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Through the Editor's Spectacles  
By GEORGE

Among those who attended the oyster supper and program of the Cisco Fire department Tuesday evening was J. A. Ortman, of Brownwood, father of Mrs. M. E. Aycock, who for many years has been the official "mother" of the department. Frank Aycock, son of Ed Aycock, is a great-grandson of Mr. Ortman.

The Brownwood patriarch is 88 years of age, but he can eat almost as many oysters as I, and those that the fire department served Tuesday evening were particularly good. He did not want to come to the banquet, himself being somewhat of a stranger to most of the people who would be there, but Mrs. Aycock, who has mothered the department through good years and bad, was torn between two extremes. She wanted to attend the banquet but she could not leave her father. Happily, the dilemma was solved by Mr. Ortman's consenting to attend, and when it was over at 10 o'clock and the guests and members of the department lingered, reluctant to leave—sure sign of a successful party—he admitted he was glad he had come.

The fire trucks had been driven from the big room a section of it set off by canvas to form a kitchen, and the remainder of the space hung with festoons of red autumn leaves and streamers of Christmas colors until it became a banquet place as sylvan and delightful as some of those long English country halls that Scott and contemporaries of his hearty early Victorian period describe for us.

Jim Collins presided. Back in the kitchen Prince Rainbolt, looking like a tavern keeper in his big white apron, Howard Robinson, looking also like a tavern keeper, and others labored. Walter Webb, Ed Aycock and others scurried from kitchen to tables with plates of oysters. Sitting in the big room, our backs warmed by the wood stove that glowed a generous welcome, we could hear the sizzle of the green oysters swell into a roar as they were plunged by the bucketfuls into the boiling grease. When one plate was finished, another appeared to take its place. After the oysters and the coffee and the pie, they even passed the bicarbonate of soda. Mrs. J. T. Berry received that. Comm'r Henderson in his speech accused her of eating more than he. Henderson later became a Santa Claus and acted as if he had his pockets full of bees. But he made a capital Santa Claus. He burst into the room with the roar of a siren and the jangle of a bell, for all the world as if the stiff north wind that was blowing had thrust him in. One expected a gust of snow and sleet to follow him.

He took presents off a tree and called out the names of little boys and girls who came up to him cautiously, staring out of wide, frightened eyes but too eager for the gift to run. Some of them snatched the present and fled.

There were cracker eating contests, boys and girls with their mouths stuffed full of crackers, swallowing hard to whistle first and thus win 50 cents. Royce Rainbolt won for the boys and Lois Rainbolt for the girls.

A row of apples bobbing on strings was let down from the ceiling and a dozen women, their hands behind their backs, tried vainly to bite them. Miss Thelma Webb succeeded, but she made adroit use of a shoulder to get the apple in a tight corner before she did. She received a bouquet of flowers and fifty cents.

Miss Martha Jo Pass, daughter of the chief, C. O. Pass, who is recovering from a long illness, played two piano solos. Miss Ruby Garrett also contributed two piano numbers. There were brief talks by Mayor Berry, Comm'r Henderson and Comm'r Bob Winston. Harry Schaefer, Ernest Hittson, Spurgeon Parks and Dick Thomas furnished music while the oysters were being eaten.

Chairman Collins presented Chief Pass with a Christmas box which, when opened, revealed a toy siren—something with which to make his presence at fires known, as Collins explained. Ass't Chief Fowler yells "More Hose!"

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## City Debt Problem Near Solution Stage

### Court Order on Refinery Is Reversed

Suit of the state of Texas to collect approximately \$23,000 in alleged delinquent gasoline taxes against the White Star Refining company here was back to a former status today with dissolution of a federal court injunction against the state, the state comptroller and the state attorney-general. The ruling was handed down by the U. S. circuit court at New Orleans, with Justice Foster dissenting. This dissent probably means that the case will be carried to the U. S. supreme court, according to attorneys.

The White Star property subsequent to the beginning of action by the state to collect the alleged delinquent taxes, was placed in bankruptcy court and sold by the trustee in bankruptcy to John Shertzer who sold it to the Canyon Oil and Refining company which now operates the property under that title.

The state began its action about a year ago, the state comptroller's department taking charge of the property and naming a receiver. A petition in bankruptcy was filed and the bankruptcy court took charge of the property. The state took charge of the property again after it was sold by the trustee in bankruptcy on the ground that it first had jurisdiction and the federal court was without jurisdiction.

The judge of the U. S. district court then granted an injunction against the state, the state comptroller and the state attorney-general restraining them from further interfering with the properties and after a hearing made this injunction permanent. The state appealed to the circuit court at New Orleans which reversed the judgment of the trial court.

Although a copy of the full opinion and judgment has not been received, a letter indicates that the federal court action and the sale were invalid in so far as they affected the plant and equipment.

### Much Material for Debates, Says Cluck

Abundance of debate material on this season's Interscholastic league debate question is available, according to R. N. Cluck, Cisco public school superintendent and director of debate in this county. "Much of this material is free," he said, "and some of it at nominal cost."

"Of importance to the negative side is the special bulletin of more than 150 pages by Judge Clarence R. Wharton, of Houston. Member-schools may obtain any number of copies of this bulletin free of charge by addressing the Interscholastic League office, University Station, Austin, Texas."

"The October number of the Congressional Digest, containing much excellent material on both sides, is now available, also. The regular league debate bulletin, No. 3438, contains 265 pages, and presents both sides. The Municipal Utilities Record, 935 Tower Building, Dallas, is publishing valuable material each month and offers a special rate to high schools."

"The school which utilizes the material offered will do nothing short of providing a sound course in one special aspect of government for the pupils who enter the tryouts."

### J. G. Rupe Back From Construction Work

J. G. Rupe returned this week from Andrews county, Texas, and Cooper, N. M., where he has been supervising painting for Humble Oil and Refining company construction during the past three months. He will return after the holidays.

The Humble, he said, is building a new camp in Andrews county to house employees in the development of a field recently opened there and also a camp at Cooper, N. M., where more new development is in progress.

### Community Program Final School Pre-Christmas Event

The "grand finale" of the pre-Christmas school season will occur Friday night at 7:15 with presentation of the regular Community Night program sponsored by the schools. The Christmas theme will predominate.

No charge will be made for admission and no collection will be taken, Supt. R. N. Cluck emphasized. The program is one of a series designed to show a cross-section of the school life and to better acquaint the community with the character and the operation of the school system.

The program for the evening includes: Christmas tableau, by the first grade of the west ward school; Christmas song, by the low second grade of the west ward; Rhythm band, west ward school; Santa stunt, grammar school; Christmas songs, grammar school; "Legend of the Christmas Rose," a reading by Lurline Poe, high school student.

String instrument trio, by members of the Future Farmers Chapter of the high school.

Free hand drawing, by C. C. Duff, vice-principal of the high school;

Music by Harry Schaefer's orchestra.

### NURSERY SCHOOL IS APPROVED

A five-teacher nursery school has been approved as a FERA school project for Cisco by the state department of education, Supt. R. N. Cluck has announced. Some delay has been encountered in having an appropriation for the project approved by the relief administration, however, he said. But it is expected to have the school in operation by the first of January, if not sooner, he said.

Enrollment in the adult schools here was between 350 and 375 Thursday, he said.

### SCHOOL CLOSE FRIDAY FOR XMAS

The Cisco public schools close their doors Friday afternoon for the Christmas holidays. They will resume their schedules January 2.

### West Central Oil Allowable Same Under New Order

Allowable for the west central Texas district was unchanged in the oil proration order of the Texas Railroad commission, effective December 18 and continuing until February 1, 1935. It was placed at 31,000 barrels daily.

The total number of wells in the district, according to a summary issued by Omar Burkett, deputy supervisor, is 7,279.

Of this number 4,595 wells were producing three barrels or less and only 49 were producing over 100 barrels daily. Wells producing between 3 and 5 barrels daily totaled 897, and wells producing from 5 to 10 barrels numbered 975.

