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Mrs. J. M. Stewart, 74, Dies Tuesday; Burial in Junction

Mother of Sutton Ranchman One of First American Children Born in Mason County

Mrs. J. M. Stewart, mother of Gordon Stewart, Sutton county ranchman, died Tuesday at noon at the ranch home of her son, 45 miles east of Sonora. Mrs. Stewart had been in poor health for several months.

As Elizabeth Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Stewart was born at Fort Mason on Oct. 16, 1858, one of the first American children born in this section. May 15, 1881, she was married to J. M. Stewart, and continued living in Mason until 1888, when she moved to Flagstaff, Ariz. Three years later she returned to Texas, spending the remainder of her life in Mason, Kimble, McCulloch, Menard and Sutton counties. She had been living at her son's home for several months.

Mrs. Stewart was a member of the Methodist church, having joined it when a girl of 16.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the Stewart home, followed by burial service at the Junction cemetery.

Two children survive, Mr. Stewart and a sister, Mrs. J. C. Jones of Uvalde.

Red Cross Sweaters Are Received Here

Additional Garments for Adults and Children at Headquarters

Two dozen children's sweaters and four dozen adults' sweaters have been received at Red Cross headquarters this week, it has been announced by Mrs. E. E. Sawyer, president of the Sonora Parent-Teacher Association, which is handling Red Cross clothing relief work here.

After all shipments of Red Cross clothing originally applied for had been received and nearly all distributed, it was learned here that excess material on hand at the national Red Cross headquarters was (Continued on page 5)

R. F. C. WORK IS SUSPENDED TEMPORARILY WEDNESDAY

Work on the public improvement projects being financed with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation's unemployment relief allotment to Sonora was suspended Wednesday night by the local committee to await development in further projects.

About 25 American citizens and 30 Mexican men have been given work thus far, the Mexican workers in briefer shifts, however. The dump ground has been cleaned and improved, brush chopped from draws in Sonora, general clean-up instituted and streets improved.

Contemplated projects are the building of a fence around the municipal sewage disposal plant and further street work.

Children First! Pay your School Tax Today.—Adv. 12-21

Tuesday Last Day to Pay Taxes Without Penalty

Motor Registration Is Slow Here; Other Income Fair

With Tuesday the final day on which to pay taxes or register automobiles without payment of penalties, automobile owners were particularly slow this week in coming in, while tax payers have been a little more prompt.

Only 220 cars had been registered at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon, while the number in Sutton county is estimated in excess of 800. Registration of trucks is also light, with only 46 of some 250 in the county. Seventeen chauffeurs' licenses, required of all operators of

When Mail Plane Pilot Met Death on Hill Side



Here is the crashed plane of Ray Fuller, air mail pilot who flew to his death Friday night. En route from San Angelo to San Antonio, Fuller's plane crashed into the sheer and brambly side of Mount Smith, in Texas hill country, near Boerne. The pilot had taken every precaution against fire. Hill folk crowd about the wreckage in the photo.

Mumps and Grades End Cage Season for Sonora Team

Only Two Men Available; Iraan Victor in Series There Last Week-end

A combination of mumps and low grades has proved too much for the Sonora high school basketball squad, and the current cage season has come to an enforced close. When grade standings for the first semester became known the first of this week Coach A. L. Smith lost four men from interscholastic competition. Mumps took out Herbert Fields and V. J. Glasscock. Only Wes Hill, lanky center, and G. W. Archer, crack forward and running guard, remain available for duty, and it takes five men to play.

The season was closed for the locals with a couple of defeats at the hands of the Iraan Braves there on the two nights of last week-end. Friday's contest was one-sided, with the Iraan five running away with the show, 39-32. Saturday night it appeared that the locals were going to wreak vengeance when they copped the lead and held it until the final few minutes of play. Just before the game ended the Iraan crew developed into a bevy of sharpshooters and rang a number of goals in rapid succession, winning by 39-32.

Coach Smith and his boys were outspoken in their praise of the sportsmanship of the Iraan team and officials, as well as the hospitable reception given them by the citizenship of the oil town.

PARACHUTE JUMPER TO PERFORM HERE MONDAY

Carl Hall, parachute jumper, will jump from an airplane at an elevation of 3000 feet in a free exhibition planned for Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock under sponsorship of Sonora business firms.

Hall has been here most of this week with Jack Crawford, pilot of the plane used in the jump.

Soremouth Doses Are in Big Demand

Orders for 800,000 Shots Already Booked at Station

Great demand for the soremouth vaccine developed at the Ranch Experiment Station for immunizing sheep and goats to the malady is being registered, with 800,000 doses already ordered by ranchmen from all parts of West Texas.

The vaccine is being shipped as desired, with about 70,000 doses ordered for February and 500,000 for March. The cost is half-a-cent a dose, which is figured as the production expense. Orders must be placed in writing.

Tests conducted by veterinarians at the station have revealed a remarkable degree of immunity to later attacks of the soremouth on the part of animals inoculated.

Personals

George Whitehead of Del Rio was a visitor here Monday.

M. M. Stokes and R. A. Halbert were in San Angelo Wednesday.

Mrs. H. S. Espy and her son, Howard, were San Angelo visitors Saturday.

W. B. Britton and L. Barrett of Big Lake spent Wednesday night at the Hotel McDonald here.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Cravey, who live in the Sanderson country, have been visiting friends in Sonora.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Brooks and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Yates of Rankin were guests of the Hotel McDonald Sunday.

Mesdames Maysie Brown and C. H. Jennings, the Misses Johnnie Allison and Maurine Phillips, and Mr. and Mrs. George Baker were San Angelo visitors Saturday afternoon.

J. A. Montgomery to Fill Pulpit Here

Associate District Lay Leader Will Conduct M. E. Service

J. A. Montgomery of San Angelo, associate lay leader of the San Angelo district of Methodist churches, will fill the pulpit of the Sonora Methodist church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at a special laymen's service, which will be led by W. E. Caldwell, it was announced by the Rev. E. P. Neal, pastor of the church, this week.

There will be special music for the service, he said.

JONES LEAVES STATION HERE FOR WINTERHAVEN

S. E. Jones, entomologist with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Stations, and who has been stationed at the Ranch Experiment Station here for sometime studying bitterweed and parasites which feed on it, has been transferred to the Winterhaven sub-station, in the Winter Garden district near Carrizo Springs.

Mr. Jones will study the onion schrips, an insect affecting onion growth in that area.

Lions Entertain Scouts Monday—Hear Miss Hardy

State Official Tells of Work Being Done in Interest of Child Welfare

Sonora Lions played host to the Scouts and members of the troop committee of Troop 19 at their Monday luncheon and heard an interesting talk on the work of the child welfare division of the Texas board of control by its assistant director, Miss Helen Hardy.

Scoutmaster John Eaton introduced the following Scouts: Lloyd McGhee, Edward Glasscock, Louis Davis, Reginald Trainer, A. W. Awalt, Marion Elliott, J. T. Shurley, Kenneth Babcock, Bobby Nisbet, Richard Vehle, W. B. Brantley, Wesley Sawyer and L. M. Roueche. He praised the work of the local boys in winning their sixth successive Ranch District Field Meet and displayed their banners. He also praised the work of the troop committee in assisting with training the boys for the meet and for their aid in handling troop affairs.

Miss Hardy outlined the aims and achievements of her department, stating that the chief endeavor was to encourage local citizens and officials in caring for their underprivileged, or delinquent children at home, rather than sending them to a state institution. The state is encouraging the formation of councils. (Continued on Page 8)

Firemen to Attend Brady Convention

Semi-annual Meeting of Hill Country Slated Tuesday, Feb. 14

Members of the Sonora Fire Department plan to attend the semi-annual convention of the Hill Country Firemen's Association to be held in Brady Tuesday, Feb. 14, and will make final arrangements for the trip at the monthly business meeting Wednesday night of next week.

The Brady fire department is making elaborate plans for entertainment of delegates and visitors and a successful meeting is anticipated. The Sonora department has won third place in a hose race at two successive conventions and will likely send a team to the Brady convention.

MRS. DRENNAN THOUGHT DEAD—LATER REVIVES

Mrs. Emma Drennan, 76, grandmother of a number of Sonora residents, is at the point of death at her home in Ballinger, according to reports received here Thursday morning, but did not die Wednesday morning as was reported here.

Twice within the last two weeks life has apparently left the aged lady, but each time she has later revived. With her in Ballinger are Mrs. Mont Merriman, Jack Drennan and Miss Violet Drennan of Sonora, grandchildren, and their mother, Mrs. O. E. Merriman. Bill Drennan of Sonora is also a grandson, but was unable to go to Ballinger.

Mrs. Luella Cauthorn Dies Sunday Night at Home Here

Sonora Bridge Is Complete; Grading Progressing Fast

Only Five Small Structures Left on West Section of 27; Fifteen on East Section

With the completion this week of concrete railing on the bridge crossing the Devil's Draw in Sonora, the J. Floyd Malcom company of Abilene has completed its work in Sutton county with the exception of a small amount of dredging yet to be done in the stream bed under the bridge.

Dirt work has been going rapidly forward on the grading projects of the 20 miles under contract on Highway 27 in Sutton county. The W. W. Vann company is speeding up work on the west ten-mile project, which it started Jan. 1. Mr. Vann was here this week from Mercedes, home office location of the company, conferring with Ross Anglin, superintendent. He then went to Ft. Stockton to supervise ship- (Continued on page 4)

J. C. TRAINER ENTERING BUSINESS IN BIG SPRING

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Trainer are moving this week to Big Spring, where Mr. Trainer will be associated with a brother-in-law, Howard Peters, in the operation of the Economy Laundry. Mr. Trainer has purchased an interest in the business.

Mr. Trainer is well-known in Sonora, having been born and reared here. For the last eight years he has been employed and lived on the J. A. Cauthorn ranch.

Local Briefs

Announce Birth of Son
Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Richardson announce the birth of a son, Times Lamar Richardson, at their home Friday evening, January 20. The Richardsons have another son and a daughter.

Mumps Still in Evidence
Among those who are suffering with mumps, or just recovering from the malady, are Mesdames George B. Hamilton, A. W. Awalt, and Tom Murray; and Miss Faye James.

Wilson in Serious Condition
Willie Wilson, San Angelo ranchman who has holdings in this county, is in a serious, though not dangerous, condition following an operation undergone in a San Angelo hospital several days ago. Tuesday he suffered a relapse. He was visited Wednesday by two children of Sonora, Mrs. Lloyd Earwood and Duke Wilson. Mrs. Earwood remained with him in San Angelo.

Sonora Scouts Win Ranch District Flag Sixth Time

Junction Troop 20 Is Defeated 63-50 Here Friday

Sonora Boy Scouts, Troop 19 of the Concho Valley council, won their sixth pennant Friday night as winners of the Ranch District annual winter Jamboree, defeating Troop 20 from Junction 63 to 50 points. Points were awarded on 11 contests, as well as personal inspection.

