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Statement of Condition

First National Bank, Cisco, Texas

October 17th, 1934

Resources

Loans and Discounts	\$250,425.51
Cash and Bonds	713,431.60
Federal Reserve Bank Stock	3,000.00
Banking House	29,292.20
Furniture and Fixtures	10,472.28
Interest Federal Deposit Ins. Corp	1,183.04
	\$1,007,804.63

Liabilities

Capital Stock	\$50,000.00
Surplus	45,000.00
Undivided Profits	11,283.82
Deposits	901,520.81
	\$1,007,804.63

DEPOSITS IN THIS BANK INSURED UNDER U. S. GOVERNMENT INSURANCE PLAN

Offerings Of Floral Beauty Reflect Love For a Sainly Woman

Rare and beautiful flowers, which transformed the altar of the First Baptist church of Cisco into a veritable bower of floral beauty, reflected the love and esteem in which Mrs. Sarah Davis Patterson, the deceased wife of Judge B. W. Patterson, was held by the friends in Cisco and Eastland, on the occasion of her funeral held here last Sunday. A further testimony of this affection was seen in the large attendance that filled the spacious auditorium of that edifice which taxed its seating capacity. Probably no funeral rites in that church was ever so largely attended, as both Eastland and Cisco vied with each in paying tribute to this lovely character. Accompanying the remains from the family residence the large cortege departed from Eastland at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, reaching the church here at 3:30, the hour set for the services, when their cars, augmented by those of mourners of Cisco, filled all available parking space in the vicinity of the church. Friends who have known Mrs. Patterson in life, filled the spacious edifice from first floor to galleries, and there with reverent devotion bowed in solemn prayer over the bier as it reposed beneath the floral-laden altar, while the ministers spoke words of eulogy for this saintly woman, and sought to comfort her loved ones from whom she had so suddenly taken her departure to dwell in that celestial abode in the realm above.

The services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. E. S. James, who was assisted by Rev. O. B. Darby, pastor of the Eastland Baptist church, with which the deceased was affiliated as a devout and active member.

The body of this beautiful character now rests beneath a mound of flowers in Oakwood cemetery, where loving hands consigned her remains to the grave, while the immortal soul was wafted on angelic wings to the God that gave it to us for a brief season.

Mrs. Patterson was born in Wilks-Barre, Pa., but came to Texas at an early age, and the family was among the earliest to locate in Cisco. It was here that she united in marriage with Burette W. Patterson, whose nuptials in 1894 were the culmination of a boy and girl romance that began during their school days, and it was here that their only child, Norma, was born, reared and married to David P. Carlton. At the time of her mother's passing Mrs. Carlton and her husband, were on their vacation in the Northeast, and it was with difficulty that the pair were located. The funeral was postponed till Sunday, following her death early Thursday morning, awaiting the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton, who reached here by airplane in time for the funeral.

The passing of Mrs. Patterson was the second death in the family in less than a week, as the aged father of Judge Patterson died at his home in

First National Bank Assets Have Reached Million Dollar Mark

The First National bank of Cisco responded to the call to the national banks of the country for a statement of the condition of banks as of October 17 with a statement showing its assets of over one million dollars. Not since the hectic days of the oil boom in Eastland county have any of the county's banks shown assets of over one million dollars, and probably no bank in any town the size of Cisco will show, for this call of the comptroller of the currency, such a splendid statement as that which is being published this week by Cisco's First National. This statement is not only a credit to the bank, but reflects that spirit of thrift that is now manifest in the home town of the First National, and is one that President Spears points to with pardonable pride.

The assets as published in the bank's statement are divided as follows:

Loans and discounts, \$250,425.51; Cash, Bonds and Federal Reserve Bank stock, \$716,431.60; banking house, furniture and fixtures, \$39,764.48; Interest in Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, \$1,183.04. Total assets \$1,007,804.63.

Against this splendid showing there are charged the following items in its list of liabilities:

Capital stock, \$50,000.00; surplus, \$45,000.00; undivided profits, \$11,283.82; Deposits, \$901,520.81.

A town's bank reflects the financial standing of its people, and this \$901,520.81 deposits by the patrons of the First National is quite at variance with the cry of hard times, voiced by so many in Eastland county. President Spears and his co-workers are today receiving congratulations on the splendid showing of the bank at this call.

Cisco the previous Sunday, thus proving a double bereavement to her husband and daughter.

The Pattersons had celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary Wednesday previous to her passing early the next morning, the immediate cause was said to have been an attack of the heart.

Besides her husband and daughter, she is survived by three brothers, W. O. Davis, of Fort Worth; Allen Davis, of Spokane, Wash., and David Davis, present address unknown.