In Eastland county, the summary showed 263 wells of the 3-barrel class 80 producing 3 to 5 barrels daily; 157 producing 5 to 10 barrels; 147 producing 10 to 20 barrels; 7 producing 20 to 50 barrels; one producing 50 to 100 barrels and one producing more than 100 barrels per day.

### Farmers to Meet to Pool Potato Orders

Farmers of this section will meet at the Cisco chamber of commerce Saturday, December 29, at 2:30 p. m. for the purpose of pooling orders for seed Irish potatoes, it was announced by W. B. Starr.

Seed potatoes suitable for dry land farming are somewhat scarce this year because of the drouth conditions of the summer, he said.

Miss Dot Campbell and Miss Kate Reynolds left this morning for Houston where Miss Reynolds will be the holiday guest of Miss Campbell.

### Please, Mr. Santa Claus

Cisco, Texas, Dec. 17, 1934.

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please don't forget to visit my brothers and I Christmas Eve. I want a green car, a gun with caps, some candy and nuts and lots of gum.

Your little friend,  
ELDON LEE CALLARMAN,  
Route 2, Box 107, Cisco.

Cisco, Texas, Dec. 17, 1934.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please remember me Christmas Eve and bring me the following: A big truck, a gun with caps, and a lot of candy and nuts and plenty of apples and oranges.

Your friend,  
JAMES CALLARMAN,  
Route 2, Box 107, Cisco.

Cisco, Texas, Dec. 17.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I saw you Saturday. I just got two pieces of candy. I am seven years old. I have brown hair and eyes. I live in the country. My name is Waddell Rains. I want a car and a truck and a ball and a wagon and a box of crayolas. Also a box of candy and a dozen of apples.

Yours truly,  
ELIS WADDELL RAINS.

Cisco, Texas, Dec. 17, 1934.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please remember me Christmas Eve, and bring me these things. A doll and a doll buggy, a ring, and some candy and nuts, and plenty of apples. Good-bye Santa.

Your little friend,  
GENEVA FANNIN,  
Route 2, Cisco, Texas.

Cisco, Texas, Dec. 17, 1934.

Dear Santa Claus:  
My mother and my school teacher say I have been a good little girl. My name is Lavada Swinson. I am seven years old. I want a tam, a pair of beads, a pair of gloves and a sewing set.

LAVADA SWINSON,  
Cisco, Texas, Dec. 17, 1934.

Dear Santa Claus:  
My mother and daddy say I have been a good little girl. My name is Mae Belle Swinson. I am five years old. I want a doll, a tam, a little broom and a set of dishes.

MAE BELL SWINSON,  
Cisco, Texas, Dec. 19, 1934.

Dear Santa:  
I am six years old and think I am old enough to have an aviation suit and a BB gun. If you think so, please bring them to me this Christmas. If you see my lost dog, Wimpy, bring him too, please.

Thank you,  
HOWARD BAILEY,  
1604 Leggett.

### Delivery Truck Hits Cisco Car; Baby Hurt

A delivery truck, driven by a man who identified himself as E. F. Brooks of Stephenville, poultry feed salesman, collided with the Ford tudor sedan of Mrs. J. M. Bird at the intersection of J avenue and Sixth street near noon Wednesday, injuring the baby daughter of Mrs. Bird. The injuries were confined to cuts and bruises and were not regarded as serious. The car was badly damaged.

The truck struck the rear of the car, throwing it against a light wire pole.

### Rehousing Director Holds Meeting Here

P. S. Luttrell, assistant director for the Northwest Texas district of the Federal Rehousing program, was in Cisco last night for a conference with the Cisco rehousing committee building supplies dealers and others interested in promoting a rehousing campaign here.

Plans for the campaign were laid at the meeting.

### Kleiner 2 Shows for Good Gas

The Lone Star Kleiner No. 2 well, located immediately north of Cisco, Friday was expected to resume drilling into the Lake sand after showing for a fair gas well when the drill was sent a few feet into the formation Wednesday.

Thursday was occupied with setting storage and making connections for a possible oil well. Wednesday's results were an estimated 3½ million feet of gas and a spray of oil. There was some oil in the bottom of the hole.

Total depth of the well, one of a number that have been drilled lately in a stimulated campaign in that territory, was reported Thursday night at 3,528 feet.

Meanwhile the Lone Star's offset to the Hickok Producing and Developing company's Kleiner was drilling ahead.

The Hickok company has made location for a well on the Grover Cleveland farm northwest of Lake Cisco and will start drilling shortly after the first of the year. The new well will be about five miles north of Cisco in proven gas territory.

### Lone Star Attorney, Known Here, Killed

Deep regret over the accidental death Thursday of Karl Griffith, 42, Dallas, chief counsel for the Lone Star Gas company and recognized as one of the outstanding attorneys of the state, was expressed here by attorneys who figured in cases in which Mr. Griffith served as counsel.

Mr. Griffith, en route from Austin to Dallas, was struck by another car when he stopped his machine near Waxahachie to replace a loose fan belt. The accident occurred Wednesday night. He died at 7 o'clock Thursday morning.

Mr. Griffith represented the Lone Star Gas company at a Cisco municipal gas rate hearing here in December 1932. On the other side of the case, representing the city, were F. D. Wright and R. E. Grantham. Both Thursday expressed high praise for Mr. Griffith and deep regret over his death.

### Highway Commission To Consider Co. Road

EASTLAND — Application for approval of the improvement of two miles of the Kokomo-Eastland road is scheduled to be submitted at the relief office this week, H. C. Davis, secretary, states.

The project is expected to facilitate travel for Eastland bound Kokomo residents. If approved, the project, will link Kokomo more so than ever as one of the communities in Eastland trading area, it was said.

The stretch named in the project is located two miles north of Kokomo. The present dirt road will be widened, fences be set back and gravel placed, if the project is approved. Cost involved is estimated at \$3,000.

### Oil Man, 10 Years in Rumania, Visits Here

Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Jackson of Rumania, where Mr. Jackson has been an oil operator for ten years, with intervals of time spent in the United States, left Cisco last week for Dallas, Houston and other points after visiting with Mr. Jackson's cousin, Mrs. Lory Boyd, and with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Dawson.

The Jacksons' home is in West Virginia. They have been in the United States for almost a year, on a visit in which business and pleasure are combined. Mr. Jackson has been taking special courses at Columbia university during the period. They spent about four days in Cisco as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd and Mr. and Mrs. Dawson.

Bill Baker left this morning for Arkansas to visit his parents.

### His Career Ends



Judge W. O. Huggins, editor of the Houston Chronicle and former chairman of the Texas State Democratic Executive committee, died unexpectedly last week, due to a heart attack. Judge Huggins was vitally interested in good roads and foreign affairs occupied a prominent place in his interests.

### Thursday Final Date for Filing Crude Oil Forms

Thursday, December 20, was the final day for filing of the forms required on oil in storage or pipe lines on December 10 as required under the new state-wide tender law, Omar Burkett, deputy supervisor in charge of proration, reminded.

Henceforth oil produced in the state of Texas will be subjected to a system of checking and counterchecking that the "hot" oil traffic is expected to be materially reduced, he said.

Every producer, whether he sells to a pipe line, to a refinery or uses the crude for fuel, is now required to file a form designed as W-1 which gives the purchaser, whoever he be, a legal authority to move the oil. The purchaser then executes a form designed as SW-2 which states to the state railroad commission his authority for taking the oil. If oil is moved other than by pipe line, form SW-3 is filled out.

When oil so purchased is processed, Form SW-4 is filled out for the commission and the transporting concern showing legal right to move and distribute the products, Mr. Burkett said.

On the 15th and first of each month, form SW-5 is required to be filed with the railroad commission showing what was actually taken from the properties of the producer as shown by the tender numbers.

