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AN INVITATION TO CATTLE RAISERS

Banker Wishes to Secure 1918 Meeting of Texas Association for Oklahoma City

There is one person who is everlastingly on the job, pulling for his home town. The person is T. P. Martin, Jr., and the town is Oklahoma City. Mr. Martin is president of the Oklahoma Stock Yards National Bank, and by pulling and boosting for Oklahoma City he figures he is doing it for his own institution; and no man could figure with clearer and sharper-outlined exactitude. He, however, is working upon the broader field of community co-operation, employing the liberal methods of a man whose purpose is truly altruistic. For some years The Reporter has watched his procedure with a great deal of interest, and we do like his way.

Mr. Martin's latest activities seem directed to securing the 1918 meeting of the Texas Cattle Raisers Association for his home town, Oklahoma City, and to this end we are in receipt of the following letter from him:

Dear Sir: We would appreciate it through the columns of your paper you would allow us to extend to the members of the Cattle Raisers Association of Texas a hearty invitation to meet in Oklahoma City in 1918. We are presuming that the 1917 convention will go to Fort Worth. If it is, therefore, necessary that some work be done on the part of our people here between now and the 1917 gathering in order to get the proper votes at Ft. Worth to bring the 1918 gathering to Oklahoma City.

"We are very grateful to the many customers and friends we have in your part of Texas for the favors received at their hands and I am of the opinion that there are many of them who are in position to realize the fact that our bank and others farther north have tried to be of service along all consistent lines and are now offering funds at very reasonable rates to take care of the live stock interests in not only our vicinity but in yours. We, therefore, ask that our invitation be carefully considered and that the influence of the members of the Cattle Raisers Association from your part of Texas, so far as they may consistently do so and presuming they desire it, will give us their support and mention the candidacy of Oklahoma City for 1918 from now on to any of their friends who may be members of the Association.

"Thanking you for your courtesies and members of the Association and their friends for the favor we are hoping to receive with their assistance, I am," etc.

We must pay tribute, too, to Mr. Martin's enterprise in looking a long way into the future and laying plans therefor. We wish him success in this 1918 campaign and predict in the event of Oklahoma City's failure to secure this convention of the Texas Association, some other town will have to "go some" and such failure will be no discredit to this Oklahoma booster.

ONE OF THE HERD BULLS OF B. N. AYCOCK & SONS



The above bull, Expectation, is one of the herd bulls of the new firm, B. N. Aycock & Sons, which was created January 1st. It is composed of Mr. Aycock and his two sons, Tom and West, and his son-in-law, M. F. King. Since last fall Mr. Aycock has made several trips to Missouri for the purpose of buying bulls and cows, registered Herefords, and Expectation was among one of the several bought. The picture shows, better than we can tell, the quality of animals that this Midland breeder has invested in. During his several trips Mr. Aycock bought 115 registered Hereford cows, and these he has retained as the foundation for the registered herd of the firm. Needless to say they are very choice. At the times of purchasing the cows he also bought five car loads of registered Hereford bulls, three of which he sold to other Midland stockmen, and retained the other two loads for use in the firm's grade herd. For the registered herd Mr. Aycock has selected other extra

choice bulls, and, being a judge of the Hereford type second to no other western stockman, one does not have to be so very astute to guess correctly that one day this herd will be amongst the first of the kind that have made Midland cattle famous—that have given Midland cattle a reputation that is more than nation-wide. Though he did not make any additional purchases Mr. Aycock has recently visited Missouri, returning from there last Friday. While up there he attended the great sale of O. Harris, at Harris, Mo., and he saw new history made in the Hereford industry. There were 61 animals sold, and they brought an average price of \$1,246. The top bull sold for \$8,100. These were great prices, of course, and wonderfully fine animals changed hands. But, though Mr. Aycock did not hint it, we guess he himself has some animals of equal quality as have other stockmen of the Midland Country. These prices were largely the result of wide and judicious advertising.

ST. PATRICK, HIS WORK IN IRELAND

Patron Saint was not an Irishman as Some Have Deemed Him. Was Native of Scotland.

The following article was written by Rev. Henry O. Moore, pastor of the Presbyterian church of this city, and it will prove to be of interest to many:

It is the irony of fate that the "Patron Saint" of Ireland was not an Irishman, nor was he ever canonized—he was born near Glasgow, Scotland, in 387, and is a "Saint" only by popular acclaim. It is to be regretted that we know so little certainly of this mighty hero of the long ago. Of the many writings ascribed to him, only two are of undoubted authenticity. These do not shed much light on his antecedents, environment, or teachings. This much appears to be clear. The place of his birth—as above. At the age of sixteen he was captured by the Irish and held in slavery for seven years. During those years of wanderings among the pagan Irish up and down their island, he fell in love with both, determined to escape to a Christian land and school and fit himself to evangelize the people. He escaped into Southern Gaul, where for eleven years he studied to fit himself for his chosen task. In 432 he re-entered Ireland with the needed means and helpers, and began in what is now the county of Down. All Ulster was converted. The work spread westward to Mayo. Daire, a local chieftain, allowed him to build a church on the hill of Armagh. A visit to Tara at Easter, led to the conversion of the Irish king, Laeghaire, and the evangelization of the island was rapid. Churches and schools were planted in all quarters; a native ministry was raised up, and the purest, most consecrated type of middle-age Christianity was developed in the Emerald Isle. For more than thirty years he labored as a saint among the people and in the land of his love. His converts showed his spirit and went as missionaries to the Scots, to the English, to the Germans, to the peoples of France and Italy. The seat of his episcopacy was Armagh, and there he ended one of the most fruitful lives in the annals of Christian service, and there he was buried. His New Testament is now preserved in Dublin. From the two authentic volumes left by him it appears that the Scriptures were given to the people in their own tongue; that education was far more general than in other lands in that age; that the clergy were on an equality; that congregations were largely independent of each other, and that they were governed by elders.

