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**Selected Quotation**  
Similar opportunities will  
make a hero of one man  
and a fool of another.

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## F. Berkeley of Alpine is Out for Senator of 29th

Times is authorized to  
the name of Benjamin F.  
Alpine in its announce-  
ment this week as a can-  
didate for State Senator for  
the 29th Senatorial district. The fol-  
lowing is Mr. Berkeley's statement  
regarding his candidacy:

On January 1, 1936, the press  
of Paso carried a statement  
in which I would be a can-  
didate for the State Senate from  
the 29th Senatorial District in the  
coming Democratic primary  
election.

My decision was reached after  
I received encouragement from  
many of the voters in many of the  
towns comprising the 29th dis-  
trict. The larger number of these  
are from the plain people, wage  
workers, mechanics, tradesmen  
and ranchmen who are vitally  
interested in securing representa-  
tion at Austin, known to be inde-  
pendent and responsive to the  
welfare of the masses.

I seem to think my Legislative  
experience, forty years residence  
in the district and a thorough  
knowledge of its resources, agri-  
culture, livestock raising, mining,  
etc., gives me a closer  
view of every reasonable need  
of the people.

I will give the closest examination  
of my official record while hold-  
ing your commission as State  
Senator from 1924 to 1932, and  
herewith a summary of the  
most noteworthy bills and ap-  
propriations sponsored and passed  
during my term of office. I deem  
it of vital importance to the  
district that you may determine  
my merit and pass judgment as  
to my value to our people and  
State as a whole.

My Texas Land Re-Appraisal  
Act.  
Permanent Machinery set up  
for Predatory Control.  
Appropriation for determining  
feasibility of Dam Site on the  
Rio River.

Appropriation to mark Texas-  
Mexico boundary.  
Creation of several new Districts  
in the oil producing terri-  
tory.

Public Calamity appropriation  
of \$100,000.00 for rehabilitation of  
oil and water system, Rock-  
ledge cyclone.

Complete reorganization of the  
Health department.  
Taking University lands in  
Texas for local purposes.  
Working for and voted for River  
Bill and Mineral Relinquish-  
ment Act.

With a background of 8 years  
relative experience and an un-  
blemished record for attendance  
during over seven and one-  
half years without missing a Sen-  
atorial call, I am by training and  
experience prepared to render the  
highest type of service to my  
district. Moreover, I am un-  
fettered by any alliance or entangle-  
ment with special interests or  
local cliques and while my finan-  
cial resources are limited, I am  
dependent in every other way  
I will devote my entire time  
and attention to the duties of the  
office at each and every session  
of the legislature.

I cheerfully respond to the call  
of service and will carry the  
weight of battle as the champion of  
the plain people absolutely free  
and unfettered. I shall be deeply  
grateful for your vote and assist-  
ance in this contest. If elected,  
I shall be best within my gift  
dedicated to the people of the  
District and all Texas.

**INVESTIGATOR HERE**  
Roy Aldwell, investigator  
of the Texas old age assistance  
commission of District 19, head-  
quarters in San Angelo, spent  
several days in Sanderson this  
week investigating records and  
interviewing applicants. Mr. Ald-  
well stated there were 31 appli-  
cants for assistance in Terrell  
county—23 in Sanderson and 8  
in Dryden.

**BAND GIVES CONCERT**  
Under the direction of J. E.  
Lemons, Jr., the high school band  
gave its annual concert last Fri-  
day evening at the high school  
auditorium, before a large and  
appreciative audience.

Feature of the concert was  
introduction of the senior  
members of the band. They  
were Bernard Kerr, Mary Fergu-  
son, Lloyd Gant, Lillian Halley  
Lemons and Lois Taylor.



## THIS WEEK IN Texas History

WEEK OF MAY 17

1835—The first step toward an  
independent organization in Tex-  
as was through committees of  
safety. The first committee of  
safety was appointed at Mina on  
May 17.

1845—On May 19 the govern-  
ment of Mexico agreed to recog-  
nize the independence of Texas  
on condition that Texas should  
remain an independent nation.

1846—General Taylor took pos-  
session of Matamoras on May 18.

1853—James Gadsden was ap-  
pointed on May 19 to make a new  
boundary treaty with Mexico.

1891—Rice Institute at Houston  
was chartered on May 19—Texas  
State College for Women (CIA).

## Man Sentenced From Here, 1931, Is Given Parole

Among the ten prisoners granted  
a general parole from the state  
penitentiary on Monday of this  
week, was Claude E. Elliott, who  
was sentenced from this place in  
July, 1931, to served ten years for  
robbery and assault with fire-  
arms.

Elliott was in jail here charged  
with theft of a car which he and  
a companion, Robert Wells, al-  
legedly stole from Seth Breeding in  
February, 1931. Later, on June 7,  
both escaped from jail after over-  
powering W. D. Hunter, deputy  
sheriff, taking his watch, 10 in  
cash, his car and pistol. They  
fled west, but were apprehended  
in Marathon. It was on this latter  
charge of robbery with firearms,  
that Elliott was tried at the July  
term of district court and, after a  
verdict of guilty, was sentenced  
to serve ten years in the peni-  
tentiary. He had served nearly  
five years when the parole was  
granted by the governor.

## FOR STATE SENATOR



Hon. Benjamin F. Berkeley, of  
Alpine, who this week asks the  
voters of Terrell county to con-  
sider his candidacy for State Sen-  
ator of the 29th Senatorial Dis-  
trict. Mr. Berkeley held this office  
from 1924 to 1932. Elsewhere is  
a statement from the candidate  
to which the attention of the vot-  
ers is called.