The state is divided into pipe line districts and each county assigned a code number. Code numbers for district 7-A are: Comanche, 71; Eastland, 72; Erath, 73; Palo Pinto, 74; and Stephens, 75. All tenders are identified by the code numbers of the county in which they originate. The serial number is placed on each in the order received at the commission and the tenders from each county are segregated.

All forms from the five counties named above are registered at the office of the deputy supervisor for the commission at Eastland on a form known as EN-1, called Register of Tenders.

By the new tender system it is possible to check the movement of every barrel of oil that is produced in the state, said Mr. Burkett.

### Preachers League Meets at Desdemona

The Local Preachers League of the Cisco district met at the Methodist church in Desdemona Sunday, December 16, for three services. Members of the league also filled the pulpits for the pastor at Victory and Salem churches at 11 a. m.

Thanks for the cordial invitation given the league by the Desdemona pastor, the Rev. Mr. N. M. expressed.

### 75 Pct. of Bonds Are Brought In

Acceptances of the proposal for settlement of the six-million-dollar municipal debt of the city of Cisco this week reached a total in the face value of bonds represented sufficient to put the agreement in effect through application to the U. S. district court under terms of the municipal bankruptcy act, it was announced.

The agreement was entered into between the city and the New York Bondholders committee after a lengthy sparring period. It provides for refunding of the total past due obligation of approximately \$6,000,000 (principal and interest) with new bonds issued at the rate of 25 cents on the dollar. The new bonds would be payable after 40 years and would bear interest in a graduated scale as follows:

- 1 per cent first year;
- 1½ per cent second year;
- 2 per cent next 4 years;
- 3 per cent next 4 years;
- 4 per cent for the next six years;
- 5 per cent thereafter until maturity.

### One Per Cent Payment

In consideration of acceptance of this refunding plan, the city agreed to pay the bondholders out of money accumulated in the sinking fund a sum equal to one per cent of the face value of the bonds. Money was deposited in a New York bank for payment of this amount on bonds presented there for endorsement and the remainder left in Cisco bank for payment on bonds presented here. Total of the one per cent payment was approximately \$48,000.

Acceptance of the plan totalled \$4,001,000 in face value of bonds Thursday. Records of City Secretary Cate at the city hall showed that the one per cent payment had been made on \$3,328,500 in bonds. The remainder of the figure was made up of payments made at New York and of acceptances upon which the one per cent payment was yet to be made at the city secretary's office here.

Seventy-five per cent of the total amount of outstanding bonds must be represented in agreement to a solution before the city can go into the federal court with a petition that the agreement be made binding upon all bondholders. More than that amount has already been secured. The agreement originally gave the New York committee, which agreed to secure the consent of the outstanding bondholders, 60 days in which to do this. An extension of 30 days was allowed by the city.

At the moment the committee is seeking another 30-day extension, pointing out that the bonds are coming in at a rate that is gratifying for the prospect of ultimate solution.

In view of the request, it has not been decided whether or not the city will go into court with application for the compromise to be made effective with respect to all bonds by court order under terms of the municipal act, it was said.

### Mrs. A. J. Houston Has 89th Birthday

Mrs. A. J. Houston mother of Mrs. J. C. Mayhew, celebrated her 89th birthday Tuesday at her home at 1101 West Seventh street.

A dinner and reception at 2 o'clock was the occasion for calls by her friends to congratulate her and wish her many more happy birthdays. Present were two of her children, Mrs. Mayhew and Mrs. Ada McCoy of El Campo, Texas. Greetings were received from her three other children, Mrs. Ike Brasher of Amarillo; D. Houston, Amarillo, and Edward Houston, Oxford, Miss.

Guests who were present for the dinner were Mrs. E. G. Eppler, Mrs. C. D. Mayhew, Mrs. Mose Johnson, Mrs. W. W. Manning and Mrs. Ray Clements.

Mrs. Houston is a native of Mississippi.

T. J. Dean and Mrs. Erna pastor, the Rev. Mr. N. M. expressed.

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### BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away.—Rev. 21:4.

The Christ is here, all dreams of error breaking, Unloosing bonds of all captivity. He comes to bless thee on his wings of healing; To banish pain, and wipe all tears away; He comes anew, to humble hearts revealing The mounting footsteps of the upward way.—ROSA M. TURNER.

Every word of this truth is supported and sustained by the power of God. That is why no statement or expression of it can ever be lost or become ineffective. The prophet Isaiah gave utterance to this great verity when he said of God's Word, "So shall my word be that goeth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereunto I sent it.—THOMAS ALFRED TAYLOR.

SUGGESTIONS that the legislature enact special taxes on gas and other natural resources in an effort to meet the mounting state deficit simply emphasize the weakness of the tax structure in this state. A special tax is a sure sign either of weakness in government morale or of threatened weakness. It is a subterfuge born of an effort to hoodwink the taxpayer into believing that he is benefiting at the expense of the other fellow. It is the political expression of the human disposition to avoid paying and if it does not manifest the attitude of the majority of the citizens to escape responsibility, it does express dissatisfaction with a government that costs the patriotic citizen more than he is willing to pay for being governed.

### The Same Old Pocket

WHAT the average taxpayer ought to get fixed in his head is the fact that the legislature isn't taxing natural resources when it imposes a special tax, but that consumption is being taxed. In other words, a special tax is just a backdoor entrance into the same old pocket. No matter how devious a route the process may take, the final charge is in the grocery bill, the heat bill, the light bill, the medicine bill, the rent bill and all the costs that enter into the individual expense account. In the case of sulphur, which seems the most remote from the average Texas taxpayer's pocket book, the cost of the levy is passed on to the consumer, of whose sum the people of Texas form a considerable element. Moreover, what we may fatuously think to have gained from special taxes are offset by the special taxes imposed in other states from which the taxed products are sold here.

In the case of gas and oil, the facts are more evident. The price that the motorist pays for gasoline today is more than half made up of state and federal taxes. No other product bears so great a proportion of government costs. However, it is true that these levies can to a large extent be justified by the fact that they have promoted the development of the industry which bears them through financing construction of good roads and making possible thereby the vastly increased consumption of gasoline and oils. Such arguments are effective only to the extent that the tax proceeds are devoted to these purposes.

BUT the point to bear in mind is that the imposition of special taxes simply fools the taxpayer who thinks he is escaping his contribution. More than this, the levying of such taxes has a tendency to lull the public out of the attitude of vigilance that is essential to sound popular government. There is the further argument that special taxes tend to erect special interests within the body politic. When a particular industry is thus taxed it develops a protective organization. The extent to which lobbying has been developed is largely due to this fact.

TAXATION of natural resources is not unjust. Every industry ought to be made to bear its just proportion of taxes. Our argument here does not concern the justice of the taxes that are imposed on sulphur, on gas, on oil, or on any of the other resources and industries of the state. Taxation is necessary and it must be borne. What we are endeavoring to point out is that any argument that special taxes are paid by you and us is pure, poppycock. No matter what

ultimately absorbed by the consumer. And every one such, be he high or low in estate, bears his pro rata part of the sum total of the taxes that the congress, the legislature and the local taxing bodies impose. He may not pay out in so many words and figures, but he will pay with every penny that he earns and turns into the channels of trade. The visible tax is a mere farthing compared to the taxation concealed in the bills he pays for what he consumes and the services he requires. Taxation is an element that becomes fluid and finds a uniform level throughout the whole economic structure. Each person bears his share.

A special tax on gas is just another way of increasing the cost not only of gas, but of those products in the making of which gas has a part. It's just another brick on the hod.

THE point is, if you and we want such a tax then its imposition is justified. If we are sane in its levying we will recognize that we are merely taxing our use of the commodity and are willing to pay the bill. But we are not being fair to ourselves when we levy a tax on the assumption that the other fellow is doing the paying.

