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HINES IS SPEAKER FOR NEXT COFC FORUM

Through the Editor's Spectacles

By GEORGE

The Hatch bill, for all its laudable purposes, is just politics. No practical politician in the privy place of his conscience will admit that the measure is any real protection against the evils it is publicly proclaimed as curing. We are going to find, my friends—you who love Roosevelt, you to whom his name is anathema, and you who are either dyed-in-the-wool democrats or the same sort of republicans—that the same old greeds, envies and forces which operated to elect or defeat tickets in the past are going to do the same in the future. Probably, as a concession to legal obstacles, the operations will in certain cases be a bit more devious or indirect, but somebody is bound to control the patronage and the dispensation of patronage will in effective manner operate to influence the votes you cast in the elections of the future.

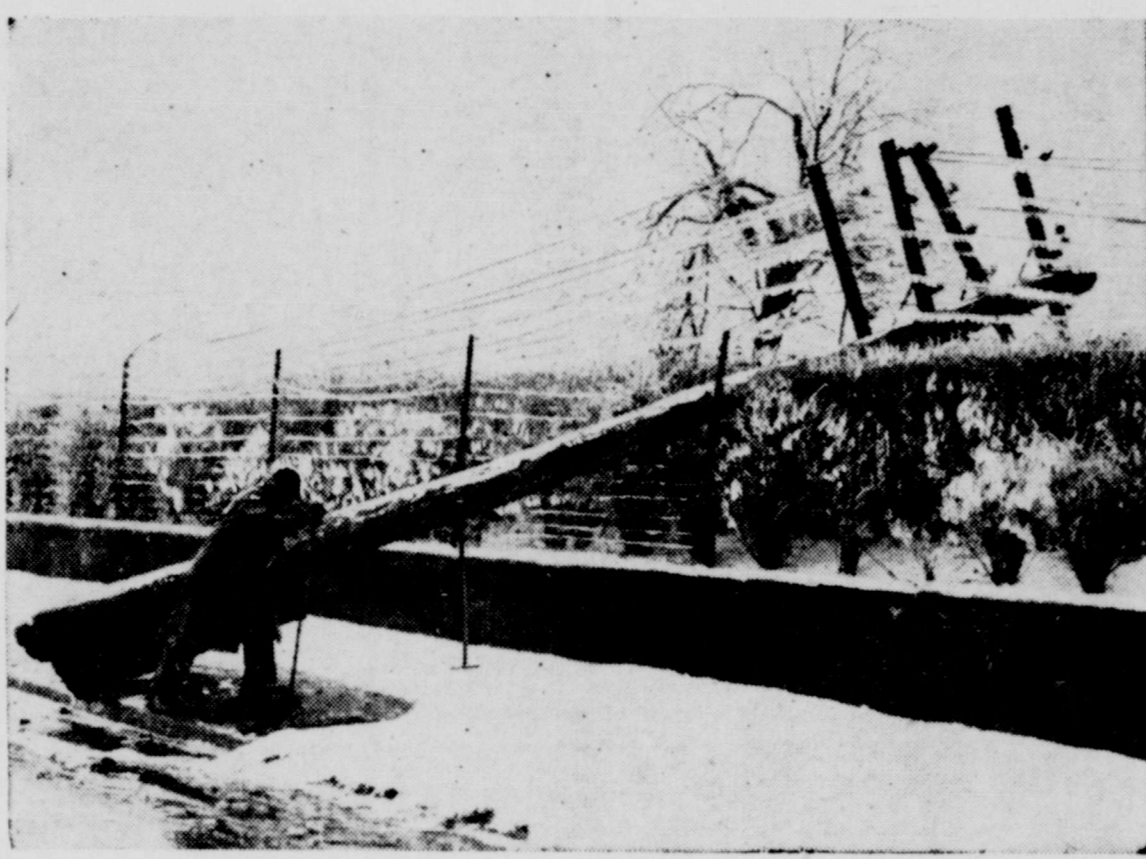
There is no such a thing as altruistic politics. Nobody gives to government any more than to private individuals. Politics and government are businesses. We cannot have democratic government without politics and politics is the science of vote-getting. Wherever vote-getting is involved, arguments and influences are marshalled. To marshal votes it is necessary to have organizations. To have organizations it is necessary to have something with which to reward them. Without the means of reward it is not possible to attract support. Federal employes may not be permitted under threat of the penalties established by the Hatch act to actively campaign for a candidate, but the family and friends of that employe, who indirectly benefit from his appointment, can and will so campaign and the employe can vote. It is not necessary to shout one's allegiances from the housetops to let one's influence have a great deal of weight.

The Hatch act has a good motive. But it is expediency, supported by the republicans as a thrust at Roosevelt and by certain democrats as protection against machines maintained at public expense by opponents. The political angle becomes serious in the view of the practical politician when it is realized, however, that what is today a weapon tomorrow may be a danger. The politician must take this into consideration in dealing with it. Today he applies it to embarrass an opponent. Tomorrow he may be figuring how to elude its sanctions.

So far as it is an expression of public demand, the Hatch bill represents reform. It is difficult to estimate how much of the public demand for the reforms the bill intends is real or emotional. So far as it repre-

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Storm Spreads Ruin Along Eastern Seaboard



Rain, sleet and snow combined to cause a million dollars damage in snapped power lines, interrupted communication lines and broken-down trees along the eastern seaboard. Shown above is a typical scene near Rutherford, N. F., where the weight of ice-covered lines caused this and many other poles to fall.—NEA Telephoto.

BRITONS HAIL SAFE CROSSING OF ELIZABETH

LONDON, March 7 (AP).—Announcement that the giant liner Queen Elizabeth had crossed the Atlantic unharmed on a secret maiden trip was hailed throughout Great Britain today as striking proof of the royal navy's command of the seas, and a remarkable tribute to the Englishman's ability to keep an important secret.

Finnish Defenses Still Holding Firm

HELSINKI, March 7 (AP).—The red army hurled hundreds of tanks and planes into a series of fierce attacks against Viipuri but Finnish defense lines held firm, the high command declared Wednesday, reporting "heaps" of Russian dead were piled before the Finnish lines.

The battle, apparently increasing in intensity, was strung along a front from ice-covered Viipuri bay to the Vuoksi river, near the center of the Karelian isthmus. Some of the bloodiest fighting was reported on the icy bay, where the Russians have repeatedly in the last four days attempted to seize coastal positions for an attack on ruined Viipuri from the rear.

Federal Economists See Business Upturn

WASHINGTON, March 7 (AP).—President Roosevelt's economic advisors, it was learned authoritatively, now feel that the economic stage is set for a new, but gradual, upturn of business.

