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Byers F. F. A. Boys Reach Semi-Finals In Basketball Game

Last Saturday the Byers Future Farmer Basketball team of Byers reached the semi-finals in the Area Five tournament held at N. T. A. C. at Arlington.

In reaching the Semi-Finals the Byers team defeated Sadler 31 to 27 and then defeated Bowie in the Quarterfinals 26 to 22.

Byers lost only one game during the tournament which was to Wills Point in the Semi-Finals and incidentally Wills Point became tournament champions by defeating Rhome in the finals.

The members of the Byers team were J. R. Harding, Julian Parker, Tadore Schaffner, Luther Nichols, Buster Nichols, Edmont Kafer, Robert Payne, Justin Jones, Raymond Cummings, Leonard Issacs, Grady Gower, A. A. Tampke, Voc. Agriculture Instructor and O. C. Dunsworth, Principal and coach accompanied the team to Arlington.

Traveling expenses were paid and secured from previous ball games and entertainments sponsored by Supt. W. D. George.

The boys were given free entrance to see the N. T. A. C. and J. T. A. C. basketball game Saturday night which was full of superior play and action.

LIBRARIANS FROM TWO COUNTIES MET

The Clay and Montague County Librarians met Saturday, February 26, at the Clay County Courthouse for their first monthly meeting. During the morning session a general discussion was held; plans were made for an exhibit which will be held sometime in May, and the different forms and reports of the project were discussed.

In the afternoon Miss Ruth Caddel, Library Supervisor gave the first lesson on a study course which will continue through several meetings. The next meeting will be at the Montague County Courthouse March 26.

Those present from Clay County were: Bert L. Stephens, Charlie; Ancel B. Callaway, Faye Lois Cooper, Byers; Reba Wilson, Petrolia; Elmo Scates, Vallie Mummert, Ruth Bragg, and Nell Wolf of Henrietta, C. H. Inman of Buffalo Springs,

P. T. A. Play "Pest Of Pesterville" Was A Howling Success

—Clay County Leader.

The Parent-Teachers Association presented their annual play, "The Pest of Pesterville," March 1st. Like their play last year, this play was written by Mrs. Percy Neville, and staged and directed by Mrs. Harry Olsen. Outstanding business and professional men of our city took part in both plays. The cast this year being:

Lester De Pester, Clyde Cummings; Miss Mirandy (teacher), John L. Koethe; Kate, Gus Blakely; Lubricate, Frank Selvidge; Ludicie, (Little Girl) Glen Younger; Pat, Paul Merrill; Mike Oscar Graves; Frankie, Joe Gerdes; Miss Bessie, Lon Kelley; Jack, (Bessie's Little Brother), Lewis Ikard; Henry, (Dutch Boy), John Kosanke; Archie, J. W. Callaway; Sofy (Sweetheart) C. J. Sherrill; Tobias, (Trustee of school) Houston McMurray; The old Maid (Trustee of school) Rob't Taylor; William (Trustee of School), Frank Moore.

Mrs. Harry Olsen, Director.

Between the two acts a skit was presented by pupils from Mrs. Harry Olsen's Studio of Speech. The clever little Master of Ceremonies was Gene Robert Smith, who was ably assisted by Nancy Stine, Peggy Jean Williamson, Billy Jean Laidler and Andrew Smith Jr. The marked training and ability of these pupils made this skit a high light in the evening's entertainment. At the close of this between act feature, this small Master of Ceremonies introduced Attorney Houston McMurry, who in his affable manner thanked the play-going public in the name of the P. T. A. for the interest they had shown in this annual attraction, and the local newspapers for the free publicity given the play, which was shown to a packed audience, both up-stairs and on eht main floor, the proceeds to be used towards lighting the Lulu Johnson ward school.

Dr. Sherrill, Louis Ikard Lon Kelley, Oscar Graves and John Kosanky really know their stuff,

Making a long story short, as to the fine ability displayed by each character in the play,—all did well, and it was a laugh all through the entire show.. John Louis Koethe and Joe Gerdes as charming young women, were

L. L. (Jack) Holland Announces For Co. Commissioner Prec. 1

Mr. L. L. (Jack) Holland, of Byers, was a pleasant caller at The Leader office Monday afternoon, and authorized us to announce him as a candidate for the office of Commissioner, Precinct No. 1, subject to the action of the democratic primary, July 23, 1938.

Mr. Holland needs no introduction at our hands as he is so well and favorably known to the citizens of Clay County, born and reared here, and has lived in this county all his life. He is 56 years of age; married; has four children. He lives at Byers, where he has been in the gin business at Petrolia and at Byers for a number of years.

Mr. Holland is an expert road builder, having helped build practically all the roads in his precinct, and his neighbors will inform you that Mr. Holland really knows how to build good roads and bridges. And he believes in economy,—saving the tax-payers money when it can be saved by judicious buying and spending.

