

The Cross Plains Review

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CROSS PLAINS, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS

"When The One Great Source Comes To Write Against Your Name He Writes Not If You Won Or Lost But How You Played The Game"

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SEWING... PROMOTING

At this time last year a campaign started to raise enough money to build a new cemetery for the community. The campaign was carried on from the looks of it at the present the same amount of money was raised as last year.

In the case of replenishing the fund, as stated in Mrs. Foster's letter on page 2, is now at hand.

When it was brought to the attention of the cemetery board, they had stated, we contacted a number of local people and found that a cemetery should be in a state of honor to those who have been placed there and to those who are to be placed there.

It was decided to hire a cemetery caretaker who could take the entire time to work on the campaign. Progressed and others were enlisted and enough money had been collected to pay a caretaker for a year.

A board of trustees was elected and upon the responsibility of seeing that the money was spent wisely in the cemetery work.

Part of one obligation has been carried out only by continuing with the present has been carried out this year.

Plans are being planned for the cemetery for 1946. And, too, the money for the caretaker will be increased, all of which will be for a few hundred dollars.

It was contributed before, the salary now being paid the caretaker in line with the cost of living and if he is to devote his time to the task, it will be necessary for him to support his family substantially.

Budget figures for the coming months has been set at \$1.10 per week.

Whether or not this amount can be raised entirely upon the efforts of this community and the help of those who have been buried here and are willing to do their part in maintaining the cemetery in its present condition.

Expenditures for 1945 were carried in next week's paper. This column for further information. If per chance you do not make a donation regarding the time, you may leave it to C. Walker or Fred Tunnell.

It will soon be here, and it will be a more prosperous and a more happy one for everybody. Every worry and sorrow have been put behind us and we will have a better world unless we strive to make it better.

Our wish for you is that you enjoy a happy and prosperous year.

Callahan Boys Pass Army Physicals Dallas Dec. 18th

Callahan county youth boys to Dallas December 18 for physical examinations prior to enlistment in the armed forces. These boys had turned eighteen and those passing the physical are awaiting induction. Four of the six possible boys were selected.

Those going were Neal Smith, Roy W. Tammison, J. L. Denney, Whit J. W. Green and Jerry Woods.



BOSWELL BURKS

Boswell Burks Home With Discharge after Four Years Service

Sgt. Boswell Burks was recently discharged from the Army Air Corps. He arrived here with his wife on Monday of this week to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Burk.

Boswell entered the service on August 6, 1941, and received his discharge December 14 at Chamblee Field, Ill.

Before coming here, he and his wife visited several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tassell of Virginia, Minn.

Civilian plans of the couple are at present indefinite.

J. M. Wright Dies Wednesday; Funeral Thursday Afternoon

James Matthew Wright passed away at the home of his son, Mathey Wright, who lives northeast of Cross Plains, at 6 a. m. Wednesday, December 26, of a heart attack. He had been in poor health and seriously ill at intervals for several months.

Born in Tennessee March 8, 1854, he was 91 years, 9 months and 18 days of age at the time of death. He had been making his home with Mathey Wright for several years.

He was married to Martha Ann Kullins in 1876, who passed to her reward in 1902. To this union were born twelve children. Surviving are Lillie, Charlie, Carl, Henry, Dee, Etta and Mathey. Preceding their father in death were Ollie, Earl and two who died in infancy.

In 1907 he was married to Josie Brannon, who preceded him in death by twenty three years. To their union three children were born: Luby, Jewel and one child who died in infancy.

Funeral services were held in the Higginbotham Chapel at 2 p. m. Thursday, December 27, with Rev. C. E. Poe of Waco, formerly pastor of the Cross Plains Baptist church, saying the rites.

Interment was made in the local cemetery.

Pallbearers were Davis Montgomery, Dave Lee, Tom Bruce, Henry Williams, Ben Pierce and Paul Lutzendorf.

Other survivors include thirty-six grandchildren and a number of great-grandchildren.

GRASS FIRES KEEP FIREMEN ON NOTICE

Firemen answered a call to the east part of town last Saturday afternoon where a grass fire threatened a residence. Monday morning they were again called to the same part of town where another grass fire was feared would get out of hand. No damage to property was reported.

Rev. and Mrs. D. L. Barnes spent Christmas Eve in San Antonio.

W. W. Foster Will Celebrate 101 Year Birth Date December 31

Mr. Foster Now Has One Great-Great-Grand-Child; Very Unusual

Cross Plains honors the citizenship of a one hundred and one year old inhabitant. Next Monday, December 31, Wild Wood Foster, who resides in the northeast part of town, will celebrate his birthday.

Veteran of the Civil War and an early Callahan County settler, the venerable old gentleman moved with his son, J. C. Foster, 74, and family to Cross Plains in February of this year from near Atwell. A native of Texas, he was born in 1844 and has been a resident of this county forty years.

Wild Wood Foster has led a somewhat colorful life. He joined the Confederate army when sixteen years of age, engaged in a number of battles, was wounded in the side and captured by the Yankees. When first captured he was exchanged for a Yankee soldier and again joined his confederates, but the second time he was placed in prison at Camp Chase, Ohio, where he remained until the close of the war between the states. He served under M. W. Demmon and Brigadier General Darnell. Many times he has seen General Robert E. Lee and considers him a magnificent man of rare character and well loved by the men under his command.

Two years after the close of the war he was married to Mrs. Christie Cooklett in Jasper county in 1866. Shortly after his marriage he moved with his family to Linn county, thence to Limestone county before coming to Callahan.

To the union of the couple were born four boys, two of which were twins. One twin died in infancy and the other, Emmett, died in 1909. Andrew George and John Clayton

are the other two sons and it is with the latter that the centenarian makes his home.

His wife died June 4, 1922, at the age of 92.

Operating a 130 acre cotton farm, he also became owner of the Atwell store and with his sons went into the grocery business, continuing until 1907, when the store and merchandise was destroyed by fire.

In 1939, Mr. Foster attended the Confederate Veterans Reunion at Gettysburg, Pa., and there saw other veterans as old as 112 years.

Proudly he has very reasonably good health, his hearing being his greatest deficiency. The veteran enjoys most having his Bible read to him. Deeply religious, in his active years he was a deacon in the Primitive Baptist church at Atwell. Now, he spends most of his time sitting quietly, though on warm days he is able to sometimes stroll in the sunshine, observing and commenting on growing things. At his age he still boasts a good appetite and eats whatever he chooses. He attributes his longevity to sane and temperate living and still proves an interesting conversationalist.

