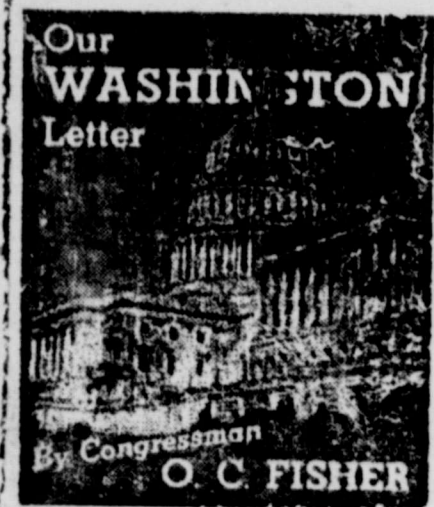


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Another Texan Drafted . . .

A Texan has been called upon to take over an emergency job which in congressional debate has been termed "one of the three most important jobs in the world at this time," that of America's wartime food administrator.

Marvin Jones of Amarillo, former congressman, former federal judge, more recently chief aide to Assistant President James F. Byrnes, is the successor to Food Administrator Chester C. Davis, resigned.

The job which had worn Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard to a frazzle three months ago, and then brought Davis to the verge of a breakdown, now falls to one of the coolest and quietest men in Washington. His calmness, and the broad experience he had at the helm of the Agriculture committee, when he was in the Congress will help Judge Jones now.

Mobilization Director Byrnes has given Judge Jones places on the War Mobilization Committee and the War Production Board. Thus evidently he will have more official authority than Davis, the St. Louis financier, had been given. Given the authority and the co-operation of the people, this West Texan, by applying some common sense, can bring a measure of order out of the chaos which our agriculture—vital to our total war effort—now faces.

Flood Sabotage . . .

The Flood Control Committee last week reported to the House a bill which shows why flood control is a good investment. The best figures submitted by engineers to the committee, of which I am a member, show that the recent Middle West floods inundated 9,029,000 acres of land, killed 62 persons, and caused damages totaling \$96,234,000.

Let 'Em Tend to Their Own Knitting . . .

It's regrettable, but the War (Continued on last page)

Former Coke Pioneer Woman Dies at Corpus

A message to friends from Corpus Christi, Thursday, stated, Mrs. Oscar Clift, formerly of Coke county, but in late years of that city, died there Thursday morning.

A brother of the husband of deceased, Roy Clift, has been quite ill in that city for some time. Wednesday, his sister, Mrs. J. J. Morrow, was advised of his condition, and also that Mrs. Clift was quite ill. Mrs. Morrow departed immediately for Corpus.

Deceased before her marriage was Miss Frances Van Zandt, and was reared near Fort Chadbourne. She was a member of one of the oldtime families

Coke Singing Convention Off for The Duration

John Coalson, president of the Coke County singing convention, requests The Enterprise to announce that the meetings of the convention are called off for the duration.

"Due to gas and food rations, as well as the fact that many of our best singers are now in the service, after conferring with other leaders we have decided it is best to discontinue the singings until after the war.

"But, say to the folks," said Mr. Coalson, "that soon as the war is over, we will come together again and make a greater effort than ever before, to have a county singing convention excelled by none."

Miss Goldie Gray, Dawson Coleman Wed at Church

At the First Baptist church in Bronte, Monday evening, at 9:30 o'clock, July 5, 1943, with the pastor, Rev. J. E. Eldridge, speaking the vows, Miss Goldie Gray became the bride of Dawson Coleman of Miles, Texas.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gray, whose home is three miles north of Bronte. She was born and reared here and was educated in the Bronte schools and in the woman's college at Denton, where she graduated in Home Economics. Last year she was home economics teacher in the Miles school, where she met the young man who became her husband, met and the romance began and blossomed which had its happy culmination in their marriage Monday evening.

The groom is a young man well and favorably known and is prominently connected here. He is engaged in farming and the dairy business.

The couple will make their home in Miles where Mrs. Coleman will teach again next year.

Farmers Course Offered Free at Bronte Night School

Attention, Farmers and Ranchmen:

Has your tractor given you trouble, or does your farm equipment need repair?

Bronte has been fortunate in obtaining some \$2,000 worth of equipment for farm repair and construction work, to aid you to win this war.

The equipment will be in the shop for the use of any citizen who enrolls in the war training courses now being offered.

The courses are in operation every night, except Saturday and Sunday nights.

This is your chance—farmers and ranchmen—to do your own work economically and at the same time secure training in these fields.

