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Funeral Services For Mrs. O. D. Collins Held Here Monday

Funeral services were held here from the First Baptist Church Monday for Mrs. O. D. Collins, 63, of San Angelo. Burial was in Montvale Cemetery with Eberly Funeral Home of Big Spring in charge of arrangements.

Rev. Lester B. Collins of Dallas officiated, and was assisted by the Rev. C. D. McEntire of Sterling City.

Mrs. Collins had died Thursday night of last week in Tucson, Arizona, where she was visiting a sister, Mrs. Raymond Roberts. A heart attack was the cause of death.

The body arrived here Sunday morning and lay in state at the Claude Collins home until the hour of the funeral.

Mrs. Collins was born in Bosque County January 8, 1880. She moved with her parents near the Divide in Coke County in 1900 when part of the country was open range land. She married O. D. Collins on February 14, 1909. They had been in the ranching business in various parts of West Texas and New Mexico since that time.

Mr. and Mrs. Collins had lived in San Angelo since 1940.

Survivors include the husband of San Angelo; a son, T. F. Collins of San Angelo; two daughters, Mrs. W. H. Becker, Jr. of New York City and Miss Ala B. Collins of San Angelo; a brother, J. H. McCabe of Mancos, Colorado; three sisters, Mrs. J. L. Hall of Stanton, Mrs. Roberts of Tucson, Arizona, and Mrs. Anderson Townley of Compton, California; and two grandchildren, Thomas F. Collins, Jr. and Joseph L. Collins of San Angelo.

Pallbearers were nephews—Milard Hall, James Harold McCabe, Frank McCabe, Ralph Collins, Cecil B. Collins, Claude Collins, Jr., L. B. Collins, Jr. and Paul Collins.

"Covering the County"

By Byron W. Frierson, Sterling County Agent

A good bunch of sheep left the county a few days ago. All the range ewes on the Bade Ranch, about 520 head, were sold to a Mrs. Bland of Canyon, Texas. Sale price was \$20.00 per head. The ewes were due to start lambing March 15. The Bades were very reluctant about selling the sheep, especially after spending years of careful selection. Short range and poor moisture conditions were the deciding factors. The Bades retained their flock of registered sheep.

The extension poultry husbandman says if you want baby chicks by a certain date, you had better put in your order early. They may be hard to get otherwise. Hatchery production is away down.

Would you like to have some oak trees? The Texas Forest Service, A. & M. College, College Station, Texas, will ship about 50 or 60 cork oak acorns free and prepaid to any person who writes for them. You will also receive instructions for planting them. You will have to write immediately to get them, however. Shipment will be made February 12.

Cattle lice, pregnancy disease in ewes, and hog mange have been among the subjects of recent in-

OIL NEWS NOTES

Plymouth No. 1 Mrs. Willie Mae Foster had recovered drilling water with a showing of oil and gas in swabbing after cleaning out following a 40-quart nitroglycerin shot from 8,316 feet, the top of the Ellenburger, to 8,384, the total depth. The swab was lost in operations the middle of the week, and fishing was underway.

Cities Service No. 1 Claude Collins, three miles north and half mile west of No. 1 Foster, was drilling at 7,240 feet in the Pennsylvanian, the top of which had not been picked. The clear fork was entered at 2,430 feet. Elevation is 2,395.

Anderson-Prichard No. 1 Marvin Francis Foster, slated Ellenburger wildcat seven miles south of Sterling City, had passed 3,870 feet in lower Permian lime.

Mrs. Worth B. Durham Noratadaia Hostess

Mrs. Worth B. Durham was hostess to the Noratadaia Club on Tuesday evening of this week at the Community Center.

Mrs. Edwin Aiken presided at the club business session. The club voted to donate \$5.00 to the Infantile Paralysis Fund, and \$2.50 to the Tuberculosis Fund. Plans were made for the Club Bake Sale to be held the day of the local Fat Stock Show, March 2. Mrs. Foster S. Price, Mrs. Hubert Williams, and Mrs. G. C. Murrell will serve as the committee in charge of the sale.

"Books Are Keys to Wisdom's Treasures" was the program topic. "Interview With a Best Selling Author" was prepared by Mrs. H. Hennigan, was read by Mrs. Joe Emery. The club adjourned and bridge was played.