Mr. Holland has served as road-overseer, and knows how, by long experience, to keep up the roads and bridges.

Mr. Holland has never before sought political preferment, and although he had thought of running for this important office four years ago, he decided to wait his turn.

Mr. Holland promises the absolute faithful discharge of the duties of this important office if elected by the voters in the primaries, and will try to see personally each voter in the Precinct (Number One,) between now and election day, making known to them his desire to serve them as County Commissioner.

Mr. L. L. (Jack) Holland will appreciate your support and influence.

very attractive. Mr. Houston McMurry and Frank Ikard each did well. Each pupil was very attentive to his studies, and performed his or her part well. The girl twins really looked cute in their new dresses at the closing exercises. Robert Taylor looked like a real pretty school gir' in his girlish makeup. Altogether, the play was great and was enjoyed by all present.

Byers First Stock Show, A Success

Monday, Feb. 14, the first Byers F. F. A. Stock Show was held on the streets of Byers, with 14 calves and 5 fat hogs in competition.

Durword Parker's calf was Sr. grand champion and Warren Goss's calf was Jr. champion. Mennon Burchfield had first in fat hogs. Winston Adams was 2nd.

In the Sr. calf division Herbert Moser placed 2nd, Julian Parker 3rd, J. R. Harding 4th, and 5th, Billy Yarbrough 6th and Herbert Moser, 7th.

In the Junior division Beck Murray was 2nd, Buddy Ligon 3rd, Leon Hoeffner 4th, Henry Howard 5th, Glynn Tomlin 6th and 7th.

Mr. Hugh De Woody of Tipton, Okla. was the judge.

The business men of Byers contributed \$25.00 premiums that were distributed among the boys.

Much praise was given Dru Harding and the Dunn Bros. for their cooperation in helping the boys clip, groom, and haul their calves to Byers and also to Henrietta.

Thirteen of the calves were sold on auction sale at the Clay County Calf show at 9 cents average and the 5 hogs sold at 8 1/4 cents average. The calves and hogs sold for \$900.00 after winning \$45.00 premiums at the Byers and Henrietta show. Byers boys won the following places at the Henrietta show, in Jr. Dry lot division, W. Goss, 1st; Julian Parker 3rd, J. R. Harding 4th, Durword Parker 5th.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Zachry, Feb. 19, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Crawford, Feb. 20, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Graves were in Wichita Falls Wednesday.

Notice of Election

Notice is hereby given that a City election will be held in the City of Byers on the First Tuesday in April, which is April 5, to elect a Mayor and Commissioners.

H. D. Vaughter
Mayor
City of Byers



THE NEW FARM BILL

The purposes of the New Farm Bill are as follows:

1. To conserve the Nation's soil resources and use them efficiently.
2. To assist in the marketing of farm products.
3. To regulate interstate and foreign commerce so as:
 - a. To minimize violent fluctuations in supplies, marketings and prices of farm commodities.
 - b. To protect consumers by maintaining adequate reserves of food and feed, and
 - c. To assure farmers a fair share in the National Income.

These purposes are for the benefit of agriculture and the welfare of the entire nation.

REFERENDUM

The Act is democratic for the marketing quotas provide that within 30 days from the passage of the Act that the farmers themselves shall vote upon whether or not they want to take advantage of the liberal provisions of the Bill. If 1/3 of the farmers vote "no" the bill will not become operative and the farmers lose the many advantages provided in the bill. The farmers of each area will elect their own local committeemen and their own delegation to the county convention. The county convention selects their own county committee; the state committee consists of not more than five and the Director of the Agricultural Extension Service is an ex-officio member of the State Committee.

FARMER'S INCOME PROTECTED

The Act protects farmers' incomes as follows:

- 1.—Payments to cooperating farmers conditioned on conservation of soil or, in arid regions, conservation of water.
- 2.—Additional parity payments, if at some future time the necessary funds should be made available.
- 3.—National acreage allotments encouraging plantings in line with domestic demand, foreign markets and ample carry-overs, and avoiding extreme acreage shifts.
- 4.—Storage loans, adapted to meet the varying problems of different crops, and available to prevent price collapse in time of unusually large supplies.
- 5.—Marketing quotas, together with the storage loans, to hold unusual surpluses out of glutted markets and to protect the value of commodities by deferring sale until conditions improve and a market demand develops.

BASIS OF PAYMENTS

Payments are to be divided between landlord and tenant in proportion as they share in the crop, except that payments for soil-building practices are divided in the proportion that landlord and tenant contribute to the carrying out of the practices.

Funds available for payments will be allocated among commodities on the general basis of past acreage and value, taking into consideration changes in land use under the adjustment programs.

The Act provides that in addition to treatment and changes in use of land, payments may be measured by the farmers' fair share of the National production of these commodities needed for domestic consumption and exports. It is in carrying out this provision that national acreage or production allotments are determined for corn, wheat, cotton, tobacco, and rice.

