

**Half Dozen Wildcats;
Forty-Eight Locations
Listed In 17 Counties**

Three clubs will hold meetings during the coming week. The Garden H. D. Club will meet with Mrs. John Sheehan, on Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 11; the Young Matrons' H. D. Club with Mrs. Gene Foltz on Thursday, Feb. 12; and the McCamey H. D. Club with Mrs. Dee Locklin on Friday, Feb. 13. Each group will have a demonstration on refinishing furniture with some of the actual work being done at the meeting. As always, anyone desiring to come is welcome.

The McCamey 4-H Club will start the week's meetings with a regular session on Monday morning at 10:40. Their demonstration will be on clothing accessories. The Rankin girls will meet in the afternoon.

B Vitamins In Meat

Dr. Sylvia Cover and some of her associates have recently made public results of a long period of experimentation with meat steaks. It's amazing how much work one pot of stew can be when one is trying to find out just what it will do for you from a nutritional standpoint. To begin with, they tell us that a serving of meat stew will furnish 6 to 9 percent of the thiamine needed daily, about one-third of the niacin, and about 10 to 15 percent of the riboflavin. In case you do not recognize them, those are all B vitamins. They also tested for pantothenic acid, another of the B vitamins for which no standard has been set.

In the experiments they found one of the most important items to be the amount of water used. The more water used the more vitamin was found in the broth, and the less in the meat. Methods of cooking were not so important provided it was not continued too long. In general their findings were that from a nutritional standpoint, it is all right to brown the meat for steaks if you desire. Second point was that cooking steaks by simmering, boiling or in the pressure saucepan at 15 pounds pressure was all right if cooking times are just sufficient to obtain tenderness. Last, cooking in large or small amounts of water is permitted if all of the broth is used. Those two ifs are very important since if the product is cooked too long or the broth not used, the amount of vitamin secured is cut down in some cases more than one half.

11 Months To Christmas

That's a bit early? Not for this job. We are thinking about memo making. To begin with, if you have not already discarded the Christmas cards and letters, check your address book to be sure addresses of old friends to be remembered next year are up to date. Good ideas for home made gifts may be secured by seeing those of friends. So instead of wishing we had thought of something of that kind, make a note of it now and you will have it as a reminder when you start your "shopping" next Christmas. Then you might add to the list any suggestions you think of from time to time. It is not too early for that job.

**Birthday Party Fetes
Mary Jo Blue**

Mrs. Haskell Blue honored her eight year old daughter, Mary Jo, with a birthday party from 3 to 5 o'clock Wednesday in the family home.

Games were enjoyed for the first hour, after which gifts were opened and observed by the playmates and her teacher, Miss Ruth Wilson.

Refreshments of sodapop, cookies and fritters were served.

Those present were Ruth McGill, Walter Caldwell, Frances Ann and Marvin Lee, Bobby Bushong, Virginia Lee, Elsie Jo Milner, Patsy Childress, Patsy Stephenson, Rowena Langford, Jan Daugherty, Prissy Walcher, Priscilla and Jeanette Bell, Eddie Jean Whitley, Mary Lou McCain, Annie Shipp and Jack Smith.

**NEWS FROM YOUR
COUNTY AGENT**
By W. O. ADAMS

PARASITE CONTROL

Livestock men throughout the state are becoming more and more convinced of the necessity for control of external parasites in their herds in order to get the most profit from their operations. Reports to headquarters at Texas A&M College from county agents in Floyd, Donley and Dickens counties are good examples of the work that has been done in this field during the past year.

The cattle on the TM Bar Ranch in Floyd County were treated for grubs in January of 1947. A check was made of the demonstration at heel fly time, and A. L. Hartzog, county agent, says the results were excellent, even though the first application of rotenone and sulfur was not of the recommended strength due to a lack of materials. J. V. Daniel, ranch manager, told the agent that "This is the first time our cattle have ever grazed at will and contentedly throughout the heel fly season." Hartzog believes at least a thousand head of cattle in the county have been treated for grubs as a result of the TM Bar Ranch demonstration.

H. M. Breedlove, county agent of Donley County, reported that he had sprayed 18,000 head of beef cattle, 2,200 head of dairy cattle, 35 dairy barns and many cowlots and barns during 1947 in demonstrating the effectiveness of DDT in controlling horn and stable flies. The local bank bought a power sprayer to be used by the agent in the demonstration and farms and ranchers of the county own 15 sprayers.

