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THE RANKIN NEWS

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RANKIN, UPTON COUNTY, TEXAS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16TH, 1948



Doris Singleton, who portrays Doris Dalrymple, newest heartthrob of NBC's "The Great Gildersleeve," broke into radio in a novel way. Each week she sent a postcard to a radio producer telling of her qualifications, till at last a suitable part for her turned up and he hired her. She has been in demand ever since.

IN AND OUT AND AROUND THE TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. Zack Monroe, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Puckett have been moved to Liberal, Kans., with a drilling crew, also Mr. East and family, who has been on the producing well near Rankin for some time, will be stationed there.

The Mitchell Drug is being re-furnished this week with new fountain, etc., and will continue good service soon.

Mrs. Boyd Cox has been to Hot Springs to visit her husband who is there for a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Taylor of Ballinger were business visitors in Rankin Sunday and Monday. Mr. Taylor will open a picture show here soon.

Mrs. Dave Gentry accompanied her daughter, Mrs. Paul Jacobs, to her home in Big Lake Thursday night, where she will spend a few days in the Jacobs home and accompany her daughter on official visits to Menard and Sonora this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Kincaid of Rankin are in San Angelo with his father, T. A. Kincaid, who is very ill with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Holmes, Marlene and Gentry, were visitors in McCamey Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lindsey of McCamey were visitors in the Sam Holmes home Monday.

Mr. D. L. Wheeler, Sr., of Goldthwaite, is visiting in the homes of his sons, Haralson and Ross Wheeler of Rankin.

Mrs. Anne Chambers, sister of Mr. A. H. Louder, has been quite sick the latter part of the week, but is now improving.

Mrs. H. G. Yocham and Henderson Scarborough were called to San Angelo last week to be with their mother, Mrs. Scarborough, who was seriously ill. She is now improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Locklin of McCamey were business visitors in Rankin Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Scarborough have moved from Rankin to a farm in Muleshoe, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Rankin and son, Billy Jack, have returned to their home in Rankin after a few months on a ranch near Kent, Texas.

Mrs. H. Wheeler and Miss Kathleen Wheeler visited Mr. and Mrs. Louis Norris in Alpine Thursday. Mrs. Norris returned for a short visit while her husband was away with the Sul Ross Lobos. She returned to Alpine Sunday.

"The Midland Reporter-Telegram" delivered at your door daily. If interested, call Chas. Blue, Rankin, phone No. 94-W.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bell of Rankin visited their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Mims, in Midland Sunday. They were accompanied by Mrs. Schaubert, and her daughter, Josephine, of McCamey.

Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Langford of Rankin are the parents of an 8 pound, 2 ounce son, born Jan. 9. The boy has been named Robert Milton Langford.

Santa Fe Makes \$5000 Available To Explore Wool-Mohair Industry

ABILENE.—Additional money for use in exploring the possibilities of wool and mohair in West Texas has been made available through \$5000 fund authorized by the Santa Fe Ry., it has been announced by Pres. C. P. Dodson of the W. T. C. of C. This augments a similar amount provided by the WTCC for research work now being done by the Texas Tech College.

This research will cover both the resources and liabilities of the cotton and wool industry in West Texas for its possible use in the development of the textile industry. The organization hopes through an analytical study to determine whether there are economic possibilities for such a textile industry in its area, on the basis of the production of raw materials, consumption, freight rates and manufacture.

Announcement of the \$5000 from the Santa Fe came from San Angelo where E. L. Buelow, WTCC director and chairman of the Santa Fe industrial committee, and H. C. Custard, WTCC past president, met with a group of Santa Fe officials, headed by General Manager R. B. Ball. It was announced that results of the study will be made available to industry and shippers of the area served by the road, and by the WTCC.

Weekly Swing Of Southwest Markets

Generally good demand and light offerings raised all grain prices. Wheat advanced 5c to bring \$3.11 1-2c per bushel in bulk carlots at Texas common points. Corn gained 7c to 10c and oats 7c. No. 2 milo sold from \$4.23 to \$4.28 after a raise of 10c a hundred.

Spot cotton markets increased activity. Harvesting made good progress and neared completion except in the high plains. Prices declined \$1 to \$2 a bale.

Lower Rio Grande Valley vegetables found good demand during the week, but citrus remained slow at weaker prices.

Heavy carrot and cabbage loadings moved well at better prices, and lettuce gained volume.

Eggs weakened further at the SW markets, as poultry sold steady to stronger. Current receipt eggs moved around 40c a dozen at Dallas, 45 to 47c at Ft. Worth, and 48c at New Orleans. Heavy hens ranged from 23c to 26c per pound.

Wool activity fell off following the first flush of new year buying. Spring clip contracting remained slow.

Most sheep sold strong to \$1 higher for the week, but lambs dropped 50c to \$1.

Hogs scored net gains at Oklahoma City but lost ground at other SW terminals. San Antonio paid \$27, Ft. Worth \$28. Most sows sold from \$23.50 to \$25.

Cattle moved generally strong to \$1 or more higher prices the past week. Houston bought the common and medium grades at \$16 to \$22, and Ft. Worth took medium and good lots from \$22 to \$36.



McDonald and Carelli Will Give Concerts In Fort Stockton Jan. 29

Famous artists singing famous music—that is the essence of the next attraction to appear on the series being presented in Fort Stockton by W. Z. Rozan under the sponsorship of the Ft. Stockton Municipal Concert Assn.

Lovely Eloise MacDonald, lyric soprano, and Gabor Carelli, handsome young Hungarian tenor, will appear in Ft. Stockton in joint recital on Jan. 29. A number of McCamey residents hold memberships in the Ft. Stockton Assn.

Miss MacDonald has been acclaimed by critics and audiences all over the country for the unusual beauty of her voice coupled with her delightful and charming stage presence. Such comments as "abundance of personality and superabundance of vocal artistry" and "beautifully textured voice and graceful delivery" constantly follow her sparkling performances.

Mr. Carelli has just returned from a triumphant tour of the capitals of Europe—a crowded succession of one jubilant performance following on the heels of another. In the first return to his home town, Budapest, since before the war, Gabor Carelli enjoyed one of the most moving experiences of his career when he appeared there to sing the tenor lead in the opera, "Tosca." After singing his first aria, the audience would not let the performance continue until he had repeated the aria for them. And still not content, the audience cheered, applauded, stomped their feet and shouted "bravo" until the flushed and exuberant Mr. Carelli was compelled to repeat the aria not once again — but twice more! It was truly a case of "local boy makes good" literally by "stopping the show."

Miss MacDonald and Mr. Carelli will join to sing the beautiful songs of such great composers as Verdi, Puccini, Moya, Charles, Sigmund Romberg, Jerome Kern, and the immortal Victor Herbert.

It should truly prove to be an evening of "famous artists singing famous music."

Olin Pigford Building New Cafe In McCamey

Olin Pigford, owner of the Club Cafe, has completely torn down the old building that was occupied by the cafe, and is building in its place a modern building of concrete brick and tile construction.

The front of the new building will be moved back four feet in the rear of the front of the old structure in accordance with a voluntary plan for owners to set their buildings back in order to widen the street.

Mr. Pigford plans to install all new and modern equipment in the new Club Cafe which will probably be completed within 60 days.

Miss Bettie Bullion Receives Honors At T. S. C. W. At Denton

Miss Bettie Bullion, daughter of Mrs. C. C. Roberts of McCamey, has been elected by students in her dormitory at TSCW, Denton, to serve as an officer in Reagan Hall. In order to be eligible for dormitory office, a student must have a good scholastic average and a good citizenship record. Miss Bullion is a sophomore Library Science major.