## GET GOOD RAINS

Mr. and Mrs. Van Casey were  
in town Tuesday from their ranch  
west of Longfellow. Mrs. Casey  
reported that a good shower fell  
on their range Sunday, and on  
Monday afternoon, due to heavy  
rains on the Rackley and Pearson  
ranch, parts of their pasture was  
flooded to a depth of 12 inches  
when creeks overflowed. Two  
tanks on their ranch were filled  
with water.

## VISIT CARLSBAD CAVERNS

Mrs. D. A. Pollard, accompa-  
nied by her son, Melven, Junior  
Lemons and Reuben Mussey, vis-  
ited to Carlsbad, N. M. Wednes-  
day, and visited the caverns, re-  
turning home that evening.



## Senior Class of '36

OF SANDERSON HIGH SCHOOL  
Diplomas and Awards of Merit were presented to this class  
of nineteen members, at impressive exercises held in the high  
school auditorium last evening, Thursday, May 21.



In the picture: Upper left: Dick Sullivan, class president; upper right: Miss Lorene Childers, sponsor; Upper row, left to right: Mary Ferguson, O. T. Schupbach, Elton Halley, Lillian Halley, Lloyd Gant, Florence Hurst; Second row: Junior Lemons, Bill Smith, Olivia Gutierrez, Vick Newton, Melven Pollard, Roy Deaton; Bottom row: Lois Taylor, Pete Deaton, Jesse Luxhausen, Anna Lee Allen, Bernard Kerr, Reuben Mussey.

## Eighteen Pupils of Seventh Grade Now Freshmen

Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock  
in the high school auditorium,  
promotion exercises were held for  
the students of the seventh grade  
who had made the required aver-  
ages in their courses. Next term  
these students will be freshmen  
in high school.

The program was opened by a  
selection by the high school band,  
and several selections were play-  
ed between the two-act play "The  
Date," which was presented by  
several members of the class.

Duane Smith, high school prin-  
cipal, presented the promotion  
certificates to the following stu-  
dents: David Allen, Roger Bas-  
sett, John Taylor Burdwell, Marie  
Bustamante, Hilario Carrasco, C.  
G. Carpenter, Malcolm Davis,  
Kenneth Litton, Robert Lochausen,  
Bobby Lee McCue, Reginald  
Monroe, Mary Bess Hardgrave,  
Lillian Harrell, Margaret Jane  
Higgins, Lupe Gutierrez, Cath-  
erine O'Connor, Margaret Mims,  
and Ethel Laura Nance.

Following the exercises at the  
school the members of the class  
went to the home of Mr. and Mrs.  
Clyde Higgins where they were  
entertained.

## Commercial Class Present the Final Chapel Program

The commercial department of  
the high school sponsored the last  
assembly program of the school  
year on Tuesday afternoon of last  
week. The program was in the  
nature of a radio broadcast from  
station SHS. Maxine Claffelter  
was the announcer.

Preliminary music was furnis-  
hed by Laurence Gutierrez. A dis-  
cussion was given on the subject  
of bookkeeping by Lillian Halley,  
Elizabeth Brown and Lois Taylor  
discussed the typewriter course,  
A play, "The Potter Pancake Co.,"  
a one-act comedy of office life,  
was presented by four members  
of the first-year typing course—  
Pat Harris, Adair Edmiston, Pat  
Sullivan and Emma Fay Harris.

## Exercises Held For Senior Class Sunday Morning

Sunday morning at 11 o'clock  
the commencement sermon for  
the 1936 graduating class of San-  
derson high school, was delivered  
in the high school auditorium.

Following the processional by  
Mrs. Sims Wilkinson, the Rev.  
Philip Brown, pastor of the San-  
derson Baptist church, gave the  
invocation, followed by the hymn  
"Come, Thou Almighty King," by  
the community choir. Dr. J. V.  
McCall, pastor of the Presbyter-  
ian church, gave the scripture  
reading from the 28th chapter of  
Job.

Next was an instrumental quar-  
tet, "Annie Laurie," by Junior  
Lemons, Joe Kerr, Marion King,  
and Mildred Underwood, followed  
by a selection "The Old Refrain,"  
sung by members of the choral  
club of the high school.

Rev. S. M. Mims, pastor of the  
Sanderson Methodist church, de-  
livered the sermon to the gradu-  
ates, taking for his subject "The  
Battle of 1836." Rev. Mims de-  
livered a very worthwhile and  
forceful sermon to the class along  
the Centennial theme, comparing  
the Battle of 1836, of the early  
Texas pioneers with what the  
battle of 1936 would be, arguing  
the members to carry on, and that  
there were yet many battles to be  
fought.

Following the hymn "Holy,  
Holy, Holy," by the community  
choir, benediction was pronoun-  
ced by Rev. J. V. McCall, and the  
recessional, played by Mrs. Wil-  
kinson closed the program.

## COACH HERE SCOUTING

Pete Cawthorne, head coach at  
Texas Tech, was a visitor in San-  
derson Wednesday, and visited  
the Sanderson schools, and, in-  
cidentally interviewed some of the  
senior football stars. Those gradu-  
ating this year who made good  
records in high school football  
are "Dutch" Halley, Roy Deaton,  
Dick Sullivan, O. T. Schupbach,  
and Jesse Lochausen. It is rum-  
ored that Cawthorne made sev-  
eral of this group attractive offers  
to attend Tech next term. The  
Plains college, though one of the  
youngest in the state, has turned  
out teams each year second to  
none, that have made a record in  
inter-sectional play.

## Local Church in Drive to Clear Debt on Building

At a recent meeting of the Lay-  
men of the Sanderson Baptist  
church, the men voted to launch  
the "Prove Me Now" campaign in  
the church. This is a movement  
to enlist every member of the  
church in a movement to tithe  
their income for three months,  
beginning June 1 and running  
through August. The purpose of  
the campaign is to raise funds to  
apply on our church debt. A  
number of our men who have not  
been tithing have already sug-  
gested their desire to go into this  
campaign.

