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Bear Facts

The Baird High School Paper

SPORTS

Sam Gorman and Harry Varner The Baird Bears closed their football season, and have started the basketball season. They played a non-conference game with some A. C. C. students last Wednesday, November 20, but A. C. C. won by a close margin of 31 to 28. The boys have regular workouts and intend to go far in the district, with their coach Brother Lloyd Connell. The first string line-up are: center, Tom Odum; guards, Oscar Jones and Harry Tom Varner; and the forwards are Horace Bains and Benny Pierson. They have several substitutes, and were very fortunate to get tennis-shoes. The girls have been practicing lately, but they haven't gotten their coach for this year.

The tennis club was formed last week and Mr. Driskill was appointed their sponsor, but they didn't elect officers. Mr. South was able to obtain a few tennis balls and a net. The baseball club hasn't been organized yet, but that will come later, for tennis and baseball come after basketball.

SOCIETY NEWS

Ann Merideth and Eloise Grant Gossip in the Latest Fashion The boys should be more careful where they leave their football jackets. They don't belong in the wastebasket T. A.!

Of all sad words of tongue or pen the saddest are these, "I've flunked again."

We suggest this sign for the chemistry laboratory door, "Your clothes eaten off while you wait."

Where did Nettie get the cut on her arm? Something magic somewhere!

Bill W. Jones, former student of Baird High School, came home last week for a short visit with his parents and friends. He has just finished his "boot-camp" training, and he will go to an electrician school in Mississippi next.

Several of the former students are coming home for Christmas holidays.

SENIOR CLASS NEWS

The Senior Sponsors, Miss Arvin and Mrs. Nichols took the Favorites of Baird High to Abilene Friday Dec. 1, 1944 to have their pictures made for a page in the annual. Miss Arvin and Mrs. Nichols also had their pictures made for a page in the annual. They are as follows: Nettie Gilliland, Headlight Queen; Gwen Dickey, Carnival Queen; Shirley Pool, Most popular girl; T. A. White, Most popular boy; Sally Corn, Best all-around girl; Jane Swinson, Best all-around boy; Eloise Grant, Football Sweetheart; Don Gorman, Most valuable football player; Ruby Loper, Most Beautiful Girl.

Miss Arvin and Mrs. Nichols are the Senior Sponsors of the Senior class this year.

Mrs. McElroy and several students organized a Glee Club Monday December 4.

At the first meeting they elected their officers and they were Tom Odum, president; Buddy Brame, Vice-president; Raynell Miller, Secretary; Betsy Hickman, treasurer; and Ruth Campbell, reporter. A committee was appointed to select a name and a theme song. The Glee Club is planning a program for the students of high school Friday December 22. The school will turn out for the

Christmas holidays. The Glee Club plans to be active all through the school year.

BAIRD BEARS ATTEND GAME

Baird Bears attending the Sweet Water, San Angelo football game were: T. A. White, Johnnie Swinson, Doyal Norlyke, Bennie Pierson, Don Gorman, Charles Walker, Harry Tom Varner, and Bob Shoemaker. Billie Tom Womac of Ozona and Don Norlyke of Coleman were among the party, which reported a good game.

MRS. CLUSKEY HEARS FROM HUSBAND IN GERMAN CAMP

Mrs. Mary Mae Cluskey of Orange received a letter from her husband, Cpl. Bennie Cluskey, from a German prison. He writes that he is in good health and doing fine. Bennie has been a German prisoner since Sept. 15, 1943.

The letter was written Sept. 10th and it arrived here December 5th. Mrs. Cluskey is the daughter of Mrs. J. N. Tyson and formerly made her home in Oplin.

PVT. MARY E. PARKER TO WAKEMAN HOSPITAL

FORT OGLETHORPE, GA., Private Mary E. Parker of Baird, Texas, who has been stationed at the Third Training Center of the Women's Army Corps here, will attend Wakeman General Hospital at Camp Atterbury, Indiana Medical Dept. Enlisted Technician's School.

