

The Third Installment--

The History of Sterling County

By IRA L. WATKINS

Sterling County had its share of buffalo hunters during the period of the great West Texas buffalo slaughter which took place in the middle seventies. Among them was E. L. Rasbury and a party of hunters who came up from Menard in 1874. The party holed up for the winter in a dugout at the mouth of Sterling Creek. Rasbury was only about sixteen years old but he showed his ability as a buffalo hunter by averaging more buffaloes per day than any other of the party. He made camp hunter. He accounted for as many as twenty-five to forty buffaloes in a single day. The party marketed their hides at Fort Concho where they secured provisions for their hunt. (22).

Among the other buffalo hunters were J. S. Wiley and his brother who brought a hunting party to Sterling County in the winter of 1876. Buffalo hunters in the Sterling section obtained their supplies from either Fort Concho or Big Spring, which was at that time nothing more than a buffalo supply camp. Possibly, however, most hunters obtained their supplies from Fort Concho, for their settlement was their chief market for hides.

Fort Concho had been established in 1867, a few years prior to the period of intense buffalo hunting. First it was called Camp Hatch, then Camp Kelly, and finally in 1868 it was named Fort Concho. It was established in good time, for the period from 1867 to 1874 saw an unusual number of Indian depredations in West Texas. The fort maintained an outpost defense about fifty miles up the North Concho. It was located about eleven miles up the river from the present site of Sterling City. This outpost was Camp Elizabeth, and it is thought that the date of its establishment goes farther back than the beginning of Fort Concho in 1867. It is believed that Camp Elizabeth was first established as a Ranger Camp for Texas Rangers about 1853. In 1874 it was taken over by Fort Concho, and used mainly as an outpost hospital until 1886, the date of its abandonment. It consisted of officer's quarters, hospital, farrier shop, and

rock corrals. The buildings were made of rubble stone and mud mortar. The farrier shop and hospital were each about twenty by fifty feet in size, and the officer's quarters were about twenty by thirty feet. The soldiers slept in tents which were stretched near the officer's quarters. There were two target butts, one for long distance practice and the other for short distance shooting. The presence of a parade ground between the camp and the river suggests that these defenders of the frontier knew the advantages that skilled horsemanship provided in combating the Indian menace. Water was obtained from a spring on the North Concho River, which was only a few hundred feet from the fort. There were a great many negro troops stationed at the post. (24) At the time the post was abandoned in 1886, the buildings were intact and became the hideout for crooks, loafers, and other objectionable characters. This annoyed the U Ranch people so much that the roofs of the buildings were torn down. The U Ranch owner then gave the rocks in the walls to the Kellis family who took them and built a small dam across the North Concho at a place about eight miles above the present town of Sterling City.

An interesting story concerning the activities of the military forces stationed at Camp Elizabeth was told once to Uncle Bill Kellis by an old buffalo hunter and Indian fighter. He related that he and a company of buffalo hunters were camped one time during the 70's at Big Spring. The Comanches attacked the group. They laid siege to the camp for two days, and on the night of the second day the old hunter and a companion volunteered to go to Camp Elizabeth for help. They crept past the Indians on foot at night. Unfortunately, however, as they were nearing Camp Elizabeth, they were discovered by a band of Indians, who attacked them on horseback. When an Indian came within range, the buffalo hunters with their powerful buffalo guns, would shoot the redskin's horse from under him. The old man pointed out that the Comanches were almost harmless

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A LEGISLATOR'S REPORT TO HIS PEOPLE

By R. E. (Peppy) BLOUNT, Jr. State Representative

AUSTIN—On Tuesday morning, January 23, our new governor addressed a joint session of the Fiftieth Legislature. In his address he laid down the financial program he wanted the Fiftieth Legislature to follow for the next two years. In most aspects it is a sound progressive program, but there are certain phases of it that are not as broad in scope as I would like to see them.

For example, I would like to see a more expansive Farm to Market Road building program undertaken than Mr. Jester has recommended. According to Mr. Jester, at the end of the present three year program 60% of all farm dwellings will be within one mile of an all weather road. If his plan materializes it should adequately fulfill the need of Sterling County, but I believe an appropriation of new revenue should be made to meet and insure the fulfillment of this program.

The program for Texas school teachers which has been recommended would provide an average annual salary of \$2,000.00. This is considerably different from the \$2,000.00 minimum salary that I believe the school teachers deserve. The responsibilities our teachers bear are great, and their salaries should be in keeping with the high position they hold. The numbers teachers who are leaving their profession simply because they are unable to live on their present salaries is increasing to an alarming extent. The situation as it now exists is acute and must be solved. There is a tremendous difference in what these two salary scales—a \$2,000.00 average or a \$2,000.00 minimum—would mean to the school teachers of Texas. The amount the Governor recommended is just one-third what the Texas school teachers are asking.

I favor all measures having to do with the betterment of our Texas educational system. The plan as it now exists can be financed without additional revenue, but this program would add approximately \$80,000,000.00 to the budget and will leave the surplus practically expended. As I see it this program will necessitate the levying of new taxes in the years to come to carry on the program we are now starting.

Committee appointments were made last week, and, like every other new member of the House of Representatives of the Fiftieth Legislature, I was placed on five committees. I am happy to report that I was appointed to all the committees I said I would ask for in my campaign, these being Oil Gas and Mining, Livestock and Stock Raising, Aeronautics, Public Lands and Buildings, and Public Printing.

The first three are of vital importance to our district and are, I think, the ones on which we need representation most.

It shall be my purpose to represent the best interests of the state and district at all times, and I trust that you will always give me the benefit of your counsel and advice as to how this may be done. Please do not hesitate to write me about any proposed legislation that may come before our House of Representatives.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes I am
Your representative,
R. E. (Peppy) BLOUNT,
Representative Dist. 91.

METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday is Layman's Day at the Methodist Church and the laymen will be in charge of the entire service Sunday morning. Mr. George Boswell, a layman from the First Methodist Church, San Angelo, will be the speaker.

The Methodist Church will have no service at 7:15 but will worship with the Baptist congregation as a part of the welcome to the new pastor, Rev. C. D. McEntire. Church school will be held at 10:00 a. m. and the U. of L. Study at 6:30.

A norther, accompanied by some sleet blew in Wednesday morning, reminding Sterling Countians that winter isn't over yet.

Attend Eastern Star School of Instruction

Attending the school of instruction for the Order of the Eastern Star, District 5, Section 1, in San Angelo Monday from here were Mrs. Joe Emery, Mrs. Robert Foster, Mrs. T. S. Foster, Mrs. Smoky Garms, Mrs. Fred Allen, Mrs. W. R. Hudson, Mrs. F. W. Cole, Mrs. Tommie Johnson and Miss Sue Nelson. Registration began at 9:00 a. m., and hostess chapters were Christoval, Eden, Brady, Melvin, Miles, Paint Rock, Ballinger, Winters, Norton, Sterling City, Robert Lee and Concho Chapter No. 826 and San Angelo Chapter No. 10, of San Angelo. Mrs. Emery and Mrs. Robert Foster filled stations during the school of instruction, which was conducted chiefly by Mrs. Willea Murphey of Pharr, Texas, District Deputy Grand Matron. "A" certificates were issued to three of the Sterling Chapter members and "B" certificates were issued to five.

Mrs. Tommie Johnson Noratadata Club Hostess

Mrs. Tommie Johnson was hostess to the Noratadata Club last Friday night in her home here. The Valentine motif was carried out in the table decorations, plate favors and prizes.

Mrs. Edwin Aiken, president-elect of the club since the resignation of the former president, Mrs. Royal Thomas Foster, Jr., presided at the business meeting. A gift was presented to Mrs. Foster by the club members.

The following program was rendered:

"How Long Shall We Occupy Germany"—Mrs. Finis Westbrook.
"Here's What Happened to German Industry"—Mrs. Harvey Hennigan.

Games of bridge were played with high score going to Mrs. Westbrook, the floating trophy to Mrs. Royal Thomas Foster, Jr., and bingo to Mrs. Hennigan. Others present were Mmes. Martin Reed, L. C. McDonald, Alvie Cole, G. C. Murrell, Bob Stinson, Sterling Foster, Edwin Aiken, Foster S. Price, John Brock, Fred Allen, and Reynolds Foster, and Misses Lucille Hodges and Sue Nelson.

TRASH PICK UP TUESDAY

Next Tuesday, February 25, is trash pick up day in Sterling City. Don't fail to have your trash in sacks or boxes in front of your residence or place of business for the county trucks to pick up.

REV. LOVELACE TO LEAD SINGING IN MISSION CHURCH

Rev. Ed. H. Lovelace will be in Mission all next week leading the singing at the Methodist Church which is cooperating in a Valley-wide, simultaneous Methodist evangelistic campaign.

Dr. Johnson, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Ft. Worth, will preach at Mission and outstanding pastors will preach in all the other churches in that area.

P. T. A. Observes Founder's Day

Last Thursday night, February 13, the local P. T. A. observed Founders Day with a program and social hour at the school. Mrs. Billy Clyde Davis and the homemaking girls served tea in the homemaking lab after the program.

Chesley Mc Donald discussed the main subject "Developing Better Citizens." Rev. Ed. H. Lovelace showed colored slides, illustrated with recorded music and poems.

Mrs. Vern Davis, president, appointed the nominating committee to select officers for next year. She named Mrs. Roland Lowe, Mrs. H. L. Hildebrand and Mrs. Forest Foster as a nominating committee.

KKNIGHT NAMED SECRETARY OF BANKERS ASSOCIATION

Hal M. Knight, cashier of the First National Bank here, was named secretary of the District 6 Texas Banker's Association, at the San Angelo meeting Wednesday. Harry Lyn, cashier of the First National Bank of Ballinger, was elevated from the secretary to the chairmanship of the group.

SWING OF SOUTHWEST FARM MARKETS

By United States Department of Agriculture

Strength featured the farm markets last week, as most commodities held their own or sold at higher prices, according to the Production and Marketing Administration, USDA. Weak spots appeared at some livestock terminals however, and feed continued downward.

Cattle moved at mostly fully steady to higher prices at southwest terminals although beef steers and yearlings were weak at Fort Worth, and calves showed some weakness at San Antonio. Good to choice calves brought \$18.50 to \$22.25 per hundred at San Antonio; \$17.00 to \$20.00 at Fort Worth and Denver, and \$17 to \$18.50 at Wichita. Medium to good cows turned at \$12 to \$14 at San Antonio and Fort Worth; while common to good kinds sold for \$11.50 to \$14.50 at Wichita and \$11 to \$14 at Denver.

Hogs netted mostly 25 to 50 cents advance for the week at Texas markets, but were only steady to even lower at other southwest points. The week's top was \$23.50 at San Antonio; \$24.50 at Fort Worth; \$25.85 at Wichita; and \$2.25 at Denver.

Sheep ruled steady to strong at southwest terminals except for weakness on fat lambs at Denver. Good and choice lambs moved at \$19 to \$20 at San Antonio; and \$21.50 to \$22.60 at Wichita. Medium and good kinds brought \$20 to \$22 at Fort Worth and \$22.50 at Denver. Wool sales were limited largely to revalued lots heavily discounted for moth damage or deterioration. Contracting of spring clop mohair in Texas had reached about a half-million tons.