One of the chief executive's regular consultants said he looked for the rise to begin in April. The federal economists, blaming sharp curtailment of production since December upon factory output outracing consumption, now believe that production and consumption are once more in balance. This situation is supposed to give the war export and other business-stimulating factors a chance to turn trade indices upward.

Mr. and Mrs. Howell Foy plan to spend the week-end in Dallas.

Forum Speaker



Harry Hines, state highway commissioner, who will be the speaker for the Cisco CoFC dinner-forum March 29.

Fire Chief Is Speaker for Rotary Club

Fire Chief Noah Fowler was the speaker for the luncheon of the Cisco Rotary club today noon, following a series of steel guitar numbers by three Cisco school children, members of the same family.

The young musicians were Dorothy, Helen and Victor Almo Children. They played three much appreciated numbers. Mr. Fowler discussed the fire department organization and work and urged the members of the club to use their influence in discouraging the habit of some people, especially youth, in rushing to fires when they occur.

He invited the Rotarians to visit the fire department and to offer suggestions which they think would improve service.

C. C. Duff presented the program for the day. Monday of next week the club will provide the program at the high school assembly. Garland Nance, program chairman, is in charge.

SMITH FOR HULL

WASHINGTON, March 7 (AP).—Senator Ellison D. "Cotton Ed" Smith (D-SD) came out strongly for Secretary of State Hull for the democratic presidential nomination, saying that Hull could end all strife within the party.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kiper of Breckenridge are visiting Mrs. Kiper's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Litchfield.

PLANS FOR COUNTY MEET BEING MADE

RANGER, March 7 (Spe).—Preparations for the Eastland County Interscholastic League meet, to be held in Ranger March 28, 29 and 30, were being made today, and plans for holding the track finals on Friday night, instead of Saturday afternoon, were being taken under advisement.

The Ranger NYA wood shop is now constructing 30 regulation hurdles, to be used in the track events, and other equipment needed for track and field events is being assembled and checked.

Plans for holding a county-wide meet for colored children is also meeting with much approval in Eastland, Cisco and Ranger, it was announced today, and indications are that it will be conducted in Ranger the week following the regular interscholastic League meet.

If the colored meet proves popular it is expected that it will become an annual event, being held each year in the town in which the other events are held.

Band Selects New Sweetheart Monday

At the regular meeting of the Cisco Lobo band Monday night, Miss Alice Slicker was elected band sweetheart for the remainder of the school year.

Miss Marian Jacobs, who left recently with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Jacobs, to make their home in Abilene, had been sweetheart of the band for the past two and a half years.

Alice is a high senior, popular in all school activities. She was pep squad leader the past two seasons.

Night Bombings Started by Nazis

LONDON, March 7 (AP).—German air attacks on British coastal shipping apparently entered a new "round the clock" phase with the first night bombings off English and Scottish coasts.

Two German planes bombed and machinegunned the 495-ton British tanker Shelbert II off the northeast coast of Scotland last night. Two of the crew were injured.

Earlier radio listeners heard a British light ship of the Norfolk coast broadcast an SOS saying she was being bombed and sprayed with machinegun fire.

14 ITALIAN COAL SHIPS ARE DETAINED

British Contraband Control Orders 8 Cargoes Seized

LONDON, March 7 (AP).—Great Britain's economic warfare command detained 100,000 tons of German coal aboard 14 Italian ships in the tightly guarded reaches of the English channel Downs early today — prize of a war blockade girding two hemispheres.

The cargoes of eight ships had been formally ordered confiscated and Italy was kept waiting for an answer to her protest against their seizure.

Simultaneously British official statements disclosed the extent to which the shipping of the United States, too, has become enmeshed in the blockade of Germany.

German coal from eight of the 14 remaining Italian colliers rolling in the swells of the Downs — intercepted in their voyages from Rotterdam — was ordered unloaded by contraband control authorities. The ships were the Lian, Rapido, Orata, Felce, Caterina, Absertia, Ernesto and Numida. The ninth, the Loassa, was released after it was established she had sailed from Holland on March 1, prior to the order blockading German coal shipments to Italy.

During the evening six more Italian colliers were escorted into the Downs. They were the Puzzuoli, the Ischia, the Integritas, the Pania, the Semien and the San Luigi.

Foreign office sources, indicated they considered that Italy, by protesting, had done everything Britain expected her to do.

"The protest will be answered as soon as its many points have been thoroughly considered," said a spokesman. "Meanwhile the Italian government must wait our answer."

Meanwhile, as if to show Italy that she is not the only nation suffering from restriction of German exports, the ministry of economic warfare pointed out that its enemy export exemption committee had been approached by the United States and 17 other nations for permission to import German goods. Each was allowed some goods, the ministry said, but each was refused others.

The same sources disclosed that applications for "navicerts," documents which pass cargoes or sections of cargoes through the blockade prior to sailing, now average 500 a week in the Americas, for a total of 30,000 since the system was instituted.

Nine United States ships, it further stated, were examined in British contraband control posts between February 24 and March 2.

Forced examination of United States transatlantic air mails at Bermuda—soon to be eliminated by Pan American planes' skipping that stop—was upheld in the house of commons by Foreign Affairs Under-secretary R. A. Butler. This action, he said, "was correct and moreover was justified by what was discovered in the mail."

One gap in the blockade was disclosed by First Lord of the Admiralty Winston Churchill, who told commons that the admiralty had not tried to halt shipments of Swedish iron ore to Germany—yet.

Auxiliary to Honor Legion On Friday

A picnic supper and party, in celebration of the 21st birthday of the American Legion, will be held at the legion hall Friday night at 7:30.

The affair will be sponsored by the auxiliary to the legion, and all members are cordially invited to attend.

Pennies From Heaven



With his umbrella right side up, Representative Sol Bloom (Dem., N. Y.), won't catch any pennies from heaven, but he is making it easier for others to find unexpected coppers. The congressman goes his daily good deed by placing a shiny new penny on the sidewalk where someone may see it later and pick it up. Today's copper goes on the capitol steps.

Evidence Monday in Blanton Suit

EASTLAND, March 7.—Introduction of evidence in the suit by Thomas L. Blanton, Sr., against Congressman Clyde L. Garrett probably will be started Monday morning in 38th district court before Judge B. W. Patterson.

FFA Boys Exhibit Stock in Ranger Show

Jerry Myrick, Larkin Akers and Billy Fox, members of the local FFA, chapter, are exhibiting prize livestock in Ranger today. After the Ranger show, the boys will take their stock to the Southwestern Exhibition and Fat Stock show in Fort Worth.