COMMODITY LOANS

The Act authorizes loans on all agricultural products to be made through the Commodity Credit Corporation. The commodities themselves on which the loans are made, are to be the security. Loans may be made on any agricultural commodity. The Corporation is directed, however, to make loans on corn, wheat and cotton, when supplies rise above specific levels and prices fall below specific levels. If marketing quotas are in effect, loans are to be available to farmers who are cooperating in the farm program on terms and more favorable than to farmers who are not. Loans have already been made on cotton and wheat and the price of cotton has already advanced from about eight to nine cents per pound and this increase in price is worth Millions of Dollars to the cotton farmers of the South.

From 1/3 to 1/2 of our annual crop is exported. The 1937 cotton crop here and abroad was the largest in history. The price of cotton is set in the world market and because of the large crop the price is relatively low. This Bill, if and when the farmers approve the marketing quotas for 1938 and 1939, will be between Ten and Eleven and One-half Million Bales. The bale allotment under the Act is divided among the farmers and is approved among the states according to past production records. Each state allotment in terms of acres is to be apportioned among the counties according to past acreage record. The county allotments are to be given to farmers primarily on the basis of tilled acreage not used for tobacco, wheat or rice. The cotton marketing quota is to apply subject to favorable vote of all the producers of the previous crop during the next marketing year whenever the total supply of cotton is found to be more than 107 per cent of the normal supply, which is about Nineteen and One-half

Million bales. This year the referendum vote has been set for March 12th. All farmers interested in taking advantage of the many favorable provisions of this Act should be sure and vote on March 12th.

PATENT LICENSING

The President and Mr. Robert Jackson, Assistant Attorney General have had much to say concerning monopoly and the effects on the country. They and others have pointed out how the patent law has given the large manufacturers exclusive rights and has had great effect protecting their rights.

The Committee on Cross Licensing and Patent Pooling, we brought out many evils and monopolistic practices favored because of existing patent law. The writer has introduced a compulsory license patent bill to remedy this situation.

WAGE AND HOUR BILL

Legislation on this subject is now being discussed in the House Labor Committee with prospects bright for legislation similar to the last bill on this subject being reported by the Committee in the near future. The Administration is strongly backing this legislation to be enacted at this session of Congress.

THE CALENDAR

This week the House on Monday considered Unanimous Consent Bills, on Tuesday both the House and Senate heard Washington's Farewell Address read, on Wednesday the House considered minor measures, on Thursday heard speeches on various subjects under unanimous consent and on Friday began consideration of the Interior Department Appropriations Bill,

which will be considered until disposed of this week.

The Senate last week on Monday by a vote of 58 to 22 set aside the Antilynching Bill, after a continuous filibuster of six weeks and began the consideration of the Relief Bill. On Wednesday the Senate debated and finally passed the Relief Bill by a vote of 68 to 1 and sent to conference. The Senate consideration of the Interior Department Appropriations bill on Wednesday and continued consideration the remainder of the week and this measure will be pending business this week until disposed of. The House this week, will complete consideration of the Interior Department Appropriations Bill and then begin the consideration of the Revenue Act of 1938.

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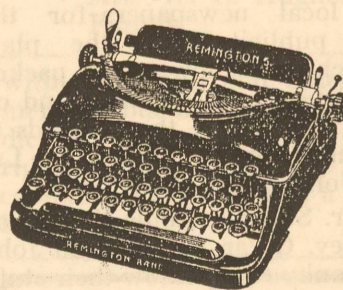
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JUST CRUISING

(By the Captain)

One thing is certain and that is that Clay County is now receiving the biggest play ever to come our way in the oil game! Of course, it is human nature to want to make all one can out of their property and once an opportunity comes up to lease land some land owners deal on the basis that this is their last and only chance to get rich and in trying to get the whole hog, hair and all,—one most often comes out minus even the hair! Just this week the Captain heard of a certain piece of property owned by a certain farmer; he still owes some on his land, and at one time thought he really wanted to lease it! A friend got some of his oil friends interested; the oil men offered him a nice figure,—in fact, it was enough to finish paying the debt on his acreage with a neat sum remaining, but, did you know, this poor fellow refused even a higher offer, and now he has most likely gotten the big lease men to where they will pass him up entirely, and unless it should be that oil is hit right against him, he will still be plugging away trying to pay off that debt balance! This is considered wildcat territory, so

when you are offered a fair and legitimate lease price, don't turn it down and later have cause for regret! Remember that old saying,—a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush! And,—you still have that royalty.

Many worthy civic projects here are now receiving aid from the people through patronage of various plays and other forms of entertainment being provided by many of our citizens. The American people, as a whole, are strong for aiding all worthy causes and especially is this the case when they are given a little entertainment along with the project. And, our people are really seeing some splendid forms of entertainment in the various plays being prepared and rendered during this season.

