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IN AND OUT AND AROUND THE TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Patton and daughter Sybil spent Christmas at San Saba in the home of Mrs. Patton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Bloomer. They returned to Rankin Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Moore and son, "Butch", left Wednesday for Killeen where they will visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Moore. They also plan to visit friends and relatives in Austin, and attend the Cotton Bowl game in Dallas New Year's Day before returning home.

Among Rankin's holiday visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Alton Holmes of Freer, Texas, who visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Holmes.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunn Lowery and John Ann spent Christmas with relatives in Rockport, Texas.

Dr. J. C. Bredehoft spent several days recently visiting relatives and friends in Boerne, Texas, his former home.

Mr. S. E. Scott was quite ill at his home here the first of the week. His condition is reported as improved at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Blue and family went to Shamrock, Texas, Friday night to spend the Christmas weekend with Mrs. Blue's mother. The family returned Sunday.

Sara Lee and Billy Stephenson spent Christmas in Abilene with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Stephenson.

Miss Cleona Quiett of the Rankin school faculty spent the holidays in Baton Rouge, La.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Henley of Fort Stockton were Rankin visitors Wednesday.

Tom Workman flew to Fort Stockton on business for the Ranchers Wool & Mohair Association Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Neal and children of Toyahvale were weekend holiday guests in the H. F. Neal home.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bell of Texas City spent Christmas with the R. L. Bell family.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Workman, Mary Ann and Jimmy, visited Mr. and Mrs. David Workman and baby, Cathy Ann, in San Angelo Sunday. Cathy Ann, was born Christmas Eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Tyson Midkiff of Midland called on Rankin friends Thursday.

Miss Dorothy Kink of Throckmorton visited her aunt, Miss Leila King, several days this week and both left Friday for their homes in Throckmorton.

County Employees Have Christmas Party On Christmas Eve

Officials and employees enjoyed a Christmas party and exchange of gifts in the office of the County Treasurer, at the Upton County Court House, Friday morning at 10 o'clock. There was a big Christmas tree and Treasurer Elizabeth Rains was Santa Claus' representative.

Myrna Holman presented each lady with a corsage of evergreen, mistletoe and silver berries tied with red ribbon. Coffee and doughnuts were served to Miss Maggie Taylor, Mrs. Lynelle Bozeman, Miss Leila King, Miss Roma Ellett, Mrs. Luella Dean, Miss Mary Ann Workman, Mrs. Dorothy Hurst, Miss Myrna Holman, Mrs. Elizabeth Rains, Allen Moore, R. E. McWilliams, Dub Day, John A. Menefee, Gene Eckols, Bud Hurst, Robert Bozeman and Bob Schlagal. Ralph Daugherty, Judge Fisher and Doc Hudson were unable to be present.

RICHARDSON - BASS IN; GORDON ELLENBURGER

ELECTION BONDS SOLD MONDAY

Four Men Arrested In McCamey On Varied Charges

Four men were arrested in McCamey Monday night, and in the early hours of Tuesday morning, with one charge of operating a vehicle without a driving permit being charged against one man, and the other three men charged with vagrancy.

Deputy Sheriff John Gantt arrested Troy Nelson Parker who gave his home as Tennessee, at the Bender Hotel late Monday night after being called to the scene to talk to the man. It was learned that he had three companions in town, and due to circumstances not disclosed, pickup orders were issued for the three men.

Constable Malcolm Reimers, who is acting night watchman in McCamey at the present time, rounded up the three men at different intervals during the night.

The three men were questioned by Deputy Sheriff Earl McWilliams the following morning and the three men were taken to Rankin and lodged in the Upton County jail. Deputy Sheriff Bob Schlagal fingerprinted the men and completed a file on them.

The other three men and the charges are: Harold J. Nutt of Georgia, age 27, charged with operating a vehicle without a license; Art Cluston Rutherford of Tennessee, age 20, charged with vagrancy; and Hiram McDaniels of Illinois, age 22, charged with vagrancy.

Baby Shower Given Mrs. Paul Splawn

Mrs. Paul Splawn was honored with a baby shower for the Splawn's little week-old adopted son, Gregory Samuel, when Mrs. Marvin Bell, Mrs. W. C. McSpadden and Mrs. Jesse Richardson entertained in the Bell home Saturday afternoon between the hours of 3 and 4 o'clock.

Carnations decorated the party rooms and a refreshment plate of date cake, hot chocolate, coffee, nuts and candy was served. Favors were miniature storks made of safety-pins carrying little rubber dolls. The favors were stuck in gum drops.

Attending the party were little Gregory Samuel, Mesdames Stanley Eddins, A. D. Zachary, W. Wakeman, W. J. Cowan, Jack Smith, Walton Harral, Jack Marshall, Bill Scoggins, Clay Taylor, Babe Wills, Wilbur Alexander.

Those sending gifts were Mesdames Sam Holmes, J. D. Shipp, Lewis Woolsey, John Hurst, Mary Pierce, Jody James, M. C. Duer, Claude Higginbotham, Clay Nowell, Stanley Kozimor, Don Rhorick, R. L. Herrin, Will Nix, J. L. Clark, Margie Eldridge, Preston Patton, Bud Cummings, Elizabeth Rains, Luella Dean, Minor Browning, L. Porter Johnson, H. Ward, Lewis M. Smith and Misses Dorothy Robertson and Grace Roach.