The school is under the supervision of the agriculture instructor of the Bronte schools, with an experienced instructor giving the instruction.

of Coke county.

Advice from Corpus Christi is that interment will in Corpus Christi this afternoon.

Bronte Church of Christ Meeting Begins July 16

Members of the Church of Christ in Bronte are active now getting things in readiness for an evangelistic meeting, which is scheduled to start, Friday night, July 16.

Elder Claude Smith of Merkel has been secured to do the preaching. Elder Smith led in a meeting with the Bronte



ELDER CLAUDE SMITH

church last year and his preaching was much appreciated by not only the members of the Church of Christ, but others as well, regardless as to church affiliation. He is a genial gentleman and a forceful and pleasing pulpit speaker.

W. L. Johnson, a gospel singer at Winters, has been secured to lead the singing in the meeting. Interested members of the congregation, as well as the visiting elder, join in a hearty invitation to all to attend the meeting. There will be two services daily, morning and evening.

M. E. Conference at Hayrick was Largely Attended

Rev. A. Hanson, pastor of the Methodist churches at Bronte, Tennyson and Hayrick, reports the quarterly conference of the three churches which was held at Hayrick Sunday, was a delightful day throughout.

Dr. W. F. Hamner, district superintendent, preached at 11 o'clock, bringing a great message.

Dinner was served on the ground which was relished by the large number in attendance.

In the afternoon, the third quarterly conference of the churches was held. The reports showed that the churches were doing excellently, considering the war-torn condition of the times.

Bronte's Bank Makes All-Time High Showing

In this issue of The Enterprise is the financial statement of the First National Bank in Bronte, as made to the banking department at the loss of business, June 30, 1943.

The statement sneaks for itself, which shows that Bronte's financial institution is in excellent condition. The deposits are

AN ARMY OFFICER'S APPEAL FOR SCRAP

To the people of Coke County:

Have you any scrap metal lying around your farms, your country roads, your backyards, your gardens?

The army needs all you can find. There is an extreme shortage of this precious metal in the steel mills and to overcome the slowing up of our assembly lines, the Army is appealing to you to see that you produce ample supply of this vital scrap metal.

You've simply got to help. Scrap metal is essential in guns, planes, ships; all weapons of war. The Army relies upon you, each and everyone of you, to do your part in winning this war. Your scrap will make the bullets and the bombs that will rain destruction and ruin upon the fiendish nations, Germany, Italy and Japan, who would want to rule the world.

Would you want some one to tell you what God you must worship, when you can get up, when you can go to bed, when you can work, what you must wear, what you can say, what you can believe? The only way you can prevent that danger from taking place in this country is for you to get behind the Army and the Navy and the Air Corps with your scrap metal, for with it and enough of it, we can keep on producing more and more until the day must come when we will be the victors.

Every day more men join the ranks, more men give their lives so that you will be protected. But if you don't give them what they need they can't help you. For want of a bullet shall a man die? For want of a mask shall a man be gassed to death? In short, do you want our men to be lacking in anything?

We need your support and help. We will work with you to the best of our ability. But you must in return give us your whole-hearted cooperation by looking and finding that scrap so badly needed.

The Army's on the march and you're going to march with it. We're going right up to your homes and appeal to you to help our men load the Army trucks with more scrap than even you thought could give. Show the men about your backyards and gardens and attics. Let them assist you in sorting out what you can't use but which the Army can. Perhaps that old coal stove you can't use anymore may be turned into the very bullet which will save your son's life or the life of a friend. You cannot, you must not, leave any stone unturned.

Lt. Don R. Parsons
Goodfellow Field
San Angelo, Texas

Recalling Pioneer Days

By MRS. W. L. HAYLEY
Roscoe, Texas

To The Bronte Enterprise:

You are right, Bro. West, that the pictures of Lee Richards and Wylie Byrd recalled pioneer memories—not only recalled the wedding of my parents, but recalled my own marriage, 44 years ago, and friendships of long standing with these two families.

They are not of importance to the reading public. I am writing this to The Enterprise to recall the helpful neighborliness of pioneer people and to show how times have changed in the last century.

Yes, Lee Richard's mother was a neighbor of my mother in Collin county, and helped to bake the many wedding cakes of the Plantation wedding of my parents, Henry Davis Pearce and Sarah Elizabeth Pride, in 1868. They were married by Rev. T. B. McComb, a Baptist preacher. All the neighborhood was invited to this wedding at 10 A. M., then all attended the revival meeting, going back to the Plantation for the wedding dinner. All the young people, including the bride and groom, went to the church horseback, the ladies in their side saddles, with long riding skirts. This was soon after the

Civil War, in Reconstruction days.