Grains strengthened materially last week. Wintry weather reduced marketings and demand continued active. At Fort Worth and Galveston, wheat and white corn were each about a nickel higher than the previous period, while yellow corn gained three cents. Oats were up two cents per bushel, and sorghums three to six cents per hundred pounds. Rice markets continued firm, with domestic and Cuban demand active. Feedstuffs showed a steadier tone, but wheat millfeeds, gluten feed, and cottonseed meal continued their downward trend. Hay supplies were sufficient for immediate and nearby needs, and quoted prices remained unchanged.

Fair to good demand for seasonally increasing supplies of fresh eggs held prices at mostly steady at Texas markets at 35 to 36 cents per dozen. Denver reported light demand and weaker prices. Demand for poultry was also good and prices were little unchanged. Receipts were only moderate except for plentiful supplies of broilers. Shipments of the latter from Arkansas and South Texas moved at 28 to 30 cents per pound at Dallas.

Fruits and vegetables sold stronger in the Lower Rio Grande Valley last week, as most fruit prices were reported higher than a week earlier. Cabbage weakened Wednesday, but remained above the previous period. Boxed Valencia oranges gained \$1.50 to \$2.00. Shipments were hindered by a shortage of railroad cars. Colorado potatoes and Louisiana sweet potatoes held about steady.

Spot cotton prices advanced around \$1.50 per bale last week.

LIONS CLUB

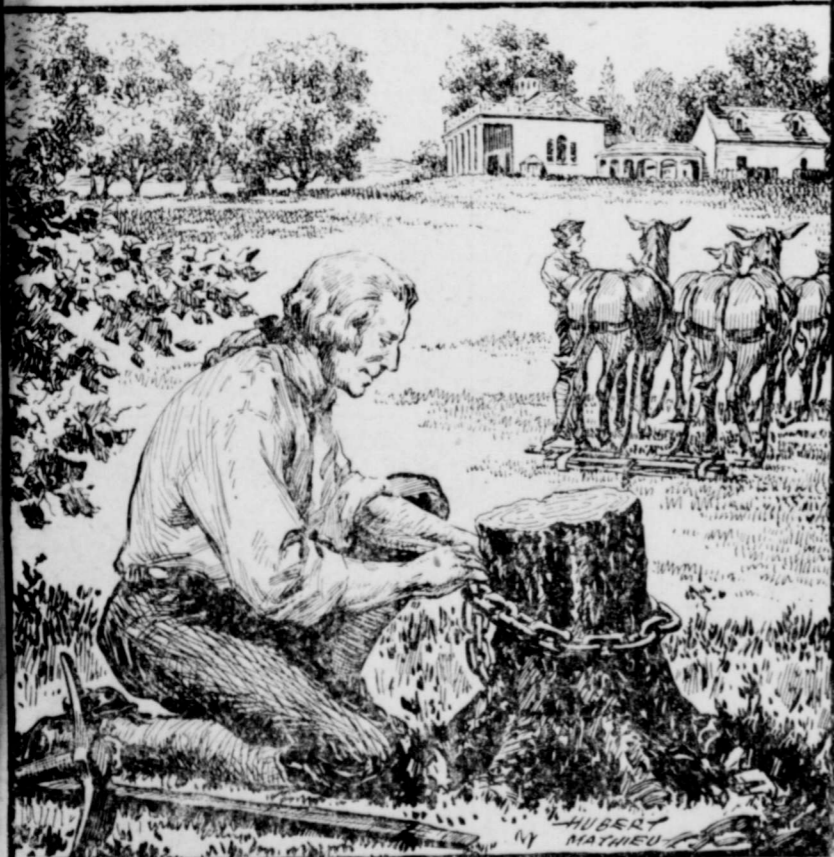
The Lions Club voted to sponsor and investigate the building or erection of a community center in Sterling City at the Wednesday luncheon. Lion president Worth B. Durham appointed the following as a committee to investigate the possibilities of such undertaking: R. L. Lowe, Claude Collins, J. T. Davis, H. L. Hildebrand and Jeff Davis. Charley White and Tommy Atkins, both of Big Spring, were guests. They spoke briefly and their presence was appreciated by the members.

G. W. Tillerson told the group of the Independent Basketball tournament that was to be held here this week-end. He said that the Junior and Senior classes would sell sandwiches, coffee, cake and pie during the tournament. The food will be sold in the homemaking laboratory.

OUR DEMOCRACY—by Mat

"... First in the Hearts of his Countrymen"

FARMER, GENERAL, PRESIDENT, GEORGE WASHINGTON, WHEN HE LEFT HIS HIGH OFFICE, TURNED AGAIN TO THE LAND AND HOME HE SO DEARLY LOVED.



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From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

Where Cissy Spent Her Honeymoon

Most of the young newlyweds in our town spend their honeymoon at Roundstone Lake or Jackson Falls; why the Martins even went as far as New York City.

But when Cissy Cupper married the young Carter boy, they allowed as how they were going to spend their honeymoon right here.

"There's no place better than our town," Cissy says. "And I'd like to start married life at home, with things Bud and I are used to."

Makes sense, come to think of it. Folks naturally left them alone;

and except for occasional visits to the Garden Tavern for a glass of beer, they stayed at home, getting used to married bliss.

My missus prefers traveling—and that's her right. But from where I sit, there's no place better for a honeymoon—or second honeymoon—than right at home—with your own possessions, good home cooking, and a friendly glass of beer or two—with the best companion in the world.

