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Postal Service

The bill before Congress which would create a Postal Corporation and abolish the Post Office Department is filled with ambiguous language which should be cleared up before anyone takes it seriously.

On page 15 of the bill, for example, I came across the provision that the corporation shall "serve as nearly as practicable the entire population of the United States."

What do they mean by practicable, and what do they mean by nearly? The Post Office must serve every citizen of the country whether such service is practicable or not. Surely it is not practicable from a dollars and cents point of view, to serve people living in rural areas or in remote communities, yet these people have just as much right to use the mails as any citizen living in a big city. The present Post Office has its faults but it is a service.

Surely we do not want a huge public utility in its place which can refuse to serve patrons in areas where such service may prove to be too costly. The only way the corporation can work is through raising the rates and reducing the service.

Some people favor change simply for change's sake. Something goes wrong with the Post Office, and they immediately want to turn it into a corporation.

Change does not necessarily mean reform. The Post Office needs reform, but the reform can be achieved under the present organizational structure. The Post Office is too essential to the American people for the government to make frivolous experiments just for the sake of change.

The Dulski Bill presently before Congress would throw politics out of the Post Office but would still retain the control of the service in the hands of the people, through their elected representatives. The Post Office needs reform, not abolition.

I think we should have these answers and a lot more before we start advocating junking the Post Office and trading it in for a corporation. The Post Office can and should be reformed from within, and still be kept under the control of the people, through their elected congressmen. If you want to see the Dulski Bill (HR4) passed write your congressman today.

Gas Production In County

Donley County gas wells pumped some \$304,000 into the county's economy last year, according to a study just released by the Texas Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association. The county ranked 180th in the state in value of production. "Output from Donley County is part of this country's domestic petroleum supply which is endangered by some of the proposals now before Congress," commented Corbin J. Robertson, Association president. "Attempts to destroy percentage depletion provisions of our income tax laws could discourage further development of Texas petroleum resources."

Last year, the county produced 2.3 billion cubic feet of natural gas. Of this total, county landowners and others with mineral interests received royalty payments of \$38,000.

The state received \$21,000 in production taxes from natural gas. Drilling expenditures were an estimated \$238,000. There were 3 dry holes drilled in the county, according to Ira Rinehart's Yearbook. They were all wildcat wells.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our sincere thanks to all her Hedley friends for the many kindnesses shown us in the loss of Mrs. J. H. Cooper.

We appreciated the food, flowers and every other kindness so much.

The family of Mrs. J. H. Cooper

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Owens have returned from a trip to California. Tom Owens of San Bernardino returned with them for a visit here.

Oren Wiggins and family of Pasadena recently visited in Hedley and Stinnett.

Vance Grisham and family of Devine and Mrs. Robert Grisham of Memphis visited the M. O. Weatherlys last week end.

Grant Johnson of Matador is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Johnson, this week.

The new school supt., John Garlon Freeman, and his family have moved here from Center, Colorado.

Contributed

Boy Scout News

Randy Johnson and Tommy Clendennen attended Camp M. K. Brown July 25 and 26 and were inducted into the Order of the Arrow, which is the honor campers' fraternity of the Boy Scouts.

Scoutmaster Allen Estlack and Assistant Stephen Rist were also inducted into the Order of the Arrow.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stiles of Lubbock, Emmett Stiles of Groom and Mrs. J. F. Stiles of Hedley returned Wednesday of last week from Birch Tree, Mo., where they visited Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Swinney. The weather was nice, but fishing was not so good.

Mrs. Dannie Bernardin, Mrs. Mary Harris and Mrs. Omie Simmons visited last week with Mrs. J. B. Pickett at Dumas. Mrs. W. C. Plunk is in a hospital there.

Mrs. LeFils of Fort Worth left Sunday after a visit in the Rev. Dave Sellars' home. Mrs. LeFils is Mrs. Sellars' mother.

Ronnie Bolin left last Wednesday for San Diego, Calif., to enter the U. S. Marine Corps. His wife, Marilyn, is making her home here at present.

Trent Bolin and family moved here from Pampa last week and Trent began work as deputy sheriff in Hedley Aug. 1st.

Card of Thanks

I wish to express my sincere thanks to all my friends for your cards, visits and food while I was ill.