Saint Patrick does not need the aid of the fables that fastened to his name and reputation in later ages. To have evangelized, and turned from paganism, the Irish tribes is the supreme honor. It was his to bring Christ to the people who have been, and are, leaders in war, in discovery, in arts, in sciences, in literature, in politics, in honest toil, in sufferings, in a word, in all that goes to make a race foremost amongst the sons of men.

ASSESSMENT FINE LIMITED ASSESSOR ASKS CO-OPERATION

County Assessor Grossett who has been empowered and employed to make the assessment for the city and independent school district is very desirous that those subject to assessment will bear in mind that the time is somewhat limited, to May 1st, and inasmuch as he has so many to see in such a short time, makes a special request that you be ready when he calls for your rendition. Mr. Grossett handled these assessments last year in connection with his county work, and gave general satisfaction, not only to the city and school district but to the people at large, and he is making this special request that you co-operate with him.

SHOT HIS SHOULDER BADLY DISLOCATED

Hunter Halley had the misfortune to get his shoulder dislocated one day last week out at his ranch while working with a cow in the corral. He is now carrying the wounded member in a sling, and has suffered considerable pain and inconvenience. He will be here with his family for several days before returning to the ranch.

MIDLAND BOYS OFF TO FAT STOCK SHOW

Bright, Happy Crowd of Youngsters Leave Tuesday to Represent Two Clubs

Accompanied by Bert Ramsay, who is acting in the capacity of leader of the bunch, the boys that compose the Baby Beef and Pig clubs, left Tuesday afternoon for Fort Worth where they will attend the Agricultural Encampment School from the 16th to 18th inclusive. The boys were a happy bunch with their ribbon badges as they mounted the choo-choo Tuesday evening, some of them having never been to the city of Fort Worth, and they showed excitement and enthusiasm, and were the envy of many other boys who were left behind.

Those composing the Baby Beef Club were Holt Jowell, Brooks Ramsay, Roy Lee, T. O. Midkiff, Jr., and Howard Hale. Those that composed the Pig Club were Mayer Half, Robert Ramsay Cecil Massey, Robert Starr and Robert Balch.

See our new display of novelties—photos. Miller Studio. adv 22-2t

PRIZES OFFERED IN PEANUT CONTEST

Texas Industrial Congress Will Make Effort to Promote Extensive Growth of Peanuts

The Texas Industrial Congress contest in peanut growing has been changed to allow adults to enter with crops of any size. The terms are as follows:

Section 1. Competition in this section is open only to boys and girls 10 years of age or over and under 20 on January 1st, 1916.

For the best yields from one acre of merchantable peanuts and peanut hay, cost of production considered.

\$700 in prizes. First prize, \$100; second prize, \$75; third prize, \$50; three prizes of \$25 each; and \$400 to be awarded in the discretion of the Committee on Awards.

Section 2. Competition open to all. For the best yields per acre of merchantable peanuts (nuts only) cost of production considered, grown on one or more acres.

\$300 in prizes. First prize, \$100; second prize \$75; third prize \$50 and three prizes of \$25 each.

Contestants entered in Section 1 of this class will be enrolled also as contestants for the prizes in Section 2.

The yield of nuts and vines in Section 1, and of the nuts in Section 2, must be determined by actually weighing them, when fully matured and thoroughly dry, in the presence of witnesses.

Under these conditions the boys and girls are competing for prizes aggregating one thousand dollars and the adults for three hundred dollars, and peanut growing with ordinary conditions and unlimited acreage is placed in active competition with boys' and girls' cultivation on single acres.

In recognition of the public-spirited interest of R. M. Johnston, of Houston, in promoting peanut production in Texas as a staple field crop, the peanut section of the Texas Industrial Congress contest has been named the R. M. Johnston Peanut Club.

The Congress has issued a bulletin of suggestions as to the planting, cultivation, marketing, feeding value and other points of interest of the new crop, which will be furnished free on request.

Sheriff A. B. Miller and Deputy J. T. Morris, were business visitors to the city this week from Shafter Lake.

New Things --- This Week's Arrivals

Men's and Boy's Suits.

Men's and Boy's Oxfords, in the Black and Tan.

Ladies' and Misses' Pumps and Oxfords, Black and White combinations.

Ladies' and Misses' Sport Shirts.

These we have in the plain white Poplins, white with the colored silk trimmed. We also have these in the stripe Poplins. ¶ As the spring season begins, we feel that we are exceptionally fortunate in our selections of the very newest styles. ¶ For good merchandise you must buy from us.

"We can and do save you money"

"THE MERCANTILE"

"We can and do save you money"



You Can Readily See the difference in Prices at this Store

and
**The Merchandise Speaks
for Itself**

Each and every garment has the Style and Quality you would hardly expect to find at the price—nor WOULD you find them except in our system of merchandising.

