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The Cross Plains Review

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CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS,

"When The One Great Scorer Comes To Write Against Your Name He Writes Not If You Won Or Lost But How You Played The Game"

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HOME TOWN GOSSIP



Towns along the coast brag about their sea breeze, in the mountain sections they laud the grandeur of their scenery and the healthiness of the ozone. In California, Florida and Arizona, it's the sunshine the boosters speak of.

But this section has an aspect better known than any of the above mentioned. Yet hitherto the chambers of commerce and service clubs have spoken only in hushed tones of our "unusualness", which is a genuine March sandstorm.

It's time we begin to advertise the beauty of our floating acres. Ah, how gilded is the atmosphere in a Cross Plains sandstorm. We might even go further and get some well known technician to endorse our soil because of its "air conditioned" qualities. And it is certainly "air conditioned" for Wednesday afternoon the air was diluted with fertile barnyard soil.

Yes, here's a real opportunity. Cross Plains should step out and begin to tell the world about the beauty of our sandstorms; acres tinted with gold floating majestically high over head, and the advantages of fruits, vegetables and etc. grown in this territory from "air conditioned" soil.

What this town needs is somebody to herald to the world the advantages of our section. We'd even do it ourselves were we not troubled with making a living.

Not so many years ago Marion Harvey was president of the local country club, and his good friend Ted Smith was secretary.

Clothed with executive authority Marion overlooked no opportunity to "pass the buck" to Ted and generally made it pretty "tuff" for the obedient under-official.

But now the tide has changed and Ted sits in the presidential seat and Marion the secretarial. This thing may get interesting if Ted sees fit to turn the tables.

Bluford Webb is so fond of dancing that when he dies and is laid out, his feet will still be jigging, his wife opines. And from the enthusiasm we saw him demonstrate doing the "square" recently we are prone to agree with Mrs. Webb.

Well, well, and a couple of ahs; the contest launched by this department last week to determine Cross Plains' most valuable citizen is well underway. Nominations have been coming in faster than rumors of a scandal.

The contest will close Thursday afternoon, March 21, sharply at five o'clock. Under no conditions will any votes be received after that date; for indications are now that it will take all night to make the tabulation. Results will be revealed in this column week after next.

Remember an attractive award will be presented the person who is acclaimed. "Cross Plains Most Valuable Citizen." If you have not voted, do so today. Merely fill out the ballot below and bring, send or mail to the Review office.

The "Most Valuable Citizen Contest" should be made an annual affair. It will stimulate public-spiritedness, interest in our city and result in better things for the ol' home town.

Do your bit, vote today. Everybody is a candidate (save the author of this column).

MOST VALUABLE CITIZEN
My choice of Cross Plains' most valuable citizen is:

Ted Smith Is Named President Of Phil Pe Co

MARION HARVEY IS ELECTED SECRETARY FOR ANOTHER YEAR

Ted R. Smith, manager of the Oil Well Supply Company here, was named president of the Phil Pe Co country club at the annual meeting of stockholders in Pioneer high school building Friday night. Other officers elected were C. E. Williams, vice-president and Marion Harvey was re-elected secretary.

Directors for the ensuing year are to be: Fred Roberds, Fred Tunnell, Jack Embry, L. C. Cash, Willis Brown, Babe Wood, W. B. Baldwin.

Committees named by president Smith are as follows:

Greens: J. H. Gregg, W. B. Nicholson, and Porter Davis.

Entertainment: Arlie Brown, Frank Robertson, W. E. Tyler, and Arthur Mitchell.

Tennis: Jack Scott and Jacob Dupree.

Beach: Marion Harvey was delegated to handle this work unassisted.

Fish: W. S. Carter, W. E. Tyler, John Browning.

Tournament: M. S. Sellers, C. E. Williams, Jim Settle and Wilbur Wright.

Boats: O. L. Dixon and Mack G. Underwood.

20 members of the local club were in attendance at the meeting Friday night. Plans were outlined to make the club more attractive for the ensuing year.

PETIT JURORS FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS ARE LISTED HEREUNDER

Petit jurors for the second week, March 11 to 16—are: Jim Barr, Cross Plains; H. W. Plozman, star route two Baird; H. N. Ebert, Baird; W. E. Smith, route one Clyde; H. G. Broadfoot, Clyde; Roy Campbell, Oplin; J. C. Blalock, route two Clyde; E. R. Peavy, Cottonwood; T. H. Dix, Clyde; John Bailey, Clyde; R. N. Brock, route one Clyde; James E. Ross, Baird; Earnest Higgins, star route one Baird; Henry Betcher, route two Clyde; John K. McKenzie, route two Clyde; Bill Harwell, Clyde; J. A. Howell, route one Baird; Lester R. Bush, Cottonwood; E. R. Rutledge, Clyde; Loran Everett, Putnam; Dick Young, Baird; J. D. Conlee, Cross Plains; Milo A. Jones, Baird; C. Barlow Young, route one Clyde; Cecil A. Nichols, route one Baird; A. R. Cavanaugh, route one Cross Plains; Fred Wylie, Moran route; C. D. Brown, Baird; John Jordan, Oplin; Olan Elliott, Moran route; Fred Cook, Putnam; S. S. Harwell, Oplin; G. H. Clifton, Cross Plains; Chester Allen, Moran; N. M. George, Baird; R. F. Joy, Cottonwood; Aron McKee, Clyde; C. J. Ault, Clyde; S. G. Jones, route four Cisco; J. R. Duncan, route one Baird.

