mrs. Lee Thacker, 1306 South Loraine Street; and Training Circle, at 3 p. m. in the home of Mrs. Hugh Gilmour, 110 Club Drive.

All WMS circles of the First Baptist Church will meet at 10 a. m. to begin a week of special services in the church in observance of Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer. The sessions will be held at the same time each day, Monday through Friday, and the following circles will conduct: Monday, Annie Barron Circle with Mrs. Ernest Neill as leader; Tuesday, Lottie Moon with M. F. H. Lanham as leader; Wednesday, Mary Elizabeth Truly with Mrs. C. F. Hunter as leader; Thursday, Lockett with Mrs. E. D. Williams as leader; and Friday, Mary Mar-

tha with Mrs. E. F. Conner as leader.

The following circles of the First Methodist Church will meet at 3:15 p. m.: Belle Bennett with Mrs. A. W. Butler, Magnolia South Farm; Laura Haygood at 317 South Big Spring Street with Mrs. W. F. Prothro as hostess; Winnie Prothro with Mrs. George Glass, 911 West Texas Avenue; and Mary Scharbauer at 610 North Main Street, with Mrs. E. A. Crisman as hostess.

First Methodist Church's board of stewards will meet in the Scharbauer Educational Building at 7 p. m.

Midland Choral Club will meet at 8 p. m. in the First Christian Church. The regular meeting date has been changed due to the Oscar Fox program on Tuesday.

The Midland Ministerial Association will meet at 10 a. m. in the Trinity Episcopal Church. All ministers of the city are invited to this regular session which will feature plans for a city-wide religious census to be made soon.

The Past Matrons and Patrons Club of the OES will meet at 7:30 p. m. in the home of Mrs. Mary Baldrige, 600 South Fort Worth Street. All members are invited.

**TUESDAY**  
First Methodist Church's senior department will have a party at 7:30 p. m. in the Scharbauer Educational Building.

The Evening Circle of the First Presbyterian Church will have a covered-dish supper at 7 p. m. with Mrs. Edna Rothwell and Lucy Moore as hostesses.

Trinity Episcopal Church will conduct evening service and meditation at 8 p. m.

Las Comaradas Bridge Club will meet for a 1 p. m. luncheon in the Ranch House. Hostesses will be Mrs. W. F. Chesnut and Mrs. Barney Cummings.

John M. Cowden Junior High School P-TA will meet in the school annex at 7:30 p. m. to hear the Rev. J. Lennox Hester, pastor of the Asbury Methodist Church, discuss "The Weeds — Intolerance, Prejudice, Hatred and Ignorance." Dorothy Routh will be in charge of special music.

Beta Delta of Beta Sigma Phi will meet at 8 p. m. in the home of Jane Johnson, 911 West Missouri Street.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Trinity Episcopal Church will conduct Holy Communion at 10 a. m. with meditation on the Gospel of St. John.

"Spring Prevue of '48," annual Episcopal style show, will be held at 8:30 p. m. in Midland's Yuca Theater. Tickets are available from Mrs. John Fitzgerald or Mrs. Robert Schmidt.

First Presbyterian Church's senior choir will meet at 7:30 p. m.

The Woman's Wednesday Club will meet at 3 p. m. in the home of Mrs. Allen Cowden, 1310 West Illinois Street.

The Girl Scout Leaders Club will meet at 9:30 a. m. in the Children's Library of the courthouse for a program on "Community Life."

Modern Study Club will meet at 3 p. m. for a "Texas Day" program in the home of Mrs. I. E. Hood, 111 Ridgela Drive.

Lion Tamers will have a 1 p. m. luncheon in the Private Dining Room of Hotel Scharbauer. Wives of all Lions Club members are urged to attend.

Contemporary Literature Group of AAUW will meet at 8 p. m. in the home of Mrs. W. P. Von Oelski, 2004 West Kentucky Street.

The Play Readers Club will meet at 3 p. m. in the home of Mrs. Ralph Barton, 601 North Loraine Street. Mrs. J. Howard Hedge will read.

**THURSDAY**  
Needle Craft Club will meet at 2 p. m. in the home of Mrs. Len-ton Brunson, Lamesa Road.

First Baptist Church's YWA will meet at 6:15 p. m. in the church, and then go to the home of Mrs. C. C. Bolts to study the book "Spiritual Frontier." A supper will be followed with a program in observance of the Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer.

A benefit "box" supper, sponsored by the Twentieth Century Study Club, will be held at 7 p. m. in the City-County Auditorium. M. G. McConal, Midland auctioneer, will preside, and a square dance will be conducted by Jack Pomby and his orchestra.

The B&PW luncheon will be held at noon in the Private Dining Room of Hotel Scharbauer.

Mothers Confraternity will meet at 10 a. m. in St. George's Parish Hall.

**FRIDAY**  
The public is invited to three meetings featuring Mrs. Elwood Street of the Hog Foundation. The sessions, sponsored by the P-TA Council, Youth Center Advisory council and AAUW, include: 10:30 a. m., "Responsible Citizenship in a Democracy," high school assembly; 3:30 p. m., "The Inner World of Childhood," in West Elementary School; and 8 p. m., "Reaching Toward Maturity," high school auditorium.

Ladies' Golf Association luncheon will be held at 1 p. m. in the Midland Country Club with Mrs. Ter Carleton and Mrs. Mike Brumelow as hostesses.

The Belmont Bible Class will meet at 3 p. m. in the home of Mrs. A. B. Stickney, 707 West Tennessee Street.

The Children's Service League will meet in the Red Cross building at 2 p. m., followed by a bus-

**Dame Fortune Smiles Again Upon War Vet**

SAN BENITO — (AP) — The Lynn Pullen family, evicted from their home near here have a new residence and a promise of a job for the war-veteran husband.

Mrs. Delos King made a seven-room house available to the couple who have one child and are expecting another soon. A bus company said it was trying to arrange a job for Pullen as a driver. The American Legion post at La Feria is making groceries available.

"They told me to help myself to the groceries," Pullen said, "but, gee, the way things are working out now, I couldn't take more than a couple of bucks worth. It wouldn't have been fair."

**DUROCHER TO ADOPT TEXAS CHILD**

PORT WORTH — (AP) — Leo Durocher and his actress wife, Larine Day, have asked permanent custody of a four-year-old girl.

Durocher, manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers, and his wife, filed a petition seeking custody of the child in 96th District Court. The petition said the child was placed in their custody by the Texas Children's Home and Aid Society.

ness session in the home of Mrs. Alan Leeper, 1808 West Texas Avenue.

**SATURDAY**  
Children's Theater and Junior Workshop will meet in the City-County Auditorium.

First Presbyterian Junior Choir will meet at 9:30 a. m. in the church.

**'Spring Prevue' Model**



Mrs. Sally Hull Fitzgerald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Winston Hull, will appear in the Trinity Episcopal "Spring Prevue '48" which will be presented at 8:30 p. m. Wednesday in the Yuca Theater. Mrs. Fitzgerald, a graduate of Midland High School, attended the University of Colorado, the University of Texas and Texas Tech in Lubbock. She has done professional modeling with Ranshoff in San Francisco.

John E. Turner, 54, superintendent of Midland County roads for 14 years, died May 26, 1941.

**Dimout To Affect Californian's Life**

SAN FRANCISCO — (AP) — Electric motors will run slower, electric stoves, toasters and irons a little cooler and clocks may lag still farther behind if brown-out regulations are fully invoked in California drought areas to save water.

Except for clocks, the slowdown likely will not be noticeable in households. However, it will slow up on meters and dials in industrial plants and in a few instances it

may contribute to the failure of equipment. California's new emergency rules permit power companies to reduce line voltage and frequency. Either reduction results in saving water if the electricity is produced by water power.

Mrs. C. H. King, 80, resident of Midland County 35 years, died Feb. 19, 1941.

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### Swiss Refuse Asylum To Prisoners Of War

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND —(AP)—German prisoners of war from camps in France are constantly slipping over the barely guarded French border here, in hope of being granted asylum in Switzerland, or of being returned to their homes in Germany.

A great number of these prisoners were arrested in Geneva on a single day recently, and nearly 10 such arrests were made by Geneva police in three weeks.

In most cases the police ignore the prisoners' claims to be "political refugees" and, in accordance with international law, hand them over to the French occupation authorities in Germany.

John (Uncle John) Scharbauer brought the first registered Hereford cattle to Midland County.

### Phillips President Forsees Years Of Steady Growth For Midland Area

By K. S. ADAMS  
President Phillips Petroleum Company

BARTLESVILLE, OKLA.—Our roots were planted in the Midland area more than 20 years ago when Phillips' first oil and gas wells were drilled in the Permian Basin. As activity in the area increased with the years, it became apparent that more localized control was necessary for efficient operation. The little town of Midland, with less than 4,000 population, even then showed plenty of promise and spirit. So in July of 1924 Phillips put its faith and hopes in the Permian Basin by establishing offices for its Land and Geological Department in Midland. There were only seven people in that office. But we grew and so did

Midland. Midland proved itself capable of meeting the challenge of the fast moving business which mushroomed in the fabulous 22,000,000 acres of Permian Basin oil land.

After we settled our geologists and landmen, we brought in men from our legal, economic, production, tax, claims, and insurance departments. The number of Phillips people grew from seven to the present 56 people who work and live in Midland. We have three office locations in Midland from which all the operations of the previously mentioned departments are directed. Besides the administrative force, there are more than 600 Phillips employees working in the Permian Basin area.

Phillips' activities in the surrounding country stem from our 700 oil wells which produce about 40,000 barrels per day. We have seven natural gasoline plants which process about 45 per cent of all the gas processed in the area. The beginning of a 307-mile long, 8-inch pipe line operated by the Standish Pipe Line Company, our subsidiary, is near Midland and delivers natural gasoline and crude oil to our Phillips, Texas, plants. In addition, we have many miles of crude oil gathering and transporting pipe lines in the area to handle the natural gasoline and oil production of Phillips and other operators. These facilities have been developed for the most part since 1934 from a modest beginning.

Midland's population today numbers more than 20,000. The city has met and solved almost all the problems that attend such rapid growth with the far-sightedness and courage so characteristic of all its citizens.

The future of Midland and the area is tied in closely, of course, with the natural resources in the Basin. Drilling for oil and gas is still progressing at a rapid rate here in one of the few areas in the world where new oil is found faster than the old is removed from the ground. Naturally, we can't do any crystal gazing but if the course of events during the past 20 years is any clue to the future, we can look ahead confidently to many years of solid, steady growth for the Permian Basin Area and Midland.

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## Midlander Convinced This Could Be Great Fruit-Producing Territory

By STANLEY FRANK

"Would you like a million-dollar job?" That was the question Frank Elkin of Midland recently asked a young horticulturist.

"Sure," the young man answered. "I'll pay you a nice bonus if you'll tell me how to get one like that."

"I don't want any bonus," Elkin said. "Here's the job: find out how to graft California grapes on some hardy stock resistant to a certain blight that attacks ordinary grape vines in Midland County, and your fortune's made."

The young nurseryman said that looked like a lot of work to him. Elkin agreed, and that was the last of the conversation.

But Frank Elkin, who has been in Midland County more than 41 years, is convinced there's untold wealth waiting for men who will successfully utilize the natural advantages this section offers growers of grapes and other fruits.