Taffeta Dresses at \$12.50, \$13.75, \$15.00, \$18.75. Taffeta and Georgette Combinations, and Crepe de Chene dresses, beginning at \$15.00, \$16.50, \$18.75 up to \$27.50.

Suits of Cloth and Taffeta and Combinations of Serge and Georgette at \$15.00, \$16.50, \$18.75 up to \$27.50.

And each and every garment shows you a saving of from \$2.50 to \$12.50 over the usual credit store prices.

The Queen
of all Front
Lace Corsets

MODART CORSETS Front Laced

New Spring
Styles now
in Stock

And this saving is not confined to the ready-to-wear alone—but is on the entire stock

We are Particularly Anxious to Have You See the Beautiful Spring Dress Goods and Silks.

40-inch all silk Crepe de Chene, in white, black and all colors, a value made possible by our cash prices. The yard— \$1.00

36-inch All Silk Taffeta, of an exceptionally good quality, soft and very lustrous, W. P. C. P. the yard— \$1.00

36 inch tub silk shirtings in a good range of colors and pretty pattern, W. P. C. P. the yard— 50c

40 inch voiles in stripes and floral designs in plain and snow flake cloth. Beautiful merchandise and worth much more by the usual standards of value. Wadley-Patterson Cash Price the yard— 25c

40 inch printed merserised batiste, a regular 25c number but our cash price is the yard— 15c

27 inch tissue gingham—a cloth always sold for 15c to 20c the yard, W. P. C. P. 12½c

An exceptionally beautiful line of gingham, percales and cheviots, price for cash at— 10c



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BOYS
HERCULES
SUITS
DAVID ROSENTHAL & CO.

Boy's Spring Suits Just in, \$3.75 \$5.00

If you are willing to pay cash you can
save from 10% to 25% by coming here

WADLEY - PATTERSON Co.

One Price—The Lowest—For Cash Only

With Midland Churches

Announcement By Their Pastors.
The Ministers of the City Are Cordially
Invited to use this Column as They Care to.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

There will be no preaching services at our church next Sunday. We have Sunday School at 10 a. m. and prayer meeting every Wednesday night.

In view of our "Every Member Canvass" coming in this month, I insert, just as he gives it, the following compilation by the Rev. Mr. Downing, chairman of our home mission committee. It is as full and satisfactory as the Bible, and sound business sense, can crowd into this number of words: Bible facts and business facts for the "Every Member Canvass." Please have a family reading and study to-night, or this week.

God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten son. (Jno. 3:16.)

Who gave himself for our sins. (Gal. 1:4.)

Who gave himself for me. (Gal. 2:20.)

I give to them eternal life. (Jno. 10:28.)

Seeing He giveth to all life, and breath, and all things. (Acts 17:25)

Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it. (Eph. 5:25.)

Thanks—Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift. (2 Cor 9:15.)

Thank Offerings

Freely ye have received, freely give. (Matt. 10:8.)

God loveth a cheerful giver. (2 Cor. 9:7.)

He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. (2 Cor. 9:6.)

Who Shall Give, or Lay by to Give?

Let every one of you lay by him in store, (every member.) (1 Cor. 16:2.)

Every man, as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give. (2 Cor. 9:7)

(Not just the head of the house, but every member give.)

How Regularly Shall we Plan to Give?

Upon the first day of the week. (1 Cor. 16:2.)

Question—Is this too inconvenient, difficult, unreasonable?

Answer—Some people pay farm laborers every week; some pay for laundry every week; some pay the barber every week; some pay the movies and other shows every week; some pay the grocery bills every week, or month; some pay for cigars and cold drinks every day; even the children pay into the Sunday School every week.

Shall we Promise or Pledge to Pay?

"I won't promise either how much, or when; just pay as I can."

"Do I do the bank that way? the store? the laborer, the movies?"

Purpose—Prepared or unprepared?

I know the forwardness of your mind—ready a year ago. 2 Cor. 9:2-4.

Committee to see you and make up bounty?

That they would go before unto you to make up your bounty. 2 Cor. 9:5.

Read 8th chapter and 9th chapter of Corinthians.

JUNIOR ENDEAVOR

Subject, "How Will Bible Study Help Us?"

Leader—Paul Heard.

Lesson by leader.

Song.

Song and Lord's prayer.

Bible Reading—Laura Eicherberger, Garvis Dockeray, Ruth Price, Ben Wall, Van Estes and Joe Wisdom.

Talk, "Why we Need to Read the Bible Every Day"—Prof. Camp.

Bible verses.

Mission study.

Sentence prayers.

Business.

Mizpah.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

Leader—Alma Ellis.

Subject, "Learn to Pray."

Scripture lesson, Matt. 6:7; Phil. 4:6; John 6:14-15.

Song and prayer.

"What Makes Us Want to Pray?"—Lenora Whitmire.

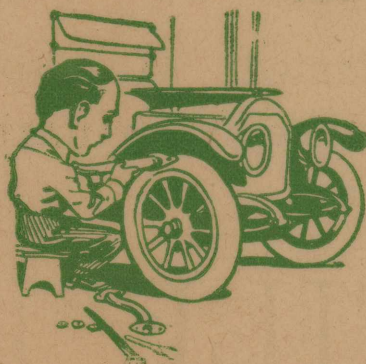
"What Makes it Difficult to Pray?"—Martin Bradford.