Breedlove says that ranchers have reported to him that spraying cattle with wettable DDT powder for horn flies will control the parasite for as long as five weeks. Oil base DDT was used in spraying barns. The control of flies and lice on cattle will be a major item of work in the county during 1948.

Many Dickens county ranchmen are treating their cattle with a wettable powder DDT spray at least twice a year. C. A. Taylor, county agent, reports. Dairymen are using it more often. "One ranchman told me," he says, "that spraying for flies is down in his book as a job to be done just as dehorning, branding and vaccinating is done." A DDT spray used on barns and other farm buildings for the control of stable flies has also been very successful.

Paul Gregg, assistant extension entomologist for Texas A&M, says that similar reports have come to him from all over the state. An effective grub and heel fly control program, he says, starts in the early fall and four applications of rotenone with sulfur are recommended at 21-day intervals. Spraying or dipping cattle with a mixture of four lbs. of 50 per cent DDT wettable powder per 100 gallons of water two or three times in the spring and early summer and once in the fall will usually protect the cattle against horn flies for the year.

CORK OATS

For the fifth successive year, the Texas Forest Service, A&M College, will ship prepaid small quantities of free cork oak acorns to any person in Texas. D. A. Anderson, silviculturist chief, points out, however, that requests should be made at once, for he has only 300 lbs. available and shipments will be made Feb. 12. The cork oak acorns are provided by the Crown Cork and Seal Co. of California for experimental planting and growing of cork oak trees. In the previous four years Texans have received 47 1/2 tons of these acorns. They have been planted on all types of soil with varying success.

All who wish to take advantage of this free offer may send their requests to the Texas Forest Service, A&M College, College Station, Texas.

World Day Of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer will be observed at the Methodist Church Friday, Feb. 13, at 2:30 p. m. All denominations are given a cordial welcome and urged to come and worship with us.

**CHARLENE TAYLOR, HARRY J. COWDEN
UNITED IN RANKIN CHURCH CEREMONY**



Charlene Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Taylor of Rankin, became the bride of Harry J. Cowden of Crane, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cowden of Kerrville, Texas, in a double-ring candlelight ceremony Saturday in Rankin's First Baptist Church. A reception was held at the J. Lane Ranch, followed by the couple's departure for Monterey, Brownsville and Houston. They plan to reside on a ranch near Crane.

In a double ring ceremony performed in the First Baptist Church at Rankin Saturday evening at 7 o'clock, Miss Charlene Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Taylor, of Rankin, became the bride of Harry J. Cowden of Crane, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cowden of Kerrville. Rev. C. G. Forester of McCamey, former pastor of the Baptist Church in Rankin, officiated.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an ivory satin gown designed with bertha and hip band covered with heirloom lace. The full skirt was attached to the fitted bodice by full unpressed pleats. A coronet of seed pearls held the finger-tip veil of illusion. She wore a strand of pearls belonging to her paternal grandmother, the late Mrs. B. S. Taylor. The six pence in her shoe belonged to Johnny Rankin of Rankin.

The bride's bouquet was designed with stephanotis around pale purple orchids. Miss Neva Taylor of Ft. Worth, sister of the bride, was maid of honor and wore a dress of moss green taffeta, designed similar to that of the bride. She carried a colonial bouquet of pink rosebuds. Miss Marcelyn Hightower of Midland and Mrs. J. E. Cowden, Jr., of Crane, sister-in-law of the bride-groom, were bridesmaids. They wore identical dresses of American Beauty and carried colonial bouquets.

Candles were lighted by Joy Randal of McCamey who wore a white chiffon dress and wore a wrist corsage of white stock, and Lorene Hall of Iraan, who See WEDDING, page 4

**Monoxide Fumes
Cause Death Of
Three Sunday**

Carbon monoxide fumes were the cause of the deaths of a retired Methodist minister and his two small grandchildren Sunday. The bodies of Rev. Thomas Barcus, 70, of El Paso, and Wade Lancaster, 5, and his sister, Ann, age 2, were found dead in their beds Sunday morning.

Mrs. Barcus remained in a critical condition in a Fort Worth hospital until she passed away Wednesday. The parents of the children, Mr. and Mrs. Wade, were vacationing in Guatemala City. Rev. and Mrs. Barcus were caring for the children.

Mrs. Barcus is the former Maude Rankin of Midland. Her mother is Mrs. F. E. Rankin of San Angelo. The brothers are Pearl Rankin of Rankin and Porter Rankin of Midland. All have been in Fort Worth since the tragic deaths.