He has never attempted to "promote" vineyards or any other fruit industry. He is a ranchman and a cotton farmer. However he knows a good deal about grapes and Midland's capacity to produce them.

When he first came here, there was more interest in growing fruit than there is now, Elkin says. In the early 1900's Midland had so many windmills it was sometimes called "the windmill city." Residents had more water than they needed for domestic use, and a great many of them used the abundant surplus to water fruit trees or small vineyards. Therefore, he claims no honor for having discovered that Midland County is a good place for fruit production.

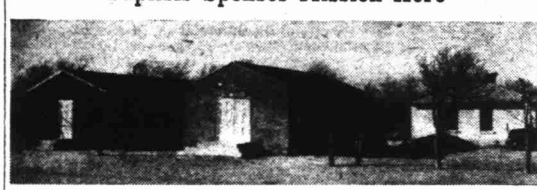
But he has the largest vineyard in Midland County today, in addition to a sizeable orchard. And he probably is more thoroughly convinced than anybody else in the county that commercial fruit production is a definite possibility here.

**High Quality Grapes**  
Not long ago he sent a batch of his grapes to a California laboratory for analysis. The report showed the grapes were suitable for making wine without addition of sugar, and that their acid content was fifty per cent of the normal. The aridity of Midland's climate are particularly favorable to grape production, he says, and he quotes some of the most prominent nurserymen and horticulturists in Texas as technical authorities who agree.

This section occasionally suffers frosts which would be damaging to fruit production, but with the natural advantages of good soil, sunshine and dry atmosphere, fruit growers could surely overcome the occasional frost hazard, he believes. For example, a recently-developed infra-red heater, which disperses warmth over a wide area at relatively little cost, might be the answer to the frost problem.

Elkin has been growing grapes

### Baptists Sponsor Mission Here



These buildings house the Latin-American Mission sponsored and operated by the First Baptist Church of Midland.

here for two score years. The most serious drawback, he has found, is a root trouble which attacks vines brought from California. This section is particularly adaptable to production of grapes from California. On the other hand, hardy types of vine are resistant to the root disease, which Elkin thinks may come from the black brush common to this area. He believes the California vines could be successfully grafted to roots of the disease-resistant vine.

If this could be done, grape production should be highly profitable in this county. On the basis of his

own experience with raising a relatively small crop of grapes and selling them over a period of years, he figures a commercial producer should be able to gross \$1,000 per acre from a vineyard.

**Other Fruits, Too**  
Grapes aren't the only fruit that will grow well in Midland County, Elkin remembers that a plate of apples picked off a tree here 30 years ago took first place at the Dallas Fair.

John Scharbauer had almond trees at least 20 feet tall on his ranch headquarters West of Midland, though frost kept them from bearing.

There are pecan trees, not only in Midland, but in the most unexpected places on sandy lands to the North. Elkin explains this as being the result of the way land was settled here originally. Homesteaders would settle on a section or so, build homes and plant trees. Then, one by one they moved on and their lands were taken in by big cattle ranches. The homesteaders' houses and other movable improvements were scattered everywhere, but in many cases their trees kept growing.

The earliest efforts of Midland's civic fathers to encourage settlement here was a brochure distributed in 1886. That pamphlet painted Midland County as a sort of paradise which probably doesn't exist anywhere on earth. Among wonders of this section, according to the pamphlet were its indescribably marvelous possibilities as a fruit-growing section.

Frank Elkin is not given to voluble sales talks along this line. He simply points to his own thriving vineyard and orchard, cites verifiable past achievements of fruit growers who didn't try too hard to raise bumper crops, and expresses the opinion that somebody who knows his business and is willing to invest money and labor can reap handsome profits from growing grapes or other fruit in Midland County.

Mrs. W. H. Brunson, 76, pioneer ranchwoman who came to Midland in 1896, died Jan. 27, 1941.

A Midland County Health Council was organized in 1931.

### North Elementary Rhythm Band Counts 15 Years To Credit

The first grade Rhythm Band of North Elementary School, organized 15 years ago in the old North Ward building, is a definite part of the training program of the school, according to the principal, Mrs. Gladys Tolbert.

Besides developing rhythm and sustained attention, this activity gives to the young children their first thrill of stage experience.

The band was organized under the direction of Mrs. Van Camp, Mrs. Stacy Allen and Mrs. Alma Thomas, principal of the school at that time. The first group, consisting of 35 first and second grade students, was led by Marjorie Barron and Jane Butler.

The band, at present, has 108 members under the direction of Mrs. Lucille McCree, assisted by Mrs. George Grant, Miss Robbins and Mrs. Tolbert. Band leaders include Ruth Ann Erskine, Jay Dee Hatch, Bob Herring, Danna Sue Wright, Carolyn Cole and Paul Livingston.

Members of the group are attired in red capes and red hats over white clothing for performances. The band recently presented a program to the Midland Lions Club. As to the success of the performance, there was no doubt in the mind of a smiling, six-year-old boy who said, "Teacher, didn't we do good!"

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### Caribbean Maneuvers



(NEA Telephoto by Art Rickerby) Pants legs rolled up and minus shoes and socks, Secretary of Army Kenneth C. Royall "hits" the beach at Vieques Island off Puerto Rico with the Second Marine Division during amphibious operation of the U. S. Pacific Fleet.

### Spanish, Music, Art, Safety Courses Have Place In South Elementary

Spanish, music and art have attained important positions in the curricula of South Elementary School. The Spanish courses develop the children's ability to speak and understand the language during their formative years; art offers a release for the tension in children and gives them a medium by which to express themselves; and music is important in the academic training of every first grade child.

Spanish, taught from the third grades through fifth grades, includes activities and action lessons that rank high among the children's interests. Vocabulary study is limited to words and idioms that are most useful to both Spanish and non-Spanish children. Third grades are taught Spanish by home-room teachers, while fourth and fifth grade Spanish is departmentalized.

Since many children who find it difficult to be interested in academic subjects are exceptional art students, it is possible to interest them in their other subjects through the medium of art. The children learn a great deal about geography, for instance, by drawing pictures of other lands. Interest can be created also in writing by allowing the children to illustrate their papers. Fourth and fifth grades in South Elementary have entered several poster contests, including hospital, safety and fire prevention. Honors and prizes were won by fourth and

fifth grades in each contest. Every child in the first grade is given musical training, consisting of singing and participation in rhythm band work. At present, 113 students take part in this program, and the fourth and fifth grades have a choral group of 80 students. Parents are extended invitations to visit these classes.

**Fire Prevention Courses**  
Lessons on fire prevention and safety are included in the course of study and are given a place on the class schedule. In a fire drill recently, the entire student body had cleared the two buildings within one minute after the gong sounded.

Faculty members and students of South Elementary have extended a Texas welcome this year to many pupils coming from 10 other states. They include: Upton Williams, Pansy Rinehart, Dona Lea Alexander, Jo Ann Clark, Harold Gifford, Lola Rinehart, Frances Lay, Vera Jean Cox, Kenneth Lay and Dale O'Donnell, New Mexico; Allan Keeler, Michigan; Doyle Brooks, Alton Ballles, Jimmie Owen, and Dovie Woodrum, Arkansas; Princess Watson and Linda O'Donnell, Arizona; Tommy Scott, Bobby Gene Kuykendall and Will Baker, California; Ronald Avererd and Nancy Suther, Montana; Mina Lee Waddell and Johnny Waddell, Virginia; Leslie King, Colorado; Nancy Comotander, Louisiana; and Lankard Barr, Oklahoma.

### Progress With Capital 'P'

## West Texas Oil Helps In Solving Many Of State's Pressing Problems

By CHARLES E. SIMMONS  
Vice President and General Manager  
Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association

(Written especially for the Progress Edition of The Reporter-Telegram.)

DALLAS — Any area which produces 220,000,000 barrels of oil a year contributes mightily to Progress with a capital "P" but West Texas in the petroleum industry are doing something besides adding wealth to the population to their part of the state.

These men are lending a big hand in solving the social, economic, governmental and industrial problems of Texas.

For instance, one evidence of the magnitude of this assistance is revealed in a recent survey by the Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association. In a check of 20 counties out of 48 in what is considered West Texas, more than 75 per cent of all the ad valorem taxes were paid by West Texas oil and gas operators.

In those 20 counties the ad valorem tax bill was \$5,406,076. West Texas operators in those particular counties paid \$4,077,518 of the bill. In several counties the portion paid by the industry was more than 90 per cent.

But this is only a small part of the responsibility that the petroleum industry carries. The state production tax alone paid by oil operators in West Texas during the fiscal year 1947 totalled more than \$12,000,000. At present rates of production and value, 1948 production taxes on West Texas operations will exceed \$20,000,000.

**West Texas Leaders**  
West Texas oil and gas operators share in the Texas petroleum industry's contribution to state government and education costs. On a statewide basis, the industry which accounts for about 23 per cent of Texas' annual income, pays 53 per cent of all business and property taxes, more than 30 per cent of all education costs.

Aside from the financial role that West Texas oil men play in state and local school and government problems, the state's petroleum industry derives much of its leadership from West Texas.

One of the regional vice presidents of the Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association is B. L. LeFever of Big Spring. And in Midland alone the association, which is a statewide service and research organization, has six directors and about one hundred members. The directors from Midland are Lester S. Grant, A. N. Hendrickson, W. D. Lane, C. V. Lyman, J. E. Warren, and Ken M. Regan.

Now the most active oil area of the state, the Permian Basin region and the rest of West Texas area will exert an increasing amount of West Texas influence in petroleum industry matters. Nationwide fame has come to

Midland recently through such spectacular developments as that of the Slick-Urschel No. 1 Alford, but the search of oil in West Texas, begun before 1900, goes on—deeper and deeper and less heard of. During the past year there were 14 West Texas tests put down below 12,000 feet.

Millions of dollars are being spent in West Texas for additional tests, more facilities for transportation and processing. There are at least eight major plants either on the drawing boards or under actual construction in the current plans of petroleum companies operating in West Texas.

The boom in West Texas continues because the people's lives and economy are tied to one of the most progressive types of industries in the nation—the petroleum industry.

It was this sort of progressive-ness which created new plants, new jobs, and new wealth such as comes from the nineteen pools which were opened in West Texas last year, or the new pay sands that were discovered in fifteen fields.

A result of the industry's development in West Texas is seen in the spiraling population figure, although small compared to some of the older sections of the state, which showed an increase in West

Texas of 105 per cent between 1920 census and the November 1943 estimate made by the Census Bureau.

It was in 1921 that Underwriters Producing and Refining Company's Morrison No. 2 was completed as the discovery well of the Westbrook field, Mitchell County. West Texas has come a long way since oil found at 170 feet by J. D. Leatherman near Toyah, Reeves County, in 1903, and was being peddled over West Texas as windmill lubrication.

Although the Westbrook field was the first recognized field it took Big Lake, brought in by the storied Santa Rita in 1923, to really set West Texas humming.

West Texas has been developed

until there are now over 230 fields and 36 of the 48 counties in West Texas are listed as producing counties.