THE Texas association of Junior Chambers of Commerce is the young man of Texas waking up. There was a time when youth was repressed and had to feel inferior in the presence of his bewhiskered sires. The youth movement seems to travel in cycles. About once in 50 years the young man comes of age. There are intervening periods in which he plays no important part in the business and social schemes of things except at the beck and nod of his elders. But there recurrently happens around a time when he puts forth an energetic hand of his own will. And it is noteworthy, as well as heartening in the present instance, that such spontaneous uprisings of youth have invariably signalled the passing of an economic crisis. It is just as though the young man has become disillusioned of his elders, impatient of their conservative approach to the problem of recovery and irked of their lack of initiative.

### The Young Man Arises

IF that is true, then the present thrusting up of the young man from the inertia of social and economic conditions is something to be greeted with confidence and pleasure. Through the medium of junior chambers of commerce this tendency, apparent over the past few years, is now gaining momentum. State and national affiliations of these units bespeak the sincerity, the dominant purpose and the need of these organizations. The verve and enthusiasm of youth is bringing to the hitherto impossible task of recovery the vital spark that will generate the momentum. The young man may make mistakes. He is certain to make mistakes. But the forward thrust of his enthusiasm will carry him past these mistakes and into success. Later when he grows older and becomes too wise to act, other young men must take up where he left off and add the push of new vigor to the vehicle.

BUT the noticeable rise of the young man today is the best answer to the problem of recovery that has been given — New Deal and all political things else to the contrary notwithstanding.

CITY Fire Marshal O. Gustafson has issued an appeal to Cisco people to exercise caution in the use of Christmas lighting, especially about Christmas trees, and in the use of fireworks during the holiday season. Fires are more common during festive seasons than during other periods of the year, due to the decorative purposes to which lights are put and to the use of firecrackers, Roman candles and other pyrotechnic toys.

AS Mr. Gustafson pointed out, Cisco is well on the road to recovery of some of the prestige that was lost with the imposition of a 12 pct. penalty against the city's fire insurance key rate. One good year has brought a reduction of this penalty to only 6 per cent, but since it is possible to obtain as much as a 15 per cent credit, the efforts of the fire department are concentrated on improving the present record of fire losses. To do this requires the interest and carefulness of the public in the handling of dangerous conditions, such as surround Christmas tree festivities and the use of fireworks.

"IF the farm people of America do not reshape their own destiny, it will be reshaped for them by other people," said Clarence Poe, editor of Progressive Farmer and Southern Ruralist, recently. "A crisis is on for agriculture, and there is need as perhaps never before that each man (1) inform himself, think seriously, and try to reach sound conclusions, and (2) join with other farmers and farm women in farm organizations so as to put the power of organized effort behind whatever policies the 'common sense of most' indicates are wise.

"The humblest man in this way can make his influence count for good." In that statement, Mr. Poe has caught the spirit that underlies farm cooperative organizations. They are, primarily, dealers in agricultural products. They are likewise great educational agencies. They disseminate knowledge. They cause farmers to think and ponder the problems of the hour.

The farmer of today has, in cooperative action, a great opportunity—an opportunity that has already achieved much, and that offers much more.—Abilene Times.

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## The Judge's Corner

By R. W. H. KENNON

### OLD AGE PENSION GAINING FRIENDS

The Abilene Times, last Friday, stated that Congressman Thomas L. Blanton had expressed himself in favor of the old age pension. An old age pension measure for the District of Columbia was blocked by Blanton at the last session of congress as the bill only applied to Washington, and therefore sectional, and not general in its application.

Probably no measure of recent proposal has become as popular as the old age pension. Dr. Townsend, who first gave the project publicity, is talking and writing of the proposal, which is gaining momentum all the while.

A feature of the proposed measure which provides that the beneficiary must spend the entire amount of the pension each month, seems to be as attractive as the pension itself. Probably this bill will not pass in its present form, but indications are some law will be enacted to take care of the aged. It seems that a large percentage of the people are looking to the government to support them, and the demand for a paternalistic federal administration is growing fast. Few of the people are willing to work for the prevailing wage or salary scale since relief measures have been instituted, but should Townsend's proposal be enacted, paying everybody \$200 per month who have reached the age of 60 years, and each pensioner be required to spend the entire amount of his pension, we will witness again a spending orgy that will make the years of 1919-22 appear a piker.

However, by this spending spree there will be plenty of the circulating medium, and those who have to pay the sales tax, will have more money to take care of this added cost, by which it is proposed to raise the pension fund.

But whether an old age pension is enacted or not many predict radical changes in our present form of government.

One of these is the prediction that "capitalism is doomed." Secretary Wallace, of the department of agriculture, said in a recent public talk, that there are a "large number of people in the United States who have annual incomes in excess of \$75,000, and these men of large incomes will sooner or later be called upon to finance our relief measures."

There is no denying the fact that those composing the capital class have been the special wards of the government who have enjoyed special privileges that enabled them to amass huge fortunes, and if these relief measures must be continued, it would be meet and proper for this class to distribute their excess wealth among the needy.

That some measure to more equally distribute the nation's wealth will be demanded are indicated by certain revolutionary measures that have been proposed, such as Huey Long's "share your wealth" proposal, the conscription of wealth as well as men in times of war, etc.

However, I am of the opinion a more effective way, and much quicker method, would be the old fashioned democratic way of eliminating monopoly and the repeal of all tax exempt measures. The issuance of money direct by the government and the stoppage of issuance tax-exempt securities, would cause millions to seek investment that would absorb the unemployment situation and put men to work at gainful occupations that would enable them to support themselves.

Revolutionary measures are distasteful to a liberty loving people, so are special privileges to a favored few. There is no place in a free country for billionaires and paupers.

## Nature and Human Nature

By W. F. BRUCE

Men will be men! It may not be quite as embarrassing for a group of men to find themselves amidst a little spell of silence as it is for a group of women. But even men find it an awkward pause. Usually, however, it is not long until some wit starts something. The rest are glad for the one who will take the lead, but they are a little more begrudging of his keeping it. For as soon as conversation begins competition begins, and yarn follows yarn with ever increasing immensity. It seems to be an accepted principle (if there is any principle in it), or an unwritten law (if it is not lawless), very seldom commented upon, that lying is not lying when it is competitive narration. If anything is stretched consider it the imagination and not the truth.

Yarning may have started among sailors, for they had miles of ocean and fathoms of depth in which to lose their evidence. But we have grown bolder and place the scenes of our wonderful experiences in our own neighborhoods. Extraordinary fish swim in some remarkably small ponds. Unbelievably intelligence must exist in the small craniums of some ordinary looking dogs. Common steers sometimes, considering the pedigrees behind them and the feeding they have been getting and the markets they are offered in (and the owners that are telling about it) bring some fabulous prices. Sometimes we look at a cow and wonder where she could carry all the milk she is giving. Or we look at a horse and wonder how he could pull all he has without busting a hame string. Sometimes we marvel at the modesty of some infant in view of all the ability and the accomplishment he has already to his credit.

Yarns furnish thrills for those who spin them at one end and for those who unravel them at the other. They while away idle time and fill empty hours. They furnish harmless amusement if it is understood that they are a species of fiction. But sometimes as we listen to some very sober narrations we are inclined to ask of somebody who knows the ancient question, What is truth?

### Six Teams Sign Up For Oil Belt League

P. E. Shotwell, athletic director of Breckenridge high school has announced the following schedule for the Oil Belt Athletic Basketball league, with the opening of the games to begin January 4, and concluding February 12.