Next Sunday night the Laymen  
are to have a special service, at  
the church, in regard to this  
movement. The quartet will sing  
several songs, and some of the  
men will appear on the program.  
We are hoping that all of our peo-  
ple will be present at this pro-  
gram.

The Baptist meeting will begin  
the 24th of June. Rev. W. M. Tur-  
ner, Baptist pastor at Pecos, will  
do the preaching.

## Wife of W. Texas Oil Man is Buried In San Angelo

Funeral services were held in  
San Angelo Sunday afternoon at  
3:30, from the Methodist church,  
for Mrs. Annie Shockley Brooks  
Yates, 75, wife of Ira G. Yates,  
west Texas oil and cattle million-  
aire. Mrs. Yates died last Fri-  
day night at the Santa Rosa hos-  
pital in San Antonio, where she  
had been taken two weeks ago for  
an appendicitis operation, pneu-  
monia setting in and being the  
direct cause of her death.

She and Mr. Yates were mar-  
ried in Wilson county January  
26, 1883. The couple moved to  
San Angelo in April, 1884, and  
lived in or about San Angelo ever  
since. Because of Mr. Yates' health  
they moved to Westmore,  
near San Antonio, about seven  
years ago but still claimed San  
Angelo as their home.

A woman says a fox hide is ab-  
solutely waterproof. Maybe that  
is the reason foxes never carry  
umbrellas.—Punch.

## Oil Development For Terrell Will Start in Summer

## Contract Signed for Test on Sam Bell Tract in Southeastern Part of County

## Schools Close With Graduation Of Senior Class

Commencement exercises were  
held Thursday evening, May 21,  
for the nineteen members of the  
senior class of Sanderson high  
school, for the 1935-36 term.

The program opened with the  
processional "Victory Overture,"  
being played by the high school  
band, with Mrs. Sims Wilkinson  
at the piano. The invocation, by  
the Rev. Philip Brown, was fol-  
lowed by an instrumental quar-  
tet played by Mildred Under-  
wood, Joe Kerr, Marion King and  
J. E. King, Jr. The next number  
was a vocal quartet, "The World  
is Waiting for the Sunrise," by  
Misses Mary Arrington, Leitha  
Chaffin, Mrs. J. E. King, and D.  
L. Duke. A cornet solo, "The  
Holy City," was played by J. E.  
King, Jr.

Dr. H. W. Morelock, president  
of Sul Ross college, Alpine, de-  
livered an inspiring address to the  
class members, taking for his  
subject, "Culture Assets."

Superintendent R. D. Holt pre-  
sented the diplomas and awards  
to the seniors. Honor student of  
the group was Anna Lee Allen,  
brilliant daughter of Mr. and Mrs.  
R. N. Allen. Her average for the  
four years of high school was 94.6  
and she was awarded a scholar-  
ship in any college of her choice.

Lloyd Gant, son of Mr. and Mrs.  
R. M. Gant, with an average of  
90.1 during his high school career,  
won second honors, and also was  
awarded a scholarship.

Dick Sullivan, president of the  
senior class, presented the school,  
as a gift from the members, an  
eight-day regulator clock for the  
study hall and a scoreboard for  
athletic events of the school.

The program was brought to a  
close by the recessional, played  
by Mrs. Sims Wilkinson.

Members of the class who re-  
ceived their diplomas at this time  
were: Anna Lee Allen, Mary  
Ferguson, Lillian Ruth Halley,  
Florence Hurst, Dorothy Lois  
Taylor, Olivia Gutierrez, Cleve-  
land H. Deaton, Roy Lee Deaton,  
Lloyd Ray Gant, Elton P. Halley,  
Bernard Alois Kerr, William  
Henry Lemons, Jr., Jesse Herman  
Lochausen, Jr., Reuben B. Mus-  
sey, Jr., Lloyd Vick Newton, Mel-  
ven Gaines Pollard, O. T. Schup-  
bach, Jr., Billy Smith and Dick  
Lindsey Sullivan.

Similar opportunities will make  
a hero of one man and fool of  
another.

With every indication that by  
early summer Terrell county will  
have one of the greatest oil plays  
and perhaps a producing well was  
seen this week when Sam Bell,  
who ranches in the eastern part  
of the county, near Pumpville,  
leased 13,000 acres of land for  
oil development.

Obtaining the leases were the  
Ajax Drilling company and N. R.  
Grierson of Big Spring, and these  
already have had several geolo-  
gists to look over the land. On  
Wednesday of this week Howard  
L. Manly, well known geologist of  
Oklahoma City, arrived at the  
Bell ranch and will make the lo-  
cation for the well which will be  
spudded in as soon as drilling ma-  
chinery arrives which is now in  
transit. Mr. Manly has located  
several large wells in the vicinity  
of Oklahoma City, and in the oil  
fields of east Texas.

The terms of the lease made by  
Mr. Bell calls for the well to be  
drilled to a depth of 4,500 feet,  
operation to begin within the next  
thirty days, and the well to be  
completed to the required depth  
within ninety days after spudding  
in. On failure to complete con-  
tract the promoters will forfeit a  
cash security of \$10,500.

Evidently the news of the ac-  
tivity now in progress in Terrell  
county has spread, as the Royalty  
deeds are coming in for recorda-  
tion, that were made years ago.  
And the best part of it, there are  
to be several tests put down in  
the near future, covering three  
sections of the county. This will  
leave only the extreme southwest  
portion not under exploration at  
this time.

Renewals at \$7.50 per acre in a  
non-productive area certainly  
would indicate that the geologists  
have faith in our structures, com-  
paring favorably with all the larger  
west Texas fields.