Farmers, ranchers and other land-owners have reaped great benefits from the payments for leases, royalties and rentals. Comptroller for 1946 land activity in West Texas show that more than 2,000,000 acres were leased in that year alone which was more than the year preceding and brought the undeveloped acreage total in West Texas at that time to 11,766,804 acres.

Since 1920 West Texas has produced 2,123,454,671 barrels of crude oil, and the production each year is higher than that of the year before. Translated to the welfare of individual West Texans that has meant incalculable millions in retail business, construction, improved school facilities for West Texas towns and support of government plus a magnificent contribution to the economy of the State of Texas, which prospers under the influence of approximately \$1,500,000,000 annually spent by the petroleum industry.

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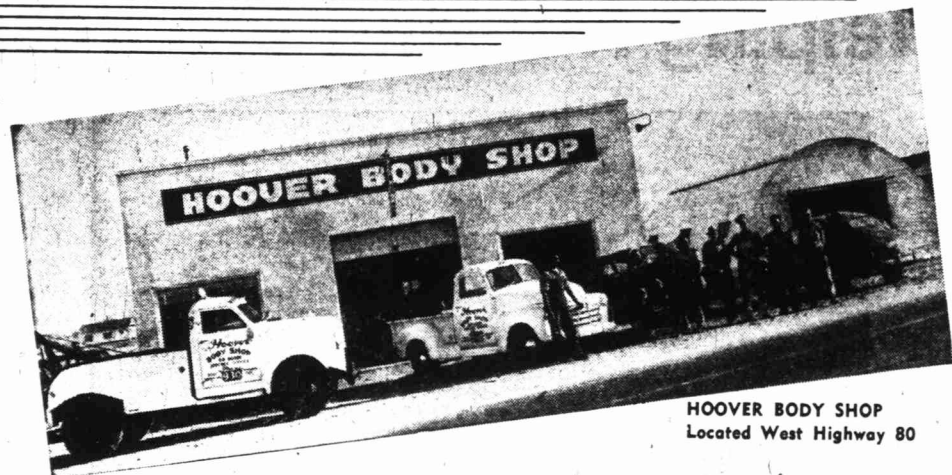
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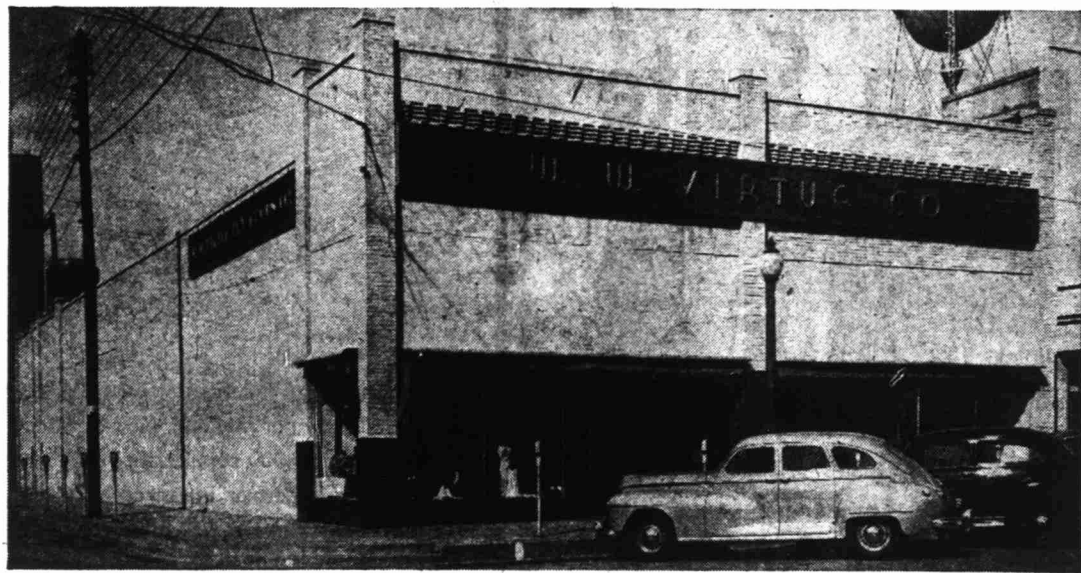
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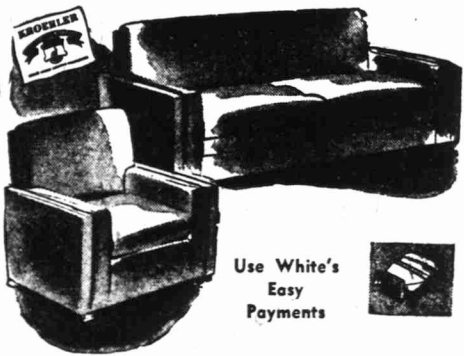
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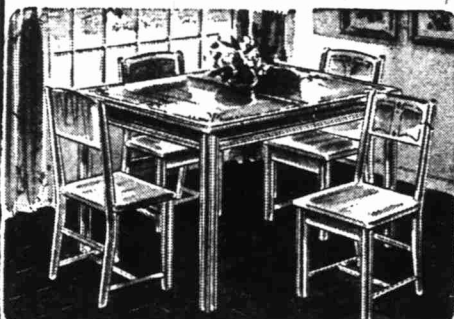
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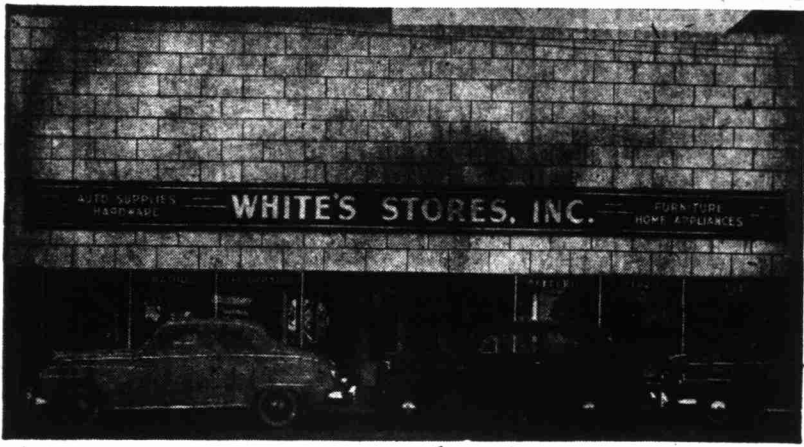
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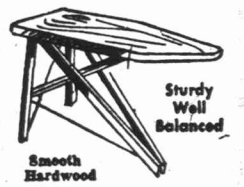
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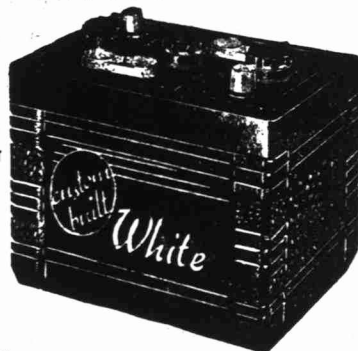
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+ Rankin News +

**RANKIN**—Mrs. Walton Harral entertained the Wednesday Bridge Club in her home this week at a luncheon-bridge. In the games following the luncheon Mrs. Jack Walcher held high score, Mrs. Dunn Lowery was second high. Mrs. Poage won the traveling prize, and Mrs. Pete Pollard, bingo. Other players were Mrs. Henry Neal, Mrs. Hamp Carter, Mrs. C. G. Taylor and the hostess.

Mrs. Clois Baxter is away from her position at the First State Bank due to illness.

The stucco-finished dwelling on Upton Street, completed a short time ago by Mr. and Mrs. Don Rhorick, has been sold to Mr. and Mrs. George Stephenson.

Frog Ward has been called to Brady due to the serious illness of his father.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Baker of Lubbock spent several days this week with Mrs. Baker's brother, Postmaster M. J. Edwards, and Mrs. Edwards.

Mrs. Lawrence Holcomb has accepted a position in the office of County Clerk Ralph H. Daugherty. Jimmy Workman made a business trip to Iraan Wednesday.

Fourteen to sixteen typists are working daily making abstracts in the Upton County Courthouse as a result of the oil activity surrounding the Bendum field discovery well 12 miles north of Rankin. Those from out of town on the present typing force are Neva Rae Taylor, Fort Worth; Edwin Key, Weatherford; Billy Brahears, Fort Worth; Lella King, Throckmorton; Josephine Barnwell and Mexine Riddlehover, Carthage; George Landry, Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Boseman, Mineola; Homer Dunson, Kaufman, and Joel Starnes, Fort Worth.

Neva Rae Taylor was hostess in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Taylor, to a group of the young set Wednesday night. "42" and bridge provided entertainment and a refreshment plate of sandwiches, fritos, pickles, olives, cookies and coffee was served to Guila Bettis, Mary Ann Workman, Mickey McDonald, Winston Holcomb, Edwin Keith, Billy Brahears, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cowden and Mr. and Mrs. Taylor.

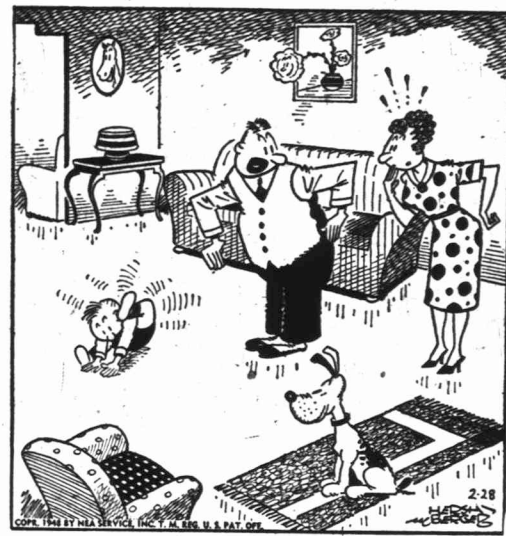
Mrs. Dovie Ewing of Fort Stockton was a business visitor in Rankin Thursday.

F. L. Butler, Lubbock oil operator, was in Rankin on business Thursday.

Lewis Link and Jack Matthews were here Thursday from Midland.

Charles B. Collier, 68, Midland resident 25 years, died February 5, 1939.

FUNNY BUSINESS



"I told you we ought to get rid of the dog!"

The Garden of Eden and the Tower of Babel have their traditional sites in Iraq.

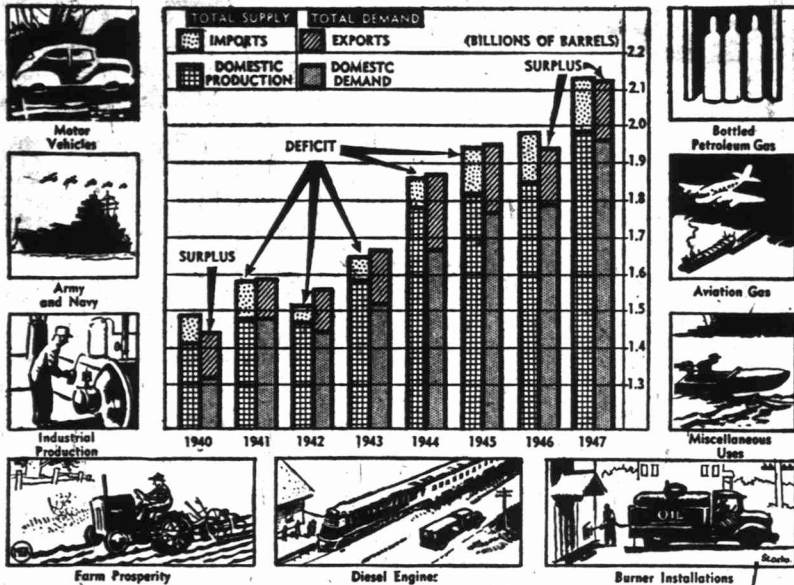
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Only by speeding petroleum production to the utmost can oil men avoid being swamped by the record demand now lapping at their heels. The chart above, based on American Petroleum Institute figures, compares demand (not to be confused with actual consumption) with supply since 1940. Postwar demand is larger than in the war years. Sketches show the nine greatest users of petroleum. Abnormal increase in their demands, plus distribution troubles, are what cause today's local shortages. The Army and Navy, for instance, say they'll need 249,800 barrels a day in 1948; the nation's farm tractors will use an estimated 2,821,000,000 gallons during the year.

