

# THE CISCO CITIZEN

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## Brady Texas, Finds Municipal Ownership Paying Proposition

Starting out on a small scale in 1912, the City of Brady has built its municipal electric light and power system and water works into an enterprise with an actual physical value of almost half a million dollars, while paying the initial cost as well as operation, maintenance and improvement expenses out of plant earnings. Operating profit shown by the Brady utilities last year amounted to approximately \$42,000, and actual profit after deducting depreciation to the amount of \$23,972.70 was \$28,470.40. Profit from the light and power plant, as shown by the auditors' report covering operation of the utilities for the fiscal year ending May 15, was \$24,876.87 and the water department profit was \$3,602.53.

The municipal utilities at Brady are assets to the city in many ways. In addition to providing a source of revenue, the city-owned utilities provide more dependable service than could be secured over long distance transmission lines, operate at lower rates than privately-owned utilities, and also furnish free service amounting to considerable sums each year.

Until 1912 Brady was served by a privately-owned and operated light plant and water works. The utilities were purchased by the city in that year for \$42,250, to be paid out of plant profits. A note was given by the city for the purchase price, and only the property of the system was mortgaged. Final payment on the note was made in 1926, and the cancelled note hangs in the offices of the light and water department.

Shortly after the city began operation of its utilities, steam was abandoned in favor of diesel power. The plant now has a capacity of 1,510 horsepower consisting of four Diesel units. A 100 h.p., a 300 h.p. and a 360 h.p. Fairbanks-Morse Diesels and a 750 h.p. De La Vergne Diesel engine are prime movers. Efforts of the plant employees, under the direction of Superintendent Edward Geeslin, are constantly directed toward improving service and building up the plant load, while holding as low as possible the operating costs. A record cost of .00642 per kilowatt hour was made recently, it is shown by plant records.

Actual physical value of the Brady light and water plant was placed by auditors this year at \$404,223.03 after allowing due depreciation and current assets bring the total value to \$452,380.12. Plant earnings are entirely responsible for the increase with the exception of a small bond issue voted in 1912 when the first Diesel units was installed. The total bonded debt of both light and water systems is \$165,000, most of which are obligations of the water works, and this indebtedness is now being taken up at the rate of \$1,000 a month by the water and light department.

In 1930 a new well was drilled at a cost of \$19,000 which was paid in cash by the water and light department. During the past winter the utilities solved the unemployment for Brady by providing funds to pay unemployed men of the city who were used in the street work, making a "bread line" unnecessary. The streets were covered with caliche and the water and light plant furnished work for 75 men spending altogether nearly \$6,000 for the work. A number of water and sewer main extensions were also made in order

to provide work for the needy.

Although output of the electric plant has increased greatly in the past four years, it is amply able to care for still a greater growth, and a survey made several months ago shows that the electric plant passed all other utilities in the city in its expansion. The total number of kilowatts generated in 1927 was 1,108,800. Output of the electric plant for 1928 was 1,298,000 kilowatts; 1929, 1,832,650, and for 1930, 1,853,200.

Gross income in 1927 was \$67,357.36; 1928, \$80,452.23; 1929, \$94,059.68, and 1930, \$96,921.32. These figures represent the income from the sale of water and electricity, and do not include income from sale of electrical appliances nor from sewer connections. Service donated to the amount of \$8,386.85 is also not included.

On January 1, 1930, rates for electric service were lowered, in keeping with the city's policy of lowering rates as often as earnings of the system warrants. The rate reduction will amount to about \$3,600 a year it is estimated, but it is believed that the new rate schedule will encourage greater use of electricity.

Dependable service and low rates of the municipal utilities have built good will of the citizens and more than half of the city's customers have authorized the city to draw drafts each month for payment of water and light bills. Several offers have been made by power companies to purchase the Brady plant, but have been promptly rejected.

Brady, is now enjoying a steady growth and the municipal light and water systems have contributed more than their share in this growth. With continued growth of the city it is likely in a few years profits from its utilities will be sufficient to carry a great part of the expense of the city's government.

