

The Baird Star

Our Motto, "Tis Neither Birth, Nor Wealth, Nor State, But the Get-up-and-Get That Makes Men Great."

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MARVIN HUNTER, Jr., Editor

To Let Contract On Highway 183

Contract will be let January 29 for the completion of the Albany-Baird section of Highway 183, according to a statement made by S. J. Treadway, of Abilene, district engineer of the Texas Highway Commission. When this section is completed there will remain only one gap in the full length of Highway 183, that being a short section between Baird and Coleman. The new highway will carry heavy traffic north and south between Canada and Old Mexico.

The construction of the Baird-Albany highway goes back to the early 1930's when the Albany chamber of commerce and the people of Baird started a concerted effort to get the highway built. Work started on the highway in 1938, but the war stopped all construction.

It is certainly gratifying to people of this section to know that this highway will be completed. Highway 183 is considered with Highway 80 as being the most important lanes of traffic through this county. Highway 36, connecting Abilene and Cross Plains, is also an important highway in Callahan county, which is also to be completed soon. When these projects are completed, and the work completed to make Highway 80 a super-highway, as planned at the present time, only farm-to-market roads will be left to be built in Callahan. Already a number of farm-to-market roads are being considered.

WEDNESDAY CLUB MEETS

The Wednesday Club will meet with Mrs. Lee Alexander December 19, at which time there will be a Christmas program and exchange of gifts.

YEAR'S CAR OUTPUT PLACED AT 50,000

DETROIT—The Detroit News, reporting from a survey, said Wednesday the automobile industry has produced only one tenth, or approximately 50,000 of the originally scheduled 500,000 passenger cars for this year.

Curtailment of the flow of essential parts due to strikes was given by every company as the reason for the inability to attain volume production, the News said. December production had been expected to reach 250,000, but at the current rate of output the industry will be lucky to attain 20,000, the paper reported.

PAN PURCHASE

For Christmas shoppers this year who will be investing in the aluminum and stainless steel kettles and pans, now reappearing in stores, check the following eight points for a good buy:

1. Balance. The pan and its handle should be well-balanced so that the pan stands steady even when empty. Too heavy a handle makes a tipsy pan that is awkward to use and may cause dangerous spills of hot water or food.

2. Surface. The smoother the pan—that is, the fewer the cracks and joints—the more durable and easy to clean it will be.

3. Bottom. A flat bottom helps keep to pan steady and means faster heating and more economical use of fuel on electric, coal or wood ranges. Pans for use on electric stoves should have dull-finished bottoms to save fuel. A dull finish absorbs heat in contrast to a shiny finish which reflects it.

4. Sides. Straight sides are more economical of heat and also of space on the stove than flaring sides.

5. Handle. Handles of pans and covers should be comfortable to grasp and insulated against heat.

6. Cover. A close-fitting cover is essential for many cooking processes, so it cannot be brightened as aluminum can. Aluminum has the advantage of spreading heat more evenly so cooks more evenly with less chance of scorching.

7. Thickness. Thin, lightweight sheet aluminum is less expensive, lighter to handle but also less durable than the heavy cast metal. Thin ware is more easily dented, bent and scorched than heavy ware, so heavy is the buy in pans due for heavy use—those for everyday cooking, for a job like mashing potatoes, and for the heavy-handed and absent-minded cook.

8. Metal. Stainless steel is more durable than aluminum of the same weight and thickness. It does not darken in cooking alkaline foods as aluminum does, but once darkened by overheating or scorching, it cannot be brightened as aluminum can. Aluminum has the advantage of spreading heat more evenly so cooks more evenly with less chance of scorching.

Loretta Allen, Co. H. D. Agent.

Mrs. L. L. Ford of Torrance, Calif., and Miss Doris Ford, of Oakland, Calif., left today for their homes, after a month's visit here.

Funeral For Mrs. H. L. Lambert Friday

Mrs. Henry J. Lambert died at 12:30 o'clock Friday morning, December 7, two days after her eighty-ninth birthday, following an illness of near four years. Funeral services were held at the graveside in Ross cemetery at 3:30 that afternoon. The service was conducted by Rev. A. A. Davis, pastor of the Baptist church, and Rev. Joe R. Mayes, of Abilene, former pastor of the local church, of which Mrs. Lambert had been a member for many years. Burial was made in the family plot with her husband, who died November 23, 1926, also her son and daughter, Lem Lambert and Mrs. Baurietta Carter. The new made grave was covered with a mound of many beautiful flowers, and silent tribute was paid to the love and esteem in which Mrs. Lambert was held.

Mrs. Lambert was truly a pioneer of west Texas. She was born Rachel Elizabeth Murphy, daughter of William J. and Rachel Murphy, on December 5, 1856, in Comanche, and when only nine days old the Indians made a raid on their home. Her father hurriedly got his wife and children in an ox wagon and drove forty miles, without a stop, to evade the Indians. The family later moved to Hood county.

She was married to Henry Lambert in Hood county February 11, 1875. Twelve children were born to this union, four of whom survive their mother. They are Miss Jeffe Lambert and Ed Lambert, Baird; R. L. (Jack) Lambert, Woodson, and Mrs. Roger Q. Evans, Denison. She is survived by twelve grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Eight grandsons and one granddaughter were in the service of our country, with all except four returned home at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Lambert located near Putnam in the early eighties, later moving to Baird. They lived for a few years at Tecumseh and Clear Creek. She was a charter member of the Putnam Baptist church and was a member of the Eastern Star Order.

Mrs. Lambert possessed a most lovable, cheerful disposition, never complaining the many months she was forced to stay indoors. She was so faithful in helping to care for the sick until stricken with paralysis. In the early days when there were no hospitals and few doctors, she ministered to many who were ill or in need.

Pallbearers were five grandsons and a nephew, Henry Lambert, Baird; Sgt. Charley Frank Lambert, Camp Gruber, Okla.; George Lambert, Baird; Joe Evans, Denison; Vance Whitehall, Jal, N. Mex.; and Orville Lambert, Lubbock.

All of Mrs. Lambert's children and grandchildren except Leonard and Jack Evans, who are with the armed forces in Japan, and Mrs. H. C. McFarland, of Stattle, Wash., were at her bedside when death came. Out of town members of the family here were: Mr. and Mrs. R. Q. Evans, Denison; Jean Evans, Ft. Worth; Miss Donna Carter, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Lambert and little daughter, Sue, Houston; Sgt. and Mrs. C. F. Lambert, Camp Gruber, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Vance Whitehall, Jal, N. Mex.; Mr. and Mrs. George Glascock, Mrs. Fred Harrell, Mrs. Lula Harrell, Cresson; Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Lambert, Spur. Many friends from Abilene and other points attended the funeral.

—Miss Eliza Gilliland.

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY BEING PRINTED

The Baird Star has contracted with the Home Telephone and Electric Company to print their 1946 edition of the Telephone Directory. At the present time, the telephone company is arranging the telephone numbers and listing subscribers preparatory to publication of the directory. There will be individual books for each of the towns served by the Home Telephone and Electric Company. Business firms wishing to take space in the directory may call the Baird Star for details. Billie Mae Jobe, popular Putnam youth, who has recently been discharged from the Army, is contacting places of business in all these cities for ads in the directory. Any courtesy that you show him will be considered a personal favor to The Star. We expect to have the directory ready for distribution in January.

W. A. STILES HOME AFTER 32 MONTHS IN PACIFIC

Pfc. W. A. Stiles, a veteran of the Pacific, thirty-two months, arrived home December 6, after receiving a discharge at Fort Sam Houston, December 1. Stiles, a truck driver in Munda, Bougainville, and Guadalcanal, landed at San Francisco November 18. He has a battle star for the Munda campaign. Stiles trained at Camp Roberts, Calif., six months before going across. He is the son of Mrs. Louise Stiles, of Baird.

Mrs. Henderson Rites Friday

Funeral for Mrs. Alice Elizabeth Henderson, 77, a long time resident of Callahan county, was conducted December 7th, at the Church of Christ in Cross Plains, with Ted Stevens of A. C. C. Abilene, minister of the Cross Plains Church of Christ officiating.

Mrs. Henderson passed away on December 6, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. T. Lawrence, in Baird, after several months illness.

Mrs. Henderson was born in Polk county, Arkansas, September 24, 1868 and came to Callahan county at the age of five years and had resided on the place bought by her father, Henry McDaniel, at Cross Plains, since that time. Her husband, Joe P. Henderson, passed away August 29, 1912. Mrs. Henderson obeyed the Gospel August 1887 and has been a member of the Church of Christ since that time.

She is survived by five children, Elmer Henderson, Burkett; Grover Henderson, Cross Plains; Porter Henderson, San Angelo; Mrs. Ralph Buckingham, Gainesville and Mrs. J. T. Lawrence, Baird; ten grandchildren, two great grandchildren, five sisters and two brothers.

Pallbearers were Paul Harvell, Bill Wagner, Jack Lacy, Fred Tunnell, Foster Bond and Fred Stacy of Cross Plains.

NOTICE TO CITIZENS OF COUNTY

Warning all persons that any one using County Machinery or other County property without the consent of the Commissioners Court will be prosecuted and held liable for all damage to such property.

J. L. Farmer, Judge.
H. A. Warren, Com. Prec. 1
C. T. Floyd, Com. Prec. 2
I. G. Mobley, Com. Prec. 3
J. M. McMillan, Com. Prec. 4

THIS WEEK'S HONOR ROLL

We acknowledge with thanks the following new and renewal subscriptions to the Baird Star during the past week. This is the time of year that most of our subscriptions are expiring, and we are clubbing with the Abilene and Fort Worth papers to save our subscribers money. Look at the date on the margin of your paper, opposite your name or on the wrapper, for expiration date. We will be glad to take your renewal or new subscription to the Baird Star.

Baird: Mrs. Edna Yonge, Lucille's Beauty Shop, Mrs. Viva Tucker, B. L. Boydston, G. H. Tankersley, C. W. Morton, Route 1, Mrs. M. B. Nichols, Star Route 1, Tad Goble, Route 1, L. C. Duncan, Star Route 1, C. G. Hodges, W. O. McWhorter, Star Route 2, Mrs. O. B. Pool, J. L. Allman, W. E. Gillitt, W. A. Petterson, Jes Goshly, Lorena Gunn, Route 1, S. L. Price, W. V. Walls, O. G. South, School Library, V. F. Jones, H. W. Ross, Mrs. Clark Smith, Star Route 1, Joe Jones, Route 1, B. F. McCaw, Route 1, Mrs. Maria Leache, Mrs. Annie Asbury, C. H. Morgan, Route 1, J. Trussell, Route 1, B. Thompson, R. M. Warren, J. F. Brown, Dr. V. E. Hill, Dewey Ennis, O. B. Jarrett, C. A. Neubauer, Mrs. J. C. Barringer, W. D. Boydston, Ed Davis Star Route 1, R. F. Arvin, Mrs. W. O. Maltby, Star Route 1, Buford Tyson, Mrs. N. E. McGee, W. A. Stiles, C. F. Brown, Route 1, A. W. Beasley, Star Route 1, E. B. Brown, S. I. Smith, Madison Montgomery, L. G. Barnhill, A. E. Young, D. W. Young, G. F. Eubanks, Otto Rogers, Route 1, H. F. Summers Star Route 1, and Sidney Foy.

Clyde: J. P. Brown, Route 2; G. C. Williams, Route 1; J. T. Gibson, Route 2; Mrs. H. T. Jordan, Route 1; W. C. Miller, Route 1; Calvin Morris, Route 1; N. H. Stephenson, Route 1; W. H. Bryant, Route 1; R. P. Stephenson, Route 1.