T. G. Caudle, vocational agriculture director, reported that about 40 boys of the Cisco FFA chapter will leave here early Saturday morning to attend the Fort Worth show.

Revival at Church of Christ Progresses

The revival meeting of the Church of Christ, being conducted each morning at 10 o'clock, and each evening at 7:30, with Bro. A. G. Hobbs of Monahans doing the preaching, will continue through Wednesday night of next week, it was announced today.

Bro. Hobbs delivers interesting and forceful messages, and last night's attendance was the largest since the revival began early this week. There are excellent song services.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

TANKER SUBBED?

LONDON, March 7 (AP).—The Amsterdam newspaper Shipping was quoted in dispatches as saying the British tanker San Florentino, 12,842 tons, was sunk by a German submarine off Lands End yesterday. There was no official confirmation here.

Mrs. Myrtle Anderson transacted business in Dallas Wednesday.

DINNER TO BE HELD FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH

Place and Hour to Be Announced by Committee Later

Harry Hines, member of the state highway commission, will be the speaker for the next dinner-forum of the Cisco chamber of commerce, it was announced today. The forum will be held on the evening of Friday, March 29.

Mr. Hines, coming in his capacity as highway chairman, will speak to the Cisco diners on questions pertinent to the work of the chamber of commerce. One of the most interesting speakers in the state, the highway commissioner is also one of the most efficient state officials. Under the administration of the commission, of which he is a member, notable progress has been made in highway development and improvement of existing routes in Texas.

While in Cisco he will have opportunity to look over highway conditions here.

E. P. Crawford, chairman of the highway committee of the Cisco chamber of commerce, will be toastmaster for the dinner. Details of the program are yet to be worked out, the forum committee, of which H. H. Monk is chairman, said.

Price of the tickets to the dinner will be held at a minimum so that the greatest number of people may attend, Sec'y P. R. Warwick of the chamber said. Location of the dinner and the hour will be announced later.

Since the inauguration of these monthly dinner forums, which are designed to bring the chamber of commerce and the community into close and harmonious relationship, the project has met with great favor. Each month some outstanding speaker on a program of interest to Cisco and the section about it, is brought to Cisco. Speakers on sheep and goat industry, chernurgy programs and so forth have been brought by the chamber, with the result that the community interest has received a definite and healthful stimulation.

Return From Winter Spent on West Coast

Former Mayor and Mrs. J. M. Williamson have returned from California, where they spent the winter with relatives, and are now in Ranger, the guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ducker. Mr. and Mrs. Williamson visited Mrs. Williamson's brother, J. W. Lovelady, and family and a son of Mr. and Mrs. Lovelady, Robert, and family, at Los Angeles. Both father and son are employed in the motion picture industry.

Mother of Ciscoan Is Seriously Ill

Mrs. W. C. Langston, mother of the Rev. Roy A. Langston, is reported seriously ill in the Blackwell sanitarium at Gorman. Rev. Langston, who is spending most of his time with his mother, will be unable to make all his appointments over his district for the next few days.

Weather

EAST TEXAS: Partly cloudy, colder Thursday; Friday partly cloudy in north and extreme west portions. Fresh to strong northwesterly winds on the coast, diminishing Thursday night.

WEST TEXAS: Fair south portion, clearing north portion Thursday. Friday fair. Warmer north portion Thursday. Friday somewhat warmer.

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All asphalt-covered streets in Lincoln, Neb., are being marked with permanent traffic-line lines made of white stone chips.

Twenty-three thousand pumping or stripper wells in older Texas oil fields average only three barrels of oil daily, railroad commission reports show.

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SERIAL STORY

\$15 A WEEK

BY LOUISE HOLMES

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CAST OF CHARACTERS

ANN BROWN—orphan daughter of a gambler, alone in an unfriendly city.

PAUL HAYDEN—stock room boy with ambition.

STEVE CLAYBOURNE—wealthy playboy.

CLARA BROOKS—dime store counter girl.

IRENE TEMPLE—society debutante.

YESTERDAY: Florabelle's party turns out to be a drinking affair with three men in an apartment. Ann is sorry that she came. Steve Claybourne is nice, but Ann is not even cordial. She wishes she had never come.

CHAPTER XIV

Steve eyed Ann's drink. "Are you hardly enough for that kind of stuff?" he asked.

"I graduated from grape juice several years ago."

Ann was still bluffing. To make any kind of scene only meant that she would focus the attention of the party upon herself and, more than anything else, she wanted to remain in the background.

She sat down and the fun waxed fast and furious. Already Clara's tone had reached a high pitch. She shrieked with laughter. The dignified Florabelle was in a corner with her friend, Clancy. He was noisy, she shrill.

Ann wandered through the little hall and into the bathroom. She dumped half the contents of her glass into the lavatory and returned to the party.

Jake met her, putting his arm around her waist. She slipped out of his embrace and went back to her chair. Jake seated himself on the arm, leaning over her.

"Bout ready for another, 177 drink?" he purred.

"I still have some."

"Like it?"

"Well enough."

He threw back his head and roared. "Hard to please. That's the way I like 'em."

There was a discreet tap on the door and a waiter was admitted. He brought menus and stood by, pencil and pad in hand, while the guests quarreled loudly over a choice of food. The waiter looked definitely bored.

"What'll you have, peachy pie?" Jake asked, turning to Ann.

"Oysters on the half shell," she said glibly. "Horseradish sauce. Breast of turkey with a slice of baked ham and mushrooms— cauliflower in cream—no potatoes—lettuce hearts with Roquefort dressing and—let me see—meringue glace and coffee—black."

She handed her menu to the waiter and he bowed.

Clara, who had been wildly muddling through the confusing page, blinked. "I—I'll take the same," she giggled. Steve looked at Ann curiously. It ended with five repeats of her order.

Steve went to Ann. "I want to talk to you," he said.

She raised her eyebrows and he pulled a chair beside her. Jake yelled, "Hey—that's my girl," but Steve paid no attention. Jake sat down and pulled Clara to his lap. She laid her head on his shoulder like a drowsy kitten.

"What are you doing here, Ann?" Steve asked.

"Killing an evening. What are you doing?"

"You tell me! Do you like this sort of thing?"

"Do you?"

"Must you always answer my questions with more questions?" His indifference had changed to lively interest.

She smiled demurely. "It's a conversational tactic employed by those who do not wish to appear too obvious."

How could she get away? An open break, she knew, would be unsuccessful. The men were in no mood to have their entertainment come to an abrupt end. Schemes flitted in the back of her mind.

Steve emptied his glass. The pupils of his eyes were slightly dilated, his face was flushed.

"You're clever as they come," he said. "Where did you pick up your line?"

"From Pete."

"My father."