Members of the Eastland county bar were the active pall bearers, and were Allen D. Dabney, Earl Connor, Carl P. Springer, of Eastland; Judge Eugene Lankford, R. E. Grantham, of Cisco; L. H. Flewelling, W. S. Adamson, of Ranger, and Turner M. Collie, county clerk, also of Eastland.

Green's Funeral Home had charge of the burial arrangements.

Odwin Cate was here Sunday to attend the funeral of Mrs. B. W. Patterson, and to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cate.

First Statement Of Cisco State Bank A Gratifying Showing

The first statement of The Cisco State Bank, which appears in another column of the Citizen this week, is a most gratifying showing of the healthy condition of that financial establishment. With resources of \$288,732.49, and deposits of \$166,732.40, is what the Citizen believes is a splendid statement for a bank less than four months old. The Cisco State Bank, it will be remembered, opened its doors for business July 16, 1934, just two days after the charter had been received, which came on the 14th day of last July.

In its resources this statement shows loans and discounts amounting to \$19,555.33; furniture and fixtures only \$4,000; interest Federal Deposit Insurance corporation, \$1,500; other resources, \$3,415.05; obligations of U. S. government, \$96,597.27; Cash and due from banks, \$103,664.84; total quick assets, \$200,262.11; total assets, \$228,732.49.

The liabilities are as follows: Capital, \$50,000; surplus, \$10,000; undivided profits, \$996.32; cashier's checks, \$1,050.77; Deposits, \$166,685.40; total, \$228,732.49.

The Citizen doubts if there is another bank which opened its doors less than four months ago, makes such a splendid showing. It demonstrates that the officers of The Cisco State Bank have the confidence of local people, who, despite the depression and other causes, are using the bank as a safe depository.

When we consider the statements of Cisco's two banks there is no other conclusion except that Cisco people are not in as bad condition as the relief rolls might indicate. The combined assets of both banks, as revealed in their official statements, are more than on end one-quarter million dollars, in exact figures, \$1,235,537.12. The combined sum of deposits amount to the comfortable figure of \$1,068,206.30.

We doubt if any city in Cisco's class is making such a splendid showing as are the banks of Cisco.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Snoddy, highly respected couple of Scranton, were visitors to Cisco Wednesday.

Judge B. W. Patterson and daughter, Mrs. D. P. Carlton, were here from Eastland Wednesday.

Cisco Gas Corp. Held Open House Monday Evening

The officers of the Cisco Gas corporation were host to all of Cisco on Monday evening, the occasion being the opening of their large and conveniently appointed plant offices, in the old Mayhew building, opposite the J. C. Penney store in the 700 block on D avenue. And it was some opening. I believe two-thirds of the citizens of Cisco were present. There were attendants on hand to demonstrate the mechanism for control and regulation of the meters, as well as the gas supply, but they were useless, as the crowd was so dense and noisy that explanations could not be heard.

The doors were opened to the public promptly at 8 o'clock, and in a few minutes patrons, actual and prospective, as well as those seeking some diversion, were packed in the building like sardines in the can. Favors in the form of chrysanthemums, (large, full blossoms and long stems,) pencils, cigars and blow-up balloons for the kids, were dispensed. These kept the young women and men attendants handing them out during the entire time the celebration was in progress.

All were there, for it was the beginning of the operation of Cisco's second gas system, which is now practically ready to supply gas to all who have connected their premises with the mains of the Cisco Gas corporation.

The building was tastefully decorated for the opening, and a local orchestra gave continuous concert while the Cisco Gas corporation played host to the vast throng that visited the headquarters during the evening. One of the decorations that attracted most interest was the aerial photograph of the city and that territory between the city, and including Lake Cisco. Others not attending the opening were attracted by this photograph Tuesday, which shows the lake and shore lines, as well as the hills surrounding the lake.

CLIFTONS CONCLUDE VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Clifton, who have been renewing old friendships formed while they were residents of Humbletown during the time Mr. Clifton was head of the Humble Pipe Line company of this division, have returned to their home in New Orleans. While here the Cliftons were welcome guests of Mrs. Velma Hayden, at her Laguna hotel apartments.

ASKS INSTRUCTION FROM CONSTITUENTS ON VOTE MONEY FOR CENTENNIAL

Cecil A. Lotief, editorial representative, has a letter in this week's Citizen, in which he asks for instruction from his constituents before he casts his vote to appropriate money for the Texas Centennial to be held in Dallas in 1936. He states that he doesn't believe the legislature is justified in making this appropriation at this time, on account of the present condition of the state's finances, but states he will vote as his Eastland county constituents desire.