GIRL TO WORKMANS

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. David Workman, Friday December 24th in a San Angelo hospital. The baby, who weighed 4 lbs. and 12 oz. has been named Kathy Ann. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dick Koerting of Dumas and the paternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Tom Workman of Rankin.

After canvassing the election returns of the bond election held on Dec. 22, Monday morning, the Upton County Commissioners' Court received bids from two firms for the sale of the bonds on the \$90,000 Benedum road and the \$65,000 bonds that were approved for the improvements at the Upton County Airport in McCamey.

The commissioners accepted the low bid submitted by S. W. Jackson of the Central Investment Co. of Dallas with an average interest rate of 2.41% on both series of bonds.

The bid calls for the payment of 2 1/4% rate of interest for the first three years on both of the issues, with the remaining seven years of Airport Bonds and the remaining six years of the Road Bonds to carry a 2 1/2% rate of interest.

Bids on the construction for the two projects will be opened shortly after the first of the year, according to Judge G. H. "Bud" Fisher.

Final canvassed returns on the election showed the following results:

ROAD	For:	Against:
Box 1	83	1
Box 2	71	0
Box 3	6	0
Box 4	77	18
Box 5	28	0
Box 6	90	13
TOTAL	355	32
AIRPORT		
Box 1	72	12
Box 2	60	10
Box 3	3	3
Box 4	76	19
Box 5	23	0
Box 6	96	8
TOTAL	335	52

Upton Ranchers Get Present In Christmas Holiday Rains

Upton County ranchers got a surprise gift when "Saint Nick" was making his yearly tour last Friday night when the county received general rains over a 48 hour period of some 3-4 inches.

The parched ranges soaked up most of the moisture before the sun broke through the clouds on Monday.

Many housewives also rejoiced as they found some hope of the dust being settled long enough to keep the "old weather" dusters from working themselves overtime.

BOYD GETS 20 YEARS IN MURDER TRIAL HELD AT KERMIT



JAMES BOYD

James Boyd, Odessa, was found guilty of the murder of his wife, Jewel, with malice aforethought with a blunt instrument, to wit: a car pump; by striking her about the face and head near Crane on August 22 of this year.

The jury was out only 19 minutes before arriving at the verdict. The trial opened Tuesday morning in Kermit in the 109th District Court presided over by District Judge G. C. Olsen. District Attorney Dick Starley of Pecos was in charge of the prosecution, while the lawyers for defendant were Murray Howze of Monahans, and Guy McFarland of Wink, C. Pete Bennett of Crane assisted the state in the case.

The defendant, after the opening of court, through his counsel asked leave of the court to withdraw the plea of "Not Guilty" heretofore entered in the case and be allowed to enter a plea of guilty at this time. The court after questioning the defendant personally, withdrew the previous plea whereupon the defendant on arrangement entered a plea of "Guilty."

District Attorney Starley told the jury that the State agreed with the defense to recommend a sentence of 20 years.

The remainder of the day saw



MRS. JEWEL BOYD

a parade of witnesses go to the stand and testify that the murdered woman was "a drinking woman; profane, cussing and threatening and violently mistreating her husband; was seen in compromising positions with other men; was frequently gone; and always talking about her previous husband, even using her former husband's name in endorsing checks that Boyd handed over; and that Mrs. Boyd was larger than Boyd".

These same witnesses depicted (Continued on Page 4)

NEW PROSPECTS AS FIELD GROWS

Mansfield Finishes Second On '48 Champ Cowboy List

FORT WORTH — The Rodeo Cowboys Assn., announced here today its list of world champion cowboys for 1948, including Gerald Roberts of Phoenix, Ariz., and Strong City, Kans., as the best all-round cowboy of the year.

Roberts won top honors by leading in the pack of 2,100 professional cowboys who were scored in the RAC point-award system for 575 rodeos in the U. S. and Canada.

One point is scored for each dollar won in competition and Roberts ended the 1948 season with \$21,866 in cash awards.

In the field rodeo contests of the year Roberts nosed out two close rivals, Todd Whatley of Bethel, Okla., the 1947 world champion, and Toots Mansfield of Big Spring, Texas.

Mansfield came out second with \$21,369, and Whatley third with \$20,017. Mansfield is president.

It was a nip-and-tuck race among the three during October and November.

The champion competed in three major rodeo events, saddle and bareback bronc riding and bull riding.

Earl Lindsey, manager of the RCA, announced that the 2,100 professionals competed for cash prize money of \$1,750,000 at the 575 RCA-approved rodeos during the year. Of that amount, \$300,000 was entry fees paid by the contestants.

The first three place winners in each of the seven rodeo events with the amount of money they won:

Bull riding, Harry Tompkins, Tulsa, Okla., \$11,313; Gerald Roberts, Phoenix, Ariz., \$10,654; and Sonny Lavender, Holiday, Tex., \$8,417.

Saddle bronc riding, Gene Pruitt, Tieton, Wash., \$11,221; Carl Olson, Cardston, Alta., Canada, \$7,715, and Casey Tibbs, Pierre, S. D., \$7,633.

Bareback bronc riding, Sonny Tureman, John Day, Ore., \$9,813; Jack Buschhorn, Cassville, Wis., \$8,901; and Bud Linderman, Red Lodge, Mont., \$6,103.

Steer wrestling, Homer Pettigrew, Chandler, Ariz., \$9,906; Dub Phillips, San Angelo, Texas, \$9,411; and Ken Boen, Decatur, Ill., \$9,347.