**WSCS To Sponsor
Fellowship Luncheon**

The Woman's Society of Christian Service are to have a fellowship luncheon on Monday, Feb. 9, at 12:00 o'clock, and following the luncheon there will be a pledge service. All ladies are urged to attend.

The Weather Report

(Courtesy West Texas Utilities)

Date	Max	Min.
January 29	40	6
January 30	55	17
January 31	64	25
February 1	54	36
February 2	52	41
February 3	60	42
February 4	64	41

**33% of Each Tax Dollar
Expended By State
For Public Education**

AUSTIN.—Only 5c more of each tax dollar was required to educate the more than 1,500,000 grade, high school and college students in Texas during the last fiscal year than it did to pay the pensions of fewer than a quarter-million aged, blind and needy needy children.

Figures from the offices of G. H. Sheppard, state comptroller, also reveal that the cost of public school education, as compared with the overall cost of state government, decreased 5 per cent during the last 15 years while pensions skyrocketed from 3 percent of the total cost to 28 percent.

The 33c of each tax dollar expended by the state for higher and public education is also only 5 per cent more than went into the maintenance and construction of highways last year, Sheppard's figures disclose.

At the same time it was shown that the total cost of state government has more than tripled in 15 years, while cost of education to the state has not kept pace.

During the 1932-33 fiscal year the total expenditure for all governmental functions was \$107,922,451. Of that amount \$40,529,256, or 38 per cent went for grade, high schools and college education. Only \$3,242,564, or 3 per cent, went for public welfare. A total of \$49,589,036 was expended upon the highway system, that being 46 per cent.

In contrast, during the 1946-47 fiscal year total governmental expenditures amounted to \$319,988,100. The schools, colleges and universities got \$106,013,331, or 33 per cent. Pensions for 217,458 aged, blind and children had skyrocketed to \$90,213,091, or 28 per cent of each tax dollar. Highways, while dropping to 28 per cent, had a total expenditure of \$91,146,484.

The comptroller's records reveal that pensions have marched upward each year during the last 15, but the cost of education has fluctuated.

Welfare checks have skyrocketed each year since 1932-33. They reached a total of \$22,013,932 within five years. During the next ten years aid for the aged, blind and children gained until their total was more than \$90,000,000 last year.

While the pension cost was steadily increasing, the schools' aid ebbed and flowed each fiscal year. It reached a low of 28 per cent in 1933-39, when \$45,640,935 was expended upon them.

"The spotlight of late has been on the increased appropriations for our schools, but official figures disclose that the cost of education has not kept pace with the total cost of government in Texas," C. H. Tennyson, director of public relations for the Texas State Teachers Association, pointed out.

Tennyson pointed out that not only does the 33c of the tax dollar help educate 1,500,000 grade and high school children and an estimated 50,000 students in the state universities and colleges, but that it helps pay 46,500 public school teachers, a large number of persons on the college teaching staffs and an estimated 18,000 other persons employed by the various school systems.

The last legislature increased appropriations for the little red school house, its modern counterpart and the colleges, but the percentage of the tax dollar going into education is not expected to be much greater than the high for the last 15 years," Tennyson said.

**WSCS Meet Monday
In Regular Session**

The WSCS of the First Methodist Church met Monday in regular session at the church.

The members are studying the book, "Ten Thousand Years In China." It is taught by the Rev. D. G. Hardt.

On Thursday an exhibit was given on things made in China and imported from China.

Next Monday a pot-luck luncheon will be held.

**Founders Day Observed
By Katherine Secret
P.T.A. Association**

Founders Day was observed when the Katherine Secret Parent-Teachers Association met on Tuesday in the High School auditorium.

The program, under the direction of Mrs. Ross Wheeler, consisted of a reading by Barbara Harral, a piano solo by Jan Daugherty, and a playlet, "Founders Day," by Miss Freda Walker and the fifth grade pupils.

Mrs. R. C. Schlagal, president, presided at the business session. Committee reports were heard and it was voted that the association sponsor a health program.

Mrs. Tyson Midkiff gave a report on the School of Instruction recently held in Big Lake under the supervision of Mrs. Thompson, District 6 PTA president.

Past Presidents of Rankin's PTA Association were honored, the president now holding office pinning blue and gold ribbons on each attending this meeting. Past Presidents present were Mmes. C. G. Taylor, Tom Workman, Lloyd Yocham, Tyson Midkiff and Walton Harral.

The first president of the association was Mrs. R. C. Harlan and others were Mmes. Pate Yocham, N. E. Walcher, Dave Elder, Harvey Hayes, R. O. White, J. T. Dameron, Ralph Daugherty, M. J. Edwards, and J. F. Jones.