"A Fixed Prayer Habit"—Alice Haley.

WHY OVERHAUL

THE MOTOR

in your car yourself when you can send it to our up-to-date repair shop and have the work done quickly and perfectly by expert mechanics while you are thinking about it? This is the age of specialists. Every man to his own trade. We are specialists in putting sick automobiles back into good shape, but we do not charge "specialist" prices.



Cole Motor Car Co.

Junior Church study.
Our church of work at home.
Various forms of home missions.

BAPTIST CHURCH

9:45 a. m., Bible school.

11 a. m., preaching. Subject, "Paul I Know."

6:45 p. m., B. Y. P. U.

7:45 p. m., preaching. Subject, "Why no Marriages in Heaven."

Each Wednesday evening at 7:15, the regular S. S. teachers' meeting, followed by the regular prayer meeting. We cordially invite all strangers and visitors to worship with us.

Ernest Quick, Pastor.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

9:45 to 10:45 a. m., Sunday School, E. F. Elkin, Supt.

10:45 to 11 a. m., Communion, H. M. Horton, presiding.

11 to 12 m., Sermon by F. G. Jones.

2:30 to 3:30 p. m., Junior C. E., Mrs. J. W. Miller, supt.

3:30 to 4:30, Intermediate C. E., Miss Anna May Ingham, supt.

7 to 8 p. m., Senior Endeavor, Miss Veda Shaw, president.

8 to 9 p. m., sermon.

See the "Girl and the Game," Alhambra, Wednesday. Free matinee, 2 to 6 p. m.

EMPLOYMENT AGENCY—If you want work of any kind, or want good help of any kind, see me at my office at the wagon yard.—T. J. Powell, adv. 197.

For Sale, Furnished or Unfurnished—My home, nine rooms with bath. All new, well finished inside and out; east front and well located. If you are contemplating buying a home it will pay you to investigate this place at once. J. Wiley Taylor, Midland, Texas. adv 21-4t

Rank Foolishness

You occasionally see it stated that colds do not result from cold weather. That is rank foolishness. Were it true colds would be as prevalent in midsummer as in midwinter. The microbe that causes colds flourishes in damp, cold weather. To get rid of a cold take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is effectual and is highly recommended by people who have used it for many years as occasion required, and know its real value. Obtainable everywhere.

Registered Duroc Jerseys for sale, two months old, at \$12.50 per head, either sex. From prize-winning stock. Russell Jones, Midland, Texas. 17-t

LISTEN!

It is better to TRY to do something in an intelligent manner and fail, rather than try to do nothing and succeed.

Difficulties should merely spur us on.

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NEXT WEEK

MONDAY—In addition to our regular Program we give a 43-piece China Dinner Set—Admission only 10c.

TUESDAY—"THE COW PUNCHER," a 5-reel Special Western feature, with HAL REID in the leading role—Admission 10c and 15c.

WEDNESDAY—"THE GIRL AND THE GAME." Free Matinee from 2 P. M. until 6 P. M. Everybody FREE. Admission at night only 10c.

FRIDAY—"THE CUP OF LIFE," a Mutual master picture in 5 massive acts. This picture drives home a great moral lesson—see it. Admission only 10c.

Watch Our Lobby Every Day.

For Sale—Cottage Home Hotel, 11 room house, electric lights, city water, all modern conveniences, partly furnished. Price \$2,000, half cash, balance to suit. Apply to J. M. and T. J. Powell. adv 22-4t

Administrator's Notice
Estate of N. H. Ellis, deceased, No. 110. In the County Court of Midland County, Texas, March Term, A. D., 1916.

tate of N. H. Ellis, deceased:
Newnie W. Ellis, executor of the estate of N. H. Ellis, deceased, has filed final account in the probate court of Midland County, Texas, which will be acted upon at the next regular term of said court, commencing on the third day of April, A. D., 1916, at which time all persons interested in said estate may appear and make objections thereto.

Issued this the 9th day of March, A. D., 1916.
W. J. Sparks,
County Clerk, Midland Co., Texas.
adv 22-4t.

It's Strictly for Cash

I shall have to pay Spot Cash for Coal, Wood, Ice and for the services of men on the Dray Line.
This Means

YOU MUST PAY CASH

So it's a cash business all around. I have bought out Mr. Ramsay and propose to give you equally as good service, but it Must Be On

A CASH BASIS

I solicit you business very earnestly and promise satisfactory returns for any money you spend with me

W. P. Nugent, ^{PHONE} 216

A Sunny Disposition
in the morning
follows the use of
Rexall
Orderlies
the night before

The laxative tablet
with the pleasant taste

We have the exclusive
selling rights for this
great laxative.