Calf roping, Toots Mansfield, Big Spring, \$17,812; (a winner for 17 years); Zeano Farris, Las Cruces, N. M., \$12,260; and Dee Burke, Comanche, Okla., \$10,855.

Team roping, Joe Glenn, Douglas, Ariz., \$3,881; Marion Vincent, Portersville, Calif., \$3,676; and John Rhoads, Sombrero Butte, Ariz., \$3,474.

Steer roping, Everett Shaw, Stonewall, Okla., \$3,894; Ike Rude, Dodge City, Kans., \$2,785; and Toots Mansfield, Big Spring, \$2,633.

Guests in the home of Postmaster and Mrs. M. J. Edwards for a Christmas family gathering this weekend are Mr. and Mrs. Beryl H. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Cearley, Paul Baker, Maldus L. Baker, and Mrs. Edwards' father, Houston W. Baker, all of Altus, Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Wilkes of El Paso, Texas and Joan Edwards of Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Boggs spent Christmas in Plainview with relatives.

Pennsylvanian lime discovery in eastern Upton County, 3 3/4 miles NW of the most northerly well in the Benedum field, Richardson & Bass No. 1 H. F. Neal and A. D. Neal flowed 130 barrels of oil in 18 hours ending early Tuesday.

The gauge was through a quarter inch choke and perforations at 10,030-060 feet in a 7 inch liner. The oil was cut only two-tenths of one per cent by mud. Flowing tubing pressure was from 475 to 550 pounds. Gas-oil ratio was 1,633-1. Flowing to test continued.

No. 1 Neal Bros. found the Ellenburger barren in drilling to 12,543 feet and plugged back. It is in the C NW NW 9-Y-TCRR.

1-47 Gordon Ellenburger

Plymouth Oil Co. No. 1-47 Arvilla E. Gordon has become the eighth completed producer and the sixth from the Ellenburger in the Benedum triple-pay field in eastern Upton County. It registered a daily flowing potential of 433.56 barrels of 59 gravity oil, with no water, and gas-oil ratio of 3,772-1.

Production was through a 3-8 inch tubing choke from open hole between 11,440 and 11,475 feet, the total depth. Flowing tubing pressure was 1,050 pounds. Pay was topped at 4,115 but part of it was shut off by a 5 1/2 inch liner set from 9,313 and 11,440 feet and cemented with 190 sacks. Seven and five-eighths casing had been cemented at 9,470 feet.

NORTH OF DISCOVERY

The well is 660 feet out of the SE corner of section 47-Y-TCRR, half mile north and slightly west of Slick-Urschel and Plymouth No. 1 D. L. Alford, the pool opener, producing from the Ellenburger.

Mrs. 'Gene' Eckols Feted With Pink And Blue Shower

Mrs. H. E. "Gene" Eckols was honored with a pink and blue shower in the home of Mrs. Clay Taylor in Rankin recently.

Open house was observed between the hours of 2 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Christmas theme was used in decorations, with poinsettias and a gum drop tree forming the centerpiece on the tea table.

Mrs. Bob Schlagal presided at the guest register.

Hostesses for the event were Mrs. Clay Taylor, Mrs. Bob Schlagal and Mrs. Preston Patton.

Refreshments of open face sandwiches, olives, cheezits, fruit cake and coffee were served from the tea table, and plate favors were miniature diapers with mints tucked inside.

Guests calling were: Mmes. Jack Marshall, Jr., W. J. Pollard, Loyd Yocham, Bud Warren, C. A. Taylor, H. R. Eckols, Maxine Bennett, Dunn Lowery, E. W. Yocham, H. D. Shaw, Jack Smith, Lewis Smith, Zack Monroe, Allen Moore, Elizabeth Rains, L. L. Word, Louise Hudson, all of Rankin, and the following from McCamey: Mmes. E. P. Halameick, Burley McCollum, A. O. Beavers, Chester Roan, L. E. Windham, Kirby Dawkins, Lee Roy Grigsby, Hal Cooper. Also the three hostesses, Mmes. Clay Taylor, R. C. Schlagal and Preston Patton.

Visitors in the B. S. Taylor home over the holidays were the Jake Damron's of Van Horn; the Taylor Damron's of Stephenville; and Jan Taylor of the Veterans' Hospital in Kerrville.



Shown above is the wreckage of the P-38 that crashed short of the Grand Ave. on the Eve when one of the motors ceased to function. The pilot, Paul Velasco (indicated by the arrow, right) looks on the wreckage after being freed from the plane after a right front window had been cut open by Airport Manager J. N. Moore.—Photo by Darrell Tomlinson.

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LET'S LOOK BACK

Many persons are prone to think that 1948 was a bad year according to the stories read in the many daily papers. All were filled with soaring prices, shortages, threat of war, and with all the turmoil of the presidential campaign, many other issues were brought to the foreground that brought hesitation in the regular American way of life in every day affairs.

But Upton County has much to be grateful for during the past year. The Benedum oil field has expanded into a four pay field and there is no indication that the field is near the end of expansion. All this development will bring thousands of dollars to the County in revenue during the years to come to give citizens of this County much added security.

At the same time, wildcats have been drilled in the northern part of the county to open up new horizons in oil development. The Magnolia well near the Midland County line was a flowing well and is in an area where there is no production in several miles.

The McElroy Ranch also hit a Wolfcamp pay in the latter part of the year in the northwestern part of the County to raise the speculations that the people of this county are living on top of oil and that there will be unlimited development during the coming years.