Many years later when the Pearce and Richard families were established in West Texas, this friendship was renewed. The Richard family coming to Ballinger several times a year, in their wagon to lay in supplies, made the Pearce Hotel and Wagon Yard their headquarters, usually stayed several days. Mrs. Richard was a sweet, refined lady and my childhood impression of Mr. Richard was of a kindly man to his family. I have heard him insist on his wife buying many things and himself buying her gifts. I was always impressed with the big loaded wagon of supplies when the family went back to their ranch.

Another who attended this wedding of my parents was Mrs. Chas. Roe, who now lives in Robert Lee. She was a two-year old baby in the arms of her mother—two years later she was carried to see the first Pearce baby, Hubert, and cried to take the new baby home with her.

Another who later became a West Texan, to attend the wedding was Mrs. Chastain deceased—mother of the late M. D. Chastain of Ballinger. All these East (Continued on page three)

\$615,536.79, which is an all-time high for this season of the year. And the loans are also at a record minimum low, at this time of the year.

The Enterprise editor has received an appreciated letter from Sgt. J. B. Tannehill who is now

in England. Sgt. Tannehill's wife is in Bronte with his mother until after the duration. Sgt. Tannehill says that he likes England that it is a beautiful country. But, he says, "there is no spot on earth like the good old U. S. A."

Bomb the Japs with Junk

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INFANTILE PARALYSIS ON THE INCREASE, HEALTH OFFICER WARNS

Austin, Texas, July 8.—With the current incidence of poliomyelitis in Texas being somewhat over the seven-year median, Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, is urging the public to cooperate in helping to prevent the spread of this rippling disease.

"Children should not visit homes where poliomyelitis or symptoms of this disease are present. Promptness in diagnosing poliomyelitis is one of the most important factors in its control," Dr. Cox declared.

"Direct contact between persons is the chief factor in the spread of infantile paralysis and since carriers are difficult to determine, it is advisable to reduce to a minimum human contacts during the outbreaks of this disease."

Dr. Cox stressed the fact that a rigid program of sanitation is advisable since it has been suspected that flies and other seasonal insects may convey the virus or germ of poliomyelitis. He added that insect transmission has not been scientifically demonstrated but pointed out that sanitation is always advisable in controlling disease and that filth is likely to prove dangerous.

Early symptoms of infantile paralysis are headache, fever, vomiting, unusual drowsiness, and irritability, followed by stiffness in the neck and back. Children under five years are most susceptible and all children under twelve years should be watched for suspicious symptoms. Dr. Cox urged that a physician be called immediately if infantile paralysis is suspected. If the disease is definitely diagnosed, local health authorities should be contacted immediately, and patients isolated for at least 21 days.

ATTENTION, FARMERS!

If you have not reported to the Coke County A. C. A. Office, your estimates and measurements of 1943 planted crops and the soil building practices carried out, please do so at the earliest possible date.

In the event your farm is idle, please advise the County Office, in order that proper forms may be executed.

Seventy percent of all farmers have reported their planted crops. It is important that the remaining thirty percent report as soon as possible.

Your prompt attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Jno. W. Norman