J. C. Earp, Route 2, Moran; Mrs. J. H. Warren, Lubbock; Dub Ashton, Houston; Mrs. C. S. Gee, Abilene; Mrs. J. O. Moore, Ohio; Mrs. Jennie Gilliland, Abilene; W. E. Clement, Abilene; Mrs. S. J. Bains, Eastland; Mrs. R. A. Elder, Big Spring; W. J. Evans, Clovis, N. M.; Mrs. Minnie McManis, Breckenridge; L. L. Ford, Torrance, Calif.; J. R. Breeding, Oplin; Mrs. J. J. Bookhout, Dallas; Miss Beverly Leache, Dallas; Mrs. Winona Wagner, Okla.; Mrs. Joe Mitchell, Houston; G. L. Albin, Ft. Worth; Ed Hayden, Moran; Mrs. Chas. L. Smith, Dallas; Mrs. W. J. Wier, Big Spring; Mrs. E. B. Wilson, Houston; Mrs. Herman Harper, McAllister, Okla.; Mrs. W. D. Ferguson, Brownsville; Mrs. S. L. Stokes, Corpus Christi; W. E. Browning, Calif.; R. H. Robinson, Oplin; Mrs. O. E. Eastham, Dallas; Morris Eastham, Tucson, Ariz.; Mrs. W. L. Knott, Ft. Worth; A. O. Clare, Ovalo, Route 1; Mrs. Amy Walker, Balmerhea; W. E. Melton, Austin; E. L. Park, Knox City; J. H. Cochran, Cisco.

War Fund Donors List Continues

I. E. Warren, \$10; W. R. Srope, \$5; Billy Seale, \$5; F. J. Gleghorn, \$5; L. S. Bryant, \$5; B. C. Miller, \$5; C. E. Armstrong, \$7.50; F. N. Dunlap, Jr., \$1; F. N. Dunlap, Sr., \$2; M. L. Gilliland, \$3; J. D. Cogburn, \$5; I. N. Brown, \$1; Joe E. Jones, \$5; V. J. Haile, \$5; Claude Flores, \$2.50.

Mrs. Earl Turner, \$1; Mrs. Luther Maner, \$5; Mrs. J. T. Warren, \$2; A. A. Manion, \$1; O. C. Rouse, \$2; Jerry Loper, \$1; Olivia Schwartz, \$15; Mrs. W. P. Brightwell, \$2.50; Mrs. S. W. McFarland, \$2.50; W. R. Payne, \$10; Mrs. J. W. Brown, \$10; Mrs. W. L. Herow, \$5; Lone Star Gas, \$40; Bertram Betcher, \$25.00.

Mrs. Olivena Loven, \$10; Mrs. Roy Gatcher, \$5; Herman Scott, \$1; J. Frank Carpenter, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. Troy Allen, \$2; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Johnson, \$2; Esker Crawford, \$1; Morton Whitley, \$2; Mr. Nabours, \$2; R. T. Walls, \$5; Luther Caldwell, \$3; Tom Lynn Odum, \$1; George Allen, \$5; D. Crawford, \$5; Virgil Cole, \$1; I. R. Keele, \$5; Dorse Odum, \$1; Mrs. H. W. Caldwell, \$2; Mr. and Mrs. Evan Barton, \$5; Milton Caldwell, \$2.00.

Elbert Crawford, \$1; Finley Coughran, \$1; Henry Culpepper, \$1; John McKenzie, \$1; Jim Loker, \$1; Willie Bailey, \$1; Mrs. Cutbirth, \$1; A. B. Loker, \$1; Laura Nichols \$1; Mrs. Barnard, \$1; Thurman Roberts, \$2.50; Walter Preston, \$3. R. C. Neal, \$5; Buddie W., \$1; L. H. Hayhurst, \$1; J. N. Baggett, \$1; Bill Culpepper, \$1; G. A. L. G. Chrane, \$15; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Coffman, \$2; C. H. Betcher, \$1; Henry Betcher, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. Betcher, \$2; C. M. Lehw, \$2.50; Rube Burrow, \$1; R. A. Baumann \$1; C. V. Varnen, \$1; J. F. Bailey, \$1; T. M. Bailey, \$1; E. J. Neal, \$4.40.

BROTHERS HOME WITH DISCHARGE

Sgt. Truman W. Hatley and Pfc. Harvey F. Hatley, sons of W. H. Hatley of the Dudley community have just arrived home with their discharge. They have been in service three years and have served two and one-half years overseas in the ETO Theater. They left for the army the same day and were side by side for two and one-half years. They arrived home two days apart and are happy once again.

They are brothers of Mrs. Ted Ross of Clyde and Mrs. Rosco Shelutt of Baird.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

U. C. Hamilton, local real estate agent, reports the following real estate transactions during the past week:

The 265 acres belonging to C. C. Cagle near Rising Star was sold to Perry Jeans of Baird.

H. A. Warren sold his 92 acre farm located 10 miles south of Clyde to Alberto Dabila.

BLEDISOE - TUNNELL RITES SAID DEC. 3 IN LUBBOCK

From Cross Plains Review

White gladiola embanked in fern and flanked on either side by white candles decorated the mantle of the living room fireplace, before which a white satin improvised altar was placed, to lay the bridal setting Monday morning, December 3, at 10:30 in the home of the bride's paternal grandmother, Mrs. Eunice Bledisoe, 1812 Broadway street, Lubbock, for the marriage of Miss Kathryn Bledisoe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Bledisoe, 2306 Twenty-first street, to Lt. Jack Wilton Tunnell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tunnell, Cross Plains.

The Reverend A. B. Winslow, pastor of the Episcopal church in Lubbock, read the candle lit double ring ceremony.

Lohrenz's "Bridal March" and Mendelssohn's Wedding March were used for the professional and recessional wedding music.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attired in a dressmaker's suit of aqua wool. She carried a bride's bouquet of pink rosebuds showered with bridal wreath and tied with pink ribbon streamers.

Mrs. Lois Eustus of Santa Fe, New Mexico, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Fred J. Tunnell served as best man for his brother.

The bride's parents hosted a reception immediately following the ceremony. The bridal couple received invited guests.

CONTINUE TO SAVE USED FATS

One out of every ten pounds of inedible tallow and grease being collected for industrial uses is coming from the kitchens of American housewives. E. A. McBryde, District Officer for Marketing, said this week.

These are the used fats needed to help speed the return of many essential everyday household items, such as electric irons, washing machines and radios, he said. And with supply still very short because of the import situation, continued collection of every pound for industrial purposes is necessary, even though rationing of edible fats and oils has ended, he continued.

Every local housewife is urged to continue saving used fats and turning them in to her butcher regularly until the national supply is sufficient to take care of demands. Any breakdown in local movement of used fats from meat dealers to renderers should be reported at once to his office, Room 201, Southwestern Investment Building, 10th and Haylor Street, McBryde said.

Mrs. O. C. Rouse and little daughter, Bonnie, spent the weekend in Cross Plains with her husband's parents who have recently moved from Atwell to make their home in Cross Plains.

Rites For J. E. C. Gunn Monday

Rites were conducted for Mr. Edmund Gunn, of Abilene, at the Church of Christ, Baird, at 4 p. m. Monday, with Rev. Lloyd Connel officiating. Burial was in Ross cemetery, with Wylie Funeral Home in charge.

Mr. Gunn had been in ill health since June. He died at 8:15 p. m. Sunday, in Abilene.

Mr. Gunn, who was born July 1, 1884, in Bell county, is survived by his wife and five sisters, Mrs. W. H. Boatwright, Mrs. W. E. Melton of Austin, Mrs. Lenora Boatwright, Misses Lorena and Myrtle Gunn of Baird.

Mr. Gunn was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Gunn, who came to this county in 1889. He married Miss Cora Bauleh, March 16, 1930. He was a stock farmer northwest of Baird until 1931, when they moved to Abilene.

Pallbearers were Sam Cox, Easterling Manly, John Wright, of Abilene, Bill Melton, Zolton Melton and Roland Nichols.

Out-of-town friends attending the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Massey of Roscoe; Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Thomason, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Easterling Manly, Mr. and Mrs. John Wright and son Jerry, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wright, of Abilene; John Bauleh, of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bauleh, Clyde, Mr. and Mrs. Zolton Melton, Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Melton of Fort Worth.

ROY HILL DIES IN OKLAHOMA

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The supply allocated for all purposes totals 1,183,854 tons of which civilians, including home, institutional and industrial users, will receive 1,100,000 tons, about the same amount they are receiving now. U. S. military and war services were allocated 70,263 tons and commercial exports and shipments, including U. S. territories, 13,591 tons. Total allocation for the present three-month period is 1,226,610 tons.

The military allocation of 70,263 tons compares with an indicated distribution of 299,542 tons for the same purpose in the first quarter of 1945, McBryde said.

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CHRISTMAS RECITAL

Pupils of Mrs. C. H. Siadous and Mrs. Viva Tucker will be presented in a program of songs, dances, readings and musical numbers at the high school auditorium, Friday, Dec. 14, at 7:30 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Service Men Praise Local U. S. O.

Saturday afternoon when a troop train of returning veterans was served at the local U. S. O., a Major said they had not received such hospitality since leaving Boston, where they landed. The boys have a feeling of freedom when they visit the U. S. O. Some play the piano, some enjoy games such as ping-pong, and others study maps. Several make telephone calls home while their train is here. The boys are liberal in their praise of the kindness shown them while in our city.

Hardly a day passes, relates Mrs. L. L. Blackburn, that the USO headquarters is not visited by servicemen who praise the local station in highest fashion. This station's location being so near the depot gives it a chance to render real service to our service men, Mrs. Blackburn stated.

Many service men have written to the USO in Baird after they have reached their destination to thank the service workers for their favors, which is to say the least, encouraging to those who have had a part in helping to serve them at a time when service was needed. Baird's reputation for being a hospitable little Texas city is spreading by way of appreciative service men who have visited the USO here to all parts of the United States.

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Callahan County \$30,000 Short

Callahan County is still \$30,000 short of its Victory Bond drive, stated B. H. Freeland today. The quota this year has been set at only half of the amount of last year, and he is pleading with the people to make every effort to put the bond drive over the top within the next week. This is the eighth and last drive. Callahan has never fallen short of its responsibility in any of the bond drives, or in any other war effort. We cannot afford to fail this time, Judge Freeland said. The plea is being made here and now for every citizen of this county who possibly can to buy bonds of the Series E denomination. Buy bonds today, please.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS ISSUE NEXT WEEK

The Baird Star will publish its annual Christmas issue next week, Friday, December 21st. Those who wish to extend Christmas greetings to their friends and customers are requested to place copy with us as soon as possible and in this way help make this issue one of the best of all special editions of this kind.

We will not hold to the traditional greeting ads like the Star has used for the past few years, but to make it more individual and fitting to the occasion, we will give the advertiser his own choice of cuts and holiday message. It is sincerely hoped that each business concern in Baird will be represented in this issue, and all of our readers (your customers) will feel that a real effort has been put forth to make their Christmas season more enjoyable.

Call The Baird Star today and reserve space for your Christmas message to all the people of Callahan county, as well as to those readers at distant places. We will be glad to assist you in any way to make your Christmas greeting appropriate and attractive.

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The new temple, a memorial to Texas Masons in the armed services, will be erected on a site consisting of a half block of ground fronting on Columbus Avenue, extending from Seventh to Eighth Streets, four blocks northwest of the present Grand Lodge Temple.

C. B. I. VETERAN VISITS RELATIVES HERE

W. E. Melton, of Baton Rouge, La., discharged November 15 at Camp Fannin, after twenty-three months in C. B. I. Theatre, is visiting his aunts, the Gunn sisters, at Midway, and attended the funeral of his uncle, Edmund Gunn, held in Baird Monday.

Melton was in two major battles, the Burma-India campaign and the campaign of Central Burma.

BEAR FACTS

(From The High School)

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EDITORIAL

Colds have been distributed evenly among students and teachers alike, much to their regret. The main question is, "Why haven't you a cold?"

Weather conditions haven't helped the situation at all. Old man "flu" is trying to visit everybody. Christmas is drawing near, and each person is doing his best to be rid of colds by then. Here's hoping we all succeed.