Steve laughed. "I'd like to meet that fella. He must be somebody."

"He was. He lived by his wits."

"And his little daughter is following in his footsteps."

She shrugged, twisting her glass. It was going to take all the wits she possessed to get out of this situation. The evening had only begun. There was no doubt that it would progress to new heights.

At this point Jake stood up dizzily, dumping Clara to the floor. She set up a howl and he stepped over her.

"Lemme get you another drink," he said to Ann.

"I still have half of this one."

Two waiters came in. They set a table in the center of the room. Dinner was a nightmare of clumsy ribaldry and intimate patter. Toasts were drunk. Florabelle and Clancy exchanged kisses at frequent intervals. Clara unavailingly wailed, "I wish somebody would kiss me." Jake kept his arm

around Ann. She scarcely touched her very excellent food.

They were still at the table when Jake slumped forward. Too many drinks, the warm air and rich food, had done their worst with him.

Ann said, "Steve—Clancy—you'd better do something about Jake."

They pulled him to his limp feet and headed down the hall to the bathroom. Florabelle went to the kitchen in search of bicarbonate of soda. She laughed softly, repeating over and over, "Jake can't take it—Jake can't take it."

Ann sprang to her feet. "Get your things, Clara," she said quickly. "We're getting out of here."

"No—I don't want to go," Clara howled. "I'm having fun—I never had so much fun in my life—"

Ann shook her arm. "Don't be a little fool," she blazed. "You and I are on a spot. Come on—"

Clara jerked her arm free. She stumbled past Ann and into one of the bedrooms, slamming the door behind her. Ann heard the key turn in the lock, she heard Clara muttering, "I won't go—you can't make me—"

She had chosen to lock herself in the room where Ann's hat lay on the bed. Hesitating only briefly, Ann left the apartment. Closing the door softly, she heard Florabelle fuming, "Where in hell do they keep the bicarb?"

Ann fled into an elevator and out of the building, not stopping until she reached the corner. A bus was lumbering down the drive. She had put a 50-cent piece in the pocket of her dress—mad money—she fumbled for it.

Ann let the bus pass. What should she do about Clara? She couldn't leave her. She looked fearfully back at the lighted hotel.

"I can't go back," she thought. "Pete?"

"Wait a minute—here's your hat." He dashed up, breathing hard. "Whew—I'm winded—not so good at running as I used to be." He held out the hat.

"Clara—" Ann said worriedly. "Wouldn't she come?"

"Not a chance. I did my best."

He touched her elbow. "That's my car over there. I'll take you home."

"Thanks—the bus is coming."

"Oh, I guess not." His fingers tightened on her elbow.

"Steve, I'd rather go home alone."

"All right—I'll buy you a taxi."

"You won't do anything for me."

"Please, Ann." He looked so contrite that she ceased wiggling.

"I apologize for myself and my

friends. Let me drive you home, please."

Ann could not know that it was the first time he, Claybourne, had pleaded with a girl. He, in his turn, would have been surprised to know her reason for relenting. Riding home with Steve would be the means of saving Clancy.

"All right," she said.

His car was long and broad and comfortable. Ann sat in a corner of the deeply cushioned seat, offering nothing. Steve asked for directions and shot through the traffic, dodging between cars, making green lights on the last

flicker.

Ann kept silent. So Steve was drunk after all. She'd made another foolish mistake. She set her teeth as they zig-zagged from her curb to the other. When Steve crashed across an intersection against a red light, miraculously missing another car, Ann heard the faint whine of a police siren.

"Steve—the police—" she gasped. What a night. Why hadn't she stayed in the safe confines of Clara's apartment?

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Outside the east Texas oil field, three out of every four oil wells in Texas are pumping wells. Even including east Texas, 59 per cent of all Texas oil wells are pumpers.

Development of east Texas' vast supplies of iron ore will be commercially possible, due to enormous amounts of natural gas and oil in that area, enabling it to meet competition of coal supplies in the other iron-producing regions of the nation, industrial experts predict.

The town of Kilgore has a population increase of 1,000 per cent within eight years after discovery of oil in east Texas. Nine other east Texas cities had an average increase in population of 180 per cent.

The cost of state gas in Texas in 1924 was \$2.42. By 1938, it had more than tripled, being \$157.747.878.

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Peanut Ass'n Directors Visit Other Co-Ops

Directors of the Southwestern Peanut Growers association, who are discussing possibilities of initiating co-operatives for the organization's membership this year, this week will visit several co-operatives in northwest Texas and learn of their operation and other features.

The directors, accompanied by Association Manager Dick Weekes and his assistant, Jack Vaught, left Eastland at 8:30 a. m. Monday to return Wednesday night or Thursday. County Agent Elmo V. Cook is on the trip.

Co-operative cold storage food lockers, cotton gins, oil mills, grain elevators and fuel distribution systems in Lubbock, Plainview, Hale Center, Floydada, Amarillo, Quanah, Vernon and Elk City, Okla., will be visited.

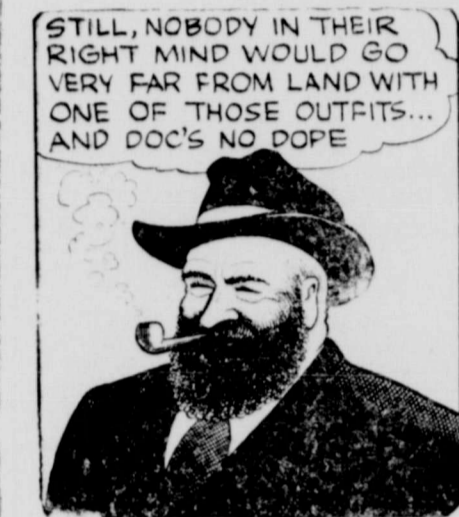
Manager Weekes said Saturday that the association is planning to maintain with the membership a peanut shelling plant cooperative, fuel cooperatives, cold storage and fertilizer cooperatives.

He said the branching-out of the association is possible by the authorization of the association directors. Heretofore, the association has served as one which buys peanuts from its members to stabilize the price of the peanuts. It is one of four such organizations, with government backing, in the nation.

Directors of the association and who are to make the cooperative inspection trip are T. D. Robinson of DeLeon, Conrad Schaefer of Rising Star, J. D. Sargent of Toilar, R. B. Alexander of Weatherford, J. E. Britte of Pleasanton, G. R. Sanders of Pearsall and P. L. Hoyt of Katy.

Texas' present proven oil reserve of 10,794,055,000 (billions) barrels are over five billion barrels more than all the oil produced in Texas during the past fifty years.