The Citizen believes Lotief's position is right, and if you do not feel that this appropriation should be made you should write and tell him just how you feel about it. The Citizen is not in favor of this big expenditure when there are so many people in need of food and clothing. As Lotief points out: "If Dallas wants the show that city should finance it, as few other localities will be benefitted."

Nick Nichlas, of the Savoy cafe, is enjoying a visit of his sister, Miss Helen Nichlas, of Helena, Ark.

Karl Armstrong, who has been the guest of his brother, W. J. Armstrong and Mrs. Armstrong, has returned to his home in Tulsa.

Statement of Condition

The Cisco State Bank

Cisco, Texas

At the close of Business October 17, 1934

Resources

Loans and Discounts	\$19,555.33
Furniture and Fixtures	4,000.00
Interest Federal Deposit Ins. Corp.	1,500.00
Overdrafts	None
Other Resources	3,415.05
Obligations of U. S. Government	\$ 96,597.27
Cash and Due From Banks	103,664.84
Total Quick Assets	200,262.11
TOTAL	\$228,732.49

Liabilities

Capital	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus	10,000.00
Undivided Profits	996.32
Cashier's Checks	1,050.77
Deposits	166,685.40
TOTAL	\$228,732.49

DEPOSITS INSURED UNDER FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called the trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.—Is. 61: 3.

*In thee, O God, abides eternal gladness,
The oil of joy for mourning, grief
and care;
True beauty for the ashes of earth's
sadness,
The garment of thy praise for dull
despair.*

So long as we love all, and express that love in kindness, God is near and we know no fear. But when we fail to be loving, the fears of night, depression, poverty, sickness, the future, and death enter in and drive away all peace. Rev. W. J. Preston.

DEMOCRACY AND EPIC PLAN

It seems that there is going to be trouble ahead for the national administration and the Democratic party ament the California situation. If the administration supports Upton Sinclair and his Epic program the party will alienate the capitalistic class. If the party and administration fails to get behind Sinclair and his "end poverty in California" program, and Sinclair should be defeated, the defeat of the Democratic nominee for governor in that state, and the election of a Republican, will be a blow to the administration and the Democratic party in the next presidential election, and will be a campaign hammer to knock the administration by the Republicans two years hence. So, it seems, the administration, and those who are directing the destiny of the party are between the devil and the briny deep.

To support Sinclair will hardly be popular with the money barons; to fail to support the erstwhile Socialist—now a Democrat and nominee for governor in a sovereign state of the Union, is likely to cause the state to flop over to the Republicans—so neither horn of the dilemma is healthy, so the leaders are sulking in their tents, and letting matters take their own course.

To the Citizen it seems that in this day of revolutionary policies,

invoked by the administration, there is no inconsistency in the leaders getting behind Sinclair in his ambitious plan to initiate the Epic program. As a Democrat, of course the Citizen does not pretend to claim that the Epic plan is democratic. Neither do we claim that the administration's policies are in line with Jeffersonian principles, and the only excuse for their promulgation is the fact that the country has gone to the devil, and strong medicine was necessary to bring the condition of the people back to normalcy.

Sinclair's policies, of course, are socialistic, but so are those of the administration. Most of the measures sponsored by President Roosevelt are paternalistic, and as far removed from the principles taught by the fathers of the Democratic party as the east is from the west, but as stated above, the country is sick and needs strong medicine. Sinclair's dose is a little more drastic than that promulgated by the administration, but is certainly in line with the Roosevelt regime. Only Sinclair proposes measures that will relieve distress, and put men to work by taking over idle industry and giving the unemployed something to do. If the owners of industry will not operate their plants it appears logical that the state should do so. Why should the states and the federal government continue the dole system when men can be put to work and earn their own living? Any self-respecting man should prefer to earn his own living than to live on the charity of the government. Had the administration taken charge of the textile industry and called the workers back to their jobs the strike would have been settled in less than a week after such a step.

Even George Creel, whom Sinclair defeated for the nomination for governor of California, is throwing monkey wrenches in the political machinery, and this too, after his preaching Socialism for years. Nor does Sen. William G. McAdoo seem anxious to get behind Sinclair. However, he has an alibi, being given political work in other states, he evades the issue by saying he is "for the state Democratic platform." Unfortunately the party

will not vote for the platform, but the nominees named by the people in the Democratic primary. Sinclair is the nominee of the party, and is entitled to and should have the support of the leaders in the nation as well as those living in California.