A tentative agreement covering  
some 8000 acres joining the Skeel-  
ey block (the old Schauer ranch)  
was agreed upon the past week  
and abstracts ordered covering  
the acreage.

## SUNRISE BREAKFAST

The members of the Junior  
class motored to Big Hill early  
Thursday morning and enjoyed a  
sunrise breakfast and baseball  
game. Those who made the trip  
were Pat Harris, Pat Sullivan,  
Joe Kerr, Jack Bogusch, Howard  
Black, Bob Lea, Marion King,  
Homer Richardson, Albert Appel,  
James Allen, Dorothy Lewellen,  
Mary Beth Banner, Mildred Un-  
derwood, Isidoro Calzada, and  
Mesdames Maude Sullivan and  
S. H. Underwood.

Mrs. Harry Newton has return-  
ed from an extended visit in El  
Paso with friends and relatives.

## Here to Interest County in Securing Service of Home Demonstration Agent

Miss Kate Adele Hill, district  
home demonstration agent of the  
extension service of A. & M. col-  
lege, was in Sanderson Tuesday  
conferring with County Judge G.  
J. Henshaw and Mrs. Tol Murrah,  
president of the Sanderson Cul-  
ture Club, regarding the employ-  
ing of a county home demonstra-  
tion agent for Terrell county.

Of the forty counties in the dis-  
trict known as No. 6, of which  
Terrell county is part, seventeen  
counties employ home demon-  
stration agents, the extension ser-  
vice department paying a large  
part of their salaries, and the  
counties paying a small sum to-  
ward their salaries. Much good  
work is accomplished by these  
agents, all are well trained and  
qualified in every phase of home-  
making.

A home demonstration agent is  
a woman trained in home eco-  
nomics, supervised by the exten-  
sion service, who would work

with all women and girls in the  
county. American and Mexican,  
instructing them in all phases of  
homemaking education, such as  
clothing, food preparation, inter-  
ior home improvement, food pre-  
servation and yard improvement.

Miss Hill stated to the Times  
that should the county commis-  
sioners decide at their June meet-  
ing to employ a county agent, she  
would place in this county a  
woman well trained, and one fa-  
miliar with West Texas and its  
conditions, a native West Texan,  
speaking the Mexican language  
fluently. She will be employed  
for a year.

Miss Hill stated that if the  
county would contribute \$800 a  
year toward the salary of an  
agent that the extension depart-  
ment of A. & M. college would  
contribute \$1200 a year, and that  
the agent would stand all person-  
al expenses out of this salary, and  
there would be no other expenses.



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ADVERTISING RATE CARD ON APPLICATION

It Happened in Sanderson TEN YEARS AGO This Week—Remember??

(From Times, May 22, 1926) The pupils of Mrs. Clyde Mills were presented in a musical recital last Friday evening at the Presbyterian church.

Sanderson's second annual rodeo promises to go over the top with a bang, according to the promoters. Ed Downie and Grover King. Reduced rates of one and one-half fare have been given by the Southern Pacific lines on round trip tickets between San Antonio and El Paso, including Eagle Pass.

The Sanderson public schools were brought to a close Wednesday night, when commencement exercises were held. The following students graduated: Alfred Morgan, Roy Bogusch, Malone Mitchell, Hazel Winn, Margaret Haass, Ray Newton, Jack Banner, Mabel Harrell, Carrie Ivy, Annie Farley, Walter Grigsby and Kendrick Harrell.

The following young men have been accepted for the Citizens Military Training Camp which will be held at Fort Sam Houston in August: Jack Cavender, Joe J. Jansa, Jr., McDuffy Kessler, and Ernest E. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pennington were visitors in Alpine the first of the week with relatives and friends.

FRESH JERSEY COWS at all times. Guy Rachal, Fort Stockton.

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EASTBOUND

Table with 3 columns: Station, Sunset Limited, Argonaut. Rows include Lv. Sanderson, Ar. Del Rio, Ar. San Antonio, Ar. Houston, Ar. Beaumont, Ar. New Orleans.

WESTBOUND

Table with 3 columns: Station, Sunset Limited, Argonaut. Rows include Lv. Sanderson, Ar. Alpine, Ar. Marfa, Ar. Valentine, Ar. El Paso (MT), Ar. San Diego, Ar. Los Angeles, Ar. San Francisco.

Southern Pacific Texas Centennial Route

POLITICAL Announcements

Announcement Fees—In Advance District and State Offices \$15 County Offices \$10 Precinct Offices \$5

The Times is authorized to announce the following candidates for the office under which their names appear, subject to the action of the Democratic Primaries, July 25, 1936.

For State Senator, 29th District. H. L. Winfield, Ft. Stockton. BENJAMIN F. BERKLEY, of Alpine.

For Representative, 87th Legislative District: STANFORD PAYNE, Del Rio. (Re-election)

For County Judge: R. L. HENRY G. J. HENSHAW (Re-election)

For Sheriff, Tax Assessor-Collector: EUGENE McPARRAN LEE A. COOK (Re-election)

For County and District Clerk: D. L. DUKE (Re-election)

For County Treasurer: FRANK K. HARRELL (Re-election)

For County Attorney: A. E. CREIGH, Jr. (Re-election)

For Justice of Peace, Prec. No. 1: HARRY M. ROBINSON. CLARENCE JESSUP

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Taylor and son of Forney, Texas, Mrs. Howard McLarry and son of Leonard, Texas, Mrs. J. M. Schneider and Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Harris from Texarkana, Ark., arrived Wednesday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Gant and son, Lloyd Ray. They attended the commencement exercises held Thursday night at the high school auditorium.