If you haven't secured a copy of the Special Oil Edition of The Clay County Leader issued last Friday and mailed it to some distant relative or friend, it isn't too late to do so. There are sufficient extra copies preserved for all who care to mail them!

Prospects all over Clay county were never brighter for a bumper small grain crop than now, and our farmers and people have much to really be thankful for, and our cattlemen are smiling for they too are beginning to see "green" grass covering their pasture lands! And those fine

New Steel Derrick And Two Diesel Engines Are Being Used

Franklin-Staggs Well Drilling Past 3200

Walter Gant completed his rig Tuesday on the Samuel Belt-on survey, Abstract 12, Bryant Edwards ranch lands, and began drilling Wednesday. Wednesday night the well was lighted up and the two new Diesel engines were turning one of the five or six wheels of fortune that will determine whether or not Clay county and Henrietta is to be or not to be an oil town with the thriving business concerns that are to be found only in such a place. This well is looked toward with much more enthusiasm by Henrietta than any of the other wells yet drilled because of its location, only five miles from Henrietta.

In the afternoon with the sun to our back, the top of this steel derrick may be clearly seen against the blue background of a clear sky. It is the prayer of nearly every citizen that some evening as the sun is setting that this pretty picture will be marred by the flow of a black gummy substance over the top of

herds of whitefaced Herefords surely look good ranging over the hills throughout the county!

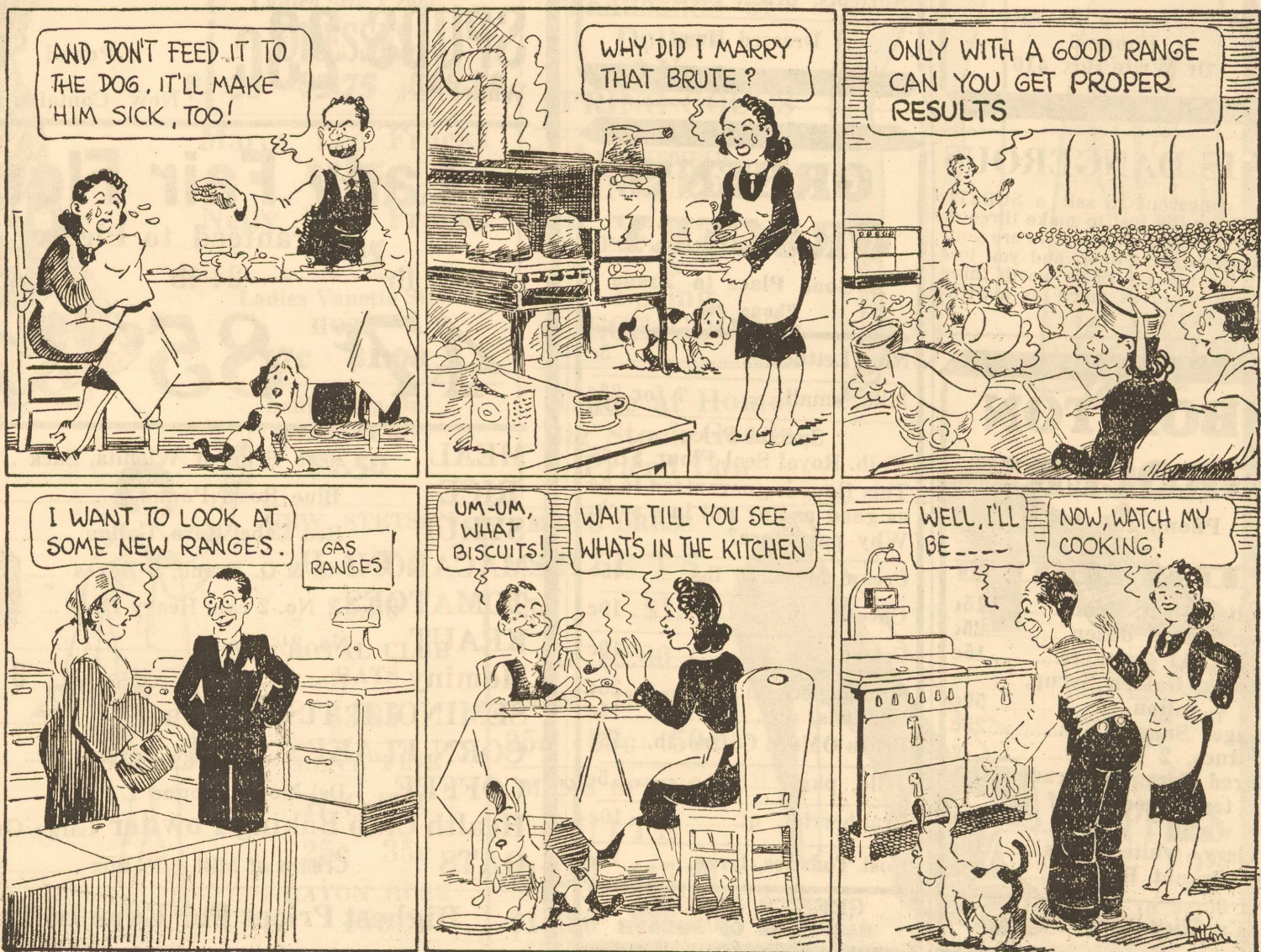
that high derrick.