I appreciated everything very much.

C. E. Mullins

Visitors in the J. F. Mann home last week included Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McMahan of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Dent of Fort Worth, and grandchildren Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wellman of Colorado Springs, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dent and Miss Donna Dent of Fort Worth, Mrs. John Arden and son and daughter of Los Angeles, Calif.

Ronnie and Tammy Overcast of Clarendon visited their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Reed, this week.

Family Reunion

We will have our annual family reunion this year on August 10th. It will be a very sad and lonely day for me but it will be some pleasure too for my children to get together and visit for a day.

We will have our dinner at the regular hour, then we will visit the cemetery and back to the park, and ask everyone to visit with us at the park from 2 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and we do hope all of you who want to meet all of the family would please come early as some of our children who live a good ways from here will be starting home in the early afternoon, so please come early if you can, but come anyway.

Hoping to see all of you at the park.

John F. Hill



LIONS ROAR

Next Thursday night is regular Lions Club meeting. Meeting time is 8 p. m. Mrs. Kate Stone promises a good supper. Boss Lion Jack Stafford says there will be a good meeting. Cotton Festival time is nearing.

Last week's family picnic was one of the largest if not the largest in many years. The cooking crew prepared 216 half chickens. Very few were left so the attendance must have been near the 200 mark.

The club certainly appreciates and wishes to thank those who cooked, served and otherwise helped with the picnic. They will show their appreciation by letting them barbecue again during the Festival.

The topping is now on the two tennis courts near school. More work will be done soon. Let's make these courts as nice as any in the area while we are at it. Donations are still being accepted both in labor or cash.

Mrs. Margaret Nivens was scheduled to undergo surgery in Memphis Tuesday.

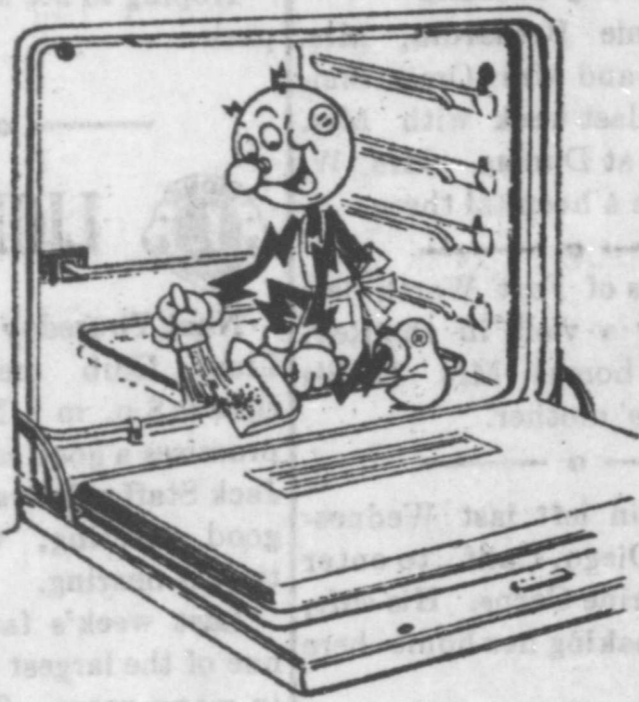
Mrs. Eloise Spalding underwent surgery in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carter visited here Sunday from Pampa.

The J. C. Upton family of Amarillo visited here last week end.

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A representative of the Social Security Administration will be at the courthouse in Clarendon from 9:00 to 12:00 on the following

Thursdays:
 August 7 and 21
 Sept. 4 and 18

He will also be at the American Legion Hall in Memphis from 8:30 to 11:30 on the following **Wednesdays:**

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 Armour's Vienna Sausage, 4 oz. can, 3 for **.79**

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Rowe Cemetery

The time is here for work to be done again on Rowe Cemetery. This work is paid for solely by voluntary contributions, and donations are needed to pay for gas and labor.

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Storm Warning

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Three blasts do not necessarily indicate that a tornado has been sighted, but they do mean that everyone should watch the clouds and take whatever action seems to be necessary.