On the occasion of his birthday, the Foster family has a reunion at which time as many as 150 have been present. At the reunion this year there will be six generations: Wild Wood Foster; his son, J. C. Foster; granddaughter, Nora Foster Phillips; great-granddaughter, Valerie Pillins Rose; great-great-granddaughter, Doris Louise Gohie; and great-great-great-grandson, J. D. Gohie, Jr., three weeks old.

Besides these there is another son, twenty-six grandchildren, 148 great-grandchildren and twenty-nine great-great-grandchildren.

His grandsons, Steve and Claude Foster, own and operate Foster's Grocery store here.

Tom Butler, Rising Star Businessman Dies of Heart Attack

Tom Butler, well known Rising Star business man, died at his home in that city at five o'clock Wednesday afternoon of a heart attack. He suffered a light attack Monday night at the home of his mother, Mrs. G. T. Butler in Brownwood, where he had gone to be at her bedside, but returned to his home that night and spent the larger part of Wednesday in bed. Prior to that time he had apparently been in good health. His mother is also seriously ill of a heart ailment.

Funeral arrangements are pending word from a son, Roy Butler, stationed on the U. S. S. South Dakota in San Francisco Bay. Higginbotham Bros. of Rising Star are in charge.

A resident of Rising Star some fifteen or twenty years, Mr. Butler was born at Hlake and was approximately 45 years old.

For a number of years he had been engaged in automobile sales and mechanical repair, owning and operating The Butler Chevrolet Company. He was a member of the Methodist church and has always been prominent in church and civic affairs of the city. He was a former member of the school board, on the board of stewards of his church, a member of the Chamber of Commerce and took great pride in the growth and prosperity of his city.

He is survived by his wife and three sons, Ensigns Ray and Roy Butler, twins, of the Navy, and Keith Butler, 16 year old high school student; his mother and other relatives whose names are not available.

Friends in the Cross Plains area will be pleased to learn of his passing.

36 MI-WAY GAP BETWEEN U. S. 182 AND ABILENE CLOSED FOR PAVING

Preliminary dirt work has begun on Highway 36 from the end of pavement south of the Abilene bypass to junction of the Coleman-Baldy highway.

Traffic was closed Saturday morning and until completion will be routed via Baird. When hard surfacing is completed Highway 36 will be paved in its entirety, with the exception of a strip between Rising Star and Comanche. It is estimated several months will be needed to finish the length now under construction.

Major Bobb Elise of Ellington Field is spending the holidays with his family here.

EULA CAGE TEAMS TAKE TWO GAMES HERE FRIDAY NIGHT

In their second conference play of the season, both the boys and girls basketball quintets of the local high school got off to a bad start on their home ground in games with the Eula teams last Friday night.

First game of the evening was played by girls teams with Cross Plains losing by a score of 23-42. The girls are coached by Hubert Kelly.

In the boys game the locals, composed of Joe Brown, Dick Vestal, Gene Gibson, Claudell Joy and George Barnard with Merlin Hutchins and Charles Coburn substituting, were defeated in a game that proved to be a race track for the visitors. Outplayed from the start, the Buffs lost by a wide score of 40 to 10.

Next conference game will be January 4 at Denton school with both teams participating.

Schedule Announced

Schedule for the western section of District 14B in basketball and tennis comprising the division include Baird, Clyde, Cross Plains, Denton, Eula, Moran, Putnam and Rising Star.

The round robin play opened last Tuesday night with Baird at Putnam, Clyde at Denton, Cross Plains at Moran and Eula at Rising Star.

The remainder of the schedule follows:

Jan. 4 - Moran at Baird, Rising Star at Clyde, Eula at Putnam, Cross Plains at Denton.

Jan. 8 - Baird at Rising Star, Eula at Moran, Clyde at Cross Plains, Denton at Putnam.

Jan. 11 - Eula at Baird, Rising Star at Cross Plains, Moran at Denton, Putnam at Clyde.

Jan. 15 - Cross Plains at Baird, Denton at Eula, Rising Star at Putnam, Clyde at Moran.

Jan. 18 - Baird at Denton, Putnam at Cross Plains, Eula at Clyde, Moran at Rising Star.

Jan. 22 - Putnam at Baird, Denton at Clyde, Moran at Rising Star, Cross Plains at Eula.

Jan. 25 - Clyde at Baird, Moran at Putnam, Rising Star at Denton, Cross Plains at Eula.

Jan. 29 - Rising Star at Baird, Moran at Eula, Cross Plains at Clyde, Putnam at Denton.

Feb. 1 - Baird at Eula, Cross Plains at Rising Star, Denton at Moran, Clyde at Putnam.

Feb. 5 - Baird at Cross Plains, Eula at Denton, Putnam at Rising Star, Moran at Clyde.

Feb. 8 - Denton at Baird, Cross Plains at Putnam, Clyde at Eula, Rising Star at Moran.

Feb. 12 - Baird at Moran, Clyde at Rising Star, Eula at Putnam, Denton at Cross Plains.

Winners of the eastern and western divisions will meet for the district championship.

Pay Your Poll Tax: 1946 Is Voting Year For State Offices

You are reminded, according to Edwin Harn, Democratic precinct chairman, that January 31 is the deadline for paying your poll tax.

1946 will be election year for all county and state and some national officials. So if you want a voice in the selection of the government officials of your county, it is your duty to which you are rightly entitled, says Harn, don't forget to pay your tax before the first of February.

The Citizens State Bank will accept your deposit for poll tax and receipt will be mailed from the county seat.

CALLAHAN TOPS V-BOND QUOTAS

Callahan county went over the top Friday of last week in both Series F bond and overall Victory Loan quota. E. H. Freedland, county war finance chairman, has announced.

Overall quota for the county of \$205,000 was exceeded with sales reaching \$280,000. Series F quota of \$115,000 was barely exceeded by \$300.

Cross Plains territory reached and exceeded its overall quota of \$31,250 some weeks ago, but the county went over without this city having reached its Series F quota. With an assignment of \$28,000 in Series F, to date only \$15,648 have been sold. It is pointed out, however, that all sales through Dec. 31 will be credited to the quota.

Legionaires Net \$100 By Disposal of Hog Christmas Eve

The local American Legion Post netted \$101.00 Monday afternoon on the sale of a 300-pound hog donated them by M. E. Howell, H. L. Hamilton was the purchaser. For several days a campaign has been underway to make the animal bring a goodly sum. High school boys and girls were enlisted to take collections and for her efforts in the drive, Miss Georgia Mae Hutchins was awarded an Elgin wrist watch by the organization.