The Wallace No. 1 well known as the Healdton Oil and Gas well located 14 miles southwest of Henrietta and about 3 miles northwest of Bluegrove, shut down this week after reaching the contracted depth of 4200 feet. Drilling was resumed however Wednesday and at present the well is down to about 4,400 feet. They plan to drill considerably deeper, to five or six thousand feet.

The Barnett Petroleum well nine miles southwest of Henrietta on the Nutter land closed down at 4,000 feet, but are busy checking data and formations relative to drilling down to 5,000 feet. The well attracting the most attention at present however is the Wirt Franklin well on A. B. Staggs land just six miles north of Henrietta. This well is located on the edge of the Henrietta-Petrolia oil field, producing from shallow sands. The well is down past 3,200 feet and will be drilled to 4,200 feet in the event pay sand is not found at 3,800 feet. The Woodbine-Cisco formation is located around this depth.

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"Listen, son: I am saying this to you, as you lie asleep, one little paw crumpled under your cheek and the blond curls sticky wet on your dampy forehead, I have stolen into your room alone. Just a few moments ago, as I sat reading my paper in the library, a hot, stifling wave of remorse swept over me. I could not resist it. Guiltily I came to your bedside.

"These are the things I was thinking my son: I had been cross to you. I scolded you as you were dressing for school merely a daub with a towel. I took you to task for not cleaning your shoes. I called out and because you gave your face grily when I found you had thrown some of your things on the floor.

"At breakfast I found fault, too. You spilled things. You gulped down your food. You put your elbows on the table. You spread butter too thick on your bread. And as you started off

to play and I made for my train, you turned and waved a little hand and called, 'Good-bye, Daddy!' and I frowned, and said in reply, 'hold your shoulders back.'

"Then it began all over again in the late afternoon. As I came up the hill road I spied you, down on your knees playing marbles. There were holes in your stockings. I humiliated you before your boy friends by making you march ahead of me back to the house. Stockings were expensive—and if you had to buy them you would be more careful. Imagine that, son, from a father! It was such stupid, silly logic.

"Do you remember later

when I was reading in the library, how you came in softly, timidly, with a sort of hurt, hunted look in your eyes? When I gave you a look of scorn and indifference. Your little arms with longing came around my neck. And then when no response came you quickly fled up stairs to your bed—crushed in the knowledge that your open your character. You did not deserve my treatment of you, son. The little heart of you was as wide hills. All this was shown by

your spontaneous impulse to rush and kiss me good night. "Well, son, it was shortly afterwards that my paper slipped from my hand and a terrible, sickening fear came over me. Suddenly I saw myself as I really was, in all my horrible selfishness, and I felt sick at heart.

"And there was so much that was good, and fine, and true in side in the darkness, and I have knelt here, choking with emotion, and so ashamed.

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Gov. Letter Cont. From Page 4
 broken decisions that the State owns its coastal lands "and the soils under its navigable waters." In most of the states this extends out to the three-mile limit, but in Texas, according to the position we took, it extends for three leagues, which is about 10 1/2 miles.

We pointed out that when Texas won her independence the first Congress of the Republic passed an act asserting dominion over a territory which was described to begin at the mouth of the Sabine river and parallel the Gulf Coast of Texas at a distance of three leagues from land to the mouth of the Rio Grande river. This distance of three leagues from land was recognized in the treaty of peace between the Mexican Government and the United States Government after the Mexican

War. It was again recognized in the Gadsden purchase by the United States from the Government of Mexico.

Everyone conceded that Texas was probably in the strongest position of any of the states, but, of course, we don't want our title clouded and development of our oil land held up by the possibility of a lawsuit with the strong United States Government. The Attorney General of the United States now has the right to file a suit if the Government owns these lands, or any part of them. He doesn't need a resolution from Congress to authorize him to file the suit.

The parties asking Congress to pass the resolution finally admitted that they wanted this resolution for its moral effect and because it was a declaration by the Congress that United

States in fact owned the land. In other words, the resolution would be, in effect, an invitation by Congress to the courts to overrule the rule of property which has existed in this county for over a hundred years.

The Texas delegation in Congress was very actively interested in helping defeat the resolution. While I am firmly convinced we could win it in court, we don't want a lawsuit; and I feel quite confident that the resolution will be defeated.

Aching Feet and Legs as cause of divorce! One of the Many Interesting Articles Appearing in The American Weekly, the Magazine Distributed with Next Sunday's Chicago Herald and Examiner.