Sonora won seven first places and Junction four. Points were awarded equally in the inspection, since a decision was difficult. Sonora's first-place winnings were achieved largely in the events requiring team work, while the Junction

Had Been Ill Several Months; Burial in Local Cemetery

HERE 40 YEARS

Husband Was Early-Day Ranchman in Sutton County

Mrs. Luella Cauthorn, 65, passed away Sunday night at 6:30 o'clock following an illness of two months during which she had been confined to her bed at the Cauthorn ranch home, 18 miles southwest of Sonora. Following an attack Friday night Mrs. Cauthorn's condition became steadily more serious, with death attributed to a complication of organic disorders.

Funeral services were conducted at the home Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. A large gathering of sorrowing friends formed the funeral procession which accompanied the body to the Sonora cemetery, where a brief burial service ended the tributes paid a pioneer mother. Elaborate and extensive floral offerings covered the grave.

Born on Jan. 4, 1868, near Nashville, Tenn., Mrs. Cauthorn moved with her parents to Texas when nine years old, settling near Waco. She came to this area soon after her marriage, and had lived in Sutton county for about 40 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, a pioneer in the ranching industry in this area. Mr. Cauthorn died in 1920.

The Rev. Z. E. Parker, pastor of the Sonora Baptist church, conducted the services and paid tribute to Mrs. Cauthorn as a fine woman and mother, stressing the fact that her thoughts were unselfishly devoted to the welfare of others.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Stella Altizer of Comstock, and Miss Ida Cauthorn of Sonora; four sons, Billy, Dan, John and Mack, all of Sonora; and two stepsons, J. A. of Sonora and Bob of Del Rio. All are prominent in the ranching business in West Texas. Dan is a director in the Texas Wool & Mohair company of San Angelo and in the San Angelo National Bank.

Pallbearers were Dr. A. G. Blanton, Fred Earwood, Tom Sandherr, Roy Aldwell, Jap Holman, Paul Turney and Sam Hull of Sonora, and George Whitehead of Del Rio.

TRAPPING SEASON ENDS LAST DAY OF JANUARY

The trapping season in Texas ends January 31, and game laws prohibit the taking of furs after that date either by trapping or hunting with dogs.

Trappers are allowed ten days time in which to dispose of pelts captured prior to the close of the month.

tion boys showed superiority in individual competition.

Sonora Sweeps Essay Writing
Sonora won all places in essay writing, with first going to Wesley Sawyer, second to Reginald Trainer and third to Kenneth Babcock. Semaphore signalling was won by the Sonora team, members of which were W. B. Brantley, Babcock, Bobby Nisbet, J. T. Shurley.

McDonald of Junction won the newspaper race, with Brantley of Sonora second and Francis Archer of Sonora third. Warren Roberts of Junction placed first in fire building by friction. L. M. Roueche of Sonora was second and Jarvis Jordan of Junction third. Sonora's team of Trainer, Richard Vehle.

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When Ma Took Oath of Office



Here is Mrs. Miriam A. "Ma" Ferguson pictured as she took the oath as governor last week. Chief Justice C. M. Cureton administers the oath while Speaker Coke Stevenson, Junction, stands at the right.

With the Churches

Church of Christ
Bible Study, Sunday 10 a. m.
Worship, 10:45 a. m.
Ladies' Bible class, Wednesday,
7:30 p. m.
Everyone cordially invited.

Methodist Church
Sunday school 9:45.
Morning worship 11:00.
Young People's meeting 6:45.
Woman's Missionary Society, 3
p. m. Wednesday.
Stewards meet every first Sun-
day.
Workers' Council each first Sun-
day at 2 p. m.
E. P. NEAL, Pastor.

Baptist Church
Sunday school, 10 a. m.
Preaching, 11 and 7:45 each
Lord's day.
B. T. S. Sunday, 6:30 p. m.
Prayermeeting and choir prac-
tice Wednesday, 7:45 p. m.
Z. E. PARKER, Pastor.

WOMAN SWAPS SAND FOR COFFEE WITH GROCERS

Holdenville, Ok., Jan. 19.—If Holdenville housewives get sand or bran when they buy coffee, here's why:

Carrying new cans apparently containing coffee, an unidentified woman swapped sand or bran with nearly every grocery store in town this week.

She said she wanted to exchange the coffee for another brand.

Police haven't found the swapper.

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What Is ATHLETE'S FOOT

Over 30 Million Americans Now Have It—Is This Dreaded Disease Becoming a Plague?

Athlete's Foot is a fungus germ (Trichophyton) which appears on the feet in the form of a little yellow blister, causing severe irritation and itching—especially between the toes. This disease is very contagious and is spreading with alarming rapidity among all classes of people. The failure to successfully treat Athlete's Foot in the past has been due largely to the fact that these germs hibernates in the pores of the shoes. Salves and liquids applied only to the feet DO NOT PENETRATE THE PORES OF THE SHOES. Medical Science has recently de-

CORNER DRUG STORE

COMANCHE INDIAN RAID IN KERR CO. BACK IN 1857 DESCRIBED IN STORY

From A. J. Sowell's "Texas Indian Fighters" in Frontier Times:

In 1857 the Comanche Indians made a raid into Kerr county in the vicinity of Kerrville, and then back up the Guadalupe river valley. A party of seven young men mounted their horses and set out in pursuit of them. Their names were as follows: William Kelson, Spence Goss, Jack Herridge, Tom Wherry, Dan Murff, Tom Adams and Newt Price. All but Kelso were inexperienced in Indian warfare. He had been a ranger and should have been more cautious, and the terrible disaster which followed might have been averted. They trailed the Indians to a point 25 miles above Kerrville, and then stopped to cut a bee tree. At this time the Indians were on a bluff near the river and watched the white men until they left the place where the honey was found and went into camp. This was ascertained afterwards by finding the place where the Indians had congregated on the bluff and then following the trail to the spot where the unfortunate young men had made their camp for the night. Their camp was in thicket, and their horses were staked in the open glades around. The night was cold and a bright fire was kept burning for some time, plainly indicating to the Indians the exact location of the camp. The guns of the party were stacked around a tree several yards from the fire. About daybreak Tom Wherry and Dan Murff arose and rekindled the fire, and then taking their guns went out to hunt a deer. The balance of the men also got up and stood or sat around the fire, and by this time the Indians had crept up close upon them, and before the white men were aware of their presence had secured their guns and made the attack upon them. Some of the men had revolvers and defended themselves as best they could. Kelso shot an Indian down and he fell near the fire. The Indians made such a furious onslaught, and the settlers were so badly shot up at once, that they soon scattered into the brush, each man trying to save himself, and Murff and Wherry heard the firing at camp and knowing its significance ran back to help their comrades. Murff ran almost among the Indians, and stopping in an open space discharged his gun at them. Almost at the same instant he received a ball in the breast and fell dead on the spot. This shot was from some of the settler's own guns. Wherry was shot in the breast with an arrow, and after firing his own gun escaped into the brush. Spence Goss was sitting down by the fire with his feet drawn up close to his body, facing toward them, and an Indian fired at him with a short Mexican gun called a scopot, carrying a large ball of three buck shot. The charge struck him in the right leg below the knee, broke the bone, and went on out through the thigh. With powerful effort he dragged himself away into a thicket and lay down. Kelso was shot crosswise through the small of the back with an arrow, but jerked it out, and shooting an Indian down he made his escape into the brush. Tom McAdams was shot in the neck through the windpipe with an arrow but managed to get away. Newt Price was standing with his back to the Indians and was hit in the shoulders with a load of buckshot from one of their own guns. He also made his escape into the thicket. Jack Herridge was sitting by the fire with his shoes off, warming his feet, and only having a small single-barrelled pistol called a deringer, sprang away in flight and was not hit. He was the first to reach the settlement, but his feet were so bruised and lacerated by rocks that before they healed the bottoms of his feet came off. The Indians got all of the horses except those of Murff and Wherry. When they started on the deer hunt they turned their horses loose to graze until they got back. They took fright during the battle, ran away, and made their way back to Kerrville. Some time after the fight when the Indians were gone, Kelso, Wherry and McAdams got together and started home on foot, but they made but slow progress. Kelso could hardly walk, and McAdams was constantly sick and vomiting, caused by swallowing blood from the wound in his neck. Wherry was also badly wounded; the arrow made such a deep wound in his breast that as he breathed the air would escape through the aperture with a whistling noise. They were several days getting to

Kerrville. Goss and Price both escaped into the same thicket, but were not aware of each other's presence. Both were weak from loss of blood and fainted, or, as they expressed it, went to sleep and lay there for several hours. When Goss came to himself again he called for his companions, and was answered by Price nearby. The two now got together and went about a mile, Goss dragging one leg after him. Here they found a small cave and spent the night in it. Next day Price proposed, as he was able to walk, to try and make his way to the settlement and send relief to Goss. He started but never reached there. He died 10 miles from where he left his companion. In the meantime searching parties were out hunting for Goss and Price, not expecting to find either alive. Goss remained at his cave 18 days, vainly hoping as each sun ran its course and went down in the west, that before another setting sun help would come. Of course he knew not that his unfortunate companion lay dead 10 miles away, where he had sank exhausted to rise no more. No one else knew where he was, and the searching parties had gone around and around his position. During the day he would crawl around in the dense thickets and eat grapes and haws and lie in the cave at night. A small spring branch near furnished him with water. He had his pistol, but would not shoot anything for fear of attracting a band of Indians. After remaining in this condition for the length of time mentioned above, Goss gave up all hopes of anyone coming to him, and started toward the settlement, using a forked stick to aid him in getting along. After traveling several days in this way he was found one day, sitting leaning against a tree, by Judge Patton, who was out on a bear hunt. Patton helped him get to the camp of a man named Miller, eight miles above Kerrville. In the meantime a party of searchers had found the trail of Goss and could easily follow it by the holes he made in the ground with his stick. They found him at Miller's camp, and from thence conveyed him to the house of his brother-in-law, Joshua D. Brown. Mr. Brown was the founder of Kerrville, which was named after James Kerr, relative of Brown.

Murff was buried where he fell, in a shallow grave, but well covered with rocks. Shortly after, however, a runaway negro came along, disinterred the remains, and stripped the body, appropriating the clothing to his own use. The negro then placed the body back, but the wolves dragged it out again. Hunters found it and took the skeleton to Kerrville and buried it in the cemetery there. Hunters also found the skeleton or bones of Price two years later, and his boots with bones in them were brought to town. Also a daybook and 25¢ in money in a purse, and from these the remains were identified.

When Kelso drew the arrow from his wound during the fight and threw it down he failed to notice in the excitement of the time that the spike failed to come with the shaft. For 20 years the wound would not heal, until by a surgical operation the iron arrowhead was

discovered and removed, and the wound then healed.