The Weather Report

(Courtesy of West Texas Utilities)

Date	Max.	Min.
January 8	78	41
January 9	69	38
January 10	64	38
January 11	74	42
January 12	58	42
January 13	48	28
January 14	56	22



Mr. and Mrs. Preston House, whose marriage took place December 22, at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. C. House, in McCamey, with Rev. W. I. Lee of the First Baptist Church officiating, are back from a honeymoon trip to Houston, Rising Star and other points, and are residing 22 miles south of Sonora on a ranch. Mr. House is associated with his father in oil well drilling contracting.

Your Poll Tax Lends Support To Justice For All

The courts are the guardians of your liberties.

Free courts administer justice impartially under the law. Dictatorships have puppet courts, used as weapons by the dictator's clique.

To keep the courts free and to insure justice for all, citizens must select capable judges. You take part in the election for judges by paying your poll tax before the Jan. 31 deadline.

Barnhart's Junior Play Starts Friday

Barnhart holds its junior high school invitation basketball tournament Friday and Saturday.

There also is to be a senior high school girls volleyball division in connection with the cage meet.

Barnhart coach Paul Ashby has announced the following preliminary schedule:

FRIDAY—
5:30—Girls volleyball, Water Valley vs. Rankin.

6:30—Girls volleyball, Iraan vs. Barnhart.

7:30—Junior boys basketball, Lake View vs. Rankin.

8:30—Boys basketball, Odessa vs. Barnhart.

9:30—Boys basketball, San Angelo vs. Coleman.

SATURDAY—
9 a. m.—Boys basketball, Ozona vs. Eldorado.

10 a. m.—Boys basketball, Crane vs. Reagan.

12 noon—Girls volleyball, Reagan vs. Eldorado.



Arthur Lake, who plays "Dagwood Bumstead" in the CBS "Blondie" series and in the movies, is now a motion picture producer. For the past several weeks he has been commuting between Hollywood and Tarpon Springs, Fla., where he was producing the movie, "16 Fathoms Deep." He didn't miss one "Blondie" airshow during the period.

Crane Co-operative Holds Annual Meeting

The Crane Cooperative Assn. holding its first annual membership meeting Monday evening, Jan. 12, 1948, at the community hall, disclosed a gross sales in excess of \$162,000, and a patronage refund ranging from 1c to \$295; along with assets showing that every dollar invested was worth \$1.33 at the end of ten months operation of the food association.

D. W. May, educational director for the Consumers Cooperatives, Associated, Amarillo, Texas, was guest for the occasion, and made the main address. The meeting purposed to discuss operations of the association's fiscal year ending Nov. 30, 1947, and to elect a board of directors and an auditing committee. J. D. Lewis read election returns from judges, Guy Rogers, Buck Lewis, C. Pitts and Ralph Shanor.

Directors were John Tilley, W. O. Murray, Alton Evans for one year; J. H. Huggins, Jr., V. R. Tomlinson for one year; and F. F. Adams and Hayes Damron, for three years.

Auditing Committee: Roy Pilgrim, J. D. Fisher, and R. E. Westberry for a term of two years.

The order of the meeting was the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting by secretary J. H. Huggins, Jr. Following approval, a brief report on operations since the opening on Jan. 24, 1947, was presented by F. F. Adams, president of the board.

Mrs. E. L. Ross, treasurer and bookkeeper for the association, was introduced to give the financial report, and also read Certified Public Accountant's balance sheet for Nov. 30, 1947, along with quotations from auditor's report, and her own conclusion of the association's affairs.

Hayes Damron, member of the board, made a very interesting talk, stressing the importance of loyalty of membership to the organization.

President Adams introduced the principal speaker, Mr. May, who devoted considerable time to facts and figures from the association's records, since he was instrumental in the Crane organization. He stated that the association's affairs were in sound condition, and was pleased with the patronage refund the business was able to make.

Rankin Cagers Get Invite To Tournament

The Rankin basketball boys are going to Barnhart this week end on an invitation to the tournament. Only the junior team will play. The girls also will go for the volleyball tournament. This is the 16th and 17th.

Iraan Sheep Show Proves Big Success

As the huge green and white 4-H Club trailer swung around the square Saturday morning, the seventh annual Iraan Sheep Show was underway. Pens of fat lambs fed by 4-H members and fine registered stock by breeders in this area gave a field of 43 in the competition which was judged by T. W. Hillin of Fort Stockton, former agent for this district.

County Agent T. W. Posey enthusiastically named the show "the best yet" as a record crowd estimated at some 1,000 people thronged the Town Square for a better view of the winners and remained for the free barbecue at the noon hour.

Rectangles of 1"x12's were set up by Lions Club members for the feed of goat and beef barbecue, pickles, onions, beans, coffee, bread, which was served by local business men. All stores were closed from 12 noon to 1:30 o'clock.

Posey was well pleased with the 4-H Club members' work with their lambs which will be presented in the county show at Fort Stockton Jan. 17. Club members from Iraan and Sheffield vied for honors Saturday and will continue in competition in shows throughout West Texas. Both Posey and Hillin praised the work being done by these young sheepmen of tomorrow.

From the open class of the show registered flocks were shown that will make the competition tough in San Angelo and other parts of the country this spring.

Among the stockmen competing in this class were Leo Richardson, Ellis Owens, H. C. Noe, Clint Owens, Rod Richardson and Leonard Richardson.

In the 4-H Club division of the show, Bobby Miller, Iraan, showed the champion fat lamb; Harry Holmes, Sheffield, champion ram lamb, and Garry Monroe, Sheffield, champion ewe lamb.

First place winners in the top marketable lambs were Richard Lackey, Garry Monroe and Bobby Miller. Special premiums went to Richard Lackey and Bobby Miller.

In the open class for breeders, H. C. Noe showed the champion Corriedale ram and champion Corriedale ewe; Leo Richardson took the champion ribbons in the Rambouillet ram and Rambouillet ewe; in the Rambouillet ram lamb division, Leo Richardson, 1st; Ellis Owens, 2nd; Leo Richardson, 3rd; and Rod Richardson, 4th.

Yearling ram winners, Rod Richardson, 1st; Leo Richardson, 2nd.

Ewe lambs: Leo Richardson, 1st; Leonard Richardson, 2nd; Ellis Owens, 3rd; Leo Richardson, 4th.

The Lions Club in sponsoring the show were represented by Chairman G. W. Chapman, Bill Wortham, Nathan Sandel and Walt Fernald.

E. L. Cowart, Lions Club president, solicited the cash awards of \$38.50 from local merchants.

The Pecos County C of C donated the winning ribbons, and Fernald's Electric Shop furnished music for the occasion with



Paul Whiteman, now heard as a disk jockey on ABC, gave up his boyhood violin practice to drive a taxicab, but within a year returned to music. In the ensuing 25 years he's been applauded for his choice, becoming a famous bandleader, exponent of jazz, and discoverer of countless outstanding compositions and performers.

a record player and amplifier set up on the square.

The business men of Iraan furnished the food for the barbecue, with Oscar Coleman, assisted by Jack Kendrick and Fred Pipkin, handling the barbecue details.

Donating to the fund to defray the expenses of the show were the following:

- Val's
- Watson's Cleaners
- Trans-Pecos Chev. Co.
- E. Wyatt
- Ward's Grocery
- Fernald's Electric Shop
- J. D. Ward
- Garrison Welding Co.
- R. C. Calk
- Carpenter Motor Co.
- E. R. Bowerman
- Lanchart's Garage
- Bread 'N Butter Store
- Red Barn Store
- Kenner and Son
- Chapman's Feed Store
- Corner Drug
- Cooley's Vegetable Stand
- Copeland Cleaners
- W. R. Loftin
- Iraan Hotel
- Iraan Barber Shop
- J. B. H. Hambrick
- Sandel's Grocery
- Gray's Bakery
- Fred Farmer
- Wm. Cameron Co.
- Marathon Service Station
- West Texas U. Co.
- O. K. Powell
- G. C. Garrett
- S. C. Black
- Odis Gilbert
- E. L. Cowart
- W. E. Coleman
- Hershey's Ranch
- The Lunch Kit
- The Texas Theatre
- Iraan Ice Co.
- C. C. Schweikhardt
- Fletcher Crockett
- Judge Butz
- Judge Wadden
- Charles Baker
- Leo Richardson
- Big Lake State Bank
- E. N. Bryant
- W. T. Posey.