SGT. TAYLOR VISITS RELATIVES IN CLYDE

Sgt. Milton C. Tyler who was in Canada two years has recently spent a thirty day furlough with relatives in Clyde. He reported to Miami, Fla. for rest and re-assignment.

Corp. J. Q. Morrison arrived last Wednesday for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Morrison. Corp. Morrison has been in the service two years and nine months spending nineteen months in the Aleutians and Alaska. He is now stationed at Camp Wheeler as an instructor.

S-SGT. FORREST FRANKE VISITS RELATIVES

S-Sgt. Forrest D. Franke arrived home November 20th from Amarillo Army Air Field to spend a fifteen day furlough with his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Franke. He has been visiting Mrs. Kate Crawford, his mother-in-law, in the Denton community also.

Forrest graduated from the local high school with the class of '43, and has spent three years in the army serving in the air mechanic school at Sheppard Field and in Amarillo where he is now in the co-pilot school.

OFFICER PROMOTED

Lt. Col. Phil Gregory, son of Mrs. H. H. Gregory, 2833 Travis, Ft. Worth, was recently promoted where he is serving with a field artillery unit of the 1st Army. His wife and two sons live in Henderson, Mo. J. M. Gregory, his brother, is stationed at Kansas City in the AAF personnel department.

Mrs. H. H. Gregory is the former Miss Sallie McCoy of this place.

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PFC. STINSON LISTED KILLED IN NETHERLANDS

Pfc. Paul G. Stinson, 22, who had served in the African, Sicilian, Italian, and French campaigns with the 82nd air-borne division, was killed in action in Holland on October 27, according to a telegram from the secretary of war. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Stinson reside at 635 North Third avenue, Tucson, Arizona.

Stinson had been in the service since August, 1940, when he joined the eighth cavalry of the first cavalry division. He was stationed at Ft. Bliss, Texas, and then transferred to the U. S. paratroopers. He trained at Ft. Bragg, N. C., and was sent overseas in April, 1943.

In addition to his parents, Pfc. Stinson is survived by his wife, Joslynn, of Frankin, N. C., and two brothers, Sgt. Robert B. Stinson, who is in the South Pacific with the field artillery, and Corp. Sam M. Stinson, serving with the fourth marine division in the South Pacific, who was recently awarded the Purple Heart for injuries received in action.

Paul spent lots of his childhood days in Baird visiting his Grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Mullican, who are old time residents here.

JIMMIE TATUM FOUGHT IN THE PHILIPPINES

When Mrs. Carrie Franks received a letter from her son, S2c Jimmie J. Tatum recently, she learned that he is now in the Philippines. He took part in the invasion there, and also in the Battle of Surigao Strait.

H. A. MCGOWEN WRITES GRANDMOTHER

The following letter was written by H. A. McGowen, Junior, to his grandmother.

Dear Mama,
I want to thank you for going to Dallas with me, for the money you gave me, and for all the lovely things you did for me. I shall remember it always.
I passed my physical and am ready to start Navy life. I shall go with a prayer in my heart each day, that I will make good and be the kind of man I should be both to my country and to my fellow man.

This is a swell place to be. I wouldn't have missed it for the world. It is not only a duty but a privilege as well.

Write to me.
I Love You
Junior

FORMER COLLINSVILLE LADY PASSES AT OPLIN, TEXAS

We just learned late Thursday afternoon that Mrs. Georgia Hulgan who spent the greater part of her life in Collinsville passed away at the home of her brother, G. A. Gwin, at Oplin, Texas, on Oct. 25, where she had made her home for the past 61-2 years. Mrs. Hulgan was born in North Georgia in 1865, came to this section where she was married to Jesse Hulgan in 1898.

Mrs. Hulgan (Miss Georgia) to her friends, was a most deserving person. She nursed Mr. Hulgan's parents and also her own parents in their last days and was a devoted wife to her husband during the several years of invalidism from a stroke. She was good to visit the sick and was a kind and tenderhearted person, a grand neighbor. She was a small lady and always dainty in her appearance. After the death of her husband in 1935 she sold her home which is now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Henderson Coker, and went to Texas.