ALLY OOP



Soil and Water Conservation on 2,400 Acres

Soil and water conservation work has been completed on 2,400 acres of crop and range land in Eastland county since January 1 by Elmo V. Cook, county agent, and Arthur C. Pratt, assistant county agent. The work included terrace lines on 1,358 acres of cropland, contour lines for

676 acres of cropland, terrace lines for orchards on 13 acres of cropland, and contour guide lines on 352 acres of range land for contour furrows and ridges. The work was done on 68 different farm and ranches.

An unusual and practical job of pasture improvement work is underway on the ranch of George P. Fee, Cisco, who is using a special plow to make contour furrows 7 feet apart on 55 acres. The plow has two bottoms, one a right handed and the other a left handed bottom, permitting turning all of the furrows with the dirt down hill. 50 acres will be fertilized with TVA superphosphate fertilizer and planted to permanent legumes in cooperation with the county agent. A similar acreage will be treated in the same way by F. E. Harrell this spring.

New Orleans is one of the few cities in America which possesses official city flags.

LARGE CROWDS ATTEND PURE FOOD SHOW

The annual Junior chamber of commerce Pure Food show, given in collaboration with the chamber of commerce Livestock show, and highlighted by performances by the Light Crust Doughboys, was attended by large, enthusiastic crowds both Friday and Saturday. Ed Brown, president of the Jaycees, was chairman of the arrangements committee.

The show consisted of thirteen attractive and interesting exhibits by local merchants. The Light Crust Doughboys of the Burrus mills in Fort Worth, for which the Hartnett Grocery company is local area distributor, presented programs of music and fun from their own sound-equipped car Friday night at 7:30 and Saturday at 3 and 7:30. Parker Wilson is master of ceremonies for this famous radio organization.

The Jaycees committee spent a good deal of time and labor in preparation for the show, and reported that it was well pleased with the response the show received, both from local citizens and citizens of nearby towns and surrounding rural communities. The Jaycees extended their thanks for the cooperation of both merchants and patrons.

Dealers who had displays on exhibition were Hartnett Grocery Co., Coca Cola Bottling Co., Paul Poe, Glenn's Furniture Co., Ranger Furniture exchange, West Texas Produce, Osburn's bakery, Cisco Lumber Co., West Texas Utilities Co., Dr. Pepper Co., Shaw Tractor and Equipment Co., Nance Motor Co., and A-G Motor Co.

The committee consisted of Ed Brown, James Harvey, Carlton Holder, Charles Moad, A. L. Osborn, Nell Lane, Edward Lee Clark Roberts and C. M. Nevill.

250 Eastland Club Boys and Girls to Show

EASTLAND, March 7 (Sp.)—Approximately 250 Eastland county youths will be in Fort Worth on Monday to take part in 4-H day at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock show, it was announced today by extension service agents.

A. C. Pratt, assistant county agent, said that 125 boys' 4-H club members plan to attend and Margaret Blount, assistant county home agent, indicated approximately the same number of girls will attend.

Elmo V. Cook and Ruth Ramey, county agents, also will attend. Pratt said that Raymond Beck of Morton Valley, S. W. Laminack, Jr. of Morton Valley, A. L. Whatley of Morton Valley, Jack James and Billy Walker of Rising Star, Curtis and Grady Redwine of Alameda and Earl and Chester Ervin of Desdemona plan to enter registered Jersey cattle totaling 15.

M. A. Clyatt of Eastland will enter two registered bulls in a county herd group.

Jack Walker, Thomas Huling of Morton Valley, V. L. Shamburger and Raymond Beck will enter a total of five fat barrows at the show.

Activities outlined for the 4-H girls and boys Monday include a rodeo, parade and daytime fireworks.

HARPERSVILLE

J. W. Mann is spending a few days visiting relatives in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Lem Briden entertained a group of young people with a party Friday night. Music and games were enjoyed by a large crowd.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Williams of Breckenridge and Mr. Williams' brother and family of Weatherford visited their mother Sunday.

Dr. LaForge, veterinarian of Breckenridge was at Gene Briden's farm Sunday looking after cattle for Mr. Briden. The unusually severe winter has been hard on cattle, and as a result some losses have occurred.

Mr. Nunn of Eastland has moved to the Joe Johnson place.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Allen of Scranton spent Saturday night and Sunday with Chester Allen and family, and accompanied them to Cisco Saturday night to hear the Light Crust Doughboys, who

Garner Would Crack 104 Years of Precedent to Get in White House

WASHINGTON, March 7 (AP)—Vice President Garner would have elected. He was John C. Breckinridge of Kentucky, named as precedent to get the democratic nomination and be elected president.

Only one vice president since John Adams, the one-termer who succeeded George Washington, has been elected under his own steam without first having been moved into the White House by the death of his running mate. That was Martin van Buren, the New Yorker whom Andrew Jackson favored for the succession early in Jackson's first term.

Jackson came into office with a one-term pledge. John C. Calhoun, the South Carolinian whose temper was about as hot as Jackson's own, was vice president during that first term. It was van Buren who helped talk Jackson into forgetting about that one-term pledge. Van Buren became vice president in Jackson's second term and moved into the White House with the solid support of his predecessor.

Just as the bitter party battles of the Jackson era often have been compared by democratic historians with those of President Roosevelt's two administrations, so are some historians taking the analogy farther and saying that the democratic candidate of 1940 can not win without the paternal blessing of the president. The Garner candidacy has not yet been so blessed.

One other vice president in his made personal appearances there.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Bassham and little son of Graham spent Saturday night and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. White-nant.

Mr. Oats, father of Mrs. Fannie Cochran, is in an Abilene hospital, where he recently underwent an operation. He is improving slowly.

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33,000 Fish of New Species Put in Lake Cisco

Thirty-three thousand fish of new species were placed in Lake Cisco Wednesday. Water Supt. G. R. Kilpatrick announced the fish supplied by State Fish Hatchery Supt. Walton Baum, included California bass, long-eared bream, rock bass and red ear bream.

These represent some of the finest game fish and are excellent for eating, Mr. Baum said.

Texas homes and industries are the largest consumers of Texas natural gas, using three-fourths of the total annual output.