Specialized Police Training School To Be Held At Hobbs

Chief of Police A. H. Hathaway of the Hobbs, N. M., Police Department announced that he is sponsoring a specialized police training school covering fingerprint identification to be held in Hobbs, N. M., from Jan. 12 thru Jan. 17, 1948.

Instruction at this school will be given by a fingerprint expert of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. All classes will be held in the City Hall at Hobbs, N. M., from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. on each of the above-mentioned dates.

Hathaway states that instruction during this school will cover all phases of fingerprint identification, i. e., the attending officers will be fully instructed in classifying, searching, and filing of fingerprints as well as in various methods of developing and photographing fingerprints. Chief Hathaway has extended invitations to the various law enforcement agencies throughout this area to send representatives of their department to receive this training and has received replies from Fort Stockton, Texas, the Sheriff's Office at Rankin, Texas, Deming, N. M., Silver City, N. M., and Lovington, N. M., as well as from the police departments at Silver City and Hot Springs, N. M. These agencies are each sending one or more men from their departments to be trained in this important phase of law enforcement work in order that their departments may have available a trained identification officer to cope with the present day crime problems.

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 HYGIENIC PRODUCTIONS
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"MOM and DAD"
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ELLIOT FORBES
 Famous Radio Commentator
 DISCUSSING
"SECRETS OF SENSIBLE SEX"

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WOMEN ONLY at 2 and 7 P. M. **MEN ONLY** at 9 P. M.
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ONE DAY ONLY

Thursday, January 22

SPECIAL MATINEE AT 2:00 FOR WOMEN

ALL SEATS 50c

Grand Theatre

McCamey, Texas

Grand Theatre

McCamey, Texas

Friday and Saturday, January 16 and 17

"KEEPER OF THE BEES"

and

"ALONG THE OREGON TRAIL"

with

MONTE HALE

Extra: "Football Highlights of 47"

Sunday and Monday, January 18 and 19

June Haven in

"I WONDER WHO'S KISSING HER NOW"

Tuesday and Wednesday, January 20 and 21

Triumphant Return of

"WESTERN UNION"

I will be at the Justice of the Peace Office (Precinct 4) in McCamey January 19 through January 31, 1948, for the purpose of selling Poll Taxes and collecting McCamey Property Tax for the year 1947.

H. E. ECKOLS, Sheriff,
 Tax Assessor and Collector,
 Upton County.

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Elliot Forbes To Appear In McCamey

In an effort to arrange an outstanding educational hygiene program that will win the praise and approval of everyone, Manager H. H. Johnson of the Grand Theatre, has obtained the noted radio hygiene commentator, Elliot Forbes, to appear in person—on the stage during each performance of the picture, "Mom and Dad," the engagement of which opens Thursday, Jan. 22.

Mr. Forbes, who is best known to radio listeners in the Middle West, Southwest and West Coast areas because of his net-work broadcasts on health and hygiene subjects in those territories, should prove an interesting addition to the theatre's screen program.

With his fine background of education, research and speaking on these timely subjects, his discourse has proven most enlightening and interesting to audiences everywhere. Besides his radio and stage work, he speaks to university, college and high school groups, PTA organizations and other groups in his travels from coast to coast.

Although not a rapid-fire talker, Forbes packs a vast quantity

of hygienic information into his 15-minute appearance as well as considerable humor and stories. He has one of radio's finest commentator voices.

"Mom and Dad," a new Hollywood release with an all-star cast, will be presented three times daily. Due to the delicate nature of the subject matter in some of its sequences, it is not for grade school age children, and is shown to segregated audiences only.

The local theatre will have two performances for women only and high school age girls each day starting at 2 p. m. and 7 p. m. One performance each evening will be for men only and high school boys, beginning at 9 o'clock. Each performance lasts 2 hours.

McCamey Country Club To Hold Election Of Officers January 20

The annual business meeting of the McCamey Country Club will be held at the Club Tuesday evening, Jan. 20, at which time officers will be elected for 1948. Officers to be elected will be a president, vice president and four directors. All Club members are urged to attend.

Texans Topped The 200 Million Mark In Savings Bonds

Texans topped the 200-million dollar mark in U. S. Savings Bonds, Series E, F and G, in 1947, according to figures just released by the Texas Advisory Committee on Savings Bonds. Nathan Adams, Dallas, chairman of the committee, praised the citizens of the state on their continued support of the U. S. Treasury's program to help combat inflation and to aid its management of the public debt.

Total sales for Texas in 1947 amounted to \$202,896,123 with \$134,650,000 in Series E Bonds. Mr. Adams pointed out that almost 60 per cent of the number of Series E Bonds issued were in \$25 denominations. "This is indicative that in spite of the high cost of living, the small investor is setting aside part of his earnings regularly to meet the future," Mr. Adams continued. "More and more people are reaping the benefits of systematic saving by investing in U. S. Savings Bonds... a practice that began with patriotic buying during the war years and has carried over on a personal benefit basis."

Shower Honors Two Sheffieldites

A double shower was given on Saturday afternoon at the community hall honoring Mrs. Mitchell Sandel and Mrs. O. S. Caughen. The usual colors of pink and blue were carried out in the decorations and refreshments.

After viewing the many gifts that were on display, the guests were entertained with games and served a sandwich plate. Those attending and sending gifts were:

Mmes. Baker McGilvery, C. C. Brooks, Walter Collett, Bernice Sandel, Jerry Monroe, J. P. Lancaster, Walter Dudley, Marvin Somebody, Jeff Owens, Sybil Slaughter, Jack Cauble, Earl Dennis, D. B. Hefflin, Rountree, Cowart, Wynta Dudley, Helen Holland, T. E. Autery, Madge Howell, Liedecker, Pete Campbell, J. F. Poyner, Hubert Collett, J. W. Brown, Chas. McGhee, Sam Shaw, Nathan Sandel, Stanley Anderson, Jess Haley, C. D. Wilson, T. C. Elliott, C. C. Elmore, Jim Burleson, Walter Dunlay, Bill Monroe, Tom Holmes, J. F. Black, Henry Sandel, Avery Mayes, Russell Morris, R. L. Donham, Dudley Ingham, Mamie Holmes, Stella Owens, H. C. Noelke, John Carson, H. M. Hol-

Brooks' Entertain With Turkey Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Curry Brooks entertained Sunday with a turkey dinner. Those enjoying their hospitality were Mrs. Brooks' mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Will Smith; her grandmother, Granny Smith; her brother, Ollie Smith; her sister, Mrs. John Carson; her uncle, Ed Smith, and her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Collett, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Collett, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Freeman and Mary Lois and Oleta Smith.

SHEFFIELD NEWS

Mrs. W. C. Knight has gone to Temple for a medical checkup.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Holmes went to Ozona Monday on business.

Mrs. Jess Haley is visiting in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Cade and daughter, Linda, were visiting old friends in Sheffield Sunday. Mr. Cade who originally ranched west of Sheffield, is now in the ranching business near Alpine.

QUALITY AND SERVICE!

Bread 'n Butter Store

IRAAN, TEXAS

Specials For Friday and Saturday, January 16 and 17

Eugene and Chester (Chief) Dugger Owners

We take great pleasure in announcing that Mr. R. C. Gray, of Atoka, Oklahoma, has recently been employed by us as butcher and locker man. Mr. Gray has had wide experience in both butchering and locker plant management. We feel Mr. Gray will be an asset to us and our community.