Hedley Lodge No. 991

A.F. and A.M. meets on the first Tuesday night on each month. All members are urged to attend. Visitors welcome. Allen Estlack, W. M. V. C. Waddell, Sec.

Hedley Lions Club

Meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday night of each month. All Lions are urged to be present. Jack Stafford, Pres. Gilbert Srygley, Sec.

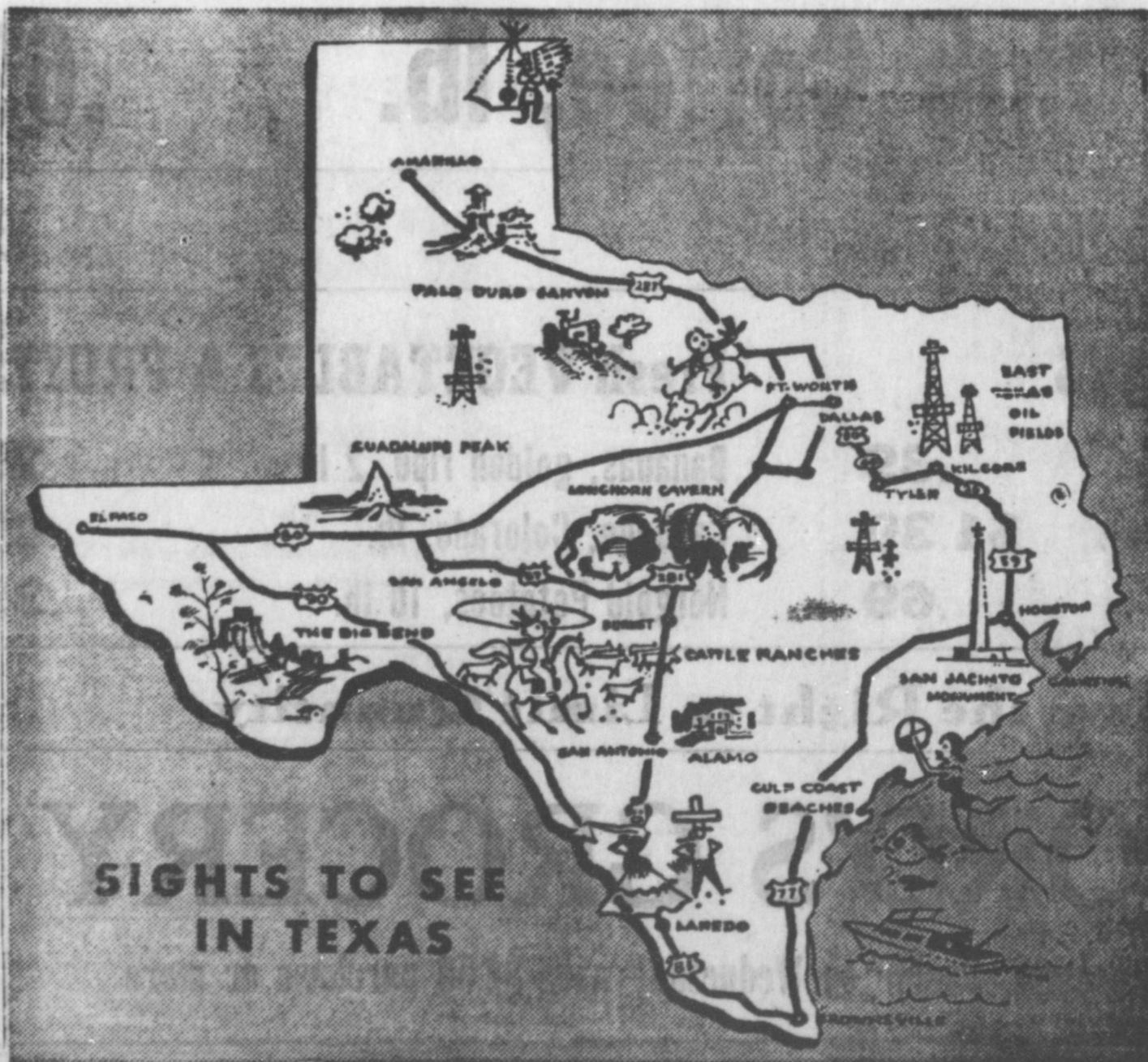
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Origins of County Names Sought

Donald A. Gill, professor of English at El Centro College in Dallas, is preparing a study of the origins of place names, rivers, etc., in 38 Panhandle and South Plains counties as his dissertation for a doctor's degree.