Disposal of the hog was one of the many ways the Tommie Allen Post has devised to raise funds for construction of a Legion Hall here. Committees selected to enlarge the membership roll and raise funds report favorable response from business firms and individuals.

Uncle Lem Wilson Passes Thursday; Rites at Mercury

Leg Wilson, familiarly known to his friends as "Uncle Lem", passed away at his home in the southwest part of town at 12:35 a. m. Thursday morning. Death was attributed to high blood pressure. He was 80 years of age and had been in ill health for several months.

Funeral services were held from the graveside at Cox Cemetery near Mercury, Tex., at 2 p. m. Thursday with Higginbotham Funeral home of this city in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include his wife and Mrs. Della McAllister, a niece by marriage, as well as a number of other relatives.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert C. Freeman on the birth of a daughter, weighing 8 1/2 pounds, at 4 p. m. Thursday, December 27, at the General hospital in Columbia. The girl has been named Margaret. Her mother and baby are reported being fairly well.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Tunnell of Lubbock are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Tunnell and Mrs. John Browning, through the holidays.



CPL. ROBERT L. HAYES

Cpl. Robert L. Hayes Here on Thirty Day Leave from Marines

Marine Corporal Robert L. Hayes reached here last Saturday to spend a thirty-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hayes.

Based on Pacific island the past four years, he was doing office duty with the 17th AAA until his enlistment was up in August this year.

Rejoining for two years, Hayes expects to be stationed in San Diego permanently when he reports there at the expiration of his leave.

CIVILIAN SUPPLY OF SUGAR TO BE ABOUT SAME FOR NEW YEAR

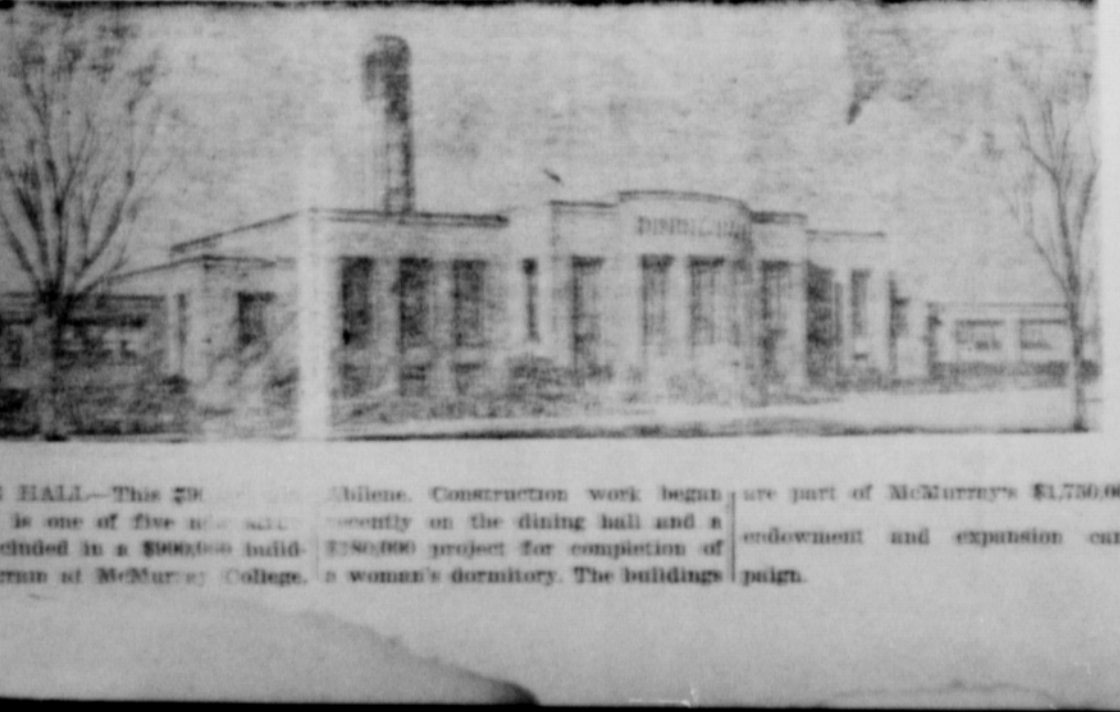
Civilian supplies of sugar for the first three months of the new year will be about the same as they are now, no change is probable in production, according to E. A. McBride, district officer for marketing.

The supply allocated for all purposes totals 1,187,871 tons of which civilians, including home, institutional and industrial users, will receive 1,160,000 tons, about the same amount they are receiving now. U. S. military and war services were allocated 76,250 tons and commercial exports and shipments, including U. S. territories, 15,591 tons. Total allocation for the present three-month period is 1,229,610 tons.

The military allocation of 76,250 tons compares with an indicated distribution of 296,542 tons for the same purpose in the first quarter of 1945. McBride said.

On the basis of allocations and distribution so far this year, civilian per capita consumption will average about 72 pounds, compared with 59 pounds in 1944 and an average of 96 pounds in 1939-40.

The world supply of sugar in 1946 is expected to be about the same as in 1945. Production may increase a little but 4,000,000 more acres have been reduced to a minimum, making it impossible to draw upon stocks again in 1946, he explained.



ANG HALL—This \$200,000 building is one of five new buildings included in a \$900,000 building program at McMurry College.

Construction work began recently on the dining hall and a \$280,000 project for completion of a women's dormitory. The buildings are part of McMurry's \$1,750,000 endowment and expansion campaign.

T-5 J. T. MAGNESS ENROUTE HOME; TO GET DISCHARGE

Technician Fifth grade, J. T. Magness, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Magness of Brownwood and formerly of this place, is reported on his way back to the States for discharge.

In the army since November 1942, he wears the Asiatic-Pacific theater ribbon, the Philippines Liberation ribbon and the Victory Medal.

Prior to going to the South Pacific with the 98th Chemical Mortar Battalion, Magness saw duty in Alaska and the north Pacific. In Cross Plains J. T. will be remembered as "Red". He attended school here before the family moved to Brownwood.

Mrs. Ella Crabbe of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lutgens of Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Boase of Rising Star and Charles Shelton of Clifton Springs, N. Y., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Craig McNeill Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Charnet Harlow and family of Abilene visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wild Harlow, Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley Freeman and son of Lenders visited Mr. and Mrs. Wild Harlow and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Freeman on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Moran Harlow of Coleman spent Christmas here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Barr of Abilene spent Christmas here with relatives.