Two community buildings are being built, one in Rankin, and one in McCamey, to give the only two communities in the county modern edifices to carry out planned programs for the people that the various organizations will develop during the coming years. These buildings are now under construction and are being built without an increase in taxes due to the excellent planning of the Commissioners' Court.

And finally just last week, the people of the county approved the building of a road into the Benedum Field, and the improvement of the Upton County Airport in McCamey to meet CAA regulations so that daily air service will be available to the citizens of this county. The bonds for these issues were sold Monday of this week at lowest rate of interest that any bonds have been sold for in the past 12 to 18 months anywhere in West Texas.

Yes, Upton County has had a good year, and with the work planned and carried out during the year, 1949 promises to be even a better year.

Texo, Champion Hereford, Brings \$6 A Pound In Two Trips To Auction Block.

4-H Club work has always proved rewarding in knowledge and experience gained, but, take it from the 60 members of the Pecos County 4-H Club, it can also result in sudden wealth.

The club added more than \$5,000 to their coffers last Thursday when their steer, Texo, reserve champion of the International Livestock Exhibition at Chicago, was sold for \$4 a pound. W. T. Posey, Pecos County Agent, said they will use the fund to expand club activities.

Texo began his show winning career in October when he was chosen Grand Champion of the Texas State Fair, where he was shown by Sim Reeves of Fort Stockton. At that time he was purchased by Wiley Akins, manager of Burrus Feed Mills, Fort Worth, for \$2 a pound, which provided the purchase price well over \$2,000. Young Reeves plans to use his prize money for his college education.

Mr. Akins, manager of one of the world's largest feed mills, has always been intensely interested in 4-H Club work. Recognizing the fine quality of the steer, he said, "This animal is too fine to be slaughtered. Instead Burrus Mills is giving him to the boys and girls of the Pecos 4-H Club in the belief that he will win even greater honors for them."

The Pecos club named the steer Texo for the product of the Burrus Feed Mills and with Mr. Posey made plans to exhibit him in Chicago. Akins proved to be a true prophet for on Nov. 30 Texo became champion Hereford of the International show. That same day he was also selected reserve champion, top honors going to an Aberdeen Angus, Old Gold, owned by C. E. Yoder and sons of Muscatine, Iowa.

On Dec. 2, Glenn McCarthy, fabulous Houston oil man, caused a whirlwind of excitement when he bought Old Gold for a record price of \$10.75 a pound and Texo for \$4 a pound. In addition, McCarthy paid 77¢ a pound for the champion carlot of 15 steers.

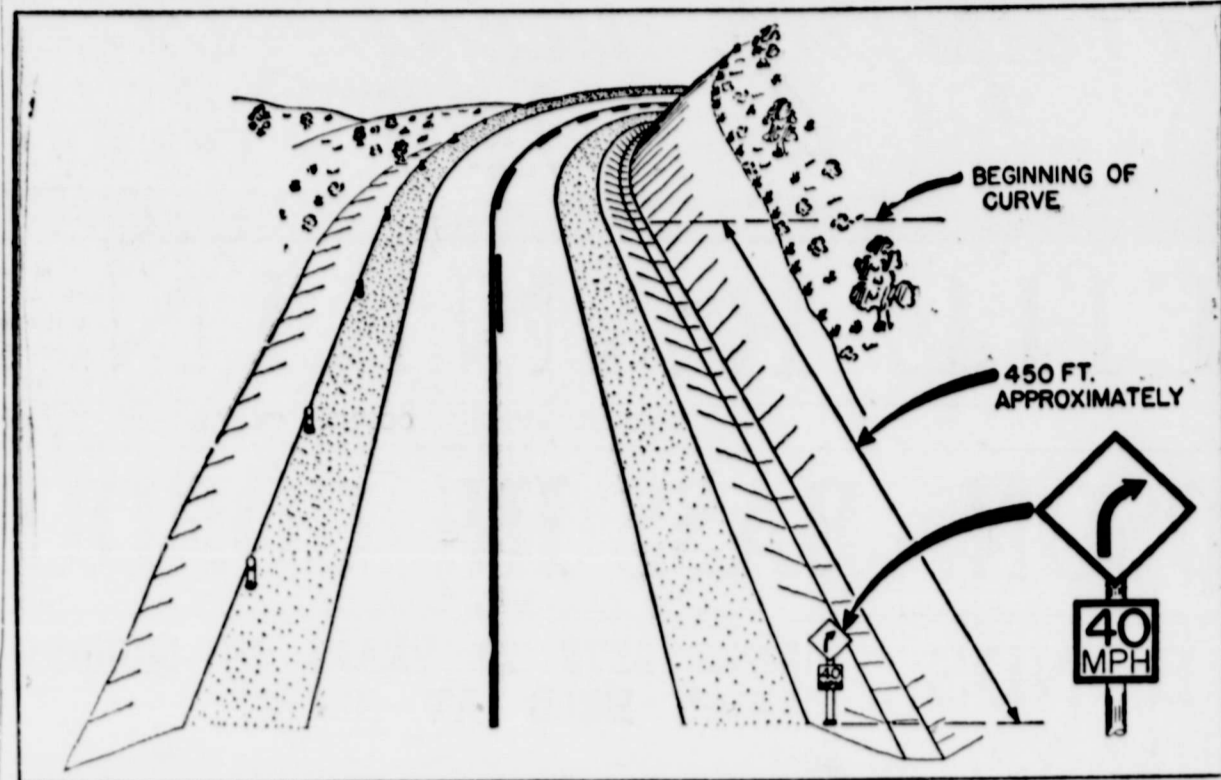
McCarthy announced that he would serve the champion animals at the opening of his new hotel, The Shamrock, in Houston, the 18 story, 1100 room hotel will be formally opened on St. Patrick's Day. McCarthy also displayed his interest in 4-H Club work by arranging a pre-showing of his soon-to-be released movie, "The Green Promise," starring Walter Brennan for the 4-H Congress.