FREE COFFEE AND CAKE ALL DAY SATURDAY. COME IN AND VISIT WITH US!

MARKET SPECIALS

From Grade AA Beef
LOIN STEAKS

Per lb. 73c



From Grade AA Beef
T - BONE

STEAK lb. 73c

Kraft Pimento
CHEESE lb. 59c



Swift Premium
BONELESS HAM . lb. 88c
 Half or Whole



WHITE SWAN COFFEE
 Per lb. 51c

Imperial Pure Cane
SUGAR
 5 lbs. 51c

New Mexico
PINTO BEANS . . 2 lb. 31c

SWAN SOAP
 Per bar 12c

LUX FLAKES

Large Box 39c

Heinz
CATSUP
 14 oz. bottle 28c

Same Time and Worry; Buy
COLORED OLEO

Per lb. 55c



English Peas
 Pic Sweet Little
PEAS
 No. 2 can 17c



CORN
 Pic Sweet Cream Style
CORN
 No. 2 can 17c



GRAPEFRUIT JUICE
 White Swan
GRAPEFRUIT JUICE
 No. 2 can, 2 for 15c

FRUITS & VEGETABLES



Fresh Crisp
CARROTS
 Bunch 09c

Nice Green
CABBAGE
 Per lb. 07c

Texas Juice
ORANGES
 Per lb. 09c

FROZEN FOODS

Bridge Ford
CUT CORN
 12 oz. pkg. 25c

Winter King
ASPARAGUS SPARS
 12 oz. pkg. 39c

Four Wind
PINEAPPLE
 Crushed, 16 oz. pkg. . . 31c

JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE

OF LADIES' READY-TO-WEAR AND SHOES

IT'S BEEN YEARS SINCE WE'VE HAD A SALE OF SUCH MAGNITUDE. IN SPITE OF RISING PRICES WE ARE REDUCING PRICES. THESE ARE ALL ITEMS TAKEN FROM OUR REGULAR STOCK SUITABLE FOR IMMEDIATE AND EARLY SPRING NEEDS. GENUINE BARGAINS THAT WILL SAVE YOU MONEY.

DRESSES



Choose from hundreds of high grade dresses such as Nelly Don, Carole King, Georgiana, Reich, Madame Renaud, and many other nationally known lines.

One rack of ladies dresses. Values up to \$10.95—

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One rack of ladies dresses, values to \$14.95—

6⁹⁵

One rack of ladies dresses, values up to \$22.50—

10⁹⁵

One rack of ladies coats and suits—

50% Off

GENUINE LEATHER COWBOY AND COWGIRL SUITS. **5⁴⁵**

REGULAR VALUES TO \$10.95

LADIES BRA

One lot of Beatee-fit brassieres. Extra fine quality nylon. A and B cups. Regular \$3.50—
—\$2.39—

LADIES BRA

One lot of Beatee-fit nylon brassiere. A and B cups. Regular \$2.00—
—\$1.39—

LADIES PURSES

One group of ladies purses, values up to \$3.00—
—79c—

WOOL PLAID SHIRTS

Bright colors, for boys and girls. 2 button down pockets. Sizes medium and large, regular \$4.95—
—\$3.49—

WOOLENS

54" ALL WOOL FABRICS
—1-2 PRICE—

BOYS' KHAKI PANTS

REGULAR \$1.95
—\$1.39—

ONE RACK

Dresses, blouses and skirts. Values to \$5.95—
—\$2.49—

NYLON HOSE

400 needle Larkwood nylons, seam free, in plain and non-run.
—99c—

LADIES SWEATERS

Former Values up to \$7.95—
—\$1.00—

BOYS SHIRTS

Plaids, checks, and solids. Sizes 6 to 16. Values to—
—\$1.49—

SHOES

One group of 86 pair of Queen Quality Shoes, broken sizes, black and brown. Values to \$10.95.

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One group of ladies leather dress shoes, black and brown, low and medium heels, broken sizes—values to \$4.00—

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One group of ladies all leather shoes, high, medium and low heels. All sizes in this group. Values to \$6.00—

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One group of ladies and girls leather oxfords, with rubber soles, regular \$3.98 value.

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One group of children's wedge heel straps and oxfords, in brown leather and a few black patents. Sizes 8 1-2 to 3. Values to \$4.50.

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All House Shoes Reduced!

BENDER'S DEPARTMENT STORE

McCAMEY, TEXAS

Weekly SURPLUS NEWS WAA

As it enters the final phase of an all-out campaign to dispose of remaining war surplus in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma and Arkansas, the WAA will have a new zone administrator at its head. Gen. C. B. Ruck-

er, head of the SW zone for more than a year, resigned because of ill health Jan. 9. Associate Ntl. Administrator P. L. Mather made the announcement in Dallas, along with the appointment of Col. K. E. Wallace as new administrator.

The last round-up of buildings to be cleared from the Camp Maxey area near Paris, will be staged Jan. 27, 28 and 29. The WAA will include all remaining buildings for offsite use, numbering 485, in three three-day loca-

tion sale. It will be the second and concluding cycle of the public, informal bid operations on surplus real property at Camp Maxey. Grounds will be open for inspection Jan. 15 thru Jan. 26 daily except for Saturdays and Sundays.

Relief for famine stricken Indians of the SW is being furnished thru the surplus food stocks of the WAA. Thus far, \$125,000 worth of foodstuffs has been sent to 16 needy Navajo and Cherokee tribes, whose agricultural resources are not sufficient because of greatly increased population and sickness following the war. The zone office at Grand Prairie is cooperating with other WAA offices at Kansas City and San Francisco to speed shipments of food, clothing and medical supplies to Indian Affairs Services in Oklahoma and Arizona.

Biggest all-veterans sale on the Texas schedule is a million dollar clearance of office furniture at the San Antonio WAA Disposal Center. While veterans are inspecting and arranging to purchase the set-aside items of furniture at fixed prices, they can join with non-priority buyers to shop for lumber, paints, chemicals, cafe equipment and a quantity of other war surplus items being offered at the same location during the same four day period. Inspection has been set

for Jan. 19 and 20, with sale dates Jan. 21 and 22.

Central Texans will get a final opportunity to purchase Camp Swift buildings when the WAA conducts a high bid sale of some 600 remaining structures at the campsite near Bastrop. The buildings will include a number of permanent type two-story barracks as well as a variety of other GI facilities. No priorities will be observed, and the sale will take place at the Camp Swift sports arena on Jan. 20, 21 and 22.

Uncle Sam will be out of the surplus aircraft business by March 31. That is the latest word from WAA's aircraft disposal branch, which still has approximately 300 C-46 transports and a few tactical models at its SW depot at Walnut Ridge, Ark. The big transports are to be put on sale now for \$5,000 each, and remaining planes will be offered to veterans and others during the next two months.

About one egg out of every 20 produced on the farm never gets on the table. About 2,000,000 eggs annually spoil or are broken during the trip from producer to customer.

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology has students from every state in the union, every province of Canada and 46 foreign countries.

Chevrolet Production During December Sets Post-War High

DETROIT.—Production of passenger cars and trucks by the Chevrolet Motor Division during December set a new postwar high when a total of 110,049 units were made in the company's assembly plants, it was announced today by Nicholas Dreystadt, the Chevrolet general manager.

The total of 38,160 trucks and commercial vehicles produced during December not only was a new postwar record but also came within 736 units of setting an all-time high mark for this type of production. Chevrolet produced more trucks and commercial units last month than in any single month since June, 1929, when 38,896 such units were made.

The production of 71,889 passenger cars in December also was a new postwar record, exceeding any production month since the resumption of automobile making following V-J Day. It was higher than any passenger car production month since December, 1941.