PICTURE STORY OF "Sutter's Gold" First Installment

ILLUSTRATED WITH SCENES FROM THE UNIVERSAL PICTURE



1. BASEL, SWITZERLAND, 1831. John Sutter (Edward Arnold) is present in the town tavern when a man is secretly killed by a group of conspirators. Fearing that he will be suspected of the crime, he rushes home, takes leave of his wife and flees across the border, eventually making his way to New York.

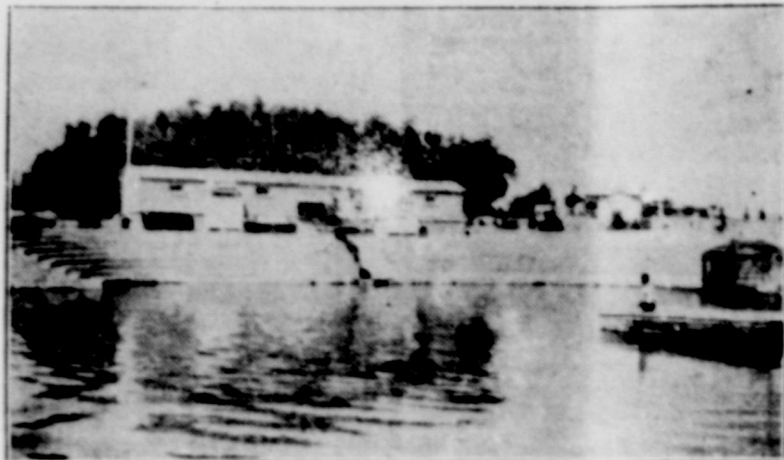
2. NEW YORK — A JOB — AND A FRIEND! Landing in New York and anxious for any kind of work, he innocently takes a job as a strike-breaker during a walk-out of the horse car drivers. Pete Perkin (Lee Tracy), an imbibing bystander, is induced to ride in the car as a passenger. 3. PLANS IN A HOSPITAL!

Rough handling by the strikers lands the bewildered Sutter and Perkin in the hospital where they become fast friends. Hearing of the glories of California and the free land available, they plan to journey there together to seek new fortunes.

4. WESTWARD HO! They join a wagon-train which, after months of tedious and dangerous travel across the continent, eventually lands them at Vancouver, B. C., Canada. The friendship between Sutter and Perkin on this long and adventurous journey becomes thoroughly cemented. They are told that the overland roads to California are blocked by icy mountains and frozen wastes.

5. TO THE SANDWICH ISLANDS! Because it is the only way they can get to California, Sutter and Perkin sail to the Sandwich Islands, where they plan to board another ship returning to California. They are greeted royally by King Kamehameha (Mitchell Lewis) and a group of natives.

Locale For Stockton's Centennial Fete



Fort Stockton.—Beautiful Comanche Spring, famous over a large portion of Texas because it provides the crystal clear water for Fort Stockton's free swimming pool, and also for the irrigation of 6,000 rich acres of land, will be the scene June 12, 13 and 14 of Fort Stockton's first annual Water Carnival and Centennial celebration.

Water sports, a bathing review with contestants from surrounding towns, band concerts, horse races, a golf tournament, dances, and swimming in the pool, will be the attractions by which Fort Stockton plans to interest and entertain thousands of visitors from the entire Trans-Pecos and other sections of Texas and the nation.

The finest high school bands in West Texas are expected for the second day of the big celebration —Saturday—to play in the largest massed concert in the history of this section.

Handsome trophies and awards totaling in excess of \$1,000 will go to winners of the swimming and diving events and to the winner of the Trans-Pecos bathing beauty review. A special comic feature will be the Lions Club Beauty Parade with the most spectacular array of masculine beauty of Fort Stockton entered. A complete program will provide amusement throughout the days and night of June 12, 13, and 14.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Breeding, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. O'Bryant, Jr., and Mrs. Mary Lou Kellar motored to Wickett, Texas, Sunday, and visited with Tom Breeding. They returned home by way of Barstow and Pecos.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Caraway visited here last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. O'Bryant, Sr., and from here for points in Louisiana for a summer visit with relatives. Mr. Caraway has been athletic coach at the Toyah high school this last term.

Mrs. Louie Hovgard and daughter, and little granddaughter, enroute to their home in Vaddo, N. M., visited here with Mrs. S. J. Kellogg last Sunday.

Misses Rosa Mae Clark and Bennie Mussey spent last Saturday in Del Rio shopping and visiting with relatives.

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Fireman H. J. Booth, who had been working out of Del Rio, has been assigned to a switch engine at El Paso.

Division Car Foreman M. L. Turbeville was here from San Antonio Wednesday.

Fireman J. F. Reininger, who had been in work train at Watkins, has been assigned to a run on freight out of here.

Fireman W. C. Cargile has been given a freight run out of here.

Fireman J. R. Goodykoontz made a messenger trip to Valentine Tuesday.

Boilermaker Chris List returned to San Antonio Monday.

Engineer H. Newton made a visit to El Paso this week.

T. S. Stewart, trainmaster, was here for a couple of days this week from El Paso.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. C. H. Arvin had as guests at her ranch home for several days this week Mesdames E. C. Murphy and D. M. Clowney who visited in Sanderson with Mrs. Max Bogusch and other friends. Mrs. Clowney will be remembered as Miss Leila Reeve, a former resident of Sanderson.

Mrs. Shirley Pack and Mrs. David Finch, enroute to their homes in El Paso from a visit with relatives in east Texas, visited in Sanderson for several days this week with Mrs. W. A. Banner.

Mrs. M. A. Dittmar of Corpus Christi visited here this week with her sister, Mrs. Jim Kerr, and attended the commencement exercises at the high school auditorium Thursday evening. Her nephew, Bernard Kerr, was one of the graduates.