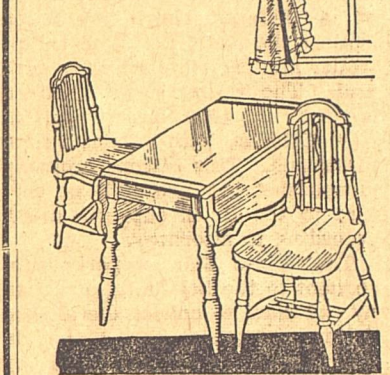
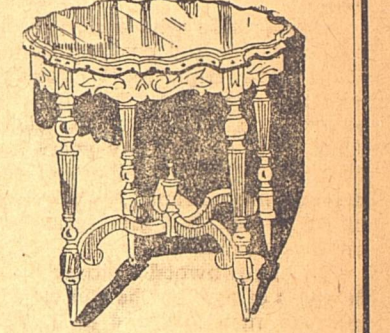
Playing two nights a week, on Tuesdays and Fridays, the quintets will play each other twice, once on each court. The teams entered are Breckenridge, Mineral Wells, Eastland, Eliasville, Ranger and Graham. Following is the schedule: Jan. 4—Breckenridge at Eastland; Mineral Wells at Eliasville; Ranger at Graham. Jan. 8—Eliasville at Eastland; Mineral Wells at Graham; Ranger at Breckenridge. Jan. 11—Breckenridge at Graham; Eastland at Mineral Wells; Ranger at Eliasville. Jan. 18—Ranger at Eastland; Mineral Wells at Breckenridge; Graham at Eliasville. Jan. 22—Breckenridge at Elias-

ville; Ranger at Mineral Wells; Graham at Eastland. Jan. 25—Eastland at Breckenridge; Eliasville at Mineral Wells; Graham at Ranger. Feb. 1—Breckenridge at Ranger; Eastland at Eliasville; Graham at Mineral Wells. Feb. 5—Graham at Breckenridge; Mineral Wells at Eastland; Eliasville at Ranger. Feb. 8—Breckenridge at Mineral Wells; Eastland at Ranger; Eliasville at Graham. Feb. 12—Eliasville at Breckenridge; Mineral Wells at Ranger; Eastland at Graham.

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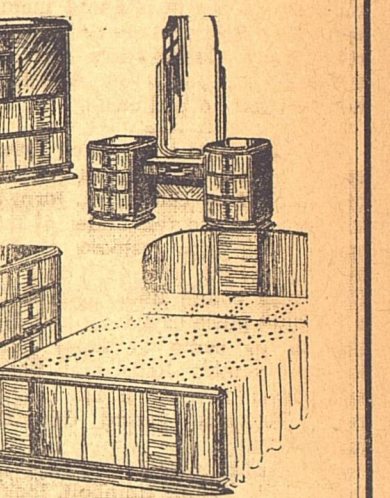
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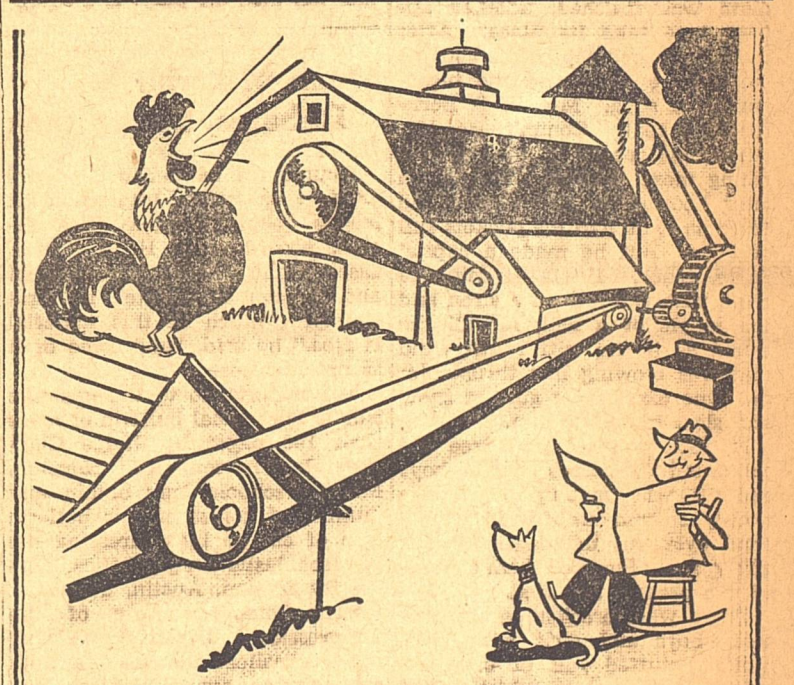
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## Mmes. Cabaness and Atkins Hostesses at Bridge Party

Mrs. Jack Cabaness and Mrs. George Atkins were hostesses Monday evening at one of the most elaborate social affairs of recent weeks when they entertained at bridge in the home of Mrs. Cabaness, 609 West Seventh street.

An immense Christmas tree hung with brilliant baubles and lights filled one corner of the living room. The mantle, buffet, and tables were banked with red, gold, and brown autumn leaves and lighted with colored bulbs, yellow and white chrysanthemums, filled baskets and vases.

Tallies were Christmas cards and plate favors were sprigs of mistletoe tied with red ribbon.

Mrs. H. Brandon and Mrs. Alex Spears, as winners of high and second high scores, and Mrs. Merle Shook, winner of low score, were presented with beautiful bouquets of chrysanthemums.

The hostesses were assisted in serving a delicious desert course by Miss Alice Bacon.

The guest list included:

Mesdames A. D. Anderson, R. L. Ponsler, T. F. O'Brien, K. N. Greer, J. J. Butts, Yancy McCree, Guy Dabney, A. C. Green, L. C. Moore, Vance Littleton, H. S. Drumwright, R. L. Gilman, J. O. Shook, Rex Moore, B. S. Huey, Lee Smith, Paul Woods, H. McGowan, T. J. Dean, Ernest Lennon, W. W. Moore, D. Ball, Carl McCarter, C. W. Trammell, Geo. P. Fee, Alex Spears, Hiram Brandon, Will St. John, Walter Hayden, James Moore, P. P. Shepard, W. P. George, Hubert Seale, Johnnie Cox, Oran Shackelford, Homer McDonald, L. Green, Sam Kimmel, R. N. Cluck, K. H. Pittard, and Misses Ester Hale, Ora Bess Moore, Alice Bacon, Susie Haines and Grace Gilman of Tulsa, Okla.

## Mrs. Lomax Receives Gift at Luncheon

Mrs. C. C. Lomax, chairman of Circle 3 of the Methodist Missionary Society, was presented with a lovely lamp, a token of appreciation for her work, by Mrs. B. E. Morehart, president of the W. M. S., in behalf of Circle 3, Tuesday when Circles 1 and 3 were hostesses to Circle 2 at a luncheon at the church.

During the brief business session which followed the luncheon, Mrs. W. G. Powell presided, and Mrs. John Brown said the closing prayer.

Present were Mesdames Ed Huestis, J. M. Witten, John Brown, Jim Fields, L. E. Vaughn, C. C. Clarkson, K. W. Dawkins, B. E. Morehart, W. M. Joyner, S. H. Nance, V. L. Thompson, P. W. Hendricks, Wyatt Jacobs, Joe Lovelady, G. P. Rainbolt, O. C. Lomax, Tom Dean, Joe Wilson, Wm. Reagan, Neil Lane, W. G. Powell, Miss Martin, and visitors, Mrs. Ella Hart, Miss Mary Jane Morehart, and Mrs. Griffin and baby, of Italy, Texas.

## Contract Members Guests at Luncheon

Members of the 1929 Contract club were guests of Mrs. T. F. O'Brien at the annual Christmas party Monday when a 1 o'clock luncheon was served.

Covers were laid for the eight members at a table attractive with Christmas symbols and decorations. Gifts were exchanged according to names drawn at a previous meeting.

During the afternoon's bridge, Mrs. Jack Cabaness won high score.

Present were Mesdames A. D. Anderson, Geo. P. Fee, Yancy McCree, R. L. Ponsler, F. D. Wright, Jack Cabaness, L. J. Leach, and the hostess, T. F. O'Brien.