## East Cisco Baptist Revival

East Cisco Baptist Church will begin a two week's revival meeting Sunday, August 2, and will continue until Sunday, August 16.

Mr. Roy Camp of Fort Worth, who was reared in this section of the country, and who is an outstanding singer of this state, will have charge of the music. He has assisted in a revival meeting here before.

Rev. S. F. Martin, pastor of Lamar Avenue Baptist Church of Wichita Falls, Texas, will do the preaching. He is not a sensationalist, but preaches the plain, simple gospel truth.

The services are scheduled at 10:00 o'clock each morning, and 8:00 o'clock each evening. They will be held under the tabernacle at 511 East Twelfth St.

A most cordial welcome is extended to all to attend these services.

Commissioner Joe Clements has been busy lately with his force, doing some good work on the road leading from highway No. 23 to Randolph college, and it will be in much better condition for the next year's school term. This work was badly needed, and will be greatly appreciated by the many who travel over it.

CrossPlains is now busy making the final preparations for her big annual picnic and farm exhibit which is to be held there on August 6

## Elser Celebrates 80th Birthday In Ft. Worth

A Fort Worth paper makes the following mention of Max Elser, who left here last week to go to that city to visit with relatives and celebrate his 80th birthday, which occurred Wednesday.

Yesterday was the eightieth birthday of Max Elser Sr., builder of the first telegraph line between Fort Worth and Dallas, and pioneer oil man in West Texas—and his son, Maximilian Elser, Jr., New York newspaper syndicate executive, was here in honor of the day.

Elser built the telegraph line in 1874 and operated it for two years until the Texas and Pacific railroad was constructed into Fort Worth. He then built the line all the way to El Paso. He constructed the telegraph lines from Shreveport to New Orleans, Dennison to Austin, and Fort Worth to Wichita Falls.

It is for his activity in the oil industry, however, that Elser is best known. He had the distinction of being the first individual to lease land for oil and gas development between Ranger and El Paso. This was in 1910. At one time he had 45,000 acres under lease—5,000 in Eastland county, 10,000 in Shackelford, and 30,000 in Callahan—and was known as the "Baron of Callahan."

Oddly enough, Elser was an oil man without oil, yet made a fortune because his activities were mainly buying and selling leases and not in drilling. Yet his judgment was so sound that on leases which he at one time held, many producers were drilled. It was not until three years ago that he actually owned his first oil. He has an interest in valuable producing properties adjoining the famous Cook ranch in Shackelford county.

Elser was born near Buffalo, N. Y. For the past dozen years he has lived in Cisco.

The career of his son, Maximilian Elser, Jr. has been a remarkable one. His first newspaper work was on the old Fort Worth Record and later he was on the old Fort Worth Star. At 17 he was a reporter on the New York Sun. There he did publicity work for Anna Pavlova, the New York Philharmonic Orchestra and the Diaghileff Ballet, an entourage of 16 cars.

In the World War he was with the American Expeditionary Forces in Siberia. During his army days he conceived the idea of founding a newspaper syndicate and when he returned to New York the Metropolitan Syndicate was the result. The business grew until the syndicate was one of the best known in the United States. A year ago he sold it, but is still vice president.

He plans to be here until Saturday, when he and his father will visit Cisco. They are visiting Mrs. H. H. Hardy, 1504 College Avenue, daughter of the pioneer oil man. A son, Frank, who lives in New York, has attained fame as a novelist. He was unable to be here for his father's birthday, as he is busy with a play which he is just finishing.

## Awning Burns

The awning on the front of the Piggly-Wiggly store here was destroyed by fire Wednesday afternoon. One plate glass window and four small windows were broken by the heat from the blaze. The loss on the windows was covered by insurance, but the awning, valued at about \$40, was a total loss.

## Gay Lee Newman Victim of Runaway

Gay Lee Newman, 15-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Newman, of Eastland was the victim of a runaway team accident last Friday evening. The accident occurred while Gay Lee was visiting his uncle, Emory Lusk, near Pioneer.