Mrs. E. P. Halley has as a house guest this week, her sister, Mrs. E. M. Reeves, who attended the graduation exercises last night. Elton Halley and Lillian Halley, nephew and niece of Mrs. Reeves, were members of the graduation class.

Miss Mattie Newlin Monday in El Paso with relatives.

Charlie Gregory left Tuesday for Del Rio where he plans to remain all week and attend the fete that will be held in that city this week end.

Mrs. Etta Brown, who was recently transferred to the office of the Community Service Company at Pecos, left the week end here visiting friends.

Carlos Dunn of Fort Stockton spent last Saturday and Sunday here as the guest of Roy DeWitt and attended the baccalaureate sermon at the high school auditorium last Sunday morning.

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# The History of Terrell County

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An ancient map among the files of the Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C., with the date of 1851, gives the first authentic outline of the territory that Terrell County was later to be a part of. From this source of information it may be gleaned that the huge county of Bexar was divided half with Presidio as the western division. The only settlement in Presidio was that of Fort Davis.

History, however, does not begin with man-made maps, but back to time immemorial that intensive research from nature, legends, and marks upon the face of the earth has given man his meager store of knowledge of the first inhabitants.

### Indian Signs

These inhabitants to our knowledge were the North American Indians, the tribes of this territory the Comanches and Apaches. The Comanches, the first occupants of this section, did not live here, but used the country as a buffalo hunting ground in the Fall. They brought with them their squaws and families as attested by their peculiar mounds. When the hunting season was over they would go farther north again, to return the next season as before. The Comanche apparent success in the field of buffalo hunting began to draw the attention of the more war-like Apaches from the west, who found it profitable to raid just at the close of each hunting season for the useful buffalo hides. The Comanches under the banner of the bear, and the Apaches under that of the mountain lion, were in constant conflict as the interesting paintings at Myers Springs, thirteen miles northeast of what is now Dryden, Texas, tell us.

Myers Springs, a favorite hunting ground of the Indians, gave much to history, both from the Indians and white men, with its numerous well-preserved paintings and pictures of the early days.

### First White Men

The trail of the first white man passed through this territory when Cabeza de Vaca passed thru on his journey from the coast. An

interesting man in his own right was Vaca. Cast into this country from the sea, he escaped death at the hands of the Indians by posing as a white god, and was ever hunting a chance to escape. In 1529 his journey of escape passed through what is now northeast Terrell county.

It is believed that by 1796 a Spanish priest lived among the Indians of this section, as paintings at Myers Springs show a priest and a crude cross. The cross, however, is thought to pertain to the Indian sun god.

It was not until 1873 that any effort was made to drive out the Indians who, by their frequent raids east of the Pecos river, had made the country unsafe for habitation by white men. In 1873 General Bullis with a small detachment of men was given this difficult task, and from 1878 to 1881 he worked unceasingly gathering together the scattered bands and placing them on reservations. In 1881 he took his last band after a battle across Shafter's Crossing in Old Mexico, and returned with them to the fort he had erected at Myers Springs. General Bullis was amply rewarded by the Legislature in 1885 with grants of 13 and 26 sections of land in choice parts of Presidio.

### Coming of the Railroad

The drive against the Indians gave new life to commercial interests. The Southern Pacific Railroad was begun early in the campaign of General Bullis, but it was not until 1882 that it reached what is now Sanderson. Here at that time the railway construction engineer remarked that there would have to be a station at this point, and his name was the easiest he could think of.

With the completion of a round house in Sanderson in 1881, the first round-house foreman, Mr. C. P. Smith, with his fifteen-year-old bride came here. The is said to be the third woman in this country. Smith, with Charlie Wilson, the townsite owner, and Jim Reagan, the saloon man and prospector of Regan Canyon, which still bears his name, were the first permanent settlers of the early town of Sanderson, the center of range feuds and per-

sonal fights of the cattlemen who drove their herds through.

### Early Ranches

In 1882 Charles Downie settled twenty miles northwest of Sanderson and began building what was to become a 100,000-acre ranch. He was one of the first to fence and improve a permanent ranch.

The other cattlemen then began to follow his example. Of note were the TS through what is now the northeast portion of Terrell; the Dull interests, with R. W. Prosser as foreman, in the eastern part; the Health brothers, pioneer merchants from Bexar county, joining Dull on the south; R. C. Anderson, who laid claim to the northwest section; the 300-section Big Canyon ranch of N. H. Corder and R. E. Russell in the west; and the holdings of D. Hart in the south.

History has its amusing side, as well as its historical data, and nowhere will be found a more interesting character than the townsite owner, Charlie Wilson. Many are the humorous tales of this man. They are interesting as well as instructive, depicting well the times and conditions of that day.

Among those handed down was first the survey of the railroad land. The railroad found Charlie's saloon resting on their land. Wilson promptly surveyed his land over and found their railroad round house on his land. To keep Charlie from moving his saloon into the round house, they let the matter drop.

Another involves a wheelbarrow of coal owned by Charlie and kept in a large bin by the truck side into which the railroad company dumped a car of their coal. Charlie Wilson used this coal for several years, and when detected one day by the railroad, he replied in defense that he was still seeking to remove enough coal to secure his wheelbarrow of fuel from the bottom.

These are but two of the many tales told about Charlie Wilson and other old timers of that period. These tales should be a close rival to those of Judge Roy Bean and his Law West of the Pecos.

It is well now to go back to the ranchmen who gave the county its growth.

It was not long after that that Alexander Mitchell came to ranch from Crockett county, in 1887, and Joe Kerr came to Sanderson in 1891. Thus was the development gradually taking place when it was rumored that a new county was to be cut from Pecos county, only lately itself divided out of Presidio.