Following the meeting a silver tea was enjoyed with Mmes. Zack Monroe, H. G. Yocham R. C. Schlagal and Tom Workman as hostesses. Sandwiches, cakes, nuts and tea were served from a beautifully appointed tea table laid in silver and white. A silver offering was made at the tea as is customary at the Founders Day program each year; the offering being placed in a small silver bowl on the serving table. Thirty-four were present.

**Oil Field Thieves Are
Now Using Airplanes
To Locate Their Prey**

DALLAS.—Thieves are now using aerial reconnaissance methods to locate their prey in Texas oil fields.

J. W. Kelley, chief investigator for the Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Assn., this week warned Texas oil men that oil field supply thieves are stepping up their activity to take advantage of the current steel shortage and scarcity of materials.

In a recent case it was reported that tools and supplies were spotted in flights over the oil fields and confederate were tipped off on the location of the equipment. Using trucks, the thieves hauled the heavy equipment off to junk yards where "fences" disposed of the stolen property.

Kelley praised recent action by the Wichita County grand jury which asked peace officers to be on guard against the current increase in theft of oil field equipment.

The jury report also warned that persons selling pipe and supplies at low prices would be suspected of handling stolen property. The grand jury cited the Texas law which provides that any dealer in used oil field equipment must have ample records, bills of sale and information as to place of purchase of all second-hand oil field supplies he handles.

Kelley's Association serves as a clearing house for theft reports involving stolen oil field equipment. He said operators should make a prompt report of missing supplies.

**WMU First Baptist
Meet With Mrs. Monroe**

The WMU of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. Zack Monroe Monday.

Mrs. Monroe led the devotional. Mrs. Tyson Midkiff had charge of the Bible study for the day.

There were several unable to attend on account of illness but the meeting was an inspiration to all who were present.

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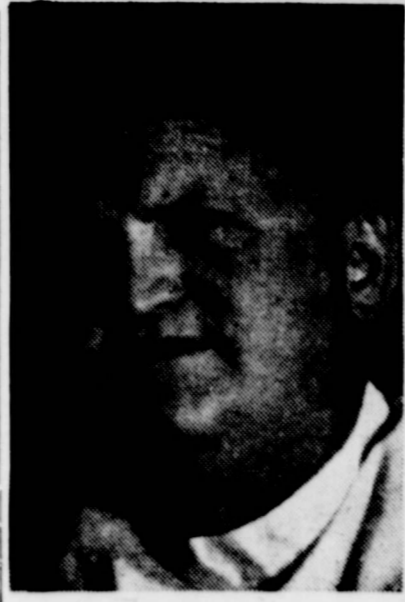
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WATCH OPEN FLAME HEATERS

According to engineers of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, emergency operation of unvented open flame gas and oil heaters brings a serious hazard to life in the home. If a house is tightly closed or a room is small, the oxygen present is gradually burned up, and the products of combustion develop dangerously high in percentages of deadly carbon monoxide. The combination of toxic carbon monoxide and the asphyxiation produced by inadequate oxygen may result in a drowsy, painless death.

Inasmuch as these heaters are frequently used to implement regular heating systems, three safety rules suggested by the National Board should be known to every householder. First, the doors to individual rooms in which the heaters are burning should not be closed. Second, the heaters should never be left burning upon retiring at night. Finally, the heaters should not be used as the permanent or sole source of heat for habitable rooms.

Smoke issuing from any open flame heater is a danger signal—it indicates a deficiency of oxygen, or a dirty or badly adjusted burner. A number of deaths were caused by the heaters during recent cold spells, and knowledge and caution in the home can prevent a repetition of these tragedies. Don't take a chance!



DR. MELVIN T. HARDIN

Oxygen Therapy To Be Demonstrated In Crane

It was announced in Crane today by Dr. Melvin T. Hardin, Chief of Staff at the Hardin Clinic, that the eminent Diagnostician, Dr. G. W. Davis of Los Angeles, accompanied by members of his staff, would bring Oxygen Therapy equipment for demonstration and diagnosis to Crane the week of Feb. 9 to 14 inclusive.

Oxygen Therapy used extensively in Austria and Germany during the pre-war era, is gaining wide acceptance in this country since its introduction shortly after the war.

Endorsed by the ANA in its journal, Oxygen Therapy has brought relief to many patients and has restored health to many sufferers of many ailments. Dr. Melvin T. Hardin invites anyone interested in a physical examination and a complete explanation of Oxygen Therapy to come in and receive this service without charge. All that is necessary is to clip the advertisement, which will be found in this paper and bring it to The Dr. Melvin T. Hardin Clinic, opposite the Post Office in Crane during the week of Feb. 9, when Dr. G. W. Davis will be the Diagnostician.