Thus Texo, a Texo bred and fed steer, has brought \$6 a pound in his two trips to the auction block and a bright future for the activities of the Pecos County 4-H Club. All this brought about by a chain of events beginning with Sim Reeves, Jr., successful feeding of Texo, followed by the generosity of Wiley Akins, the skill of County Agent Posey in the show ring at Chicago and the millions of Glenn McCarthy. This should prove to the world once again that Texans do things on a scale as the state and the hearts of Texas people.

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Advisory Speed Zoning Program For Highways Is Announced By Texas Highway Department For 1949



AUSTIN, Nov. 22—A view like the use pictured will soon confront Texas motorists. The new type of highway sign will serve to warn of the maximum safe and comfortable speed for curves and turns. These signs are part of a new program of advisory speed zoning by the Texas Highway Department and represent a step recommended by the Governor's Highway Safety Conference. Motorists who utilize the speed advised on these signs will find that there is no side-throw in their cars at this speed.

The speed indicated on the sign was determined by a scientific study of each individual curve and turn, and will vary because of the different elements such as degrees of turn and the amount of bank on each separate curve.

HASTINGS THINKS

Usually an Englishman doesn't mind being socked in by a solid fog. It gives him the same cozy feeling that we might get when snug in bed listening to rain on the roof. But a paralyzing fog like England's recent one which lasted for more than ten days is too much for anybody. London's bustling traffic gradually died down. Long lines of more than thirty buses moved in convoy led by men walking in front with torches. Finally all traffic stopped completely. Scattered all over London were cars and buses, completely lost and left standing. The "Queen Mary" was held up two weeks and many of the passengers were delighted because they lived in luxury with everything on the house. Every day the ship dished up 1,000 of the very best meals, all free.

Russia often treats the United Nations as its own private property, especially in using its veto power. But when it comes to paying United Nations expenses, Russia pays only a small part (6.34%)—about the same as poor old China which has practically nothing and very little of that. The U. S. pays well over six times as much as Russia. It is right and proper that the richest country in the world should have the largest share of expense. But it is a bitter pill to provide this world stage, only to have Vishinsky and his henchmen use it to tell the world what war mongers we are. Yet, strangely enough, it all seems to work to our advantage. We have been earning the respect of most of the world while Russia has been slipping badly in popularity.

Insanity is a spine-chilling thing. Like ghosts or snakes, it is unpleasant and we do not want to think about it. But it is very real and all around us. Every day about 350 people enter mental hospitals. In a year's time this adds up to a good sized city. Every day that passes, insanity costs this country almost three million dollars. Much of this expense could be saved if patients were treated properly in state mental hospitals, and cured as soon as possible instead of being treated so badly that many become hopeless and stay indefinitely.

Mr. and Mrs. Doc Adams spent Christmas weekend in San Angelo with Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Bayless and other members of the family.

A recent book called "The Shame of Texas," says, "Not a single state mental hospital in the U. S. meets, or has ever met, even the minimum standards set by the American Psychiatric Association in all major aspects of care and treatment." Today the rate of recovery is not much better than it was 50 years ago. During the same 50 years medical science has been performing wonders.

A movie called "The Snake Pit" gets its title from the fact that long ago crazy people used to be thrown into a snake pit. The idea was that such an experience would be so horrifying that it drive an ordinary person out of his mind and therefore it would drive a crazy person back into his mind. Our neglect of the mentally ill it every bit as foolish and just as tragic.

Humble To Air Annual Cotton Bowl Classic New Years

The traditional New Year's Day broadcast of the Cotton Bowl game in Dallas by the Humble Oil and Refining Co. will go on the air at 1 p. m. Saturday. This 13th Cotton Bowl game, featuring the Championship SMU team and the visiting Oregonians, will be brought to listeners over a state-wide network. Kern Tips will give the play-by-play report and will be assisted by colorman Alec Chesser.

The Humble broadcast may be heard over stations WRR, Dallas; WFAA-820, Dallas; WOAI, San Antonio; KPRC, Houston; KRIS, Corpus Christi.

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Now that Old Man 1948 is leaving us and New Year is reigning-in for his 12-month visit... we think it's about time we told you how much we've enjoyed your patronage during the past year... and how we hope our friendship will continue just as pleasantly during 1949. Time too, for us to wish you and yours... the Happiest, Healthiest, most Prosperous New Year, Ever!

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THE PUZZLE of THE YEARS



KEEPING accurate track of years has been one of human history's toughest problems. Many a headache and much trouble have dogged those who dared to tackle it.

Seven hundred years before Christ, a smart Roman named Pompius stayed awake nights figuring out what he thought was a good system. But, alas, he made several mistakes. Within a few hundred years the calendar which he had worked so hard to produce became inaccurate and practically useless.

The man who inherited the resultant confusion of Pompius' errors was a very busy person by the name of Julius Caesar. Caesar called all the best minds of his empire into conference and soon the world was given another calendar. It wasn't much good, either. It only lasted fifteen hundred years or so.