Shortly before the end of the year, Chevrolet announced it was the first single company to make more than a million passenger cars and trucks in 1947. The year-end production figures show that a total of 1,031,330 passenger and commercial vehicles were manufactured in Chevrolet assembly plants.



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THE ROAD AHEAD

This is the age of confusion. But that does not mean it need be an age of cynical resignation to failure—and of the gradual abandonment of the rights and principles that took two thousand years of almost continuous conflict for mankind to secure.
No one can minimize the problems that now confront the nations, ranging from the terrible spectre of unleashed atomic energy down to such temporary difficulties as shortages of materials. The very extent and number of these problems have added to the confusion. They have, as the old French proverb says, made it hard to see the forest because of the trees. They have obscured the fact that there is really only one basic problem, and that all the rest hinge upon it in one way or another.

That problem is easily put: Sooner or later, the peoples of the world, including the United States, will have to make a complete and final choice between the chimera of "security" and the reality of freedom.
There is a danger in using such words as "freedom" and "liberty" these days. Dictators and tyrants have attempted to pervert them out of any semblance of their true meanings. Hitler, after all, established his slave state and fought his disastrous war for world enslavement with "freedom" and "liberty" as his rallying call. Even so, the real free man can be described. He is free to express his opinion, whether or not it is in agreement with the majority or with the government in power. He is free to worship as he pleases. He is free to print what he thinks in a newspaper, or elsewhere, subject to the old-established laws of libel and public decency. He is free to work or not to work, and to change jobs of his own volition without dictation from employer, labor leader or politician. He is free to run for public office on any platform he devises, or to vote for the candidate of his choice. He is free to engage in business under a competitive system which penalizes and favors none. He is free to determine his own destiny, and he is not the tool of the state or any other interest.

These are not separate, unrelated entities. Every last one of them is dependent on the others. When one is lost, all the rest are endangered. No dictatorship has ever been established all at once. A right is abrogated here, another there; the state seizes business, then takes over the labor unions; new "interpretations" are placed on the rights of free speech and assembly—so it goes, step after step, until the job of despotism is completed.

Dictators trade on fear—fear of want, fear of hunger, fear of cold, all the natural, material fears. They promise a maximum of material "security" to the tragically confused people they entice. And this poses another question: Can a people, in return for the surrender of their freedoms, obtain more goods, a higher standard of living, a greater measure of protection from adversity?

The question answers itself. The greatest material advancement in the history of the world has been in the nation where there has been the greatest amount of freedom for the individual—the United States. It is not accident that the pay of the average American worker, measured in terms of purchasing power, is ten or a dozen times that of the average Russian worker. A still better comparison is found with present-day England, the country to which we are bound the closest by the ties of a common language, inheritance and tradition. Socialism—which can be the vanguard of dictatorship—has aggravated every English economic problem. It has produced less goods for export, not more goods for export; less coal, not more coal; less agricultural production, not more agricultural production. Worst of all, it has sapped the energies and ambitions of the people. There can never be progress in a state where individual opportunity, initiative and enterprise are discouraged, and the government does all the thinking.

The super-state is not only spiritually barren but materially inefficient. When we attempt to trade freedom for security, we lose both. This thought was perfectly expressed by Somerset Maugham, the most distinguished living British novelist, when he said: "If a nation values anything more than freedom, it will lose its freedom; and the irony of it is that if it is comfort or money that it values more, it will lose that, too." That says it all in a sentence.
The hope of this nation is that our people will profit by example. The hope of the world is that it will be able to break the shackles of oppression. The hope of mankind lies in a reaffirmation of the rights and dignity of the individual.

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Benedum Is Name For the New Upton County Oil Field

Slick-Urschel Oil Co., The Plymouth Oil Co., Fred Turner, Jr., et al, No. 1 Alford, E C Upton County Ellenburger discovery, has been designated as the discovery well of the Benedum field by the Texas Railroad Commission.

The new field has been given the name of M. L. (Mike) Benedum, famous wildcatter, and one of the organizers of the Plymouth Co. This well, located 12 miles NE of Rankin, and nine miles NW of Big Lake field of Reagan County, is 2,173 feet from the N and 4,813 feet from the W lines of sec. 50 1-2, block Y, P. B. Scott survey.

It has run a re-test on its production and in a full 24 hour period flowed 833 barrels of high gravity oil thru a one-half inch choke on two-inch tubing. Gas-oil ratio was 4,400-1. It is 50 miles SE of Midland.

The production is coming thru perforations in the casing at 11,385-910 feet; at 11,945-960 feet, and at 11,975-985 feet. These zones had been treated with a total of 1,500 gallons of acid.

Officials of Plymouth in Pittsburgh, Penn., headquarters of the concern, describe the new well as one of the most important discoveries made in Texas in 15 years.

The Plymouth representatives estimated that the field which has been opened by No. 1 Alford, might produce up to 200,000,000 barrels of oil.

The well entered the Ellenburger at 11,021 feet and drilled in that formation to 12,022 feet. It

had not found any water when it stopped drilling.

Some engineers and geologists estimate that the project probably has as much as 700 feet more Ellenburger below the current bottom.

It has a heavy gas flow in the top of the Ellenburger. In fact, gas continued all the way down to the total depth.

Several new explorations are planned in the Benedum area for the near future. However, the staking of exact locations for any of the new tests is being held up while the entire 8,000 acre block owned by Slick-Urschel and Plymouth, surrounding the discovery, has been re-surveyed.

Fred Turner, Jr., of Midland, owns an over ride on most of the 8,000 acres in the block.

Since the well has been definitely completed, some fancy prices have been reported on deals involving royalty in the areas adjacent to it. Up to now details have not been released on any of those purported transactions.

Ice cream was first served in the U. S. by Dolly Madison, says the World Book Encyclopedia. She offered this strange frozen dessert to guests at a White House dinner in 1809.

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1947 Texas Births Show 15,000 Increase Over the Past Year

AUSTIN.—It is estimated that during 1947 there were 195,000 live births and 61,000 deaths in Texas. The number of births in 1947 far exceeds the former record of 180,000 in 1946. The excess of births over deaths last year gave Texas a natural increase in population of 134,000 people, according to Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer.

It has been apparent for some time that reductions in the mortality due to preventable causes could not any longer offset the staggering increase in the number of deaths due to cancer and the various heart diseases. For this reason, it was not difficult to predict that 1947 would see the general death rate begin an upward trend.

Practically all of the increase in the mortality during the first nine months of 1947 may be attributed to the steadily mounting toll of death levied against the population by heart disease, cancer, and apoplexy.

Considerable satisfaction should come to those engaged in public health work in knowing that during the first three-quarters of 1947 the lowest death rates ever recorded in Texas were reached for the following diseases: typhoid fever, diarrhea, and dysentery, scarlet fever, diphtheria, measles, poliomyelitis, tuberculosis, malaria, syphilis, pellagra and typhus fever.

The most heavily endowed colleges in the nation are Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Chicago and Texas.



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Who Are We, Anyway?

Subject came up at Bill Webster's, the other day, as we were chatting over beer and pretzels. Just who are the folks who make up our town? Where'd they come from?

Well, Doc Hollister's Scotch-English ancestry; Will Dudley's folks were mining stock from Pennsylvania; Skip Powell's family were brewers back in Holland.

Guess our bloodstream's got a bit of every country of the globe—and every section of America. We've still got differences in taste and background—whether they apply to music, history, or beer. Only those

differences don't matter—because we're self-respecting people, in a free, united land.

And from where I sit, that's what makes our towns and cities—our America—so strong, progressive, tolerant. Our championship of individual liberties has brought us people from all faiths, all lands—to prove that respect for one another's rights is the greatest bond humanity can know!

Joe Marsh

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Cafe Guest Tickets for sale at News Office.