Mr. Daniel Adolphus Rees, who gave the writer the particulars of this most sad frontier episode, was living near Kerrville at the time, and helped to search for Goss. He came to Texas in 1852 from the western district of Tennessee. He first settled in Dimmit county, and came to Bandera in 1854, and he built the first house there out of poles to put corn in. People had no houses at first, but lived in camps. He moved from there into the Guadalupe Valley. In 1856 Kerr county was organized, and Mr. Rees was elected county clerk and helped to lay off the town of Kerrville, which was the county seat. In 1863 he belonged to a ranging company, commanded by Captain Hunter, and was in an Indian fight on the head of the Pedernales river, in which three Indians were killed, some of the rangers were wounded, and Mr. Rees had his horse killed. His brother, Alonzo Rees, was in command of the scout. Adolphus was commissary and quartermaster sergeant, and only came on this scout for recreation. His proper place was in camp.

Mr. Rees also gives the following Kerr county history:

In 1859 there lived, five miles above Kerrville, a settler named Roland Nichols. One evening he went out about a mile from home to kill a turkey. When he failed to come back at night the family became alarmed and neighbors were notified. Mr. Rees responded, but nothing could be done until morning. In company with others he followed up a draw to a point about a mile from the house, and then turned abruptly in another direction, and the plain trail of numerous Indian tracks on both sides of it told the tale of the missing man. Nearly a mile from there his body was found beside a tree. He had halted here and got the tree between him and the Indians, and the tracks showed he had circled around it repeatedly while they were trying to kill him. The bark was raked from the tree all around where he had held to it with both hands, in a vain endeavor to keep the trunk between him and his foes. He had one arrow in his breast and one arrow and one bullet wound in the body. The bullet and arrow had first struck the left arm about half way between the elbow and shoulder and then penetrated the body not more than half an inch apart. Going back to the post where the Indian sign was first discovered, it was evident that here was where the unfortunate settler received the arrow in the breast from ambush. The prints of his knees were in the sandy soil where he had come down either to fire his rifle or from the shock of the wound. He, from the latter, dropped his gun without firing, but recovering he ran to the spot where his body was found. His gun was discovered after a search, covered in the sand where the Indians had left it, and it was still loaded.

In 1860 Mr. Samuel Lane lived two miles above Comfort, on the Guadalupe river. In the fall of that year he started on horseback up the river to visit a man named John Conner, who lived where Center Point is now, above the mill on the north side of the river. The property is now (1900) owned by the Moore family. Lane was not

armed, and was riding along eating pecans, when the Indians rushed upon him from a thicket near the road and shot one arrow into his breast. He now left the road and ran his horse toward a pecan mott several hundred yards away. Before reaching the place the Indians shot several arrows into his back, and forced him from his horse and dispatched him. When he failed to come home the next day the family became uneasy and sent a runner up to Conner's to see if he was there. Finding no trace of him the messenger went to Kerrville and made known the facts there. District court was in session, with Judge Stribbling on the bench, but court was adjourned and judge, jury and lawyers, went to search for the missing man. Mr. Adolphus Rees was one of the searching party, and says they did not find him until the following day, making the third since he was killed. In one hand he had a turkey gripped, which he was carrying to Mrs. Conner. In the other were pieces of the pecans and hulls, and pecan kernels between his teeth. Mr. Rees and his brother-in-law, Judge Starkey, Foster Cocke, DeWitt Burney and several others took the trail of the Indians, which led a west course through the mountains over a very rough country. They came to one place where the Indians had camped, killed a cow, and eaten her. While riding around in the camp Judge Starkey let his gun go off accidentally and killed Foster Cocke's horse. Further on the Indians went down such a steep, rocky mountain that they had lanced their horses to make them go down, as was evident from the amount of blood along the way. The white men could not get their horses to go down, so had to leave them with a guard and continue the pursuit on foot. In Hondo Canyon they found the dead body of a Frenchman whom the Indians had killed. The pursuit was kept to Sabinal Canyon and then abandoned. They would have caught the Indians at the place where they went down the steep bluff if night had not been at hand. The blood from the horses was fresh not having as yet congealed on the rocks. No doubt they saw the trailers coming, and this was why they forced their horses down such an unreasonable place. Here, however, they entered a cedar brake, and dark coming on, all trailing had to cease until the morning, and this gave the Indians a long start again.

Automobile interests prepared to make a strong bid for better business this year. They point to the new low price levels, the improved products and the obsolescence of so many cars now in use as justification for optimism.

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YATES OIL FIELD PUTTING OUT ONLY HALF WHAT ITS CAPACITY JUSTIFIES

McCamey, Jan. 25.—The Yates oil field—a land of superlatives—has just passed its sixth birthday, unspectacularly, but confident in that this West Texas oil pool could, if opened, produce more than twice the amount of oil produced in the entire United States each day. That's based on potential production figures, but within bounds of the field is the world's largest well. Just a short time ago the second year of the Ira and Anne Yates Estate was completed. The estate owns all the land and royalty interest retained by Mr. and Mrs. Ira G. Yates on their ranch and in the oil field named in their honor.

Dodges New Law

Under the old inheritance tax law, a transfer of this type, two years before the death of the person transferring the property relieves the estate of any inheritance tax. Under the present law the gift tax clause would have prevented such a transfer from being exempt. Just as the second year of the estate was completed, relieving a burden of heavy inheritance taxes to the children, the pool celebrated its sixth anniversary, and then Mr. Yates had a big party for his children celebrating his seventy-third birthday.

He Knows Hardships

As a cowman Mr. Yates knew the hardships of drouth and low prices. He appreciates fully the tough sledding some of his associates have had and he is making good use of his personal money through various business institutions with which he is identified. To insure an equitable division of the estate and avoid heavy inheritance taxes, Mr. Yates created the Ira and Anne Yates estates with a \$10,000 capitalization. The Yates ranch of 25,341 acres was transferred to his corporation and divided into eleven shares of stock, one for each of the Yates children and one each for Mr. and Mrs. Yates.

Ranch Valued at 9 Millions

This property was valued by Thomas Y. Pickett & Co. of Dallas, tax experts, petroleum engineers and accountants, in arriving at Pe-

ces county tax values at \$9,000,000. This value constitutes the soil and the interest Mr. Yates had in the royalty. The figure was computed by estimating the recovery of oil from the land, estimating the life of the field at 20 years and discounting the ultimate recovery to make up the cash value as of today. This, of course, constitutes only a part of the Yates estate as the investments from the sale of royalty and from oil runs have created large holdings in addition to the ranch as one-half the income from the property during the last two years has been retained for reinvestment.

Has Legal Staff

Jared P. Hill, San Angelo attorney and former district judge, is vice-president and general manager of I. G. and Anne Yates Estate and George T. Wilson is attorney. Mr. Wilson, however, does not devote all of his time to Mr. Yates' business and conducts a general law practice besides. As assistant attorney general, he successfully directed the state's case against the Whiteside estate and others. By making all owners in the field parties to the suit the state sought in one action, to settle all questions of boundaries. It is this case and the California case, involving a small tract, that are being sent to the Supreme Court.

Yates Leased for \$1 Acre

Mid-Kansas Oil & Gas Co. drilled the discovery well in the Yates field on a block which Charles A. Hitt, then in charge of land operations for the Transcontinental Oil Co., and O. H. Kilpatrick his assistant, leased from Mr. and Mrs. Yates on the ranch the night before Christmas Eve of 1923. A bonus of \$1 an acre was paid, the annual rental to be 25c an acre, and Mr. and Mrs. Yates included another 4000 acres. A. M. (Jack) Hagan, West Texas geologist for Transcontinental, headed survey over a strip of country about 20 miles wide from Stiles, Reagan county, to Emerson in Terrell county. The work required nine months. Three wells that marked the beginning of the Big Lake field were the only producers in that section of the state when the survey was begun, but Hagan expressed the opinion that shallow oil would be struck and recommended the drilling of a test. When the Transcontinental later made a deal with the Mid-Kansas to drill the test for an interest in the block the location

Wild Oil Well



This great sheet of flame, roaring 200 feet in the air, is the Mad-cley No. 1 well in the Conroe field, north of Houston, which has been burning for nearly two weeks. A crater more than 200 feet wide has defied all efforts to check the wild flames.

was selected within 300 feet of the point Hagan had spotted on the map. Arthur L. Henderson, now production superintendent for the Mid-Kansas at Iraan, directed the drilling of the discovery producer. The rank wildcat showed oil at 975 feet. But when drilling reached 995 feet oil filled the hole and drilling two feet brought a flow. Initial yield was 95 barrels an hour at 1,005 feet in sand and lime and later increased to 2,100 barrels hourly when the well was deepened at 1,150 feet.

In six years No. 1A Yates has produced approximately 1,672,500 barrels of oil, pinched. At present it is restricted to 518 barrels in 24 hours. No. 1-A, however, is a dwarf besides scores of wells in the field. Despite East Texas, Yates still proudly claims the world's prize gusher, Mid-Kansas' No. 30-A Yates, which in one hour on September 23, 1929, flowed 8,528.40 barrels of oil, a rate of 204,682 barrels a day. On October 15 Yates had 404 wells on 197.5 units with 24-hour potential totaling 4,643,324 barrels but effective that date its daily allowable production was slashed 10 per cent to 55,000 barrels daily. The daily allowable had remained at 65,000 barrels for exactly a year, having been reduced from 70,000 barrels on October 16, 1931. The field has been permitted to flow as high as 130,000 barrels daily, but its restriction lengthens its life and with an improved oil market will increase the returns. Producers whose wells are connected with the Shell Pipe Line have been receiving 75 cents per barrel since October 15. Humble Pipe Line met the 10-cent increase and the Illinois Pipe Line follows the Humble posting. Produced 152,513,676 Barrels

Yates through August 31, 1932, had produced 152,513,676 barrels of oil, of which amount Mid-Kansas had produced 70,556,892 barrels, according to unofficial figures. There are an estimated 16,145 productive acres although the 197.5 units of acres each at present accounting for only 15,800 acres. Some engineers have computed the flowing life of the field with the aid of repressuring at between 19 and 30 years. During this time Yates is expected to flow approximately an additional 296,500,000 barrels and then to pump around 155,000,000 barrels, making its total recovery around 604,000,000 barrels. It is possible however, that with the large amount of free gas in the reservoir the fluid columns will be lightened to such an extent that a majority of the wells will flow their limit of production.

Yates' 1931 production totaled 27,473,486 barrels. In its scientific handling to conserve the gas and increase the ultimate recovery, Yates is acclaimed a model field. Wells on the flanks, particularly the east side, show water but this is kept down by restricting the production. On this account it has been said that if there was no proration by law, practices in Yates would undergo little change and the amount of oil produced probably would have increased 75,000 to 80,000 barrels daily.