Petit jurors for the third week—March 18 to 23 are as follows: W. M. Isenhour, Jr., Putnam; C. H. Fox, Abilene route; Cleve Callaway, Cross Plains; G. W. Coats, Baird; W. B. McCollum, Clyde; Roy Cutbirth, Baird; Bill Calhoun, Cross Plains; O. F. Bennett, Cottonwood; J. B. Eubanks, Putnam; Albert Betcher, Jr., Ovalo route; J. L. Farmer, route one Clyde; A. W. Gibson, route one Clyde; L. M. Green, Clyde; H. L. Thornton, Abilene route; Everett Williams, Putnam; D. S. McGee, Baird; George Baum, route one Cross Plains; R. H. Rorrisset, Abilene route; F. L. Wristen, Baird; A. E. Dallas, Baird; H. L. Harris, route one.

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DISCIPLES OF BLUE BACK SPELLING TO VIE AT CROSS CUT

How often have you heard: "Well spelling aint what it was when we studied the blue-back spelling book?"

Well the blue-backers are going to have their turn at Cross Cut Wednesday night of next week, when a match open to all comers will be held by the P.T.A. of that place.

There will be no admission charge and the entire public is invited, according to an announcement from Superintendent W. T. Hughes yesterday.

The only money consideration in the event is: a 10 cent fine will be assessed each person present who refuses to attempt to spell.

RED & WHITE STORE MEETING HELD HERE

Porter J. Davis' Red and White Store here was host Wednesday night to the regular monthly sales meeting of Red and White store-managers and employees, of this district. Representatives were present from Coleman, Cross Plains, Echo, Dule, Bangs, Valera and Talpa.

Trends of 1935 and '36 advertising outlined for the Red and White system were shown and explained then compared with the advertising procedure employed in the infancy of the industry. Other strides toward greater business were also discussed.

Refreshments were served to 15 guests.

FIRE DESTROYS HOUSE HERE WEDNESDAY NOON

Fire which originated from a cooking stove completely destroyed the residence occupied by Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Kelly and family in the East part of town Wednesday at noon. Very little of the furniture or house-hold effects was saved. The residence was owned by Henry McCoy, of Albany.

Happenings Of Interest In Capitol City Reported For Review By Aubra Dodson

After having a cup of "java" recently and handing my nickel to a very pleasant little lady, I thought I noticed in the twinkle of her eye the resemblance of someone I had known. My curiosity got the best of me. I asked her pardon and inquired if she had ever lived up in the Cross Plains part of Texas. She had. She was formerly the Miss Lilly DeBusk, the lovely daughter of Tip DeBusk, pioneer of the Cross Plains and Cross Cut section.

She is now Mrs. Jerry Joslin. I met her husband, a darn fine fellow. She assured me that he was the finest and from the smile that he gave her, one had no doubt that he felt the same way about her. Mr. Joslin is connected with an Austin bakery and Lilly is adding to the family income with her ever present smile—her "thank you" and "be sure to come back agains" as Cashier for the Longhorn Waffle Shop, one of the capitol city's swankiest dining places.

There lives in Austin a true native son of Cross Plains and he deserves the title of "The Cross Plains Boy Who Made Good In Austin". He is rarely seen away from his office during the day as he maintains the old reputation of sticking to the job. But if you

Calves, Pigs And Lambs Bring Fancy Price In Stock Show

Better than 12 cents per pound was paid for prize winning fat calves in the second annual F.F.A. fat stock show here Saturday. Top lambs and hogs sold at seven cents. \$107.50 in prizes was awarded by Cross Plains merchants.

H. N. Smith, professor of Animal Husbandry at John Tarleton College, Stephenville, acted as judge.

The show was the second held here by the local F.F.A. chapter, under the direction of V. A. Underwood instructor. 20 students exhibited stock which had been fed as vocational agriculture projects.

The prize winning calf fed by Deel Edington drew the blue ribbon and a cash prize of \$12.50. The animal sold at public auction for 12.05 cents per pound live weight to local buyers.

Second place in calves went to Everett Edington's animal. He drew a prize of \$10.00. The calf sold to local buyers for 11.95 cents live weight to local buyers.

Third place was won by a calf fed by Hadden Payne. Prize was \$8.00. The calf brought 11.45 at auction, also to local buyers.