MRS. MARY E. WEBB HONORS GRANDSON'S WITH YULE DINNER

Mrs. Mary E. Webb of near Cottonwood honored her three grandsons, Orville Webb, J. C. Webb, and Calvin H. Webb, all residents of Brownwood, with a dinner at her home Christmas day. Orville and J. C. have recently been discharged from the Navy and Marines, respectively. Calvin, who is in the army, is still overseas but was remembered as an honoree.

Present were Mrs. Webb's sons, G. W. of Cross Plains and T. M. of Brownwood; daughters, Mrs. Sally Dalton and Mrs. Melissa Coggins and husband of Cross Plains, Mrs. Clara Pendley and Mrs. Miltie Crawford of San Angelo; grandchildren, Mrs. E. D. Sleigh and husband and Mrs. Ruby Slaughter of Brownwood; Mrs. Florence Morrison of San Angelo and Alice Coggins of Cross Plains; and great-grandchildren, Dolores Myrtle and Sharon Ann Morrison of San Angelo. Friends present were Dewey Price and son, Dee, of Brownwood and George Brooks of San Angelo.

Rev. and Mrs. Jasper Bague of Bloomington, Ill. and Mr. and Mrs. Axel Bague of California spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Grover Henderson.

R. B. McGowan, Jr., left for Monahans Wednesday where he will spend a few days. He will take up his studies at A&M college after the first of January.

Lynn Lee Smith, student in Denton, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Smith.

Texas Centennial Postage Stamp On Sale December 29

Postmaster General Robert E. Hannegan has announced the issuance of a special postage stamp commemorating the one-hundredth anniversary of the admission of Texas to statehood. The stamp will be of the 3-cent denomination and will be placed on first-day sale at Austin on December 29, 1945. Buchanan Winn, artist of Waukegan, where he has a ranch-studio, designed the stamp.

The first sheet of 100 stamps will be reserved for the Centennial Commission, Karl Hobbeltzelle, chairman, stated.

Stamp collectors and others desiring official Centennial of Statehood first-day or later cancellations should send their orders for as many envelopes as they desire accompanied with remittance for the stamp to be affixed plus five cents for cost of addressing each envelope desired, to the Headquarters of the Texas Centennial of Statehood Commission, Austin, Texas, or to A. Garland Adair, Curator of History, Texas Memorial Museum, Austin.

The Texas stamp will be 84 by 1.44 inches in size, arranged horizontally with a single line border. The central design comprises the American flag with a ray shining from the twenty-eighth star to the single star of the Texas State flag. On the left side in a vertical panel is the word "Texas" in white face Gothic on a shaded background. The word "United States Postage" appears in a panel across the bottom of the stamp in white face Gothic on a dark background. To the left of the center, above the bottom panel, there appears in dark Gothic lettering "1845-1946" in two lines. In the upper right corner is the denomination designating "3c" in dark Gothic.

Mrs. Loren Kellar of Roseway and daughter, Wanda Jean of Denton, have been visiting Mrs. Mary Shelman, Mrs. Kellar and daughter spent Christmas day in Rising Star in the home of Sam Graves and family. They are now in Artesia, New Mex., where they will visit for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lawrence and children and Mrs. Mae Lawrence of Brownwood were visitors here Christmas Day.

T&P COAL & OIL CO. SELLS ITS PROPERTIES TO HUMBLE OIL COMPANY

The sale by Texas Pacific Coal & Oil Company of its marketing properties in Central West Texas to Humble Oil & Refining Company was announced jointly 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 two 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 to Big Spring and from DeWitt on the north to Hamilton and Brownwood on the south. Bulk stations are located at Abilene, Big Spring, Breckenridge, Brownwood, Comanche, Dallas, DeLeon, Eastland, Hamilton, Hillsboro, Mineral Wells, San Angelo, 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.

The Texas Pacific Coal and Oil Company will continue aggressively to search for and produce crude oil, which has always been its main activity.

Mr. and Mrs. Bessa Browning of Brownwood are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Baum, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorea Duncan are visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Montgomery this week.

Dewey Fought Freight Rate Adjustment, Says WTCC Manager

Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York is the leader of the forces which have obtained a temporary injunction against hiking of north-southern freight rates and lowering the southern and southwestern rates, said D. A. Bandeen, general manager of the West Texas chamber of commerce, on Saturday, December 22.

Bandeen's remark resulted from announcement of issuance of the temporary restraining order in a suit brought by Dewey's own attorney general on behalf of New York and eight other northern states.

The Interstate Commerce Commission is the defendant in the action. ICC issued an order, scheduled to become effective January 1, providing for reduction of all class rates 4% for the southwestern and southern regions and simultaneous increase in northeastern class rates. It was considered one of the most significant freight rate orders in history of ICC, and one that might mark the beginning of the solution of the south from what President Roosevelt and President Harry Truman have called the nation's No. 2 economic problem.

Bandeen said WTCC had wired Olin Culbertson, chairman of the state railroad commission, asking that body to intervene on behalf of the state in defending the ICC's order when the suit by the north-easterners comes up for trial on its merits for permanent injunction before the same three-judge New York federal court.

Culbertson was also asked for advice as to whether WTCC and the Freight Rate Equality federation should also intervene on behalf of the government as represented by the Interstate Commerce commission.

Governor Dewey, in an affidavit submitted Dec. 13 to the three-judge court charged that the ICC order for an increase in New York freight rates threatened the economic welfare of the state and its recovery program.

The court consisting of Judges Harrie B. Chase, circuit court of appeals and John C. Knox, and Stephen W. Brennan, of New York federal district court, made its decision granting temporary injunction.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Farr, who have been making their home in California have returned here to make their home.

Mrs. Isla Williams and family visited Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Bertrand last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Hyrd of Denton visited Mr. and Mrs. H. H. McDermott over the holidays.

Jimmy Kate Howell, student in T.S.C.W. at Denton is home over the holidays with her parents.

On application of New York a delight other northern states. Dewey's affidavit was submitted by Parker McCollister, special assistant state attorney general, who contended the commission's order was without support in the evidence before it. It was based on erroneous conclusions and should ultimately be held invalid.

Governor Dewey declared that an increase in freight rates in New York at the present time, confronted as is the whole country with conversion from war production and with the problem of finding peacetime employment for its inhabitants is especially serious.

"During the war approximately one million factory workers in New York state, constituting about half of the total factory employment of the state, have been engaged in war production. Unless these people can find employment in peacetime industries they will be without means of earning a livelihood and their support will become a charge of the city and federal governments.

"In addition, employment must be found for the many men of this state who left their jobs to serve in the armed forces. Therefore anything just at this time which would increase the cost of manufacturing goods in New York state and of distributing the products of the state could endanger their security."