She is survived by two brothers, G. A. Gwin, of Oplin, Texas and W. C. Gwin, at Bessemer, Ala., several nieces and nephews.—The Collinsville New Era

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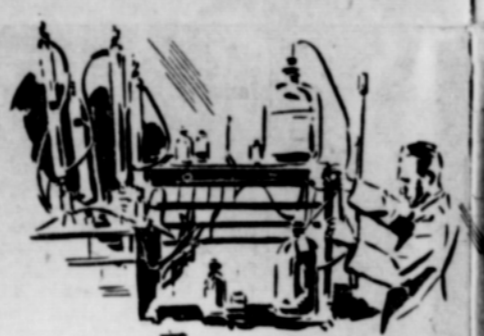
B. O. Brame, Prop.

A story that hasn't been told

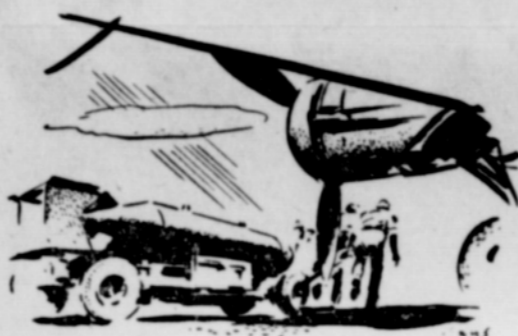
AN AMERICAN WAR PRODUCTION RECORD THAT DESERVES TELLING . . .

On December 14, at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon, the men and women of Humble Oil & Refining Company will pause in their work to commemorate, in appropriate ceremony, a feat unparalleled in the petroleum industry: The production of ONE BILLION GALLONS of finished 100-octane aviation gasoline at the Baytown refinery.

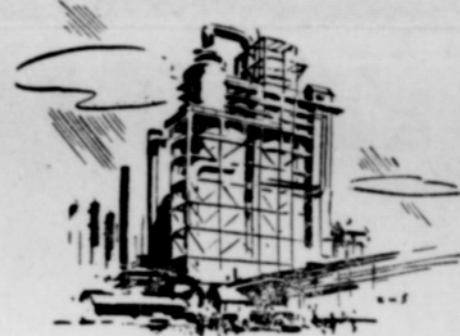
This accomplishment merits special commendation, because it climaxes 25 years of development, planning, and teamwork of a great organization. The cooperative effort of Humble employees has brought about a uniform progress in all phases of the Company's operations which has enabled them to establish remarkable records in finding, producing, transporting and refining petroleum during a critical period in the history of our nation.



Humble research and development, in progress for many years before Pearl Harbor, made possible these accomplishments and contributed greatly to the total production of toluene, and the tremendous quantities of finished 100-octane aviation gasoline required by our Armed Forces.



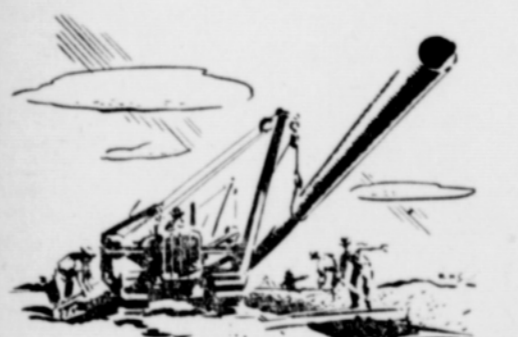
Baytown Ordnance Works, first synthetic toluene plant in the world, has supplied toluene for at least one out of every two bombs used by the United Nations since Pearl Harbor. For this production feat, Baytown Ordnance Works has five times been awarded the Army-Navy "E".



Baytown Refinery has made one billion gallons of finished 100-octane aviation gasoline—more than has been produced by any other plant in the world. The world's first commercial alkylation plant was built at Baytown in 1938. The alkylation process is the very backbone of 100-octane aviation gasoline production by the entire petroleum industry.



Humble Oil & Refining Company is the nation's largest producer of crude oil, and is currently supplying about one-fourth of the increased production required for war, as measured by the gain since 1941.