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Poisoning Of Dogs Is Probed At Valley View

WACO—(AP)—Officers of McLennan and Bosque Counties recently were investigating the poisoning of dogs at Valley Mills, 10 miles west of here.

Valley Mills residents reported someone had scattered poisoned sausage over the city, killing at least 10 dogs.

Two boys said, they saw a man hurl sausage from a car into a yard and they retrieved the meat before dogs could grab it.

District Attorney Gene Maddin of Waco said an analysis of capsules inserted in the meat showed they contained strychnine. He said the sausage would prove fatal to a child if eaten.

Company F, Texas National Guard, was organized in Midland in 1942.

Tax Refund If Levy Is Cut

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The income tax cutting bill passed by the House provides that the cuts become effective as of January 1 of this year.

If the bill becomes a law it means that many wage earners will get substantial refunds next year on their 1948 tax withholdings. Many of these refunds would be larger than usual because tax withholdings since the first of this year have been based on the higher tax rates under the present law.

The Internal Revenue Bureau made refunds totaling \$1,400,000,000 in 1947 on 1946 tax payments of some 31,000,000 persons. That's an average of about \$45 per person. Refunds are now being paid for overpayments of taxes on 1947 income.

Refunds on overpaid 1948 taxes would not be made until next year for two reasons:

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1. Until this year is ended, the total amount of refunds due various taxpayers can not be determined.

2. Payment of two refunds on one year's taxes, say one next July and the other in 1949, would be costly and troublesome for taxpayers and revenue collectors.

For taxpayers, it would mean the presenting of two claims instead of one. For revenue collectors, it would double the work as well as increasing the cost of handling refund claims and refund payments by check.

The tax reduction bill awaits action by the Senate. If President Truman vetoes it, it will have to be passed by a two-thirds majority vote.

There have been suggestions in Congress that the tax cuts be made effective July 1 instead of January 1. If July 1 is the effective date, then tax rates on 1948 incomes would be fixed at percentages half way between the present rates and the lower rates under a new law.



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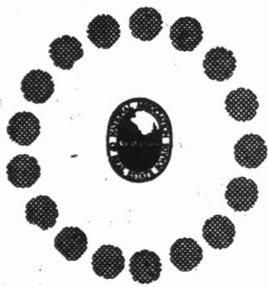
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# Dirt, Squirt and Quirt

— FARM, DAIRY AND RANCH NEWS —

By STANLEY FRANK

More cattle and a stronger market characterized the Midland Livestock Auction Thursday. Approximately 500 cattle went through the ring, more than for several weeks, and prices were 50 cents to \$1 higher on all classes.

Fat calves and yearlings topped at \$22.50 to \$27, with medium kinds at \$19 to \$22.50. Fat cows brought all the way from \$16 to \$21, with the best ones at \$18 or better. Canners and cutters sold in the \$13-

out Friday for the 4-H Club show and sale at Garden City.

Among those on hand were Bill Currie, "Shorty" Bigby, Clarence Bryans, Ott Dozier, Clyde Berry, Ray Hightower, Jess Evans, Chris Schafer, Glenn Riley, Lester Ratliff, Alvis Ray Cox, Sam Cox, Clarence Sparkman, Clay Wells, Son Powell, Lloyd Hardy, Dan Houston, Joe Calverley, Steve Calverley, Temp Carter, Joe Carter, Joe Bigby, Pete Underwood and Marshall Cook.

Marshall Cook has 78 acres of permanent pasture on his ranch near Garden City, and is putting in another 80 acres of sweet sudan, all irrigated by the sprinkler method. He hasn't had a chance to test the value of this project in Glasscock County, but says if it does half as well there as it is doing in some places in the Panhandle, he figures it's worthwhile. He runs Aberdeen-Angus cattle altogether.

C. R. "Bull" Crawford, with the J. M. Lea Wool Warehouse at San Angelo, attended the Glasscock County 4-H Club Show at Garden City Friday.

He said Nelson Johnson of San Angelo is still contracting some 12-month wool, but other buyers are somewhat quiet as yet.

Several men who have been eating barbecue in West Texas for a lot of years said the beef at the Glasscock County club show Friday was about the best they'd ever masticated.

And everybody who enjoyed the free feed was especially complimentary toward the men who cooked it, because the meat was barbecued under particularly adverse conditions. It's a shade hard to barbecue meat in outdoor pits during a downpour of rain accompanied by high wind.

Among those credited with helping prepare the meat were Smilo Mallison of Midland and Benny Cunningham, Judge Clarence Sparkman, Joy Wilkerson, Fred Chaney, Clarence Bryans, Doc Scuddy, Carl Hightower and Cal Pruett of Garden City.

A two-inch rain fell Thursday night at Coahoma, it was reported here Friday.

W. E. Berry of Stanton was a visitor here last week. So were Fillmore Epley of the Epley Ranch in Martin County, Jim Thornton of Pyote, Dan Taylor of Odessa, and W. T. Cowden and Jerry Cowden of Crane.

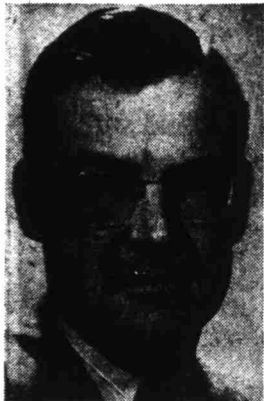
Bud Kincaid and Bud Barfield of Rankin were here together recently. Kincaid had just come from San Angelo, where a dentist had taken practically all the teeth he had; Barfield had just come from his ranch near Van Horn.

Scott Keeling, Van Horn ranchman, and Mrs. Keeling were Midland visitors last week.

Quite a Brahma exhibit is scheduled for the San Angelo Fat Stock Show this year. Among outstanding herds to be represented in the show is that of J. D. Hudgins of Hungerford who will have on display the grand champion bull and cow and reserve champion bull and cow of the recent Houston show.

In charge of the Hudgins show string is Keith Crouch, son of Hugh Crouch of Garden City.

Chamber of Commerce Manager Delbert Downing has received confirmation that Brewster County Agent Frank Newsom of Alpine and Herman Carter of San Angelo will judge entries in the annual Midland County Livestock



Stanley Frank

\$16 range; no choice bulls were offered, but those on hand sold at \$18.50 to \$19.

Stocker steer calves moved at \$25.25 to \$27.50, yearlings \$23 to \$25. Stocker heifer calves brought \$22 to \$25, heifer yearlings \$19 to \$21, and stocker cows \$15 to \$18.50.

Joe Midkiff, Upton County ranchman, reported Friday he got about three-quarters of an inch of rain in his country Thursday night.

Frank Midkiff, ranching about 25 miles south of Midland, got an inch and a half.

Charlie Cox of Garden City reported Friday he got about 1 1/2 to two inches of rain Thursday night. Other ranchmen of that country reported rains from three-quarters to three inches fell on their land.

It looked as though every ranchman in Glasscock County turned



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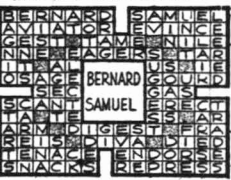
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52 Handled



Answers to Previous Puzzles



## Grace Lutheran Church Founded In Early 20's

By THE REV. GILBERT BECKER, Pastor Grace Lutheran Church

The beginning of Grace Lutheran Church dates back to the early twenties when a few Lutheran families settled in and around Midland. A small group, they were unable to organize a congregation and their spiritual needs were served by neighboring Lutheran pastors, who traveled many miles to conduct occasional services in the homes of the Lutheran families.

In 1930 when the Rev. W. G. Buchsacher of Big Spring was serving the Midland Lutherans, they organized a congregation. Mindful of that foundation stone of their faith—"By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God" (Ephesians 2, 8). They chose the name "Grace" for their congregation. A

constitution was drawn up and approved and six men signed. They were Gus Meisner, J. S. Schow, C. J. Lowke, Gerhard Synatsch, Gus Synatsch, and John Riehmayer. Of these charter members, C. J. Lowke, Gus Meisner and the Synatsch brothers still are members of the congregation in Midland.

The newly-organized congregation met once each month for divine services. They continued, however, to be served from Big Spring, first by Rev. W. G. Buchsacher and later by Pastors T. H. Graalman, Raymond Kasper, and O. H. Horn. During the ministry of Pastor Horn services became more frequent.

On February 18, 1945, Gilbert C. Becker, a graduate of Concordia Theological Seminary in Springfield, Ill., was ordained and installed

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as the first resident pastor of Grace Lutheran Church. From that time services were conducted each Sunday. However, the congregation was still without a house of worship. Lack of a church greatly hindered the growth and progress of the congregation.

In June of 1944 the members purchased three lots in the 1600 block of West Wall Street. But that was during the war years and it seemed impossible to build. Finally, on August 11, 1946, work on the church was begun and on May 25, 1947, the new church was dedicated.

Grace Lutheran Church is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and other states, with headquarters in St. Louis, Mo., and with a membership of nearly 2,000,000.

Grace Lutheran Church is still a small church with less than 100 baptized members. But these members are optimistic about the future and believe the church will continue

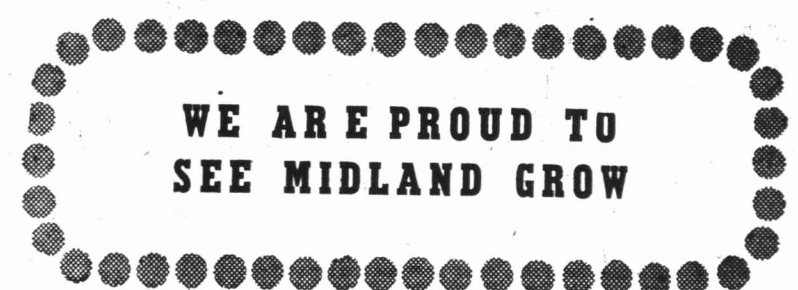
to grow and prosper. Present officers are: H. B. Schauer, president; G. Teinert, vice president; E. J. Fischer, secretary; L. N. Shorck, treasurer; W. V. Linde, Sunday School superintendent; C. J. Lowke, Gus Meisner, and Norbert Harms, elders.