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- SUGAR Imperial Cane 10 lbs. 47c
- LARD Pure Lard 4 lbs. 33c



- DOG FOOD 2 cans 15c
- CORN 2 cans 25c
- APPLES 2 doz. 25c
- LEMONS doz. 19c
- LETTUCE head 4c
- GRAPEFRUIT 80's 2 for 5c
- ONIONS lb. 3c
- POTATOES 10 lb. 17c
- PEAS 3 cans 25c
- TOMATOES 2 cans 15c

- MILK 2 lg. cans 15c 4 small 15c
- GREEN BEANS 3 cans 25c



- COFFEE 2 lbs. 25c
- MARGERINE 2 lbs. 25c
- POST TOASTIES 2 large box 15c
- Campbell's Tomato JUICE 2 cans 15c
- Choice Pork Loin ROAST 1 lb. 15c
- Pork SAUSAGE 2 lb. 25c
- Ground MEAT 1 lb. 15c
- Sliced BACON 1 lb. 25c
- Salt JOWL 1 lb. 7c
- Wiscasin CHEESE 24c
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 - Carrots, Nice, 4c 3 for 10c
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 - Cabbage, Green 1 lb. 2c
 - Beets, Green Onions and Radishes 4c

- ### GROCERY SPECIALS
- Candy and Gum 3 for 10c
 - Walnuts and Pecans, large 2 lbs. 35c
 - Brown and Powdered Sugar, 2 for 15c
 - CORN, Primrose, large 2 for 25c
 - Fresh Blackeyed Peas Pecan Valley 3 for 25c
 - CORN, Whole Kernel, Del Monte 2 for 25c
 - SPINACH, No. 2 Size 2 for 15c
 - Grapefruit JUICE, No. 2 Size, 3 for 22c
 - NORTHERN TISSUE 3 for 19c
 - COFFEE --- Magnolia--- 2 lb. Vacuum Can 1-6 Cup Drip-o-lator 83c
 - MATCHES, Carton of 6 17c
 - CRACKERS 2 lb. box 16c
 - CATSUP, Large Size 2 for 23c
 - SWEET PICKLES, 25-oz. Bottle 24c
 - Post Bran 2 for 15c
 - PEAS, Tiny No. 2 Can 2 for 27c
 - BEANS, Pleezing, Tender Cut 2 for 23c
 - BEANS, Pintos and Navy's 3 lbs. 22c

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 - Philadelphia Cream Cheese 10c; 3 for 25c
 - Laurel Sli. Bacon 1 lb. 19c
 - Fresh Fish Dressed Hens

- Sugar Cured Slab BACON 1 lb. 13c
- All Pork Sausage 1 lb. 15c
- Ground Meat 1 lb. 15c
- BEEF ROAST, Brisket or Short Rib 1 lb. 13c CHUCK 1 lb. 17c
- STEW MEAT 2 lbs. 25c
- Dry Salt BACON, Best Grade 1 lb. 10c
- Armour's Lamb Cottage Cheese



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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Rejoice greatly, O ye heavens, for the King cometh into the world: He is just and having salvation.—Zech. x. 3.

My inheritance, how wide and fair!
Time is my fair seed-field, of time I'm heir.

Here on earth we are soldiers fighting in a foreign land. Let us be like soldiers, with submission, with courage, with a heroic joy. "Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." And from the bosom of Eternity there shines for us celestial guiding stars.—Caryle

He Still Pays-- After 38 Years

CHEERING testimony in the solidity of the American home is the story of Horace G. Smith, 75-year-old property owner of Denver, Colo.

Several days ago, Mr. Smith went down to Denver's city hall and paid \$21.50 in taxes on his home. Thousands of other citizens came down to pay their taxes, but Mr. Smith's appearance was remarkable inasmuch as it was the 65th time he and his father before

him had paid taxes on the same house. Together, father and son have paid the city four times what the house is worth today.

The Smith house was built in 1873, after the family decided to tear down the log cabin in which they were living on the same site. In 1875, the house was valued at \$3000. Today it is worth \$520. During the years the Smiths have paid a total of about \$2000 in taxes.

It is good that there are people like the Smiths—people who value all the things for which home stands. They keep the nation anchored. They are the folks who maintain a stolid faith in the future of their country. They know that, while life all around them may change, democracy and common rights need not be disturbed so long as they hang on to the idea that a house is worth paying taxes on for 60 or 70 years.

Persons who attach that much sentimental value to a home are pretty apt to take their government seriously. They are likely to be discerning about the type of officials they elect, and they will probably recognize political charlatans when they come along.

YOU'VE got to be pretty fond of a place to stay in it for 68 years. You've got to be particularly passionate about it when the plumbing begins to leak and the porch has to be bolstered up and the ceiling needs to be replastered for the eighth time. You've got to be oblivious to the modernism of the day, content with the old and established.

Not so much in dreadnaughts and fortresses but rather in the staunchness of people like the Smiths lies America's defense against the intrusion of foreign concepts, the invasion of alien armies.

A Scotch business man gave \$60 to the Finnish cause because he said that was what he saved in wages on Leap Day. That would appear to be the final test of the justice of the Finns' defense.

Garner is going to try to take Illinois away from Roosevelt, who's not even sure he wants it.

Italy has rescinded demobilization plans for certain classes. Fascists can never be sure when they're in the army.

Plans for New Gonzales Unit Are Approved

AUSTIN, March 7.—More Texas crippled children will have a chance to become normal, healthy boys and girls when final approval for a second unit of the Gonzales Warm Springs foundation is given by Washington NYA officials.

Recently approved by J. C. Kellam, state NYA administrator, plans for an additional unit for the care and treatment of crippled children were sent to Washington March 4, and early approval from that source is expected.

When approved, this second unit, to give part-time work experience to 120 boys, will add to the first unit now being constructed another dormitory, including a kitchen, dining room, reception room, office, nurses quarters, two treatment rooms, two indoor swimming pools, supply rooms, and dormitory space for 16 children. Forty per cent of the first unit, begun November 28 by NYA boys, has been completed.

These two units, consisting of somewhat the same facilities, are only parts of a master plan that eventually will provide equipment and treatment to adequately care for more than a hundred Texas crippled children.

Gonzales Warm Spring foundation is modeled upon Georgia's foundation for crippled children.

Political Announcements

The Cisco Daily Press is authorized to announce the following as candidates for the offices under which their names appear, subject to the action of the voters in the democratic primaries of 1934.

For Congress,
17th District of Texas:
OTIS (Oat) MILLER,
Anson, Texas.

For County Tax Assessor-Collector
CLYDE S. KARKALITS

For County Clerk—
R. V. (Rip) GALLOWAY

For Sheriff—
LOSS WOODS (Re-election)
WALTER EVANS

For County Judges—
W. S. ADAMSON (Re-election)
R. L. RUST
C. S. ELDRIDGE

For County Treasurer—
GARLAND BRANTON
(Second Term)

For District Clerk—
JOHN WHITE (For Second Term)

For Criminal District Attorney—
EARL CONNER, JR.