High score went to Mrs. G. C. Murrell, bingo to Mrs. Leah Wyckoff, high for guests to Mrs. Geo. Blackburn, and floating prize to Mrs. Joe Emery.

A delicious salad plate was served to Mrs. Edwin Aiken, Mrs. Joe Emery, Mrs. Chesley McDonald, Mrs. Martin C. Reed, Mrs. Foster S. Price, Mrs. J. S. Cole, Jr., Mrs. Hubert Williams, Mrs. Ross Foster, Mrs. Tommie Johnson, Mrs. G. C. Murrell, Mrs. Byron W. Frierson, Mrs. Robert Foster, Mrs. Leah Wyckoff, Mrs. George Blackburn, and Mrs. Roland Lowe.

Mrs. Roy Morgan and baby son of Rankin are here this week visiting Mrs. Morgan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Durham.

quiry. For the cattle lice we repeat. Spray THOROUGHLY with a mixture of two-tenths of 1% DDT mixture. Repeat the treatment in 14 to 18 days. Be sure and wet the animal thoroughly.

There should not be much trouble from the pregnancy disease in sheep on local ranches. It seems most prevalent on small farm flocks. It can be largely prevented by proper feeding during the last month before lambing. If you suspect this trouble in your sheep, see me for further information on feeding.

This hog mange can be controlled with a good covering of burnt lube at 10 day intervals.

BETTER THAN 99% TAXES PAID

With only \$665 uncollected out of a total of \$85,912.85 on the 1947 tax rolls of Sterling County, better than 99% of the taxes have been collected, reported Henton Emery, tax collector, this week.

A total of 444 poll tax receipts were paid, said Emery and 13 exemptions were issued. This makes a total of 457 polls issued.

License tags for 1948 are now on sale at the tax collector's office, and it is legal to put them on your car at any time, it was pointed out.

RED CROSS TALKED AT LIONS CLUB

Miss Maurine Prescott, Red Cross representative from San Angelo, spoke on Red Cross disaster work at the Lions Club luncheon Wednesday of this week. She also told of other Red Cross work and activities.

Worth Durham told of the bill now before Congress to decide the ownership of the tidelands offshore of coastal states. The club voted to go on record as being for a bill to quiet the title in the name of the state of Texas. A resolution will be mailed to our congressman and senator to that effect.

Guests present were Cecil B. Collins of Fort Worth, Paul Collins of Dallas, Miss Jane Rogers and Maurine Prescott of San Angelo, Mr. Winn of San Angelo, and Clyde Benton, who joined the club.

NEW MECHANIC AT HEFLEY MOTOR COMPANY

Alton Till, formerly shop foreman of the Harris Motor Company (Ford) of Eden, is now with the Hefley Motor Co. here as mechanic. Till was with the Eden company for three and one-half years before coming to Sterling City.

LOCAL ITEMS

The Rev. C. D. McEntire, pastor of the First Baptist Church here, attended a director's meeting of the Menard Encampment at Menard on Tuesday night.

J. T. Davis returned home this week from Salt Lake City, where he had attended the National Wool Growers Convention.

It was reported that Mrs. H. W. Hart, now of Abilene, fell and broke her wrist at her home in Abilene during the recent bad spell.

Dale Hall, son of the D. Halls, is home from New Mexico Military Institute, and is undecided about returning for the second half.

Betty Jane Donalson, student in N.T.S.T.C. at Denton, spent last week-end here with her parents, the Horace Donalsons.

Mr. and Mrs. Fowler McEntire have returned to their home after attending the National Wool Growers Convention in Salt Lake City.

Mrs. Walter Duff has gone to work as clerk and typist in the Soil Conservation office. Venera Emery, who was the typist, has gone to work in Worth Durham's office.

Rev. and Mrs. Ed. H. Lovelace attended Ministers' Week at Southern Methodist University in Dallas this week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Worthy of Fort Stockton were Sterling visitors last week-end.

Billy Sue Everitt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Everitt and a student in Texas Tech spent last week-end here with her parents. The Everitt's other daughter, Mrs. Hearn of Ballinger and her husband and their two children, spent the week-end here also.

Jackie Durham, son of the W.W. Durhams, spent the mid-term vacation here last week from John Tarleton College at Stephenville.

Billy Vern Davis, student in John Tarleton College spent last week-end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Davis.

Neal J. Reed and a classmate friend of his from Texas Tech spent last week-end here with Neal J.'s parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Reed.