Fourth place went to an animal fed by Clifton Fortune. Other prize winners: Garth Fortune, Leo McDermott, Frances McDermott,

WELL KNOWN LOCAL COUPLE WED MONDAY

Mrs. Loran Barr and Raymond DeBusk, both of this locality, were united in marriage at Brownwood, Monday. The ceremony came as a surprise to the many friends of the couple in Cottonwood, Cross Plains, and Burkett.

At present the couple is making their home at the DeBusk place near Burkett.

Mrs. F. T. Scott, of San Angelo, visited in the home of Mrs. George B. Scott here this week.

Mrs. A. G. Crabb, of San Angelo, visited her daughter, Mrs. Paul Boase Wednesday and Thursday.

BAPTIST WORKERS MEET AT SCRANTON

Scranton Baptist church will be host to the regular monthly meeting of the Baptist Workers Conference March 12. An all day session, beginning at 10 in the morning and ending 2:40 in the afternoon, is planned. Theme of the program will be "Missions".

Those who are to take part on the program are: Rev. Joe R. Mayes, Rev. Mr. Ivey, Rev. H. H. Summers, Elizabeth Jobe, Rev. J. D. Brannon, Mrs. M. F. Richardson, Mrs. J. L. Anthony, Dr. C. A. Voyles and Rev. Mr. Priddy.

Grian Williams and Phillip Bingham were Rising Star visitors Tuesday evening.

Southwest Gas Co. To Close Offices Here After First

Effective after Saturday all M.K.&T. trains from DeLeon to Cross Plains will operate on an every other day schedule, it was announced from the rail road's headquarters Monday morning. A decision granting the scheduled change was handed down by the Texas Rail Road Commission Saturday.

TWO ELECTION ARE CARDED FIRST WEEK IN APRIL; 2 AND 6

Two election are docketed for voters here during the first week in April. The first: city election, at which time only one Alderman is to be chosen will be held Tuesday, April second. The second: school election, is carded Saturday April sixth.

T. D. Little, whose term on the city council will expire in April is the only member of the city governing body to either be replaced or re-elected. It was not known yesterday whether Mr. Little would seek re-election. No nominations for the place have been filed with City Clerk S. M. Buatt, the Review was told.

Balloting in the school election will be held at Sabanno as well as Cross Plains, both places as a result of consolidation comprising the same district. No nominations for the place of trustee have been filed to date.

DRESSY CLUB MEETS AT F. W. STACY HOME

The Dressy Home Demonstration Club met in regular session Thursday of last week at the home of Mrs. F. W. Stacy with 22 members present.

Blocks to the club suit were put together as the main diversion of the afternoon. A short program was rendered, and after which a party in honor of Mrs. B. M. Baum, a member who is moving to Denton, was planned.

A refreshment plate of fruit salad, cake and hot chocolate was passed to members and Mrs. Perry Jeanes, Mrs. Reese Turner, Mrs. G. W. Jeanes and Miss Ruth Jeanes.

The next meeting of the club will be held at the home of Mrs. C. D. Baird, March 14. The meeting will be called to order at one o'clock. County Home Demonstration Agent Miss Vida Moore will be present.

CROSS BARBER SHOP IS MOVED TO NORTH MAIN

Bill Cross Barber Shop was moved this week from South Main Street to the north half of the building formerly occupied by McDonald Furniture Company, between the West Texas Utilities Company and Neeb Produce.

MUSIC SCHOOL IS BEING HELD AT LOCAL CHURCH

A school of music instruction is being held at the Cross Plains Church of Christ each Tuesday evening. The school, a federal government emergency educational project, is free to the entire public. Mrs. Florence Beakley is the instructor.

S. T. Cobb, of Coleman, was a business visitor here Thursday.

Chas. F. Hemphill was a business visitor in Cisco Tuesday.

RUN FROM HERE TO DELEON SCHEDULED EVERY OTHER DAY

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The every other day service will begin Monday. Trains are to arrive here on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. The last train to operate on the present schedule will be Saturday.

A public hearing in which the rail road petitioned authority to make the change was held in Cisco last month, with a representative of the commission gathering evidence. No decision was handed down at that time, however, and it was not until Saturday that authority for the alteration was granted.

Several families will leave here as a result of the action. Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur (Skipper) Wright are going to DeLeon. It was not known yesterday where other members of the crew would be transferred. The Review was told, however that Mr. and Mrs. Joe Blitch and family would remain here until after the close of the present school term, although Mr. Blitch will probably work out of DeLeon.

Official of the rail road confided that as soon as bus justifies, the former schedule be resumed and the train crew perhaps move back to Cross Plains. It was also intimated, however those in authority that unless the road can show a profit on the every other day schedule that application may be made for irregular service from Cross Plains to DeLeon, which would mean a train only when freight justifies.

If a good grain crop is made in this section and business conditions in general show improvement, it is believed that the every other day service may be of short duration.