Joe Marsh

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OUR WASHINGTON NEWS LETTER

By Congressman O. C. Fisher

Budget-slashing, legislation to help fight foot-and-mouth disease in Mexico and hearings on labor bills now claim major attention on the Congressional front.

When Congress was "streamlined" last year, it was provided for the first time that at the beginning of each Congress a joint committee of the House and Senate would get together and establish a sort of ceiling over expenditures. That was done last week when the President's budget was slashed from 37 1/2 billion dollars to 31 1/2 billion dollars. This action must now be approved by the House and Senate.

The economy drive is a good thing. The war has been over

nearly two years and half a million put on during wartime can be taken off the federal payroll without affecting the efficiency of the Government. Moreover, there are yet a number of wartime bureaus that we can get along without.

But it seems dangerous to cut much from the Army-Navy budget. During these unsettled times, it is important that we maintain a strong America. Unreasonable cuts would weaken our position at the peace tables. We cannot afford to take that chance.

Both the House and Senate Committees on Agriculture have reported bills to, authorize appropriations of funds to fight the foot-and-mouth disease now prevalent in the interior of Mexico. The measures would allow our experts in the Bureau of Animal Industry to operate in Mexico, cooperate with Mexican officials, and join

New Edison Stamp



An enlargement of the special postage stamp issued in commemoration of the 100th anniversary February 11 of the birth of Thomas A. Edison. The stamp, purple in color, is 85/100 inches in width by 98/100 in depth, the same size as the Famous Americans series in 1940. The monogram on the panel is a reproduction of a cogwheel, uplifted wings and lightning flash, symbols of power, flight and electricity.

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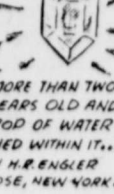
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THE NAME GEORGE MEANS 'PEASANT.'

As far as doctors could determine, Mr. Gleason was suffering from no disease or functional disturbance. He drank a lot of beer, ate heavily. He died of heart failure shortly after the end of his sudden period of weight-increase.

Mrs. Beers is not just old-fashioned. She wore the suit for three years, found friends remarking on its appearance of antiquity, decided to see how far she could go with it.

History of Sterling County

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when set afoot. A running fight was kept up for awhile. They were within a mile of Camp Elizabeth, but finding themselves on a rocky hill, the hunters decided to build a defense rather than try to reach the fort. While one worked on the defense, the other stood guard with his rifle, shooting the Indians horses from under them if they came near enough. The firing was heard at the fort and soon a bugle sounded a charge, and as a group of Cavalry men approached the Indians were obliged to flee for their lives. The hunters were carried into camp where they were fed and given a much needed rest, while a force of troops rushed to Big Spring and rescued the besieged hunters. (25).

The old rifle pit may still be seen, and this fact lends credence to the old man's story. When W.F. Kellis was surveying that part of the county in 1908, he made the old pit a bearing to a land corner and so recorded it in his field notes at that time. He had previous to that time found empty cartridges in the pit.

During the time that Fort Concho and Camp Elizabeth were occupied, an expedition was made through Sterling territory by Colonel Wm. R. Shafter, a colonel in the Twenty-fourth Infantry stationed at Fort Concho. It was an Indian scouting expedition and consisted of nine troops from the Tenth Cavalry, three companies of the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth Infantries. They had sixty-five wagons, each pulled by six mules, a seven hundred mule pack train and a beef herd. (26). He reported, concerning the North Concho Valley, that for sixty miles from Fort Concho it was well adapted to grazing, having sufficient wood for all necessary purposes and good running water the entire distance. (27).

An interesting sidelight on the activities of Fort Concho soldiers is their haymaking experiences about the middle 80's. On the Divide in Sterling County between the Colorado and North Concho watersheds, buffalo grass in the early days grew to great heights—sometimes to two or three feet. Fort Concho soldiers observed this and for a year or two just prior to the great drouth of '86 and '87 came out to the Divide and cut this grass and baled it for the purpose of feeding their horses during the winter months. That part of the country is a considerable distance from any running water; so in order to have water for their horses and possibly themselves while they made hay, they dug a well in the bed of a dry lake. They did not strike water, but when it rained and filled up the lake, water would run over the top of the well and fill it also. After the lake dried up again, the plastered walls of the well retained their contents, thereby furnishing the soldiers with water when they came to cut their hay. (28). This old well, which still stands, afterwards caused many a settler to wonder about its origin.

This period in Sterling County history of Spanish-Indian occupancy, of buffalo hunting, making locations, and surveying. On June 1, 1842, a land grant was made by Sam Houston, then President of the republic of Texas, to Henry F.

Fisher and Burchard Miller, which permitted them to establish a colony in the territory along the Pedernales, Llano, San Saba, Concho, and Colorado Rivers. So far as this writer knows this is the earliest land grant which included Sterling County. By the terms of this grant, Fisher and Miller agreed to settle six hundred European families within eighteen months. Somehow, they failed to carry out their part of the contract, but their time was extended ten months. On June 24, 1844, Fisher and Miller made a trade with a German emigration concern whereby two-thirds of the grant went to the foreign company and the company was to take over the obligations of settlement. The result was that during the next few years, a great many Germans came to Texas. (29). This accounts for the numerous German communities in the Lower Concho River Valley.

A great deal of the land on the waters of the Concho Rivers was located by Fisher and Miller and the German Emigration Company. The earliest land survey in Sterling County on record was made April 15, 1853, for Christian Fritz. It was a survey of three hundred and twenty acres of land issued to Fritz by G. H. Sherwood, Commissioner of Fisher and Miller's Colony. The survey was made by J. S. McDonald, District Surveyor of the Bexar District. (30). There were surveys made at the same time for George A. Rein, Christian Meniecke, and Frederick Pfanne, all of land issued by the Fisher-Miller Colony. For Johann Melcher and Leo Wagener, surveys were made in 1854.