He added that the increase in rates would constitute an important obstacle to the location of new industries.

Wendel Berge, assistant United States attorney general, opposed the petition for the injunction. He said the question of rate differentials went back for years and there has been feeling deeply rooted that one of the country's basic economic problems was found in rate inequalities.

Berge told the court that presumptive validity must be given the orders of the Interstate Commerce commission, and declared that the northern states want continuance of the present rate structure so they can enjoy preferential advantages. He asserted it was in the public interest to eliminate preferences promptly.

Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh Rutledge and small son of Brownwood are visiting in the T. W. Kelley home. Mr. Rutledge joined them for the holidays.

Lewis Helms and daughter, Marjorie, of Odessa were visitors in Cross Plains Sunday and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Duncan of Forsan visited Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Montgomery, Christmas eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Renwick Clark of Fort Worth visited Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Clark this week.

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To the Editor of the Review:

I wish you would print this to the people know that they are doing themselves a favor by doing down and looking at the way in which our cemetery is being kept.

I was amazed the other day I passed that way and stopped walked around over the lot noted the vast improvement has been made in the past year.

I understand it was all the citizens donating money cemetery fund the first of last year and employing a full time taker. Mr. Slaughter has a fine caretaker and you know and every citizen to go down look over the cemetery and with me at its improvement you to always keep it the people of the city in the future.

In years past it was a cemetery names; the pitiful graves were allowed to grow and remain unkept. But now it is a thing of beauty and we know our forefathers and those of us must rest easier knowing their last resting place is being in our minds and cared for. Please go look it over, and when time comes to replenish the very fund, let's each one do our part and have no regrets.

Yours truly, Mrs. M. E. Howell

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the good of the Baptist Church who be us such nice gifts of fruit and good things for our Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver K.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McCall and small daughter are visiting days in Winters through the holidays.

Billy Ruth Loving of Washburn, D. C., is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Loving.

Capt. and Mrs. Donald W. and small daughter of Lawville, Ill., are visiting here. Mr. and Mrs. George Neal.

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If Excess acid causes you Stomach Ulcers, Indigestion, Heartburn, Belching, Bloating, Gas Pains, get free Edgda, at Smiths Drug (15tp-24)

FOR SALE: seven room house with five and one-half lots in east part of town. See Batcher at Red & White Store. (11p-35)

FOR SALE: 81 1/2 acres good level fair homes, plenty of water, just the house in town; 1939 International truck in good condition and good tires. See Edd (4tp-36)

SALE or trade: few good hereford yearling and bull water pumps. See J. C. Crawford, International truck in good condition and good tires. See Edd (4tp-36)

SALE: Big fat hog, will weigh around 600 pounds. - Dale (1tp)

SALE: Farmall 20 with 2 equipment. - J. D. Sprawls, (2tp)

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Editor of the Review: I wish you would print this article knowing that they themselves a favor by and looking at the best in which our cemetery is kept.

as amazed the other day that way and stopped around over the lot. The vast improvement made in the past year is understood it was all citizens donating money. They fund the first of last year employing a full time Mr. Slaughter has a caretaker and your maintenance. I just want to argue every citizen to go down to the cemetery and me at its improvement always keep it the proudest in the future.

years past it was a disgrace; the pitiful were allowed to grow and unkempt. But now it is beautiful and those who rest easier knowing their resting place is being cared for and go look it over, and some to replenish the soil, let's each one do our part and have no regrets.

Yours truly,
Mrs. M. E. Howell

CARD OF THANKS
I wish to thank the good Baptist Church who brought nice gifts of fruit and things for our Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver K...
and Mrs. A. J. McCutcheon daughter are visiting the Winters through the...
Ruth Loving of Washburn spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Loving.
and Mrs. Donald W. Loving, all daughter of Lawrence L. are visiting her parents, Mrs. George Neal.

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Complete News
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Nutshell Advertising

FOR SALE: seven room house with five and one-half lots in east part of town. — See Butcher at Red & White Store. (4tp-35)
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LOST: Sorrel horse, flax mane and tail, blaze face and stocking feet. Strayed from my home in northeast part of town.—Notify Charles Coburn. (2tp)
FOR SALE: 80 Case tractor in good shape with cultivator and planter.—Alvin Hargrove, 5 miles north of city. (2tp-37)
FOR SALE: F-12 McCormick tractor with good rubber and power lift. Priced for quick sale.—Bill Lawrence, Rowden. (2tp-37)

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Turkeys

ALL-BALANCED DIET DESCRIBED BY DR. GEO. W. COX FOR CHILDREN

REV. J. F. MILLER CALLED TO SAN ANTONIO; GRANDMOTHER DIES

Booking, Baby Chicks
NOW for Spring Delivery for exact date desired. All popular Breeds - Texas U. S. Approved, Pullorum Tested
Simpson Hatchery

A Cordial Invitation

Are you new in this community? Have you recently located among us? Do you want to get acquainted? Are you looking for a reliable place to do your banking? Excuse these questions, but we are naturally neighbors and take an interest in this community. If you are a new-comer, come to our bank and let's have a friendly talk. We will be glad to meet you.

YOUR ACCOUNT IS CORDIALLY INVITED

Citizens State Bank
W. P. BRIGHTWELL, President
F. V. TUNNELL, Vice-President
EDWIN BAUM, Cashier

Pioneer News

MRS. W. E. RODGERS
Billy Foster of Atwell spent Tuesday night with Bobby Lane. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Tubbs of Cross Plains and Mrs. Lena Allgood of Odessa spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. T. Milner, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brooks and two children, Kenneth and Mona, have gone to Ilex, Tex., for a holiday visit with Mr. Brooks' folks.
Johnnie Dillard, Jr., and wife came in from Oklahoma City last week. They made a short visit to Monday, Tex., but returned here for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bullion of Raymondville, Tex., are here spending the holidays with relatives.
Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Houshelt of Groesvenor spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Conner. Elzie Edwards and wife were calling on friends here Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown visited Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Phillips Sunday.
Mrs. Perl Lane and son, Billie, and Opal Connelly left for Ballinger Sunday for a few days visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Connelly.
Sgt. C. W. Graves, Jr., carried his father to Ranger to the hospital to have an X-ray taken of his ankle which was broken nearly a month ago. The doctor found it to be in bad shape and put it in a cast which he must wear for 3 months.