ANIMAL TRAINER GIVES LOW DOWN ON CAT JEALOUSY

The incomparable Clyde R. star of the Mascot serial, "The Jungle", which is scheduled to play at the Liberty Theatre Sunday, doesn't claim to be the only animal trainer ever to enter a cage with both lions and tigers, but he does admit that he is the first performer ever to mix the big cats in large numbers and also to have both sexes in the cage at once.

Beatty uses anywhere from thirty-two to forty lions and tigers in his circus act. Lions and tigers are natural enemies and it necessitates much more extreme training to work with them together than it does to put on an act with species or the other. And the use of complicating matters further, Beatty has brought lionesses and tigeresses, and handling both the girls and the boys is no mean job.

Lions and tigers, like men and women, have one predominant vice in their sex relations; they are terribly jealous—in fact that is where the expression "as jealous as a cat" originated. Beatty has had plenty serious scraps on his hands due to a flirtatious lioness or lady tiger, but he manages to keep his cats in pretty good spirits, and due to careful manipulations, he can foretell when a battle is brewing and often acts a Beatrice Fairfax for wild animals.

Beatty is supported in "The Lost Jungle" by Cecelia Parker and a large cast of screen favorites. The entire Hagenbeck-Wallace Menagerie is also part of the show.

Aubra Dodson

Social Activities

J. T. A. C. DEAN WOMEN LAUDS CROSS PLAINS GIRLS COLLEGE WORK

The Review is in receipt of carbon copies of letters from Mary Hope Westbrook, dean of women of John Tarleton Agriculture College at Stephenville, to parents of three Cross Plains students, in which the educator commends the fine records made by each of the former Cross Plains high school students.

Miss Martha Jackson, the letter to her parents Mr. and Mrs. L. Jackson here says, has made the honor roll for excellent work done in the fine arts departments, in which she is specializing.

Miss Fanoria Neeb has the distinction of being one of 24 students making all four honor rolls for the current year, the letter to her parents Mr. and Mrs. Martin Neeb says. Fanoria is a literary student.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. McDermett are also advised by Miss Westbrook that their daughter, Clara Nell McDermett likewise an honor student in the institution. She too is a literary student, specializing in Journalism.

WHOLESALE FIRM PUTS SALESMAN IN LOCALITY

Claude Chastain, Rising Star groceryman for a number of years, is now traveling this area for the Elkins Wholesale Grocery, at Rising Star, the Review was told yesterday.

C. E. Walker, manager of the wholesale department, made the following announcement in an interview Wednesday morning.

"All heavy merchandise will be assigned to small merchants, who are a new plan in the grocery business. We want the stores of this locality to have as low prices as anywhere and this will be possible by cooperating with us," he said.

FREE PLAY CARDED AT COTTONWOOD NEXT WEEK

"Old Fashioned Mother", a three act play, will be presented in the Cottonwood high school gymnasium Friday night of next week the Review was told Wednesday. The play is produced by Miss Missouri Strahan's adult school and Mrs. Sam Moore's singing school. There will be no admission charge.

Moreland Baldwin and Keith Moore of Abilene visited here over the week end.

LOWE HOME IS SCENE OF PARTY THURSDAY

Mrs. W. R. Lowe entertained the contract bridge club with three tables of bridge at her home last Thursday afternoon.

The color scheme of green and white was carried out in bridge accessories and decorations.

Mrs. Jesse McAdams won high score.

A refreshments plate of green salad, sandwiches, tinted green, and coffee was passed to the following guests: Mmes. C. G. Morris, Ben Garner, Jim Settle, Wilbur Wright, Ed. Schaffner Jr., Fred Cutbirth, V. A. Underwood, Don McCall, Jesse McAdams, Nat Williams, Odie Cannon, S. R. Jackson, and the hostess.

The next club meeting will be with Mrs. T. S. Holden, Thursday afternoon.

CLUB IS ENTERTAINED AT MRS. McADAMS HOME

Mrs. Jesse McAdams was hostess to the Wednesday bridge club when she entertained the Wednesday bridge club with two tables of bridge at her home Tuesday afternoon.

A refreshment plate of pineapple cake topped with whipped cream, and coffee was passed to the following guests: Mmes. C. G. Morris, Wilbur Wright, Ben Garner, Fred Cutbirth, Henry McGowen, W. R. Lowe, T. S. Holden, and the hostess.

LOCAL K of P LODGE CONFERS WORK MONDAY NIGHT AT BROWNWOOD

Members of Cross Plains' Knights of Pythias lodge journeyed to Brownwood Monday night, where they conferred work upon six candidates. Those making the trip from here were: Stanley Clark, Morgan Harlow, Clyde Sims, Edwin Baum, Frank Cross, Orba Booth, Jack Lacy, Hulan Barr, Bob Clark, R. E. Dorsey, J. G. Perry, Fred Burgin, O. T. Laws, A. O. Harris, Roy Lee Little, Herbert Placke, Sam Barr and Jack Scott.