Little oil is wasted. Seepage oil from early wells had faulty pipe is salvaged from holes in which a telephone post barely would disappear and from pits and ditches, the largest dug with steam shovels. This seepage oil has amounted to over three mil-

Federally Graded Beef More Popular

Consistent Monthly Gains Shown by U. S. Dept. Ag. Service

The beef grading service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture showed consistent monthly gains during the calendar year 1932 as compared with 1931, and a net increase for the year of \$49,917,824 pounds or 33.4 per cent; this, in spite of the severity of the depression.

The many advantages of the grading service have been attested to in letters received from recipients of the service in all sections where it is available. Consumers are more and more demanding beef that bears the U. S. grade stamp, and retailers, likewise, are fast becoming convinced that beef so stamped builds confidence in their markets, therefore insuring a greater degree of satisfaction to both consumer and retailer.—The Hereford Journal.

The rail wage controversy grows steadily more intense. The \$200,000,000 deficit incurred by class 1 lines last year has made drastic economy unavoidable, and it is believed that wage cutting is one of the few possible ways to achieve this.

lion barrels. The absence of derricks is one of Yates' many features. The wells are drilled with machines and when completed the equipment is removed, only the pipe connections showing.

Only one producer has been drilled in Yates proper this year, Gulf Production company No. 34 Yates in section 3, Runnels county school land, in the north end of the field. Its initial yield was 55 barrels of oil hourly, 1 per cent basic sediment and 2 per cent water, with a half-inch choke on two-inch tubing. A number of producers have been drilled this year in the Toborg-Tippett shallow field which adjoins Yates on the northwest—wells 315 to 550 feet deep—and one, Dan Easter's No. 1-B Tippett was carried to 1,330 feet in the Yates horizon and obtained 190 barrels daily.

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WHAT IS A BOY?

He is a person who is going to carry on what you have started.

He is to sit where you are sitting and when you are gone, attend to those things which you think are

You may adopt all the policies you please, but how will they be carried out depends on him.

Even if you make leagues and treaties, he will have to manage them.

He is going to sit at your desk in the Senate and occupy your place on the Supreme Bench.

He will assume control of your cities, states and nation.

He is going to move in and take over your prisons, churches, schools, universities and corporations.

All your work is going to be judged, praised and condemned by him.

Your reputation and future are in his hands.

All your work is for him, and the fate of the nation and humanity is in his hands.

So it might be well to pay him some attention. —Meadville, Pennsylvania, Kiwanis Bulletin.

An outstanding agency in the work of influencing and guiding the boys of our nation is the Boy Scouts of America. For twenty-three years this organization has been expanding, not only in numbers and bounds of territory covered, but in the wholesome influence which it yields in shaping the lives of boys. It is also going ahead—keeping up with the progress of our great nation—in the things it teaches boys to do—things of real practical merit.

The twenty-third anniversary of the Boy Scout movement will be observed in the week from February 8 to 14. Troop 19 of Sonora is making extensive plans for activities during that week which will prove of interest and inspiration, not only to the Scouts themselves but to the public generally.

All citizens interested in the future growth and development of Sonora, West Texas, and our entire nation, are urged to get behind the Scout movement, to learn what its objectives are, and to assist the men working with the Scouts in better caring for the spiritual, mental and physical development of the Sonora boys who are members of Troop 19.

Paying attention to the boy of today will not only pay good dividends in future, but it will give you pleasure in the present association.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SONORA

An opportunity to improve the streets and general appearance of Sonora lies before her citizens, in the proper spending of unemployment relief funds now available through the Reconstruction Finance Corporation of America.

Three hundred million dollars—a great deal of money, even for a powerful nation—is in the process of spending to aid the unemployed of America and to stimulate public improvement. All portions of the country will have this money to pay, not as a direct re-payment of a loan, but in the form of federal taxes in the future. It therefore behooves every community, Sonora among them, to make every effort to share in the benefits of this fund. Sonora has secured a liberal apportionment of funds sent West Texas, and this money is being spent and will be spent in the next few weeks.

Now we come to the point where the local citizen comes in. Unless citizens of Sonora are willing to co-operate in the spending of the fund by augmenting it with their own expenditures, it cannot be of maximum benefit, because the R.F.C. stipulates that its funds be paid entirely for labor. Mere labor, without materials and supplies, can accomplish little of permanent value. True that rubbish can be cleaned and brush chopped from draws and a few humps in the streets leveled off and a few mud holes eliminated, but this work is largely wasted unless we can do the job right and make it a lasting project.

For street improvement machinery is needed, as well as a few supplies. Many of our streets could be graveled if properly graded, and if local citizens can supply means of hauling the gravel, the R. F. C. will pay the labor, but cannot pay other expenses.

Go to your city and county authorities and aid them with suggestions as to the most profitable and enduring way in which the money can be spent. Tell them what is needed worst in Sonora. Offer to assist with the loan of a truck or a wagon. Supply materials for needed improvement. They, with the R. F. C. committee, will then be able to do much in the way of permanent improvement.

The idea back of the government relief—namely, stimulation of local improvement and relief of unemployment—will be only partially carried out unless Sonora citizens co-operate in the spending of relief funds.

WANTED—HIGHWAY NO. 55

In the classified section of nearly every mind in this area of West Texas there appears the caption: "Wanted—Highway No. 55, extended from Rock-springs to Sonora."

Hinging about that desire to briefly stated, is future welfare of a rich ranching county, Ed-ds, and a future trade advantage to at least three towns. Sonora, Rocksprings and Sa-

"Devil's Dream"

(By W. E. James)



ALEX'S FOURTEEN-DOLLAR HAT

Mrs. Flexi Bull, housekeeper for the Lone Goat Ranch, headwaters of Dry Devil's River, came into the ranch office with a worried look upon her face.

"Now, now, Mrs. Bull," said Two-Gun Ike, "why all the sadness?"

"Nothin' much," replied Mrs. Bull, "only I'm worried about Alex's new hat."

"The one he said he paid \$14 for?" asked Two-Gun, with a twinkle in his eyes. "What's the cause to worry, it's in his box, ain't it?"

"That's jest it, Mr. Ike, it ain't in his box. He asked me last week if I'd mind sewing a new bow in it. And now, when I go to get it, it's gone."

"How about Alex, don't he know where he left it?" Two-Gun volunteers. "Why in tarnation don't you ask him. Maybe he knows where his own hat is at."

"Maybe he does," replied Mrs. Bull, "but I don't remember seeing him with it since the night he took the Widow Squint to the party over to the Well-ses."

Two-Gun snickered. Mrs. Bull raised her head and looked at him something like a mother would look at a two-year-old who had done some kind of mischief and was trying to hide it.

"I didn't have nothing to do with it," said Two-Gun, with a guilty look, "but Alex knows where his hat is at, but won't admit it. Now then, you jest sit right down in that easy chair, close your eyes like you was a-dreamin', and I'll tell you the story about Alex's \$14 hat."

The Well-ses were well-to-do, a family with a good income, with no worry about incidental expenses. Mrs. Wells was a tidy housekeeper, and prided herself upon being able to obtain every new-fangled thing that came out. When these new parlor stoves—the ones that look for all the world like a spiffy radio—were put on the market, Mrs. Wells bought one; the very first one in the community. Few people knew about them, leastwise Alex Shivvers, head wrangler on the Lone Goat ranch.

"You remember the party a few nights ago, over at the Well-ses?" asked Two-Gun of Mrs. Bull.

"Certainly do," replied Mrs. Bull, straightening up in her chair. "Alex up and took the Widow Squint, and Hasty had to tag along with 'em, too. And I didn't get to go," she added with a sigh.

"Well, you missed a lot by not being there. You know when sech old cowhands as Alex Shivvers and Hasty Batter—and me, for that matter—was lots younger, we didn't stand back on account of any of these hifalutin' ceremonies, such as having somebody take your hat an' coat when we went to a party. We jest threw our thing down on a bed or piled 'em in a convenient corner, jest so we got shet of 'em and got into the fun the quickest.

"Well, over to the Well-ses they had somebody a-standing there to take care of hats and coats, but Alex took care of his own. When he passed the lady at the door he was bare-headed and she didn't ask him any questions, seeing he didn't have a hat she jest naturally thought he came without one.

"Twant long until everybody was a-dancing and a-laughing and a talking, having a good time. A thin haze of blue smoke was circling round the room. Nobody seemed to pay much attention to it. Then the Widow Squint kinda sniffed the air, and says to Alex: 'Don't you smell something burning?' Alex said he didn't. Guess he couldn't smell anything but the aroma from the food piled high on the kitchen table. Several of the ladies were heard to 'sniff, sniff,' but everybody jest kept on dancing and having a good time.

"Finally it came time to tell the folks good-bye, and what a whale of a time we'd had. Then the young people began to file out by twos and threes. The Widow Squint was a-runnin' around tryin' to locate Alex and Hasty so's she could go home, but wasn't havin' much luck. Right then Mrs. Wells came in and said to the Widow Squint: 'Maybe you'd better go in the other room and see if you can console Alex.'

"Console Alex! Why, what's the matter with him? Where is he, and what's he done?" Mrs. Squint said, tryin' to hide her confusion. Then she rushed into the next room. There was Alex a-settin' on the sofa, with his head a-restin' on his hands, and Hasty was a-standin' by him a talkin' in a low voice.

"Alex! Hasty! what's the matter? What's happened?" wailed the widow.

"Nothin' a-tall," replied Hasty, as he stood aside to let the widow in. 'Alex has lost his \$14 hat, that's all.'

"Well, for the land o' livin'," said the Widow Squint, "don't you know what you done with it?"

"Yes'm," replied Alex in a meek and mild tone, "I put it on Mrs. Well-ses new radio in there."

"New radio?" shouted Mrs. Wells excitedly. "We haven't a new radio!"

"Then the light dawned, clear as crystal. Mrs. Wells rushed into the livin' room, followed by the rest of us, an' sure 'nuff, there was the last of the hat. Jest a portion of the sweatband, sizzlin' in its own grease, lay on the top of Mrs. Well-ses new-fangled stove—the one Alex mistook for the radio."

Angelo. All three are greatly interested in the building of Highway 55, extending from Rocksprings to intersect Highway 30 southwest of Sonora, or else following the Llano-Devil's River divide from Rock-springs to Highway 27 east of Sonora.

No matter which way that road is built it will be a great help to Edwards county, shortening the distance to a shipping point and providing a direct rail outlet to northern destinations and to all principal livestock markets. It will help Rocksprings by bringing its business houses closer to dependable rail service, enabling lower selling costs on many items, with resultant larger volume of home trading.

To Sonora it will open a vast new trade territory, to be served by the Santa Fe and other local highway institutions. It extends the prestige of a municipality as a livestock center by improving the connection between the two sections, on progress made in sur-

Let's keep right on progress made in surveying the construction. Let's let the state effort that we want that road and that it is needed by this entire section of West Texas.