The Citizen cannot endorse, as Democratic the Epic plan, nor the Roosevelt policies. Neither are Democratic, but if the Citizen was published in California it would be found fighting for the Democratic nominee, as it is supporting the policies of the president—not because we believe either are in line with Democracy, but as a means to a devoutly hoped for end.

DIVISION OF TEXAS TALKED

There be those who are still talking about the division of Texas. Years ago the Citizen editor advocated the division of this vast empire into two or more states, and about one year ago Vice President Garner, the first prominent man to favor the division of the Lone Star state publicly advocated cutting the state into the four different commonwealths specified in the state's provision on its entry into the Union. But his plans met with so little encouragement that he seems to have dropped the subject.

The Citizen favors the division purely upon grounds of efficiency, as we believe the sections comprising the state's area is so vastly different that wholesome laws can never be enacted that will meet the requirements of the entire state. Then, our legislative body, as it now exists, is too unwieldy.

The latest to advocate division is the West Texas chamber of commerce, that body favoring two states, but it is unlikely that even such an influential and large body as the West Texas chamber will ever get anywhere earlier than a quarter of a century in the future, for much propaganda must be spilled to mould public sentiment in its favor.

As the Citizen has previously stated, there is no reason why the state should not be divided other than sentiment, but until this sentiment changes there is about as remote possibility of dividing the state as there ever was to "change the name of Arkansaw. Hell's fire, no," as the traditional Arkansaw congressman stated.

The Democratic candidate for justice of the supreme court of New Mexico is Judge Charles R. Brice of Roswell. Judge Brice is a brother of the late Dr. John Brice, formerly a leading physician of Cisco, and visited Dr. and Mrs. Brice here a few years previous to the death of Dr. Brice. He is a native of Texas, whose father was one of the founders of the city of Memphis, in Hall county, and prominent Baptist minister.

Bibles Disappear As Tenants Take Leave

The Citizen has heard of tenants, on leaving an apartment, through oversight or intentionally, taking away various articles from the apartment that should have been omitted in packing their effects. The latest is a couple of Bibles that were missing from an apartment recently vacated in Cisco. We were wondering what service a Bible would do a person knowingly taking it away when it belonged to another. Surely there could be no spiritual inspiration derived from a purloined Bible? Wonder if this party, on opening this book, happened to turn to the pages where the scriptures admonish us "thou shalt not steal."

First Church Of Christ, Scientist

First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Eastland, authorized branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Boston, Mass., holds services every Sabbath morning at 11 and each Wednesday night at 8. Testimonies on Christian Science healing may be given at the Wednesday evening meetings. Sunday school convenes at 9:45 a. m. All of these services are held in the Church edifice at the corner of Lamar and Plumer street.

"Everlasting Punishment" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon which will be read in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, November 4.

The Golden Text is: Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein: and he that rolleth a stone, it will return upon him." (Proverbs 26:27)

Among the citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon is the following from the Bible: "Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts." (Malachi 3:7)

The Lesson-Sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science textbook "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures", by Mary Baker Eddy: "As the crude footprints of the past disappear from the dissolving paths of the present, we shall better understand the Science which governs these changes, and shall plant our feet on firmer ground. . . . There should be painless progress, attended by life and peace instead of discord and death. (page 224)

Attorney Charles D. Spann, and Editor V. O. Hatcher, of Eastland were pleasant callers at the Citizen office Saturday.

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Callahan Jury May Indict Assailants Of Levi F. Threet

Baird, Oct 29.—Marking the opening of a four-weeks term of 42nd district court here today, the grand jury was empaneled by Judge Milburn S Long and given a special charge to investigate two cases of robbery with firearms in Callahan county.

Judge Long pointed out to jurors that the robbery of L. F. Threet, Callahan county rancher found dying of gunshot wounds on his ranch between here and Cisco, early in July, occurred in this county. Two men and a woman, all of Cisco, are in the Eastland county jail awaiting trial on murder indictments returned in connection with Threet's death, but no complaints of robbery have been entered.

The second robbery referred to in the charge was the hijacking of a Baird service station, also in July.

Child Born 19 Minutes After Mother Dies

Richmond, Va., Oct. 20.—The posthumous birth of a baby girl 10 minutes after her mother had died at Memorial Hospital, was reported today by physicians.

The child, weighing seven pounds and five ounces was normal in every respect, Dr. L. E. Jarrett, the physician in charge said.

Mrs. L. A. White and daughter, Miss Lela Mae, have returned home. Miss White is just back from Houston, where she visited her brother, Gilbert, and was met in Fort Worth by her mother, who accompanied her home. From Houston to Fort Worth Miss White traveled by airplane.