Miss Helen Grace Gray visited Misses Clara Nell McDermett and Fanoria Neeb in Stephenville over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Garner had as their guests over the week end Mr. and Mrs. Byron Rogers of Dallas.

CLUB ENTERTAINED AT C. R. COOK HOME

Mrs. C. R. Cook was hostess to the Forty-two club when she entertained with two tables of forty two at her home last Thursday afternoon.

A refreshment plate consisting of congealed salad, crackers, pickles, and coffee was served to the following guests: Mmes. H. A. Young, L. M. Henson, W. A. Williams, Eli Powell, George Scott, Clarence Martin, Walter Rudloff, and the hostess.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. L. M. Henson Thursday afternoon.

SCHOOL BEAUTIFICATION IS UNDERWAY AT PIONEER

A school beautification project, under the sponsorship of the F.F.A. chapter, is now underway at Pioneer, 34 shade trees have been reset, the road leading into the school campus is being improved and a cattle guard at the entrance rebuilt.

Leveling, fertilizing and drainage work are being done to the athletic field and campus proper. The Review is informed by W. B. Gunn, reporter for the Pioneer F.F.A. chapter.

Dr. and Mrs. T. G. Edwards had as their guests over the week end Mrs. Edwards parents of Waco.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Blitch visited in DeLeon over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh Freeman of Albany visited Mrs. Freeman parents here over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. George Neil were Comanche visitors Tuesday.

SHERIFF'S SALE

State of Texas County of Callahan.

By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Bell County on the 22nd day of January 1935, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of H. C. Glenn, as Receiver for Temple Trust Company, a private corporation, versus Edna L. Boyer-Anderson, T. W. Anderson; G. C. Boyer and Higginbotham Bros. & Company.

No. 21,329, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the First Tuesday in April, A. D. 1935, it being the 2nd day of said month, before the Court House door of said Callahan County, in the town of Baird the following described property, to wit: A part of the D. Millican Survey 846 in Callahan County, Texas, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEGINNING at a point 360 ft. N. of the N. W. corner of Block 3, Central Addition to the City of Cross Plains, Callahan County, Texas;

THENCE S. 90 feet to corner; THENCE E. 140 feet to corner; THENCE N. 90 feet to corner; THENCE W. 140 feet to place of beginning.

Levied on as the property of G. C. Boyer to satisfy a judgment to \$2028.73 in favor of H. C. Glenn, as Receiver for Temple Trust Company, a private corporation, and cost of suit.

Given under my hand, this 4th day of March 1935.

R. L. EDWARDS, Sheriff.
By C. R. NORDYKE, Deputy

One collector says that some day our U. S. coins are going to be rare and much sought after. Where does he get that "some day" idea?

LOCAL F. F. A. CHAPTER BUSY DURING FEBRUARY

290 fruit trees and 27 shade trees were pruned; and 5104 yards of terrace lines were run, while 27-100 yards of old terrace lines were rebuilt by members of Cross Plains F.F.A. Chapter, during February.

Nine leather halters used on baby beeves in the second annual F.F.A. Fat Stock Show were made by Hugh McDermett and Bill Wagner and the leather was tanned by the F. F. A. chapter and the adviser.

Moreland Baldwin who is attending Abilene Christian College at Abilene spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Baldwin.

Mrs. Fred Burgin, Mrs. Edwin Baum and Mrs. Jack Scott were visitors in Abilene Thursday.

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- * **BIRTHDAY STRIP** *
- * W. J. Cross, Fri. March 1 *
- * A. Bertrand Sat March 2 *
- * Olan Mitchell Sat March 2 *
- * Mrs. Ira Loving Sat March 2 *
- * Mrs. W. D. Clapp Sun March 3 *
- * Mrs. E. T. Harlow Thur Mar 7 *
- * Mrs. L. W. Westerman Mar 8 *
- * Leonard Davidson March 11 *
- * Neul Ike Childs, March 12 *
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CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

FOR SALE: Garage and almost new electric stove.
Mrs. W. C. Adams, 4tp

Bryan's Barber Shop, now open next door to Davis Red & White Grocery, Haircuts, 15c; Shaves 15c.

"TREE TALK"

Time to plant fruit trees, pecan trees, walnuts, roses, evergreens, shrubbery.

We have largest stock in West Texas, give you good service, and appreciate your business.

SHANKS NURSERY
Clyde and Abilene.

PERCHERON STALLION for service, see R. E. Edington, 8 miles West of Cross Plains. 3tp

FOR TRADE—House and lot in Amarillo, for good car. 3tp

FOR HIRE—Stock trailer and four wheel trailer. Good condition, new tires.

Garrett Motor Co. 4tp

SALE OR TRADE—Three gallon Jersey milk cow.

4t Merlin Garrett

Take care of the pennies and it won't be long until the government will find some sort of tal to take care of your dollars.

When a man gets above fifty he learns that two-thirds of the gossip he hears is untrue and the other third a darned lie.