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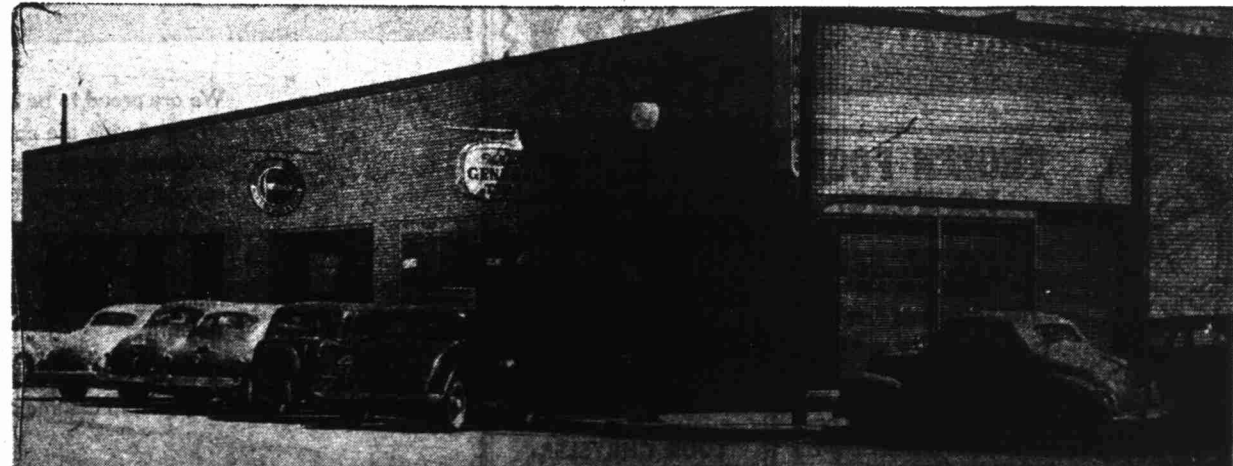
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# 1948 Chamber Of Commerce Committees Named, Listed

Committees of the Midland Chamber of Commerce for 1948 have been appointed by Tom Sealy, president.

The Wranglers Club will serve as the membership committee.

Committees are grouped under main divisions. Heads of the divisions include: M. C. Ulmer, organization affairs; R. L. Miller, agriculture and livestock; James N. Allison, industrial activity; Robert L. Wood, commercial activity; Fred T. Hogan, civic activities; R. M. Barron, other committees.

Here are the committee assignments:

Publicity: Hilton Kaderli, chairman; Bill Collins, Fred Hogan, Frank Miller, Randy Rubin, Ray Howard, Hester Williams, Bill Chancellor, Ray Gwyn, J. M. McDonald and James C. Watson.

Internal affairs: O. C. Harper, chairman; Collins, R. L. Wood, Roy Minear and John W. House.

General meeting and information to membership: Jack Wicker, chairman; Carl Wevat, Fred Fromhold, Ted Thompson, Jim Noel, R. J. Graham, Roy McKee and Ray Lynch.

Dairy cooperation: H. B. Schauer, chairman; Sherwood O'Neal, M. A. Roberts, Bill Conner and Paul Brooks.

The 4-H and FFA: A. A. Jones, chairman; Roy Parks, Frank Cowden, Jr., Harlan Howell, Hubert Martin, J. R. Cuffman, Paul Barron, T. E. Bizzell, Guy Cowden, Walter Anguish and E. D. Williams.

Committees listed:

Rodeo: Clarence Scharbauer, Jr., chairman; Harry Murray, George Glass, Homer Epley, Marion Flynt, Leonard Proctor, John Dublin, T. Paul Barron and Frank Cowden, Jr. County fair: Buck Green, chairman; J. T. Baker, L. T. Sledge, Barney Barnard, E. H. Barron, John W. Elliott, Mrs. Nettie B. Messick and A. G. Bohannan.

Garden: Mrs. A. P. Shirey, chairman; Mrs. J. C. Smith, Mrs. M. S. Dickerson, Mrs. Neta Stovall and Mrs. J. D. Dillard.

Industrial expansion: John P. Butler, chairman; R. L. Wood, Barney Greathouse, Jack Wilkinson, Johnnie Starr, Jim White, Jack Wicker, Barney Grafs, Winston Hull, Charlie Ervin, John Hughes.

**Crane High Seniors Present Three Plays**

CRANE — The Crane High seniors gave an afternoon and evening performance of three one-act plays to capacity crowds Tuesday in the auditorium.

The cast for "Ladies Alone" was: Joanne Randel, Barbara Mason, and Marilyn Lowe. "If Men Played Cards" featured Tipton Murrell, Frank Waller, Merwin McCully, and Gene Miller.

The "The How to Propose" cast included: Bobby Dale Allen, Bill Kelton, Clorene Watts, Alvin Whaley, Maxine Omo, Tip Murrell, C. M. Coker, June Crowover, Merwin McCully, Charles Mathis, Doris Collins, Eleanor Rush, Billy Joe Dutton, and Vivian Craig.

Student directors were Kathrin Cantrell, and Jo Ann Earle. Mrs. Inez Keith Elmore, and Douglas Chrane are class sponsors.

Between act entertainment was under direction of Miss Len Lowe. Dixie Shaver sang "The Desert Song," and with Jamie Clark sang "The Best Things In Life." "You Do," and "I'm Looking Over A Four Leaf Clover," were sung by the girls sextette composed of: Coylene Pope, Jean Murray, Jane Clark, Fay Ellen Jourdan, Mary Lou Reynolds, and June Sherron.

John W. House, R. S. Brashers and Phil Yeckel.

Statistics and research: Winston Hull, chairman; Lewis Bartha, Joe Mims, Robert I. Dickey, W. I. Pratt, O. W. Hine and William Neely.

Trade relations: Tex Carleton, chairman; E. L. Stephens, H. A. Thomason and Paul Hicks.

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Tourist development: P. F. Bridgewater, chairman; Francis Weaver, C. E. Bissell, L. M. Freels, Ray Howard and Clint Myrick.

Inter-city relations: Bob Payne, chairman; Bill Barker, Paul McHargue, Harold Webb, L. W. Meador, Chester Shepard, W. H. Crenshaw, Jack Ellington, C. A. Churchill, W. W. Studdert, L. M. Freels, Ralph Geisler, James L. Daugherty, C. E. Bissell, Carl Wevat, Ted Thompson and T. Paul Barron.

Conventions and special celebrations: Don Johnson, chairman; A. C. Hefner, W. B. Harkrider, Howard Hodge, Ish McKnight, H. H. Lawson, Dr. Henry Schlichting, Irby Dyer, Charles Matthews and C. E. Bissell.

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Beautification and cultural projects: Mrs. Colysta Christian, chairman; Lotta Williams, Fannie Bess Taylor, Neta Stovall, Earline Christy and Bertie Boone.

Sports and recreation: Barnes Milam, chairman; Walter Anguish, H. H. Lawson, James T. Smith, Al Boring, I. B. Ridgeway, Harold Webb, George Glass, the Rev. Matthew Lynn, Ted Thompson, Roy McKee, R. W. Hamilton and Dr. Homer Johnson.

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Housing: John Perkins, chairman; Paul McHargue, Barney Grafs, Charles R. Ervin, Guy Breneman, Richard Brooks, Houston Hill, Felix Stonehocker, Douglas Nix, Frank Essex, J. C. Veivin and Hank Avery.

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Carpenter's Union 1428 had 68 members in Midland in 1937.

Ed Doster, 50, Midland resident for 28 years, died February 16, 1942.

The annual Lions Club carnivals began in 1938.

A Midland Flying Club was organized in 1939.

John M. Morelan, 70, resident of Midland 21 years, died Aug. 3, 1941.

Antelope and prairie chicken were plentiful at Midland in 1888.

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### Johnson's Choice For Oscar Awards

Erskine Johnson, NEA's noted Hollywood columnist, sticks his neck out by stating his choice for the 1947 Oscar awards for movie-dom's top efforts in 1947. As Best Picture of the year, he picks Twentieth Century-Fox's "Gentleman's Agreement." For their work in this film, he names three Oscar-deserving personalities: Gregory Peck, as Best Actor; Celeste Holm as Best Supporting Actress and Ella Moran as Best Director. Johnson's choice for Best Actress of 1947 is Rosalind Russell for her role in "Mourning Becomes Electra." He thinks Edmund Gwenn, as Santa Claus in "Miracle on 34th Street," turned in the best job as a supporting actor.



Dorothy McGuire, Dean Jagger and Gregory Peck, right, in a poignant scene from "Gentleman's Agreement."



Rosalind Russell



Edmund Gwenn



Celeste Holm

### Pioneer Physician Devotes Time To Hospital Program

A practicing physician in Midland since 1906, Dr. John B. Thomas has witnessed many interesting and thrilling incidents, but his most thrilling experience occurred about 10 days ago when he lifted the first shovel of soil from the site of the proposed Midland Memorial Hospital as ground was broken for the institution.

It was a dream come true for Doctor Thomas who has labored long and hard for a big modern hospital to care for the needs of the growing community. He has been president of the Midland Memorial Foundation since its founding.

Doctor Thomas graduated from the University of Texas Medical College in 1902 and after interning in Galveston for a year, returned to his native city of Abilene to practice. But the urge to move West brought him to Midland in 1906, and he has remained here. He was married to Miss Read Hurt in Big Spring in 1908.

Two or three other doctors were practicing here when Doctor Thomas arrived to establish an office in the one-story Curtis Building where the Scharbauer Hotel now stands. He later moved to an office over the City Drug Store, and in 1919 moved to an office in the Llano Hotel.

Erected Large Building  
In 1927, Doctor Thomas let a contract for the building of the six-story Leggett Building (now the Leggett Building) which was Midland's first multi-storied office building. Every foot of space was

rented from the blue prints, Doctor Thomas recalled. He retained the two top floors for hospital purposes. It is said the Thomas Building had much to do with attracting the first oil companies to Midland to establish offices. The oil industry was then looking to West Texas as a source of crude oil production, and company representatives were searching for a city which could provide office facilities. The building was opened January 1, 1928.

Doctor Thomas sold the building to Dr. L. Waldo Leggett in 1946.

The doctor was attempting to retire from active practice when World War II came along, and he was called back into service to meet an acute doctor shortage. He now has more or less retired and is devoting most of his time to the Midland Memorial Hospital.

Traveled In Buggy  
In the early days, Doctor Thomas traveled over West Texas and Southeast New Mexico on horseback and in a buggy, administering to the sick. He recalls he purchased his first automobile, a Mitchell roadster, in 1907, but he seldom took it outside the city.

He always has done a general practice, mostly surgery, and in 1919 was awarded a fellowship in the American College of Surgery. Through the years he has made numerous trips to the North and East to study and to keep abreast of developments in medicine.

Doctor Thomas has been a part of Midland's rapid growth and development, and he is proud he chose Midland as a place to hang out his shingle back in 1906.

Fred Wemple of Midland was president of the Texas Good Roads Association in 1942.

### Triplets Hold Triplets



Four and a half years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Walker, of Syracuse, N. Y., had triplets. Recently Mrs. Walker gave birth to another threesome. Above, the older triplets, Patricia, Paul and Peter, hold the new triplets, Margaret Ann, Martin Stewart and Mary Cecilia. The Walkers also have three older sons.