For the first time in the SW, WAA is planning to sell surplus war housing at fixed prices instead of through competitive bidding as formerly. On Feb. 18, 149 Camp Gruber buildings will be offered to the assembled purchasers without priority and at fixed prices. Buyers will get from one to five buildings, and "on the spot" drawings will determine the order of purchase. Inspection of the buildings at the camp, located near Muskogee, Okla., will be held between Feb. 9 and Feb. 17.

WAA will assume a new role in the national fuel shortage by consigning surplus supplies of fuel oil, gasoline and diesel oil on hand throughout the country directly to the Armed Forces. This move will decrease military requirements from current production, enabling the industry to channel more petroleum products to civilians. WAA estimates it now has in inventory approximately 1,000,000 gallons of gasoline and diesel oil.

Churches are eligible to make application for two surplus chapel buildings located at Laredo Army Airfield in Texas. WAA will dispose of the chapels at standard fixed prices on condition they be removed for use as places of religious worship, or as shrine or memorial to World War II dead. Letters of application should be mailed to WAA's San Antonio office, located at 610 S. Flores St., San Antonio.

Automotive equipment and general merchandise valued at two million dollars will be marketed at a War Assets location at Tinker Field, Oklahoma City. Veterans, priority buyers and non-priority buyers will inspect the war surplus goods on successive days from Feb. 10 thru Feb. 12.

A windup sale of the nation's surplus aircraft is to include three planes located at installation within the SW. At the Walnut Ridge, Ark., depot are two P-38 twin engine fighter planes, and at the Altus, Okla., Air Base

there is a B-24 four-engine bomber available for the sealed bid sale. Veterans may receive preference by submitting a WAA purchase certificate along with their bids. Certification may be completed at WAA Customer Service Centers. This national clearance sale will close Feb. 23.

Vincent Andrews has announced his candidacy for commissioner of Prec. 2, and earnestly solicits the backing of those voters. He is well known in these parts, having maintained residence in the county for 20 years. Two years ago he sought the commissioners office in his precinct.

Billy Ray Collins, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Snelson, and Mr. and Mrs. Benson and daughter attended the opening games of the second Annual Gold Medal basketball tournament in Fort Stockton, on Thursday night.

L. Fines Constructing Hollow Tile Building

Leon Fines of San Angelo is constructing a new building in town that will house a new business, yet unannounced. Dimensions are 24x60 feet, and hollow tile will be used in the construction. It is located east of the Neeley business houses.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh Do You Have Noisy Neighbors? A lot of the neighbors were suddenly annoyed by Jeb Crowell's hammering at night. Jeb was building himself a new front porch—and the only time that he could give to it was after sundown. Finally we decided the best thing to do was all pitch in and help—and get the carpentry over with as soon as possible. We did. Finished the porch next evening—and Jeb gratefully treated us to ice cold beer and cider. From where I sit, that's what being a good neighbor means. In- Joe Marsh Copyright, 1948, United States Brewers Foundation

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Fires From Hot Water Heaters On Increase

AUSTIN.—Fires caused from water heaters have been on the increase since the beginning of the fall months," reported Marvin Hall, State Fire Insurance Commissioner, in asking the housewives to follow safety rules in using them.

Hall said that 21 water heaters during the 3-month period from September thru November had damaged totaling \$66,874.

"Heaters too close to walls and overheated plants have been the most offenders," he disclosed. Of prime importance is the proper installation of the heater, he believes.

"Heaters should have adequate clearance from woodwork and other combustible material," he stressed. "Woodwork subjected to prolonged heat becomes excessively dry and requires only a spark, or perhaps a little extra warmth, to ignite it. This is likely to happen on a zero night when the apparatus is under force-pressure."

Heaters should be rigidly supported, supplied with fixed plumbing and should have proper venting and piping connections.

Hot water heating pipes should be so insulated that they cannot be in contact with combustible material of any kind, for any time produce charcoal from which it is in contact, and charcoal is subject to spontaneous ignition.

No steam pipe should be within one inch of any woodwork and any pipe passing through combustible floors, ceilings or wooden partitions and plaster partitions should be protected by a metal tube one inch larger than the pipe and be provided with a close fitting metal cap on each side of the partition.

"These pipes should definitely be used for drying purposes," Commissioner warned.