Mrs. Velzy Penn, of the Dothan community, was a Saturday shopper in Cisco.

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Bell Telephone Co. Obeys Court Decree Refund Overcharges

Anent the decision of the federal supreme court, which decreed that the Bell Telephone system should refund to its patrons in Chicago twenty million dollars overcharges, the Waco Record says that city is not so much interested in receiving a refund, even if entitled to same under the court's decision, but are interested in getting rates down where they are not prohibitive. That is the position of most Texas cities, including Cisco. There are very few residences here that have phones installed, and half of the business houses have no phone service (estimated.) The people cannot afford the charge of \$5 for business phones, nor can they pay \$2.50 for residence phones. With no telephones in the residences of the city the phone service is worth very little to the business folk. Should the phone rates be reduced 25 per cent probably a majority of the residences and business houses would install phone service within 30 days. Most business institutions, except the telephone system, prefer volume, at reasonable rates, rather than a few patrons at a prohibitive rate.

The following is from the Record: The news that Chicago telephone users are now getting their \$20,000,000 refund, as announced several months ago, was encouraging to Waco telephone subscribers this week. That the Supreme Court of the United States, the highest tribunal in the land, granted the people of Chicago a refund covering overcharges made by the Bell Telephone company over a period of ten years, is indication that other cities throughout the nation are in line for some definite relief from unjust charges made for telephone service.

The refund in Chicago is to coin box users and the checks vary from small amounts to large figures, the average being estimated at \$35.00.

The Chicago fight was a long and hard fought one, but at last it brought results, and the Bell system is having to "shell out." The case should be a criterion for every city in the country which is making a fight for lower and more equitable telephone rates.

Waco telephone users are now paying \$2.75 per month for residence telephones. Business phones cost \$6.75 per month. It has been suggested here and there that \$1 a month could be sliced from the residence rate and \$1.75 to \$2.75 from the business rate.

Whether or not Waco people are entitled to a refund is a matter of legal controversy, but, what Waco is most interested in is getting the rates trimmed down to where the use of telephone service for the average citizen is not prohibitive.

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Reduced Electric Rates Adds Large Profits to Plant

DALLAS, Oct. 23.—Despite an additional reduction in rates granted customers by the Dallas Power and Light company recently, the first month's operation under the new schedule saw profits of the utility increase \$10,659 above the figures for September, 1933, their monthly report showed at the city hall Monday.

After making their authorized return of \$179,925.75 for September, the company's profits for the month were enough to provide \$49,512.08 for a deferred maintenance replacement and requisition account. This was \$10,659 more than available for that surplus account for the same month of 1933.

Gross earnings were \$448,181.72 and operating expenses \$218,243.89, leaving \$229,437.83 to cover an authorized return of \$179,925.75.

The company put into effect a new schedule of rates in August that added \$165,550 annually to the old order that saved customers \$235,000 a year. The additional savings were obtained by the council after long negotiations.

PEOPLE'S EXPRESSION ON ISSUES OF LOCAL AFFAIRS

(Under this heading the Citizen will publish short letters from our citizens on matters of local interests insofar as space is available.)

Legislative Letter from Cecil Lotief

To the People of Eastland County:

A great deal of interest is being taken by the people of Texas in regard to the Texas Centennial to be held in Dallas during the year 1936, and I am writing this letter in order to get the views of the citizenship of my district as to whether they favor this Centennial. The Centennial committee is asking for the sum of \$5,000,000, and while I am heartily in favor of celebrating the centennial, I do not feel justified in voting for such a large sum of money. However, if the people of my district will instruct me to vote for it, I shall be glad to carry out your wishes, as I have endeavored to do in the past. I feel that I am your servant, and not your master.

I realize that a good many people will be attracted to Texas for this exposition in 1936, and I believe the state will derive a great many benefits from it. As I see the problem, though, Dallas will receive most of the benefits, since the centennial is to be held in that city. I do not believe that the taxpayers in general would receive benefits in proportion to the taxes they would be forced to pay in putting on this big state fair in Dallas. Furthermore, the deficit of the general revenue fund is now about \$7,000,000, and a total deficit of all the state funds is about \$14,000,000. In addition, the state must pay off the \$20,000,000 in relief bonds within the next few years.

The subject of the centennial, no doubt, will be one of the most important submitted to the legislature during the special session. I am not opposed to the centennial, but I do not

Ministers Of Cisco District Perfected Organization Sun.