BEARS BEAT STRAWN 14-12
 WIN BI-DISTRICT TITLE

"WICKED" WEST
 The Baird Bears defeated the Strawn Greyhounds 14-12 at Cisco Friday night to capture the class B bi-district title.

It looked dark at the start when the Bears lost 2 yards in three tries and had to punt. The Greyhounds did even less and kicked back to Baird. The Bears took over and marched 60 yards. Brame went 30 yards to the three yard line. Nordyke failed to gain and Brame took it over. Nordyke's kick was perfect. Strawn was unable to gain and the quarter ended, a Hound pass was intercepted by Varner and returned to the twenty. On the next play Nordyke passed to Barner for the score. Nordyke's kick was again good. The half ended with the score 14-0.

After the half it was a different story. The Bears took the opening kickoff and when to the Strawn 20 it looked like we would score but the ball popped off Nordyke's hands and Roach intercepted for Strawn and returned to the Bear 10. From there they took it over. The last score came deep in the fourth when Strawn recovered a Baird fumble on the 30. They scored but conversion was blocked and the score was 14-12 where it remained for the rest of the game. After the game, it was revealed that four Baird players made the All-District 7-B team. They are Fred Goble, tackle; Corky Cook, back; Doyle Nordyke, back; Dewey Barner, end. Brame was outstanding back for Baird and Barner in the line. Ribe and Gozola stood out for Strawn.

RECITAL TONIGHT
 Everyone is looking forward to the recital Friday night, to be presented by pupils coached by Mrs. Siadous. The reports are that the program is one of the best ever given. Let's all come to the high school auditorium and see for ourselves.

JUST NEWS
 James Armstrong is back at school again after spending a short "vacation" in the local hospital, because of an infected hand. Ruby Mae Atwood has been out of school several days with in-

CLASSIFIED

IF You want to sell your farm or house in Baird, call me at once. I have inquiries from buyers every day.—B. H. Freeland.

NOTICE — White Auto Store will remain open until 9 p. m. every day until Christmas. 1tc.

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PECANS—Barkett paper shell, 40c pound at orchard, 2 miles south of Eula. Cecil Harris, Clyde, Route 1. 4tp

ALTERATION SHOP—Experienced alteration on new and old garments. Located at my house in Clyde. 2nd house off south side of high way, 1 1/2 blocks north of school house. Mrs. Lena Melton. tf

FOR SALE — One rock house, one six room frame house. See Mrs. Sam Gilliland. 1tp.

fluenza. She also occupied a bed in the local hospital. Get well soon, Ruby. We miss you. Joyce Tyson is another victim of influenza. We hope to see her back soon.

THE BELLS ARE RINGING
 A new fad has struck Baird high. Many girls are now wearing bells to promote the Christmas spirit. Wherever you go, the silver tones meet your ear.

SOCIETY
 The Senior girls can sure find some delightful topics to fuss over (Finders keepers, losers weepers). But do they always weep???

Everyone seems to be looking forward to the banquets. However, some of these dates may not be what they are cracked up to be.

Two Junior girls seem to be the only ones who still have Putnam interests at heart. (How's about it, Jo and Sue?)

WHO'S WHO

Ruby Mae Atwood was born December 7, 1928, in Baird, Texas. She started to school in the first grade at Baird grammar school but later moved from the Hatchett lease to the Hickman lease where she attended the little country school of Belle Plain until she was in the third grade. She started back to school at Baird and continued here. Likes boys 8 feet tall, with black hair. She is 5 feet, 3 inches tall, weighs 120, blue-eyed blonde, and has a fair complexion. Her favorites are Actor: Sonny Tufts, Actress: Betty Grable, Show: "Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo," Dish: Potato salad, Chicken, Drink: Cokes, Sport: Basket ball, Service: Navy.

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Eula Episodes

Elevating Elucidations for the Enjoyable Enlightenment of Everybody Everywhere.

By MRS R. G. EDWARDS

The basketball boys and girls of the Eula school attended the invitation basketball tournament at Denton Friday afternoon and Saturday.

Jake Warren and Cap Jordan were visiting in each of their parents homes Thursday afternoon and hunting a bit, too.

Mr. and Mrs. Bascom Smith, of Lubbock, are visiting his brother, Lee and family and other relatives and friends.

Several are still ill with influenza this week, and more are taking it, as time passes. You can almost count those who have not had it on your fingers.

Mrs. Ralph Brock and daughters, Rosa Lee and Mrs. Bill Scarabrough, her husband and small daughter, Nancy, visited in

the home of Mrs. Brock's sister at Cisco Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Harrison are visiting friends and relatives in Dallas this weekend. Mr. Harrison's mother, of Abilene, is holding the fort while they are gone.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Overby were shopping in Clyde Friday and Mr. Overby had the misfortune of losing a \$5.00 bill.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Farmer and Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Stephenson attended the County Development meeting and program last week.

Mr. Slater has a new car, but not the one he has been delivering the mail in. He says he has sold his other car and traded for a Model A. He is using a borrowed car at present.

These county roads aren't what they used to be, or else these new-fangled cars aren't what they ought to be.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Edwards and girls, visited in the home of his brother, J. B., in Sweetwater, Sunday.

Cottonwood Chips

Community Clatter Carefully Collected for Your Consideration.

By Mrs. S. B. Strahan

Dorothy Mae Woody, who is employed in California with a bus company, came home Friday to spend the holidays with home folks.

Harlie Thomas suffered an attack of sickness, as results of a major operation early in the fall, but is better now.

Rev. Gilliland filled his regular appointment at the Methodist church Sunday. Services have gone from quarter time to half time now. Preaching will be every other Sunday morning and night. These Sundays will be second and fourth Sundays.

George Barnard has purchased the Gattis place and is building a new house there.

Dock and Mary Thomas, with Reverend and Mrs. V. S. Lucky, went to Baird Sunday afternoon

to visit Mrs. Rube Maddox, who is in the hospital there.

Sailor Grady Ramey is on leave now. He and Mrs. Ramey are staying in Abilene.

S-Sgt. Lonnie Young, of E. T. O., is home, after several months in service with the Army.

GOING SOMEWHERE?

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WILL THERE BE A STEEL STRIKE?

Not if the CIO abides by its pledged word, given only last spring.

QUESTION: What would be the general effect on the country of a steel strike?

ANSWER: Over 40 percent of all the factory workers in the country earn their living by making steel into useful products for American life. A shut-down of the steel industry would be a disastrous blow to re-conversion and would cause a serious loss in both wages and industrial production at a time when they were most needed.

QUESTION: Is it true that the Steelworkers Union has pledged itself not to strike?

ANSWER: Yes. Every contract which the Union has signed this year with the various steel companies, has a clause wherein the Union agrees not to strike during the life of the contract.

QUESTION: Are those contracts still in effect?

ANSWER: Yes. They were signed in the spring of 1945 to run until October, 1946.

QUESTION: Who signed for the Union?

ANSWER: Its international officials—Philip Murray, Van Bittner, Clinton Golden and others—and the local Union heads at the various points.

QUESTION: Is there no "escape clause" by which either side could end the agreements?

ANSWER: No. The Union demanded a fixed, long-term contract and got it.

QUESTION: Why did they want a long-term contract?

ANSWER: In the Union's own words before the War Labor Board, "The Union's request for a termination date of October, 1946, is not made capriciously or pressed here for bargaining purposes. It represents the considered view of the Union that only such a term will adequately serve the needs of stability."

QUESTION: Did the recent strike vote violate the contracts?

ANSWER: No. Only an actual strike would violate them.

QUESTION: Haven't there been strikes already during the life of the contracts?

ANSWER: Yes. There were 998 strikes in steel plants during the past year alone. They were mostly local strikes which the Union characterizes as "wildcat," but they meant a big loss in production.

QUESTION: Does the end of the war justify changing the contracts?

ANSWER: No. The bond was sealed on both sides and should be kept whether times be good or bad. The steel companies are continuing to live up to these agreements. If a strike is called, it will be in clear violation of the existing contracts.

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POSSUM FLATS . . . THAT DAILY DASH FOR DINNER

By **GRAHAM HUNTER**



Rowden Round-Up
Community Activities Reliably Recorded by The Star Reporter.
By Dorris McClain

Granny Mauldin is growing worse. Her grandson, Gene, has improved since taking pneumonia. A great grand-daughter, Irene, has the flu.

Attendance at the Bayou school is checked this week because of

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Jones and son, Robert, were business visitors in Abilene last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. McClain has as their guests Sunday afternoon, their daughter, Madge, and son-in-law J. C., and also Miss Maureen Eubanks, of Abilene.

Basketball coaches of Callahan county met at the Bayou school Monday night to discuss the county tournament.

Sport events for this week include a basketball tournament at May and another at Lawn. Both will be attended by some of the

surrounding schools. Miss Betty Jo Hilley had as her guest for Sunday night, Miss Dorris McClain.

Mr. and Mrs. George Parker have had visits from their daughters and one son-in-law. They are Georgia, Louise, Ollie Fay, and her husband, Sandy Franklin.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Smedley have received word that their son Clarence, is in the States. He is expected home soon.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this means of expressing our sincere thanks to the hospital staff and doctors and others who were so kind and thoughtful to our mother, Mrs. Alice C. Henderson, during her illness and stay in Baird.

Your thoughtfulness and kindness shall always be remembered. The Family of Mrs. Alice C. Henderson.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend most sincere thanks to all who were so kind and thoughtful of our mother, Mrs. H. J. Lambert, during her long illness. She looked forward to your visits with pleasure. Sincerely,
The Lambert Family.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. I. Koneczak, at Clyde, were: Mr. and Mrs. Tip Koneczak and family of Globe, Ariz.; Mr. and Mrs. Theo Baach and family of Abilene; Sgt. Herbert Koneczak, returned veteran of E. T. O.; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Koneczak and family of Clyde, and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Koneczak of Baird.

Midway Musings

Miscellaneous Melange and Minor Mention of Men and Women.
By Mrs. W. B. Tarver

Rev. A. A. Davis, of Baird, filled his regular appointment on Sunday afternoon with a very stirring message. He was accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Atcheson, Tootsie Chatham, Billy Jean Linecum, Sue Edwards and Delia Thompson, all of Baird.

Bobby Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Jones, is home after several years service in E. T. O.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Jones and daughter, of Abilene, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Smedley and Martha Jane are now living in Big Spring, where Virgil is employed.

Mrs. Joel Griffin and son, Joe Wayne, are visiting in Coryell county. They were accompanied by Mrs. Beamon, who lives near Clyde.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilford Rice and Gil, Jr., are now at home in North Carolina.

Mrs. Frankie Frazier, from the East coast, is now visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. O. Faircloth. Her husband joined her here for a Christmas furlough. He is in the Navy.

Edna Cook, of Abilene, visited relatives here over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Spencer recently moved from the Ray farm to a farm near Leuders.

Merry Quilters met the 10th for their work and visiting: Mmes. A. Wilson, V. O. Faircloth, W. T. Faircloth, Sr., Geo. Jones, Jim Faircloth, C. P. Berklow, Charlie Mosley, R. W. Cook, Arh Parrish, Otto Rogers, Mosley, E. S. Nelson, Sr., and W. B. Tarver were present; also the four children of Mrs. Charlie Mosley. They exchanged a lovely array of gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Selin Canada and son, were in our midst Sunday.

Let's all plan to be present for the Christmas tree the night before Christmas at our Community Center.

MIDWAY

By Mrs. A. Wilson

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Frazier arrived Friday, from North Carolina to visit Mr. Frazier's parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. O. Faircloth and family, and other relatives in Baird.

Grandmother and sons, Henry and Monroe, visited last weekend in DeLeon and Dublin, with relatives and friends.

Charles Hallmark visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Wilson, last Thursday. He had been to San Antonio, where he received his discharge. Charles has been stationed in 12 different camps in 10 different states, the last being Kirtland Field, N. Mex.