ATTORNEY AT LAW

BRONTE, TEXAS

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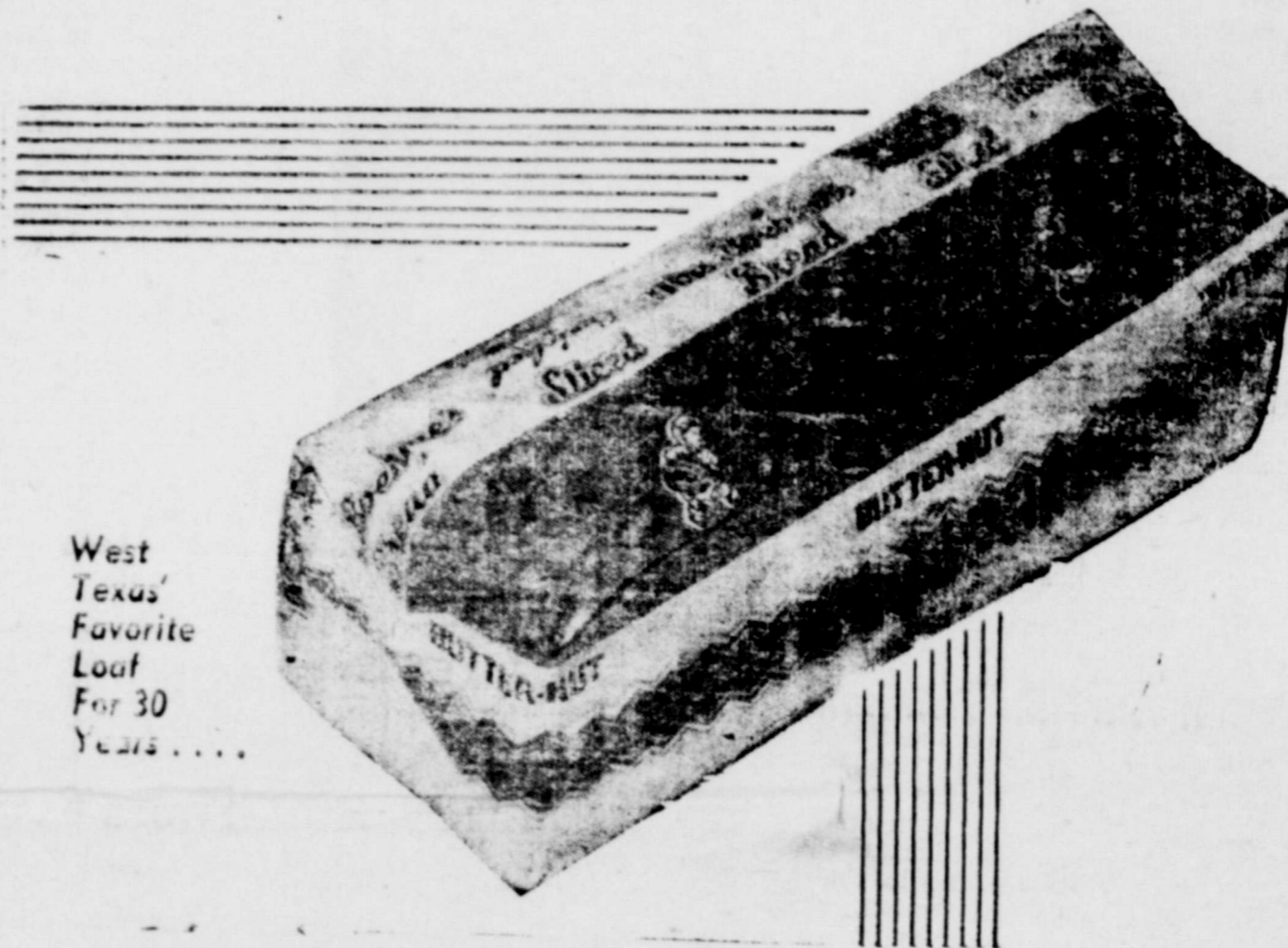
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Madames C. E. Arrott, Robt. Forman, Bill Thompson, and Joe George Wilkins were new members voted into the club.

Refreshments were served. Members present were: Madames Otis Smith, James Glenn, Marlin Mackey, D. K. Glenn, O. R. McQueen and the hostess, Mrs. W. H. Maxwell, Jr.

Mrs. C. S. Westbrook has returned from Dallas, where she visited her mother, Mrs. Manie Candler, who has been ill.

Miss Mary Westbrook from Galveston is spending her vacation in Bronte with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C.S. Westbrook. Miss Westbrook is in the blood bank of John Sealey Hospital.

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ASSETS	
Loans and discounts (including \$340.65 overdrafts)	\$162,542.62
U. S. Gov. obligations, direct and guaranteed	145,450.00
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	50,641.88
Corp. stocks, (including stock Fed. Reserve Bank)	1,500.00
Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	322,730.35
Bank premises owned, furniture and fixtures	6,970.94
Real estate owned other than bank premises	1.00
Total	\$689,836.79
LIABILITIES	
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	562,090.99
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	53,445.80
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$615,536.79
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$615,536.79
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
Capital Stock:	
Common Stock	\$25,000.00
Surplus	25,000.00
Undivided profits	24,300.00
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	74,300.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCT.	\$689,836.79
MEMORANDA	
Pledged assets (and securities loaned) (book value):	
(a) United States Gov. obligations, direct and guaranteed to secure deposits and other liabilities	\$10,450.00
(b) Other assets pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities, including notes and bills rediscounted and securities sold under repurchase agreement)	32,538.50
(e) TOTAL	\$42,988.50
Secured liabilities:	
(a) Deposits secured by pledged assets pursuant to requirements of law	44,671.56
TOTAL	44,671.56

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF COKE, ss:
I, L. T. Youngblood, President of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
L. T. Youngblood, President
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of July, 1943.
Virginia Boecking, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest:
Carrie G. Williams, Frank Keeney, R. E. Cumbie.
Directors.