Combustible material, such as paper, cloths, boxes, should not be placed on top of or allowed to collect underneath water heaters, Hall said. Especially is the additional hazard of the flame in the bottom of the water. The heater itself may become hot enough to ignite any combustible material that is left in contact with it.

A vent should be used over a hot water heater. Approved vent piping is made of non-combustible material designed to prevent the development of dangerous temperatures on adjacent wood where run through wood partitions with a specific minimum one inch clearance.

If a heater is not automatic, special precautions should be taken to see that the heater is turned off after the water has become hot. Should the heater be left on, the water would continue to heat to such an extent that after a short space of time pure steam would shoot out of the hot or cold water faucets when turned on. Danger of explosion is exceedingly great.

"Should a water leak develop a plumber should be called at once," Hall said. "The water is very likely to extinguish the flame in the heater, allowing gas to escape. Again there is danger of explosion, plus that of asphyxiation to the occupants of the house."

Water heaters are commonly sold bearing the label of the American Gas Assn. Laboratory, indicating that they have been tested and found to be reliable and safe.

It costs about \$100 a year, or \$1.70 a ton, to operate an average snow hay-curing system.

Sand Hills Group Attend Basketball Tourney In Stockton

SAND HILLS.—A large representation from here attended the second annual Gold Medal basketball tournament in Fort Stockton Saturday. The morning hours were spent in the high school gym watching the Sand Hills-Fort Stockton and the Alpine Mountaineers-Ft. Stockton A. C. basketball games.

At the noon hour the group enjoyed a picnic lunch in the park, honoring the Sand Hills team. In the afternoon, back to the gym for more ball games, which were the Imperial-Butternut and the Sand Hills-Alpine Mountaineers contest. They stayed for the championship game that night between Sand Hills and Imperial.

Those enjoying the day's outing were: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Field, Henry B. Betty Lou and Ted; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Davis, Ernie and Jerry; Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Wood, Nannette and Rex; Misses Arnell and Bennie Earp, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Mansell, Tiny Earp, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ellison, Bill Middlebrooks, W. B. Watson, R. T. Stacy, Bill Hovel, Floyd Alvey and T. G. Wood.

Others from the Sand Hills who attended the championship game Saturday night were: Mmes. W. B. Watson and Bill Middlebrooks, Messrs. and Mmes. V. A. Haynes, Wilburn Pettit, T. R. Kinsey and children, J. R. Todd and daughter, A. L. Higdon and family, and Mr. R. L. Howard.

Mrs. Jimmy Foster was admitted to the Robinson Hospital on Sunday with pneumonia. She was transferred from her Texas-N. Mex. camp home by ambulance driven by O. E. Coleman.

The N. L. Crownover family spent a few days with relatives in Loraine recently, and Mrs. Crownover remained there to be with her father during an operation.



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WEDDING—

(Continued from page 1) wore a dress of white net and wrist corsage of white stock. W. H. Cowden of Mountain Home attended his brother as best man, and ushers were Travis Taylor of Arlington, brother of the bride, and Geo. E. Cowden of Mountain Home, brother of the bridegroom. The candlelight ceremony was performed at the altar which was decorated with baskets of white gladioli. Mrs. John Christy, organist, played the traditional wedding music and accompanied Neva Taylor, sister of the bride, who sang "Because." A reception following the ceremony was held at the Jay Lane Ranch. Mrs. Lane presided at the three-tiered wedding cake, which was topped by a miniature bridal couple under an arch. Mrs. H. H. Saenger was at the crystal punch bowl and Mrs. B. R. Miller of Texon at the register. The bride's mother wore beige crepe and black accessories with blue iris corsage. The groom's mother wore a black crepe dress and blue iris corsage. For a wedding trip to Mexico, Houston and Brownsville, the bride wore a gray gabardine suit with pink feather hat, and black accessories. The couple will be at home on their ranch 11 miles southwest of Crane. The bride is a graduate of the Rankin High School and Texas Tech. She has recently been employed as bookkeeper by the Midland PCA at Midland. Mr. Cowden is a graduate of Tivy High School, Kerrville, and attended Schreiner Institute. He served with the Air Corps three years, and ten months, in the South Pacific. He is in the ranching business. Out of town wedding guests included Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cowden, Charles Cowden and Miss Jerra Edwards, all of Kerrville; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cowden, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Cowden of Mountain Home; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cowden, Jr., and G. H. Cowden, Crane; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dunlap and Mr. and Mrs. Byron Stuart of Ozona; Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dameron of Van Horn; Miss Neva Taylor, Ft. Worth; Miss Marceyln Hightower, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Percifull, all of Midland; Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Prescott of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Saenger of Fort Stockton; Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Miller of Teon; Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Forester of McCamey; Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hall of Iraan; Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Simmons, Jr., of Midland, and V. V. Randall of McCamey.