It seems that the boy together with some of the Lusk children took a team of mules and a wagon and went to the pasture to haul some rock. They stopped at a well to get a drink of water, and as they started to get back into the wagon the team started up. Gay Lee was driving, and before he could get hold of the lines the wagon struck a ditch throwing the boy over the dashboard on to the wagon tongue between the mules. This frightened the mules and they began to run, dragging him as they went. Running into a tree the team broke loose from the wagon, and when the boy was reached his right leg was broken in three places, his right arm was almost torn from his body and he had serious internal injuries. The boys were all thrown from the wagon in the accident, but Gay Lee was the only one seriously injured.

The boy was taken to Cross Plains, where physicians advised that he be rushed to a hospital. He was then carried to Rising Star, where he was placed in an ambulance and taken to a hospital in Eastland.

There he was given treatment and operation to try to save the boy's life, but to no avail. He soon became unconscious and lived but a short time.

Funeral services were conducted at the First Methodist church at Eastland, by the pastor, Rev. Geo. W. Shearer, assisted by Rev. Morton pastor of the 12th Street Methodist Church of Cisco. Interment was made in Eastland Cemetery.

Pall bearers were chosen from the Boy Scout troops of which Gay Lee was an active member. It was said that after the accident the boy tried to tell the other boys from some of his knowledge of Boy Scout training how to stop the flow of blood and give emergency treatment. The other boys, however, not being Boy scouts were at a disadvantage in trying to follow Gay Lee's instructions.

## Celebrates Opening New Pavement

Seventeen miles of new concrete pavement, from the Comanche county line to the business section of Brownwood was opened up to traffic Wednesday, and a big celebration was staged over the event. A two mile parade was formed at the junction of Highway No. 10 and Highway No. 129 just outside the city limits of Brownwood. Five Comanche Indians riding painted ponies led the parade through the business section of Brownwood, and four bands took part in the parade, the Ft. Worth Police Band, Old Gray Mare band of Brownwood, and bands from Comanche and Dublin.

After the parade a big barbecue and speaking program was enjoyed by several thousand people assembled in the city park on Pecan Bayou. The speakers included Hilton Burks, secretary of Brownwood Chamber of Commerce, Mayor J. R. Eanes of Comanche, Jewel P. Lightfoot of Ft. Worth and Senator Tom Connally.

In the evening there was an old time square dance, a negro minstrel and also a big ball at Hotel Brownwood.

## Regular Meeting of City Commission

The City Commission met in regular session Monday afternoon, all members being present.

P. W. Campbell of Abilene, representing the West Texas Utilities Company appeared before the Commission and allowed a reduction on electricity used for street lighting in Cisco. The new scale is \$5.00 and \$3.75 for the 400 candle power lights and \$1.12 1-2 for the 60 candle power lights.

There was some discussion concerning a new contract between the City of Cisco and the Lake Cisco Amusement Company. A committee consisting of Geo. D. Fee, J. T. Elliott and J. R. Burnett was appointed to further study this matter and make the necessary arrangements for a new contract.

A committee consisting of J. T. Elliott, J. R. Burnett and Joe Clements was appointed to investigate the delinquent tax deeds of property of the city of Cisco and make recommendations to the Commission.

F. D. Wright, city attorney, was instructed to file answers to suits of the Humble Oil and Refining Co. and W. H. Craddock.

Mayor Berry and Commissioners Fee and Burnett will work with City Attorney Wright in giving attention to the solution of the city bond situation. Communications will be prepared and forwarded to the principal bond holders looking toward some kind on an adjustment which might be satisfactory to all concerned, it is stated.

Action was taken by the commission ordering a street light installed at West Fifth Street and Avenue H, and also another be placed in the negro section of the city.

A communication from some of our neighboring cities was presented asking the cooperation of the city commission here in securing a lower gas rate for this entire section, and Mayor Berry and Commissioner J. R. Burnett will give this matter their special attention.

F. D. DeRossit, city police, was granted a requested vacation, beginning August 15th, and L. E. Vaughn was appointed night desk sergeant for the police department, beginning that date, his salary to be \$100 per month.

A sanitary ordinance was passed concerning outside toilets.