Disabled Persons Not Entitled To Free Voting Privileges

Disability does not entitle voters to free voting privileges, Upton County Tax Assessor and Collector Jack Young said Wednesday.

A ruling by the attorney general holds that 40 per cent or more disability entitles citizens to vote by paying only \$1 poll tax, but that even total disability does not mean exemption from this payment.

The only persons who need not pay any poll tax at all are those who have reached the age of 21 since the last election or who will become 21 before the coming election this year; and those who have passed the age of 60.

Disabled persons who may already have received free poll tax receipts must, therefore, pay the \$1 tax before Jan. 31 in order to vote.

C. W. Brown To Drill Crockett Co. Wildcat

C. W. Brown of McCamey has staked locations for a scheduled 1,200 foot, cable tool wildcat in Crockett County, about 20 miles southwest of Ozona, to test the San Andres.

The test will be No. 1 J. W. Henderson-Fitting, 1,650 from the north, 2,310 feet from the west line of sec. 8, TC Ry. Co. survey, about 12 miles SE of the nearest tests that showed oil in the Sun Andres, drilled by G. M. Smith and Loflin Bros.

Brown's wildcat will be on a farmout from Honolulu Oil Corp. and Signal Oil & Gas Co., four miles south of Honolulu-Signal No. 1 Henderson, recently completed dry hole. Acreage has been contributed by R. R. Brader and T. W. Loffland, both of Ft. Worth, who have leases in the vicinity.



Jacob Davis (left) son of Mr. and Mrs. "Jake" Davis of McCamey, and a student at the University of Texas, and Bobby Brazell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Brazell (right) of McCamey, bagged what "old timers" say is possibly a Canadian snow goose, while on a hunting expedition during the Christmas holidays. The bird was killed a short distance west of the McCamey-Iraan bridge on the Pecos River. It was found with a small flock of Mallard Ducks, with no other geese in sight. It measured six feet ten inches from wing tip to wing tip and weighed ten pounds after being dressed.

George W. Barnes Is Appointed District Agent Extension District 6

COLLEGE STATION. — Geo. W. Barnes, who has served as an animal husbandman for the A&M College Extension Service for almost 25 years, has been appointed district agent over Extension District 6, comprising 22 counties in the extreme West Texas area. The appointment will become effective Feb. 16, J. D. Prewitt, Extension Service vice director and state agent, announces. He replaces G. W. Johnson who resigned Dec. 31, and his headquarters will be at Ft. Stockton.

Barnes is a graduate of Corpus Christi high school and received his B. S. degree from Texas A. & M. College in 1911. He served as an instructor at Oklahoma A. & M. from 1912 to 1914 at which time he became livestock specialist at the University of Arizona. In 1917 he was named manager of the Perrin Land-Cattle Co., located at Seligman, Ariz.

Coming to the Texas Extension Service March 1, 1923, his title read specialist in beef cattle in which position he served until 1930. From 1930 to 1932, he served on the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture Farm Board with headquarters in Washington. Two years later he returned to Texas Extension Service staff to resume his former title of specialist in beef cattle. In 1934 his title was changed to that of animal husbandman and he remained in that position until his recent appointment as district agent.

New State Poultry Contest Announced

CHICAGO. — Texas poultry breeders will be able to continue their search for superior meat-type chickens with another state Chicken-of-Tomorrow contest in 1948, it was announced here today.

The national committee of poultry leaders supervising the program, meeting here, voted unanimously to continue the educational breeding contest through 1948. The industry-wide program was originally set up on a three-year basis, with two years of state and regional contests culminating in a grand national championship this spring in Delaware. Forty top breeders throughout the nation will send eggs to these finals, where they will be hatched and raised under identical conditions, supervised by a sub-committee headed by H. L. Shrader, senior extension poultry husbandman of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture. Winners will receive \$7,000 in prizes awarded by A & P Food Stores, sponsors of the contest.

The continuation of the program on an annual basis was announced by D. D. Slade of Lexington, Ky., sec.-treas. of the International Baby Chick Assn. and chairman of the National Chicken-of-Tomorrow committee.

F. Z. Beanblossom, poultry marketing specialist of Texas A. & M. College, is chairman of the Texas Chicken-of-Tomorrow committee.

It was stated that the importance of the contest to Texas is indicated by latest official reports showing that the industry in Texas produces approximately 54,584,000 chickens and 221,971,000 dozen eggs annually, with a market value of \$72,000,000.

Badger Basketeers Off To Good Start

Coach Wesley Ply's McCamey High School Badgers are taking up where they left off last year when they won fourth place in "A" Division of the State Tournament at Austin.

They have already won 10 of their 12 encounters this season, losing only to the powerful "AA" quintet of Waco High School by the close score of 34 to 39 and the perennially good outfit from Burkett High School. The latter two losses were sustained in the early part of January while playing in the Brownwood Invitation Tournament.

The Badgers have played only one district game, that being against the Kermit Yellow Jackets last Monday evening in the local gym. After a very close first half the locals pulled away to win by the safe margin of 34 to 23. Other teams that have failed to outscore the Badgers are Odessa, Rankin, Crane, Big Lake and Burkett.

The remainder of the Badger schedule follows:

- Pecos—here—Jan. 16
- Monahans—here—Jan. 20
- Odessa—(tournament)—Jan. 23
- Kermit—there—Jan. 26
- Wink—here—Jan. 28
- Ozona—tournament—Jan. 30 and 31
- Pecos—here—Feb. 3
- Monahans—there—Feb. 6
- Wink—there—Feb. 13

Security State Bank Elects New Officers

The annual stockholders meeting of the Security State Bank of McCamey was held on January 12.

At the regular monthly directors meeting which followed, Wayman Rose, cashier of the bank since June 10, 1934, was elected executive vice president, and James A. Rutherford, assistant cashier, was elected cashier.

Rutherford came to the Security State Bank from Rising Star, where he was associated with the First State Bank for three years. He was connected with the Continental National of Fort Worth for five years and the North Fort Worth State Bank for one year. Prior to that he served as a National Bank examiner.

Shell Building Line To Slick-Urschel Well

The Shell Pipe Line Corp. announced today that it had begun construction of a new 8 inch nine and one-half mile pipe line to run crude oil from the Slick-Urschel discovery well Alfred No. 1 in the P. B. Scott survey, Upton County, Texas, to their Upton Station on its trunk line to Wood River, Ill.

Laying of the line which has been contracted for by Morrison Bros., Contractors, Odessa, Texas, is expected to be completed by Jan. 25 at an estimated cost of \$200,000.

Small Boys Ransack McCamey Post Office

Upton County officials apprehended two small boys who ransacked and opened several lock-boxes in the McCamey post office last Sunday, but it was reported by post office officials that nothing of value was disturbed and all the mail was found and replaced in the boxes as soon as discovered.

CRANE NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Watkins and son visited his brother, LeRoy Watkins, and family in Hobbs over the weekend.

The E. L. Ross family were Sunday visitors in Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Key made a weekend trip to Mobeetie where his father is quite ill.

Members of the J. F. Branam family have been ill with the flu.

W. R. Crownover accompanied Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Crownover

to Loraine Tuesday where the Crownover men's father is seriously ill.

Admitted to the Robinson Hospital Monday were: Claude Sales, suffering a hand infection; and H. J. McNutt, strep throat victim.

Mr. McNutt was dismissed from the local hospital Monday.