MEMORIES— (Continued From Page One)

Texas friendships were renewed many years later in West Texas.

The picture of Wylie Byrd recalled my own wedding—for, he furnished the buggy and team, which was the finest rig and team in Coke county, when Larkin Hayley came to Ballinger in 1899 to claim me as his bride. He brought the Baptist preacher, Rev. G. C. Berryman, of Robert Lee, with him. On this 28th day of June there was a big Confederate Reunion Celebration at Ballinger. I was on the program and recited a patriotic speech at ten o'clock in the prize all Ballinger with my wedding morning, and was going to surd at 6 P. M., with only a few invited guests.

In the afternoon Mr. Hayley arrived and went to get the license and found most of Ballinger deserted. He asked the first man he met where he could find the county clerk. This man happened to be the late Marcie Bennett, who was very deaf. He replied that the county clerk was at the river picnic grounds, and wanted to know more about the wedding. Larkin soon ex used himself—for, this was to be a surprise wedding and not to be shouted on the streets of Ballinger.

After the wedding at the Pearce Hotel, the wedding party and hotel guests were given a lovely wedding supper.

Next day the Rev. Berryman, Alvin Hayley and Miss Scottie Ingram returned to Robert Lee on the U. S. mail hack. We remained in Ballinger to attend the second day's celebration, which was Ballinger's birthday—June 29th—and I planned to introduce my husband to my Ballinger friends. I thought him rather handsome, he had a well cared-for mustache, which added to his appearance. But it rained most all of this day and ruined the birthday celebration. Next day we started on our honeymoon trip to Coke County, which was usually a good day's drive—this fine bey team of Wylie Byrd's could have made better time. But there were so many showers we often had to wait to gates between Ballinger and Hayrick mountain, where we open the gates. I counted 22 spent the night at the Hayley home. Wylie Byrd's fine buggy had good storm curtains, so we didn't get wet. The road winded in and out, through the mesquites and the little prairie dogs were so interesting peeping out of their holes, trying to keep dry. I enjoyed the beauty of the country in its naturalness, for, as yet it was almost untouched by hand. The road extended many miles further than the road today. It was a fine wedding trip. Next day after arriving at the new home in Robert Lee, the buggy and team was delivered to Wylie Byrd. "No charges at all," he said in the true Western spirit. So, the beautiful friendship of these friends has blossomed throughout the years. And I have kindly memories, too, of his aged parents, who long ago have gone to their reward.

Now, Rev. West, you see that it would be too big a task for me to write, and you to publish, ALL the pioneer memories of my life time. Thanks.

Thanks, Mrs. Hayley, for this fine sketch. While, of course, it is a narrative touching your own personal life and that of your family, as well as that of some of your personal friends whose names you call, yet it is also a recital of things that happened in the pioneer days—and it is all very interesting. I would be glad for a story of the organization of Coke county and things incident thereto, as you recall having heard them related by those who were here at that time. It would make interesting reading and would preserve in written form, local history that will become more important with the passing years.