### Terrell County Organized

Hence it was that Terrell county was born to the State of Texas, United States of America, the 8th of April, 1895, two thousand seven hundred and seventy-six square miles of land, semi-arid climate, approximately one thousand five hundred to five thousand feet above sea level, mountains, hills, rocky and fertile by turns, and ideally and naturally adapted to the great livestock industry that it has supported through history.

Let us first look geographically at this large county, so that its historical significance may well be appreciated. Carved from territory that has known the government of six flags, and wandering bands of Indians. It was the last outpost of pioneers of the old West and men and women, good and bad, all contributed in their own way something that was to harbor for future generations, a background and backbone necessary to the survival and advancement of this county. On April 8, 1895, it was decreed that 2776 square miles was to be surveyed out of Pecos county, and was to be known as Terrell county, in honor of our illustrious judge and able legislator, Hon. Judge Terrell.

The new county had for its neighbors and boundary lines on the south the Rio Grande; on the east the Val Verde county line, on the north the counties of Pecos and Crockett, and on the west Pecos and Brewster counties.

The sweeping plains to the east grow gradually up into the hills and mountains of the west and north, to be watered by the Independence, Pecos, and Rio Grande rivers. The semi-arid climate is on a par with that of Egypt and the latitude on line with the southern part of California and northern part of Florida. There is rainfall sufficient to meet all needs, and the mild winters and moderate summers are very desirable.

### County Officers Chosen

Located in the mid-west portion of this county are found two towns, Sanderson and Dryden. These towns, both on the main line of the Southern Pacific railroad which had pushed from coast to coast at this time, are 21 miles apart; Sanderson, having a population of one hundred and ten to Dryden's fourteen inhabitants, was much larger. Sanderson, by far the more important, was the center of the railroad and cattle

industry and was the trading post for the entire surrounding country. Here, on October 12, 1895, an election was held for the first time to install county officers. This momentous occasion was duly carried out with a large celebration by the entire newly-formed county. Such able men as the following were accordingly acclaimed by the majority as the men to assume the difficult task of supplying law and building forward the baby county: Joe Kerr, county judge; Will Lemons, county clerk; George Finley, sheriff; and Charles Downie, N. H. Corder, and R. J. Packinham, county commissioners. To these men, all pioneers in the vast west, now fell the lot of bringing together in unity a large county with a population of only 150 people. How well this task was performed will be known by their tenure of office and future advancement in history.

It would be well now to look individually at the people of the county and the towns that were in it. Excepting the two towns of Sanderson and Dryden, the county might well be divided off into the large ranches of the following men: Charles Downie, Alexander Mitchell, Prosser & Lemin, Banner, F. K. Harrell, Dud Barker, Wilson & Hawthorne, Mansfield, Packinham, and the Big Canyon. These were the ranches and men that were to ably build up the surrounding country that was to center at the towns of Sanderson and Dryden.

Let us now look at Sanderson and Dryden in April 8, 1895. Sanderson, largest by one hundred population, was already a division point on the Southern Pacific railroad, with round house and shop, and a station; the trading center for ranchmen far and near; a convenient place for the shipment of cattle, wool and mohair; and a terminal of the ranch roads or trails of that day from Dryden, Fort Stockton, and one more each to the north and west of the county, all converging on the little town of Sanderson. Here could be found the large frame hotel and Cottage Saloon of Charlie Wilson, the post office, a store, and the depot which included the cafe operated by a Chinaman. Then farther east along the main and other street was another saloon and gambling hall, a store, railroad bunk houses, a section house and an adobe jail. In the north portion were found a few houses and a small frame school house with a Mr. Biggs, who was later to meet his death at the hands of a gunman, as the school teacher. It was indeed a typical frontier town of the west.

The townsite was practically owned by Charlie Wilson, a great character in the west when strong men were so needed to hold and build towns. Dryden, to the east of Sanderson and connected by a wagon road and the Southern Pacific railroad, served as a shipping and trading post for those unable to reach Sanderson in that vicinity. Here could be found the railroad station and pump machinery for water, stock yards, a store and several houses. It boasted a population of only fourteen inhabitants, but it was destined to play its part in the important business of serving a new county.

On February 14, 1896, an election was called for the purpose of choosing a county seat. Sanderson was victorious by a margin of 85 votes and so took on the added dignity of a county seat. Immediately arrangements were made for the building of a county courthouse and jail. The county officers until this time had occupied the Wilson Hall, leased from Charlie Wilson at \$25 a month. In due time S. B. Hudson was elected county treasurer, and bonds were issued in the sum of \$30,000 to run forty years, to build the needed buildings. W. M. Martin of Comanche was the successful bidder for the contract to build the courthouse at \$21,500.00, and the Pearly Jail Co. received the contract on the jail at \$7,500.00.

Elections were again held and the following men elected: Judge, Joe Kerr; sheriff, Finley; county clerk, Will Lemons; tax assessor, W. J. Banner; county attorney, J. B. Johnson; treasurer, S. B. Hudson; surveyor, Will Hunter.

### Bank is Opened

On July 1, 1907, a few men with foresight organized the first and only bank in Terrell county. Using a capital of \$25,000, Joe Kerr, Charles Downie, N. H. Corder, J. C. Stansell, and S. B. Hudson opened the bank, and elected Joe Kerr its first and only president, Charles Downie as vice president, and J. P. Keller as cashier. Keller served less than a year, and T. R. Kuykendall took his place in 1908.

It is also interesting to note at this time the building of the first permanent church in Sanderson, the Methodist church, and the birth of the first child in Terrell county, a boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Will Hunter. He was named Terrell after the county.