The Rexall Store

CITY DRUG STORE

No. 4368
Report of Condition of
THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK
at Midland, in the State of Texas, at the close of business on March 7, 1916.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts (except those shown below).....	\$437,089.80
Overdrafts, secured, none; unsecured.....	8.71
U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation.....	25,000.00
Subscription to stock of Federal Reserve Bank.....	12,000.00
Less amount unpaid.....	6,000.00
Value of banking house (if unencumbered).....	30,000.00
Real estate owned other than banking house.....	1,081.49
Net amount due from Federal Reserve Bank.....	16,691.26
Net amt. due from app. res. agts. in N.Y., Chi., St. L.	58,159.57
Net amt. due from app. res. agts. in other res. cities	36,510.88
Outside checks and other cash items.....	1,935.30
Fractional currency, nickles, and cents.....	327.93
Notes of other national banks.....	3,000.00
Coin and certificates.....	21,551.95
Legal-tender notes.....	500.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer.....	1,250.00
TOTAL.....	\$663,803.97
LIABILITIES	
Capital paid in.....	\$100,000.00
Surplus fund.....	100,000.00
Undivided profits.....	\$7,374.89
Reserved for taxes.....	341.70
Reserved for interest.....	273.23
Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid..	7,989.82
Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid..	3,732.49
Circulating notes outstanding.....	25,000.00
Due to banks and bankers (other than above).....	8,741.86
Individual deposits subject to check.....	392,875.55
Cashier's checks outstanding.....	829.23
Total demand deposits.....	393,504.78
Certificates of deposit.....	7,300.00
Total of time deposits.....	7,300.00
Bills payable, including obligations representing money borrowed.....	25,000.00
TOTAL.....	\$663,803.97

State of Texas, County of Midland, ss:
I, W. R. Chancellor, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
W. R. Chancellor, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of March, 1916.
J. W. Hampton, Notary Public, Midland County, Texas.
Correct—Attest: W. H. Cowden,
O. B. Holt,
C. A. Goldsmith, Directors.

BIRD ENEMIES OF NOXIOUS RODENTS

Mr. Holt Agent for the United States Department of Agriculture Gives Interesting Article

In combatting such noxious rodents as the mice, ground squirrels, and pocket gophers found in Texas, it is well to remember that these animals have important natural enemies, prominent among which are several species of birds. Among hawks and owls, two or three of the smaller, swift-flying hawks are injurious, and at times the great horned owl is destructive, but the other hawks and the owls are, with occasional individual exceptions, beneficial in their feeding habits. These should be protected in order that they may render the maximum of aid.

At present several species of ground squirrels are doing considerable damage in Texas. Nearly all the larger hawks known collectively as "chicken hawks" feed upon these rodents and destroy large numbers. Swainson's hawk, a large, sluggish, slow-flying species, and the long-tailed, white-rumped marsh hawk are most efficient in this work, but many ground squirrels are eaten also by the ferruginous rough-leg, the red-tailed, and Harris's hawk. Even the little sparrow hawk attacks the thirteen striped ground squirrel. The rough legged hawk in some localities bears the name of "squirrel hawk" in recognition of its habit of feeding on ground squirrels. In eating these rodents the hawks often tear them open, swallow the flesh and soft parts, and discard the skin turned neatly inside out.

The larger hawk sometimes prey on prairie dogs but these little animals are adept at escaping from winged enemies and usually elude capture. The ferruginous rough-leg perhaps secures more of them than do any of the other species.

Pocket gophers, though usually considered safe from attack in their burrows, often fall a prey to birds. The barn owl especially secures many, as does the great horned owl. Even in daylight the red-tailed and Swainson's hawks capture these animals as they thrust dirt up from their underground runs. Another bird that secures numbers of them is the great blue heron. Standing patiently in the fields it waits for a pocket gopher to approach the surface. With one quick blow of the heron's bill, the animal is stunned and then is swallowed entire.

Practically all hawks and owls feed upon the various rats and mice common throughout Texas. The short-tailed meadow mice are especially favorites with the long and short-eared owls, the barn owl, and the marsh, Swainson's, and the red-tailed hawks. In fact they furnish a large part of the food of these birds. House mice and gray rats are eaten by practically all hawks and owls found in the State. White-footed mice and packrats are frequent victims of these same birds. The cotton rat is common prey of the short-eared owl and red-tailed hawk. Pocket mice and kangaroo rats are eaten by most owls.

It is thus easily seen that hawks and owls, which unfortunately are popularly considered a fair target for any gunner, should in most cases be strictly protected. The value of one of them may be judged from the fact that in 592 pellets of the barn owl and red-tailed hawk. Pocket mice and kangaroo rats are eaten by most owls.

261 pocket gophers, 74 short-tailed meadow mice, 184 pocket mice, 144 white-footed mice, 50 harvest mice, 230 kangaroo rats, 215 house mice.

Other miscellaneous mammals were present in smaller numbers. Individual hawks or owls which prey regularly upon poultry may be destroyed but these should be singled out. The misdeeds of a few should not result in organized war on the whole tribe. In the long run hawks have a large credit balance of good accomplished in the destruction of harmful rodents.

Texas, as the largest State in the Union, probably has within its borders the greatest variety in bird life, and it must not be supposed that the beneficial birds are limited to those that prey upon noxious mammals. The scissor-tailed and other flycatchers, the swallows, many species of warblers, and the titanice are efficient enemies of a large array of injurious insects. Of more than sixty species of birds known at present to feed upon the cotton boll weevil, all are found at some season within the confines of the State of Texas. Among the birds that are most destructive to this insect may be mentioned the painted bunting, the barn and cliff swallows, the orchard and Bullock's orioles, and the meadow lark. A host of other birds do good in various ways, and with few exceptions should be encouraged to make their homes on range and ranch lands.