## Will Establish Milk Depot and Refrigeration Plant

W. White, dairyman, with pasteurization plant at Leeray, has leased from J. R. Burnett here a business site 20x50 feet on D avenue, on the former location of the Meglasson grocery store, and is making arrangements to put in a milk depot and milk refrigeration plant there. Erection of the building will start at once, and the necessary equipment immediately installed, and it is hoped to have his place ready for operation soon after the first of August it was announced. Mr. White is an experienced dairyman, and knows just how to meet the most exacting demands of the public in this line of work, and all milk will meet sanitation requirements and be of the very highest standard of quality. He has recently added to a large herd of his own milk cows some other herds here, and will have a good supply to take care of the business which he expects to establish.

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**SHALL WE ACT JUST LIKE A WHIPPED STEP-CHILD?**

The following letter written by Mayor Brown of Mineral Wells to Mayor Brice and city council of Ft. Worth pays a little compliment(?) to Lone Star methods in regard to unreasonable charges. A letter somewhat similar was sent about the same time from the mayor of Wichita Falls. Since that time, Ft. Worth has voted in favor of municipal ownership of the gas system. Indications now are that a number of West Texas towns are making preparations to follow Ft. Worth's example.

Mineral Wells, Texas  
 July 16, 1931  
 Mayor Brice and City Council,  
 Fort Worth, Texas.

Gentlemen:  
 First I want to thank you for the time given a representative body of men from this section of the State, who were in your City in the interest of the gas situation.

I tried to make myself clear as to my attitude. The only interest that I had in the matter was to find a market, if possible, for the use of the surplus gas in this territory. However,

I see from the morning paper where some of the committee are apparently upholding the Lone Star Gas Company. Far be it from me to endorse the principals of this utilities company. Candidly in my judgment Fort Worth rightfully deserves a much cheaper gas rate. I know of one small company, the Hart Oil Company for instance, who they have a contract with to use the production from this field. I understand they are developing some twenty million cubic feet per day and the Lone Star Company is taking only about one million per day. With a surplus of some fifty million cubic feet shut in by the T & P Coal & Oil Company and many other small concerns, we are anxious that this surplus might be utilized.

I have given considerable thought and time in studying the utilities. When statistics show the America dollar has some 30% more purchasing power than in 1926 and the cost of putting down a well has decreased from 30% to 50% and materials, such as pipe, has decreased some 33 one-third per cent, why shouldn't the gas rate at least decrease its prices on a likewise percentage basis. I am for the utilities when they are right but against them when they are wrong. In this instance I do not believe there is a shadow of a doubt but what the gas utilities are reaping a rich harvest at the expense of the public who is sorely hit by this depression.

I admire especially the efforts of your Mr. Monnig and Mr. Jarvis in their courageous fight for what they think is the best interests of your splendid city. It is true that I would like to see the surplus gas used through out this section but rather than to sacrifice what I think is right I would rather go back to the log cabin and the buffalo chips.

Permit me to again thank you for the time given to this delegation from this City whose ef-

forts were as stated above, to see whether Fort Worth might use the output of our surplus gas and not the purpose of defending a utility. I am writing this for the City Commission.  
 \* Again thanking you, I am  
 Yours truly,  
 CHARLTON BROWN,  
 Mayor.

The Lone Star company which has been furnishing Ft. Worth in gas immediately after the election filed suit to secure an injunction to prevent condemning and purchasing of their distributing system. The ballot taken by Ft. Worth also gave the city council the right to proceed with a contract with the Shamrock Natural Gas Company to furnish to that city natural gas at the rate of 30 cents per 1000 feet. The rate for Ft. Worth has been 58 cents per 1000 feet for the past two years.

Question: If the Shamrock Gas Company is interested in supplying Ft. Worth with natural gas at the rate of 30 cents per 1000 feet when Ft. Worth is much farther removed from the gas fields than is Cisco would not the Shamrock or some other reliable company be easily interested in supplying Cisco at a similar rate when Cisco sits right in the middle of one of the best gas fields ever uncovered?