Then Pope Gregory XIII tried to straighten out the mistakes in Caesar's calendar. The result was the Gregorian calendar which we use today. However, there's trouble ahead. Along about 2500 your many-times great grandchildren will celebrate a New Year that's bound to be troublesome. That's the year our calendars will start getting out of whack. When calendars go wrong, seasons start arriving on the wrong days and in the wrong months. This happened because calendars aren't properly geared to the sun's movement.

For instance, when Caesar got stuck with Pompius' system the calendar and the solar equinoxes were months apart. Pope Gregory went to work on Caesar's calendar in 1582 when it was lagging ten days behind the sun. To Pope Gregory we owe the leap-year. In presenting his calendar to the world, the Pope specified that the calendar play leap-frog. As a result, the year 1582 holds all records for losing birthdays. In order to make up the ten days the calendar was behind the sun, the days between October 5 and October 15 were simply skipped—lost forever.

During the evolution of our calendar some strange things have been tried. Once a year was only ten months long, once March was the first month, again January was the first month, and once February was the last.

Scholars still wrestle with the problem of the years. Even today there's agitation for calendar revision. One solution would keep a 12-month year with provision made for the extra day left over from the 52-week year in ordinary years and the two days in leap years. The extra day in ordinary years would follow December 29 and be known merely as Year Day. January 1 would then follow. In leap years, Saturday, June 30, would be followed the next day by another Saturday called Leap day, then Sunday, July 1.

However, it doesn't look as though there'll be any revision during 1949. Most people will be too busy with their own problems this year to worry about 2500 when our calendars won't be much good.

small," for leases on state school properties.

The \$40,099,396.68 which the General Land Office collected was poured into two channels—the public school permanent fund and the state university fund. The latter was created when some 2,300,000 acres of state land were set aside in 1876 and 1883 for encouragement of higher education.

In 1900 the State closed out its public domain by awarding the remainder, some 42,500,000 acres, to the public schools of Texas.

Receipts from the submerged lands along the Gulf Coast now go into the public school fund. Giles, a zealous champion of Texas' interest in these tideland holdings, predicts that their eventual worth might well reach a billion dollars with a decade of development.

"The State of Texas made a do-or-die stand in 1849 against the Federal government over a portion of its domain valued at only about ten million," recalled the Commissioner. "The same right of property ownership is involved. The same interpretation of the treaty annexation will give Texas undisputed claim to the submerged lands. It is the same fight all over again, except that the stake is higher."

Giles predicted that this fiscal year's revenues would be topped if the tideland title is clarified.

The "boom" in the State Land Office business has brought its headaches, Commissioner Giles admits. The General Land Office operates on an appropriation from the legislature, not upon a percentage of its receipts.

"I don't think any business can almost double its gross without incurring additional expenses," he pointed out. "We want to handle all the business there is and never let the development of state school properties be held up by our inadequacies. Naturally the demands on us increase as that development goes forward."

The General Land Office manages all of its land and lease sales, even to advertising vacancies and renewals. Commissioner Giles must be considered one of the best clients Texas newspapers have.



By JESSIE WEST

AMY looked out at the bright day and was about to decide it was the loveliest New Year's Eve she'd seen in years when she saw Clarabelle Carter crossing the street; and then she thought the day wasn't lovely at all.

She could hear Clarabelle talking to Mille as she had that day in the store when she'd been standing behind shelves lined with groceries deliberately eavesdropping. "I do declare, it does look like Amy Wells could get someone," Clarabelle had said. "I suppose she'll die an old maid."

Clarabelle hadn't said anything degrading of course. But from that moment forward, Amy had wondered if people generally didn't assume that old maids just couldn't find any takers.

She took her eyes from the window and Clarabelle going down the street to look at her reflection in the dresser mirror. At almost forty-five, she didn't think she was being egotistical in appraising herself as actually looking thirty-five. She had very little gray in her dark hair, and the faint lines on her face were unnoticeable against the startling blue of her eyes and general prettiness of her features.

There'd been a time when she reigned as the most popular girl at Obane; she'd been pictured in the college year-book as "the girl all men want but only one can have."

Of course Clarabelle and the populace of Donovan, a little town of three thousand, didn't know these things.

Amy looked out the window again, and not seeing Clarabelle on the street now, the day resumed some



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of the brightness that Clarabelle's presence had blighted, and she got to thinking about a trip that 20 years ago had been scheduled for tomorrow. Memory of the tryst had come to her with the approach of another New Year, but she had not planned to enact a promise that years of separation had cast into youth's frivolous dreaming, disappointments and temperamental pride. Yet, seeing Clarabelle and remembering what she'd said about her somehow filled her with unexpected sentiment.

She had nowhere to go on New Year's day, and thought of the trip suddenly became entrancing. It would be emotionally uplifting to go back to the old haunts, and no one would know of her foolish living just for a day among memories of a past that through her own foolhardy pride, had led her into her present state of lonely maidenhood.

"If anything ever separates us," Lance had said that night long ago. "It'd be fun just to meet again, sort of a tryst affair, 20 years hence. Maybe in Park Rendezvous where we first met. . ."

They'd talked like that often, then laughed—because they knew they'd never separate. Someday they'd marry. But they didn't marry. Too soon a trivial misunderstanding had risen between them, and she'd had too much pride to admit that she'd been a little wrong, too.

It was almost noon when Amy reached the Park Rendezvous at Obane on New Year's day. She'd have lunch, she decided, then visit about town. But already she was sensing regret for having made the trip. You couldn't live in the past even for a day without returning to the present with greater pain. How well she knew it now!