Poisons for Noxious Rodents in Texas (Prairie Dog Poison)

Dissolve 1 ounce of strychnine sulphate in 1 1/2 pints of boiling water. Add 1 heaping teaspoonful of gloss starch, previously mixed with a lit-

tle cold water, and boil until a clear paste is formed. Add 1 ounce of baking soda and stir to a creamy mass. Add 1-8 ounce of saccharine and 1/4 pint of molasses and stir thoroughly. Pour over 13 quarts of milo maize or ferterita and mix well until grain is evenly coated. Allow to dry before using. If hard water is used, add a little vinegar. Scatter poison when the natural food of the prairie dog is scarce on a clean hard place near the hole, one quart to 40 holes.

Jack Rabbit Poison
Alfalfa poison—Dissolve 1 ounce of strychnine sulphate in 2 gallons of boiling water and sprinkle over 16 pounds of leafy hay, chopped in 2-inch lengths. The poisoned hay may be scattered in small heaps along rabbit trails in enclosures from which stock is excluded.

Grain poison—Mix together 1 ounce of powdered strychnine (alkaloid) and 1 ounce of baking soda. Sift this into 1 pint of thin hot starch paste and stir thoroughly. (The starch paste is made by mixing 1 heaping tablespoonful of gloss starch in a little cold water which is then added to one pint of hot water and boiled until a clear thin paste is formed.) Add one spoonful of table salt and stir.

Apply to 12 quarts of milo maize or ferterita. Mix well until grain is evenly coated. Use as directed for alfalfa poison. If the powdered strychnine alkaloid is not available, strychnine sulphate crystals may be used if prepared as for prairie dogs.

Pocket Gopher Poison
Mix together, while dry, 1/4 ounce powdered strychnine (alkaloid) and 1-16 ounce of saccharine and sift over 5 quarts of dampened baits made by cutting sweetpotatoes or carrots into 1/2 to 3/4 inch cubes. To insure even distribution of the poison stir baits while applying the powder.

The gopher's runway may be located several inches below the surface by probing with a bluntly pointed stick. An opening should be made to admit 2 of the baits and then closed.

Rat Poison
To - part of barium carbonate and 4 parts of flour or meal, or 1 part of barium carbonate and 8 parts of oatmeal, add a little cold water and mix thoroughly into a stiff dough. The barium carbonate may also be sprinkled on fish, toasted bread, or moistened bread and butter.

Arsenic may be used in place of the barium carbonate as above described, but it is unreliable in its effect.

Grain poisoned with strychnine, prepared as above recommended for prairie dogs is very effective if all other foods are carefully covered. Baits should be placed in rat runs or holes.

Every precaution should be taken to keep poisons out of the reach of children and domestic animals.

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RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts (except those shown below).....	\$435,837.55
U. S. Bonds deposited to secure circulation.....	50,000.00
Subscription to stock of Federal Reserve Bank.....	9,000.00
Less amount unpaid.....	4,500.00
Furniture and fixtures.....	8,263.50
Real estate owned other than banking house.....	749.85
Net amount due from Federal Reserve Bank.....	11,687.60
Net amt. due from app. res. agts. in N.Y., Chi., St. L.	6,030.04
Net amt. due from app. res. agts. in other res. cities	4,541.68
Net amt. due from banks, bankers (other than above)	819.53
Other checks on banks in same city as reporting bank	1,458.54
Cash short, \$2.96; Revenue Stamps, \$125.00.....	127.96
Fractional currency, nickles, and cents.....	13.28
Notes of other national banks.....	75.00
Coin and certificates.....	11,060.30
Legal-tender notes.....	8,110.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer.....	700.00
TOTAL.....	\$543,974.83
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in.....	\$ 75,000.00
Surplus fund.....	75,000.00
Undivided profits.....	10,583.92
Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid..	6,077.47
Circulating notes outstanding.....	50,000.00
Net amt. due to app. res. agts. in other res. cities....	24,148.61
Due to banks and bankers (other than above).....	1,899.28
Deposits requiring notice, but less than 30 days....	10,000.00
Individual deposits subject to check.....	243,560.38
Cashier's checks outstanding.....	2,230.48
Total demand deposits.....	243,560.38
Rediscunts with Federal Reserve Bank.....	21,843.00
Notes and bills rediscounted elsewhere than at Federal Reserve Bank.....	35,786.63
TOTAL.....	\$543,974.83

State of Texas, County of Midland, ss:
I, B. C. Girdley, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
B. C. Girdley, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of March, 1916.
Ralph M. Barron,
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A SPECIAL PLEA TO THE HOUSEWIFE

Waste of Money Means Waste of Human Energy, Urges the American Bankers Association

As stated before by The Reporter, in publishing this series of articles upon the thrift campaign inaugurated for 1916 by the American Bankers' Association, there is no interest-paying savings bank in Midland, but our two national institutions will surely and safely take care of your savings. The interest part of it is but a small thing. The big thing is to take care of the money that comes in to your hands.

One hundred years ago was no bank that encouraged the thrifty housewife who wanted some safer place for small sums than the top bureau drawer or an old sugar bowl, to deposit her little hoard and draw interest on it until she was ready to use it.

But in 1816 the first savings bank in the United States was started, and during 1916 the American Bankers Association will conduct a national Thrift Campaign through its Savings Bank Section.