PROTECTION

You can be sure of the cost of our protection, but can you be sure what it might "Cost" your dependents for you to be without it.

'An established, reputable insurance concern qualified to handle your every insurance need at a minimum cost.

COLEMAN MUTUAL INS. ASS'N.

Our Cross Plains Representative is

R. S. [Bob] Gaines

HIGGINBOTHAM'S

PRESENTING THE SEASONS

MOST FASHIONABLE WEAVES FOR SPRING IN PIECE GOODS

AT MONEY SAVING PRICES

NEW SPRING SILKS
40 Inch Silks shown in all the newest colors stripes plaids solids and color combinations. —

Only

98c yard

Words fail to adequately describe the beauty of their colorings and the irresistible charm of their patterns. You must come in and view them.

SOFTIE HATS

See our Softie Hats in brimmed styles, off the face models, rolled brims and many other shapes, including Berets, and color. Special at—

39c 59c 98c

Cotton Piece Goods

Pie-Pon, a new corded fabric in stripes, plaid and solids. Special per yd 29c
Linene, the favored material in twelve different shades. Full yard wide—Special per yd 25c
Piques, full 36 inches guaranteed fast in solid stripes and plaids. Special per yd 25c
54 Inch woolens, for making Spring Coats priced at only \$1.19 per yd.
36 inch Prints full yd wide guaranteed fast lots of pretty new patterns. Only 15c the yd.

One Group 1000 yds. Prints
In All New Patterns
19c Value for only 15c Yard

GET

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SPRING

Wash Frocks
Sizes 2 to 52
Price 59c, 89c & up
Ladies Linen and Knit Suits
Sizes 14 to 20
Price \$4.95 and up
Silk Dresses
Size 14 to 44
Price \$3.95 and up



ADDED SPECIALS FOR QUICK SELLING

MANHATTAN SHIRTS

We have the new Manhattan shirts for Spring. "The best known, known as the best." \$1.95

THE new Mansco Athletic Shirts and shorts with the famous label of The Manhattan Shirt Co., sewed in each garment. There's style, quality, and fine workmanship in this underwear for men. It doesn't bind or pull, it fits the way well-tailored underwear should fit. The three button waistband and a great variety of fabrics and colors.

For the Men

MENS OXFORDS
New Spring Oxfords in black-brown and white. \$1.95 to \$4.95

MENS SPRING FELT HATS
New Spring felt hats in grey, blue, tans, oyster and black. \$2.95 to \$3.95

TIES! TIES!
One big assortment of New Spring Ties with the new clasp fastener. A tie you would expect to pay 75c for extra special only 50c

SHOES

One big assortment of ladies white ties and the white and brown combination, also the black pump Special \$1.95 pair

MENS OXFORDS

Sizes 6 to 11

We have just received a new black oxfords with medium toe, Regular \$2.95 value extra special, \$1.95 the pair



"DOWN AT THE HEEL"

work is our specialty. Prompt attention to worn heels makes your shoes keep their shape better and wear longer.

Gautney's Shoe Shop

Announcement

Elkins and Company wish to announce the completion of their stock in the separate wholesale house at Rising Star.

This wholesale house is for the benefit of merchants of Cross Plains and surrounding communities, as well as Rising Star and surrounding communities.

The prime motive is to help keep the rail road here. It is the duty of every Cross Plains merchant to cooperate in this movement. We expect to have everything shipped in carload lots, as near as possible. And can, of course, have as low a price as any jobber in the state.

We intend to especially help small merchants and will appreciate a hearing when our salesmen call.

We have delivery service on Tuesday and Saturday.

ELKINS

Wholesale Grocery

RISING STAR, TEXAS

HIGGINBOTHAM BROS. & Co.

Cross Plains, Texas

Tom Blanton Airs Townsend Old Age Pension Plan; Says Idea Is Ridiculous, Absurd, And Impossible

Washington, D. C. The Townsend Club, Mineral Wells, Texas.

Gentlemen: I have your communication of the 21st instant, stating that you represent 1,500 voters in Mineral Wells and have the signatures of 2,000 voters in Palo Pinto county and the signatures of 40,000 of the best people in my congressional district, who demand that I support the Townsend old-age pension bill or resign my position; that, if I refuse to help pass it, you will defeat me for reelection and that the Townsend followers will become radicals and "wreck the government."

It would seem that your Dr. Townsend has already become a radical and is seeking to wreck the government. This afternoon's Waington Star, just off the press, with the headlines, "Townsend talks about revolution," and "Tells Press Club 30,000,000 followers will insist on pension plan," states:

"The casual prediction that his followers will overturn the government of the United States if it refuses to put into effect his old-age revolving pension plan was voiced by Dr. F. E. Townsen at a luncheon at the National Press Club yesterday."