In April, 1858, the Southern Pacific Railroad Company began its survey in Sterling County. The surveying was done by F. Giraud and most of it was done in 1858. The Texas Pacific Railroad Company made most of its surveys in 1873, 1875, and 1876. The Houston and Texas Central Railroad Company made its surveys in 1867 and 1872, (31) and the Waco and North-western Railroad Company made its surveys in 1873 (32).

In the 1850's, 1860's, and early 1870's, surveying parties had to have soldiers to guard them from the Indians. The surveying gang would have to be brought into camp before darkness set in, and the camp was always guarded at night.

A great many of Sterling County's landmarks were named by the pioneer land surveyors of this section. Among the places so named is a hill about a mile and a half northwest of Sterling City. It was named by Louis Farr, a pioneer land surveyor. This is the story as told by Uncle Bill Kellis:

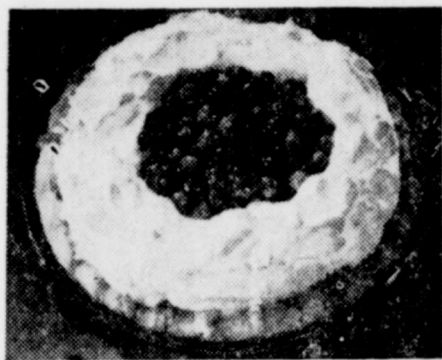
"I was to meet him (Farr) at the hitherto unnamed mountain to search for a land corner. He arrived there first. He, his dog, and his colored cook had gone to the top of the mountain. When I started to go up, I met the negro who was running like the wind. He didn't stop to speak to me. He seemed to be in a great hurry to get to the wagon. Then I met two big Wildcats with the dog at their heels. Mr. Farr was laughing so that he could hardly trot. The negro outdistanced all in the race. When I met Mr. Farr, he said, 'We will call this Wildcat Mountain.' Since then, it has been known by that name." (33). After Sterling County lands were

surveyed, after Federal troops had pushed the Indian out of the way to the westward, and after the hunter had removed the buffalo from the grasslands, then Sterling County was ready for settlement. That settlement was soon to come, and when it did, it brought the dawn of a new era in the county's history—the era of the cattle kings.

- 22. SAN ANGELO STANDARD, May 3, 1939.
- 23. MRS. MALINDA MITCHELL, Interview, Sterling City, August 6, 1939.
- 24. W. F. KELLIS, Loc. Cit.
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What's good for the sauce is good for the pie, is especially true of cranberries, according to Marjorie Griffin, Rural Home editor of nationally-circulated Capper's Farmer. "There's a blend of orange marmalade, apple slices and cranberries in the flavorful filling," she tells home makers. "White corn syrup, one of the standby sugar savers, is used with egg whites in making the fluffy meringue."

Sugar Cranberry Pie.

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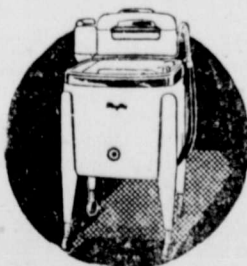
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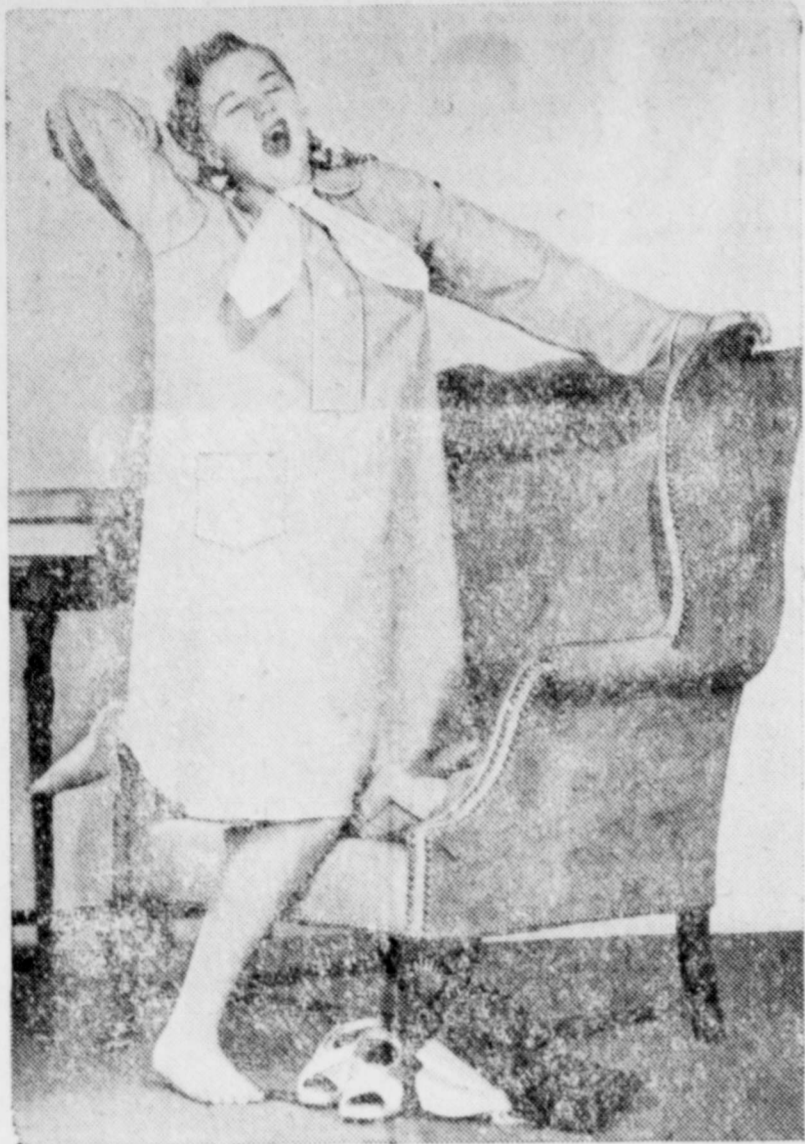
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The meeting will begin with a supper in the school cafeteria at 6 p. m. The convening Woodmen will be fed in shifts.