### 'Little Man' Biggest Man In Stocks, Bonds

NEW YORK—(AP)—What kind of people trade in stocks and bonds? Well, one of the largest brokerage houses in the world says it's the little man.

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Beane, which holds seats on 40 exchanges and has twice as many partners, says in its annual report that 41 per cent of its 150,000 customers have incomes under \$5,000 a

year, and 30 per cent between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

Farmers and housewives, artists and longshoremen, doctors and fishermen have accounts with the firm.

Wage earners make up 19 per cent of its customers and business executives 18 per cent.

The brokerage house's telephone bill in 1947 was nearly \$1,000,000.

It has offices in 93 American cities in 32 states and says 60,000,000 persons live within a five-cent phone call radius.

A lot more Americans took to trading in securities last year. Customers in 1946 numbered 46,000, compared with the 150,000 on the books in 1947.

Mrs. May Cauble, 57, resident of Midland for 36 years, died July 4, 1939.

### Sunray Personnel Changes Listed; West Texas Office In Midland Tower

TULSA, OKLA. — Reassignment of personnel in Sunray Oil Corporation's field offices at Midland, San Antonio and Wichita, Kansas, has been announced following the division into separate departments of the "exploration" and "land" departments of the company.

The shifts in personnel are announced jointly by Vice Presidents H. S. McClintock, head of land department, and Don O. Chappell, head of exploration department.

W. R. (Ray) Shively, former Sunray scout at Jackson, Miss., and more recently district scout at San Antonio, is being moved to Midland, as district landman for West Texas and New Mexico. Dewey Gibson is Sunray's permit man for West Texas. Sunray's West Texas field headquarters are being established in the new Midland Tower building at Midland, where the land, geological and production departments will have headquarters. The exploration department's Midland office will be in charge of E. A. McCullough, district geologist. John L. Norris and Clarence Symes, Jr., are geologists for Sunray at Midland.

Other Changes  
Marion J. Moore, who served as geologist under Chappell when the new Sunray vice president was Sunray's San Antonio Division geologist, has been named division geologist at San Antonio. Harold G. Picklesimer, Wilford L. Stapp, and Forrest McClain are San Antonio division geologists. Picklesimer and Stapp are oldtime Sunray exploration men. McClain has just joined the Sunray organization and was formerly geologist for the Union Producing Company, Beville, Texas. T. W. (Tom) Rich, formerly with the Texas Company, Corpus Christi, has joined Sunray as scout in the San Antonio division. Leroy C. Cockrell is district landman at San Antonio and Homer F. Deen, until recently in the company's general offices at Tulsa, has been transferred to San Antonio as landman.

In Wichita, S. A. Shannon will be district geologist in the exploration department. Fred S. Lillibridge and R. A. Shelley are geologists in this office. Claude C. Winchell is district landman at the combined Wichita offices.

There are no changes in personnel at Sunray's Shreveport, La., office where R. H. Alagood is district geologist, and J. E. Tyson is geologist, or at Oklahoma City where A. M. Wright is district landman.

### Intramurals Occupy Many At Schools

Hundreds of Midlanders participate in the various intramural programs of the schools.

The high school students have their program included in physical education. There are regular PE classes at this school and the activities are varied. Special instructors, men and women, are in charge. John M. Cowden Junior High has an interesting intramural program for both literary and sports events. The object of the program at this school is: "to motivate the program so that every child in the school will have some part in the contests." The program is the talk of the school, Principal Gabe Massey reports.

Junior High activities include: football, girls kickball, horseshoes, music memory, poster contests, basketball, home room chorus, art appreciation, literary events such as ready writers, extemporaneous speech, debate, declamation, spelling, etc., arithmetic, track and field and playground ball.

Place For All  
The steering committee which directs these sports and literary events is composed of: Massey, Mrs. Opal Shaw, Wilson Blurton and Miss Etouise Williamson.

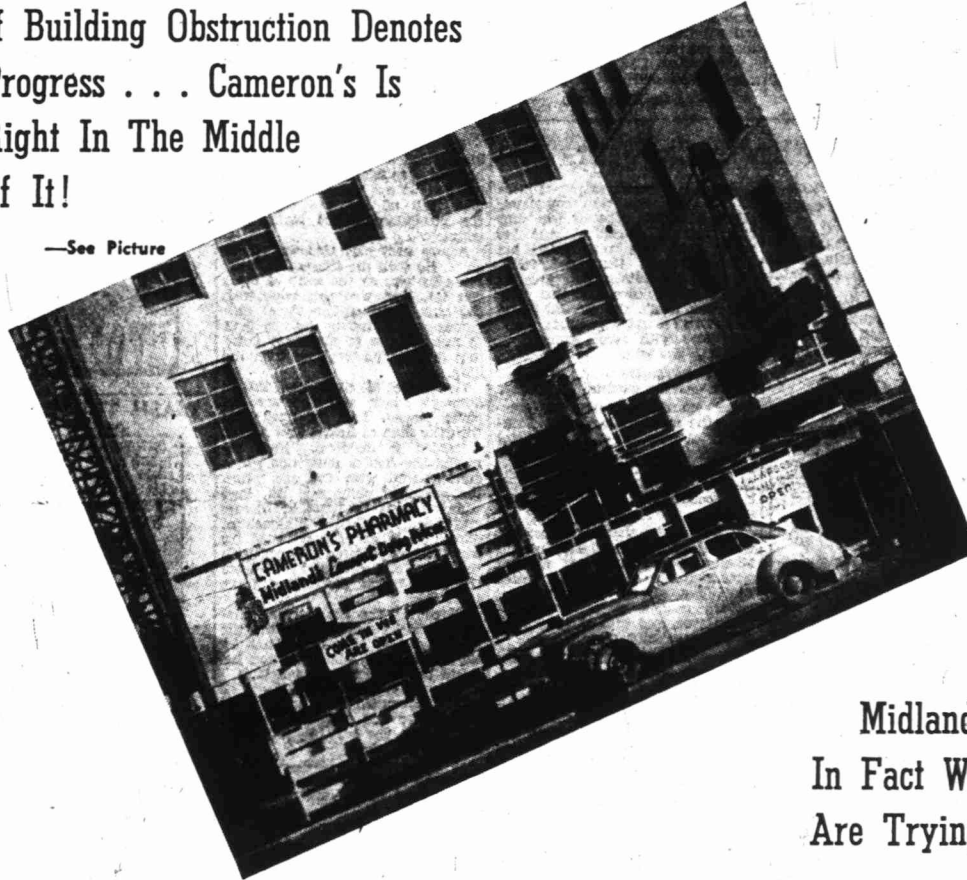
The intramural program for the elementary schools—West, North and South—is an integral part of the total educational process. "There is a place for each and every competitor," says Wesley Martin, one of the founders.

The elementary schools compete in: extemporaneous speech, declamation, spelling, mathematics, ready writers, music, art, rhythm band, story telling, flag football, kickball, volleyball, track and field, softball, and other athletics.

Elementary directors include Teachers Norris, Aldridge, Stuart, Rutherford, Hanks, Webb and Martin.

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# AS LONG AS I LIVE

By Ione Sandberg Shriver  
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THE STORY: Terror-stricken Ann Bancroft is convinced someone in her own household is trying to murder her and make it appear an accident. The household includes her husband Rinda, a biologist; Gay, Rinda's attractive young lab assistant; Laurie, Ann's headstrong 19-year-old sister; Tommy, Laurie's fiance; and Rinda, Ann's old friend and houseguest. Ann has just narrowly escaped a mysterious fire from the gas fireplace in her room during the night, thanks to Rinda. Next day she tries to get Rinda to tell her about it. But Rinda hedges.

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"I WONDER what woke you up," Ann said, desperately casual. "It's usually so quiet out here in the country. Except for the crickets."

Rinda took off her gloves, opened her purse and got out cigarettes. She lit one, inhaled slowly, deliberately.

She's stalling! Ann thought, frantically. She wants to tell me and she doesn't want to. She's all mixed up. I've got to steer her—

"Oh, probably nothing at all," Rinda said. "Maybe a night bird. If I hadn't got so wide awake I wouldn't have even thought about it. And then, of course, when I heard—"

She stopped abruptly, her words hung in mid-air.

"When you heard...?" Ann said gently.

"Ann, look, darling, I didn't hear anything. Really." She looked at Ann earnestly. "Not a thing that amounted to anything."

"Don't you think," Ann said, still in the same gentle voice, "that you might let me be the judge of that?"

Rinda looked totally bewildered. "Judge?" she said.

Ann took a deep breath.

"Look, Rinda, you may think I'm having mental aberrations, if

you want to. You've known me for a long time and better, perhaps, than anyone except Rush.

She stopped, quite suddenly. The words were there, on the tip of her tongue, all of them; they'd formed sentences of their own without her volition. Do you think I'm a fool? they cried; do you think I'm crazy enough to go to sleep with that fireplace on? Do you think I don't care whether I live or die?

Rinda leaned forward and patted Ann's knee. Her face was anxious. "Now don't get all excited," she said. "I'll tell you. In fact, if I didn't tell you it would worry me. Because I think you should know." Her words came fast now, as though what she had said was distasteful and she wanted to get them over. "I told you I couldn't sleep. I had a cigarette. It was late—after 1 o'clock—and I heard someone out in the hall. You'd said the maids didn't come home on Wednesday night and these sounds were—almost, furtive. At least they sounded like that."

"So I went to see who it was. Not that I'm brave—if he'd said 'boo' I'd've fainted." She tossed her cigarette over the railing; it fell onto the grass and lay there, smoldering, a thin spiral of smoke weaving skyward.

"If he had said 'boo'?" Rinda said reluctantly. "Tommy."

"Tommy?" Ann knew her face and voice were blank; she had to get better control of herself.

"It was Tommy and he was trying hard not to be heard. When I realized why—"

THE porch was quiet. The summer day dawned on Ann and Rinda waited for Ann to say something. So she said: "It's all right, Rinda. You haven't told me anything I don't know. Rush and I have worried about Tommy's drinking ever since he came here."

Rinda looked relieved. "We keep telling ourselves that it's a phase—readjustment—that his nerves are shot—"

"Social drinking is one thing," Rinda said slowly. "But there's something so sort of—well, menacing—about sneaking a bottle to your bedroom."

"There certainly is. And I feel so responsible for Laurie. As though I had to be her mother and father—her whole family, all rolled into one. I am her guardian." She sighed. "It becomes a heavier responsibility every day. And then there's the will."

Rinda waited for Ann to go on. "Laurie was 14 when Dad died. I was almost 24. Dad realized how different we were. It's odd that sisters, brought up in the same family, with the same surroundings and background, the same parents, can be so different, isn't it?"

"Odd maybe but certainly not unheard of. You do look alike."

Ann moved impatiently. "I don't mean looks. I mean mannerisms. Habits. I'm neat—Laurie's careless—"

"Well, the way things are set up Laurie comes into some money when she's 21 but not the bulk of it until she's 30—unless she marries."

"Which she will. Well, what's so difficult about that?"

"Nothing if that were all. But there's a catch to it. If Laurie decides to marry someone of whom I disapprove I can control her money until she's 30."