When you and Dr. Townsend threaten revolution, you don't represent the same splendid people I represent. They don't wreck governments. They believe in an orderly government. They believe in a stable government. They are not Dillingers, who with drawn guns say "Stand and deliver". They want a government that pays its debts and is good for its obligations. They want to preserve their government, and they know I will do all I can to preserve it.

My constituents elected me, and have kept me in office, because they have learned that they can depend upon me absolutely to fearlessly perform my duty at all times and under all circumstances regardless of consequences.

Threats do not scare me. I have been threatened many times for doing my duty. Opposition doesn't scare me. I have been opposed

many times for doing my duty. Abuse doesn't scare me. I have been abused many times for doing my duty. Attacks do not scare me. I have been attacked many times for doing my duty. I have received threats of violence and even of death because I did my duty.

I am against the Townsend plan because there is no possible way under heaven to raise that much money. I am against it because it would bankrupt and wreck the government.

Dr. Townsend claims that there are only 8,000,000 persons over 60 years of age in the United States, and to pay them \$200 per month would cost the government \$19,200,000,000 per year. But our reliable expert government actuaries all agree that to pay every person in the United States over 60 years of age \$200 per month together with the administration expense necessary and incident thereto would require the sum of \$24,000,000,000 per year. Dr. Townsend does not deny it. All are now agreed that it will cost \$24,000,000,000 per year.

It might be possible, if the government had the money. It might be possible, if by some means the government could raise that much money. But there is no possible way on earth or under heaven for the government to raise \$24,000,000,000 extra per year. All of the governments on earth put together could not raise \$24,000,000,000 per year.

Our entire combined revenues from all sources of taxation last year amounted to only 3,700,000, which is less than one-sixth of what Dr. Townsend proposes to pay each year in old-age pensions alone. If we had paid these total revenues for last year of \$3,700,000,000 on old-age pensions we would have had to raise an additional \$20,300,000,000 more in order to have been able to pay \$200 per month to all persons over 60 years of age. Where would we have gotten it? The proposed sales tax mentioned by Dr. Townsend wouldn't raise enough to pay the actual expense of administering it, and is so utterly ridiculous and absurd to any person posted on government finances,

business and taxation that it is not worthy of consideration.

I wish that you gentlemen could know just how very hard it is for your government to raise the \$3,700,000,000 it received in total revenues last year, and when you would understand just how absolutely impossible it would be for this government to raise \$24,000,000,000 extra to pay the Townsend pensions.

After taxing incomes, inheritances, gasoline, tobacco, liquors of all kinds, the nuisance taxes, the excise taxes, the 2-cent tax on bank checks, extra postal rates and all other taxes, this government last year could not raise but \$3,700,000,000 in total revenues, from all sources. Now compare that with the stupenous sum of \$24,000,000,000 needed for the Townsend plan. Can't you see that it is simply out of the question? Can't you see that it is impossible? Can't you see that it is ridiculous? Can't you see that it is absurd?

You wouldn't have any respect for me if I voted for such a monstrosity. You would not have any confidence in me if I told you I would vote for it and help pass it. Because if it were passed, it could not be executed. It would not be possible to raise the money. The government could not make the payments. The people would not receive their \$00. They would find out that congress had handed them a gold brick. Don't you think that it is cruel and unpardonable for any person to attempt to fool and disappoint eight or ten million old men and women and lead them to believe that they will be paid \$200 per month when there is no possible chance on earth to pay them? I am not going to fool my constituents. I am not going to mislead them. I am not going to disappoint them. I want them to have confidence in me. I want them to believe in me. I want them to know that they can depend on me. And they do know it.

Some constituents insist that the minimum age should be 58; some demand that it be 55; some threaten that it must be 50; and even some want it to begin at 45 years;

and some have insisted that the amount should be \$250; and a few have written that they think the pension should be \$300 per month, as that would put more money in circulation. As a matter of fact, \$300 per month at 45 years and over would be just as possible as \$200 per month beginning at 60 years and over, because both are absolutely impossible.

A prominent former official of Palo Pinto county writes me that he signed under a misapprehension of facts.

A prominent official of Eastland county, who is a man of strict honor and integrity and an unusually highclass citizen, writes me:

"Some time during the month of November an attorney from Fort Worth came to this county and made several talks favoring the Townsend old-age pension plan and urged our people to secure all signatures possible to petitions urging you and the senators to support the plan. A dozen or more petitions were circulated over the county and 3,000 signatures were secured."

I feel sure that none of them knew that the Townsend plan would cost each year \$20,300,000,000 more than our entire total revenues were last year from all sources of taxation.

It is immaterial whether or not Dr. Townsend has collected anything from his followers. On October 15, 1934, he wrote me respecting his Townsend clubs: "The only demand of members is that they purchase a booklet at 25 cents." That came from his office. That was his statement, not mine. In his address yesterday he claimed he now has 30,000,000 members. So far as I know he may not have collected 25 cents from any of them. He was the one who said he collected 25 cents from members. What he has collected is immaterial. That which is material is the fact that it is impossible for the United States to raise \$24,000,000,000, or \$19,200,000,000, or even 10,000,000,000 additional to the revenues we now raise, which altogether last year totaled only \$3,700,000,000.