STERLING BOYS WIN TOURNAMENT

The Sterling City Annual Invitation Tournament was held last Thursday, January 29, and Saturday January 31. The Courtney girls defeated the Sterling sextet to claim the consolation title, by a score of 33-13. Rankin boys overwhelmed Water Valley by a score of 39-35 in one of the tournament's tightest cage battles to give them the consolation award. The Rankin girls won first place over Coahoma with the tight score of 16-14. The Sterling boys defeated Robert Lee, 36-15, in an exciting game Saturday night, to entitle them to the first place trophy.

Individual awards were made to members of the all-tournament team and special honor was given to an all-tournament boy, selected by all coaches and sports writers attending the tourney.

Jackie Tweedle of Sterling was chosen the all-tournament boy. We were also proud to have two more representatives, Bobby King and Billy Hudson, on the all-tournament team.

Blair of Robert Lee, Shaw of Water Valley, and Bell of Rankin were the other all-tournament players.

Still of Rankin was high point man of the tournament, scoring 44 points. He was followed by Tweedle of Sterling, scoring 41 points.

Stringfeller of Coahoma, Still of Rankin, Schlager of Rankin, Glaspie of Courtney and Reed of Sterling City, were chosen for the all-tournament girl's team because of their outstanding ability.

The boys and girls of Sterling City sold sandwiches, cake pie, and plate lunches to pay for their new warm-up suits. The suits are nice and all the players are extremely proud of them.

DISTRICT BASKET BALL TOURNAMENT HERE FEB. 13-14

The District Basketball Tournament will begin Friday night, February 13, with Garden City playing Courtney at 7 p. m. Following this game Knott will meet Sterling City at 8 p. m. Forsan battles Coahoma at 9 p. m. also Friday.

The winner of the Garden City-Courtney game will play Stanton on Saturday at 3 p. m. At 4 p. m. Saturday, the winner of the Knott-Sterling City game will challenge the winner of the Forsan-Coahoma game.

The finals will be played Saturday night at 8:30.

The admission to the District Tournament will be 25c for students and 50c for adults.

Sterling is the favorite in the Round-Robin. If the winner of the District Tournament should not be the winner of the District Round Robin, which began with the opening of the season in December, the tie will be played off in a two out of three series of games at a later date.

The Athletic Club will again be in charge of the concession stand. The stand will have home-made pies, sandwiches, coffee, hot dogs, and cold drinks. All money taken in on the concessions will go toward the purchase of the new warm up suits. Both boys and girls now have new warm-up suits as well as new playing suits. This adds greatly to the appearance of our club. If you have not seen these new suits do not miss the District Tournament.

EAGLES JOURNEY TO WESTBROOK

Tuesday, February 3, the Sterling City High School basketball teams played two games at Westbrook. The girls' team made a futile struggle to win their game, but Westbrook defeated them 33 to 5. The boy's team played a good game and defeated Westbrook 36 to 29 with only one boy fouling out. Half-time score was 18 to 15 with Sterling leading. Tweedle led the scoring points by making 10 points. King followed closely with a tally of 9 points. All the boys played a swift and exciting game.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis (Tex) McDowell of Alzada, Montana visited Tex's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Pearson, this week. Mr. McDowell, rancher of Montana, once lived here in West Texas.

Seth and Earl Bailey's Father Dead

Funeral services for G. I. Bailey, 83, father of Seth and Earl Bailey of Sterling City, were held in Clarksville last Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p. m. Mr. Bailey had died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Ike Joslin, in Clarksville Saturday morning at 1:00 a. m.

Funeral rites were conducted by Rev. Everhart, Presbyterian minister of Clarksville. Seth and Earl attended the services from here.

A native of Texas, Mr. Bailey was born in Paris, Lamar County, Texas.

Survivors include four sons, S. M. and Earl of Sterling City, Joe Bailey, now on Guam, E. E. Bailey of Albuquerque, N. M.; and three daughters, Mrs. Joslin of Clarksville, Mrs. Rufus Morton of Big Spring, and Mrs. Letha Carroll of Dallas; and six grandchildren.

SON TO THE JAY NIXONS

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jay Nixon, now of East Lansing, Michigan on January 27. The boy weighed six pounds.

Mr. Nixon is well known here, having lived here with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Butler in past years.