Wiley Phillips and family of Cross Plains visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Phillips, Sunday.
Mrs. Beckie Dillard and her sister, Loxene Marshall, of Amarillo are spending the holidays here and at Cross Plains with relatives.
Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Rodgers spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Conner and son.
Sgt. C. W. Graves made a business trip to Rising Star Monday.
Mrs. W. E. Rodgers entertained her Sunday school class of Junior boys and girls Sunday evening by having a Christmas tree. They drew names and exchanged gifts. Bags of fruit, candy and gum were given them by their teacher. They were also served a plate lunch.

There's a long list of attractive reenlistment privileges in the new Armed Forces Voluntary Recruitment Act of 1945. The ability to keep your present grade is only one of them, but this privilege expires on January 31.

There are plenty of other reasons why many thousands of men have enlisted, and more thousands are enlisting every day. You'll certainly want to know all of the opportunities open to you. If you'll read them carefully, you'll know why a job in the new peacetime Regular Army is being regarded today as "The Best Job in the World."

SEE THE JOB THROUGH
U. S. ARMY
BE A "GUARDIAN OF VICTORY"
AIR, GROUND, SERVICE FORCES
REENLIST NOW AT YOUR NEAREST U. S. ARMY RECRUITING STATION
Eastland County Courthouse Eastland, Texas

NUMBER OF GUESTS HAVE DINNER IN LANE HOME

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Lane had a number of visitors in their home during the Christmas holidays. Guests included their daughters, Mrs. Eloise Aatos of Santa Fe, New Mexico, Mrs. James Clyde Mayes of Artesia, New Mex., and Mrs. Rosa Van Cx with her husband and small son of Okra, others visiting in the Lane home on Christmas day were Mr. and Mrs. Key Johnson and Jimmie Hays of Goldthwaite, Mrs. Johnson is a sister to Mrs. Lane.
Rexine and Orba Booth, who were here visiting their mother, Mrs. Cordie Booth, had Christmas dinner with the Lane family.

29 plates were served.
Ph.M. 2c Paul Huntington spent the week end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Huntington. Paul is now stationed at Orange, Texas.
Norman Jean Huntington, who is attending Howard Payne College, was also home for the holidays. She had a college friend, LaWanda Kight, as a guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Westerman and son of Artesia, New Mex., and his mother, Mrs. J. T. Morgan of Hamlin, were here for the holidays with relatives and friends.
S-Sgt. Roy Blackburn and son of Ft. Bliss, El Paso, visited relatives here during Christmas.
Mrs. Laura Hurley of Abilene was here last week with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Merl Peterson.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fore were shopping in Abilene last Friday.
Mrs. Jake Huntington, Mrs. A. O. Harris, Mrs. Pete Fore and several other folks of this community were on the flu list last week.
Mrs. Sam Marshall and daughter, Geneva, were home from Dallas for the holidays. Also Ann from Abilene Christian College.
Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Thompson were their son and family of Rising Star.
Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. I. Marshall were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Cade and family of Sheffield, Mr. and Mrs. Howell Marshall of Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stout of Brownwood; also their grandchildren, C.P.O. and Mrs. Vernon Huntington, and Mr. and Mrs. Rankin Blackburn and baby of Cisco.

Wedding Bells Ring For Thelma Prater And Walker McClain

By J. L. GLENN
Wedding bells rang at 4 p. m. Thursday, December 20, consecrating the marriage of Miss Thelma Prater, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Prater of Cross Cut, to Mr. Walker McClain, son of Mrs. Molly McClain of this city.
Vows were exchanged in the home of Reverend and Mrs. J. L. Glenn, with Reverend Glenn reading the rites.
The bride is well known and highly esteemed by her many friends in this city, and by her neighbors and friends in her home community of Cross Cut. She was formerly employed in the local postoffice and at Higginbotham Bros. & Co.
Mr. McClain has been a member of the Cross Plains community several years and he and his people have an equal number of friends here. He has just returned from overseas duty in the service and recently received his discharge. He is also the nephew of Mrs. John Barr of this city.

On the portals of the national postoffice building in Washington is an inscription that reads something like this: "Come rain, storm or flood the mails must go through." Perhaps it might also be said that in spite of war and its delays romance will and must be consummated. Mr. McClain and his wife have been sweethearts for a number of years, but the war came and delayed their "here comes the bride" until he could help in stifling its ravages, and now that these wedding bells have rung, both communities will rejoice in their happiness and join in wishing them the best in years to come.

The couple left immediately for their honeymoon at Shreveport, La., where they will be joined by Mr. McClain's mother. They will return shortly to Cross Plains and make their home here.
Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Caton through Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. Norman Caton, Mr. and Mrs. Shelton Caton all of Houston and Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Caton of Dallas.

Mrs. A. Ogilvy and Hazel had Mr. and Mrs. Alex Ogilvy and family of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Price of Albany and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Haley of Baird for Christmas day.

VICTORY CLOTHING DRIVE SCHEDULED JANUARY 7 TO 31

Soon after post offices are cleared of the last Christmas packages, they will begin to receive clothing gifts from the American people to the suffering people in bombed-out lands, according to an order of Postmaster General Robert E. Hannegan which was made public today.
Henry J. Kaiser, national chairman of the Victory Clothing Collection, declared that the order to all postmasters authorized and directed them to permit local committees of the nation-wide clothing drive to place boxes in postoffice lobbies to receive clothing donations.
Kaiser also announced that 9,607 communities throughout America are organized to conduct clothing drives under the local chairmanship of 4,313 men and women, many of whom will direct county-wide drives.

The Victory Clothing Collection, scheduled from January 7-31, seeks 100,000,000 used garments, in addition to shoes and bedding. Each contributor is invited to attach good-will messages to clothing gifts.
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kelley and daughters, Marion and Barbara, of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. Ely Kelley and children, Kenneth and Myrna Loy, of Coleman and Mrs. Clyde Kelley and son, Michael, of San Antonio were Sunday visitors in the T. W. Kelley home.

Mr. and Mrs. Orba Booth of Rowden, New Mex., are visiting Mrs. Cordie Booth this week. Mrs. Booth is reported on the sick list.

G. I.'s TO HAVE PRIORITY ON LUMBER FOR BUILDING HOMES

Lumber dealers of Texas will try to alleviate the critical shortage of housing for returned war veterans by adopting a voluntary policy of self rationing of their limited stocks to provide homes for returnees. It was announced recently by Lynn Boyd, president of the Lumbermen's Association of Texas.
"At the present time lumber stocks are unavoidably low in most of Texas' retail yards due to the strikes, shut-downs, labor shortages at the sawmills, and especially the tax reductions coming in 1946; however, indications point to freer movements of materials during the first quarter of 1946, including brick, shingles and lumber. Right now lumber dealers are channeling every stick of lumber possible for the building of G. I. homes," Mr. Boyd stated. "This means that in cases where less urgent requests for building materials arise, G. I.'s will be given priority. This policy of aiding the returning soldiers will be continued by members of the Lumbermen's Association of Texas until the housing shortage has been overcome, and building materials become abundant once again."