Rinda was aghast. "That—why, Ann, that's mid-Victorian! You wouldn't—"

Ann said slowly, "Rinda, I didn't think I'd ever lift a finger to interfere with Laurie's happiness. Rush and I talked about it a lot and we were in complete accord about the will's being silly."

"And then Laurie decided to marry Tommy."

(To Be Continued)

## McKenney on Bridge

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY  
America's Card Authority  
(Written for NEA Service)

At the beginning of the year I gave you a list of safety plays. Today's hand embodies one.

In regard to the bidding, I am sure that even though West was vulnerable many good players would prefer to make a pre-emptive bid of three spades with that hand. Three spades would go down one trick, but it might keep North and South from getting to a contract of four hearts.

However, the bidding shown was the way it occurred when I saw the hand played by Maynard Adams of Chicago, a contestant in Chicago this week.

Adams (South) won the opening lead of the king of spades with his ace. Now he did not make the mistake of going over to dummy to take the heart finesse. When

♠ 95	♥ 713	♦ A42	♣ A42
♠ 832	♥ KQ109	♦ 78	♣ 78
♠ 874	♥ J1098	♦ 653	♣ K42
Dealer			
Adams			
♠ A	♥ A Q 5 4 2	♦ K J 7	♣ 10 9 3
Tournament—E-W vul.			
South	West	North	East
1♥	1♠	2♣	Pass
2♦	2♠	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening—♠ K      28			

you have five to the ace-queen opposite three small, you should not take a first-round finesse. Adams wasted no time in laying down the ace of hearts, and he caught the blank king.

The point is that missing the king-jack-ten-nine, it is pretty hard to keep from losing two tricks, but you do not want to lose three. The lead of the ace eliminates the possibility of the blank king winning.

Adams next play was the ten of clubs. He took the finesse, East refused to win, so the nine of clubs was led. East won this trick with the king, returned the six of diamonds and as Adams did not want to lose his ace of diamonds entry into dummy, he went up with the king.

The three of clubs was led to dummy's jack and the ace of clubs played. East trumped this with the nine of hearts and Adams discarded a diamond. East returned the five of diamonds which dummy won with the ace. Now the queen of clubs was led. East trumped with the ten of hearts and Adams discarded his jack of diamonds. When East returned his last diamond, Adams trumped with the deuce of hearts and laid down the heart queen, picking up East's jack.

Of course, the twelfth and thirteenth tricks were won with the four and five of hearts. Thus by the safety play Adams limited his losses to two hearts and a club.

It is estimated that corn plants diffuse two and one-half tons of water into the air in producing a bushel of corn.

Sewage from more than 12,000 persons pours into the Great Lakes.

## Milady's Pocketbook Is Made An Open Book

CHICAGO (AP)—A girl reporter asked five women what they carried in their purses.

She and they were surprised. The first pocketbook yielded 13 items, including a half pound of bacon, a rabbit's foot and a recipe for fried bananas.

The champion's contained 32 items—two sticks of gum, a comb, a pack of cigarettes, rope, mirror, four books of matches, a mascara case, two lipsticks, an eyebrow tweezer, rosary beads, wallet, an emery board, two bills, a pair of earrings, an ornamental pin, a loose quarter, two pencils, five hairpins, a railroad ticket and a cosmetic case.

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## OUR BOARDING HOUSE with MAJOR HOOPLE OUT OUR WAY —By J. R. WILLIAMS

I'M FRYIN A FEW POTATO PAN-CAKES FOR BREAKFAST, MAJOR! —DO YOU LIKE ONIONS MIXED UP WITH 'EM? —ALL I TAKE IS A SLUG OF JAVA— I JUST MADE A POT OF IT STRONG ENOUGH TO DISSOLVE YOUR UPPER PLATE!

MY WORD, SNUFFY! THAT AROMA IS MOST UNAPPETIZING—ARE YOU SCORCHING THE FOOD? —LET ME SHOW YOU HOW TO FIX EGGS MOGADORE WITH A DROP OF SHERRY!

OKAY, MAJOR, BUT WE HAVE NO EGGS AND NO SHERRY!



SAY, YOU GIT OVER HERE AN' GIT THIS ONE! DON'T BE TRYIN' TO MAKE TH' BROOM REACH OUT AN' GIT IT—YOU GOT THAT BROOM SO IT ONLY SWEEPS IN TH' CORNERS NOW!

THE WORRY WART



## VIC FLINT —By MICHAEL O'MALLEY and RALPH LANE

Kids step in where angels fear to tread, and Tacky Thomas walked right into a lover's spat.

MY NAME IS TACKY AND IF YOU'LL JUST LET ME SHOW HER HOW TO BOWL, MISTER, YOU WON'T BE MAD AT HER ANY MORE.

OKAY, TACKY, GO AHEAD AND TEACH ME. MY NAME IS KIP AND THIS IS EARL.

AND ANYTHING YOU CAN DO TO SQUARE ME WITH HER WILL BE THE NUTS.

TACKY, YOU MUSTN'T BUTT INTO OTHER PEOPLE'S AFFAIRS!

OH, DON'T STOP HIM! HE'S GOING TO TEACH ME TO BOWL AND FIX EVERYTHING UP.

AND IF IT'S SOMETHING TOO BIG FOR ME TO FIX UP, VIC FLINT CAN DO IT!



## WASH TUBBS —By LESLIE TURNER

BUT, EASY, THERE IS NO STAIR TO THE CELLAR! WE'VE LOOKED EVERY PLACE!

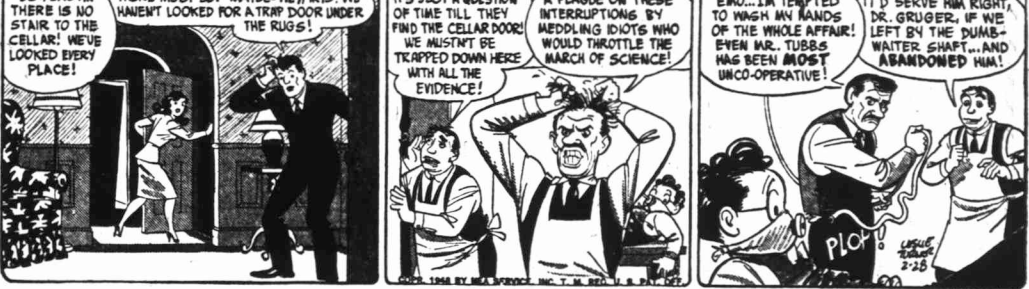
THERE MUST BE! HAVEN'T YOU LOOKED FOR A TRIP DOOR UNDER THE RUGS!

IT'S JUST A QUESTION OF TIME TILL THEY FIND THE CELLAR DOOR! WE MUSTN'T BE TRAPPED DOWN HERE WITH ALL THE EVIDENCE!

A PLAGUE ON THESE INTERRUPTING BY MIDDLING IDIOTS WHO WOULD THROTTLE THE MARCH OF SCIENCE!

EMO... I'M TEMPTED TO WASH MY HANDS OF THE WHOLE AFFAIR! EVEN MR. TUBBS HAS BEEN MOST UNCO-OPERATIVE!

IT'D SERVE HIM RIGHT, DR. GRUGER, IF WE LEFT IN THE DUMB-WATER, SHIRT, AND ABANDONED HIM!



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## RED RYDER —By FRED HARMAN

OH! MY APPLE CORE HIT JONAS CRABROCK? RUN!

I'LL TEACH YOU TO THROW THINGS AT ME!

TAKE YOUR DIRTY HANDS OFF MY DAUGHTER, CRABROCK!



## ALLEY OOP —By V. T. HAMLIN

THIS GUY COULD BE TRYING TO SELL ME A BILL OF GOODS, BUT IF THAT IS THE MAGIC LAMP I'VE JUST GOT TO HAVE IT!

HERE, LET ME SEE THAT!

OH NO! I COULDN'T LET IT OUT OF MY HAND!

OH YOU LOP-EARED DREIP, LET ME SEE THAT LAMP!

GENIE! OH, GENIE! HELP!

I AM THE SLAVE OF THE LAMP! ON MASTER, WHAT IS IT YOU DESIRE?



## BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES —By EDGAR MARTIN

NOT BAD! NOT BAD!

GEE, PELLAS—THAT'S A SUPER SIGN, BUT WHERE'D YOU GET IT? HOW'D YOU PAY FOR IT?

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## Took War To Show How To Can Water

NEW YORK (AP)—It took a war to produce a good can of water.

The long-standing problems in canning water were taste, metal salts that might make the water hazy, rusting when a can had been partly used, and freezing.

Freezing was a double headache. Water expands when it freezes, and the ice might rupture the can.

Animal Antics



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## Animal Antics

Secondly, water might supercool if the can was completely still. A hollow cake of ice may form around a central core of water that gets very cold but doesn't freeze. Continued freezing from the outside puts pressure on the watery core, and this pressure can break the ice. A jet of supercooled water squirts out, sometimes with force enough to puncture the can.

The wartime demand for canned water spurred research to overcome the problems, says the Technology Review of M. I. T. Some beer cans, lacquered and coated on the inside with a special wax, were used for canning water, and a special rectangular can also was designed.

It was found that cans rust less when the water is slightly on the alkaline side. But most alkaline waters have unpleasant tastes. Finally a spring was found that yielded enough water of acceptable flavor, and with the right degree of alkalinity.

To avoid freezing rupture, the cans were not entirely filled. Rupture due to the supercooled jet must have occurred rarely. Almost 4,000,000 cans of water were packed for the armed forces, but virtually no reports of ruptured cans were received.

The canned water was found to be completely acceptable as late as two years after packing.

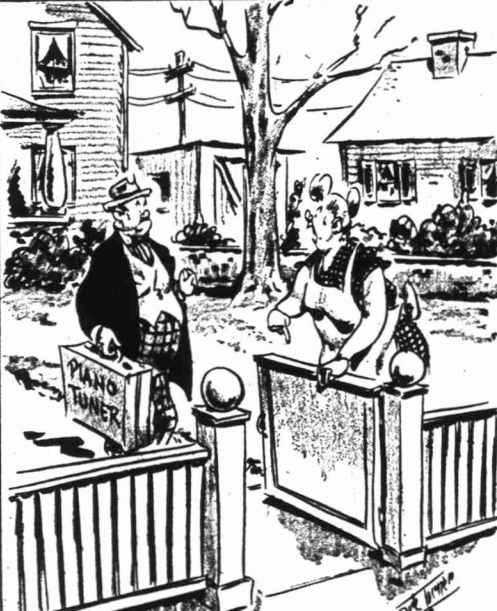
Sewage from more than 12,000 persons pours into the Great Lakes.

## SIDE GLANCES



"Yes, it is large, madam—but in these days of inflation, isn't it a comfort to know you can get that much hat for your money!"

## CARNIVAL —By DICK TURNER



"Now I'd like to have you listen to the gate!"

## FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS —By MERRILL BLOUSER

—SO NOW WE'RE AFRAID OF SABOTAGE, CHIEF?

WE WANT THE BEAN GUARDED 24 HOURS A DAY!

—DO DO ALMOST ANYTHING FOR THE TEAM BOYS, BUT YOU'D HAVE TO GET AN ORDER FROM THE MAYOR!

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TELL THE BOYS THE COUNCIL HAS COMPLETE FAITH IN THE GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP OF OUR NEIGHBORING CITY!