As I have said many times before, I am in favor of a sane, possible oldage pension such as was outlined by the president the other day. I have been in favor of it for several years. We must care for our aged men and women. I am for more concerned about the aged men and women in my district than is Dr. Townsend. I know them. He doesn't. I am their representative. He is not. I sympathize deeply with all of their many problems, about which he knows practically nothing. We have passed an old age pension in the last congress, but the president wasn't ready for it. But he then promised us that he would approve it this session. He is ready for it now. And we are going to pass it this session. And we would pass it if Dr. Townsend had never been born.

Your friend,
THOMAS L. BLANTON

B. M. BAUMS HONORED AT DRESSY SATURDAY

Ladies of the Dressy community H. D. Club honored Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Baum, Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Stacy, with a farewell party. Mr. and Mrs. Baum are moving to Denton.

After an enjoyable evening of forty two and intermittent music by string orchestra, a large box containing "parting gifts" from Dressy friends was presented the honored guests.

A refreshment plate of sandwiches, cake and hot chocolate was passed to 48 guests.

An Iowa relief administrator insists that persons who can drive cars do not need relief money. Hasn't that fellow ever seen a garage bill?

A clever politician is a man who can climb on the rear of a bandwagon as it passes and then make the public believe he was driving the thing from the start.

A scientist has succeeded in isolating the poison concealed in poison Ivy. Now all we need are a few ants and we can hold winter picnics on the kitchen floor.

As we see it, the working week will never prove satisfactory to some people until it consists of Sunday, five holidays and pay-day.

Items of Interest From COUNTY AGENT'S OFFICE

By Ross B. Jenkins

Last Call For Peanut Contract

All persons who expect to sign a peanut contract must get it to the committeeman by March 9th as that is the official closing date. The contract pays \$2.00 per acre in this section on all acres planted for commercial purposes and harvested in 1933 or 1934 average or 10% less on either of the years. The \$2.00 is paid on the acres allowed to be planted this year.

Corn-Hog Campaign Closes

There has been a slackening off of corn and hog growers in Callahan the past year. This year found 117 corn-hog signers who expect to grow corn or hogs in 1935 whereas there were 204 contracts last year. If any bona-fide hog producer has not signed a contract and wishes to do so, it is necessary to attend to this by March 9th.

1935 Rented Acres

The most discussed phase of the cotton program that is being brought to the attention of the county agent is the disposition of the Rented Acres. It is therefore proper to discuss it in this column.

The government is paying a cash money rent on that portion of the land taken out of production and has ruled that it should be handled as they direct. There was a great amount of laxity allowed the drought should develop.

The Rented Acres are not to be used in any case if the number of acres ordinarily set aside will produce a sufficient supply of feed. If the number of acres usually set aside for feed and food do not, on the average, supply enough for the home needs, then the producer is entitled to use his farm. In no instance is any of the produce to be sold, directly nor indirectly. Neither is the Rented Acres to be used in place of other acres. That is if the farmer sells feed from any of his holdings he can not truthfully claim that he needs the rented acres for a supplement to his regular feed acres. The government has

ruled that rented acres will be permitted to be planted if the committeeman is convinced that they are needed according to the above regulations.

The producer is not required to pay any rent on those acres neither has the landlord any claim to such proceeds as the contract states that it is for the producer for his use on that farm.

The government also wants the rented acres staked so that any person may know where they are at any time. These acres should be selected now and so staked off so as not to cause a shifting later should so other portion of the farm show up to a less advantage. These acres should be as good as any planted to cotton or peanuts.

The rented acres should not be planted to corn, maize, cotton, wheat, peanuts, begari, or any grain sorghum. Sudan grass, peas, clovers, alfalfa, millet, oats, and soy beans are allowed on these acres. This is about all the crop so far that can be planted that does not violate the contract.

The government also looks with pleasure to the proposition of leaving out strips of land for terraces. These may be counted as the Rented Acres and permits a producer to work on them at his leisure time. This is a most acceptable use for those questionable acres.

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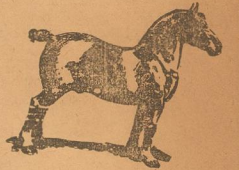
One of the easiest things some people do is forget their enemies—after they get even with them.

Is isn't hard to be kind to everybody, if you leave out your family and your relatives.

The old-fashioned man placed woman on a pedestal—and then left her there when he went out to have a good time.

In the old days around success could run the country and wishes he had sense enough to manage his own family.

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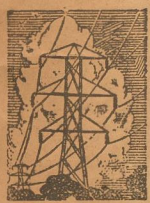
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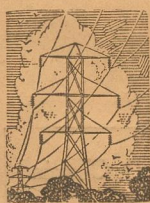
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