35 YEARS AGO

Items from The Devil's River News for the week of January 21, 1899, were of a varied nature, as follows:

Mrs. M. A. Traweck has been in Sonora this week the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Coleman Whitfield.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Hagerlund entertained at supper last night a few couples in honor of Miss Vander Stucken. The following were present: Frank McGonagill and Miss Vander Stucken, J. J. Brumley and Miss Rountree, S. P. Woodward and Miss Wyatt, D. H. Burroughs and Miss Monte Rountree, E. F. Vander Stucken and Miss Mills, Alex McGonagill and Miss Word, W. W. Collins and Miss Thrasher.

C. T. Turney, the Sonora cattleman, who lives on Easy street, was in the city Tuesday.

Johnnie Adams was thrown out of Mann's delivery wagon in crossing the draw Tuesday and his left shoulder bone broken.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Mayer left for Fort Worth Tuesday, via McKavett and San Angelo. At McKavett they attended the wedding of Abe Mayer to Miss Emma Lee.

Orville Word didn't do a thing but come in from the ranch Sunday evening in time to go to church at night.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Birtrong came in from the Birtrong ranch last Sunday and spent the night with Mrs. Birtrong's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Sharp, returning Monday to the ranch.

Mayer Bros. & Co. have made another opening in the wall between their dry goods and grocery stores and will put in another office for the convenient transaction of the day's business. They will also use the counter bill book with a bill to the customer for all sales, cash or credit.

The jury for the county court was discharged Saturday morning. Berry Baker was in Sonora this week from his cattle ranch on the North Llano.

It has never been an unusual thing in the new towns of the west for the sharp crack of the six shooter to break the stillness of the night. If one is aroused from slumber by the shooter they find out if it's a fire or a fight, but if neither one, nothing more is thought of it unless the shootist pays a fine for his fun. Sunday mid-night, however, some parties, unknown shot several times into the drug store of W. H. Cusenbary but fortunately did but little damage, and what was most fortunate there was no one in the store at the time.

There was considerable excitement at McDonald's store and the Commercial Hotel Sunday night. Ashes that were supposed to be dead had been taken out of the stove in a wooden bucket Sunday morning, nothing more was thought of it until Sunday night about 10 o'clock, some of the boarders smelling smoke gave the alarm of fire; fire!! fire!!! John McDonald hurried to the stove and found that the bucket had caught fire and that a hole was burned through the floor. The fire was soon extinguished without further damage. The Sonora fire department was promptly on the scene but there was no need for their service the water was not turned on.

Mr. and Mrs. Gotthold Huber entertained at dinner at their ranch 15 miles east of Sonora Sunday, the following: Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hagerlund, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Burroughs, Miss Vander Stucken and Messrs. J. J. Brumley, D. H. Burroughs, and Felix Vander Stucken. H. Z. Windrow and son Clyde were in from F. Mayer & Sons Middle Valley ranch this week, where they have been putting up wind-mills and making needed repairs.

Highway Bridge

(Continued from page 1)

ping of equipment used on a Pecos county job here, where it will be used in addition to present facilities.

The Public Indemnity company lacks 15 small structures over as ten-mile contract it took over as bonding company for Archer, who held the original contract for the eastern section. The eastern section contractors, lack only five small culverts on their sub-contract on the west section. Their major bridge projects at Granger draw have been complete for some time.

D. D. Ross, superintendent here for Malcom, is making plans to move to Thurber for another Malcom job there.

Odd Texas

MRS. J. JILEK
77 YEARS OLD OF YORK, TEXAS, HAS CARRIED PART OF A NEEDLE IN HER BODY FOR OVER 30 YEARS.
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—1933.

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HAVE RODED ELK, BUFFALO, ANTILOPE, COYOTE, WILD HORSE, WILD CATS, WOLVES AND EVEN SMOKE STACKS OF TRAIL ENGINE.

"COW YARNS"

By "THE OLD TIMER"

(From the Nolan County News)

"Grandee"

Long about the time cowmen and their families quit living on the ranch, or, to tell the truth about it, about the time the "old woman" and the girls decided to move to town and let the "old man" come in whenever he could, there were a dozen or so such families living in my home town. When one of their wagons would be in shipping it was quite the thing for Mrs. OX, we will say, to gather up Mrs. SD, Mrs. Hat 2, and all the other cow ladies and take them out to the wagon for supper.

One evening when the JY Wagon was camped along the creek close to the stock pens, Mrs. JY gathered up her bunch and drove out to the Wagon. There she found, in place of ol Josh, the regular cook, a young Mexican new to her. He was getting his fire ready and working up his dough. Much to her surprise, the Mexican began backing and bowing to the guests, and continued doing this as he went on with his work until the herd showed up and Mr. JY rode up to the Wagon to greet his wife.

"Ben, where on earth did you get this Spanish gentleman who is cooking for you?" asked the madam.
"Gentleman hell, he ain't no gentleman! He's just a Mexican boy we had cuttin' posts at the ranch and brought along to cook because Josh was afflicted with boils and couldn't drive. What makes you think he is such a gentleman?"

"Because," explained his wife, "we have been out here three hours and he has been bowing and scraping and backing around and calling us 'senoras' and 'senoritas' like a real Spanish grandee."

Old JY dismounted, led his horse to one side, and motioned to his wife.

"I'll tell you, mama," began JY. "Last night we camped close to a nester's house out on Catfish road, and while this 'gentleman' of yours was takin' a bath that had been highly recommended to him by the boys, the nester's milk pen calves ate up his underwear and overalls, all the clothes the poor boy had. All the pants he's got on right now

is a pair of old chaps one of the boys had in the wagon and loaned him till he has had time to go to town. Reckon if that's all I had on around a bunch of women, I'd back around too!"

The Continued Steer

Adjoining our Foard county outfit was a two or three section pasture belonging to a lawyer in town by the name of Cope who had acquired it either by being a real smart lawyer or had taken it for a fee. In either case, he had not been so smart for it lay along the Pecos river brakes and was only good for twelve or fifteen head to the section. He ran about seventy-five head on it and branded them COPE.

Because he was a good fellow, and knew nothing of handling cattle, and because we liked him, we always dropped over and branded his calves for him when he had finished working our north pasture.

One spring, following a hard winter that had been preceded by a dry summer, we finished our own branding and dropped two or three boys in the Cope pasture to drive it while we built a fire and got ready to brand his calves.

When the drive came in it consisted, due to the unseasonable year and poor country to start with, of only thirteen cows and one very, very dogie calf—the entire calf crop—and scarcely large enough to wear the Cope trademark.

Our ranch boss scratched his head awhile and took a mental measurement of the calf. Then he told one of the boys to drag him up to the fire and after some de-liberation he pulled the running iron out of the coals and walked over to the little dogie.

In the shaggy hair of the calf's left side he burned a big CO, ran a neat dash across his tail, flopped him over, and finished the branding of the Cope calf crop with a PE on the right side.

In riding fence thenext two or three years I watched this little dogie grow into a grown animal, and we always calle him the "Continued Steer."

Daughter in Turman Family
A daughter was born Monday morning at 4 o'clock to Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Turman, who live on the Clayton Puckett ranch. She has been named Mary Lilly Turman.

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WOMAN'S PAGE



SOCIETY

Mrs. George Baker, Editor

Mrs. Joe Hull Is Hostess Friday to The Two-Bit Club

Mrs. Joe Hull entertained members and guests of the Two-Bit Club at her home Friday afternoon of last week, with four tables of participants present.

High score went to Mrs. C. W. Trainer for club and Mrs. Rose Thorp for guests. Mrs. Dave Locklin received low club score.

The hostess served a pretty salad course, carrying out a red-and-white color scheme, to the following:

Members: Mesdames Cliff Johnson, Hilton Turney, Trainer, Locklin, A. P. Prater, and George D. Chalk; and the Misses Annella Stites, Addah Miers, and Zella Lee Thorp.

Guests: Mesdames Thorp, M. M. Stokes, W. R. Barnes, Sam Thomas, R. C. Vicars, R. D. Trainer, Thelma Briscoe, and Arthur Simmons.

W. M. S. Meeting in Ozona Wednesday

Representatives from Sonora to Attend All-Day Session

Zone No. 1 of the San Angelo district of the Methodist Missionary Society will meet at the Ozona Methodist church next Wednesday, starting at 10 o'clock in the morning and lasting until the middle of the afternoon, it was announced at the W. M. S. meeting Wednesday of this week.

A group of members of the local society plan to attend the meeting and all members of the organization are urged to make plans to attend, it was said.

W. M. S. SOCIAL DAY AT LOWREY HOME WEDNESDAY

Mesdames J. D. Lowrey, J. D. Westbrook, and Roy Gilliam were hostesses to the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church Wednesday afternoon at the Lowrey home, when 21 members were present. Plans were made for the zone meeting in Ozona next Wednesday.

Sandwiches, cakes, and hot chocolate were served after the meeting.

W. M. U. With Mrs. Elliott

Mrs. L. W. Elliott was hostess to the Woman's Missionary Union of the Baptist church Wednesday afternoon at her home, when a good attendance enjoyed the Royal Service program.

The Misses Lois Thomas and Joanna Stokes, Mrs. Stella Locklin, and Dan Cauthorn were in San Angelo Wednesday.

Club Has Music and Poetry for Basis of Program

Mrs. R. S. Covey Leads; Special "Tone Poems" by Musicians Follow Talks

"Music and Poetry" was the subject of a program led by Mrs. R. S. Covey at the regular meeting of the Sonora Woman's Club Thursday afternoon at the clubhouse.

In keeping with the topic for the day, members present responded to roll call with poetic quotations, contributing numerous bits of philosophy in verse.

Mrs. Covey interestingly discussed her topic, "The Light Opera of the Season" with concrete details, mentioning outstanding successes of the season and comparing the old conception of opera and musical plays, with the new.

Mrs. George Baker discussed "The Music of Poetry," reading selections from early nineteenth-century and twentieth-century poets, including Robert Browning, Percy Bysshe Shelley, Lord Byron, Edna St. Vincent Millay, Lexie Dean Robertson, and Weldon Johnson.

The concluding section of the program was entitled "Tone Poems" and illustrated by violin, piano, and voice selections, given, respectively, by Professor Henri Rogers, Miss Pauline Turney, and Miss Marie Watkins, the last number being accompanied by Miss Ruth Tipton. Particular enjoyment of these numbers was expressed by the good attendance of club members present.

The next program, February 2, will be entitled "Sects," and will be led by Mrs. O. G. Babcock.

Red Cross

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to be made into sweaters which could be obtained upon application by local distributing agencies.

Steps will be taken at once by the P.-T. A. committee in charge here, to distribute the sweaters where they are known to be most needed.

A number of articles of men's apparel remain at the Gilmore Hardware Company's store and may be obtained upon application to the committee. Mrs. S. T. Gilmore is in charge at the store. A number of pairs of large-sized overalls, wool trousers, and underwear, all new material, as well as a few things which have been brought in by Sonora people, may be had by those needing them, upon application.