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OPEN HOUSE AT BAYTOWN REFINERY—DECEMBER 14-17

So that one of America's great war plants may be seen in action, Baytown Refinery is holding open house from Thursday, December 14, through Sunday, December 17. The story of the refinery at war will be told by dramatic

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Several keys on holder left on fountain at Holmes Drug Store are at The Baird Office. Owner pay this ad and describe keys.

FOR SALE—25 White Leghorn pulets, 6 months old. \$1.00 each at my farm 2 miles north of Rowden postoffice on Route 2, Box 33. Mrs. Watson Tikes, Baird, Texas. 2tp

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WANTED—A few loads of wood, dry or green. S. D. Jobe, 3 miles west of Baird on Abilene Highway.

FOR SALE—One row John Deere tractor, planter, and cultivator. W. E. Kirkindoll, Clyde, Route 1, 3 miles east of Op in. 2tp

FOR SALE—John Deere model B tractor. 1 mile south, half mile west Denton store on highway 38. Hermon Scott. 3tp

LOST—medium sized, half pound dog. White with lots of lemon spots, two splits in one ear and one in the other. Answers to name of Rover. Strayed from my place. J. P. Smedley, Star Route 2, Rowden. 2tp

One Bull goat, two billy kids at my place north Rowden store. Owner come get them and pay for this ad.—A. G. Hobbs

We are glad to add B. Johnson to our list of renewals.

Mrs. Arthur Johnson is visiting relatives in Ft. Worth.

M. J. Holmes of Denton is visiting his nces Mrs. Frank Beardon and Mrs. Haynie Gilliland and families.

Fred Gordon of Los Angeles, Calif. was in town Wednesday looking after his oil interests.

Alex Walton of Los Angeles, Calif. who recently purchased the Ben Halsted lease and the Fred Hart Rig expects to do some development work near Baird.

Mr. and Mrs. Hush Smith and family of Moran, attended the Junior Pep Squad banquet here last week. Mr. Smith is former principal of the Baird grammar school.

Wendell W. Farmer G. M. 3c has gone to San Diego to go to Advanced gunnery and electrical hydraulics school after a 25 day leave with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Farmer of Eula. He has been in the Pacific since May 1942.

H. M. McElrath, who is waist gunner and co-pilot on a B-17, stationed in England has completed his 10th mission over Germany, his wife, the former LaVerne Mitchell, and little daughter, Ann Ritchey, are making their home in Baird.

Miss Eudora Freeland spent several days in Baird with her father, P. G. Freeland, who is home on a furlough after two years with the Seesees in the South Pacific. Eudora has been employed by Consolidated in Fort Worth for almost two years. She is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Mitchell and a niece of Judge Freeland.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thompson and little son, Victor, left Baird for Oklahoma City last week, where Fred has employment under Civil Service. He has been with the engineering corps of the State Highway Department here since his discharge from the army in April. He came to Camp Barkley with the 45th Division where he stayed two years; was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant at Camp Hood in January 1943, and after several months hospitalization in Augusta, Ga., was given a medical discharge.

Miss Hazel Reynolds and Mrs. T. A. Briscoe left Saturday for a visit in Austin. They returned home Wednesday.

John T. Blankenship arrived in Oakland, Calif. November 17 after spending sixteen months with the army in the Aleutians. He is now visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Blankenship.

Hospital Notes

Hospital News
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Mosley, Baird, route 1, a son, December 1st.
Jim Strickland came to the hospital Tuesday suffering with a heart attack.
Mrs. Lillie Merrell left the hospital Tuesday after being in several days as a medical patient.
Mrs. Lon Haylie who has been in the hospital several days is slowly improving.
A. Rister who has been in the hospital three weeks suffering with high blood pressure is seriously ill.
Jim Alphin who has been in several days with a broken shoulder and pneumonia is doing nicely now.
Julian Mauldin who has been in the hospital the past two weeks is gradually improving.