Within Donley County, he has the name origins of Clarendon,

Donley County, Baydstop, Carrol Creek, Hedley and Lelia Lake.

Name origins he is still seeking include Allen Creek, Ashtola, Barton Creek, Bell Creek, Betty Creek, Big Sandy Creek, Bitter Creek, Boydston Cemetery, Brushy Creek, Buffalo Arroyo, Calf Creek, Camp Creek, Chamberlain, Clarendon Airfield, Cottonwood Creek, Eagle Creek, Giles, Glenwood Creek, Greenbelt Reservoir, Halls Creek, Hedley Airfield, Horse Creek, Indian Creek, Jerico cemetery, Jesse Arroyo, Kelly Creek, Kilfoil Draw, East Koogle Creek, Little Gyp Creek, Lone Tree Creek, McCormick Creek, McCullum Creek, McKnight, Martin, Mitchell Creek, Mulberry Creek, Oklahoma Draw, Parker Creek, Parks Creek, Record Creek, Rock Creek, Rowe cemetery, Salt Fork of Red River, Salter Creek, South Fork Spiller or Buck Creek, Tate Arroyo, Troublesome Creek, Whitefish Creek and Wakefield Lake.

Anyone knowing any of these name origins may contact Mr. Donald A. Gill at 11135 Shortmeadow Lane, Dallas, Tex 75218.

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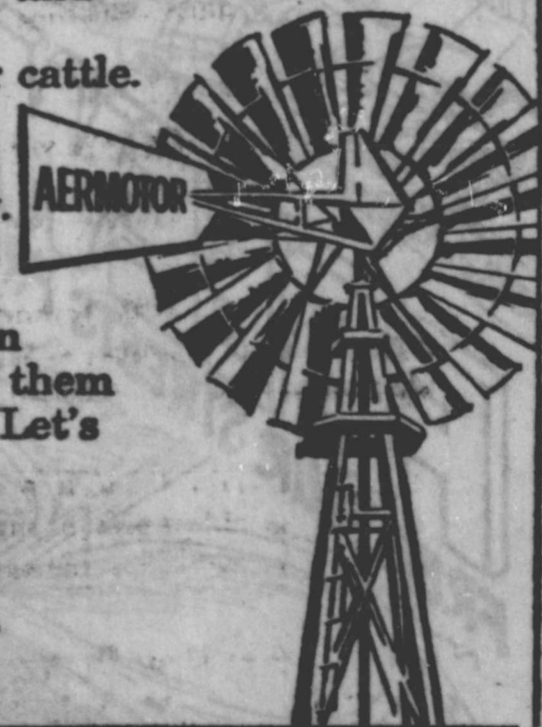
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Amendments

Only three of the proposed amendments, Nos 5, 7 and 8 carried in the Hedley box in Tuesday's election, when 76 votes were cast here.

The vote here was:

- No 1, 27 For, 45 Against
- No 2, 30 For, 44 Against
- No 3, 20 For, 51 Against
- No 4, 31 For, 36 Against
- No 5, 50 For, 25 Against
- No 6, 21 For, 48 Against
- No 7, 36 For, 33 Against
- No 8, 44 For, 25 Against
- No 9, 21 For, 42 Against

Mrs. G F Frost has been ill in the Memphis hospital.

Adamson-Lane Post 287, American Legion



Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. All Legionnaires are urged to attend.

Johnny Conatser, Commander
Clifford Johnson, Adjutant

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PEACHES

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LEGION NEWS

Next Tuesday night's regular meeting of the local post has been postponed a month on account of the heat. The post's air conditioner is not working very well.

Memberships paid in advance for 1970 are 26 now. The next post meeting will be Tuesday night, Sept. 9th.

Jack Brumley has been quite ill in the Groom hospital.

E. L. Cline has been in the Memphis hospital for treatment.

Hedley Lodge No. 413



O.E.S., meets the first Monday night of each month. All members are requested to attend.

Mattie Irene Roberts, W. M.
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