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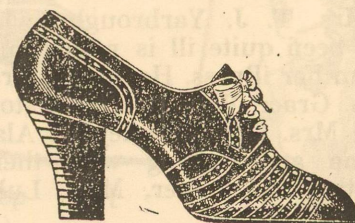
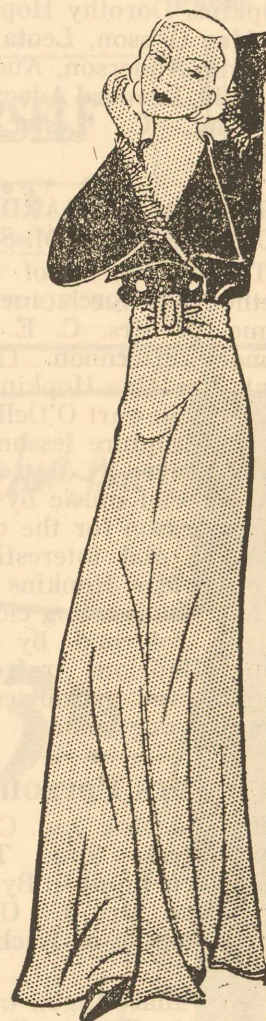
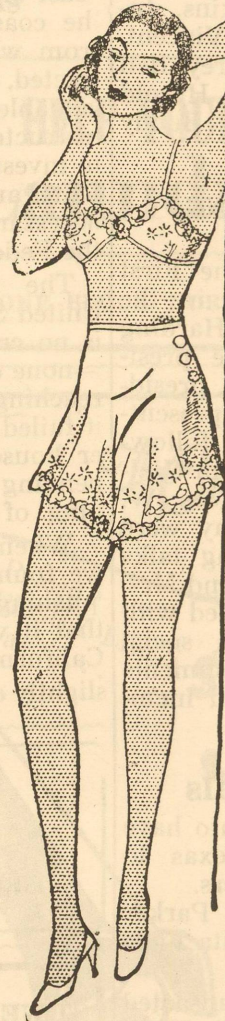
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SOCIETY
BYERS METHODIST ATTENDED CHURCH SCHOOL IN WICHITA

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Mr. and Mrs. S. O'Dell, Mr. and Mrs. Dunsworth, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Parker, Mrs. B. Dunn, Mrs. H. Henderson, Mrs. H. D. Vaughter, Mrs. S. B. Householder, J. R. Cummings, H. D. Vaughter, Jr., Mrs. W. D. Cooper, Misses Madeline Harding, Grace, Lawrence, Mildred Vineyard, Faye Cooper, Hazel Cooper, Marie Cooper, Norman Gale Hopkins, Dorothy Hopkins, Julia Mae Glisson, Leota Vincent, Johnnie Anderson, Audrey Bell Oldfield, Leonard Adcox, Harold Harding, C. Lester, Buddy O'Dell.

MRS. CLAUDE HARDING HOSTESS TO W. M. S.

The W. M. S. of the First Methodist church met in the home of Mrs. C. E. Harding Monday afternoon. The president, Mrs. Ona Hopkins, presided. Mrs. Stewart O'Dell presented the scripture lesson, followed by prayer by Mrs. Jim Wallace. Special music by Mrs. W. on the lesson for the day were B. Allen and interesting talks given by Mrs. Hopkins and Mrs. O'Dell. The meeting closed with prayer, followed by a social hour. Delicious refreshments were served to fourteen members and one visitor.

Byers Personals

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Cato have moved from Spur, Texas to make their home in Byers.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Parker were shopping in Wichita Falls Tuesday.

Mr. Wallace Ligon transacted business in Wichita Falls Wednesday.

Mrs. T. J. Yarbrough, who has been quite ill is recovering from her illness. Her daughters, Mrs. Grace Wilbur of Houston and Mrs. Green Hatley of Alabama are visiting with their mother and sister, Miss Lulu Yarbrough.

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"THE REST OF THE RECORD"

BY JAMES V. ALLRED
 Governor of Texas

Austin.—Upon the urgent request of several officials of the State Teachers Association I flew to Washington last week to appear before the judiciary committee of Congress in opposition to a resolution seriously affecting the title to our coastal lands.

The resolution, by Senator Nye of North Dakota, was originally introduced and passed through the United States Senate in the closing days of the session last year. Upon its face it was an innocent resolution simply reciting that it was asserted that the United States Government owned title to certain submerged lands along the coast of the United States from the coast of the United States from which oil was being extracted, and which is potentially valuable for that reason; and it instructed the Attorney General to investigate title of the United States and file such suits as were necessary to recover same for the Federal Government.

The resolution passed the United States Senate, and there is no criticism on that account—none of us knew just how far reaching it was—but, of course, it failed to get through the lower house of Congress and was pending business at the beginning of this session.