Important events were now

taking place in the county's history. On June 14, 1909, William McGinley, a leading factor in the town's advancement, was granted a thirty-year franchise to install a water system in Sanderson, a much needed and desired improvement. Also the first school trustees for the county were elected. The following able men were named: F. K. Harrell, T. R. Kuykendall, and J. B. Ross.

The following year, 1910, Judge Joe Kerr, to devote more time to his many civic and financial interests, left the judgeship open, and it was assumed by J. B. Ross, and the election of J. J. Allen as sheriff was the only other change in the county officers' elections. The Sanderson Bank, now one of the ablest institutions of the west, was functioning competently under the direction of Joe Kerr with T. R. Kuykendall as cashier and secretary.

The question of roads in the county was brought to attention, and under the capable supervision of Joe Wolff, Big Hill, a scenic beauty, but dangerous to travel, was completely repaired with other general improvements.

By this time the population had grown to 1430. In May of 1912 Edward McGinley again came to the front with further advancement to be granted the right to install and operate electric lights for the city of Sanderson. Messrs. Hunter, Raynor, Hudson, Anderson and Stewart petitioned the county to operate water mains in the community.

The county realizing the health conditions of its growing population, added the services of Dr. F. W. Reeve as county health doctor.

The year of 1913 was marked by several occasions amounting to good and bad. A road was voted, and operations began to connect Sanderson with Brewster county with a graded road to the line, so needed by ranchmen in that vicinity and the population as a whole for travel. Messrs. Happle, Sturman and Cochran were elected as county school trustees by a majority vote. Also at this time the town was visited by a small-pox epidemic that left its mark only in that newer and better living conditions were immediately taken under supervision. It is interesting to note at this time, in August, 1914, the population of Sanderson had grown to 1569.

On November 10, 1914, county elections were again held with J. B. Ross elected county judge; G. J. Henshaw, county attorney; W. R. Richworth, tax assessor; D. L. Anderson, sheriff; H. C. Jordan, justice of the peace; and Will Lemons, county clerk.

During 1917 the entire county

was kept in constant fear by frequent raids of Mexican bandits. However, after a short time the government placed detachments of troops at various points on the border, and it was then a small matter to curb the activities of these cowardly bands of lawless men.

More closely associated with the welfare of the county was the disastrous fire in June of 1917. The town awoke at midnight to find the entire business section in flames. Hampered by the lack of water and sufficient equipment, the willing volunteers were able to do little. The morning showed the smoking ruins of five business houses and the new theatre.

The county and population was at this time gripped in the great struggle abroad, the World War, and in the cause of their country there was an immediate response. No finer record can be found anywhere than in the records of the men that joined the Army and Navy for their country to go over seas and fight. The list includes the following men of the community: Army—Quinton Carter, Vicente Gonzalez, Ollie Cole, Julio Hernandez, John Clark, John Edwards, Aron Peterson, Beverley Farley, Clyde Boozer, Calvin Stansell, C. Mulkey, William Taylor, Eduardo Ochoa, Guillermo Ochoa, Pedro Gutierrez, Joseph Turner, A. L. Rutledge, Charles Yeates, Jeff Habsell, Paul Stansell, Robert Duncan, Paul Lowry, R. W. Sumrall, Edley Rutledge, Rubie Clark, Edward Burdwell, T. H. Mansfield, Donald Duncan, W. A. Banner, Millard Parker, Willis Harrell, Eldo McLoughlin, Clarence Rogers, Ernest Bailes, Chas. Edwards, Roland Somon, Larry Horgan, Charlie Rogers, William Cargile, and Tip Frazier; Navy—William Savage, Martin Bodkin, Edwin Heeve and Russell Dyer.

While these men were ably representing the county away from home, there was established here a Home Guard and a Red Cross unit. A whole-hearted response was given to the Liberty Loans and other financial support.

Concluded Next Week)

Mrs. Sue Douglas came in last Friday night from her home in San Antonio for a visit with her brother, W. E. Lea, and family.

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- MAY 22—SACCOGONNE—Centennial Reception.
- MAY 22—OWENS—Fair-Landis Celebration.
- MAY 22-23—PADUCAH—Cattle & Hog Show.
- MAY 27-28—CHILLICOTHE—Centennial Fair Festival.
- MAY 28—FLORADA—Pioneer Day Celebration.
- MAY 28-29—SAN AUGUSTINE—Historical Celebration.
- MAY 28—ATHENS—East Texas Pioneers Reception.
- MAY 28—JENSEN—Austin College Centennial.
- MAY 28—COLLEGE STATION—Commencement Victory Parade.
- MAY 28—GOOSE CREEK—Centennial Musical Celebration.
- MAY 28-29—EL PASO—Buhler Reception and Victory Parade.
- MAY 28—PARADE—Centennial Sporting Competition.
- MAY 28—JACKSONVILLE—National Town Show.
- MAY 28-29—ELLEN—Birthday and Pioneer Celebration.
- JUNE 12—PORT LAVACA—Centennial Reception.
- JUNE 12—FARMERSVILLE—North Texas Centennial Game Festival.
- JUNE 12-13—AUSTIN—University Centennial Exposition.
- JUNE 14—SALPER—Statistical Pageant.
- JUNE 14—PEARL—Panhandle Centennial and Oil Exposition.
- JUNE 15—EDFAMEN—East County Centennial.
- JUNE 15—LEONARD—Centennial Pageant.
- JUNE 15—SUNSHINE SPRINGS—Centennial Celebration.
- JUNE 14—GALVESTON—Tombola Tea, Town, Harbor Festival.
- JUNE 14—GALVESTON—Centennial Splash Day.
- JUNE 15-16—DALLAS—General Exposition.
- JUNE 15—CAT SPRING—Agricultural and Historical Centennial Celebration.
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