The best drill team in the state of Texas—from Littlefield—will assist in the initiation that follows the supper, said Knight.

The local Woodmen Camp is playing host to the convclave.

FOUND—New left boot. Describe and claim. Mud Allen.

WIMODAUSIS CLUB

The Wimodausis Club met in the home of Mrs. R. P. Brown Wednesday with sixteen members present.

The program subject was "Let's Have Music"—Music's contribution to the American Way of Life. Mrs. T. F. Foster discussed "Music George Washington Knew." Rev. Ed. H. Lovelace sang three negro spirituals.

Mrs. Marjorie Hambright of Roby was a visitor.

The club placed a book in the library—"History of Texas FWC, 1918-1938." This is the book that was reviewed in San Angelo at the Inter-county Federation last week.

Present besides those mentioned above were Mrs. W. E. Allen, Mrs. H. A. Chapple, Mrs. V. E. Davis, Mrs. H. D. Glass, Mrs. D. Hall, Mrs. Rogers Hefley, Mrs. J. C. Reed, Mrs. L. R. Reed, Mrs. T. S. Foster, Mrs. Ed. H. Lovelace, Mrs. O. M. Cole, and Mrs. W. N. Reed.

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Veterans V. A. Classes

Zane G. Brewer, Veterans Administration representative from Lubbock met with the Agriculture Advisory Committee here last Saturday to outline plans for vocational class for veterans.

Brewer met with County Agent J. M. Starr, O. T. Jones, Claude Collins and W. W. Durham.

To be eligible to take such course a veteran must be operating a family size unit (farm or ranch) either as owner, renter, or partner. Such veterans will receive \$65 to \$90 subsistence monthly depending on productive labor income.

Such course meets 2 nights per week (for 1 1/2 hours) and one day session of 4 1/2 hours. About 15 men are needed to start such a class.

Contact J. M. Starr or W. W. Durham if you are interested in such a course.

NOTICE FOR COUNTY DEPOSITORY

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners Court of Sterling County, Texas, at the March term, A. D. 1947 of said Court, beginning on the 10th day of March, 1947 will receive sealed proposals from any banking corporation, association or any individual banker of Sterling County, Texas, that may desire to be selected as the depository of the funds of such county. All proposals shall be in compliance with Article 2545 of the Revised Statutes of Texas, 1925 and all other laws pertaining thereto.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 10th day of February, A. D. 1947.

(signed) G. C. MURRELL
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Electricity Is Introduced in Gobi Desert To People Still Below Wheelbarrow Era

Launched Amid Ancient Buddha Statues and a Bug-Eyed Populace, Program Seeks to Bring Industry to Neediest Areas, Expand Living Levels and China-U. S. Trade.

NEW YORK—American electrical equipment shipped to China last spring has introduced electricity to the Gobi Desert for the first time in history—but only after a compromise in behalf of ancient Buddha statues was worked out with a people who had not advanced to the stage of using a wheelbarrow.

Scene of the innovation is the sleepy, poverty-stricken oasis town of Sandan, 2,000 miles west of Shanghai in Kansu Province, which hundreds of years ago was a flourishing stop-over for rich camel caravans. Wars and trade disruptions drained that section of China of its wealth and initiative, leaving the people centuries behind in their development.

Chosen as an experimental center for the development of small-scale industry in China's most neglected and forgotten areas, backward Sandan is part of a broad Chinese (American supported) program to raise living standards and stimulate industry, trade and a wider interchange of goods beneficial to both the United States and China.

Students From Famine Areas
First established was a school which already has as students more than 200 peasant boys and other refugees from famine-torn areas—now undergoing, according to observers, some of the most intensive and practical training available in China.

The initial electrification step was a machine shop—in a former Buddhist temple. To make way for the lathes, it was necessary to remove some of the Buddha statues. The Sandan citizenry was upset by this seeming iconoclastic act, so to maintain good will, all the Buddhas in the center of the temple rooms were removed while those against the walls remained. To protect them a six-foot white-washed wall was built, reaching to their waists. Despite their tranquil faces, 'tis said the Buddhas are deeply shocked by such twentieth century goings-on.

The Guests Electrified
For electricity's debut at the school, last July 4, the boys put on a play, and everyone in town was invited. Hundreds attended, but paid scant attention to the play—all were entranced by the gleaming light bulbs, whirring electric motors and other strange mechanical equipment.

Recently the school decided on electric illumination for night study. Each evening groups of villagers assemble at the dormitories

Budding Industrialist



—United Service to China photo.
This happy lad is typical of Chinese selected for electrical training in a plan to enhance the lot of the masses in China's blighted areas through small industry.

waiting for the lights to go on. Electricity also will power textile machines now en route to Sandan from the United States.

Big Demand for U.S. Gear
The Chinese industrial program has the active support of United Service to China, through Indusco, one of the American organization's six China-aid agencies. All of the electrical and other mechanical equipment for the Sandan experiment, for instance, was purchased in the United States with funds provided by U. S. C.