For County Comm'r, Precinct No. 4
ARCH BINT (Re-election)
L. H. QUALLS

For City Comm'r—
(Three to be elected)
H. C. HENDERSON
J. R. BURNETT
W. R. WINSTON
CHARLES J. KLEINER
EDWARD LEE
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Safety Shorts

From Oil Belt Safety Council

If you were asked to name the most harmless animal, you might select a cow. You wouldn't be far wrong. Cows are very docile creatures.

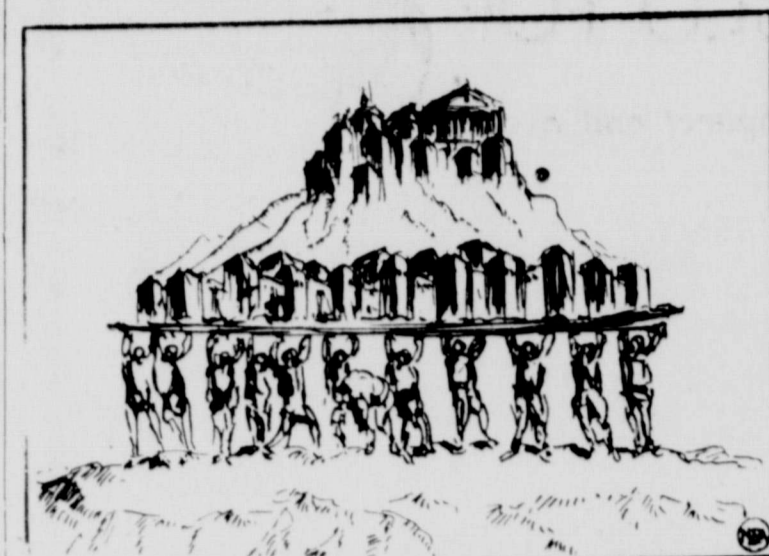
But when grazing along the highway, or in unfenced fields, they are a real hazard to motorists, the Oil Belt Safety Council warns. Drive slowly when approaching them. You never can tell when one will decide that the grass is greener on the other side of the road.

Nearly one-third of all the oil produced in Texas comes from old pumping or stripper wells.

THE STORY OF DEMOCRACY

By Hendrik Willem van Loon
Illustrated by the author

Democracy's Eternal Quest For a Moral Substitute for Money



The noble Democracies of Greece lorded it over hundreds of thousands of slaves.

CHAPTER FOUR

First of all, there is the word "Democracy" itself which is one of those expressions that threaten to become all things to all men, for the term "a democratic form of government" has been applied to countries which were as far removed from any reasonable ideal of democracy as the Germany of Adolf Hitler or the Russia of Joseph Stalin.

We write about the noble democracies of Greece, forgetting that these city-states were usually ruled by a mere handful of free people who brutally lorded it over hundreds of thousands of slaves who had as much share in the government of the country which they helped to support as do our dogs and cats in the United States of America of today.

Came the Middle Ages and the establishment of a large number of small city-republics like Genoa, Venice, Vienna and Florence in Italy and Novgorod in Russia and Geneva in Switzerland. Indeed, they were all over the place, like "co-operatives" in our modern world. Because these cities called themselves a res publica or commonwealth or a republic, we have usually drawn the easy conclusion that they must therefore also have been democracies. Nothing is further removed from the truth.

FOR a democracy, according to Noah Webster, is "a form of government in which the supreme power is retained by the people and is exercised either directly or indirectly through a system of representation and delegated authority, periodically renewed."

But even the cautious Webster hastens to add that "even in the most primitive forms, such as the Athenian democracy, where the governing powers were directly exercised by the assembled people, all women, children and slaves were excluded."

And he might have added that it has been that way ever since and in practically every part of the world where the people had the courage to experiment with the most difficult and perishable form of government which Abraham Lincoln, the great prophet of our own system of democracy, summed up in the words of "a government of the people, by the people and for the people."

HERE and there in very small and preponderantly rustic communities, such as the old Iceland, a few of the cantons of Switzerland and in several of our New England townships, where everybody knew everybody else, this sort of government "of and by and for all the people" was able to maintain itself for a considerable number of years and even for a very considerable number of centuries.

But the moment the essentially rustic elements disappeared and trade and commerce made their entrance, allowing the development of a small group of rich people and a large class of citizens without any property, there was an end to this ideal state of affairs. For the moment economic inequality enters the house of democracy by the front door, the expression "equal rights" becomes a meaningless phrase.

Quite frequently the rich, fearing the wrath of the disenfranchised majority, insisted upon maintaining at least an outer semblance of something that might still vaguely be recognized as a democracy.

BUT that "inner spirit" of pride in a common destiny and a common achievement was apt to wither and to die when the poor man no longer felt that he was a living factor in the political scheme of things. In every other way he knew that he, with his little half-acre of land and his dozen sheep, was no match for his neighbor who owned half a county and who counted his flocks by the tens of thousands.

If driven to desperation, he might take to his trusted sword and defy the power of the wealthy. But if treated fairly decently, he was usually more than willing to let well enough alone to choose the easier path of compromise and resignation.

For money means power and it will continue to do so until we shall have found a "moral substitute" for this brutal material fact. And the history of democracy is in reality the eternal quest for that "moral substitute."

NEXT: The Cave Men Lived in Tribes and Got the Idea for Democracy.

Second Erath Test Staked by Dillingham

EASTLAND, March 7 (Spc).—Erath county's second new test in the past few weeks has been staked by O. D. Dillingham, Abilene, and others in the old X-Ray field.

The well will test to 3,500 feet and will be known as No. 1 J. B. Moring heirs, 357 feet from the east and 2,784 feet from the south lines of the Moses Goff survey, abstract 290. Materials are being moved in.

Recently E. H. Young, Eastland, and associates started preparatory work on No. 1 Mills. Harvey survey, two miles north of Comyn, in a try for Ellenburger production.

Hamilton county: A new operation for the area is Grady Wallace and others No. 2 C. E. Lund, section 31, P. J. Bailey, 12 miles northwest of Hamilton. The well is around 2,400 feet southwest of the No. 1 Lund, which found oil in the Bend lime, and is now drilling at 1,200 feet.

Eastland county: Two miles south of Carbon, Dobbs Oil corporation was drilling at 90 feet on No. 1 H. D. Thomason, S. H. Key survey.

E. T. Burton, E. P. Womack and E. J. Kuedel No. 1 T. J. Collins, four miles northwest of Gorman, was rigging up.

Still shutdown was W. A. Stiles, and others No. 1 J. Hearn, section 15, block 2, H&TC survey, six miles southeast of Eastland.

At 120 feet Dobbs Oil corporation No. 1 Poe, section 37, block 3, H&TC survey, five miles west of Carbon, was drilling.