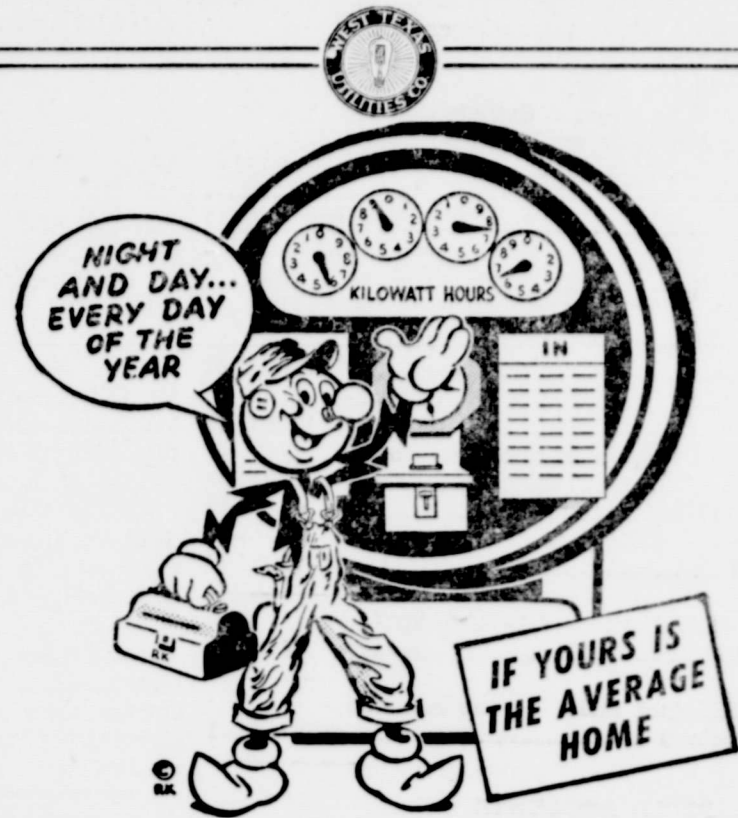
Two were dismissed from the Robinson Hospital with their infant daughters Saturday: Mrs. Iral Glass and Mrs. Lloyd Wimberly.

Mrs. John Rowin, Sr., of Breckenridge has been visiting in the

John Rowin, Jr., home in the new Gulf Sand Hills Camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Halbert and two daughters have moved back to Crane from Pasadena, Texas. Mrs. Halbert and the children are visiting in Hobbs at present.

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Shortages of switchboards, cable, and wire continue, but we were able to install 460,000 new telephones last year for a net gain of 295,000. This year we expect to equal or better that total.



CONSTRUCTION

Dollars spent on construction last year came to 115 million, close to three times as much as in any previous year. In 1948, the job will take even more money—150 million dollars! That will buy new buildings, switchboards, cable, wire, and other things needed to supply more and better telephone service.



DEMAND

Demand for telephones continues at 50,000 a month. New orders keep the waiting list long, but it is smaller now than a year ago. About 200,000 persons in the 700 exchanges we serve are now waiting for service, but 3 out of 4 of them applied in 1947.



LONG DISTANCE

Improvements in long distance service are coming in 1948 as we add more miles of wire needed to handle calls. Some 50,000 miles of circuits were added in 1947. We expect to double that total in 1948.



SERVICE

Telephone service will grow better as more switchboard equipment brings relief from the extra-heavy loads now being carried. More than 18 million calls a day were made in the Southwest during 1947. This is well over a million more than the previous year, and a new record. The trend is upward for 1948.



RURAL SERVICE

We connected 50,000 more rural telephones last year. Our large-scale program to bring telephone service to more farms will continue in 1948. We hope to be serving 260,000 telephones in rural areas by the end of this year, nearly twice as many as at the start of 1946.

We worked hard to do what we did in 1947. We've still got an uphill job. We'll be doing the best we can to put in more telephones and further improve telephone service during 1948.

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ASSETS

Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	\$1,531,820.63
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	511,320.00
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	255,552.00
Corporate stocks (including \$3,000.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	3,000.00
Loans and discounts (including \$2,105.33 overdrafts)	1,005,792.13
Bank premises owned \$1.00, furniture & fixtures \$5511.00	5,512.00
Other assets: Series E & Armed Forces Leave Bonds for Redemption	8,754.90
TOTAL ASSETS	\$3,321,751.66

LIABILITIES

Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$2,030,342.02
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	126,585.30
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	4,414.93
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	1,014,136.22
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$3,175,478.47
Other liabilities: Dividends Payable 1-1-48, \$2,500.00; Social Security, \$49.64	2,549.64
TOTAL LIABILITIES (not including subordinated obligations shown below)	3,178,028.11

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

Capital*	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus	75,000.00
Undivided Profits	38,723.55
Reserves (and retirement account for preferred capital)	5,000.00
Reserve for Contingencies	5,000.00
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	143,723.55

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$3,321,751.66
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*This bank's capital consists of:
Common stock with total par value of \$25,000.00.

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I, Alma Adams, of the above-named bank, hereby certify that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
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STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF UPTON, ss:
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th day of January, 1948.
LELIA K. WORKMAN,
Notary Public, Upton County, Texas.

McCamey Personals

Mr. Geo. Irvine, Sr., spent last Monday in San Angelo on business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Garner and son, Pat, of Sheffield were guests last weekend of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Phelps.

Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Smith of Tokyo spent Friday with the C. B. Lee family.

Mrs. John Reed, who has been sick with a cold for the past week is said to be improving.

Mrs. A. J. Radar of Winfield, Kans., is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Null.

J. L. Adrian returned home from Marfa Saturday night where he spent several days on business.

A. L. Newsome of Hobbs, N. M., is a recent new resident of McCamey, and is employed by the Shell Oil Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Miller and children, Jimmy and Mickey, of Crane were guests Sunday in the L. A. Bridges home.

Miss Pauline Edwards returned to her studies at the San Angelo College after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. West spent the weekend in Mertzon visiting in the home of their son, J. L. West, Jr., and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Carpenter and son, Darry, of Odessa, visited last weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Pulley.

Miss Shirley Pulley returned to her studies at the University of Texas after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Pulley.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Ohlenberg and children returned from El-dorado where they spent Christmas and New Year's with her parents.

Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Wright of Texon spent Sunday evening with Dr. Geo. Irvine, Jr.'s, and all attended the chorus, "Wings Over Jordan."

Mrs. J. R. O'Callaghan left on Thursday for Fort Sumner, N. M., where she will visit with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Walling, at their ranch home. Mrs. Walling is a sister of Mrs. O'Callaghan.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends for their kind expressions of sympathy and the beautiful floral offerings in the recent loss of our loved one, Richard Hale.
Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hale and family.

Take time to save time

Have you ever mapped—with pins and thread, or with pencil on paper—the daily "chore route" of your farm or ranch? Have you figured how much back-tracking you do, how many unnecessary extra steps you walk in a day? Have you taken time to save time, and steps, and labor?

A number of agricultural colleges and experiment stations have made practical work studies on farms and ranches, with some astounding results. For example, one dairy farmer (who thought himself pretty efficient) adopted improved machine milking techniques, rearranged his barn to save steps and time in feeding and watering. He saved himself two miles of walking per day, cut his daily chore time by two hours and five minutes. That's 730 miles of walking and 760 hours of work in a year. In making the changes, he spent less than \$50. Indiana tells of farmers who, by planning their work, are raising hogs with one quarter their former hours of labor... There's a report of men making hay in 90 man-minutes per ton; while others using similar equipment—but older, harder ways of working—spend twice that time... There are scores of other examples.

Perhaps you cannot make such great savings in your operations. Maybe you can make more. It's certainly worth looking into, for even little savings are important. Five steps saved a day makes a mile in a year. Five minutes a day gives you three extra days a year.

There's no master plan to fit every farm and ranch, because no two are exactly the same. You have to work out your own plan of improvement. But the time it takes may well be the most profitable time you've ever spent.

A four-step scheme is suggested. First, consider each job or chore separately. Break it down into its parts. Check each part with a watch or tape measure and see if steps or time can be saved. Second, compare your work methods with those of your neighbors. Third, examine and check the details of your work methods. Fourth, develop and apply the new method. In a nutshell, "Plan your work and work your plan."