Savings banks now number their women depositors by the thousand, but there are still many opportunities for thrift which women must be encouraged to use if the United States is to be the thriftiest instead of the most prodigal nation in the world. For national thrift has its basis in home thrift and waste of money in home management means waste of the human energy it takes to earn money.

So the bankers are urging the establishment of school savings banks for teaching girls, as well as boys, how to save their pennies and how to spend them wisely. They are urging parents to give their girls regular allowances and teach them how to

keep simple accounts. To the Y. W. C. A. in its well-planned movement for thrift among girls and business women, the bankers are supplying speakers and helping with the distribution of the excellent personal account books which the Association has prepared. They are also co-operating with the National Housewives, women's clubs and other agencies that have as their object the teaching of home economics, self-organization and development.

For thrift does not mean simply the saving of money. Genuine home thrift means managing the home so well that none of the Father-energy it takes to earn money, or none of the Mother-energy it takes to spend it, is wasted by foolish purchases, extravagant house keeping or niggardly economy. It is not the thrifty housekeeper who scrimps on the table, wears frumpy clothes or goes without wholesome pleasures for the mere sake of having a bank account. Real thrift should mean better-balanced and therefore more nourishing meals, the buying of better clothes because they last longer, and investing in labor-saving devices which leave the home-maker free for rest and recreation with her family. But in order to achieve these ends the house-keeper must learn how to take care of her savings, even the smallest ones, by business methods, how to balance her household budget, how to pay her bills by checks, and how to manage her bank account to the best advantage.

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MID-TERM EXAMS SHOW GOOD GRADES

143 Average over 85.80 per cent Pass in all and 84 per cent Pass in Three or More Subjects

Reports of the mid-term examinations, which were held January 19, 20 and 21, 1916, show that 143 of the pupils who were in school and who took the examinations made averages above 85; also that 80 per cent of those who either took the examinations or were exempt passed in all branches and that 84 per cent passed in at least three subjects. Below are given the names of those pupils in the high school who were exempt from taking the examinations; a list of those in the entire schools who took the examinations with highest honors (summa cum laude); a list of those who took the examinations with high honors (magna cum laude); and the names of those who ranked first and second respectively in their respective grades on examination.

Exemptions in the High School
Pupils in the high school who had averages for the term of 90 or more in scholarship on their report cards, averages of 95 or more in department for the term, and averages of 85 or more on monthly quizzes for the term were exempt from taking the examinations. There were ten, as follows:
Jean Mackenzie, 11th grade; Ruth Clark, 10th grade; Duncan Garner, 8th grade; Franklin Whitefield, 8th grade; Birdie Brown, 8th grade; Maud Donnell, 8th grade; Thelma Estes, 8th grade; Hazel Hollingsworth, 8th grade; Ruth Terry, 8th grade; Ruby Willis, 8th grade.

Those taking examination with the highest praise and with high praise, were as follows, with their grades:
Summa Cum Laude
(Averaging 90 or more on examination.)

Jim Harris, 98 2-5; Lucile Leach, 97 7-8; J. Wiley Taylor, Jr., 97 1-2; Thalbert Thomas, 97 1-4; Will Joe Starr, 97; Johnie Preston, 97; T. J. Stokes, 96 7-8; John B. Thomas Stark, 96 5-8; Ellis Perry, 96 3-4; Evelyn Eites, 96 1-4; Bernice Norwood, 96 1-4; Carolyn Caldwell, 96; Charles C. Watson, Jr., 96; Wiclif Curtis, 95 3-4; Roy Filler, 95 3-4; Elsie Barron, 95 1-4; Irene Mabry, 95 2-5; Frances Ratliff, 96; Kittie Belle Wolcott, 95; Otto Adams, 94 4-5; Mayer Half, 94 3-4; James Starr, 94 3-4; Mamie Ramsay, 94 3-5; Jessie May Estes, 94 1-2; Sue Terry, 94 1-2; Seth Ingham, 94 -4; Annie Lee Brunson, 94; Oriol Hoxon, 94; Theresa Klapproth, 94; Roy Sark, 94; Louis Thomas, 93 5-8; Gladys Buchanan, 93 1-2; Glendior Crossett, 93 1-2; Cora May Haley, 93 1-2; Florence Manning, 93 1-4; Carroll Tigner, 93 1-4; Mary Balch, 93; Clinton Dunagan, 93; H. B. Dunagan, Jr., 93; Jean Smith, 93; C. W. Hearrell, Jr., 92 1-2; Ruth Price, 92 1-2; Ben Wall, 92 1-2; Bush Jones, 92 1-4; Ruby Moore, 92 1-4; Truman Nance, 92; Mary Jane Potter, 92; Oscar Ragsdale, 92; Melrose Florey, 91 3-4; Louise Karkalits, 91 3-4; Marvin Pritchett, 91 3-4; Mary D. Brown, 91 1-2; Rachel Holcombe, 91 1-2; Junie Tucker, 91 1-2; Travis Cummings, 91 1-4; Ernest Locklar, 91 1-4; Mary Fleenor, 91; Nadine Pollard, 91; Lois Brunson, 90 3-4; Viola Couble, 90 3-4; Rowena Norris, 90 3-4; Addie Jenkins, 90 3-8; Cecil Roberts, 90 1-4; Floy Holloway, 90 1-5; Grace Terry, 90 1-5; Clella Denton, 90; H. B. Dorsey, Jr., 90; Farrar Griffin, 90; Carroll Hill, 90; Howard Hendricks, 90; Gladys Inman, 90; Gertie Toby, 90; Pearl Wimberly, 90.