She was startled when someone stood at her shoulder suddenly.

"Hello," he said. Amy's heart fluttered in recognizing his voice. She looked up.

"Why, Lance—!" It was all she could manage.

He sat by her at the table and covered her hand with his. "Looks like we both remembered," he said, chuckling happily. "But, you married, Lance, I heard." She couldn't help saying it.

"That was false news, dear," he said. "Do you think—but you surely know now! I tried to find you, Amy, but I lost all trace of you."

Amy laughed and her cheeks colored. "I wouldn't have come today," she said wistfully, "but for a person named Clarabelle. . ."

"Clarabelle?" Amy nodded. "It's a queer little story, Lance," she said, and then she wondered with a little gloating, what Clarabelle, and all of Donovan for that matter, would think when they heard!

Asphyxiation Should Be Prevented

AUSTIN—With the advent of cold weather each year in this State, several deaths are usually reported, resulting from asphyxiation by gas fumes in improperly ventilated home or sleeping quarters.

Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, has issued a warning in this respect, emphasizing that it is never safe to sleep in a tightly closed room with a gas fire burning. Even if there are no gas leaks, the air soon becomes vitiated and unfit to breathe.

"When occupying a room in which gas is burning, be sure always to have at least one window or door open, to admit fresh air," Dr. Cox said. "If the weather is too cold to permit leaving an open window in the room occupied, then play safe by opening a door into an adjoining room, where a window can be opened."

Dr. Cox said he was prompted to issue this warning early in the season because of the fact that thousands of new residents in the State have come from districts where they have been used to burning coal, wood or oil, and they do not know the dangers of gas fumes in improperly ventilated homes.

"Occupying a room heated by an open gas flame, and at the same time keeping the room tightly closed, may prove disastrous the very first time it is tried," Dr. Cox said. "It is better not to risk it even one time. Always be sure that your room has plenty of fresh air, but make doubly sure when you have a gas fire burning."

Iraan Youth Receives Promotion At Schreiner Institute

KERRVILLE, Dec. 21.—Schreiner Institute has announced the appointment of S. M. Rowe, son of Jodie Rowe, as Technical Sergeant, Co. A. The appointment is based on superior achievement in meeting military and academic standards of the school. Rowe is a second-year student.

William Day, County Agent, spent Christmas with relatives in Lubbock. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Lowery and John Ann were San Angelo visitors Thursday.

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General Land Office Has Record Year

AUSTIN, Tex.—Old drooping and dying 1948 was a record year for the General Land Office of Texas. Commissioner Bascom Giles, in announcing record receipts of

nearly \$50,000,000 for the last fiscal year, said the total was almost twice that of any previous 24-month period.

He attributed the marked increase in the state's "land office business" to "development of tide land oil properties," and to "spirited open competition between all manner of oil men, both big and



In the traditional carnival atmosphere of New Year's Eve, we pause at the magic stroke of 12 to turn the leaf on Young Mr. 1949.



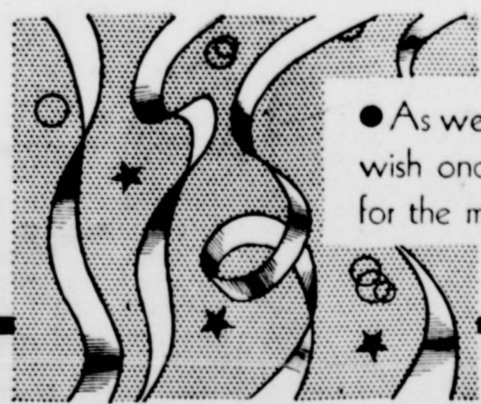
For all of you, on this joyous occasion, we wish happiness and prosperity in the coming year.



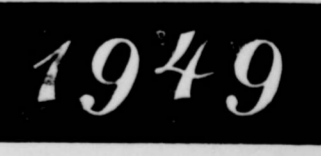
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New Commissions Regulation Released For Army Officers

AUSTIN—Appointment of former officers of any of the armed forces as second lieutenants in the regular army is authorized in a new Department of the Army Circular just received at headquarters Texas Military District, it was announced today.

Applicants must have served a minimum of one year as a commissioned officer in one of the armed forces. The educational requirement is a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university, although a waiver will be considered if the applicant has 120 semester hours gained by attendance at an accredited college or university.

Age brackets are from 21 to 27 inclusive. However, applicants over 27 may add to their ages the total period they served as commissioned officers of the army between Dec. 31, 1947 and the date of appointment, or by ad-

ding to their ages the total period served as commissioned officers in the armed forces between Dec. 7, 1941 and Sept. 2, 1945. No applicant will be considered who is more than 31.

Applications from those on active duty with the Army and those who hold commissions in the organized reserves are to be made through their local instructor. Other applications will be directed to the Army commander concerned.

Appointments under this authority will be in addition to those made to distinguished military graduates of senior ROTC students, and to selected applicants of the competitive tour program.

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Boyd Gels —

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Boyd as "henpecked, never tightening back, crazy about his wife, a hard worker and always consulting with his wife before taking steps in matters".

Among the witnesses called to Kermit by the court were: Deputy Sheriff M. E. Lear, Dr. B. J. Maynard, and Mrs. Joan Crownover all of Crane; and Mr. and Mrs. Vic Holder, and Howell Johnson of McCamey.