## Mrs. Grantham Home From Sanitarium

Mrs. R. E. Grantham, who has been seriously ill at the Graham sanitarium, has been moved to her home, 503 West Eighteenth street, and is reported to be considerably improved.

## The Notebook

The Christmas pageant of the First Presbyterian church will be presented Sunday at 7 o'clock.

Members of the Cresset club will be guests at a 1 o'clock luncheon Friday at the home of Mrs. H. L. Dyer, 1207 West Ninth street.

## Wednesday Club Studies Early Education in Tex.

"Education in Texas" was the subject for the program led by Miss Ida Mae Collins, at the meeting this week of the Wednesday Study club, Miss Ella Andres was hostess.

Subject of Miss Collin's opening discussion was, "Beginning of Education." A paper, "Early Schools of Texas," prepared by Mrs. Reggie Henderson, was read by Mrs. A. L. Foster. Mrs. H. Brandon spoke on "An Early Woman Teacher," and Mrs. James Moore on the topic, "Educational Conditions Among the Negroes."

Members present were: Mesdames A. L. Foster, James Moore, H. Brandon, T. F. O'Brien, Dexter Shelley, T. A. Leeman, Leon Maner, W. J. Leach, Johnson; Misses Ella Andres, Marian Chambliss, Elizabeth Daniels, Ida Mae Collins, Ora Bess Moore, and Lucie Lewis.

## Reich Community

### HALE-FANNIN

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hale was a scene of much merry-making Saturday evening when friends and relatives of the couple gathered to congratulate them upon their recent marriage. A number of stringed instruments furnished music for the evening. Games and singing were greatly enjoyed. Many gifts were presented to the bride, who, until her marriage, was Mrs. Emma Fannin. The groom is a well known farmer of the Nimrod community. The couple were married at Albany, Oct. 31, but only recently announced their nuptials.

The Young People's Bible class will present a Christmas program at the home of Uncle Abe and Aunt Betty Alvey Sunday evening. This beloved old couple are unable to go out, so the young folks are taking the program to them.

The singing was well attended Sunday afternoon in spite of the inclement weather. Visitors from Cisco, Scranton and Dan Horn community were present.

The entire community practically was in Cisco Saturday. Perhaps greeting Santa.

The school pupils will present their Christmas program Friday evening at 7:30. An interesting feature of the program is a playlet, "One More, Please," in which the children of an orphanage managed to secure an invitation to a Christmas party.

Mrs. R. N. Hazelwood has returned from Big Spring, where she had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Lewis Coffee.

A family of four brothers and three sisters and families were together Sunday. A picnic dinner was enjoyed under the trees at the home of one of the sisters, Mrs. Joe Hale. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Harrell, of Amhurst, Texas; William Harrell and Elmer Wells, of Lamasa; Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Franklin, of Cisco; Mr. and Mrs. Willie Harrell, John Harrell, Mrs. Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hale and children, Almus and Geneva Fannin.

Mrs. J. W. Prewitt of Aquilla, is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. D. Vanderford.

Buddie Prewitt and son, John, were dinner guests in the Vanderford home Wednesday.

## Dr. and Mrs. Lee Clark Celebrate 36th Anniversary

Dr. and Mrs. Lee Clark, of Randolph college, celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary Monday, December 17. The Clarks were married in Holland, Texas, and are the parents of nine children. Miss Mignon, student in Cisco high school, planned, prepared and served a delicious three-course dinner in honor of the event.

Dr. Clark is a former president of the Texas State Teachers association and also a former vice president of the National Teachers association of America. He received his A. B. degree from Texas Christian university and his master's degree from the University of Texas.

Mrs. Clark is a graduate in music at Baylor college. She has received three gold medals for proficiency in this art.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Clark are native Texans, and their ancestors played a large part in the history of Texas under four flags. Clark's grandfather, Roswell Lee, and Roswell Lee's cousin, Gen. Robert E. Lee, attended West Point Military Academy at the same time.

All of the nine children of the Clarks will be home Christmas with the exception of Dr. and Mrs. Lee Clark, Jr., of Paris, France, and Mr. and Mrs. Lovejoy of Fort Worth. Dr. Lee, Jr., is head of resident physicians at the American hospital in Paris. His wife is also on the staff of the hospital. Mrs. Lovejoy is head of the department of piano of the Fort Worth schools.

## O. E. S. Has Annual Christmas Party

The Cisco chapter of O. E. S. held its annual Christmas party Tuesday evening in the Masonic hall with Christmas decorations and symbols lending a holiday atmosphere to the entertainment.

A very convincing Santa Claus distributed gifts from a beautifully decorated tree. Mrs. Ben Krauskopf, assisted by four violin pupils, gave a short musical program, after which Marion Bruce sang "The Christmas Carol," and Charles Kleiner, Jr., gave a reading.

Refreshments were served to some forty members and their families.

## Ciscoans to Attend Shreiner Inst. Ball

Miss Jourdain Armstrong, Miss Peggy Van Eman and Mrs. W. W. Wallace left Wednesday for Kerrville where they will be guests at a dinner and dance given at Shreiner institute.

They expected to return last night accompanied by Burns Brown, Forbes Lee Wallace, and "Brick" Carter, students of Shreiner.

## FERA Sewing Class Hostesses at Tea

The Sewing class of the FERA school will hold open house Friday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock in room 202 at the high school.

Work which members of the class are doing will be on display. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. Nick Miller and daughter, Bobbie Lee will leave Friday for Gatesville where they will spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Miller's mother, Mrs. Brown. They will be accompanied by Jim Brown, Mrs. Miller's brother, who has been their guest since Wednesday.

## School Board Guests At School Dinner

Foods class No. Two of the home economics department of the Cisco high school entertained the board of trustees of the Cisco public schools and their wives at a formal dinner Thursday night at the high school. Hostesses were Elizabeth Waters and Ruby Thompson. Sybil Holder and Catherine Slatton served as maids. Mrs. Howard Goss, director of the department, supervised the meal and service from the kitchen.

Lighted candles in silver holders, holly sprays in a bowl of green set upon a mirror in the center of the table formed the table decorations. Unique place cards of holly leaves and berries had been made by the girls. Small Santa Clauses were favors. The reception and dining rooms were gay with mistletoe, cedar sprays, pot plants, pine needles and holly.

Present were: Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Russell, Mrs. R. L. Ponsler, W. J. Armstrong, Mrs. J. E. Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Walker and Supt. R. N. Cluck.

## Xmas Pageant Will Be Given At Pres. Church

"Ye Shall Find the Babe," the Christmas pageant which is annually given by the First Presbyterian church, will be presented Sunday evening under the direction of Mrs. W. W. Wallace, Mrs. Geo. P. Fee, and Mrs. P. E. Gragg, according to announcement made Tuesday afternoon at the meeting of the Presbyterian auxiliary at the church.

The church program for the Christmas holidays includes also a Christmas tree for the children Monday evening at 7 o'clock, when an entertainment by members of the Sunday school classes has been arranged.

Tuesday's Auxiliary meeting was devoted to "Christmas Education and Ministerial Relief" with Mesdames P. R. Warwick and Daniels giving excellent talks pertinent to this subject. Mrs. C. H. Fee led the devotional.

Members and visitors present were: Mesdames Ed Bradshaw, E. P. Crawford, John Kleiner, Alex Spears, Mose Johnson, J. E. Caffrey, A. E. Jamison, G. C. Rosenthal, Garrett, W. W. Wallace, Daniels, C. H. Fee, R. B. Carswell, P. R. Warwick, B. S. Huey, J. Stuart Pearce, and Miss Alice Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Murrell of Ranger were visitors in Cisco Tuesday.

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## Students Coming Back to Spend Christmas With the Home Folk

Students who have been away to school, looking forward to the time that they might put away their books and spend the Christmas holidays home with parents and friends, will come flocking in this week-end. Many entertainments have been planned to make it a "never-to-be-forgotten" vacation.