C. J. Wilson arrived in the States, December 2, and writes his parents he will be home within a few days. C. J. is to be sent to Camp Fannin for a discharge.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Owens visited over the weekend with Albert's brother and sisters in Dublin.

Monroe Mosley also visited in Dublin over the weekend.

Glad to know that Carl Cook is improving.

There are several with colds in our community.

O. E. S. CHRISTMAS PARTY TUESDAY

A Christmas party was enjoyed by members of the O. E. S. on Tuesday evening, when they met at the Masonic Hall. After initiation of Mrs. Lillian Atwood, the group sang Christmas Carols, with Mrs. Viva Tucker accompanying. Gifts were placed under the beautifully decorated Christmas tree and were distributed by Mrs. Farris Bennett.

Refreshments of open - face sandwiches, fruit cake and coffee were served by the hostesses, Miss Jennie Harris, Mrs. Eva Lee, Mrs. Melba Walls and Mrs. Marvin Hunter, Jr.

Mrs. Ernest Kehrer, of Big Spring, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Mary Kehrer, also her brother, Silas Dunlan and family at Belle Plain. Mr. Kehrer, with the Water Service of the T&P, has recently been transferred to the service at Midland and Mrs. Kehrer will join him there.

Mrs. J. R. Price, Mrs. Bob Price and Olin Price have returned to their homes in California after a visit with relatives here. Mrs. Price and Olin Price, accompanied by Tom Price, of Albany, and Eliza Gilliland, visited Haynie Gilliland at Sanatorium. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Windham at Oplin.

Mrs. Hamp Cowan, of Big Spring, is visiting Mrs. V. H. Cowan.

SOCIAL SECURITY PAYMENT TOTAL OVER \$250,000

Abilene, Texas, Dec. 18 — Over a quarter of a million dollars annually is now being paid in sixteen west Texas counties under the retirement and survivors insurance provisions of the Social Security Act. This announcement was made today by Ralph T. Fisher, Manager of the Abilene Social Security Board Field Office, in connection with the observance of the sixth anniversary of the opening of the office.

Approved claims in the sixteen-county area served by the Abilene office total \$23,321.15 monthly, or \$279,853.80 annually. An estimated 14 percent of the claimants have, however, requested that their payments be suspended temporarily; because of employment or for other reasons. The net annual total of monthly payments actually being made is thus approximately \$240,000. In addition to these monthly amounts, lump-sum death payments of some \$16,000 per year are being made.

Monthly payments go to the retired worker after age of 65, with supplementary payments for his children under 18 and for his wife at 65. Survivors payments are made to children under 18, to the widow with such children in her care, to the widow at age 65, and in some cases to dependent parents at age 65. Approximately 65 percent of these payments go to women and children.

Persons wishing help on their claims, or information about their social security accounts, should get in touch with the Abilene Office, located at 205 Alexander Building. The office was opened on December 18, 1939, and since that time has been serving an ever-increasing number of people throughout the sixteen-county area.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Oddfellows and Rebekas will hold their joint Christmas party at IOOF Hall at 7 p. m. December 20, to which they invite all Oddfellows and wives and Rebekas and husbands. A good time is in store for all. There will be an exchange of gifts at the Christmas tree and an appropriate program.

W. S. C. S. PARTY

The W. S. C. S. will have a Christmas party at 3:30 p. m. Monday, December 17, in the basement of the Methodist church. Each member is to bring a gift not exceeding fifty cents in cost. All women of the church are invited to the party.

Lt. and Mrs. John Bookhout of Dallas are visiting Lt. Bookhout's uncle and family, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Ross. Bookhout was discharged December 4 from the Marine Corps. He served with the Motor Transport, Third Amphibian Corps, on Solomons, Guam and Okinawa.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Bains and Mrs. W. C. Huff and daughters, Yvonne and Barbara Ann, of Eastland, visited Miss Lillie Frances Bains.

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GRAY'S STYLE SHOP

A. LEGION AUXILIARY CHRISTMAS PARTY

The American Legion Auxiliary met Monday night, December 10, in the home of Mrs. D. J. Anderson with Mrs. Fred Heyser acting as hostess for a Christmas party.

Each member brought a gift and to obtain gifts had to prepare a stunt of some kind. Various stunts as well as poems and songs were rendered.

Mrs. R. B. Taylor of Putnam gave a lovely Christmas story entitled, "Christmas in Mexico."

Piano and accordion solos were given by Miss Frediyan Cook and Miss Retha Burnan of Putnam.

Refreshments were served from a lovely appointed table to the following members and guests: Mesdames E. O. Brame, Bill Poole, Shrader, Felix Mitchell, Bob Swenson, Oscar Stiffler, Terrell Williams, Ellen McGowen, Ace Hickman, Arthur Johnson, Katie Brown, Opal Pool, Beta Freeland, Warren, Clyde White, Currey, D. J. Anderson, Fred Heyser of Putnam, R. B. Taylor of Putnam, Misses Dort Estes, Reba Anderson, Goley, Johnson, Shrine Henry, Burma Warren, Retha Burnan, and Frediyan Cook of Putnam.

WEDNESDAY CLUB

The Wednesday Club met December 12, with Mrs. W. P. Brightwell. Thirteen women responded to roll call.

Mrs. L. L. Blackburn spoke on "Plans for Equal Educational Advantages for Negroes in Texas," and Miss Eliza Gilliland on "Should Negroes Have Equal Rights?"

The refreshment plates were a delightful array of Christmas goodies. The hostess presided at the tea table in her very aimable manner.

The next meeting is December 19, with Mrs. Lee Alexander, for the Christmas program.

LEGION MEETING WELL ATTENDED

A large crowd attended the American Legion meeting Monday night when plans were discussed for the Post's new building. Definite steps were taken toward the building program and within a short time, it is hoped, that the building will be under construction.

The next meeting will be held in January when members of the Legion and Auxiliary will hold their joint meeting. The Legion is making an effort to compile a list of all Callahan County men who served in the recent war. This list will be used to do honor to our heroes. All who had sons, or fathers, or daughters in the service should hand their names to the Legion that they might be properly listed.

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KEARNEY FREELAND HERE FROM PEARL HARBOR

SK 3-c Kearney Freeland arrived here November 26, on a thirty day furlough after two and one-eighth years in Pearl Harbor. Kearney is a graduate of Baird High School and made his home with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Mitchell during his senior year.

He is visiting his father, P. G. Freeland, who is making his home here since his discharge in June, having three years of service in the Pacific, and his sister, Eudora Freeland, whose home is in Fort Worth. Also visiting many other relatives here. They returned with Miss Freeland to her home in Fort Worth for several days visit. Kearney will report to Dallas December 20 for assignment to stateside duty.

EIGHTH SERVICE COMMAND LEADS IN RECRUITS

DALLAS, TEXAS, NOV. 13—The Eighth Service Command is still leading the entire Army in the current recruiting campaign for soldiers in the Regular Army after enlisting 16.40 percent of men joining the ranks of the Guardians of Victory.

Enlistments in the Southwest jumped to more than 30,000 last week, after former soldiers, discharged since May 12, jammed recruiting stations all over the Service Command on November 20, the last day they could reenlist and keep their former ranks as non-commissioned officers. Stations worked until midnight handling the rush.

This showing has brought a commendation from Lt. General Walter H. Walker, commanding general of the Eighth Service Command, who in a personal letter commended Colonel Robert L. Bacon, director of the milit-

ary personnel procurement division, and all his personnel in the recruiting service.

General Walker and Colonel Bacon have also expressed their appreciation to all citizens of the Southwest who have cooperated to the fullest extent in lending all their efforts to make the campaign a success and keep the United States strong enough to succeed in its efforts to keep the peace throughout the world.

Mr. and Mrs. Rosco Shelnett have just bought the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Ford of Baird.

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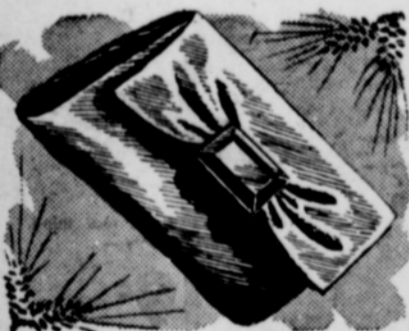
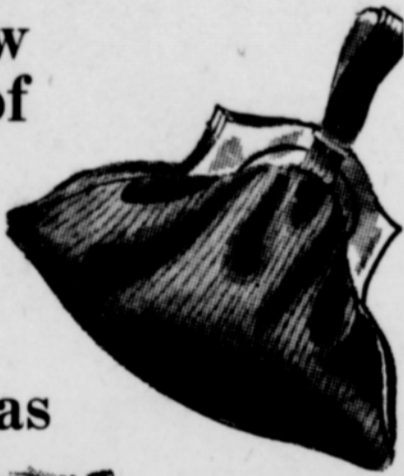
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SWING OF SOUTHWEST FARM MARKETS

Southwest farm products continued very irregular during the first week of December with easiness on vegetables, livestock and poultry fairly well offset by strength on grains, cotton and eggs, according to USDA's Production and Marketing Administration.

Cotton reached a new twenty-year high as strength on Middling and better grades offset the widening discounts on low grades, which comprise a large proportion of this season's small crop. A strong demand boosted sales in ten spot markets to 193,300 bales for the week.

Most grains are at the ceiling

under a strong demand. Strength in wheat is largely the result of the continued tight supply together with anticipation of a good export business. Grain sorghums continue to enjoy a brisk demand. Corn movement in the Midwest has shown some increase but is not yet sufficient to fill trade needs.

Eggs continue strong with offerings light and demand good both in the Southwest and at consuming markets further north. Poultry markets are slightly irregular but generally report heavy offerings and only a fair demand. Prices tend toward the easy side, especially on chickens, with fryers and broilers apparently stronger than hens.

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F. R. LATIMER MADE T. & P. GENERAL AUDITOR

The appointment of F. R. Latimer as General Auditor of the Texas and Pacific Railway Company and its subsidiary companies was announced today by W. G. Vollmer, President.

Upon assuming his new post Mr. Latimer announced the promotions of Mr. H. A. Phillips to the position of Assistant General Auditor and of Mr. W. M. Mooney as Auditor of Passenger Receipts and Station Accounts.

All the above named will have headquarters in Dallas.

Mr. Latimer, a native of Clarendon, Texas, began his railway service with the Texas and Pacific during April 1911 when he joined the road as a cashier at Sweetwater, Texas. Since that time he has served in practically every position in the Accounting Department; voucher distribution clerk, traveling auditor, chief voucher clerk, joint facility examiner, chief clerk to auditor of disbursements general bookkeeper, auditor of disbursements, and assistant auditor. He has been audited since April 1, 1941.

Mr. Phillips started his Texas and Pacific career in Dallas, Texas, during March 1920 as an assistant bookkeeper. His experience since that date has been as assistant general bookkeeper, general accountant, and office assistant to present. Mr. Phillips has held the position of assistant auditor since April 1, 1941. He is a native of Bowling Green, Ohio.

Mr. Mooney, a native of Alabama, has been in the company's employ since December 1919, at which time he entered service in Dallas, Texas, as a clerk.

During his almost thirty-five years of service with the Texas and Pacific, he has held various positions in the accounting department. Mr. Mooney was appointed auditor of passenger receipts on April 25, 1932.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Ross and granddaughter, Ginger Ross, of Marshall, visited Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Ross.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Melton, Sr., of Austin, attended the funeral of Mrs. Melton's brother, Edmund Gunn, Monday. While here, they renewed their subscription to The Star.

Mrs. R. H. Collins and children, Barbara Ann, Collen and Jerry, of Dallas, spent the weekend with Mrs. Collins mother, Mrs. Joe McGowan, and visited Mr. and Mrs. H. A. McGowan, Sr., of Putnam. Mr. McGowan, who was hurt in the oil field, is recovering nicely.