Boyce House "GIVES YOU TEXAS"

I have a friend whose nickname is the "terrible-tempered Mr. Bang" from the character in the comic feature. One day his car was almost side-swiped by another machine so he whirled around and gave chase. He got up to 80 miles an hour but overtook the other car and signaled the driver to stop.

My friend sprang out and began cussing out the other fellow. The driver had a high-pitched voice and he said, "I'm sorry, very sorry; I didn't mean to do it." But "Mr. Bang" was still sore and continued to "raise sand". The other man, still saying he was sorry, got out of the car and then my friend (who is average size) found himself facing a man who stood six feet, three or thereabouts. The thought flashed through my friend's mind, "Ain't this a thunder of a note? I've chased a man five miles in order to get myself licked."

But he yelled, "You say you're sorry; I'm going to let you off this time but be more careful in the future"—and "Mr. Bang" jumped behind the steering wheel, whipped his car around and dashed off down the road.

Similar but different is this true little incident: Two friends were motoring in a city when they had a slight collision. The driver of the second car jumped out and began blaming the other driver and at last said, "I would bust you one but you're too little." The small driver's friend clambered out, and straightened up (he was a couple of inches above six feet) and then drawled, "Pardner, am I big enough?"

The other man snapped, "I believe you are"—and bang! against the big fellow's jaw went the angry man's fist—and two front teeth fell out!

Bob Hope, part owner of the Cleveland Indians, said the team gave a try-out to a young infielder from Texas but, every time a Texas Leaguer was knocked, instead of going after the ball, he just stood there—saluting—so they had to let him go.

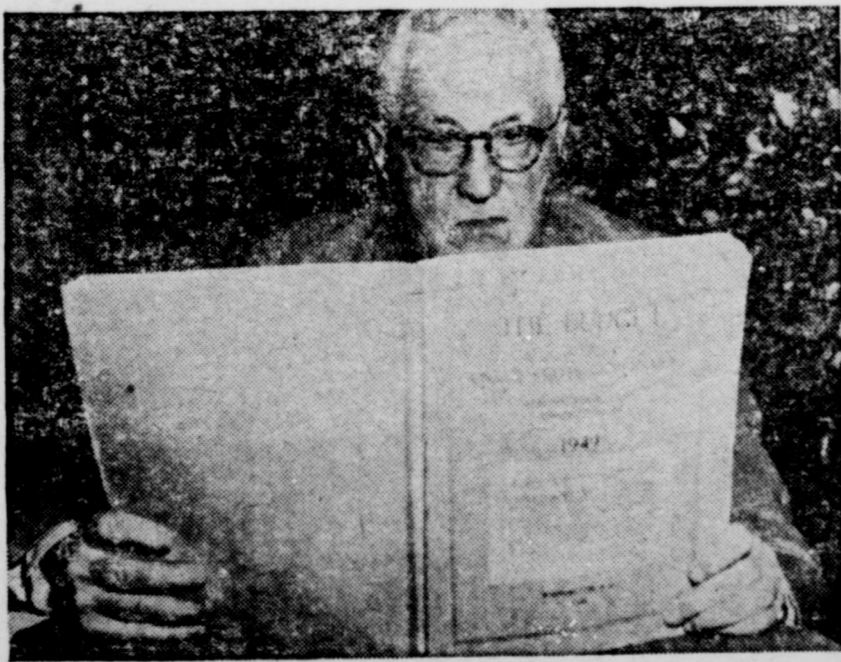
Jacqueline Everitt went to Lubbock this week-end with Lora Mae Humble, student in Texas Tech, for a visit. Lora Mae had been home for the mid-term vacation, here at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Humble.

HUMBLE HAS LEG OPERATION

T. H. Humble, Sterling rancher, underwent a leg operation in the Gaston Hospital in Dallas last Monday. He is recovering from the operation nicely and plans to come home the first of next week.

Having had trouble with a broken leg for the past four years, Humble finally had the leg removed. He had undergone operations and bone grafts, etc. trying to save the injured member, but to no avail.

Record Budget



WASHINGTON, D. C.—(Soundphoto)—President Truman sent to Congress his budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949 totalling almost forty billion dollars. Giving the huge volume close and grim-faced scrutiny, is Rep. John Taber, (R. N. Y.) Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, whose job it will be to pass on the record peacetime budget.