When we got to Washington we found that those who were pushing the resolution stated that it was primarily aimed at California, which occupies a slightly different status from the

other states; BUT the trouble was that the resolution was so broad as to cast a serious cloud upon the Texas title and that of every other coastal state. Too, we found that the Navy Department had suggested an amended resolution which was worse than the original. The amendment asserted that the United States owned all of the submerged, or coastal lands under the waters on American shores; that there is possibly a serious shortage of oil reserves and that the President should be authorized to take over and set aside

these lands as naval oil reserves. The amended resolution did contain the statement that it was subject to the title of any state, or private individual or corporation which may be established in the judicial proceedings hereinafter authorized." This was the worst joker in the resolution—that is, it would require Texas to establish in court a title which has been unchallenged for over a hundred years.

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NEW LONDON CLUB

The mind of every normal person is so constructed that its desire is to build. We grow tired of the same old things in our rooms as they become faded and worn, but give us new curtains or a bedspread and our work becomes light. It is the joy we get out of building. This year we are planning better beds. The value of a complete bed was ably demonstrated by Miss Hayden last Wednesday at the home of Mrs. L. J. Petrie.

After a short session, games were played. Delicious roasted peanuts were served to the following: Mesdames Frank and Earnest Borgman, L. F. Streatly, D. D. Massie, Floyd Cullers, R. C. Shackelford, Rollie Wells, a new member, and Onis Curtsinger, a visitor and Misses Ruby Hayden and Fannie and Mattie Vaughn.

The next meeting will be on March 9th at the New London church.

CAMBRIDGE CLUB

The Cambridge H. D. Club met Friday Feb. 25th at 10 o'clock in the home of Mrs. A. F. Goehring.

The morning was spent in quilting. The house was called to order at 2:00 p. m. Mrs. A. H. Witte gave a demonstration on "Styles on Parade." Members present were Mesdames C. E. Loving, Ray Garrison, I. E. Daniel, W. M. Shutt, A. H. Witte, C. E. Witte, A. F. Goehring, R. D. Wright, Roy Renfro and visitors, Mrs. Bill J. Grimes and Bob Shutt.

The next meeting will be held March 11.

HALSELL H. D. CLUB

The Halsell H. D. Club met Friday afternoon at 2:30 at the home of Mrs. W. H. Murphy.

The president in chair, all business was completed and plans are under way for the women to help sponsor a play for 4-H club girls.

Miss Hayden gave an interesting demonstration on "Better Beds" which was greatly appreciated by the eight members present.

HALSELL 4-H CLUB

The Halsell 4-H Club met Friday morning at the school build-

ing with their sponsor, Hazel Short, and County Home Demonstration agent, Miss Ruby E. Hayden.

The president in chair—all business was completed after which Miss Hayden gave an interesting talk on selecting colors best suited to each type and also selection of the right kind of aprons.

There were seven members present.

COUNCIL NOTES

The Clay County Home Demonstration met February 26th in Miss Haydens office in the new Agricultural building with seven clubs represented and fourteen members present.

After the recreation period council then took up their business.

Plans were made for an "Apron and Overall Party" on the 22nd of April.

The District meeting at Seymour on the 11th of March was announced and plans made to attend.

On the 11th of March the County Federation meets in Henrietta.

The standing committees made their reports and council adjourned.

Mr. J. M. Henderson, of Riverland, was shaking hands with friends in Henrietta Saturday and shopping with local merchants. He reported everything progressing nicely in that section.

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The Buffalo Springs Home Demonstration Club met at 2:30 p. m. March 1, with the president in charge. There were 10 members who answered to the roll call with what color is becoming to me. One new member, Mrs. Stella Starnes. The meeting was turned over to our county H. D. Agent, Miss Ruby E. Hayden, who gave us an interesting talk on color schemes for the different type women. She then gave us in instructive Demonstration as she almost had each different type present with which to demonstrate on.

The Brunett, typical Blond and the different types in between it certainly was interest-

ing and instructive. The demonstration was enjoyed by all.

A Christian Workers Training School is being conducted this week by the Methodist churches in Wichita Falls for that District. The School started last Sunday and will end tonight. Rev. L. G. Hagard and several young people from here have been attending. Rev. Hagard is the Educational Director of the School and is also a teacher. Those young people attending from Henrietta are Misses Artelle Looney, Ruth Worthington and Mr. Frank Elkins.

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Business general as distinguished from "Big Business," had an opportunity last week to present its views as to what government could do to improve economic conditions and to counteract the present recession. The big fellows in industry and finance had their shot at it, the important railroad people were scheduled, and it seemed only fitting that the average fellow in commercial life was also entitled to a hearing.

There was a natural difficulty in selecting a group out of the millions of dealers and manufacturers in 48 states, so the expedient was adopted of making up a list from those who had indicated sufficient interest in the situation to write to the president or to the Department of Commerce. There were thousands of such letters. Obviously, it was not practical to have all the writers down to Washington. So there came up the problem of selection.