Magna Cum Laude
(Averaging from 85 to 89 on examination.)
Marie Hord, 89 4-5; Leonara Whit-

mire, 89 3-4; Mildred Houston, 89 3-4; Maveen Winborn, 89 3-4; Ethel Wilmoth, 89 1-2; Thomas Inman, 89 1-2; Tommie Preston, 89 1-4; Emma Ramsay, 89 1-4; Cida Belle Reynolds, 89 1-4; Marvin Beauchamp, 89 1-4; Harry Ramsay, 89 1-4; Judith Clark, 89 1-5; Winnie Carlisle, 89 1-5; Lillie Nixon, 89; Hilliard Terry, 88 3-4; Alfred Pliska, 88 1-2; Mittie Lee Allen, 88 2-5; Pearle Wisdom, 88 2-5; Roxie Nugent, 88 1-4; Wallace Wimberly, 88 1-4; Evetts Haley, 88; Bennie Fleenor, 88; Otis Locklar, 88; Laura Smith, 87 4-5; Marion Allen, 87 3-4; Willie Pearl Dockray, 87 3-4; Albert Norwood, 87 3-4; Thomas Schrock, 87 3-5; Annie Lee Brown, 87 3-5; Viola Magathan, 87 3-5; Myrtle Whitmire, 87 1-2; Maggie Henson, 87 1-2; Seaborn Gwynn, 87 1-2; Martin Bradford, 87 1-2; George Covey, 87 3-8; Robert Hord, 87 1-4; Louise Finney, 87 1-4; Earl Mabry, 87; Columbus Holcombe, 87; J. V. McClure, 87; Harry Roberts, 87; Nannie Terry, 87; Anton Pavlik, 87; Mary Lee Finney, 87; Jim Flanagan, 86 3-4; Freddie Bradford, 86 1-2; Ike Ethridge, 86 1-2; George Buchanan, 86 1-2; Bettie V. Trammell, 86 1-2; Emma Selman, 86 1-2; Dorris Finney, 86 1-4; Miriam Crossett, 86 1-5; Grace Finney, 86 1-5; Ernestine Moore, 86; Ruth Blakeney, 86; Virginia Coyle, 86; Marian Patchel, 85 3-4; Buna Russell, 85 5-8; Lonnie Elam, 85 1-2; Cassie Lee Potter, 85 1-2; Fay Rogers, 85 1-2; Jewell Massey, 85 1-4; Johnie Roberts, 85 1-4; Grace Clark, 85 1-5; Rosa Lee Sacra, 85; John Ellis, 85; Margaret Caldwell, 85.

Rank in Class on Exams—High School

Eleventh Grade—1st, Theresa Klapproth; 2nd, Nadine Pollard.

Tenth Grade—1st, Mary Lee Finney; 2nd, Annie Mae Patterson.

Ninth Grade—1st, Clella Denton; 2nd, Miriam Crossett.

Eighth Grade—1st, Melrose Florey; 2nd, Roxie Nugent.

Grammar School—Central Building

Seventh Grade (Mr. Johnson's Division)—1st Carolyn Caldwell; 2nd, Wiclif Curtis.

Seventh Grade (Miss Kelley's Division)—1st, Jim Harris; 2nd Oscar Ragsdale.

Low Sixth Grade—1st Irene Mabry; 2nd Mamie Ramsay.

Low Fifth Grade—1st, Will Joe Starr; 2nd Mayer Half.

High Fourth Grade—1st Freddie Bradford; 2nd Rosa Lee Sacra.

Low Third Grade—1st J. Wiley Taylor, Jr.; 2nd Ellis Perry.

Low Second Grade—1st, James Starr; 2nd Cora May Haley.

High First Grade—1st, C. W. Hearrell, Jr.; 2nd, Rachel Holcombe.

Low First Grade—1st, Roy Filler; 2nd Kittie Belle Wolcott and Francis Ratliff.

South Ward Building

Seventh Grade (A Division)—1st, Laura Smith; 2nd, Cecil Gates.

Seventh Grade (B Division)—1st, Grace Terry; 2nd, Otto Adams.

High Fifth Grade—1st, Roy Stark; 2nd, Annie Lee Brown.

Low Fifth Grade—1st, Mary D. Brown; 2nd, Howard Hendricks.

High Fourth Grade—1st, Gladys Buchanan; 2nd, Gray Heard.

Low Fourth Grade (Miss William's Division)—1st, Bennie Fleenor; 2nd, Bettie V. Trammell and Emma Selman.

Low Fourth Grade (Miss Smith's Division)—1st Johnnie Preston; 2nd Bernice Norwood.

High Third Grade—1st Gertie Toby; 2nd Louise Finney.

Low Third Grade—1st, Sue Terry; 2nd, Florence Manning.

High Second Grade—1st, C. C. Watson, Jr.; 2nd, Farrar Griffin.

Low Second Grade—1st, H. B. Dunagan, Jr., and Jean Smith; 2nd Cecil Roberts.

Low First Grade—1st, Lucile Leach; 2nd, Thalbert Thomas.

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