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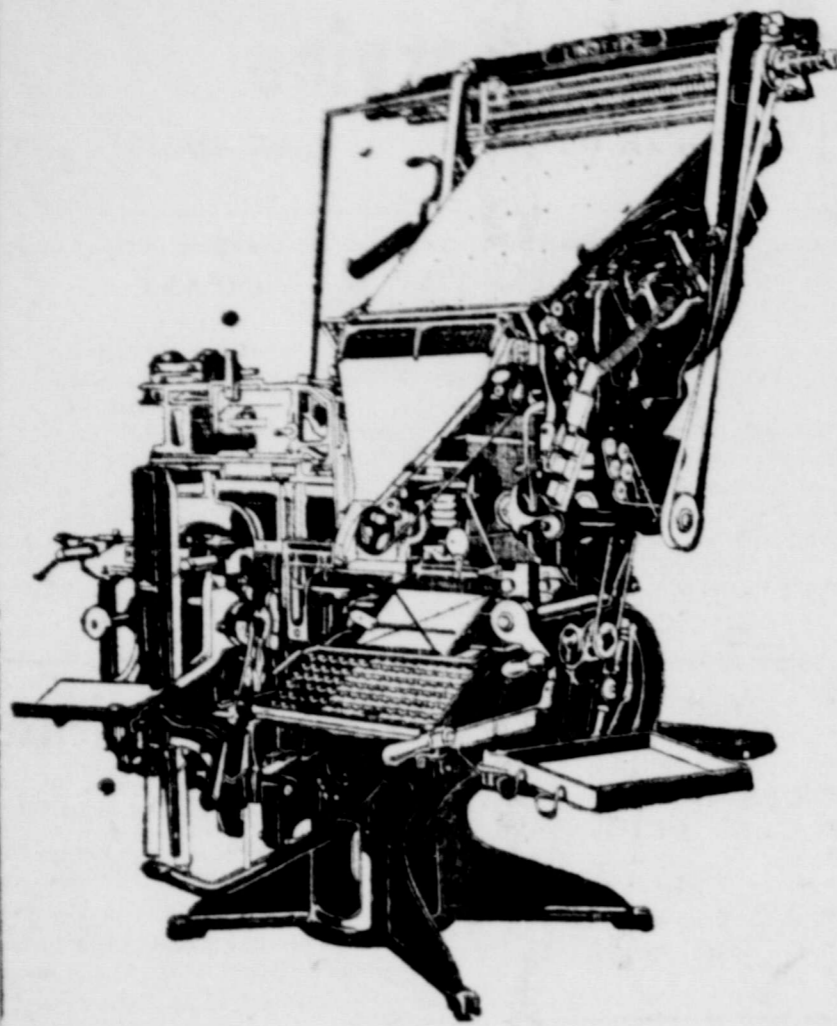


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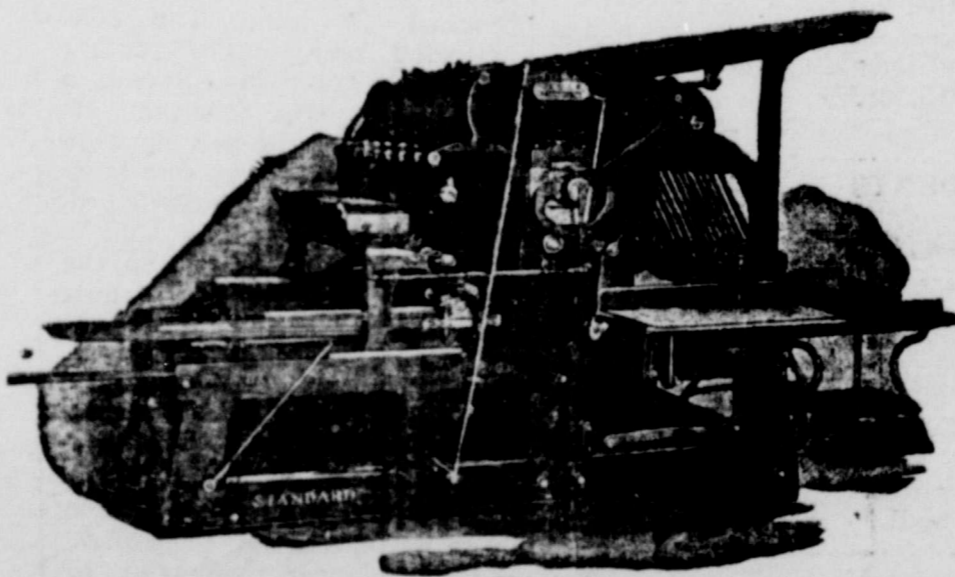
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OUR LETTER— (Continued From Page One)

Between the States still can be resurrected. A bunch of New Yorkers came down to Washington the other day to check up on 17 New York congressmen who were at home the afternoon the anti-strike bill was passed over the veto. About 20 of the junketers, including some negroes, tried to force their way into the already overcrowded House restaurant. Police had to clear the halls and restore order.

Later one of the loud-talking lobbyists made a derogatory remark to an Alabama congressman, to the effect that "you southern so-and-sos don't know how to handle anything." The 57-year-old congressman did know how to handle his fists, and the other man, one of a group bit the dust.

The congressman regretted the incident. Sectional rivalry should be curbed; he recognizes that. But there are certain pressure groups up here that don't know when to let well enough alone. That's why the South and West don't care to expand Washington bureaucracy any more than is necessary to win the war. Hometown democracy is still the best.

Mrs. B. G. Timmins and little daughter, Jean, returned Thursday from a week's visit with relatives at Lamesa.