Albert Kehrer has returned to his duties with the T&P Railroad Signal Corps at Stanton, after spending a week with his mother Mrs. Mary Kehrer. He had an operation on his hand also while here.

Cecil West, Sr., who is employed at Crane, arrived Tuesday night to visit his family and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Foy and son, Freddie, returned Tuesday from Snyder where Mr. Foy received medical treatment at the Snyder General Hospital. They visited Mrs. Foy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. West, at Merkel Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Fetterly, Jr., and Mrs. W. A. Fetterly, Sr., attended the Clark-Hatten wedding in Cisco Saturday evening. Miss Reda Ray Clark is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Clark of Cisco, and the groom, Leo Hatten, is of Eastland.

Mrs. Lorena Shelton, of Snyder, was a weekend guest of her sister, Miss Lillie Frances Bains.

NEW WESTERN FILM WITH ROY ROGERS A "MUSICAL ROUND-UP"

Gayest, most exciting of "musical round-ups" is Republic's "Utah," latest starring vehicle for Roy Rogers.

For Rogers fans the picture offers entertainment of the high quality that has made him the country's No. 1 cowboy star. He rides Trigger, sings and outwits the villains with the breezy charm that has earned him the title of King of the Cowboys. In addition there is the comedy supplied by the ace of Western funny-men, George "Gabby" Hayes in another of the roles he enjoys most, that of a cantankerous, well meaning but bungling old rancher. Dale Evans tops the feminine cast and introduces two new songs destined to become hits. Then there's music by the Sons of the Pioneers. Grant Withers turns in an excellent characterization as the heavy, and Peggy Stewart, Beverly Loyd and Jill Browning add to the eye-appeal of the film.

The story revolves around the efforts of a Broadway chorus girl to sell a ranch she owns but has never seen, in an effort to get money with which to back a musical comedy. Rogers and Gabby Hayes manage to convince her of her mistake only after unscrupulous cattlemen have been chased from Utah to Chicago.

The picture introduces a half dozen new Western songs and ballads several of which were written by members of the Pioneers.

John English directed the tune-filled, swiftly-paced picture for Republic with Donald H. Brown as associate producer.

Hospital Notes

Mrs. Curtis Browning, Clyde, a surgical patient, is reported some better at this writing. Although her condition is critical, Mr. Browning and her sister, Mrs. J. B. Tomerlin, of Eldorado, are constantly at her bedside.

Johnny West, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom West, is a medical patient since the 11th.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Weed are happy parents of another daughter born the 11th. Her name is Lois Ann and she weighs 8 pounds 12 ounces. Both babe and mother are doing nicely.

J. S. Gamble is improving slowly.

W. J. West is getting along nicely.

Miss Ruby Mae Atwood was admitted the 6th as a medical patient. She is much better and plans to return to her home at an early date.

Mrs. N. E. McGee, Clyde, is getting along just fine.

Little James Emmett Lovell, Clyde, was a medical patient for one day recently.

Mrs. R. H. Barr was dismissed the 9th, feeling much better.

Mrs. Patsy Dugan, Clyde, underwent tonsillectomy the 11th and the last report was doing nicely.

Floyd Wood entered the hospital for medical treatment the 11th. Tom Williams is improving slowly.

Boyd Gillespie is a medical patient and getting along just fine.

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TRUMANS TO SPEND YULE IN MISSOURI

WASHINGTON — It'll be Christmas at home for the Truman family.

The President announced on Wednesday he would have Christmas dinner at Independence, Mo., with Mrs. Truman and their daughter, Margaret.

Mrs. Truman and Miss Truman will leave Washington for Independence next week. The President will fly from the capital Christmas morning.

TOM CONWAY PLAYS AMNESIA VICTIM

The story of a man who believes himself to be a murderer is vividly told in RKO Radio's new mystery thriller, "Two O'Clock Courage," with Tom Conway and Ann Rutherford in the leading roles.

Conway has the role of The Man, an amnesia victim. Miss Rutherford plays a girl taxi driver who nearly runs The Man down when she comes upon him reeling about the street. She becomes interested in him and tries to help him establish his identity.

Tom Conway, in a radical departure from his role of dashing debonair The Falcon, gives a sympathetic performance as the troubled amnesia victim. Heading the competent supporting cast are Richard Lane, Jean Brooks and Bettejane Greer.

This is one of the many pictures sent to the Armed Forces, as a gift from the Motion Picture Industry.

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SHERIFF PETTERSON WARNS OF CHECK THIEVES, FORGERS

Sheriff W. A. Petterson stated today that the U. S. Secret Service had requested his cooperation in warning businessmen to be on the lookout for check thieves and forgers, who usually become very active during the rush of business of the pre-holiday shopping season.

"Merchants should talk this over with their employees now," Sheriff Petterson said. "All clerks and cashiers should be cautioned to be even more careful than usual in accepting either Government or commercial checks from strangers. No check should be accepted from any stranger unless properly identified."

Mr. Petterson referred to the campaign to prevent check forgery which has been conducted for the past several years by the U. S. Secret Service, Treasury Department, and Police departments throughout the country. According to Chief Frank J. Wilson of the U. S. Secret Service even though the number of forged checks have increased, due to the great number of checks being issued, crime prevention methods have reduced the actual rate of forgeries from 99 per million in 1939 to 38 per million at the present time. This could not have been accomplished without the full cooperation of the police departments throughout the country.

These departments, through their efforts, have obtained cooperation from many merchants. "Many juveniles from 12 to 17 years of age have stolen, forged and cashed Government and commercial checks," said Mr. Petterson, "just because some merchants have not asked for positive identification. When a merchant accepts a check from a juvenile, with out requiring proper identification, and the check turns out to be forgery," continued Mr. Petterson, "then that merchant is contributing to the delinquency of the juvenile."

The following precautions should always be observed by business houses which cash checks for customers:

1. When any stranger asks you to cash a check, insist that he properly identify himself as the rightful payee of that check. DO NOT accept a Social Security card as a means of identification.
2. Insist that the check be endorsed in your presence. If it is endorsed when presented to you, have it endorsed again.
3. Before you accept any check ask yourself this question: "If this check is returned to me because the endorsement is forged, can I locate the forger and recover my money?"
4. Have each check initialed by the employee who pays out money for it and also have the employee make a notation on the check of the identification given by the person presenting the check.

Mr. Petterson said that if the Secret Service crime prevention rule and slogan "KNOW YOUR ENDORSER - REQUIRE IDENTIFICATION" is followed by merchants that they would not be victimized, but that if they do not know the endorser and do not require proper identification - "Well it's their money."

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Walker were called to Gustin Saturday, December 1, to attend the funeral of their niece, Mrs. J. D. Walker.

Pickard Wagner, S2-c, USNR, spent Thanksgiving with his mother, Mrs. Annie Wagner. He returned to Great Lakes for reassignment and will be enroute to Brooklyn, N. Y., for transport duty.

Randall M. Watson, First Class petty officer, U. S. N. R., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Watson of Clyde, has arrived at Camp Wallace separation center, to receive his discharge from the service. Watson has served overseas the past year with the 30th Construction Battalion; he was on Okinawa and other islands of the Pacific. His wife and son, James Randall, have remained at their home in Dallas while he was away.

Lower Clear Fork SCS supervisors have added five more district cooperators to the growing list by approving coordinated soil and water conservation plans on 4,689 acres covering the farms and ranches of Ed Ford, just west of Possum Kingdom lake, A. N. Bradford, Lacasa community, J. E. Browning, Baird; J. H. Sedwick, Albany; and S. H. Brooks, near Moran.

T. Sgt. L. F. Coffman, son of Mrs. R. A. Coffman, has just arrived in the states and has talked by phone with his mother. He has been in service five years and in India the past six months with the Army Air ground force. His wife, the former Billie Wright of Girard, is now in the Jayton hospital where her baby son was born December 7. They also have a little girl, Lola Grace. Coffman will go to Jayton Wednesday. He will visit here later with his mother and sister, Mrs. John L. Estes.

U. S. ARMY RECRUITING OFFICE IN EASTLAND COURTHOUSE

It is announced that a U. S. Army Recruiting Office will open on the third floor of the Eastland Courthouse on the 10 of this month for men who wish to enlist or re-enlist in the regular Army. This area now covered by the Brownwood Recruiting Office will be under the new office and will be more conveniently located for men in this area enlisted in the Army. All men between the ages of 17 and 35 are eligible for enlisting. Many benefits are offered men enlisting now and especially those re-enlisting within 20 days of their discharge in that they may retain the rating which they held at the time of their discharge.

The area of this new office will include Shackelford, Stephens, Callahan and Eastland counties. The hours open will be from 8:30 A. M. to 5:30 P. M. daily except on Sundays.

CANADA LIMITS MEAT

OTTAWA—Because of continuing shipments to Great Britain, the Canadian government will extend meat and butter rationing for some time, it was announced here following American action lifting subsidies from these items. Individual meat rations in Canada are two pounds a week, while butter is rationed at the rate of a half pound per person per week.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to everyone who was so kind and thoughtful in our bereavement in the loss of our mother, Mrs. J. A. Tunnell. Your words of sympathy and the lovely flowers were a great consolation to us.

Mrs. M. E. Howton.
Mrs. Sarah Magill.
Mrs. I. R. Keele.
J. P. Tunnell.

HUMBLE COMPANY HAS NO WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE

Humble Oil & Refining Company has no representative at the meeting today in Washington of the panel of three appointed by the Secretary of Labor to investigate disputes relating to wages at oil refineries recently seized by the Navy. Mr. H. C. Wiess, President of the Company, stated that although invited the Company has no representative at the meeting because at this time it has no operations involved in the invitation is as follows:

"Reurtel November twenty-nine. Our only plant involved in seizure by Navy was Ingleside with four hundred-twenty employees. This plant was primarily a Government-owned plant for manufacture of butadiene used for making rubber. The oil refining operations at the plant were incidental to the operation of the butadiene plant. After seizure by the Navy Reconstruction Finance Corporation acting for the Government cancelled the contract for operation of the butadiene plant. This resulted in complete and permanent closing of Ingleside plant. No operations are now being carried on at the plant and many employees have been transferred to other operations. The forty-hour work week has been resumed in all other Company operations after agreements with the individual bargaining agencies representing the employees in each appropriate bargaining unit. In view of this situation, we see no reason for us to attend the December four meeting and accordingly will not have a representative present."

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Reed moved to Abilene Monday, and will make their home at 1833 University Place.

R. CORN ENROUTE HOME

Corporal Raymond C. Corn, of Baird, Texas, has left Japan, to return home under the Army Demobilization Program after serving eighteen months in the Pacific.

The veteran infantryman, holder of the Purple Heart, saw action with the famous Infantry Regiment at New Guinea, Biak, Corregidor, Leyte, Luzon and Mindanao. At the time of his departure Corporal Corn was enroute in occupation duties on Shikoku, where the 24th Division landed after 18 months of combat highlighted by its spearheading the invasion of Leyte and the conquest of the Imperial Army's crack troops in the 78-day struggle. Corporal Corns regiment has been cited for its outstanding performance in the Philippine campaign and fought at Bataan and Corregidor to become the first American forces to return to the historic battlefields.

Corporal Corn, son of Mr. G. H. Corn, of Box 973, has been in the army three years. He wears the Combat Infantry Badge, the Asiatic - Pacific and Philippine Liberation campaign ribbons with three battle stars and Bronze Arrowhead, the Good Conduct Medal and the Presidential Citation.

CALLAHAN MEN DISCHARGED

DALLAS, TEXAS—The following Callahan County men have been honorably discharged from the United States Navy: Ray R. McClain, 21, Boatswain's Mate 3-c, Route 2, Baird. Graford Nolan Rogers, 26, Aviation Machinist's Mate 1-c, General Delivery, Baird. Dock Westley Havener, Ship's Cook 2-c, Box 672, Cross Plains.