REV. C. D. McENTIRE
McEntire Completing 1st
Year At Baptist Church

Next Sunday, February 8, marks the first anniversary of Rev. C. D. McEntire as pastor of the First Baptist Church here. Rev. McEntire came here from the Harmony Baptist Church near Paducah. During the year that McEntire has just completed there have been 75 additions to the church, 24 of them having been baptised. The budget of the church has been extended a third and the average attendance has shown a 50% increase.

Plans have been made for a photographer to take the pictures of the various Sunday School classes and also a picture of those who have united with the church during the year.

AT THE CHURCHES

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST
A. A. Berryman, Pastor
Bible School 10:00 a. m.
Sermon 11:00 a. m.
Lord's Supper 11:45 a. m.
Young People's Class 6:30 p. m.
Evening Services 7:00 p. m.
Wednesday Night Services 7:30.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
B. B. Hestir, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p. m.
Auxiliary: Each 2nd and 4th Mondays at the church.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
ED. H. LOVELACE, Pastor
Church School 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p. m.

BAPTIST CHURCH
C. D. McEntire, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
B. T. U. 6:00 p. m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p. m.

"IT WAS GOOD"
By C. D. McEntire
"In the beginning God created."

Introduction
1. In the beginning the great spirit of the omnipotent God... Moved upon the waste, void, and deep murky darkness of this formless earth.

UNPLEASED WITH THE CHAOS OF HIS CREATION

He spoke the words that sent the first ray of light across the uncharted darkness of the universe, like some flaming arch-angel with garments on fire.

"And God saw the light, that it was good."

2. THEN:

Almighty God drew the blue curtains of the universe across the windows of heaven, and pinned them together with clusters of stars... then spanned the firmament of heaven with the milky way.

Inspiring contemporary writers of songs to write "Buttermilk Sky."

But it inspired the ancient song writer to write like this...

"When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon, and the stars, which thou hast ordained—what is man that thou art mindful of him."

"And God called the light day, and the darkness He called night." "AND GOD SAW THAT IT WAS GOOD."

3. Then almighty God placed the crystal lakes in the green velvet pockets of the earth, and shut up the doors of the seas... penning

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them in their beds with the mysterious clasp of gravity.

AND THE WORD SAYS:

"And God called the dry land earth; and the gathering together of the waters seas; and God saw that it was good." (Gen. 1:10)

4. He spake the word that brought forth the vegetable kingdom... and the trees clap their green hands for joy because of Him... And the bring forth fruit and seed after their own kind.

The plants of the earth lift their green palms laden with wealth untold, offering life, health, and happiness to the animal kingdom as well as to man.

"And God saw that it was good." (Gen. 1:12)

5. Then in the 14th verse the Omnipotent God set the seasons and the universal clock in motion.

The calendar of the world that was eventually Christianized by His Son 2,000 years ago. "And God saw that it was good." Gen. 1:12.

6. Then this Holy one who "In the beginning laid the foundation

of the earth." (Heb. 1:10.)

Filled the seas with swarming living creatures destined to be used of God in tasks ranging from that of swallowing one of His preachers to carrying the temple tax in his mouth until the Lord needed it.

"AND GOD SAW THAT IT WAS GOOD."

7. Then He created the fowl of the air and filled the air with these creatures—that are destined one day to give away for the triumphant Son of God when He comes upon His white horse followed by the mighty army of heaven.

"AND GOD SAW THAT IT WAS GOOD!"

8. And God brought forth living creatures after their kind upon the earth,

The cattle, The creeping things, And the beasts of the earth some destined to taste the martyred blood of God's children.

"And God saw that it was good."

9. And then "God said let us

make man in our image, after our likeness and let them have dominion..." (Gen. 1:26)

(I.) Almighty God created this

great world in all its beauty, and productiveness. He wrapped it up in clear ozone, tied it up with bands