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### Noted Midland Quartet



Members of the Midland Men's Chorus who are making a name for themselves as entertainers are (left to right) W. W. Williams, Sam Swanson, Duke Jimerson and Everitt Miles, a quartet which will be presented in "Spring Prevue '48," annual Trinity Episcopal Style Show in the Yucca Theater Wednesday night. The Men's Chorus, under the direction of Duke Jimerson, was organized two months ago and now boasts more than 30 trained voices. The quartet members have had experience in boys' choruses, city and church choirs and in minstrel shows.

### College Publication Has Feature Story On Midland Student

ABILENE — Leroy Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hall, 511 South Main Street, Midland, and senior student at Hardin-Simmons University, was paid homage recently in the H-SU Brand, student newspaper.

In a feature story written by Wayland Yates of Abilene, the senior cheer leader of the University was quoted as follows: "No, I don't like studying. It interferes too much with my education." Leroy Hall, senior from Midland, expressed his sentiments on that subject and then went on to enumerate the things he does like. "And from the list of things that he is participating in or has taken part in, Leroy couldn't have much time left for studying anyway. Here's how he spends his time.

**Varied Activities**  
"In addition to being head cheer leader on the Cowboy campus, Hall is a member of the golf club, Beta Mu Kappa, the BSU council, the Coghlands (dining room attendants), and acts as vice president of two other organizations—the Ferguson Hall council and the Midland club.

"A 1945 graduate of Midland High school, Leroy enrolled in Hardin-Simmons the same summer and has since established himself as a formidable contender in intramural contests. He has been a member of the Rustlers football team which won the intramural championship for the last two seasons, and was a member of the doubles team which won the intramural badminton crown last year. His freshman year found him on the winning doubles

### Midland Scouts And Scouters At Ranch In Davis Mountains

Twenty-three members of Explorer Scout Post 85, sponsored by the Midland Lions Club, left Friday afternoon for the Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch in the Davis Mountains. They will return Sunday afternoon.

Transportation was provided by Lions Club members. Adults making the trip include Mr. and Mrs. James L. Daugherty, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Barnard, B. H. Spaw, John Livingston and Ralph Smith, leader.

Scouts on the outing are Oscar Cooper, Bob Johnston, Robert Price, Herman Hankla, John Morrow, Don Morrow, Bill Velvin, Don Hamblett, Frank Shepard, Fred McMurry, Maurice Cox, Richard Clarke, Jimmy Coker, Ed Prichard, Arnold Drake, P. D. Smith, W. L. Thompson, Duane Fritz, Frank Ashby, Eugene Hejl, John Klingler, Bill Gilmore and Max Allen.

team in the tennis championship playoff.  
"In 1946-47, the sports enthusiast was sports editor of the Bronco (student yearbook) and the previous year was assistant sports editor of both the Bronco and the H-SU Brand. He was a member of the Science and Press clubs at that time.

"A mathematics major, Leroy is minoring in English and psychology. He is undecided as to what he will do following graduation next August, but thinks he might return to the old home town for a while."

### Style Show-

(Continued from Page 1)  
ter of the DAR and formerly of Minneapolis, Minn., who attended the University of Iowa and the University of Minnesota where she was a member of Delta Gamma sorority; Mrs. Louis C. Ayres, hostess chairman of the Ladies' Golf Association, who moved here five years ago from Houston; Mrs. Duvall McClure, a resident here for seven years, who is a busy housekeeper of an attractive home; Mrs. R. E. Roark, a member of Play Readers Club, La Merienda Bridge Club, and Community Theater Play Selection Committee, who attended Hockaday College in Dallas and Colorado College in Colorado Springs where she was a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority; and Mrs. W. W. Walmesley, a graduate of Midland High School, who attended Southern Methodist University and the University of Texas where she was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority.

Models will represent the following Midland merchants: Grammer-Murphey, Charles A. Haynes Company, Everybody's, Dunlap's, Franklin's, United, Inc., J. C. Penney Company, Virtue's, Hattie's Hat Shoppe, Hughes Jewelry, Vosako's Jewelry, S&Q Men's Clothing, Fashion Salon Shoppe, City Florist, Buddy's Flowers, Midland Floral Company, "Mothers-To-Be" Shoppe, Foster's Beauty Shoppe, Moseley's Beauty Shoppe, American Beauty Shoppe, Scharbauer Beauty Shoppe, Barrow Furniture Company and Tallorfin.

**Male Quartet**  
Music will be presented by Jack Free and his orchestra of Abilene, with a male quartet as a special feature. The quartet includes four members of the Midland Men's Chorus, Duke Jimerson, W. W. Williams, Sam Swanson and Everitt Miles.

Augmenting the modeling of clothes fashions will be a special hair fashion scene, "Crowning Glory," featuring Elizabeth Ayles, Lorina Overby, Aylene Reynolds and Norma Jean Hubbard.

At the helm of "Spring Prevue '48" is Mrs. Payton Anderson, general chairman, assisted by Mrs. M. F. Turner, co-chairman, and Mrs. William L. Kerr, advisor. Other committees include: Mrs. Guy McMillan and Mrs. W. A. Yeager, entrance fees; Mrs. J. P. Ruckman, Mrs. Harvey Herd and Beverly Littlejohn, publicity; Mrs. R. L. Gates, Mrs. Ralph Keehn, Mrs. William Potts and Mrs. Robert Fitting, stage; Mrs. Paxton Howard and Mrs. William Pennabaker, script; Mrs. W. T. Hoy and Mrs. Lloyd Edwards, model committee; Mrs. R. W. Hamilton, Mrs. Dave Henderson, Mrs. Don Thompson and Mrs. Dan Hudson, advertising; Mrs. Ray Rhodes, music; Mrs. John Fitzgerald and Mrs. Robert Schmidt, tickets; Mrs. Robert Turpin and Mrs. Taylor Cole, poetry; Mrs. W. W. Studdert, ushers; and Mrs. W. A. Scheffer, treasurer.

**Ticket Sale Limited**  
Ticket sale is limited to 1,100. Information on tickets may be obtained from Mrs. John Fitzgerald or Mrs. Robert Schmidt, it was announced.

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Stuff wet shoes with soft paper or absorbent cloth to take up moisture.

### C. E. Nelson Joins Firm Of Mims And Stephens

C. E. Nelson has joined the insurance and real estate firm of Mims and Stephens as manager of its real estate department, it was announced Saturday. Nelson already has assumed his new duties. Nelson has been a Midland resident since 1942 when he was assigned to Midland Army Air Field. He was transferred from MAAF late in the war years, but returned to Midland to make his home when he received his Army discharge. He is active in civic affairs and is secretary-treasurer of the Midland Lions Club.

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### Mrs. Proctor Receives 'Midland Story' From Washington Clubwoman

Mrs. Foy Proctor of Midland Friday received a letter from Mrs. John L. Whitehurst, extension secretary, Foreign and Territorial Clubs, General Federation of Women's Clubs, Washington, D. C., in which was enclosed a page from last Sunday's Baltimore Sun on which appeared a feature story on Midland.

Mrs. Whitehurst and Mrs. Proctor have been friends several years, and the Washington clubwoman said she planned to visit Mrs. Proctor later this year. Mrs. Whitehurst is a past president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

### Many Midlanders See Garden City 4-H Show

One of the largest groups of Midlanders ever to attend a livestock event at Garden City saw the annual Glasscock County 4-H Club Show Friday, and many of the Midland County visitors were high buyers in the sale of show animals.

Among those going from here were E. D. Richardson, Bob Payne, Lin-

ton Brunson, Harvey Conger, Bill Barker, W. W. Perciful, Ed Darnell, Paul McHargue, Smilo Mallison, M. G. McConal, Hubert Martin, L. T. Sledge, Roy Holloway, Delbert Downing, A. B. Cole, Paul Jones, Leslie Floyd, Fred Promhold, Glenn McRahan, H. L. Hoover and Jake Cole.

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Songs—Ronald Haag

- PROGRAM**
1. Skit: Modes of Dress—Hellen Golladay, Sara Cameron, Ann Ashby, Joann and Ann Fitzgerald.
  2. 7 O'clock: "Early Risers."
  3. Reading: "Fashions"—Betty Lou Parr.
  4. 9 O'clock: "Readin', Writin' and Rithmetic."
  5. Buck Tap Dance — Marga Smith, Marlon Sevier, Mary Ann Wilson.
  6. 11 O'clock: "Easter Parade" Reader—Helen Zant.
  7. "Fashions of East and West"—Andrea Bea Cole.
  8. 4 O'clock: Play Time.
  9. Tap Dance—Sandra Elliott, Paula Crites, Patricia Stafford, Kay McCoy, Paula Smith.
  10. 7 O'clock: "Society Buds."
  11. Solo Dance—Ardis Joy Griffin.
  12. "Good Night Ladies."



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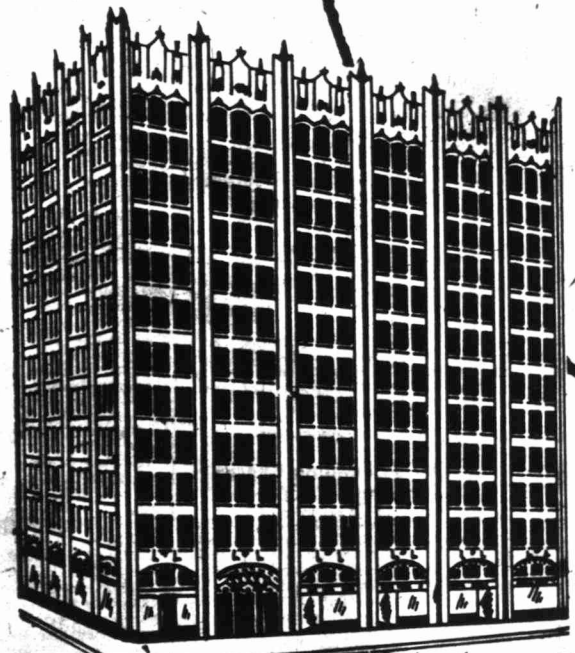
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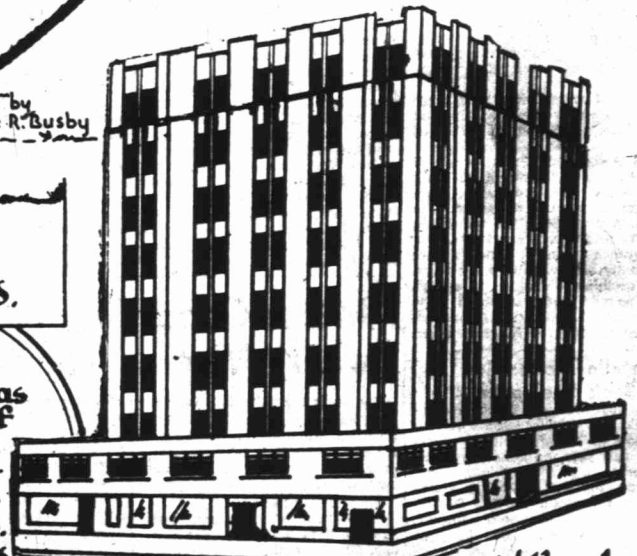


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