Mrs. Corn Work, Miss Pencie Work and Bill Work, of Abilene, left Thursday of last week to visit in Kountze.

FREIGHT CAR ORDERS SHOW RAIL TREND

Continuing strides by railroads to meet future transportation needs were reported this week as a survey showed that Class I roads have boosted their car orders by 7500 over figures for this time last year.

As of November 1, it was announced by the Association of American Railroads, orders called for 37,908 new freight cars, as compared with 30,408 for the same date in 1944. Roads also have 520 locomotives on order, as compared with 519 in 1944.

Mrs. F. P. Yell from Strawn visited her sister, Mrs. S. C. Walker, the past week.

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By food a tragic example, history teaches us that when food supplies fail, nations fall. We of America must see to it that our agriculture becomes always a stronger, surer base for the economy of our nation. This is a task not only for you as producers but also for us who, by providing nationwide facilities and services, bridge the gap which separates farmers and ranchers from the distant consumers who must have their products.

And because our business is so closely linked with the land, we at Swift & Company are vitally interested in all developments that help agriculture. And so in these Swift pages we publish helpful information, knowing that a prosperous agriculture is essential to the livestock and meat industry—and to the prosperity of the nation as a whole.

John Holmes
President, Swift & Company

Soda Bill Sez:
... generally we should learn two things from life—what to do and what not to do.
... if work is a pleasure, a man sure can have a lot of fun farming.

OUR LIVESTOCK JUDGING METHODS

By R. G. JOHNSON
Head, Department of Animal Husbandry, Oregon State College

Domestic animals are machines for converting plant material into meat, fibers, and other human needs. Competition forces the modern farmer to evaluate efficiency in terms of tons or bushels per acre, dairy production in pounds of butterfat per cow per year, and poultry results in number of eggs per year. Thus, since the basic resource is feed and not animals, shouldn't livestock producers evaluate breeding stock on the basis of meat or of wool their offspring produces per 100 pounds of feed consumed?

The show ring standards for judging animals by external appearance have given us advancement up to a certain point, but breeding for the show ring does not always lead to efficient feed utilization.

A step in the right direction is the increasing use of proved sires. Today, through use of artificial insemination, the purebred breeder is greatly assisted in the establishment and increase of efficient blood lines.

"Tomorrow's 'yardstick'" will not only be bigger yields per acre but also more pounds of meat and fiber per ton of feed.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW? How many of the amino acids essential to health are found in meat?
What governs the price of livestock?
In what dessert is meat an important ingredient?



Answers to these questions may be found in the various articles which are printed elsewhere on this page.

THE EDITOR'S COLUMN

A smart steer on range goes to where the forage is best. A smart livestock producer sells where the market is best. There are many sources of information to help him decide where that best market may be. Radio networks and nearby stations report daily on receipts and prices at central and local markets. Commission houses and their field men are ready to give personal advice on the best time and place to sell. Newspapers publish detailed descriptions of market conditions. Various timely reports are available from the U. S. D. A. and other impartial sources on trends and developments in the livestock-and-meat industry.

In making their bids, livestock buyers also use current market information. Acceptance of any price offered is entirely up to the producer or his sales agent. Meat packing plants and their buyers are located at so many widespread points that if a producer is not satisfied with prices offered by any one buyer, he has a choice of several others to which he may sell his animals.

Moreover, with 3,500 meat packing plants and 26,000 other concerns and individuals who slaughter livestock commercially, there is bound to be keen competitive bidding for your livestock. Barring meat rationing and price ceilings, livestock prices are governed by what the packer can get for the meat and by-products.

F. M. Simpson,
Agricultural Research Department

Swift & Company wishes all the readers of this page
A MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR

"AMINOS" ARE IMPORTANT TO YOU! From the nutrition research laboratories comes the story of amino acids, mysterious substances found in the proteins we eat. Aminos are used by our bodies to build and rebuild our tissues, organs, and blood. They also help fight off infections.

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Swift and other meat packers, through The American Meat Institute, are telling this vital story of meat and its health-building aminos in many millions of advertising messages. As people read this story, there will be wider markets for meat—and the livestock you produce.

Martha Logan's Recipe for MINCEMEAT

- Yield: 4 quarts
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| 1 pound cooked beef shank, chuck, or neck meat | 1 1/2 pounds brown sugar |
| 1 cup meat stock | 1 quart cider |
| 1/2 pound suet | 2 teaspoons salt |
| 4 pounds apples | 2 teaspoons nutmeg |
| 1/2 pound currants | 3 teaspoons cloves |
| 1 pound seeded raisins | 5 tablespoons lemon juice |

Pare, core, and chop apples. Chop together currants and raisins. Add apples, sugar, cider, and meat stock. Cook about 5 minutes. Grind meat and suet. Add with seasonings to apple mixture. Simmer 1 hour, stirring frequently to prevent burning. Add lemon juice.
This mincemeat may be made ahead of time and canned for use throughout the holiday season.

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SORGHUMS ON INCREASE AS CATTLE FEED

By A. D. WEBER
Head, Department of Animal Husbandry, Kansas State College

Proof that the new combine-type grain sorghums, Midland milo and Westland milo are the equal of corn as cattle feed, which was demonstrated recently at the Fort Hays Branch of the Kansas Agricultural Experiment Station, will interest feeders who fatten cattle in the Southwest.

Yearling steers fed these two new grains for 150 days gained 2 1/2 pounds per head daily. This was equal to results gained by feeding yearling steers No. 2 corn over a like period. The steers in each lot graded the same (choice), and sold at the same price (\$17.00 per cwt.). All grains were fed at the rate of 13 pounds per head daily. Each ration included sweet sorghum silage, 37 pounds; cottonseed meal, 1 1/2 pounds, and finely ground limestone, 1-10 pound.

Three similar feeding trials also proved conclusively that the new combine-type grain sorghums compare favorably with corn as cattle fattening feed—Wheatland milo, Colby milo and Westland milo being tested in these trials.

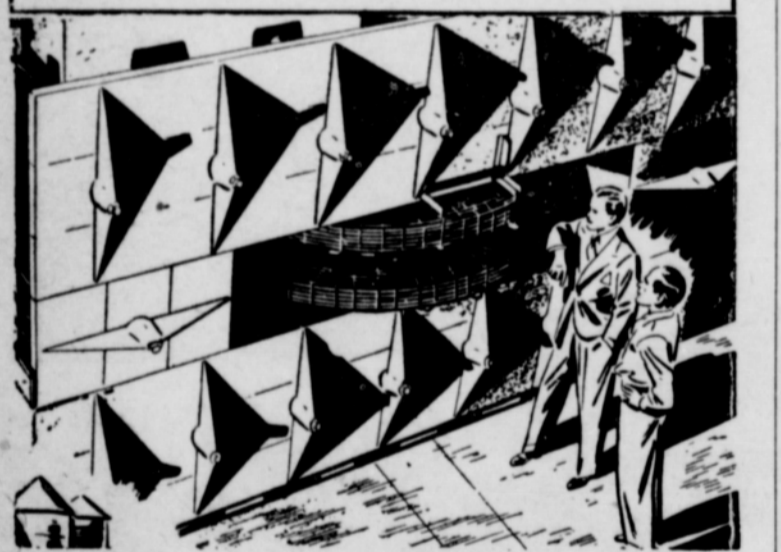
Increasing use of native feed grains, such as these new type grain sorghums, will greatly benefit the stability and prosperity of this agricultural region.

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HIGHEST FOOD COSTS IN 15 YEARS SEEN

WASHINGTON—The highest rise in the cost of living since 1939 was forecast here this week for 1946 as the Office of Price Administration studied the anticipated effects of removal of food subsidies and lifting of price ceilings within six months.

Reversing an earlier opinion by three agencies that costs would go down, the OPA and Department of Agriculture agreed that end of government controls will increase the nation's food bill more than \$2,000,000,000 for the year.

Translating into average family terms, this will mean a \$15 increase per person for the year. Government economists said. Chief increases will be felt in the prices of meats, bread, butter, milk, canned vegetables, cheese, dried fruit, and other staple commodities, he predicted.

Conjecture followed government announcement that food price subsidies will be removed gradually between December and June 30, 1946. OPA and Department of Agriculture representatives said that the rise is "unpreventable" unless Congress takes steps to place subsidies back on the major commodities.

Effects of government action last week in ending rationing on

meats, fats, and oil were also being studied and informed trade sources had agreed that this would not mean an immediate increase in the amount of butter and higher grade meats available for consumers. Russell Fifer, executive secretary of the American Butter Institute, said that removal of rationing came at the lowest production level of the year.

NEW BOOKS AT THE COUNTY LIBRARY

Recently purchased books at the County Library include these: The Black Rose, Thomas Costain; The Peacock Sheds His Tail, A. T. Hobart; The River Road, Frances P. Keyes; The Gauntlet, James Street; The World, The Flesh and Father Smith, Bruce Marshall; Officially Dead, Quentin Reynolds; Your Kids and Mine, Joe E. Brown; The Sound of the Trumpet, Grace L. Hill; The Heart Remembers, Faith Baldwin; Prairie Guns, E. E. Halleran; Pathway to Paradise, Maysie Grieg; Wildcat 13, Tom Gill; Saint's Getaway, Leslie Charteris; This Man Truman, McNaughton; The Haunted Bridge, Carolyn Keene; The Quest of the Missing Map, Keene; A Yankee Flier in Italy, Al Avery; A Yankee Flier Over Berlin, Avery.

HUMBLE PURCHASES T. P. COAL AND OIL CO.

The sale by Texas Pacific Coal and Oil Company of its marketing properties in Central West Texas to Humble Oil and Refining Company was announced jointly today by Humble and T. P. officials. Before T. P. officials approached Humble for the purchase of these properties, the T. P. Board of Directors had definitely decided to go out of the business of marketing petroleum products.

Roy M. Naugle, Sales Manager for T. P., will join the Sales Department of Humble, the announcement said. Mr. Naugle, who is well and favorably known in oil circles in this area, has seventeen years of service with T. P. Coal and Oil Company and for the past ten years has been Sales Manager, with headquarters at Fort Worth.

The sale involved 17 bulk stations, six sub-bulk agencies, 28 service stations, and dispensing equipment and storage tanks at 139 other retail outlets operated by contract dealers and similar equipment at an unspecified number of consumer locations.

Total consideration involved in the transaction including stocks and equipment was announced as being approximately \$400,000.

Territory in which the Texas Pacific marketing facilities are located covers broadly from Dallas west to Big Spring and Decatur on the north to Hamilton and Brownwood on the south. Bulk stations are located at Abilene, Big Spring, Breckenridge, Brownwood, Comanche, Dallas, De Leon, Eastland, Hamilton, Hillsboro, Mineral Wells, San Angelo, Snyder, Stephenville, Sweetwater, and Winters.

Fifteen of the 28 service station outlets involved in the sale are located in the city of Fort Worth. Single stations are located in Abilene, Big Spring, Snyder, Breckenridge, and San Angelo; two stations are located in each of the towns of Hillsboro, Eastland, Mineral Wells, and Stephenville.

FRUIT TREE PLANTING TIME IS ALMOST HERE!
Don't forget to order your nursery stock right away for the new orchards or replacements in the old orchard. Nursery stock is scarce. Order now for early delivery when you will want to set them out.

In replacing trees in the old orchard with new ones, replace not only the old tree but the old soil that supported the tree with new, rich, sandy leaf mold to prevent possible disease attack that may have caused the old trees to "pass out."

Examine nursery stock as soon as received. If it has knots or "head-like" growths on the roots, don't accept it. Keep the roots moist and protected from heat. If it is necessary to hold them for several days before planting, trench or "heel in" and keep watered.

FIRE DAMAGES WIRE FENCING
Even a small grass fire striking galvanized wire fencing will destroy the thin protecting film of zinc and do more damage than several years of use.