The trial closed about 2:40 p. m. Wednesday afternoon when the jury announced the verdict to the court.

The trial had been transferred to Kermit upon a change of venue issued the early part of this month.

Earl Hardt of Abilene spent Christmas with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. D. G. Hardt here.

McCamey News Notes

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Turner, Jr., and son spent Christmas at Crockett in the home of Mr. Turner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Turner, Sr. They returned to McCamey Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Ingley of Brownwood and Mrs. Welton Smith of Rankin were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Looney Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Conger and family were Christmas guests in the home of relatives in Fort Stockton.

Jack Meeks, formerly of McCamey, was a guest in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Meeks, during the past week.

SUL ROSS LOBOES ARE TANGERINE BOWL BOUND TO PLAY MURRY COLLEGE

The Sul Ross State College Lobos, thirty-five in number, and their coaches, Red Pierce and Jack Perryman are Tangerine Bowl bound where they will play the Thorobreds of Murray State Teachers College, Murray Kentucky, on January 1 in a night game which promises all the color of a major bowl game.

In this season of ten games the Lobos have piled up 431 points to their opponents 113, to win the New Mexico conference championship for the second consecutive time. While accomplishing this unusual record, they have developed the top scoring man of the nation according to an Associated Press report out of New York dated December 1. He is 147-pound scat-back Ted Scown, a sophomore from Monahans, Texas. Ted's speed and long-scoring runs add flash to all Lobo contests.

The Thorobreds of Murray State have also made an outstanding record this season having won nine out of ten games against strong opposition by a total score of 260-65. The squad of fifty-nine white-clad lads of Kentucky is rated "one of the best teams with one of the toughest schedules in the history of the college."

Both teams are adept at using the T-formation and when they meet January 1, anything can happen.

From left to right: Coach Paul E. "Red" Pierce; Ted Scown, Monahans; Jack Belcher, McCamey; Mickey McDonald, Rankin; John L. Higdon, Abilene; Joe Hayter, Ft. Stockton; Dan Blocker, O'Donnell, Miers Johnson, Alpine; Dale Garner, Colorado City; (far back) Line Coach Jack Perryman; Charles Lafoon, Pampa; Bob Mathis, Crane; Lester Hood, Manager; (far back) Adrian Gerhardt, Colorado City; Arthur Dawson, San Antonio; E. K. Taylor, Eagle Pass; D. D. White, Menard; Gene Sweet, Amarillo; (against bus) Thurman White, Big Lake; R. R. Walston, Menard; Jim Wilson, Pampa; Charles Kappelman, Del Rio; Otis Parks, Wink; J. M. Harrell, Sanderson; Frank Burton, Big Spring; Hal Battle, Big Spring; James Cleveland, Monahans; and Charles Dennis, Wink.

'Watch For Pneumonia' Is Warning of State Health Officer

A Statement from Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, discloses the fact that 2,531 Texans died from pneumonia during the year 1947, and emphasizes his often repeated warning that this disease is a killer.

Pneumonia is caused by the pneumococcus germ which is present in the bodies of almost everyone, and ready to start trouble if the resistance becomes lowered for any reason. We can build up our resistance by avoiding undue fatigue and unnecessary exposure to extreme weather conditions. When we go outside in cold weather, sufficient clothing should be worn to keep the body warm. Keeping the temperature of our homes and offices as low as is consistent with comfort will greatly lessen the difficulties encountered in adjusting ourselves to the cold when we leave the house. Another method of prevention

in pneumonia is to never neglect a cold, for the common cold often opens the door for pneumonia if it is neglected. A person with a severe cold should stay at home and call his physician for advice, if temperature persists and the cold lingers on. He should follow his physician's advice until the cold has entirely disappeared.

Another advantage of consulting a physician when suffering from a cold is the fact that the patient mistakes for a severe cold may be beginning pneumonia. If this is the case, the doctor will have an opportunity to begin treatment early, which adds materially to the patient's chances for recovery.

Specialty Men Are Needed In U. S. Air Force

Opening of an immediate enlistment for former U. S. Air Force service men skilled in certain specialties for initial assignment in the European theater was announced here today by M-Sgt. Percy L. Burleson, in charge of the local U. S. Army and U. S. Air Force Recruiting Station at the Post Office Building.

The program is intended to secure qualified volunteers as replacements for men now serving with the U. S. Air Force in Europe whose enlistments are expiring and whose tours of foreign duty have been completed.

Among the occupational specialties currently required are radio operators and mechanics, airplane engine mechanics and maintenance technicians, radar mechanics and repairmen, aerial engineers, machinists, cooks, and clerk-typists.

Qualified veterans will be enlisted in the U. S. Air Force for initial assignment to the European Command.

Qualified veterans will be accepted for enlistment in grade commensurate with their ability and military experience. Men re-enlisting within ninety days of discharge automatically receive their former grade. All men accepted will receive an extra 20 per cent pay for overseas duty.

Interested applicants may obtain full information by calling at the local Recruiting Station in Post Office Building, or by telephone 2444.

The Walton Harral family spent the holidays at their ranch in Pecos County.

Gertrude Smith left Wednesday to visit the Roy Morgan family in Sterling City for several days.

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Mr. and Mrs. James E. Smith spent Sunday afternoon in Sheffield with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Sandel. They were accompanied on the trip by James E.'s parents and brother, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ed Smith and Robert Smith.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Moore over the holidays were two sons and their families, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Moore of Killeen, and Mr. and Mrs. Al-len Moore and son of Rankin.



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