Cooney-Riddles Nuptials Read

J. S. Cooney of McCamey and Mrs. Arlie Riddles of San Angelo were married at the Justice of the Peace office in San Angelo on Jan. 11. They will make their home in McCamey where Mr. Cooney is employed by the C. W. Brown Motor Co. Mrs. Cooney has two daughters, Eva Jean and Willie Gail Riddles.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Norris of Alpine came Sunday to be with Mrs. Norris' parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Wheeler. Lewis went Sunday to El Paso with the Sul Ross Lobos, but Norma Jean remained with the family for a few days.



Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Cowden, whose recent marriage took place at the First Baptist Church in Rankin, with Rev. C. G. Forester of McCamey performing the double ring candlelight ceremony. A reception was held at the J. Lane Ranch, followed by the couple's departure for Monterey, Brownsville and Houston. They plan to reside on a ranch near Crane. (Right) Mrs. J. Lane; (Left) Mrs. Jack Walcher.

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Jack Walcher, owner, has storage facilities for 36,700 gallons. Several months ago he increased storage at Odessa, erected storage at Rankin and Sundown, making them points of distribution.

Employees are W. R. Thompson, Odessa manager; Pat Campbell, Odessa truck driver; Marion Edder, Odessa truck driver; Elmer Hill, Odessa transport driver; H. C. Dishman, Rankin truck driver, and J. C. Slayton, Sundown truck driver.

Walcher is married and has two young daughters, Mary Priscilla and Marjorie Sue. He is secretary of the board of trustees of the Rankin Independent School District.

W. D. Price has received his BS degree at Texas Tech at the close of the last semester. He majored in Civil Engineering and will be employed by Humble Oil Co. at Houston.

John Ann Lowery and Jim Elliott are Texas Tech students home between semesters.

Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Miller and family visited in Big Spring on Sunday.

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SHEFFIELD NEWS

Parents of a son born Friday evening in a San Angelo hospital are Mr. and Mrs. Sam Shaw of Sheffield. The baby arrived at 7:18 p. m. and weighed 6 lbs. 9 oz. and has been named Sam Lee.

The ladies of Sheffield met Monday at the community hall and organized a Sewing Club. It has been called the Work Basket Club and will meet the third Wednesday of every month in the homes of the members. The club consists of nine members with Mrs. Marvin Mireko as the president, Mrs. P. G. Fikes, vice president, and Mrs. Daymond McGilvery as secretary and treasurer. The purpose of the club is the raising of funds for the Infantile Paralysis campaign. Their next meeting will be held the 18th of February. New members are cordially invited.

Mrs. Bernice Sandel was hospitalized in Iraan Sunday.

Miss Iantha Sandel of McCamey was a Sheffield visitor Sunday.

Mrs. Jim Burleson and daughter, Dorothea, and son, Johnny, visited Mrs. Burleson's sister, Mrs. Hearne Scott, in Eldorado last weekend. While there they were joined by Mrs. Burleson's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Winkler and daughter, Carol, of San Angelo. They also visited Mr. Burleson's mother while there.

Word has been received from Mrs. Howard Johnson of Ft. Worth that she and her mother, Mrs. Sam Murry, will move to Midland in the near future on account of Mrs. Murray's health. They plan to build a home in Midland. Mrs. Murry and Mrs. Johnson and her daughter, Anne, formerly made their home in Sheffield.

Brother Black returned this week with his wife and grandson, Bobby. Mrs. Black has been in Lubbock visiting her son and daughter-in-law.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Collett entertained their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Collett, Wednesday evening with a birthday dinner.

Mrs. John Carson of Bakersfield was a Sheffield visitor this week.

Ollin Smith has been on the sick list this week. Capt. and Mrs. Gayland Casey and daughter, Sandra, who have been visiting Mrs. Casey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernice Sandel, have returned to Houston, where they will visit Capt. Casey's parents until his return to France. Mr. and Mrs. Russel Morris of

Iran were Sheffield visitors

the early part of the week. Mr. and Mrs. Dub Heflin had as their guests this week, Mr. Heflin's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Slim Heflin and family.

Congress Passes Allowance Hikes For GI Students

WASHINGTON—A \$10 to \$30 monthly boost in living allowances is in prospect for approximately 2,000,000 veterans attending school.