SAFETY
Only the safety shields that are used will prevent accidents on farm machinery.

ROBERT L. SHULTS
Co. Agri. Agent

FARM FACTS

Cut cotton stalks immediately after harvest to cut weevil damage the following year.

Every milk cow should have all the home-grown grazing and hay she will eat and should be fed concentrates in proportion to her production.

Any part of the farm or home garden not being used to grow winter vegetables should be sown in a cover to prevent erosion and to add organic matter to the soil.

Lives are still rationed—one to each person. Accidents on farms and in farm homes take an annual toll of 3500 lives.

Aluminum once intended for airplane construction will soon be available for roofing. Some is already being moved through the Consumers Cooperatives Association, Amarillo.

If you're buying nursery stock this fall, examine the roots before you accept it. Don't accept stock with knots or bead-like growths on the roots.

Chrysanthemums will grow in any soil that grows vegetables. They should be planted in the spring.

Texas' pecan crop in 1943 was only 19 million pounds harvested in 1944.

Butter made in the summer usually contains more Vitamins A than winter butter.

The REA uses about three million line poles every year.

Enough eggs are being produced for every person in the nation to eat between 390 and 400 this year.

In Latin American countries roasted pumpkin seed are sold at peddler's stands must as roasted peanuts are sold in this country.

One difference between the past and the future is that we take our hats off to the past, but remove our coats for the future.

ROBERT L. SHULTS
Co. Agri. Agent

ALAN LADD ONCE STUDIO PROP MAN

Alan Ladd, handsome young screen star, was a laborer in a film studio before he got a chance to act in front of the cameras!

Ladd blasted his way from obscurity with his sensational role of the killer in "This Gun for Hire." Paramount adventure thriller with Ladd, Veronica Lake and Preston Foster.

Ambitious to become a film actor, but unable to obtain a role, Ladd got a job as a laborer at Universal Studios, just to get past the studio gates. For about two years most of his work consisted of rigging up scaffolding in the rafters for the lights. But never once was he able to get in front of a cranking camera.

The two years of steady work, however, did give him enough money to study at an outstanding school of acting. Finally he quit his studio labors when a Los Angeles radio station gave him a chance to act. He was the station's only stock actor and played every conceivable kind of role. It was valuable experience.

Sue Carol, the former screen star, watched him perform one day and realized his screen potentialities. Miss Carol, who turned actor's agent, brought him to the attention of Hollywood film moguls who were mightily impressed.

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COWBOY CHRISTMAS BALL SET FOR DEC. 20, 21, 22

ANSON, TEXAS, Dec. 11—Commemorating the Historic Square Dance given in the Star Hotel at Anson in 1885, the eleventh annual Cowboys' Christmas Ball will be staged at Pioneer Hall in Anson on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Monday nights, December 20, 21, 22, and 24, beginning at 8:00 and closing at 12:00 each evening.

As has always been the custom, the Ball will be conducted according to historic records, particularly as described in the famous ballad written by Larry Chittenden after witnessing the original Ball.

This historic occasion always draws a large and enthusiastic crowd from all parts of the United States, and an even larger gathering is expected this year now that transportation problems have been lessened by the close of the War and release of gasoline.

WORK TO START ON SANDEFER MEMORIAL

Abilene, Texas — Dirt is to be broken for the Sandefer Memorial Library first, of the structures called for in the Greater Hardin-Simmons university million dollar building program, as soon as the architects drawings can be completed and a contract awarded. Announcement of the speeding up of plans to get actual construction underway was made by O. D. Dillingham and W. P. Wright, co-chairmen of the execution committee for the development program.

Drawings for the revised two-unit building which is to be erected in memory of Dr. J. D. Sandefer president of the school for over thirty years, are being made by the firm of David S. Castle, of Abilene. The board announced that Mr. Castle was recently retained as architect for the memorial building.

To be erected in the center of Hickory street, main driveway through the campus, on one of the highest points on the 40 acres, the Sandefer Memorial is being redesigned as a two-unit building which will house the library and administrative offices. The cost is to be at least \$250,000 and the fund for its erection was recently completed by a \$25,000 gift from Mr. Dillingham.

Early completion of Behrens Chapel, university auditorium, was also assured by another gift of \$25,000 from Mrs. W. J. Behrens of Abilene, announced at the same time as the Dillingham donation.

Mrs. Ada Uzzell and Mrs. Maria Leache spent the weekend in Fort Worth and Waxahachie.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this means of expressing our thanks to all our dear friends for their sympathy and deeds of kindness when we brought the body of our loved one Edmund Gunn, back to the old home for burial. To the ladies who furnished the dinner and for the floral offerings, we express our thanks. May God's richest blessings be with each of you.

The Gunn Family.

Sgt. Lewis Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Parker, was discharged December 5 at Ft. Douglas, Utah. Parker served nine months in Guam with the 16 Bomb Gp.

Lt. H. N. Hensley stopped at Baird Friday, enroute to Midland, his home, and also visited his father, W. T. Hensley, in Ft. Worth. Lt. Hensley arrived in Miami, Fla., September 28, after six months with the Air Transport Command, in South America. He trained at Waco and was stationed at George Field, Laurenceville Ill., before overseas duty. He is a graduate of Baird high school and attended McMurry College in Abilene.

Pfc. George Walls arrived home December 10 from Fort Ord, Cal., to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Walls. George will report January 4 at Fort Sam Houston.

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THE SPIRIT AND THE BRIDE

John says, "The Spirit and the bride say, Come" (Rev. 22:17). The bride is the church. It invites men to come. What does it invite men to come to? Evidently it invites men to come to Christ. But how do men know when they have come to Christ? Paul says, "Wherefore, if any man be in Christ he is a new creature; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new" (2 Cor. 5:17). Where does all this take place? Paul says it is in Christ. And to be in Christ is to be in the church. No one can be in Christ without being in the church, and no one can be in the church without being in Christ.

Christ invites men to come. The Spirit invites men to come. The bride or church invites men to come. Do they invite men to come to three different things, or do all three invite men to come to one thing? Christ is not here in person. The Spirit is not here in person, but the church is here to represent both.

The Spirit and the bride act together, not separately—not two invitations, but one. Men are not converted at one time by the Spirit, then enter the church at another time. Men do not find the Holy Spirit out in the world, but in Christ's body or the church.

This invitation of the bride and Spirit is to everybody—"whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Figuratively speaking, the water of life, is something to drink. Many use religion only on the outside. It does not satisfy thirst to rub water on the outside.

The Bible lays stress on what man must do to be saved. God made water, but he does not drink it for us. He made the plan of salvation, but he does not obey it for us. The only way to

satisfy thirst is to take water for ourselves. The only way to be saved is to obey the gospel for ourselves. It does not take glory away from God for us to save ourselves by obeying his will. Rather, God is glorified by our doing what he commands us to do.—W. M. Davis.

Address communications to Lloyd Connel, Church of Christ, Baird, Texas. (Paid Adv.)

Tecumseh Topics

Tersely Told, Typographically Tened, and Tolerably True. By Mrs. Dolph Hodges

Capt. and Mrs. Jack W. Chapman and son, J. W., visited in the homes of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Hodges at Dudley and Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Chapman, at View, Capt. Chapman, a veteran of the Pacific for a year, is home on a forty day leave.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Crawford are visiting his father, Levi Crawford. Edgar is receiving his discharge at Fort Sam Houston this week.

Pvt. Billie Betcher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Betcher, of Dudley, is stationed at Korea now, according to a letter received recently.

Arland Barton is home on discharge, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Barton.

Mr. and Mrs. Jud Morgan have been visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Atchley. Jud has just been discharged from the Army, after a year's service in ETO. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Morgan, of Baird.

Mr. and Mrs. Scrum, of Abilene were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Whitley.

Mrs. L. Scott, who has been confined to her bed several weeks, is improving slowly.

Major A. B. Leache phoned his mother, Mrs. Maria Leache, from San Francisco, Calif. that he had landed at five o'clock, December 11, after 18 months in the Pacific He was with the 96 Infantry on Okinawa. His mother plans to meet him in Fort Worth.

Oplin Observations

Odd and Ends Opportunely Offered in Open Order. By Miss Georgia Dean McBride

John Roberson has returned to San Antonio, after staying in Oplin, helping harvest peanuts. Earl Durham, who has been in the Navy for several months, is home with a discharge. He is with his wife and daughter.

Jack Hancock is home with a discharge. He is also with his wife and daughter. They are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charleyk Straley.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Irby heard from their son, Terry Jr. He is now in Korea, and is doing fine. A long-time resident of Oplin, Sam McWhorter, passed away Friday at Coleman.

Mrs. Nettie Roberson hasn't heard from her son, Slick Pruitt in some time. He has been stationed in Hawaii.

Mrs. Dee Peavy talked to her son, Earl Johnson in California. He was doing fine and had received his discharge.

Lawrence Reid, son of Mrs. Lela Reid, is now stationed in Japan. He is doing fine.

Mrs. J. L. Lambert, who has been ill for some time, is back at the Coleman hospital. Mr. Lambert is improving. He has also been ill for several days.

Mrs. Henry Settles has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Harville.

Mrs. Joe Warren, of Baird, is visiting her folks during the week-end.

Mrs. C. B. McBride visited with her son, Sam McBride and family, and daughter Mrs. Pearl Mitchell and children, of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Turner, of Baird, have moved back to Oplin, after living in Baird for two or three years.

Mr. and Mrs. Ace Hickman received a cablegram Saturday from their daughter, Lt. Beatrice Hickman, saying she had been assigned to 165 General Hospital. Lt. Hickman, who has served fourteen months in E. T. O., wrote her parents from Rouen, France, November 20.

Putnam Putterings

Pertinent Pointers Purposely Prepared to Please and Perplex People. By Miss La Verne Rutherford

Mr. and Mrs. James King and family of Ft. Worth spent the weekend in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pete King.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Culwell have returned home from a visit with their daughter, Mrs. Buford and family.

Billy Manning S 2-c was visiting one day the past week with his aunt, Mrs. H. H. Black, and family.

George Biggerstaff and Everett Williams were in Burkett Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sunderman are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Sunderman.

Sam Windham, of Burkett, was looking at cattle in the vicinity of Putnam Friday.

Jack Everett of the Marines is visiting with his wife and other relatives.

Dering Free visited friends in Breckenridge over the weekend.

Coly Maynard, who is in the Army, arrived last week to spend several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Maynard.

Mrs. M. H. Cook returned to her home in Putnam Friday after visiting with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Cook, and family of Abilene.

Junior Taton S 2-c arrived home Saturday night to spend his leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mabry Taton, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Cook of Abilene were visiting friends and relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gilbert of Rotan were guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Rutherford Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Harper of Oklahoma are visiting with Mrs. Harper's mother, Mrs. Ella Cunningham.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gilbert and Mrs. B. E. Rutherford attended the wedding Saturday night in Cisco of their niece, Miss Reda Clark, and Lt. Leo Hatter.

Mrs. Earl Jobe was called to Oplin one day the past week because of the serious illness of her father, Mr. McWhorter, who passed away Thursday afternoon.

Those spending the day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Clark Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. John Gilbert of Rotan, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Rutherford, Charles, Clint and Betty Jo.

Edward King of Ft. Worth spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete King.

Mr. Lee Adams and son, Robert Lee, enroute home to Dallas from Midland, stopped for a visit Friday with Mr. and Mrs. George Biggerstaff.

Misses Artie Cook and John Ills Clark spent the weekend in Abilene visiting friends and relatives.

TECHNICOLOR IS TOPS IN NEW M-G-M MUSICAL

Technicolor at its best highlights Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's colorful production of "Thrill of a Romance," which stars Van Johnson and Esther Williams at the Plaza Theatre.

With beautiful Yosemite National Park as background for many of the scenes, "Thrill of a Romance" produces a new thrill in color photography. The entire cast, including Johnson, Miss Williams and Metropolitan Opera star Lauritz Melchior, spent a week at Yosemite for scenes in the Redwoods and at various scenic points of the beautiful valley.