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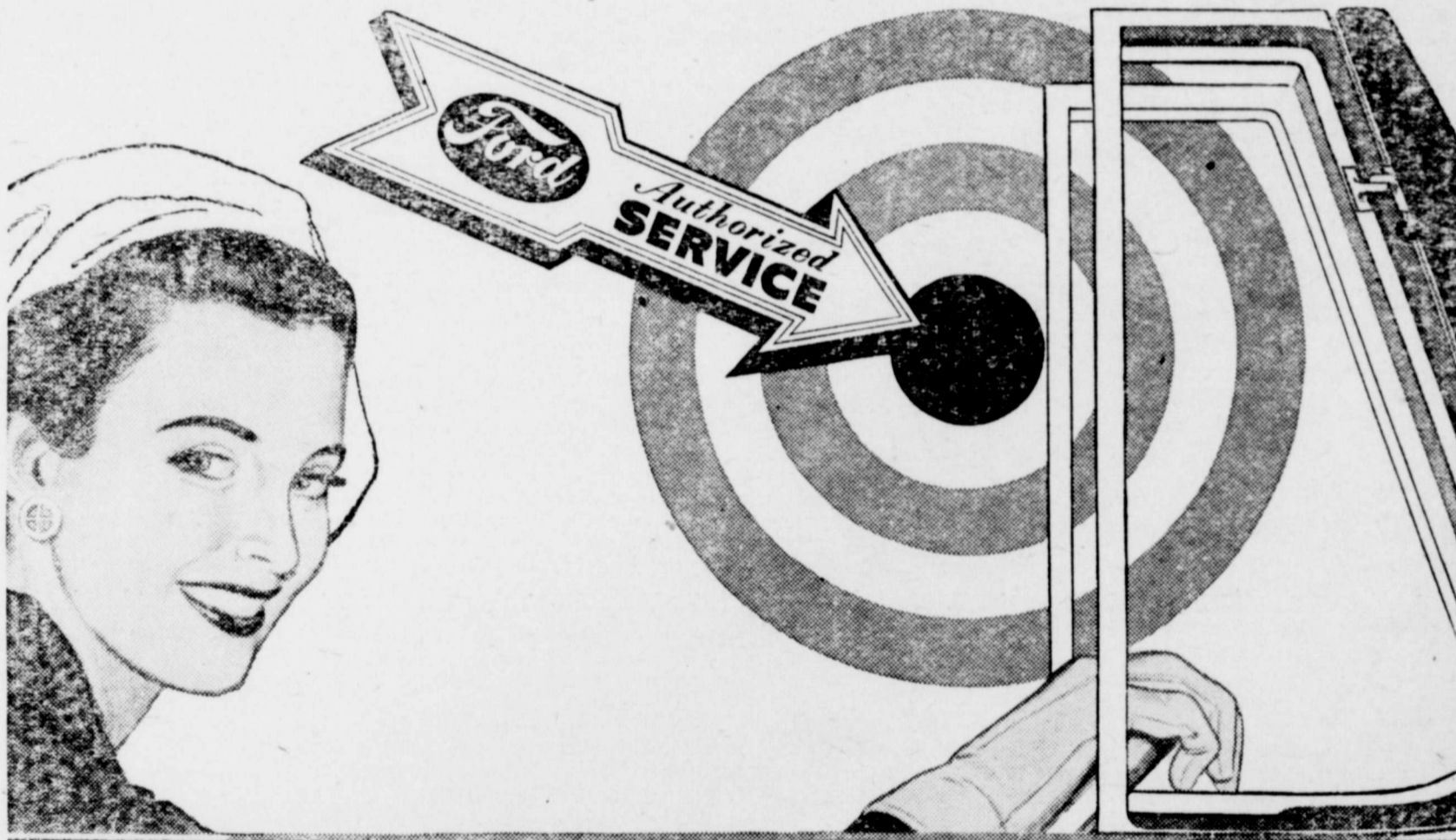
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Political Announcements

Subject to action of the Democratic Primary in July.

For SHERIFF, TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR:

HENTON EMERY (Reelection)

For COUNTY TREASURER:

O. M. COLE (Reelection)

MRS. SALLIE WALLACE

For COUNTY JUDGE:

G. C. MURRELL (Reelection)

For CONGRESSMAN 21st CONGRESS DISTRICT:

O. C. FISHER (Reelection)

HOWELL E. COBB

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of the ether waves and hung it on nothing.

THEN HE SAID CONCERNING MAN:

"Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth." (Gen. 1:26)

All this great creation is a gift of God to man—what a great gift. BUT:

It is not the greatest gift from God to man. We all know the story "Wherefore as by one man sin entered into the world and death by sin; so death hath passed upon all men for all have sinned."

This made it necessary that we receive another gift from God—or forever be lost and doomed to a devil's hell. BUT:

"God so loved the world that he gave (again) His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

AND NOW:

We can cry out with Paul: "Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift."