Mr. and Mrs. Orba Booth of Rowden, New Mex., are visiting Mrs. Cordie Booth this week. Mrs. Booth is reported on the sick list.

Notice Customers---
We have installed a high pressure steam washer for cleaning automobile, truck and tractor motors. This washer removes all grease, sludge and dirt and makes your motor look brand new.
We have also installed an electric welder and fast battery charger.
GIVE US A TRIAL!
Calhoun Motor Company
(In Old Chevrolet Building)

January 31 THE LAST DAY FOR MEN NOW IN THE ARMY TO RETAIN THEIR PRESENT GRADES BY REENLISTING...

Men now in the Army who reenlist before February 1 will be reenlisted in their present grade. Men honorably discharged can reenlist within 20 days after discharge in the grade they held at the time of discharge, provided they reenlist before February 1, 1946.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NEW ENLISTMENT PROGRAM
1. Enlistments for 1 1/2, 2 or 3 years.
2. 1-year enlistments permitted for men now in Army with 6 months' service.
3. Enlistment age from 17 to 34 years inclusive, except for men now in Army, who may reenlist at any age.
4. Men reenlisting retain present grades, if they reenlist within 20 days after discharge and before February 1, 1946.
5. The best pay scale, medical care, food, quarters and clothing in Army history.
6. An increase in the reenlistment bonus to \$50 for each year of active service since such bonus was last paid, or since last entry into service.
7. Up to 90 days' paid furlough, depending on length of service, with furlough travel paid to home and return, for men now in Army who enlist.
8. A 30-day furlough every year at full pay.
9. Mustering-out pay (based upon length of service) to all men who are discharged to reenlist.
10. Option to retire at half pay for life after 20 years' service—increasing to three-quarters pay after 30 years' service. All previous active federal military service counts toward retirement.
11. Benefits under the GI Bill of Rights.
12. Family allowances for the term of enlistment for dependents of men who enlist before July 1, 1946.
13. Opportunity to learn one or more of 200 skills and trades.
14. Choice of branch of service and overseas theater in the Air, Ground or Service Forces on 3-year enlistments.

PAY PER MONTH—ENLISTED MEN	Starting Base Pay Per Month	MONTHLY RETIREMENT INCOME AFTER:	
		20 Years' Service	30 Years' Service
Master Sergeant or First Sergeant	\$138.00	\$89.70	\$155.25
Technical Sergeant	114.00	74.10	128.25
Staff Sergeant	96.00	62.40	108.00
Sergeant	78.00	50.70	87.75
Corporal	66.00	42.90	74.25
Private First Class	54.00	35.10	60.75
Private	50.00	32.50	56.25

(a) Plus 20% Increase for Service Overseas. (b) Plus 50% if Member of Flying Crews, Parachutist, etc. (c) Plus 5% Increase in Pay for Each 3 Years of Service.

WEST TEXAS UTILITIES CO.

GOSH, ONLY A PENNY!
Once a penny was a fortune to a six-year-old. It could buy yards of licorice shoestrings, an all-day sucker, or a syrup-smothered scoop of shaved ice. A penny would pay for marbles, a tin whistle, or even a little lead soldier. It was the ceiling price for a new top-string.
Nowadays, a penny won't buy much for a little boy. But it purchases a lot of labor-saving electricity.
Sonny many sniff at a penny for running an errand—yet that same penny will (at average household rates) do any of these jobs—
● Run a sewing machine all afternoon
● Keep a refrigerator cold for 4 hours
● Vacuum clean 10 large rugs
● Light a 50-watt bulb for 6 hours
● Run the washer for 6 tubs of clothes
● Give you the correct time for 7 days
● Keep a radio playing for 3 hours
A penny is still big money—electrically. Actually, the average family gets just about twice as much electricity for its money as it did 15 years ago. Keeping electric service cheap, friendly and dependable—even all through the war—is a tribute to the careful business management of your electric company, and to the hard work and experience of all the men and women in it.
West Texas Utilities Company

Happy New Year

to one and all

Jim Settle Dry Cleaning

"ENEMY TO DIRT"

TWENTY-FIVE LIQUOR VIOLATION CASES FILED IN DISTRICT 4 FOR NOV.

Twenty-five liquor violation cases were filed in November in Abilene district 4, comprised of fourteen counties including Callahan, according to the Texas Liquor Control Board Review.

Of the twenty-five cases filed, four jail terms were assessed, eighteen convictions secured with fines amounting to \$2,600.00 and three cases accounted non-criminal.

Over the entire state 186 cases were filed last month in dry areas with 157 convictions, one acquittal and \$22,904.25 assessed in fines.

In wet areas 152 cases were filed, 121 convictions secured, fines assessed in the amount of \$13,447.56 and 88 cases accounted non-criminal.

L. F. Foster spent three days in Fort Worth and Dallas last week.

LIBERTY

Friday & Saturday

"THREE IN THE SADDLE"

Starring
TEX RITTER

DAVE O'BRIEN
as the Texas Rangers

ALSO
"BLACKWHIP"

Comedy — Cartoon

Sunday & Monday

"THE CLOCK"

JUDY GARLAND

ROBERT WALKER

Cartoon — News

Tues. & Wed.

"HERE COMES COED"

BUD ABBOTT

LOU COSTELLO

with
Peggy Ryan

News — Sports

Thursday

"HITCH HIKE TO HAPPINESS"

Starring

DALE EVANS

BRAD TAYLOR

Selected Shorts

\$900,000 BUILDING PROJECT STARTED AT McMURRAY COLLEGE

ABILENE—Actual construction work began recently on the first two of a five unit building program costing \$900,000.00 on the McMurray College campus, President Harold G. Cooke has announced. This marks the beginning of the building phase of the college's current \$1,750,000.00 endowment and expansion program.

The first projects are completion of a women's dormitory and erection of a dining hall. Cost on completion, including furnishings, will be approximately \$180,000.00 for the dormitory and \$90,000.00 for the dining hall.

An interesting coincidence is that the contractor is C. H. Oates of Abilene, who played on the first McMurray football team when the school opened as a junior college and academy in 1923.

Work will be in progress on both buildings at the same time, and it is expected that both will be ready for use by the opening of the 1946 fall session, Dr. Cooke said.