What the administration was looking for was a representative group. Had it been attempted to sund out in advance those chosen, the gathering would have been justly subject to the criticism that it was hand-picked, which would, of course, have destroyed its democratic complexion. So the names were selected more or less at random, except that the contents of the letters, where they indicated the character of the writer, was at least a partial guide. As most of these letters began with some such phrase as "I am a manufacturer of notions, employing thirty men," or "I am the owner of a store which supplies such and such a community," or "I am the president of a small corporation, dealing in," etc., there was a little information as to the status of the letter writers. No attention was paid to whether the body of the letter endorsed or assailed the government's policies. Obviously, among a thousand individuals picked in this fashion, there were bound to be a few cranks, a few vilent radicals, and perhaps a greater number of hide-bound reactionaries. All sorts and conditions of people write to the President of the United States, whether because of grie-

vance, real or fancied, or because of the great American instinct that makes a lot of men believe that they can see further through a millstone than anybody else, and declare themselves accordingly.

Net Result Good

However, the net result of the invitations to Washington was pretty good. The resolutions presented to the President were all sensible; in presenting a point of view, and it is not impossible that some of them contained at least the germ of an idea that will prove helpful. At all events, they are of a character that commands respect and merits consideration.

Unfortunately, the newspapers in their reports of the gathering emphasized the picturesque and the incongruous incidents, and so the country possibly got a very twisted idea of the deliberations of this business group. I cannot really complain because the members of my craft followed this procedure. A newspaper reporter invariably writes with headlines in view, and there is more excitement in the suppression of a disturber than in the straight recording of ordinary proceedings. This circumstance may be regrettable, but it is quite understandable. We are familiar with the same sort of thing even in the deliberations of Congress. We all remember that the diatribes of Huey Long, and before that the fulminations of Tom Feflen, got all sorts of prominence in the newspaper reports, even when the important legislation on which they were supposed to be speaking was barely referred to and in many cases not mentioned at all.

It all depends, in estimating these things, on the point of view as to the function of the daily newspaper. Is it the paper's chief business to entertain its readers, or to instruct them? Judging from my own experience, I do not think that the circulation department of any important publication would have to think twice in answering that question.

At all events, the idea of the gathering was to get an expression from a vast group of our population especially concerned

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Finis Woods of Dallas, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Smith and Mrs. F. R. Woods and family.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Tucker, spent Sunday with Mrs. Tucker's sister in Burkburnett.

The news has been received here of the arrival of little Miss Sammie Jane Woods, to Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Woods of Dallas. Mr. and Mrs. Woods will be remembered as "Vernon and Marie," who made their home in Henrietta for a number of years. The Leader and friends extend their heartiest congratulations, to this young lady and also the parents.

Mrs. A. A. Harlow, of Dallas, spent several days here last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Mangum. She returned home Monday with her husband, who came for her and to visit in the Mangum home for the day.

Mesdames Sallie Short, Fannie Langford and John Coats spent Saturday in Wichita Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gray of Bowie, spent Sunday with Mrs. Gray's mother, Mrs. Fannie Langford and family.

Mrs. Alton Coats has returned from a visit with her mother, Mrs. J. D. Fowler in Duncan, Oklahoma. A friend, Mrs. Geraldine Campbell, returned home with her for a visit.

Rev. N. B. Haralson, father of Mrs. L. J. Gentry, left Monday for a visit with a nephew, who is seriously ill in Lubbock. He expects to visit relatives in Wellington before returning to Henrietta.

Mr. and Mrs. Basil Gist and sons, Dan Ray and Jack Lee, have returned to their home in Bowie after a visit here, with Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Gentry and Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Howard and families.

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CARD OF THANKS

We take this means of extending our sincere thanks to our neighbors and friends who were so thoughtful and kind to us during the illness and passing of our dear husband and father.

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For District Clerk:
JESSIE C. CHESNUTT

For Sheriff:
E. P. BOMAR (Re-election)
FRED F. HILBURN

For Assessor-Collector:
HOLLIS B. MOORE
HARVE ROLLINS

For Co. Commissioner Prec. 1:
J. C. PAYNE
(Re-election.)
J. V. BOYD
L. L. (JACK) HOLLAND

For County Clerk:
LAWRENCE NUCKOLLS
E. L. (Ernest) HODGE
WAYNE LEFEVRE

For Co. Treasurer:
DAVE H. UTLEY
(Re-election)
BETTYE GARRISON

The Committee in charge of the sale of tickets for the show sponsored by the Clay County Federation of Women's Clubs for the County Library book fund reports total sum made as \$30.95. This is being expended for books for the library, a list of which will appear in next week's paper.

We wish to thank everybody for their splendid cooperation in making this enterprise so successful.

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