The greatest overture of God's love to man was manifested in His Son, Jesus Christ.

"Who came into the world to seek and to save that which was lost."

AND:

"He also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh."

And all during the creation of this world God would pause and say, "It is good." He was pleased. AND TODAY HE IS MADE TO REJOICE EVERY MOMENT.

"For it pleases God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."



HE BRINGS MUSIC, STARS, SPEAKERS TO TEXAS TOWNS

Metropolitan Opera singers, violinists, pianists and lecturers have long been appearing in the largest Texas cities but William Z. Rozan felt that these stars should be brought to smaller cities and towns as well—so Municipal Concerts, which Rozan heads, is bringing splendid artistic treats and general enjoyment to many Texas communities. Among the speakers is Boyce House, whose "column" appears in 200 weeklies, the author of "I Give You Texas". Inquiries should be addressed to Municipal Concerts, 3940 S. Main, Houston.



You Pay For It

By **GEORGE S. BENSON**
President of Harding College
Searcy, Arkansas



OTHER DAY that classic journal of ours, the Arkansas Gazette, commented: "The government has it all figured out what people do with every penny of their money. Now, if only the people could figure out what the government does with it." That is a real poser! To be sure, government has to spend a lot of money. We are a big nation. Moreover, we find it necessary to take on obligations in many foreign lands.

But whether the government (specifically the federal government, where they throw around the big sums) spends no more than is needful is important to everyone. Government is not a luxury; it is a necessity. Yet, to read the budget figures, you would think all operations were on a luxury basis.

The Way To Depression THAT government is expensive was proved again by John T. Flynn, who showed in Reader's Digest that TVA, a government project, forgot to include certain items in its bookkeeping. Instead of the indicated profit, there was a real deficit of \$130,000,000 to June 30, 1944. Flynn shows there was an actual loss in sales of power to that date of \$15,000,000. This demonstrates that efficiency is a quality unknown to government operations.

Here's a prophecy. Wait until the budget is presented to this Congress, then watch the departments and bureaus fight any reductions. Increase the appropriation and swell the payroll—but shrink the swollen department? Never. This kind of selfishness means meager tax savings. It permits very little tax reduction

for folks who so much need relief. The more we tax and the more we spend for government, the nearer we get to depression.

Decisions TAXES of all kinds Lie Ahead are too heavy these days. Corporation taxes are burdensome. Income taxes on all levels are too high. The individual income taxes cut down the rewards of the wage earner, keeping him from saving and investing. Instead, his tax payment is earmarked: "government expense." Some people oppose tax reductions for corporations and individuals, without realizing that continued heavy taxes will undermine our economic system and their own standard of living.

Obviously, one of the quickest ways to halt wasteful and unprofitable bureaucracy is to stop feeding fuel to its fires. Government, without a plentiful supply of tax money, could hardly be wasteful government. Congress has the power to say what the government shall spend and what amount it shall collect in taxes. It is up to us to see that our Congress keeps a proper rein on collections and expenditures.

Unwise spending and taxing could take this nation into the bankruptcy of communism. It could do it more quickly than anything else. Indeed, the power to tax is the power to destroy. We must see to it that America keeps an efficient and well-managed government, not a wasteful bureaucracy. That will be a powerful factor in deciding, in the coming months, whether America will remain prosperous and economically stable.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Do You Have Noisy Neighbors?

A lot of the neighbors were suddenly annoyed by Jeb Crowell's hammering at night. Jeb was building himself a new front porch—and the only time that he could give to it was after sundown.

Finally we decided the best thing to do was all pitch in and help—and get the carpentry over with as soon as possible. We did. Finished the porch next evening—and Jeb gratefully treated us to ice cold beer and cider.

From where I sit, that's what being a good neighbor means. In-

stead of complaining about the other fellow's habits, try to understand and share his interests.

So if my practising on the flute annoys you, come on over, neighbor, with your fiddle or guitar and join me! Maybe it will end up in our knowing and appreciating one another better...in an evening of good fellowship. And I'll promise to provide the beer that goes with evenings of good fellowship!