The industrial program was originated during the war and is being carried on by small units operating throughout China's interior. Before V-J day the industrial units supplied large quantities of textile, food and medical supplies to both Chinese and American troops.

Most of the units now are gearing for improved machine manufacture, and a visiting U. S. C. inspector recently reported that the demand for American equipment is unusually heavy.



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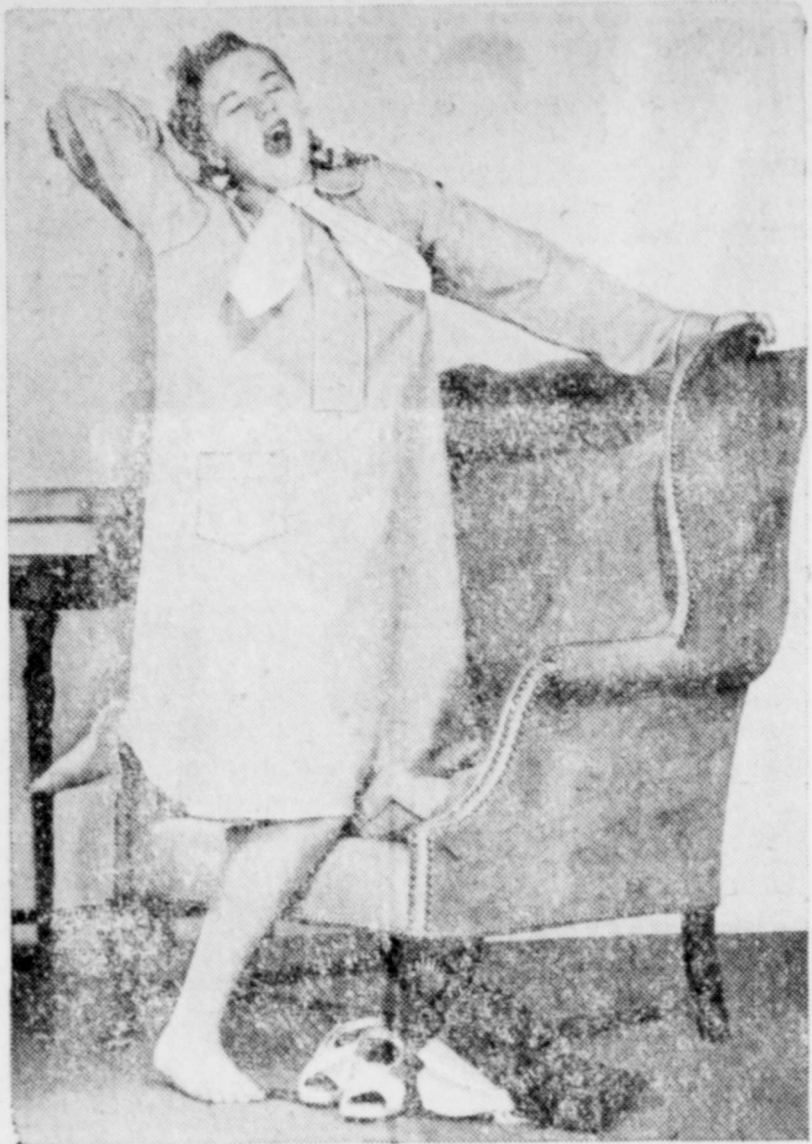
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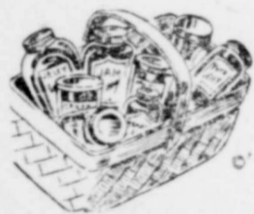
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About 150 delegates from this section of Texas are planning to attend, said Knight. Among the visitors will be the state manager of the Woodmen, George Hines of Abilene.

The meeting will begin with a supper in the school cafeteria at 6 p. m. The convening Woodmen will be fed in shifts. The best drill team in the state of Texas—from Littlefield—will assist in the initiation that follows the supper, said Knight.

The local Woodmen Camp is playing host to the conclave.

FOUND—New left boot. Describe and claim. Mud Allen.

WIMODAUSIS CLUB

The Wimodausis Club met in the home of Mrs. R. P. Brown Wednesday with sixteen members present.

The program subject was "Let's Have Music"—Music's contribution to the American Way of Life. Mrs. T. F. Foster discussed "Music George Washington Knew." Rev. Ed. H. Lovelace sang three negro spirituals.

Mrs. Marjorie Hambright of Roby was a visitor.

The club placed a book in the library—"History of Texas FWC, 1918—1938." This is the book that was reviewed in San Angelo at the Inter-county Federation last week.

Present besides those mentioned above were Mrs. W. E. Allen, Mrs. H. A. Chapple, Mrs. V. E. Davis, Mrs. H. D. Glass, Mrs. D. Hall, Mrs. Rogers Hefley, Mrs. J. C. Reed, Mrs. L. R. Reed, Mrs. T. S. Foster, Mrs. Ed. H. Lovelace, Mrs. O. M. Cole, and Mrs. W. N. Reed.

Washing and ironing done. Washing done on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Mrs. Roy Martin, Call 6702.

NEW BAPTIST PASTOR

Rev. C. D. McEntire and his family, formerly of Paducah, arrived here Tuesday. Rev. McEntire began his duties as new pastor of the First Baptist Church here this month.

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Veterans V. A. Classes

Zane G. Brewer, Veterans Administration representative from Lubbock met with the Agriculture Advisory Committee here last Saturday to outline plans for vocational class for veterans.
Brewer met with County Agent J. M. Starr, O. T. Jones, Claude Collins and W. W. Durham.
To be eligible to take such course a veteran must be operating a family size unit (farm or ranch) either as owner, renter, or partner. Such veterans will receive \$65 to \$90 subsistence monthly depending on productive labor income.
Such course meets 2 nights per week (for 1½ hours) and one day session of 4½ hours. About 15 men are needed to start such a class.
Contact J. M. Starr or W. W. Durham if you are interested in such a course.