The local ministers of the Cisco district perfected an organization when there was a meeting at Olden last Sunday, Oct. 28. Rev. W. O. Tate, a local preacher of Carbon, was elected chairman, and Reverend Bird, of Sipe Springs, was chosen secretary. The meeting was held at the Olden Methodist church, which was an old fashioned all-day meeting with dinner on the ground. Those present expressed themselves as greatly enjoying the feast for the body as well as the feast for the soul. A splendid spirit prevailed throughout the services. God was present and seemingly blessed every one in attendance. This gathering was not unlike the old time campmeeting days. All are invited to attend these Local Preachers' Meetings.

Those in attendance from Cisco were Walter Boyd, A. B. Armstrong and G. M. McGlasson. A. B. Armstrong preached at the eleven o'clock hour. "The Right and Wrong Armour," Ephesians 6:11, being his text. G. M. McGlasson occupied the pulpit at two o'clock, whose subject was: "Lord, are There Few that will be Saved?" Luke 13:23.

Then followed several splendid talks by the chairman, secretary, Walter Boyd, Mr. Collins, of Olden, and others, all messages of inspiration that proved edifying to everyone present.

It is the intention that this organization will be a permanent feature in the religious activities of the Cisco district, with the meetings being held weekly.

Rev. and Mrs. E. Steyer, of the Lutheran community, were among the rural shoppers in Cisco Saturday. Mr. Steyer is pastor of Christ Lutheran church in that community.

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want to burden the taxpayers for something from which they will receive no benefits in return. It seems to me that the legislature should be more interested in relief for the hungry than in helping Dallas to promote a centennial.

CECIL LOTIEF,
State Representative 107th District

Gas Competition

We are told that competition is the life of trade. Surely then Cisco should become alive. But in reality, the town is fortunate in having two gas plants, and if the people of this city are wise they will maintain the two systems by giving each a share of the business. It will mean the distribution of large sums of money among our people if both are given their share of the patronage of our people, as it costs money for the upkeep of an enterprise as large as a gas system, and a large percent of this money will go for labor, which will be spent with local business firms.

And it seems to me this is going to be the policy of many of our people, for since the heat of battle has cleared away, and people have gotten down to earth again, I find that the saner policy will be followed in selecting the system that will best serve them. According to these expressions there will not be a wholesale disconnection of meters that was expected or anticipated by discussions when the second plant was in the formative stage. The people have taken a more sober view of the situation, as all realize there is ample supply of fuel gas at the disposal of the Community Natural Gas Co., and feel that they will be taking no chances on a shortage of fuel when cold weather sets in if their lines are connected with the Community Natural. Then Texas people always believe in fair play, and are not disposed to confiscate the property of any concern. That is just what it would have meant had there been such a thing as a gas boycott or wholesale disconnection of meters. Let's give both a square deal, since we have competition in the gas situation, as we will be the beneficiaries by so doing.

Now it is just simply competition in service, and the system that serves you best is the one you want to tie to. My opinion is no system can serve Cisco so efficiently as the Community Natural. So let us act wise, and profit by the situation as it now exists.

C. W. TRAMMELL.

Farmers Should Plan Now For 1935 Credit Tully Garner Advises

Foresighted farmers in all parts of Texas are anticipating their credit needs for the coming growing season and already are making arrangements with their local production credit associations for loans in 1935, according to reports received by Tully C. Garner, president of the Production Credit Corporation of Houston. The practice of making credit arrangements before the money actually is needed has many advantages to recommend it, Mr. Garner pointed out, and the associations would like as many farmers as possible to make their application prior to the crop production season.

Before making application to a production credit association, the prospective borrower should analyze his 1935 plans carefully: how many acres are to be planted to cotton, how many to feed and other crops, how much labor will be necessary and how much money will be needed for tractor costs or feed for workstock. After he has done this, he should be able to estimate accurately how much money will be required and when he will need each of the installments of his loan.

By following this procedure, the applicant has no worry about where operating expenses are coming from or when he will get them. When he is ready to begin operations, his loan has been arranged and all details attended to and all he has to do is ask for his check. By budgeting his loan, the borrower affects interest savings that are sometimes surprising to those who have not used production credit before. Interest, which now is five percent, is paid on each installment only for the time the borrower has use of the money, making a whole season's financing available at very low cost.

Fall Grain Dying In Scranton Community

Sidney G. Beard, of the Scranton community, was able to be in town Wednesday, after being slightly ill for the past few weeks. Mr. Beard stated that farm activity in his community was practically at a standstill. "The

Over Three Million For Relief Sent To 253 Texas Counties

Austin, Oct. 24.—Money for general relief, unavailable to Texas counties during the first part of the month because Texas Relief commission funds were exhausted, went out in an allotment to counties all over the state last week.