Congressional action on a bill providing the increases was completed Tuesday by the House. Only President Truman's signature is needed to make them effective April 1.

The House also passed Senate-approved legislation to let ex-GIs draw more pay for on-the-job training. But it has to go to a Senate House Conference committee to thrash out differences.

The bill raising government subsistence allowances for student veterans cleared the House on a 370-6 vote. It provides:

1. A \$75 monthly payment for unmarried veterans—an increase of \$10.

2. A \$105-a-month allowance for a veteran with one dependent—a veteran and his wife, for example. A veteran with two or more dependents would get \$120. The allowance for veterans with one or more dependents now is \$90 monthly.

The other bill, passed 371 to 5, hikes the amount a veteran taking on-the-job training may receive from his employer while getting a government allowance. It sets these ceilings for combined allowances and pay:

For single men, \$250 a month;

Political Announcements

Charges for Publication in This Column of the Rankin News: District & State Offices... \$20.00 County Offices... 15.00 Precinct Offices... 7.50 (No refunds to candidates who withdraw.)

Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary Election Saturday, July 24, 1948.

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married veterans with one dependent, \$325; and those with two or more, \$350.

BAKERSFIELD NEWS

The oil business was rather at a standstill last week on account of frozen lines. Everyone was busy with torches trying to keep the lines from bursting and keeping the faucets open. But the ice won in most cases for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Fulliger moved Saturday to Brady where Mr. Fulliger is engaged in the ranch business. The Fulligers have lived here the last two years. He was the school bus driver to McCamey and she the school teacher. Replacing Mrs. Fulliger as school teacher is Mrs. N. T. Young of Rochelle. Mr. Ed Ten Eyck is now driver of the bus. As a going away gift, the community gave the Fulligers an Aladin

lamp and some aluminum cooking utensils.

Miss Mary Lee Davidson, who teaches school in Odessa, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Davidson, over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ten Eyck were in McCamey Sunday visiting Mrs. Cora Custer.

Bill Ten Eyck has gone to Ft. Worth with Jack Lee of Iraan. They left Sunday to attend the fat stock show.

Mr. and Mrs. M. P. McBee and children, Wesley and Myrna, visited Mrs. McBee's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith, of Givvix, also Mrs. McBee's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Tilford Rasmussen of Odessa over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Pierce and children, James and John, moved here Saturday from Brownwood.

Antique Auction JOIN THE CROWD OF DEALERS, CONNOISSEURS, COLLECTORS, INDIVIDUAL BUYERS More than 1500 items will be sold SAN PEDRO PLAYHOUSE—SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS First Sale—February 9-10-11-12... Nightly—7 P. M. to 11 P. M. Afternoon—February 10 and 11—1 P. M. to 5 P. M. Items of interest for all... French-Victorian-English Furniture—exquisite pieces. China, Meissen, Dresden, Copi de Mont—Fine Porcelain and Bique. Brass, Copper, Metalware of all kinds—Paintings, Rugs and Objects d'Art. Save time—take advantage of these monthly San Antonio sales. All objects on exhibit seven days prior to sale at shops of undersigned dealers. All these dealers are members of San Antonio Antique Dealers Association. Alamo Plating Co., Vick Plating Co., Southern Plating Co., Schulze Bell & Britz, Melrose Campbell, The Rock House, The Colonial Shoppe, Margaret Eagon, Estelle Harbin, Dolly Johns, Paul Kasarjian, Walter Poorman, Mary Kennedy



Where would you look for a lonely farm? City folks used to think farm life was a lonely life. Today, automobiles, telephones, and—above all—electric service—have nearly ended loneliness on the farm. Low-cost, dependable, electric service turns dark into day, pumps water, milks cows, grinds feed—does dozens of other chores—brings entertainment and market reports. Who brought electric service to the farms? The business-managed, self-supporting electric companies began the job some 60 years ago. They did the pioneering...developed new methods and equipment...learned to meet the problems of weather and distance...and continued to bring better and cheaper electric service to more and more farms and ranches. In 1936 the Rural Electrification Administration was born. With Rural co-operatives, it joined in the job. Today, electric service is available to more than three-quarters of American farms. The majority of those farms are being served by business-managed, tax-paying electric companies. It has been the policy of the West Texas Utilities Company, not only to supply the low-cost, dependable electric service which makes the farm a happier place in which to live...but also to help the farmer make the best possible use of electric service, to lessen the burden of farm work and to increase production and profits...and in turn the purchasing power of the area we serve. West Texas Utilities Company

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