Most of the "eds" and "co-eds" will arrive Saturday. Among those to arrive are Miss Catherine Collins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Collins. Miss Collins attends Our Lady of the Lake College in San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Harrison say "they can hardly wait till L. A., Jr., comes home." L. A. will arrive Sunday after spending a day in Dallas with a friend. He attends A. and M. college at College Station.

Three "co-eds" of Texas Tech will arrive Saturday, Miss Lois Pulley, daughter of Mrs. Sam Kimmel, Miss Margaret Spencer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Spencer, and Miss Ova Milling Brown, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. N. A. Brown.

Three Shriener youths couldn't wait till Saturday to be home so they arrived Thursday, they are Burns Brown, Forbes Lee Wallace and J. F. Carter.

Misses Faye Clark and Jessie Lee Hixon also arrived Thursday. They attend C. I. A. at Denton. Miss De Alva Graves, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Graves will be here Saturday.

Dick West, the lad who was nominated for the Rhodes Scholarship from Texas university, came home Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. C. R. West are his parents.

Miss Betty Fee Spears and Charles Spears will arrive Saturday to spend the holidays with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Alex Spears. They attend Texas university. Miss Mary, Elizabeth

## Personal

Louie Swink has returned to Cisco to spend the holidays with his parents. During the past year he has been stationed in the army post at San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Armstrong spent Thursday in Ft. Worth.

Mrs. Winfield Gallagher and

Mrs. R. Q. Bills spent Tuesday in Breckenridge.

Miss Edna Cooles left Thursday for Oklahoma City, Okla., to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bernard Seligson. Mrs. Seligson is the former Miss Edna Cooles.

Mrs. J. J. Butts and Miss Mary Jane Butts are spending a few days in Dallas.

Joe Shackelford is expected this week from east Texas where he has been working.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Fuller will leave Saturday for Blackwell, Okla., where they will spend the holidays with Mr. Fuller's parents.

Mrs. F. C. McClelland left Thursday to spend several days in Dallas with her brother, Raymond Gandy.

Mrs. C. Metcalf and Mrs. P. P. Shepard were visitors in Stamford Tuesday.

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PROBATE MATTERS

Probation of the will of Mrs. Samantha Adeline Elder, was the only matter of local interest in the probate court, as recorded in the records the past week. However, there is some local interest in the proceedings regarding the estate of the late Charles E. Dearoff, a former citizen of Cisco.

The application of W. D. Elder, surviving administrator of the estate of Samantha Adeline Elder, whose application for the probate of the will of Mrs. Elder's was approved, in which he is named as surviving executor and sole beneficiary, to serve without bond. Citations ordered issued to all parties interested in said estate as required by law.

**Will Filed for Probate**  
Following is the full text of the will of Mrs. Samantha Adeline Elder, deceased:

"Know all men by these presents: That I, Samantha Adeline Elder, of Cisco, Texas, being of sound mind and disposing memory, and above the age of 21 years, do make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all wills heretofore made by me.

"First, I desire that all my debts, if any, be paid.

"Second, I hereby give and be-

queath and devise to my beloved husband, William Doctor Elder, all my property of every kind, real, personal and mixed, wherever located.

"Third, I hereby constitute and appoint by beloved husband, W. D. Elder, my independent executor of this my last will, and direct that he may serve without bond, and that no action be had in the probate court in relation to the settlement of our estate other than the probating of this will and the return of the inventory appraisement and list of claims, if any.

"Fourth, It is my will that after my death and the death of my husband, that the residue of our estate be divided among our beloved children: Joe H. Elder, Electa Moss, Myrtle Blake, William E. Elder, Tennie Mamie Elder, Lavena Jones and Sam O. Elder, and that the court appoint Joe H. Elder as executor of the will of the survivor of us, my husband or myself, to act without bond, and without action other than probating the will of the survivor, filing the inventory, appraisement and list of claims, if any."

The appraisement of Mrs. Elder's estate was given as of \$2,500.

The oath of W. D. Elder as executor of the will of Samantha Adeline Elder was filed and approved, Dec. 12, 1934.

**Claims Allowed**

In re application of J. R. Burnett, guardian of the estate of Carrie E. Tipton, for allowing claims against the estate amounting to \$704.67 were allowed by the court.

**Final Report Dearoth Estate**

Mrs. Chas. C. Robey, survivor and sole heir of her husband, the late Chas. C. Robey, administrator of the estate of Charles E. Dearoth, deceased, was filed and approved, showing inventory of property delivered to Frank Sparks, administrator de bonis non, was approved.

The application of Frank Sparks, administrator de bonis non, of the estate of the late Charles E. Dearoff, deceased, former Cisco oil operator, to compromise certain claims against the estate, and praying that it is to the interest of the estate that such suits be now settled and disposed of by the payment of a lump sum aggregating \$2,683.30, was approved by the court that the compromise for the settlement of

these claims were approved by the court, and the clerk be, and is hereby authorized to issue order of sale of 447 3-5 shares of the Pyramid Oil Co. of Winchester, Ky., be sold at private sale at not less than 50c per share.

**NO DEPUTIES FOR 1935**

Tax Assessor and Collector Haley states that the impression was prevalent that the deputies appointed by his office was for 1935 was erroneous. Those mentioned as deputies were for 1934, as no deputy assessors and collectors have yet been named for 1935. The 1935 deputies will be announced at some future date, Haley said.

**MARRIAGE LICENSES**

License to wed have been issued to the following:  
J. T. Cooper and Miss Bessie Marlow, Eastland.

Joe Pontremote and Miss Dixie Mitchell, Strawn.

L. P. Foss and Miss Edna Long, Eastland.

LeRoy Rodgers and Miss Mocean Melton, Ranger.

**OFFICE OF COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT**

Superintendent McGlamery is now receiving the remainder of the 1933 and 1934 transportation and salary fund for the rural schools, which is being distributed from the county superintendent's office to the rural schools of the county.

**91ST DISTRICT COURT**

Several criminal cases were set for trial this week, but owing to the illness of Judge Davenport these were passed.

The civil case of Stephen S. Brawner vs. The American National Ins. o., to collect insurance policy, is set for trial on January 14.

**Cases Filed**

Rena B. Conway vs. John W. Thurman et al, note and foreclosure.

Vesta Hilton vs. J. G. Medford et al, partition.

**Specs---**

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so often at fires that he was presented with a miniature yard of it in a siphon package.

Mother Aycock also received a present—but nothing facetious. "I always feel for you boys when it is around zero at midnight and the fire whistle calls you out of bed. I'm mighty glad I don't

**Girls, Hit Tunes And Comedy in Penner Feature**

Girls, melody and laughs play an equal part in Paramount's campus comedy, 'College Rhythm,' coming Sunday to the Palace theater, with Joe Penner heading the featured part.

Directed by Norman Taurog, "College Rhythm" presents Penner, Lanny Ross, Jack Oakie, Helen Mack, Lyda Roberti and Mary Brian in a story about the campus cut-ups who turned the department store business into a college football campaign.

**College Rivals**

The story has its beginning at State College where Jack Oakie, as "Love and Kisses" Finnegan, a football hero, becomes Lanny Ross' deadly rival for the love of Mary Brian.

Their rivalry is carried over into the business world, but temporarily submerged when Oakie gets a job in the store owned by Lanny Ross' father.

Here he gets the bright idea of introducing collegiate atmosphere—beautiful girls, cheering sections and football teams—into department store business as a means of whooping up sales. Everything goes beautifully until their competitors start stealing their thunder.

**Gordon-Revel Tunes**

The climax of the film comes after the big football game when Lanny Ross realizes that he does not love Mary Brian after all, but his father's demure little secretary, played by Helen Mack. And Oakie and Miss Brian turned lovers on their own account.

Melodies or "College Rhythm" were written by Gordon and Revel and include "Stay as Sweet as You Are," "Let's Give Three Cheers or Love" and "Take a Number From One to Ten."