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North Concho River Soil Conservation News

C. D. Reeder is terracing his 100 acre field this week. The work is being done with a maintainer owned by Glasscock County. Reeder is establishing this practice as a part of his conservation plan developed with the assistance of the Soil Conservation Service in 1946. Broad base level closed end terraces are being built. The broad terrace can be readily worked with all farm machinery. The closed end terraces will hold all water that falls on the field. No extra water drains into this field which is located on top of the divide between the North Concho and Lacy Draw. In addition to water conservation the terraces will prevent excessive soil erosion from running water and high winds. Rich topsoil is drifted 8 to 10 inches in tobosa grass in strips of 50 to 100 yards along the side of fields in this part of the district.

During a high west wind last fall in this area the visibility on a road along the east side on one open field was reduced to less than 30 yards. Viewing the field from the range conservationists noted that the soil particles forming the dust cloud were kicked up by the wind only slightly on the west side.

As these particles progressed across the field, however, others were dislocated with increased intensity forming the dense dust cloud along the east side.

Conservation farmers in the Divide Community northeast of Sterling City have found that a good terrace system and proper stubble management will retard soil blowing to a minimum.

A reservoir which will hold 5 acre feet of water has been built this week by Marshall Cook of Garden City. The water stored in this reservoir will be sufficient to apply 3 inches to 20 acres. With his 300 gallon well to keep the reserve built up 100 acres can be irrigated.

The underground water reservoir in Sterling City has remained an unknown quantity until Monday of this week when Foster S. Price pumped 125 gallons per minute from the 120 foot well on his property in the southeast part of the city. The well was pumped for over 4 hours.

Harvey Glass recognizes the value of tobosa grass as a reserve during extreme drought years and during severe winter weather. His cows always do better in the pastures having some tobosa grass.

Hay was used freely as a supplement during the extreme cold weather last week.

Harold Jensen, range conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service, makes the following report relative to seedling grass plants in Forest Foster's and N. H. Reed's trial plots. The roots of each blue grama seedling appeared as a very thin white thread extending in a straight vertical line and barren of any branching roots until it reached moist soil at a depth of 1 to 1 1/2 inches. At this point some 50 fine root hairs per inch extended at right angles to the main root for about 1-10 inch. The fine root hairs, when examined with magnifying lens were found to be coated with very fine soil particles. These soil particles are the contact point of the blue grama grass plant and soil water and soil nutrients necessary for survival and growth. Soil condition to preserve moisture near the surface over extended periods and favorable seasons are necessary for seedling establishment. This point is emphasized by remnants of dead rootlets of western wheat grass which branched out in soil that later became dry.

The same principles applicable to successful artificial seeding of grasses apply to establishment of native grass seedlings on native ranges.

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SWING OF SOUTHWEST FARM MARKETS

(U.S.D.A.)—Farm prices followed uneven trends at southwest markets last week, according to the Production and Marketing Administration U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Corn prices fell 13 to 14 cents per bushel and other grains 5 to 8 cents. Heavier marketings, less urgent demand, and improved prospects for winter wheat helped push prices down. No. 1 hard wheat sold Friday at \$2.06 a bushel at Texas common points, No. 2 white corn around \$2.98, and oats \$1.48 to \$1.53.

Spot cotton markets showed net middling 15-16 inch closed Friday at 34.50 cents a pound at Dallas and Houston, and 34.40 at New Orleans.

Sheep sold steady to around a dollar higher for the week. Denver set a new high of \$13 on good and choice ewes, as Oklahoma City and Wichita reached \$12 on choice wethers. San Antonio bought good ewes at \$12, while Fort Worth took cull to medium kinds from \$8.50 to \$10. Boston buyers in Texas took all available wools.

Cattle found a weaker market at Denver, and steers showed some easiness at Wichita and San Antonio.

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io, as other southwest terminals paid steady to \$1 higher prices. Common and medium steers and yearlings brought \$17 to \$19 at Houston, while medium and good kinds turned at \$22.50 to \$26 at San Antonio and \$22 to \$23 at Ft. Worth. Oklahoma City moved good and choice light steers and yearlings at \$28 to \$30. Wichita took good light steers at \$29.50, and

Denver sold high to \$30.

Texas and Oklahoma hog markets paid mostly steady to higher prices compared to a week earlier, but the Wichita and Denver markets fell \$1 to \$1.50. San Antonio, Fort Worth and Oklahoma City closed the week at a top of \$27, as Wichita paid \$26.35 and Denver \$26.25. Sows closed generally at \$23 down, and pigs from \$12 to \$20.

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