Not long ago the city commission called a meeting to consider and request a lowering of the gas rates now being charged. There was among others in attendance at that meeting Mr. Chase of the Lone Star Company who in the manner of austere superiority assumed by a stern father toward an erring stepchild, in effect said, "What do you mean! You foolish child! Your request is most ridiculous and impossible, and your actions very provoking! How absurd you should think that you know anything at all about what you are doing! Listen to dad now, you ungrateful little simp, and don't you ever let me hear of any such foolish, foolish antics again!"

Is the city commission, is the citizenship of Cisco going to act like a whipped stepchild and "listen to dad," and continue to calmly submit to this high-handed rifling of pockets to satisfy the greedy desire of certain private interests for unreasonable profits? If, under the circumstances which exist here, we as a people do not have any more independence, any more "guts," if you please, than to quietly submit to such treatment, then we do not deserve any better treatment than to be slaves to someone else!

THE OFFICE CAT SEZ:



i toald one uv these Chamber of Kom-murce guys uther day that i wuz startin' a facKtury for convertin cAt meOws into fancy automobEEEL horns, and had decideD on lokatin' in Cisco. i tOald him sum uv the machinery would bee hEar next day, that we speckted to do a hecK uv a biZness, with big pAy roll 'neverthing. i ast him if rekin i coOuld get water fUrished the facKtury on same basis as it had bEn bein' furnished tHe swimmin' pOol. SumhOw he didn't seAm interested in facKturies, cause he just looked at me fierce-like and Yelled, 'Skat!!!' 'nen called thet Old uGly Bull Dog uv hiz. Did i skat? i did!

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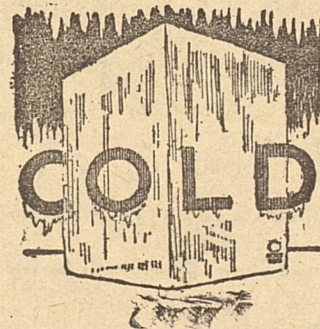
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C. H. Fee has been confined to his room with illness this week.

Bev. Martin and family of Midland were Cisco visitors Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Reid was called to Ft. Worth Tuesday night by a message that her son had been injured in an automobile accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Connie Davis visited in Vernon Sunday.

Mrs. Guy Baldwin of Sherman is a visitor with friends in Cisco this week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Shepard have returned from a short visit in Ft. Worth.

Misses Ethel Mae and Mary Wilson have returned home from a visit at the home of their brother, John Allen Wilson in Cieburne

The Citizen does Job Printing.

Mrs. D. C. Sadler spent the past week visiting in Rotan.

Durward McClelland is visiting with relatives in Ranger this week.

Mrs. R. B. Gustafson and Mrs. Jack Pippin were visitors in Waco Sunday.

C. V. Fox and family returned Monday from spending a few days in Glenrose.

H. O. Westerfelt returned Wednesday night from a business trip to Dallas.

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Mrs. Kate Richardson is visiting in Waco this week with her brother, E. L. Howard.

O. G. Lawson and family left Thursday for a month's visit with relatives in Virginia.

Miss Laverne Cook has returned to her home in Ft. Worth after a visit here for some time with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Mayhew.

Mrs. J. T. McKissick and children are visiting in Mertzon.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Keeter spent a few days in Ft. Worth the past week.

Mrs. H. D'Spain and Miss Rita Troxwell have returned from a visit in Mississippi.

Fielding Lee and family left this week for Midland where they will make their home.

J. L. Lightfoot of the White Star Refinery is spending a few days this week visiting in Arkansas.

Mrs. H. C. Henderson and daughter, Miss Faye are visiting in Stephenville this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jacobs have returned from a trip to San Antonio and Galveston.

Rev. and Mrs. T. J. Bryant have returned from a visit in Dallas with their daughter Miss Pearl.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Burnett had as guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Allen Bibby and son, Mr. and Mrs. C. Bibby of DeLeon, and Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Bibby of Dublin.

C. R. West returned Wednesday from a trip to Houston where he took further treatment at a hospital. He states that bumper crops are in prospect all over that section of the state.

Let The Citizen figure with you on Job Printing.