Mrs. E. P. Neal and Baby Home

The Rev. E. P. Neal and his daughter, Miss Clovis, and son, Carmon, accompanied Mrs. Neal and her baby son Cadman Evan, home from San Angelo Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Aycock of Melvin, parents of Mrs. Neal also accompanied her here.

One Week Till the Coming of Laurant

P.-T. A. Will Present Magician Saturday Evening, Feb. 4

Eugent Laurant, "The Man of Many Mysteries and His Show of Wonders," managed by Austin A. Davis, will appear before a Sonora audience Saturday evening, Feb. 4, one week from tomorrow night, in the high school auditorium, under auspices of the Sonora Parent-Teacher Association.

Mr. Davis promises that many novelties will be presented at the performance, proceeds of which will benefit the local P.-T. A., according to an arrangement with the company.

The final scene of the program is said to be one of extravagant display, and a large variety of surprises is promised throughout the evening.

Tickets will go on sale immediately and members of the P.-T. A. are especially urged to attend the benefit performance.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Halbert were in San Angelo Saturday.

Russell La Velle was a Sonora visitor from Junction Sunday.

H. L. McCobb of Ozona was a visitor in Sonora Wednesday.

Izzy Leaman made a business trip to San Angelo Wednesday.

Mesdames R. A. Halbert and M. M. Stokes were San Angelo visitors Monday.

Miss Ruth Whittaker left Thursday for her home in San Angelo after a week's visit here with her cousin, Mrs. Tom White.

Mrs. J. D. Eaton, jr. and Miss Margaret Hull returned Sunday afternoon from a week-end visit with Mrs. E. C. Beam at her ranch home.

Mrs. J. D. Eaton, jr. and Miss Bertha Eaton visited Mrs. Eaton's sister, Mrs. Jack Turner, and her brother, Pierce Hoggett, and his family, in Junction Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Hoggett are visiting in Junction, though their home is in New Mexico.

Fred and Leo Hubbert, brothers of Mrs. P. J. Taylor, stopped in Sonora Wednesday afternoon for a brief visit while enroute to San Saba for a visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Hubbert, from Dryden, where they have visited on the Ernest Jessup ranch.

Johnny Mack Decker at Home

Little Johnny Mack Decker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Decker, who was taken to San Angelo last week when alarm was felt concerning his condition after pneumonia had developed, was brought home Tuesday afternoon by his mother who was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. J. T. McClelland, who had gone to San Angelo Monday. The child is thought to be out of danger from pneumonia but is suffering with risings in his head, accompanied by intermittent temperature.

Enjoy Trip and Visit

Mr. and Mrs. George D. Chalk and little daughter, Lila D., accompanied by Mrs. Chalk's mother, Mrs. Beulah Pfister, and son, Rostein, visited Mrs. Pfister's son, E. B., and family, in Ft. Stockton several days last week. One day was spent on a sightseeing trip through the Limpia Canyon and the Davis Mountains by way of Balmorhea, Ft. Davis and Alpine. They gathered a collection of cacti on the trip, a century plant being a particularly desirable specimen.

Roy Hoggett Visits Sisters Here

Roy Hoggett, brother of Mrs. W. L. Davis and Mrs. J. D. Eaton, jr. left Monday after a brief visit here with his sisters, enroute to Rio Grande City, where he will meet Mrs. Hoggett. He is associated with the Smith Bros. Construction Co. with headquarters at Omaha, and has recently been working in Kansas. He spent Sunday night at the Davis ranch.

Place Little Son Under Treatment

Mr. and Mrs. Willie B. Whitehead took their little son, Bill, to San Angelo Wednesday when the condition of the excema with which he has been affected recently became worse. They planned to remain for several days while he undergoes treatment.

"Meet the Wife" Coming Feb. 13 Instead Feb. 20

Date of Thirteen Dramatic Club's Three-act Comedy Advanced Account of Revival

Out of deference to the revival services which will be opened at the Sonora Methodist church on Feb. 19, the Thirteen Dramatic Club has changed the date of its play, "Meet the Wife," in which Mrs. Gladys de Silva Bates of San Angelo will be presented, from Monday evening, Feb. 20, to Monday evening, Feb. 13, in order that the play may not coincide with the meetings, it was announced by the club this week.

Mrs. Bates, who will enact the role of Gertrude Lennox, the wife in Lynn Starling's three-act comedy of domestic intrigue, is a graduate of the Curry School of Expression in Boston and has taught the speech arts for twelve years in Texas. For eight consecutive years she taught in the summer term at Texas Christian University and has been active in The Speech Arts Association of Texas, being president for one year.

Mrs. Bates organized the San Angelo Little Theater and directed it as long as it functioned. Last summer she held a summer school termed The Theater Workshop, including instruction in all phases of dramatic art. It was erroneously stated in The News recently that Mrs. Bates is head of the department of expression in the San Angelo School of Fine Arts. Miss Estelle Cocks holds this position, it was learned.

The cast, headed by Mrs. Bates, contains eight characters, namely, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Huling, Miss Margaret Hull, and Messrs. Joseph H. Trainer, W. C. Gilmore, A. P. Prater, and C. H. Allen—all of whom have appeared in previous productions here. Mrs. Gladys Kothmann is the understudy for Mrs. Bates.

Mrs. Bates plans to be with the

Club Is Formed by Mexican Girls

Miss Clemencia Cardona Is Elected President

Meeting at Valencia Hall Sunday afternoon, January 22, at 4 o'clock, a group of Mexican girls organized a "feminine club," so-called, which will be known as El Club Iriz and will have as its motto "Fe en el porvenir."

Officers were elected as follows: Miss Clemencia Cardona, president; Romanita Hernandez, secretary; Marynacia Gomez, treasurer; Clara Brown, vice-president; Lena Brown, reporter; and the Misses Eliberta Castro, Laura Hernandez, and Consuelo Torres, guards.

The twelve charter members consisted of the above-named officers and the following young women: Gracia Hernandez, Eudelia Lopez,

cast for rehearsals each week-end until the play is presented.

Esperanza Bermea, and Maria Fahila.

Speeches were made by Samuel Martinez and Luiz Cardona of Ozona, followed by Ernesto Castro and Miss Clemencia Cardona.

Mr. Castro, as organizer, was made an honorary member of the group.

The next meeting is planned for next Sunday afternoon at the home of the president, Miss Cardona.

BENEFIT PARTY AT 2:30 TODAY AT SAWYER HOME

Mesdames E. E. Sawyer, R. S. Covey, and George Baker will be hostesses this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Sawyer at a benefit bridge party proceeds of which will be turned into the general fund of the Sonora Woman's Club.

Earning of funds to carry on club projects, among which is the park fund, is being carried on through committee work.

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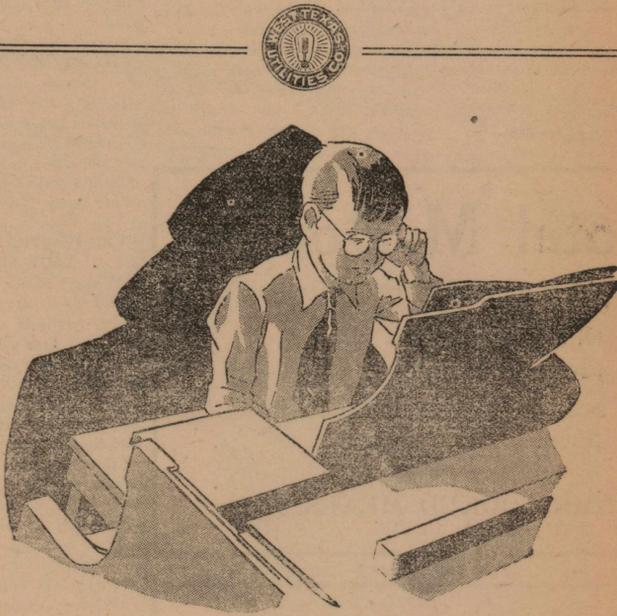
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A STITCH IN TIME

Now that midterm exams are over many pupils feel relieved while others feel very depressed. The cause for this is that some got by very well, others by the skin of their teeth, and some not at all. Those who are mourning now probably failed because of their idea that it was unnecessary to study until the week before exam time. This is a mistaken idea. At the beginning of school was the time to begin studying for midterm exams. Now is the time to begin studying for the finals.

—The Broncho—

School Auditorium Becomes Menagerie

The zoo that was displayed at the grammar school from Jan. 17 to 20 by Miss Langford and the fourth, fifth and sixth grade art pupils offered a rare opportunity for those who are interested in wild animal life. In spite of the fact that exams were in process, many pupils took time off to visit this strange zoo. A various allotment of animals was shown. There were snakes, dogs, alligators and other even rarer species. Some of the animals were so dangerous that, to prevent trouble or damage, they were put in cages built by some of the pupils.

Everyone who did not visit the zoo missed seeing such animals as perhaps they will never see unless they go to the jungles of Africa—or to the work shop of some whimsical old toy maker. The animals, you see, were made of clothes pins, twisted rags, old silk hose, or what have you.

—The Broncho—

Hazel Kring went to the Llano Saturday.

Bobby Nisbet went to Ballinger with his father on business.

Sonora Scouts Win Jamboree
 The Sonora Boy Scouts carried away most of the honors at the jamboree held here last week. Wesley Sawyer, Reginald Trainer and Kenneth Babcock won the essay contest, placing first, second and third, respectively.

—The Broncho—

School Pictures Received
 The prints of the school pictures taken here last week have arrived and those students who purchased pictures are happy to have them, since all the "takes" were good.

—The Broncho—

Errors Being Counted
 Watch your step in the next few days! The seventh grade English class is on the lookout for errors. When a seventh grader overhears one of his fellows making a mistake in English, he corrects the error, writes the correction in his small notebook, and requires the offender to sign his mistake. At the end of two weeks the errors will be tabulated and the class will be drilled intensively on those that appear most frequently.

—The Broncho—

The Latonia Camp Fire girls held a meeting Monday in the grammar school building. Mrs. Davis talked to the girls on how to become a good Camp Fire Girl.

—The Broncho—

Ches Thorp was in San Angelo Saturday.

Mumps Takes Heavy Toll Among Students

Attendance is still kept down by the mumps. Those out from this cause now are: Pauline Turney, Billy Penick, Marjorie Chadwick, Herbert Fields, Stanley Mayfield, Audrey Carlock, Jo Ann Marion and Ella Mae Barnes.

V. J. Glascock and Viba Holland have recently returned to school after having been absent from this cause.

—The Broncho—

JOKES

Mr. Baker: "I will loan you Scouts some 'floor sweep' to sweep the hall with if you want it."

Kenneth Babcock: "What is it for?"

Mr. Baker: "To keep the dust down."

Kenneth Babcock: "I thought it was to make the dust clean."

Louis: "What kind of airplane have you?"

Marion: "A biplane."

Louis: "Oh, yes, bye-bye-world plane."