Cameraman Harry Stradling took every advantage of his setting and Producer Joseph Pasternak believes Yosemite has rarely been so beautifully photographed.

Colorful swimming sequences featuring comely Esther Williams also highlight "Thrill of a Romance." The pool set was one of the largest ever constructed at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer for a Technicolor film. It was approximately 200 feet by 300 feet and covered the entire Stage 30 as M-G-M, which is one of the largest sound stages in the world.

The set is centered by a winding turquoise pool some 35 by 65 feet in size and the background was formed by more than 450 running feet of backdrops, 40 feet in height. No detail was overlooked to create an authentic and beautiful resort. Even the sand surrounding the pool was especially cleaned and dyed for the Technicolor camera.

Irene, executive designer at M-G-M, created for Miss Williams and Frances Gifford bathing suits, playsuits, slacks, beach robes and formal attire especially suitable for the Technicolor camera.

TRADE COUNCIL WARNS AGAINST SUGAR RUST

With sugar the only major commodity still on the point system, business leaders this week were studying means of insuring the best volume of sugar importations from Cuba without damaging this market from the export point of view.

A warning against an opportunistic attitude in the race for sugar supplies was voiced by the Cuban committee of the National Foreign Trade Council, which said:

"A review of our sugar history will establish the close connection between that trade interest and America's paramount consumer interest in developing and maintaining an adequate and dependable supply of this essential food."

Recently predictions from various sources pointed to a new low for sugar supplies during the coming winter and indicated that rationing may continue into 1948.

CAROL MAE GROOM BRIDE OF LT. MORRIS EASTHAM

Miss Carol Mae Groom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Groom, 758 East Limberlost drive, Tucson, Ariz., exchanged wedding vows with Lt. Morris C. Eastham, son of Mrs. Sallie Eastham, of Dallas, in nuptials, read Saturday afternoon, Nov. 24, in St. Philip's-in-the-Hill church in Tucson, by Rev. George Ferguson. The altar was arranged with baskets of yellow chrysanthemums.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore an oyster white slipper satin gown fashioned with a sweetheart neckline, fitted sleeves, and a full skirt. The fingertip veil was caught with a crown of seed pearls. She carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums and wore a diamond lavalier belonging to her mother.

Mrs. Marvin Kersten, the brides sister, was matron of honor. She wore a white net gown with brocade top and a shoulder-length veil and plume in her hair. Her bouquet was of bronze 'mums. The bridesmaid was Miss Agnes Eastham, sister of the bridegroom. Her dress was of blue net with a slipper satin top, with matching headdress. She carried yellow 'mums.

The two flower girls were Marilyn Groom, sister of the bride, and Jean Brunn. Little Miss Groom wore a dress of orchid and Miss Brunn, yellow. Each wore matching shoulder length veils, and carried a basket of 'mums.

Capt. Joseph Norris was best man, and the usher was Lt. Robert McCormick.

Mrs. Groom wore a frock of pearl gray with black accessories and Mrs. Eastham, the bridegroom's mother, chose an aqua dress with black accessories. Each wore an orchid corsage.

A dinner was served at the Santa Rita hotel, followed by a reception.

The couple left for Dallas, Tex., on their honeymoon, and when they return here they will manage the Gun Shop.

Out-of-town guests included the bridegroom's mother and sister of Dallas, Capt. and Mrs. Norris of Lincoln, Neb., and Lt. McCormick of Riverside, Calif., and Mrs. Karsten of Milwaukee, Wis.

The bride attended schools in West Bend and Milwaukee, as well as Tuscon high school. The bridegroom, who attended Baird school was discharged recently, after serving 18 months overseas.

L. M. TYLER ON U. S. S. BARNSTABLE

L. M. Tyler, electrician's mate, second class, USNR, Route 1, Baird, Texas, served during the war on the attack transport USS BARNSTABLE which saw action from Guadalcanal to Japan, and which is engaged at the present time in serving with the "Magic Carpet" fleet, helping to return high-point veterans to the States.

More than 250 aircraft carriers, battleships, cruisers and transports have been assigned to the "Magic Carpet" fleet, which is picking up prospective discharges from various points in the Pacific.

The BARNSTABLE while assigned to occupation tasks made two runs to Japan from September 20 to November 1, the first from Lingayen Gulf, in the Philippines, to Wakayama, Honshu, and the second from Mindanao, Philippines, to Hiro Wan in the Kure area of Honshu.

W. V. Roberts, of Rowden, visited The Star editor Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Roberts, of Little Rock, have been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Roberts, at Rowden, for the past ten days. They were to visit his sister, Mrs. G. R. White, of Pryor Okla., after leaving here Monday.

ACTION, THRILLS ROMANCE AND CLARK GABLE TOO!

Spectacle . . . thrills . . . romance — and Gable, too!

That's Jack London's "Call of the Wild," the greatest outdoor drama of all time, which stars Clark Gable, with Loretta Young and Jack Oakie, at the Plaza Theatre, Sunday and Monday.

"Call of the Wild," released through 20th Century-Fox, and directed by William Wellman, who is famous for his long list of action hits, was filmed from the greatest and most widely-read of all Jack London's never-to-be-forgotten adventure stories.

Photographed in the great open spaces of the North, the picture tells the tale of two-fisted men who gambled everything in their mad search for Klondyke gold, and of women who winked at danger.

So great, so unforgettable, it had to be brought back to the screen in all its spine-tingling excitement, Jack London's "Call of the Wild," is a screen experience you'll cherish for years to come.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Ennis moved last week from the Ralph Ashlock place at Midway, to Hugh Ross' place in the Eula community.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Walker moved last week to Abilene from their home in the Denton community.

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Editorial

OUR PROFITS FOR THE FUTURE

Labor strife and widespread talk of wages, a forty-hour week, and other concessions from the daily routine of work suggested an old, old premise this week which doesn't fall under any of these headings. It has a heading of its own, in fact, and covers a range of personal arbitration. The word is ambition.

It stands a little on the sidelines now because it's what you might call a radical conservative. On one hand it doesn't recognize a forty-hour week, while on the other it is in sympathy with any forward-looking movement designed to bring working opportunities and make everything else work, too.

And this is a large order in a day when people are thinking mostly about how to work less and keep others on an equal footing. But it's not entirely futile. Rather, the very range of personal arbitration which it offers is something worth thinking about as a milestone to the future.

It works like this If they close the plant on Saturday and Sunday, ambition merely seeks another direction. It seeks expression, mostly, and that leads to leisure time—the real social profit in the equation of wages and hours. It is a profit in further opportunities for self-development and progress along the route which all society ultimately hopes to take.

For observers have said that the real competition of tomorrow will be in life and living and the degrees of one's ability to understand and evaluate the living things around him. And that's a large order, too, but ambition looks for challenge in the issues of the time as self-fulfillment. And the challenge here is the value of leisure time.

Computed more directly, it simply means an extra book or two on week-ends. . . . an added thought . . . a little more application and direction . . . and ambition will pay off in future leadership. It will pay off in more than just a personal sense, for leadership will mean inter-pretation; and, in turn, interpretation will teach others not to see destruction in the tools at hand, but further opportunities for social profits and advancement.

FARMING

Since 1939, as determined by numerous surveys, farmers prices have advanced more than the prices of the things he buys. In general good crops and good prices have allowed farmers to pay off debts and to accumulate some money which they intend to spend for new building, a new automobile, house furnishings water systems or any one of hundreds of industrial items.

How far will this money go? It depends on prices. One thousand dollars today may buy a household refrigerator, a brooder house, 300 rods of woven wire fence, and leave enough to pay half the cost of a medium size tractor, with all prices at ceilings. If there were no ceilings and the farmer had to bid against his neighbors and thousands of others for these scarce items, prices would be much higher, so high in fact, that his thousands dollars would buy only a fraction of what it buys under controlled prices.

This situation might not be so bad if farmers prices advanced too, but since some farm prices already have dropped away from ceilings everyone is convinced that the trend of farm product prices will in general be down rather than up. Uncontrolled prices at this critical time would allow industrial prices to advance much more than farmers prices. We are now in a period when price control is giving the farmer more protection than ever before. He is probably getting more now than any other group as he is being protected on the things he buys but not hurt on what he has to sell.

Until the time when production and consumption approximately balance ceiling prices will have to remain to protect the buying power of five million farm families. The farmer continued prosperity depends upon it. After the other war, prices rose and continued to rise for 18 months and then fell suddenly and disastrously. This time an effective system of price continuing prosperity depends on the maintenance of a system of price control as long as necessary. Without it a thousand dollars will buy only a small part of the items it buy now.

Mrs. R. C. Hardin and baby, of Lawn, accompanied by her brother, Robert Hutchins, student of John Tarleton College, visited Mrs. Myrtle Edwards, Saturday of last week.

Mrs. Murry Lea and son, Kenneth, of Spur, were recent visitors of Mrs. Lea's mother, Mrs. W. Y. Cleveland.

PALOMINO HORSE BREEDERS IN FT. WORTH, MARCH 8-17

Palomino Horse Breeders from all sections of the nation will gather in Fort Worth, March 8-17, for the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show which is scheduled to be the scene of the largest Palomino event ever held in Texas.

Plans for the Palomino event were announced by Howard B. Cox of San Angelo, president of the Palomino Horse Breeders Association of America, and Dr. Arthur Zappe of Mineral Wells, secretary-treasurer. J. T. Boothman, Fort Worth, secretary of the Texas Association, is in charge of arrangements for the Show.

Officials have announced that \$3,000 in premiums will be offered which is top figure in Texas.

At the present time officials expect 200 horses to be entered provided stall space can be secured. From all indications, at least 100 owners will show their horses. As an example of the magnitude of the event, there were 52 exhibitors and 92 horses at the show last year.

Six states were represented at the Fort Worth show in 1945 and breeders from many additional states have indicated they will attend the 1946 event. Forty-two states are now affiliated with PHBA.

Boothman is now working with Edgar Deenn, General Manager of the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, preparing the premium list. Every member will receive a copy of the list, while others interested should make a request by mail.

The Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show is set for the biggest show in its history and officials are pleased to note that the Palomino event will be in keeping with the progress of the Fort Worth Exposition," Deenn said. "There seems to be little doubt but what the Palomino show will be the biggest and best of any ever held in Texas."

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to all our friends who assisted us in any way at the passing of our beloved husband and father, W. O. Spencer. For the beautiful floral offerings and the many deeds of kindness, we are especially grateful. Your thoughtfulness will never be forgotten.

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Mrs. R. F. Arvin attended The Texas U. and A. & M. College football game at College Station Thanksgiving, November 29, while visiting her brother, Durward Varner, Assistant Dean of Men at A. & M. She also visited Mr and Mrs. J. R. Risinger and son, John Max, at Greenville.

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ARMY PAY HIGHER THAN INDUSTRY

Washington, 27 November—The average GI will suffer a pay cut of more than 28 per cent in transferring from the Army to industry, Representative Frank E. Hook, (Dem.) of Michigan told the House Tuesday.

The average GI pictured by Hook is an enlisted man with a wife and two children who has been serving overseas. His earnings while in service, as computed by the Congressman, amounted to \$2,841 a year, or \$47.71 a week.

Hook said that in April, 1945, "the gross weekly pay of the average worker in manufacturing industries was \$47.12," or slightly less than that of the serviceman.

"With the return to the prewar work week—with overtime and premium pay cut out—the average earnings in manufacture will drop to \$33.96," Hook said, adding this would represent a cut of more than 28 per cent of the wartime earnings of the veteran.

In figuring the income of the serviceman, Hook counted his family allotment and the food, clothing and medical supplies furnished him by the Army, in addition to his pay.

Percy King, of Dallas, spent the weekend with his family Mrs. King and daughter, Mildred Ann, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. King.

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