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Parish and son, LeVeaux returned to their home in Graham Wednesday after a visit with relatives in Cisco.

Among those visiting at Camp Martin on the Llano near Mason Saturday and Sunday were T. C. Williams, Hugh White, Messrs. and Mesdames Will St. John, L. B. Campbell, Ralph Reed, F. D. McMahon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Mayhew and daughters, Misses Elma and Nadine spent the first of the week in Gatesville. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Mayhew's mother, Mrs. J. A. Houston, who has been visiting in Gatesville for some time.

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### Some Wayside Observations

Mr. Editor:

I see from some of your late issues where some of tax payers are waking up. Right they are too, for every tax payer in this town certainly has a right to know where the tax money is going.

One commissioner I notice says he feels like he would be violating his oath if he failed to vote in the interest of the people. Now this deserves some praise, for I have often wondered if some of them had either oath or honor. Another commissioner comes right back and openly admits that the tax payer's money is being spent for private gain—and then turns around and votes to keep it up. What is our town coming to if all our tax payers sit back and let all these things go on knowingly?

Some time ago there was a stock show staged here, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and county agent. Is it not a fact that a Jersey cow with a big wart or bump on her jaw took first money? Would not a cow with this permanent defect been denied entrance in any show on earth where justice ruled?

Why cannot a man stay right even though he has a position of authority mixed up with public trust?

Some of our old city dads had bills against them, but for some mysterious reason the prosecuting attorney would not prosecute. It seems to me that it is ripe time for the citizens of Cisco to appeal to the Governor to send a special prosecutor out to do some work around here.

The farmers are offered 27c and 28c per bushel for their wheat. The market is between 40c and 50c. If we have a chamber of Commerce here why does it not find a way for our local

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### Another Good Will Trip

Cisco business men, accompanied by the Lobo band on good will trips to neighboring towns the last few weeks where open air concerts were given, will make the trip to Moran this week, it is announced. It is planned to make this trip on Saturday afternoon, leaving Cisco at one o'clock. That day is trades day at Moran, and Cisco has received a special invitation to be thus represented there.

It had been planned to make a trip to Putnam this evening, but was abandoned on account of a revival meeting now in progress there. The band will entertain Cisco people at the Union Station park this evening from 8 to 9 o'clock, and the general public is invited.

### Ranger Theatre Held Up

A young man entered the office of the Arcadia Theatre at Ranger Saturday night and at the point of a little automatic forced the manager, Ty Grasiano, to hand over the day's receipts, amounting to about \$200. The robber gave Mr. Grasiano orders to remain in his office for five minutes after he left, and hurriedly made his escape in a car which he had parked near by.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bernie have returned from a visit with relatives in Massachusetts and New York.

Burette Patterson returned Thursday night from a business trip to Fort Worth.

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Peanut Butter, Pint Jar - 20c

Full Cream Cheese, lb. - 20c

Swift Jewel Compound, 8 lb. Bucket - 93c

Pears, Del Monte, No. 2 1-2 Can, - 24c

Grape Juice, Pint Bottle - 19c

Bacon, Northern Sugar Cured, lb. - 24c

Creamery Butter, lb. - 28c

Crackers, 2 lb. Box - 25c

Powdered Brown Sugar, 3 1-lb. Packages - 24c

Comet Rice, 2 Packages - 15c

Sour Pickles, 1-Qt. Jar - 19c

farmers to get market price for their wheat by pooling and shipping same?

These are just a few little matters we mention in passing that deserve some attention. Their neglect is helping to throw a bad light on Cisco—and Cisco certainly has some of as good people as can be found anywhere. Why should the entire citizenship suffer because of the acts of a few?

Men and tax payers, speak out and stand out for what you know to be right—and let's just keep on yelling till some cleaning up and straightening out is done for us around this town.

Another Tax Payer.

John F. Patterson has returned from a visit of some time with relatives in California.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ely announce that the next annual Texas State Camp Meeting of the Church of God, which has been held at Gorman for a number of years will this year be held on the campus of Warner Memorial University at Eastland. The date will be August 2 to August 9th, inclusive, and some very prominent speakers from several different states are expected.

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