These checks went to 253 counties and represented a total of \$3,213,644 earmarked as follows: general relief, \$1,140,393; drought relief, \$1,850,250; canning plants, \$195,323; cattle program, \$27,678.

At the same time auditors were getting ready to mail rural rehabilitation checks totaling \$322,450. The remainder of this fund, about \$75,000, will be mailed to participating counties in a few days.

College boys and girls were about to receive their pay for work done on FERA projects during September as checks totaling \$56,610, were being mailed. The funds went to 73 colleges in the state and the largest amount, \$10,675, went to the University of Texas, including the medical branch at Galveston, and their 711 working students. A. and M. received \$3,690; Texas Tech, \$3,240; North Texas State Teachers College, \$2,490; Rice Institute, \$2,370; S. M. U., \$2,340. Altogether, nearly 4,000 students will receive government aid from this allotment.

Combined, checks for general and specified programs, rural rehabilitation and student aid totaled \$3,592,704.

ground is too dry to plow, and very little can be done until there is a rain. The grain that has been sown, most of which came up alright, but there was not enough moisture to keep young grain alive, and most that was up is dying, and some fields have dried up entirely. It now looks like we are in the middle of a dry spell," he stated. "All expected that by this time we would see the ending of the dry spell, but rain seems as remote now, or more so than it did three weeks ago."

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Projected Approvals Sent To Austin For Relief Board's O. K.

Eastland, Oct. 31.—The largest number of work projects ever sent to Austin for approval in one week were forwarded last week to relief headquarters by the county office.

H. E. Driscoll, county administrator, enumerated the projects sent to Austin as follows:

Fish hatchery projects at Cisco, 42 men to be employed if approved; water supply project at Okra, 14 men; lateral road project from Scranton to Dothan, 12 men; cleaning Lake Cisco, 62 men; concrete bridge at Rising Star, 9 men; straightening, widening and cleaning ditches to Lake Hagaman at Ranger, 200 men; graveling and other work on Ammerman street in Eastland from where paved road leaves off to Lake Eastland, 81 men; sinking a water line on a 790 foot stretch is included in the project.

Forty two applications in the rural rehabilitation program which were at one time sent to Austin and then sent back for revision, have been forwarded to Austin. Time for the rural projects were for one year and not as three, which by recent law is the time.

Other projects enumerated by Driscoll, which have as yet not been sent in, but will be, are as follows: Lateral road project from Lone Cedar road to Bankhead highway, east of Olden, 53 men; lateral road at Breckenridge-Ranger highway intersection, 53 men; leveling and shaping of football field at Rising Star, 10 men. Two other projects for Rising Star are the repairing of two stretches on two bus routes east and west of the city. Thirteen men will be employed after the project is sent to Austin, following changes in the project at the county office.

Driscoll Monday stated that estimates for relief requirements for the month of November were sent to Austin Oct. 25.

CASES OF RECENT FILING IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

District Courts

Fay Oldham vs. Horace Oldham, divorce; Southern States Finance Corp. vs. Farm & Home Savings & Loan Assn., try title and for damages; City of Ranger vs. O. D. Dillingham, foreclosure paying lien; Letha Bailey vs. O. D. Bailey, divorce; George J. Brown, guardian, vs. Lee Dabney et al., suit for damages; Marie Dipple vs. W. R. Dipple, divorce; Connie Bryant vs. Arthur Bryant, divorce; Oil Well Supply company vs. W. E. Wood, sequestration etc.; Cisco Mortgage Loan Co. vs. E. M. Walker, suit on note; City of Ranger vs. L. F. Haney, et al, for foreclosure, etc.; Raymond James vs. Texas Employers' Insurance Association, personal damages; Oil Well Supply company vs. J. T. Harper et al., appeal from J. P. No. 1; First State Bank of Rising Star vs. F. A. Percoles, et al., suit on note; First State Bank of Rising Star vs. C. D. Bennett, suit on note.

Former Mayor J. M. Williamson, now relief administrator of Jefferson county, is expected to arrive in Cisco next Sunday from Beaumont, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Russell Dunn, of Port Arthur, for a visit to Mrs. Williamson and Miss Helen. Messrs. Williamson and Dunn will return home early next week, but Mrs. Dunn will remain over for a more extended visit with Mrs. Williamson.

Mr. and Mrs. Will St. John were in Fort Worth Wednesday.

U. S. District Court Decrees NRA Act Is Not Constitutional

Birmingham, Oct. 31.—The national industrial recovery act today was held unconstitutional by Judge W. I. Grubb, in U. S. district court, who dismissed an indictment against a lumber dealer charging violation of the code of fair competition for the lumber and timber products industry.