A depth of 550 feet has been reached by Hickok Producing and Development company No. 1 Wright and Harrell, J. B. Hoxie

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF ELECTION
A resolution ordering a municipal election to be held in the City of Cisco, on April 2, for the purpose of electing city commissioners, for said

BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Cisco, that a general municipal election be held between the hours of 8 o'clock a. m. and 7:00 p. m. on April 2, 1940, in the Hall in the City of Cisco, Eastland County, Texas, to be participated in by the qualified voters of the city, for the purpose of electing three City Commissioners for said city.

Be it Further Resolved that the City Secretary give proper notice of such election by publishing a true copy of this resolution in the Cisco Daily Press, for three consecutive days, the first publication being not less than five full days prior to the date of election.

I, Lonnie Shockley, Secretary of the City of Cisco, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the City Commission at its special meeting on February 27, 1940, in the same appears upon the minutes of said Commission.

Dated this 27th day of February, 1940.

LONNIE SHOCKLEY, Secretary, City of Cisco, 175-201.

survey, four miles north of Cisco.

Stephens county: Still a better day was Pitzer and West and No. 1 Compton, section 1, survey.

Clyde Greathouse and No. 1 J. J. Robertson, Norman, near Horwitz and Odom

(Continued on Page Eight)

BRUCE CATTON'S AMERICAN ROUNDUP

BY BRUCE CATTON
NEA Service Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON—The Constitution says we take a census to find out how many congressional seats each state ought to have. It orders Congress to reapportion seats after each census.

But whatever interesting data the coming census reveals, it probably won't result in any reapportionment.

Congress hates reapportionment. It means that some members are likely to vote themselves out of jobs. Recognizing its own frailty, it passed in 1929 a law making reapportionment automatic.

According to the present law the President should have given Congress the census figures the first week of last January. But that's because the Lame Duck Amendment shifted dates around since the law was passed.

It may make the law inoperative this year. Congress had plenty of warning, of course. Last year Senator Vandenberg got through the Senate a bill to set the date right. But the House committee tabled it. Early this winter President Roosevelt got Representative Matthew Dunn of Pennsylvania to bring the bill out again, but it's still in committee, and the committee is unfavorable.

The bill's chances are not rosy. Of course the next Congress can take the 1940 census figures and reapportion on that basis. "They could—but would they?" asks Dunn grimly. He favors it.

Up to 1920, Congress always obeyed the Constitution and reapportioned every 10 years. But it did it simply by increasing the number of congressmen. To have done that in 1920 would have cre-

ated a House of 520 members, too big.

So, since 1920 Congress has forgotten about the Constitution. Even if the belated Vandenberg proposal is acted on now, reapportionment would not be effective until 1944—the amendment states that long to do the necessary re-districting.

The direct primary is becoming a dead letter. Once praised as a great reform that would let the people file have a say on presidential candidates instead of the party bosses, the direct primary is sidetracked. Not half a dozen genuine presidential primaries are in sight in both parties.

In Wisconsin, voters got a choice between Dewey and Vandenberg in Illinois, Dewey is all about there's Garner and a vague Dewey vent entry; New York, Dewey; Gannett; and New Jersey, Ohio may have a choice. That's about all.

No state gives its voters a primary ballot with the names of all candidates. In Illinois, Democrats may pick Roosevelt or Garner, but what if they like Muller or Hull? That's too bad, even that choice is more than most states get.

The direct presidential primary started in 1916 in Oregon. Twenty-two states adopted it within four years. Many have since repealed their laws and today there are presidential primaries in only 15 states.

Abuses of the old convention system brought the direct primary as a reform. It is now being evolved into something else—a primary system as it is at present there is any move to reform the primary system as it is at present you won't hear of it until the campaign is over.

Under the Courthouse Roof

Records Filed
Instruments filed for record at the week in the office of County Clerk R. V. Galloway include the following:
Floy Barnes, guardian, to J. D. Phillips, Jr., guardian's deed; Lee shop et ux to Farm and Home Savings and Loan association, extension agreement; S. P. Boon et ux to C. E. May, trustee, deed of just; M. E. Cade estate to publisher; Sam Daube et al to L. S. Smilton, deed; L. J. Eppler to J. Witten, warranty deed; Virge ester to public, affidavit; Lulu ster et al to J. D. Phillips, Jr., deed; N. V. Franchot to C. R. Barnes, release of deed of trust; L. Garrett to Eastland National bank, extension of deed of trust; Roy Gallagher et al to A. E. Tate, release; B. L. Hargus et ux to Texas Novelty Plant and Pottery company, warranty deed; J. O. Harris et al to public, affidavit; Lone Star Gas company to G. P. Mitcham, partial release of oil and gas lease; Lone Star Gas company to O. P. Storm, same; Meyor Leverson to I. Wolf et ux, deed; R. L. Martin to L. M. Carille, warranty deed; Doris W. Newstadt to L. S. Hamilton, warranty deed; L. R. Pearson to S. P. Boon, warranty deed; L. R. Pearson to First Federal Savings and Loan association of Ranger, transfer of vendor's lien; Guy Quin, Jr. et ux to Texas Novelty Plant and Pottery company, warranty deed.
Ranger Lumber and Supply company to public, assumed name affidavit; C. A. Rhodes to Texas Novelty Plant and Pottery company, release of deed of trust; J. M. Rush et ux to R. P. Dupree, trustee, deed of trust; R. F. Threet et ux to Hickok Pipe Line company, right of way; I. Wolf to Sarah Wolf, deed; Max Westheimer estate to public, certified copy parbate; Audrey Ann Youkers to L. R. Pearson, quit deed.

Pleasant Hill Club Studies Poultry

"A standard breed of chickens is better than a mixed one," Miss Ruth Ramey told the Pleasant Hill club at a meeting in the home of Mrs. R. C. Hagan Friday, February 23.
"A substantial brooder is necessary for baby chicks. Some essentials of a good brooder are: 1—Plenty of room; 2—Built to be easily cleaned; 3—Have good feeders; 4—Adequate heating and good ventilation."
Miss Ramey gave an interesting program on poultry, showing pictures of the different breeds and pointing out the good points of each. She gave the club bulletin B-83, "Growing Baby Chicks," and C-141, "Homemade Lamp Brooder."
The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. H. G. Hines, Friday, March 8. All women are invited. The subject will be "Repair the House." Miss Ramey will be present.
Those attending the meeting were: visitors, Mrs. W. J. Poe and Mrs. R. E. McCord; members, Mrs. Henry Hines, Robert Tucker, Nick Kinard, E. S. Ramsey, J. C. Simms, Jr., J. B. Hagan, Miss Ramey, and the hostess, Mrs. R. C. Hagan.

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