Time studies and job analysis have helped Swift & Company increase efficiency and make important savings. That's why we so confidently suggest similar studies in your operations. One excellent bulletin on the subject is Number 307, published by Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana. It's interesting reading and well worth writing for. Your county agent or state agricultural college can tell of other bulletins on the same subject.



The American Way

In the livestock-meat industry, as in all American business, profit provides the basic incentive for work, enterprise and action. Profit makes the mare go for livestock producers, meat packers and retailers. Too little profit by one section creates an imbalance in the industry. If one part of the livestock-meat industry suffers continued loss, all of us are hurt in the long run.

However, a margin of profit fair to one section of the livestock-meat industry might be quite unfair to another. For instance, we at Swift & Company know perfectly well that both livestock producers and retailers require a higher margin of profit, because of their relatively small volume. On the other hand, nationwide meat packers must build up a tremendous volume of sales to make up for a very small margin of profit per unit—a margin that has been consistently lower than that earned by any other manufacturing industry in America.

Over a period of years, Swift & Company has earned, on the average, less than two cents on each dollar of sales (a fraction of a cent per pound of product handled). Over the same period, the average amount returned to producers for agricultural raw materials, including livestock, wool and hides, has been 75 cents out of each dollar we received. This is not a profit. Out of this 75 cents producers must pay the cost of production.

Whether livestock prices are high or low or whether meat is high-priced or inexpensive—Swift & Company can earn a reasonable profit only by adding together many tiny savings on a large volume of business.

W. J. Stewart
Vice-President, Swift & Company



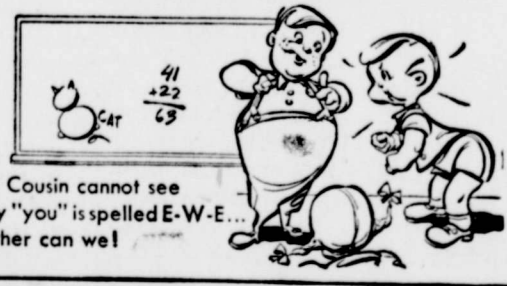
Soda Bill Sez: . . . the man with a dull hoe is wasting nobody's time but his own.

Martha Logan's Recipe for HAM LOAF

- 3/4 pound ground ham
- 1 1/2 pound ground fresh pork
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup dry bread crumbs
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 cup milk
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon dry mustard
- 2 tablespoons vinegar

Beat eggs. Combine meats, eggs, crumbs, salt, pepper, and milk. Mix thoroughly. Form into loaf in 8 1/4 x 4 1/4 x 2 3/4 inch loaf pan. Combine sugar, mustard, and vinegar. Spread over meat. Bake in a moderate oven (350° F.) 1 hour, or until meat has reached an internal temperature of 185° F. (Yield: One 8 1/4 x 4 1/4 x 2 3/4 inch loaf)

OUR CITY COUSIN



Farmer's Choice—When I was in high school, I spent a summer vacation on my grandfather's farm in Indiana. From my city-bred standpoint, he seemed a particularly dull and unworldly life. Rising before dawn and working till after dusk, with little or no opportunity for urban pleasures, he was an object of pity to my adolescent eye. Why didn't he sell his farm and move to town? How did he ever get into this rut in the first place? "Grandpa," I asked one evening at milking time, "Why did you become a farmer, anyway?"

He paused a moment, leaned back on his stool and looked slowly around the barn—at the livestock, at the huge haymow in the east corner, at the farm tools, at the broad beams that supported the roof. What he saw seemed to reassure him, and I shan't forget his answer: "Just lucky, I guess."

—Contributed by George H. Chamness
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Controlling Roundworm in Sheep

by Walter Armer
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The control of roundworm on sheep ranches has been successfully tested by Dr. W. J. Pistor, University of Arizona Animal Pathologist. It consists of feeding a mixture of 1 part phenothiazine with 9 parts of ordinary granular salt. Roundworm, a serious plague, especially to sheep grazed on irrigated pastures, can be checked by phenothiazine and salt. Of course, it is not a cure-all. Badly infected sheep may still have to be drenched. But feeding the mixture throughout the pasture period will prevent the worm population from reaching the dangerous level in the majority of cases.

Phenothiazine, alone, is but one of a number of drugs known to aid in controlling roundworm in livestock. But during World War II, animal husbandmen discovered its effectiveness was greatly heightened when used with salt and fed throughout the pasture season.

Experiments begun in 1943 with sheep grazing on irrigated pastures in Arizona proved the remarkable value of the new mixture. It resulted in cutting down loss of sheep and in marketing lambs in better condition. Today a high percentage of sheep on Arizona farm lands receive the 1-9 phenothiazine and salt mixture.

This new treatment is economical as well as effective. It practically eliminates the necessity of drenching each animal individually to control roundworms—a costly and possibly dangerous practice.

Track Down the Facts



A great family "man" is *Fiber Zibethicus*, better known to American farmers as the muskrat. He raises his many offspring in marshes, and about streams, lakes and ponds. Muskrat tracks are easily recognized by the drag of his knife-like tail, which shows up well in soft mud.

The muskrat-trapper works hard to make a living out of muskrat skins, and generally his efforts are rewarded. But there is one fact about his business that he tracked down long ago. He knows the price he can get for muskrat skins depends on the popular demand for finished pelts.

In the business of processing livestock into meat for people's use, we at Swift & Company have to keep track of the demand for meat everywhere in the nation. We must know, too, the weights and grades of cuts preferred by housewives. Experience has taught us that the price the producers receive for their livestock is governed by what the meat packers can get for the meat and by-products.

God's Word

"But sanctify in your hearts Christ as Lord: being ready always to give answer to every man that asketh you a reason concerning the hope that is in you, yet with meekness and fear."

Though this verse of scripture is taken from a longer passage about living the Christian life, it bears a distinct challenge to every man who claims to be a Christian—to be ready to give an answer to every inquiry concerning his hope of getting to heaven. To the man who has always believed and obeyed the Bible, this is not a difficult matter; but to the man who depends upon the creeds and doctrines of men, it poses a very serious problem. This challenge brings with it an obligation to open wide the door and expose the very basis of our living. To the true Christian it is a pleasure to tell a man how to get to heaven and at the same time to compare the truth with error—yet with meekness and fear. The reason is simple, for we know that the truth cannot overcome with evil. Since God's word is truth (Jno. 17:17) then truth shall never fall, as the "word of the Lord abideth forever" (1 Pet. 1:25). When the child of God gives answer about his hope it only strengthens his faith—while on the other hand when the servants of man try to give an answer, they find themselves hopelessly entangled in their own error. There is no possible way for members of man-made religious orders to escape from this dilemma—for they have no hope, nor answer. Someone may say that this is bold assumption, but such is not the case—it is a matter of truth, as those who do not keep God's commands have no hope (2 Ths. 1:8). It is impossible to know God and have hope without keeping His commands (1 Jn. 2:3-4). I know, and you know, beyond all doubt that the Bible DOES NOT teach—nor do God's commands demand—many practices of man-made religious bodies. If Denominations willfully change the command of God, they have sealed their doom already—if they are ignorant of God's command they still have no excuse, for at one time God overlooked man's ignorance, but now we are all accountable unto Him (Acts 17:30-31).

Hence Peter's challenge is a living one. It is living because the truth still demands that we give an answer concerning our hope.

Friend, if you are a member of a man-made religious order, CAN you GIVE an answer that God will accept? If you can't—Why?

What will your answer be to Peter's challenge—the challenge the truth always offers?

We invite you to attend services of the Church of Christ every Lord's Day. Services in McCamey at 11:00 a. m. and 7:00 p. m.

ROBERT C. EWELL, Minister

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