The present women's dormitory constitutes one-third of the building as it will be on completion. It will be reworked inside and out to harmonize with the modern aspects of the new construction.

"It will be, in every respect, one of the most modern and best arranged college dormitories in the nation", Dr. Cooke promised. Overall dimensions will be 158 by 75 feet.

The dormitory will have a capacity for 120 girls, with two to a room, and also will house a college infirmary with doctor's examination room, diet kitchen, nurses' quarters, drug dispensary and patients' beds.

Designers of the building left nothing undone in providing for the comforts and social life of the girls who will occupy it. Dr. Cooke pointed out. Major features include a 70 foot long open terrace; second floor sun deck at back 61 by 17 feet, smoking reception lounge on the main floor 50 by 35 feet; a smaller reception room 13 by 17 feet on the main floor, lounges 11 by 16 feet on each of the other two floors, fudge kitchens, shower and tub baths, powder rooms, ironing and sewing rooms on each floor.

The dining hall is designed to accommodate a capacity of 420 persons. It will include a basement and main floor and will be 140 by 94 feet in size. The dining hall and kitchen and reception lobbies will occupy the main floor. The basement will include a large laundry for use of the girls, heating equipment, freezing and dry storage vaults, a food preparation room and carpenter shop.

Formal ceremonies of ground breaking for the new buildings were a highlight of McMurray's first post-war homecoming, and the Northwest Texas Methodist Conference annual meeting on November 9. Bishop Charles C. Seelman of Dallas, presiding bishop of the conference, spaded first dirt.

Erection of the other three buildings in the five-unit program will follow soon in close order. Ground will be broke next March 7 on the men's dormitory costing \$200,000 completed and furnished. Dirt breaking will be a high point of the first Willson Bible lectureship, which was founded this year by a \$10,000.00 gift from J. M. Willson of Florida, well known Methodist layman.

With start of the men's dormitory, construction work will be underway on three campus buildings at once, including the two buildings just started.

The other buildings included in the immediate program are the largest of the five units, a student life center to be built and furnished at a cost of nearly half a million dollars, and a \$150,000.00 fine arts building.

The student center edifice will include a chapel, student social center and a 100,000 volume library.

McMurray is a Methodist institution drawing its support chiefly from the Northwest Texas Methodist Conference, which embraces West Texas, the Plains and Panhandle and the New Mexico Conference.

The Northwest Texas Conference in its annual session November 7-11, adopted a \$20,000.00 maintenance budget for McMurray for the new fiscal year, an increase of \$4,000.00 over 1945.

Mr and Mrs. Carol Westerman of Artesia, New Mex., visited in Cross Plains and Pioneer over the holidays.

Mr and Mrs. Melvin Crabb of Artesia, New Mex., visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Farr, from Monday to Wednesday.

Sergeant and Mrs. Dale Newsum of Odessa visited her father, Jim Helms, over the week end.



Visiting Ranger, this observer noted that the old T&P station had been torn down. The building was used throughout the oil boom as a combined passenger and freight depot. Several thousand persons passed through the station in a day and it was from this depot to the opposite sidewalk during muddy weather that many persons paid a dime a ride on the "ferry" — a sled drawn by a mule. (You can buy a postcard of the sled at drug stores in Ranger.)

Of course, Ranger still has a railroad station—the beautiful brick structure that was erected after the oil rush had ended.

And the steel derrick just a stone's throw from the station still stands. The derrick was erected to lend color when the tenth anniversary of the discovery of the field was celebrated and it has remained there during the intervening 18 years. In 1947, the Ranger field will be 30 years old. Many wells continue to produce their modest few barrels a day, year after year, and new wells are drilled, from time to time.

Oil activity and business in general have held on remarkably well. A three-story hotel recently sold for a reported consideration of \$70,000 or more. In a recent transaction, 30,000 acres sold for a price said to have been in the neighborhood of half a million dollars. Bran Garner sold the picture show business in the best in his 15 years.

There, Jim Ingram was so busy with his taxicabs that he couldn't sit down and reminisce a little about some of the boom day happenings when he was a police officer. There wasn't a parking space along Main Street and lots of folks were shopping. Joe Dennis declared it had been years since the Times had

as good a volume of business. Willard Swaney took of from filling prescriptions and selling hair tonic (he has even less hair than your columnist) to attend the Rotary luncheon and hear the "I Give You Texas" man and so did Hall Walker, president of the Chamber of Commerce, former mayor, vice president of the bank and dynamo in general. The speaking invitation was extended by Dr. G. C. Boswell, school superintendent.

And Jack Urban told a story about a dry goods merchant who knew nothing about oil but was induced to help finance a wildcat. Among other things, the merchant outfitted the drilling crew with work clothes. As they were climbing into the truck to head for the lease to begin drilling, he ran out and yelled, "Boys be sure and get high-gravity oil."

Which, by the way, they did.

Personal Mention

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Crabb of Artesia, New Mex., are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Farr, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Mayes and son visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Westerman in Artesia, New Mex., Christmas.

Miss Eloyce Sandifer of San Antonio spent the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Sandifer.

Dixie Respass, who is attending Cisco Junior College, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walker Respass.

Jess Graves and Herman Burloff, who have been employed at Camp Bowie, have accepted employment at the Lloyd Rich Motor Co.

Billy Mae Coppinger, student in John Tarleton College, is home for the holidays.

Lee Glenn, student at North Texas Agricultural College, is home for the holidays.

Lt. Dickie Huntington and father, Jodie Huntington, have returned from a trip to California.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bonner visited in Anson last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. and Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Montgomery visited in Rising Star last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. George Watson visited relatives and friends in Stephenville this week.

Pauline Moon, Kathryn and Phil Anderson, Jr., visited in Mineral Wells last Sunday.

Mrs. Homer Ernest of Hobbs, New Mex., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Farr this week.

Mrs. Beuel Gibbard of Cisco is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Farr, over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Olen Mitchell of San Antonio are visiting here over the holidays.

R. B. McGowan, Jr., student in A&M, is visiting his parents this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Garner of Ft. Worth are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Russell McGowan this week.

Merlin Davidson of Monahans visited friends and relatives here this week.

Lt. Jack Scott is reported way home from the Phillip send a furlough here.

Joe Sharrock, who is en at Albany, is visiting his w

Oscar Tate of Midland is his mother, Mrs. Savannah

Mrs. Roy Arrowood and de were Coleman visitors last

Howard Coburn of Iran is ing his family here this we

Bill Evans of Albuquerque Mex., visited friends here thi

Carlton Powell of Amarillo ed here Monday of this we

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