—The Broncho—

Miss Duncan Has Mumps

Miss Annie Duncan has been confined at home for the last few days with mumps.

—The Broncho—

The Epworth League met last Sunday at 7 p. m.

DEERSKIN MANUSCRIPT CARRIES OLDEST LOVE STORY IN AMERICA

Atlantic City, N. J., Jan. 25.—The oldest love story in America, about an Aztec princess who won the man of her choice despite all obstacles, was told recently before the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

And they lived happily ever after, according to the old deerskin manuscript on which the story is written in picture writing. Events in southern Mexico dating back 350 years before the Spaniards came in 1519 are recorded on the deerskin, described by Herbert J. Spinden of the Brooklyn museum.

It tells the tale of a lady named "Six Monkey." She was the little sister of several brothers.

As a young girl she had much difficulty in gaining permission to marry the man she wished, named "Eleven Wind." But finally the wedding was celebrated with gifts,

a dance and a joint bath for the bride and groom.

In the next year two of Princess Six Monkey's ambassadors were insulted by two young chieftains—with the insults portrayed by knives coming from the young men's mouths.

Princess Six Monkey declared a war of revenge, first asking advice of an old "death woman" at a temple of skulls. Like Joan D'Arc she led her forces against two towns of the young chiefs, and captured her enemies.

A few days later one of the captives was sacrificed by cutting his heart out before a temple, and the other was led away by the ambassadors and sacrificed at another place.

A ceremony followed, perhaps a coronation, in which Princess Six Monkey was anointed, and then she and Prince Eleven Wind ruled in peace. Later they had two sons, "Four Wind" and "One Crocodile," and the eldest in his turn was married to a girl of his proper station in life, Lady "Ten Flower."

BUSINESS TRAINING VS. COLLEGE TRAINING

"United States government statistics show that seven out of ten young men and women who enter upon four-year college courses never graduate," comments W. M. Roberts, president of the Tyler Commercial College and School of Business Administration, at Tyler, Tex. "Of course, that is not a criticism of the colleges. It is a reminder to young people not to spend their time trying to do something that they really do not want to do, or are not prepared to do."

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An interesting catalog is offered free by the Tyler school, and all those who must decide the great question of education are urged to write for a copy. Address Tyler Commercial College and School of Business Administration, Tyler, Texas, and a catalog will be mailed promptly.—Advertisement.

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We extend sincere thanks and appreciation to the friends who lightened the load of sorrow occasioned by the last illness and death of our mother, Mrs. Luella Cauthorn.

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Where Tornado Swooped Down on North East Texas



Here is all that is left of the residence of L. L. McMikel, seven miles south of Detroit, Tex. after a disastrous tornado swept through North East Texas. Although house, barns and outhouses were completely demolished, the McMikel family was unhurt. Thirty were injured in the 45-mile path of the twister, however, and two were killed. This photo was taken in the rain.

INDIANS, OUTLAW STEERS, FAMOUS BRAND OWNER KNOWN BY BRITE

"It was in 1872 that this incident happened. A band of Comanches rode through our community one night bent on killing and stealing everything in sight. I do not recall the details well enough to give them correctly about the killings, but when the women and children, for miles around, had come together at one or two houses in the village to better resist a surprise attack, the men rustled all the horses left and hit the trail. Overtaking the redskins on the Frio river with both sides ready to go they tangled right now and despite being outnumbered, as well as handicapped by having to reload their rifles after every shot, the settlers went at it with such a vengeance that nobody got a good breath until every Indian had measured his length on the ground.

"Father said that the old chief, a big, brawny mellow ugly as sin naturally and perfectly hideous in war paint and trappings, had such an insolent, sure-of-his-quarry, look as he gave orders to his braves that he determined to fire the bullet that crumpled him. Throwing his gun to position he trained his eye along the barrel, watching every move the scoundrel made until sure of his distance and bead—and doubly so of his nerve—he let him have it. The bullet took him straight through the heart and he plunged headlong to the ground.

"Apparently the death of their leader demoralized the rest of the band and they seemed undecided whether to rescue his body, or take to their heels. While they debated this momentous question—running around in circles, firing at random, the settlers, quick to see the advantage, cleaned 'em to a man. Father headed for the dead chief, took all his trinkets and gewgaws for mementoes and stripped him of a brand-new buckskin overcoat that today would be worth all kinds of money, if novelty counts for anything. The skin was soft as kid, of a creamy color, as freshly dressed hides are; patterned intricately from top to bottom, all over with every imaginable color of beads. I thought, when he brought it home and spread it out for all to look at that it was the prettiest thing I ever laid eyes on. And to this good day I have seen nothing in bead work that could hold a candle to it.

"Men familiar with Indian life and habits said that the design represented adventure, tragedy and the various incidents of the squaw's life who did the beading. It was characteristic of them to weave into baskets, bead work, blankets and moccasins and to decorate pottery with designs representing the outstanding events in their lives. It was their way of writing what had happened and very often a fight in which a son had been victorious, as wrestling a buffalo single-handed, killing some unusual animal like a white deer, or some distinct performance that ever after marked his superiority in that connection, to the extent that he was known by a name significant of it as Bull Buffalo, White Deer, Swift Arrow and such like. Father was pretty good at interpreting Indian lore by pictures and signs and the most fun I remember having was when, on long winter evenings, he spread out that coat before the fire and while we children traced with our stubby little fingers the outline of various 'pictures' worked in beads, he explained, as best he could, what they meant. Whenever he struck a snag he would sit and think over it so long, trying to figure it out that mother would put us to bed with the promise that he would tell us next morning what it was all about if he found out himself.

"When he came to what he called plain going he left us to read it by

ourselves, saying it was good business for us to learn all we could about redskin signs. About as far as I got was to know that a patch of green beads generally stood for grass, mixed with brown it meant trees, a broad stretch of various bright colors was intended for wild flowers, and of course animals were enough like the originals to be placed at a glance. The sky was always blue and blood in trails, or puddles, a vivid red. Birds were worked in natural colors and men generally had either bows and arrows, or rifles in their hands. Funny thing about the way Indians regard what they call the Great Spirit. Of course they knew nothing of the white man's God but whenever one of them got to a knot he couldn't unravel, like some unaccountable happening or anything savoring of mystery they, invariably, credited it to the Great Spirit. In almost every design worked out on that overcoat was some irregularity, a break in the line, a color that didn't harmonize some one thing or another that made you see that the worker was puzzled and without exception a little patch of clean white beads were woven in, marking an entrance and exit for the Great Spirit to complete his work.

"Have I got it now? No, I haven't, more's the pity. You know how the value of a thing depreciates when it is not regarded as anything uncommon for long. Well, as long as mother kept the coat hanging out of our reach on the peg assigned for it we valued it more than anything on the place. But when first one and then another wore it

out in bad weather to milk and feed and do up the chores it began to tear loose from around the heaviest patches of beads. Then, whether it was the work of some insect or not I could not say, certainly moths would not be interested in eating a dressed skin but anyhow it began to fall in holes, exactly like moths made and, almost before we realized it the coat was a thing of shreds and tatters.

Here Mr. Brite finished penciling the O-bar brand—made with the bar running through the center of the O, on the hip of a steer pictured on a card advertising a commission firm, passed it over and explained that he had "run it on many a head of cattle for Millet and Mayberry when he worked for them in '75," then reverting to the coat said: "Strange how folks let such things like that happen; unintentionally, of course, and for no other reason than pure carelessness. They intended to do it sometime, but I don't know a better excuse for neglect than the Mexican manana. If I had that coat now, pretty to look at as when father first brought it home, poor as I am, I doubt if money could buy it.

"Just previous to the Indian raid I have been telling about, in 1862, I think it was, the biggest horse raid and subsequent capture of redskins occurred in the history of that part of the state. The cattlemen were left just about destitute of horses to work their stock, only those tied at the house remained and they were so put to it for mounts and so mad that they should have to submit to such continued outrages they made up a scouting party and lit out after the thieves on a plainly marked trail.

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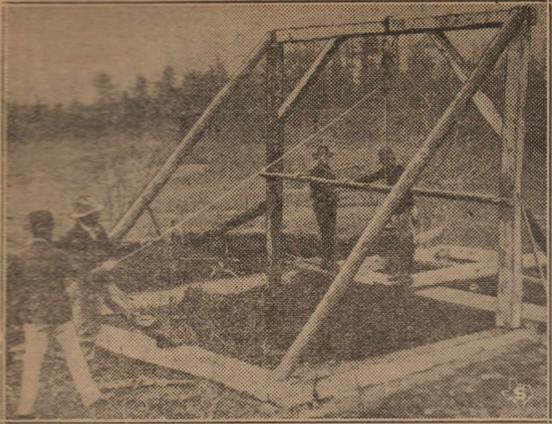
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Shades of Past in Gold Mine Drama



Alleged discovery of a gold mine abandoned a century ago by Santa Anna, armed interference with operation of the mine, captivity of the foreman, Dan Watkins, and his release by officers are woven into a melodrama of real life in the historical old town of Nacogdoches, in East Texas. Here is the mine shaft, sunk after an aged Mexican came there and found a kettle, an old pistol, and a gun barrel purported to locate the mine. Two farmers were arrested in connection with holding Watkins.

Indians—

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To make a long story short, they ran onto the skunks at the head of the Frio, took 'em by surprise and captured the whole shootin' match. They brought them back to San Antonio and with the Comanches blanketed and dolled up in feathers and things, guarded by the scouts, with the stolen horses bringing up the rear it was some triumphal procession.

"At that time the Confederate soldiers' headquarters camp was located on a ten-acre tract—centered now by the Gunter Hotel and the entrance gate to the camp is at present the site of the main entrance of the hotel. When the cavalcade arrived military discipline was relaxed and everybody and his dog was mixed in with soldiers and officers to greet the men who had accomplished such a phenomenal feat as to capture a whole band of Comanches. I was so young then that my most vivid remembrance is my wonder that anybody could live as filthy and half-naked as they were. I don't even recollect what became of them after the 'show.' But I know mother tightened the ropes on me about going past the San Antonio river on the east and, on no account was I to go even to the bank of the San Pedro Creek west of town. There was nothing, not a habitation of any kind beyond the creek then and Dr. Herff's home—parenthetically, the residents of one of the most expert surgeons and efficient physicians Texas ever had—a little powder house, St. Mary's College, where I first went to school, and the Alamo, setting in the middle of a mesquite flat, told the tale so far as houses were concerned east of the San Antonio river.