Miss Ida Britain and Miss Helen Hunterman were visitors in Ranger Tuesday.

LOST—Boston bull pup, dark brown, answers to name "Wimpy." Call 735W.

wear trousers and have to go with you," she declared.

At the conclusion in came gusty old Santa Claus and the youngsters were all eyes and ruddy cheeks. Each got a present. Then Chief Pass was summoned to the tree and given a package. It contained a suede jacket.

They told me that the banquet was a "jumped up" affair, but it could not have gone off better had it been planned weeks in advance.

They gave principal credit to Howard Robinson, chairman of the committee. He was assisted by Ass't Chief Fowler, Walter Webb, Earl Robinson, A. L. Farley, Frank Aycock (who was the chief coffee pourer), L. J. Eppler, Bill Sledge, Price Rainbolt, Odie Kean, Charlie Simpson and Less Garrett.

I've just had a letter from Pencil Farmer No. 1, he of the speckled countenance whose homeliness conceals virtues of a kingly sort. Pencil Farmer No. 1, must you know, is E. H. Varnell, who taught Cisco farmers all he knew and passed to the rewards of a bigger job at Arlington. Varnell has really improved quite a bit in suavity and the graces since moving nearer the metropolis. It is remarkable what effect environment produces upon the human epidermis.

I am in his debt for some kind remarks, very much appreciated.

It was my pleasure the other night to travel seventy miles—plus the distance from Mineral Wells to its country club—to a function honoring Breckenridge and Weatherford junior chambers of commerce, recently organized. My pleasure was the company of H. L. Dyer, Johnny Cox, Leonard Hudson, Jack Anderson, F. B. Altman, and Dr. Hubert Seale.

The trip, however, produced some sober reflections occasioned by the discovery that there is not enough of Mr. Newton's gravity in all the world to keep 130 pounds attached to a rear automobile seat when Dyer drives. Comfortable Johnny planted himself like a Lord in the front and left little me to the bouncing mercies of the back. His 200-odd avoirdupois was just the ballast that Dyer needed, but 200-pounds can do a lot for itself besides ride on back seats.

But the chilli was excellent, if a bit wild in its effects on the imaginations of some of the storytellers, and the hot tamales were good, while the coffee was even better. Watching a couple of colored boys jumped through a pasteboard box at the spur of a lightning-tipped prod is no mean fun. Watching four others go at it hammer and tongs in a battle royal is also amusing. Mineral Wells has a knack for entertaining.

**Local Produce Markets**

Local produce markets in Cisco Thursday were paying:  
Grains—Barley, 80 cents; oats, 55 cents; wheat, 90 cents.  
Hay—40 to 50 cents per bale.  
Pecans—10 cents a pound.  
Peanuts—90 cents.  
Cotton—12.50.  
Cottonseed—\$42.

Turkeys—No. Ones, 13 cents; No. Twos, 6 cents; old toms, 8 cents.

Chickens—Hens, 5 to 8 cents; friers up to three pounds, 15 cents. Eggs—30 to 35 cents.  
Butter—25 cents.  
Hides—Green, 1½ cents; cured, 3 cents.

**Close on Ft. Worth Livestock**

FT. WORTH, Dec. 20.—Hogs—Receipts 700 including 191 directs. Truck hogs strong to 15c higher, no rail hogs offered; top \$6.50 paid by packers. Good to choice grades of 185 to 270 lb. truck hogs mostly \$6.35-\$6.45. Good underweights, averaging 150 to 180 lbs., \$5.25-\$6.25; packing sows steady, \$5.50-\$5.75; light lights \$4.45-\$6.00; lights, \$5.95-\$5.45; medium \$6.35-\$6.45; packing sows, \$5.00-\$5.75.

Cattle—Commercial, 900; govt. 1000; calves, commercial, 400; govt. 400. Market very quiet, peddling trade in cattle and calves hardly enough on sale to test values; scattered sales various classes about steady, some fed yearlings and light weight fed steers around \$4.75-\$5.25; few butcher cows \$1.80-\$2.40; cutters and low cutters around \$1.00-\$1.75 slaughter steers with weight lacking, stocker trade nominal; few good heavy fat calves, \$3.75-\$4.25; cull and common sorts mostly \$1.75-\$2.25.

Sheep—Commercial, 500, including 356 on through billing; govt. none. Fat and feeder lambs steady; medium grade fat lambs, \$5.50 down; few feeder lambs \$4; fat yearlings and wethers scarce. Advance estimates Dec. 21, commercial cattle and calves 900; govt. cattle and calves, 700; hogs 600, sheep 200, govt. none.

**Randolph News**

By DIXIE BILLS  
Everyone has the Christmas spirit, and the teachers are having a hard time making the students settle down to work. That's all right, in about five days Santa will be here again.

Ola Sikes visited in Parks this past week-end.

The dormitory girls are about to get over their excitement. A man got into the building the other night and they had some trouble getting him out. We couldn't blame him though, such a sweet bunch of girls can't be found every day.

Forrest Bailey preached in Eastland Sunday.

We had a grand time in chapel Tuesday. Sang Christmas carols and drew names for the Christmas tree.

All of the students are looking

forward to the turkey dinner and Christmas tree Thursday. Santa is leaving a gift for everyone on the tree, so come and get yours.

Francis Barns spent the past week in Breckenridge and Woodson.

We want to congratulate Dr. and Mrs. Lee Clark. They had a wedding anniversary this week.

Charles Roberts, a former student of "Randy" who is attending Southern California university, was a visitor at the college this week.

Pat and Peggy Van Eman visited in Fort Worth this week.

The Christian Endeavor contest ended Sunday evening with the "Red Side" victorious.

A song and prayer opened the program, after which Roland Hill read the scripture lesson. Subject for discussion was "Missionary Possibilities Within Ten Miles of Our Church." Dr. Tyndall, H. R. Garrett, Nadine Sherwin and Richie Davis had parts. Thirty new members were present and three visitors, Dr. Tyndall, Mr. Garrett and L. A. Warren.

**FIFTH SUNDAY SING**

The Fifth Sunday Singing convention will be held at the Nazarine church here next Sunday, Dec. 30. Everybody is invited to attend the convention, at which

are expected some of the famous voices of Texas. The host congregation is preparing to entertain a large crowd, when there will be services all day. In addition to prominent singers representatives are expected from the leading music houses of the country, Rev. Luther Pryor, Nazarine pastor announced.

**Personals**

Mrs. Albert Le Clair of Breckenridge, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Collins, during the Christmas holidays.

Jack Eastham and John Kenyon have returned to Ft. Worth after spending several weeks in Cisco.

Miss Wilma Thomas has returned from a trip to Wichita Falls.

Rev. and Mrs. E. Steyer, of the Lutheran community, brought in their children to welcome the arrival of Santa Claus last Thursday.

C. W. Yeager of Route 4, was a recent visitor in town.

Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Penn, were recent shoppers in Cisco.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Y. Siddall have left for a two weeks vacation in Mississippi.

H. V. House was a business visitor in Brady Wednesday.

**PALACE SUNDAY-MONDAY**



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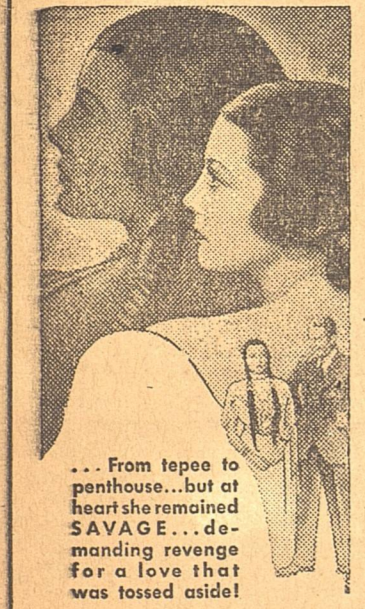
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- FRUIT CAKE, 1 lb., 2 lbs.
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