BAIRD METHODIST CHURCH
The new year's work of the Methodist Church of Baird is starting off in a fine way. The new pastor came immediately following the last Annual Conference which met in Sweetwater. He and his family arrived Wednesday evening, Nov. 15th. They found everything in readiness for their coming. The parsonage was open and food prepared and brought in for their evening meal.
On Thursday evening over 100 members and friends of the church gathered at the church to welcome the pastor and his family. After a number had spoken in greeting, bountiful refreshments were served by the ladies of the church. At the close of the evening a curtain which had been kept drawn back across the entrance to one of the classrooms was drawn back revealing a splendid offering for the pastor's family in the way of an Old fashioned pounding. Everything that could be done was done to make them feel at home.
The work of the new year for the church is opening up in a grand way. Much new interest is being manifested in moving forward in the work of the church. Great things are before us, the future looks bright for the Baird Methodist Church.

The choir especially is doing wonderful work. A special Christmas Cantata entitled "The Music of Bethlehem," is being prepared which will be presented on Sunday evening, December 17th at the church and rev. Mrs. Barkley on Thursday evening December 21st.

As we look forward into the new year, there are many things to accomplish. But as we think of those things, hope and courage fills our hearts. We know that great things can be done for God and the church, so let us move forward as our Master would have us do.

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to thank our neighbors and friends for the kindnesses shown during our mother's illness.
Arizona Gleghorn
Charles Shelton
Jim Shelton

CARD OF THANKS
We want to take this means of expressing our appreciation to the many friends who were so kind and thoughtful in our hour of sorrow.
Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Mendor
Mrs. Berta Smith
Mrs. E. M. Adams
Mrs. Mamie Liberman

EASTERN STAR TO HAVE CHRISTMAS PARTY
The Callahan Chapter of 242 Eastern Star will have a Christmas party Tuesday, December 12th. All members are requested to bring gift packages not over 50c. All visiting members invited. Our Deputy Grand Matron will be present.
Mrs. Bell Freeland, W. M.
Mrs. W. A. Seterly, Secretary

Church of Christ
(Lloyd Connel, Evangelist)



Bibleclasses, 10:00 A. M. Come and bring your Bible.
Preaching at 11:00 a. m., and at 8:00 p. m.
Communion at 11:45 a. m.
Wednesday Bible Study, at 8:00 p. m.
You are welcome at all services.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
A. A. Davis, Pastor
W. L. Lewis, S. S. Supt.
Preaching services 11 a. m., and 7:30 p. m. each Sunday.
Sunday School, 10 a. m.
B. T. U., 6:30 p. m.
W. M. S., Wednesday, 3:30 p. m.
Church Conference, each first Wednesday night.
General public invited to all services.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rev. S. P. Collins, Pastor
Preaching services 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sundays. Sunday School, 10 a. m.
S. I. Smith, Superintendent.
Ladies Meeting, Monday 3 p. m., Church.
General public invited to all services.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Church school 10:00 a. m.
Morning worship 11:00 a. m.
M. Y. F. service 6:45 p. m.
Evening services 7:30 p. m.
M. Y. F. recreational hour following evening preaching service.
Choir practice every Thursday evening 7:30 p. m.
W. S. C. C. Monday 3:00 p. m.
The church with a welcome and place for everyone.
Come, be in your place for every service.
R. H. CAMPBELL
Pastor

Special Announcement
The W. S. C. S. having completed their work for the year will not meet, except for the social meeting, until first Wednesday in January.

Mrs. R. C. Thompson of Cross Plains renewed her subscription to The Star this week. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson have been residents of this county about fifty years. During that time they have lived in Oklahoma, Arkansas, east Texas for short periods. They moved back to Callahan county eight years ago from west Texas.

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There's a curious critter

If you met this longhorn out on the plains, you'd yell "Mr. Ripley! When one horn curves up, you just naturally expect the other to turn up, too."
Some way, when war sent prices sweeping up, people expected all prices to follow suit. But at least one price did not—the price of electricity.
In fact, like this longhorn, the price of electricity actually curved down the other way. The same government statistics which measure the increased cost-of-living also show that the average price of electricity has declined 32% since war began!
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