NOTICE FOR COUNTY DEPOSITORY

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners Court of Sterling County, Texas, at the March term, A. D. 1947 of said Court, beginning on the 10th day of March, 1947 will receive sealed proposals from any banking corporation, association or any individual banker of Sterling County, Texas, that may desire to be selected as the depository of the funds of such county. All proposals shall be in compliance with Article 2545 of the Revised Statutes of Texas, 1925 and all other laws pertaining thereto.
Given under my hand and seal of office this 10th day of February, A. D. 1947.
(signed) G. C. MURRELL
County Judge
Sterling County, Texas

Electricity Is Introduced in Gobi Desert To People Still Below Wheelbarrow Era

Launched Amid Ancient Buddha Statues and a Bug-Eyed Populace, Program Seeks to Bring Industry to Neediest Areas, Expand Living Levels and China-U. S. Trade.

NEW YORK—American electrical equipment shipped to China last spring has introduced electricity to the Gobi Desert for the first time in history—but only after a compromise in behalf of ancient Buddha statues was worked out with a people who had not advanced to the stage of using a wheelbarrow.

Scene of the innovation is the sleepy, poverty-stricken oasis town of Sandan, 2,000 miles west of Shanghai in Kansu Province, which hundreds of years ago was a flourishing stop-over for rich camel caravans. Wars and trade disruptions drained that section of China of its wealth and initiative, leaving the people centuries behind in their development.

Chosen as an experimental center for the development of small-scale industry in China's most neglected and forgotten areas, backward Sandan is part of a broad Chinese (American supported) program to raise living standards and stimulate industry, trade and a wider interchange of goods beneficial to both the United States and China.

Students From Famine Areas

First established was a school which already has as students more than 200 peasant boys and other refugees from famine-torn areas—now undergoing, according to observers, some of the most intensive and practical training available in China.

The initial electrification step was a machine shop—in a former Buddhist temple. To make way for the lathes, it was necessary to remove some of the Buddha statues. The Sandan citizenry was upset by this seeming iconoclastic act, so to maintain good will, all the Buddhas in the center of the temple rooms were removed while those against the walls remained. To protect them a six-foot white-washed wall was built, reaching to their waists. Despite their tranquil faces, 'tis said the Buddhas are deeply shocked by such twentieth century goings-on.

The Guests Electrified

For electricity's debut at the school, last July 4, the boys put on a play, and everyone in town was invited. Hundreds attended, but paid scant attention to the play—all were entranced by the gleaming light bulbs, whirring electric motors and other strange mechanical equipment.

Recently the school decided on electric illumination for night study. Each evening groups of villagers assemble at the dormitories

Budding Industrialist



This happy lad is typical of Chinese selected for electrical training in a plan to enhance the lot of the masses in China's blighted areas through small industry.

waiting for the lights to go on. Electricity also will power textile machines now en route to Sandan from the United States.

Big Demand for U.S. Gear

The Chinese industrial program has the active support of United Service to China, through Indusco, one of the American organization's six China-aid agencies. All of the electrical and other mechanical equipment for the Sandan experiment, for instance, was purchased in the United States with funds provided by U. S. C.

The industrial program was originated during the war and is being carried on by small units operating throughout China's interior. Before V-J day the industrial units supplied large quantities of textile, food and medical supplies to both Chinese and American troops.

Most of the units now are gearing for improved machine manufacture, and a visiting U. S. C. inspector recently reported that the demand for American equipment is unusually heavy.



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The quota for the local church is \$318.00 and teams are already at work canvassing the membership.

POTTS estate home place for sale. Reduced price. Contact G. C. Potts, 1009 Main St., Big Spring.

Among those attending the Old Fashioned Revival Hour program featuring Rev. Bob Fuller in San Angelo were Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Everitt, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Everitt and Jacqueline, Mrs. Harvey Glass and Dan, Mrs. Homer Brown and Miss Evelyn Vernon.

NOW IT IS OFFICIAL

United States Government figures show that food prices were at an all time high in mid-November and that there has been a drop in different articles—as much as 15 per cent. At the same time there was a 3½ per cent boost in such commodities as house furnishings, miscellaneous goods and services, and nearly all wearing apparel, especially men's wool suits, work clothing and all types of shoes.

Nevertheless, the Bureau of Labor Statistics revealed that the cost of living is now 15 per cent higher than last June. So we are not over the hump.

Mrs. C. T. Ducote and her two children of Abilene spent last week-end here visiting Mrs. Ducote's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Durham.

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SOIL CONSERVATION NEWS COLUMN

C. D. Reeder with the assistance of the Soil Conservation Service engineer and conservationist has staked out a system of level closed end terraces on his 100-acre field. Reeder is interested in building the terraces for the purpose of retarding both wind and water erosion.

H. G. Garlington sold approximately 200 head of lambs last week which have been grazing on small grain. The lambs weighed 53 pounds at the time they were placed on small grain last fall. They weighed 78 pounds net last week when marketed.

William Foster estimates that most of the mesquite trees treated with kerosene on the Broome ranch late last summer are dead.

The Spur Experiment Station has found that grassland from which mesquite has been cleared will produce 15% more gain per acre and per animal than areas with moderate infestation of mesquite.

Nick Reed shipped a bunch of lambs to the Fort Worth market last week. They weighed 95 pounds and brought 22 cents. Niick bought a bull at the Howard County Hereford Sale last Friday in Big Spring.

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