Eating White Bread

"I often wondered in my boyhood what my elders meant when they laughingly spoke of their white bread days. But I was not to know until I had reached the age where I could look back to the time I spent at Covey College and the lasting friendships formed there. Taking life as a whole I guess those happy, irresponsible days were the best of my life. The cold college building has, long since, fallen to decay and concrete, the town boasting its location, is almost extinct, so far as habitation goes. Not many of the students of what then was classed as one of the few important educational concerns in the state are left and those who remain see each other all too seldom to renew old associations as we should. "Tom Stell, who has so long helped to run DeWitt county—forty years, or more—and made a first-class job of whatever end he tied to

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Goat-raisers may find solution of their registration problems in the present completion of a project for American all-breed records. The South African Stud Register, incorporated 1920, under the title South African Stud Book Association, has councils for the different breeds. Canada has a similar provision, including sheep, goats, cattle, etc.

For many years, breeders of the United States have been envious of the smooth working Canadian plan of registering all breeds of livestock in one registry and with one simple system. Under this plan the clerical costs are reduced to an absolute minimum, leaving a maximum amount available for breed promotion purposes.

Leading United States breeders have recently completed organization of the Pure-Bred Live Stock Records, Inc. This is a non-profit organization with control permanently trusted for public benefit and has its offices in the modern

fire-proof Pure Bred Live Stock Record Building, Union Stock Yards, Chicago.

An important feature of the new association is the reduction in recording and transfer costs to 25 cents per head. At present only sheep are being recorded, but plans are being made for starting the recording of some breeds of hogs and perhaps goats in the near future. A simple system of recording which has been worked out and which has been worked out and which has proven successful for many years by the American & Delaine Merino Record Association has been adopted by the new organization.

In order for breeders to record in this new association, provisions have been made for free re-registering of flocks and herds so that the certificates issued will be the equivalent in every respect of certificates issued by other recording associations.

A number of the pure bred record associations, because of their isolation and small volume of business, have become insolvent and the futures of the breeds which they serve have been placed in jeopardy. This new organization has been designed to take care of associations of this kind, regardless of the small volume of business which they did and

and at the same time give them the maximum in breed development work.—Angora Journal.

AWARD IN AGRICULTURE GIVEN SONORAN'S FRIEND

Col. L. M. Monsees, stock breeder who lives near Sedalia, Mo., was recently given a distinguished service award by the College of Agriculture of the University of Missouri for his work in improving the quality of Missouri mules, is a lifelong friend and former associate of

E. D. Driskell, former Missourian who lives in Sonora with his son, Tom Driskell.

Mr. Driskell knew Col. Monsees when they were boys in Missouri, and later young men. He was particularly gratified by the honor given his friend, and says it was eminently deserved.

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Human Skull Plowed Up in Field by Man

Farm Hand Makes Discovery When Lifting Rock Out of Way

One of the most remarkable discoveries in this section for a long time occurred at Bend Monday of this week.

Jesse Banta plowing for Sherman Millican in what is known as the old Frank Means place felt his plow strike a rock. He lifted the rock to get it out of the way, and under it was a human skull.

A search was made to see what kind of a place it was and six other skulls were found. A telephone call from W. J. Millican says that apparently two of the heads were north, two of them south, one toward the east and another in between the others. Seemingly the feet of all were pointed to a common center. Also there appeared to be a pile of rocks over each head.

This field is one of the oldest in Lampasas county, this place being across the river from Bend, and must have been cultivated for at least 60 years.—San Saba News.

Congressional leaders of both parties are now considering advisability of broadening powers of the R. F. C. to give it wider discretionary authority in making loans to railroads for their immediate needs.

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Soremouth Work Continues
Drs. I. B. Boughton and W. T. Hardy at the Ranch Experiment Station are continuing experiments with soremouth of sheep. Dr. Boughton made a trip to Veribest Wednesday for work with a bunch of sheep there, while Dr. Hardy went to the Todd ranch west of Ozona.

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Boy Scouts—

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Babcock and Roueche, as carriers and Louis Davis as rider, won the Paul Revere race. With Wesley Sawyer as patient, J. T. Shurley, Babcock and Marion Elliott administering to him, Sonora's team won the first aid contest. A factor in this victory was Shurley's work in a written examination, he being chosen to represent the Sonora team.

Sonora Teams Win

Trainer won first in fire building with flint and steel, with Roueche taking third for Sonora. Goben of Junction was second. Jarvis Jordan and Goben of Junction were first and third and Shurley of Sonora was second in knot-tying.

Sonora's team in Morse signaling won a decisive victory. Its members were Shurley, Babcock, Vehle and A. W. Awalt. Louis Davis won first and Awalt first and third in the minute-guessing contest, with Skaggs of Junction second.

Skaggs of Junction was first and Lowrey of Junction third in the fireman's carry, with Trainer of Sonora second.

First place victories were good for five points, second for three and third for one.

Several Junction People Here

Roy E. Aldwell of Sonora, founder of the Sonora troop and of the Ranch district was presiding judge, with other judges as follows: Frank Cowsert, Astor Wallace, C. W. McCarroll and Dr. J. H. Smith, Junction, and B. W. Hutcherson, W. R. Nisbet, R. S. Covey and George Baker, Sonora.

In addition to the twenty-two Scouts, the following Junction people attended the Jamboree: G. W. Crofoot, Scoutmaster, Astor Wallace, assistant Scoutmaster, Frank Cowsert, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Powell, Mrs. Crofoot, C. W. McCarroll and Dr. J. Holt Smith.

Committee Serves Refreshments

A sack lunch, supplemented with hot chocolate was served out-of-town visitors, local Scouts and committee members by the Sonora troop committee. Mesdames E. E. Sawyer, W. R. Nisbet, Richard Vehle and Ralph Trainer assisted in preparing the food.

Eldorado's troop did not enter the meet because of sickness of its Scoutmaster and the fact that the boys had not had opportunity to practice for the events.

Court of Honor Held

B. W. Draper, Scout executive for the Concho Valley council, was present and assisted the judges in holding the meet. Mr. Draper also presided at a Court of Honor following the events.

Kenneth Babcock and J. T. Shurley received certificates of rank as Star Scouts, while Wesley Sawyer, Marion Elliott, Lloyd McGhee and Reginald Trainer became second-class Scouts. Mr. Draper presented the Troop charter for 1933 to George Baker as chairman of the local committee.

The event Friday night was the sixth Jamboree for the Ranch district, all of the events having been won by the Sonora troop.

Visiting Mrs. Cusenbary

Mrs. C. M. Epps of Kerrville arrived in Sonora Monday for a visit of two weeks with her mother, Mrs. A. E. Cusenbary, and her brothers, Ben H. and W. R. Cusenbary, and their families.



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Tuesday Last Day—

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\$20,000 before the end of the period. Poll taxes have been issued as follows: Precinct 1, 135; 2, 11; 3, 38; 4, 16; 5, 4; supplementary, 22; exemptions, 4. Total number of qualified voters so far is 230, little more than a fourth of the county's full voting strength.

Poll taxes may be paid without payment of any other taxes, but other taxes cannot be paid without paying the poll tax at the same time.

Lions—

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ty child welfare boards, consisting of seven members, appointed by the county commissioners' courts. The board takes the initiative in investigation and solution of child problems.

She stressed the fact that caring for children locally is not only desirable from other standpoints, but is much more economical than placing them in state supported institutions.

She praised the Sonora club for its work among children, notably the dental clinic sponsored last spring and the providing of food through the school cafeteria for under-nourished children. Nineteen children are being fed daily under the supervision of Mrs. M. O. Britt, who is representing the local Parent-Teacher association in the project.

Next week's program committee follows: A. C. Elliott, L. W. Elliott, W. J. Fields, jr.

BABCOCK DELIVERING PAPER AT CONVENTION

Dr. O. G. Babcock, entomologist with the United States Department of Agriculture in the bureau of parasites affecting man and animal, will deliver a paper this weekend in San Antonio before the state convention of the unofficial Texas branch of the American Association of Economic Entomologists. It will have to do with the results of experiments he has conducted in this area with goat lice.

He was accompanied to the convention by Mrs. Babcock and by Miss Ruth L. Tipton, leaving Thursday afternoon.

Patsy Maria Rogers Arrives

Little Miss Patsy Maria Rogers, first child of Professor and Mrs. Henri Rogers, was born at their residence Monday morning, January 23.

Brown Makes Visit in Abilene

Hillman Brown was a week-end visitor in Abilene, going there with Floyd Malcom, highway contractor, who lives in Abilene and who returned here on business Sunday.

Federal Engineer Here

E. D. Johnson, highway engineer with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, with headquarters in Austin, spent Wednesday night in Sonora while enroute to the area west of the Pecos on an inspection trip.

Christoval Editor Here Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Van Horn, Mrs. R. A. Winston, and Mrs. Ada Douthit of Christoval were visitors in Sonora Sunday afternoon. Mr. Van Horn is publisher of the Christoval Observer.

Stock Shipments Light

Stock shipments were exceptionally light during the week. Shipment of three cars was planned Thursday, two of mutton lambs by Ben Mittel to feeders, and one by Elce Baggett, part of his own raising and part bought from Frank Cloudt of Rocksprings.

George H. Neill at Home

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Neill, and their baby daughter, Jane, returned Sunday afternoon from San Angelo where Mr. Neill had been taken for medical treatment. They were accompanied by Mrs. Maysie Brown, who went up Saturday on business and was the guest of Mrs. Walter Scott Douglas Saturday night. Mrs. Douglas arranged a special visit to the San Angelo art exhibit for her benefit on Sunday.

New official figures show that copper production in 1932 was about one-half of 1931, and that refinery production was 54 per cent lower.

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Brashers Moving to San Antonio

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sher hopes, through change of climate, to receive relief from an asthmatic trouble.

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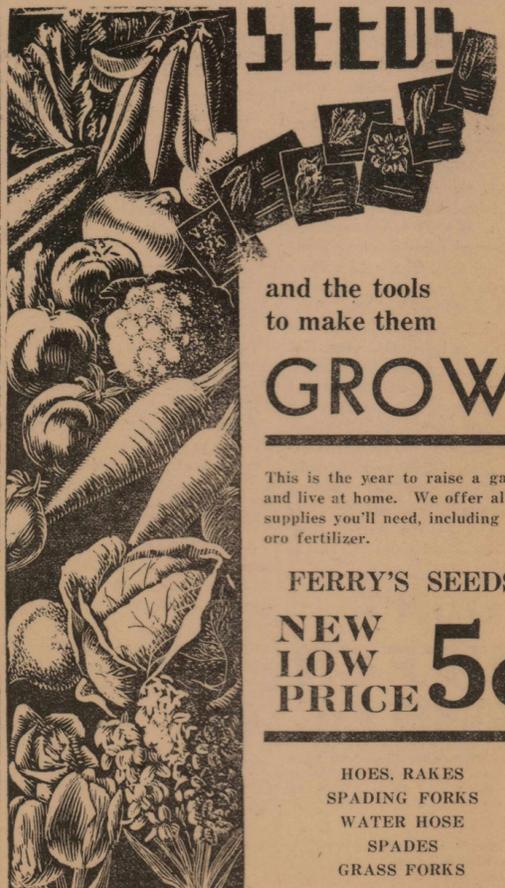
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