The action of Judge Grubb was under an agreement by attorneys representing the government and the defendant to pave the way for an immediate appeal to the United States supreme court to determine the validity of the statute.

BENHAMS HONOREES AT THEIR OLD ANCESTRAL HOME AT BELLE PLAINE

The Baird Star says: "The old Flores ranch in Belle Plaine was the scene of a large house party the last week-end, given by Claude Flores, honoring Mr. and Mrs. Henry Benham, of Balmorhea.

"Among the guests were: Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Renaud, Charles Benham Renaud, of Fort Worth; Mrs. Willie Barnhill, Miss Dorothy Barnhill, Bob Barnhill, Roy Hamby, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Flores and sons, Jack, Jr., Pierce and Billie Claude Flores, of Baird; Miss Frances Loraine Seale, Miss Elmer Moore Seale, of Belle Plaine."

A personal notice in the same issue of the Star also stated:

"Mr. and Mrs. Henry Benham of Balmorhea, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Renaud and little son, Charles Jr., of Fort Worth, spent the past week-end with Mrs. Benham's sister and brothers, Mrs. Willie Barnhill and Jack Flores of Baird and Claude Flores of Belle Plaine."

The above will be read with interest by the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Benham, who were formerly popular residents of Cisco, but many of their old friends here were not informed as to their present address. Mrs. Benham spent her childhood on the old Flores ranch in Belle Plaine, and doubtless this home-coming was a joyous occasion to her, which must have revived pleasant memories of her girlhood.

PUTNAM MERCHANT DROPPED DEAD WEDNESDAY EVENING

Mrs. Mary Guyton, of Putnam, was in Cisco Thursday, and brought the news that W. H. Norred, a pioneer merchant of that place, died suddenly Wednesday evening while waiting on a customer. Apparently in good health she said that after making the sale, and handing the customer his change, he stated: "Take it quick and call a doctor." But he sank to the floor and expired before his request could be executed.

Friends in Cisco are sympathizing with Rev. E. S. James on account of the continued illness of his loved ones. Last spring he was called to their home at Butler, Okla., to attend the bedside of his mother and later to minister to a sick sister. This week he was again called to that city to attend the sister, who is reported to be seriously ill.

Alfred Rankin, dubbed by his intimates as the "mayor of Nimrod," was among the Saturday visitors to Cisco.

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SPENCER MINING PROPERTY GIVES PROMISE OF WEALTH

J. E. Spencer, secretary of the chamber of commerce, who is also interested in what is reputed to be valuable gold mining property in California, returned last week from a visit to the mines. He stated that the development work so far accomplished justifies the original indications of the mine being a big producer.

Who knows but that Cisco may now be the home of a gentleman that may soon be classed as one of the mining kings of the world. According to assays made, and reports submitted, this is not beyond the range of possibilities, as the mine in which Mr. Spencer is interested is said to be one of the best now undeveloped.

HERE FOR PATTERSON FUNERAL

The following were included in the large number of friends who were here Sunday for the obsequies of the

late Mrs. Burette W. Patterson, wife of Judge Patterson of the 88th district court: Judge and Mrs. Clyde L. Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Sikes, Mr. and Mrs. Jep Little, Judge and Mrs. George L. Davenport, Judge and Mrs. Earl Conner, Mrs. Dixie Williamson, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Caton, Judge and Mrs. R. N. Grissom, Judge O. C. Funderburk, Mrs. C. C. Roby, Mr. and Mrs. Childress, Eastland; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bucy, Mrs. Dave Jones, Rising Star; and Mrs. Fleet D. Shepard, of Sweetwater.

MISS META CLARKSON BRIDE OF HAROLD WRIGHT

A quiet though pretty wedding ceremony was solemnized in Cisco, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Clarkson, Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock, when the Rev. Frank L. Turner, pastor of the First Methodist church, spoke the words that made Miss Meta Clarkson the bride of Mr. Harold Wright of Ranger.

The bride was becomingly gowned in a creation of navy blue, and was most becoming to her bruant type.

Mrs. Wright is the winsome and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarkson, who was reared in Rising Star where she graduated from the high school at that place, and where the family previously resided until their removal a few years ago.

Her father, Mr. Clarkson, is the district manager of the Sinclair Oil Co., and Miss Meta has been his efficient office assistant in taking care of this business.

Mr. Wright is a sterling young gentleman and a popular salesman for the Sinclair company.

Leaving tomorrow the newly weds will spend a brief honeymoon in San Angelo, after which they will be at home in Ranger.

Col. T. E. Powell, of Baird, was an attendant at the funeral of Mrs. B. W. Patterson Sunday.

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