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SPLINTERS

Chas. A. Bisbee

Candidates are getting into the announcement column like little boys in a swimming pool. One sees that the water is not as cold as they first thought it, they hop in.

And the way things look now, the water will soon be pretty warm.

District Court meets next week at which time the Grand Jury will grind, the bailiff will blossom forth, the culprits will squirm, the defendants will look innocent, the State will look dignified and the local editor will look amateurish, it being his first time to serve on a petit jury.

The weather man is still playing his pranks on us. He gave some of the uninitiated a lesson last Sunday in never predicting what West Texas weather will be in the future. Abnormally warm weather with sand filling the air and not much of a breeze caused several of the amateurs to give voice to the opinion that the morrow would bring forth the long delayed cold spell which has been conspicuous by its absence this season. Monday was as pretty a day as ever hopped over the barb wire fence here. Wednesday evening the local prognosticators were given another jolt. A black low hanging cloud in the north and abnormally warm weather throughout the day, with lightning and wind in the evening gave one every reason to suppose that a severe change in the weather was forthcoming. The total result of this phenomenal display was a light shower of few minutes duration and Thursday dawned bright and clear.

The Knox County Turnip patch is no more. 400 loads of black waxy dirt have been hauled and dumped over it. A well kept lawn of mesquite grass will grow where the potlikker plant once stood. It is being done for the sake of progress and it is well. But the greens sure tasted good last fall.

Another sign of progress on the square is the removal of those "public places" which have served so long and smelled so loud.

March 8, 1930. The crisis will be over in sixty days.—Mr. Hoover. Since that time we have been having a post-crisis, we guess. Or a kind of relapse.

We patiently await any contemplated statement by Senator Fess or Secretary Hurley that our unusually mild winter was due to the "great constructive policies of President Hoover."

Since 1923 the Treasury has granted tax refunds, credits and abatements of \$3,543,174,622.00 No, we didn't get any of it.

No, we didn't forget it this week. We still need that buck and a half. If you need yours worse than we do, perhaps two or three of those hens that wont lay nothing but ten cent eggs could be acceptable or some of that maize or wheat or oats or wood or coyote hides. We eat butter when we can get it. Don't be backward about asking us to trade you the paper for some thing that you have and don't be surprised if we take you up. It'll be same story next week, only different.

If these candidates keep popping out from week to week in the state, county and precinct offices you'll want the paper to see just who you are lible to have serving you next year. You can get it for fifty cents from now until the primary elections are over. We'll tell you all we know or think we know.

General Smedley Butler evidently feels like the man who has just sold a barren farm for a song, and found out that it had oil on it. Or like a fire truck horse that has been replaced by a truck and hears the fire whistle blow. Now ain't war hell, General.

RED CROSS MAKES CALL

The Red Cross is still in need of funds, clothes and food. Some wheat has been donated which is to be ground into flour and breakfast food but much more is needed. There is an urgent need for shoes for school children. Can the people of the county afford to disregard to these calls when the need is so apparent? Get in touch with your Red Cross representative and let the organization have those articles of wearing apparel which you no longer use nor need.

E. L. COVEY ANNOUNCES FOR TAX ASSESSOR

E. L. Covey, publisher of the Goree Advocate, has authorized us to announce his candidacy for the office of Tax Assessor of Knox County, subject to the action of the democratic primaries. Mr. Covey has been a resident of Goree for the past 17 years, having served as superintendent of the Goree schools for five years, and since that time he has been publisher of the Goree Advocate. In 1922 he was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of Judge Marshall of Quanah as State Representative of the 114th District, composed of Knox, Foard, King and Hardman and Cottle counties. He was elected to this office for two terms and did faithful and effective work in the legislature for his district. Prior to coming to Knox County, Mr. Covey was engaged in teaching and clerical work for a merchandising establishment, and by way of training is unquestionably equipped to discharge the duties of the office to which he aspires with credit to himself and satisfaction to the citizens of his county.

Mr. Covey states that he plans to make a thorough canvass of the county prior to the July primaries, and in the meantime he asks that the voters of the county give his candidacy consideration, and assures them that he will give his best efforts to making the people a faithful and efficient officer if he should be honored with this important post.

ONIE WELCH TO MAKE COMMISSIONER'S RACE

We are authorized to announce the candidacy of O. W. (Onie) Welch of Gilliland as candidate for the office of Commissioner of Precinct 3, subject to the action of the Democratic Primaries. Mr. Welch has been a resident of Gilliland 23 years, is well known to most of the people in the Truscott and Gilliland communities, and promises that if elected to the office will do everything in his power to lower the expense of the county government. Like the rest of the folks in the county and state, he believes that taxes are getting too high and that the best way to reduce them is to reduce expenses in the county and state governments. He promises the people of Precinct 3 that if elected, he will do everything in his power to render efficient, economical service and will appreciate a careful consideration of the voters at the July election.

Jo. A. P. Dickson and John B. Dickson of Seymour were in the city Wednesday on business.

KILGORE-ISBELL

Two of Benjamin's popular young people surprised their many friends by announcing their marriage Dec. 30th at Frederick, Ok. Ed Isbell, son of Mrs. J. M. Isbell and Miss Leola Kilgore, daughter of Judge and Mrs. N. S. Kilgore were quietly married at that place by ev. Curtis. We join a host of friends in wishing this couple every joy in married life.

SCOUTS ENTERTAIN FATHERS WITH SUPPER AT BRAKES

The Boy Scouts entertained their fathers and several members of the Chamber of Commerce with a supper in the brakes Wednesday night. Those attending were Messrs. Galloway, Jones, West, Templeton, Moorhouse, Propps, Martin, Bisbee, Driver, Brewer and Bisbee. A real out-of-doors menu was served.

FROM THE EDITOR'S VIEWPOINT

WHY NOT AN OIL MILL FOR THE BENJAMIN TRADE AREA?

A Benjamin Oil Mill does not look like such a bad proposition if viewed from any angle. The country raises both cotton and cattle and both are essential to the success of a project of this kind. Benjamin is the logical place for a mill because of its central location and its transportation facilities. Located at the intersection of two State Highways and served by the Santa Railroad, it offers ample means of getting in and out with both the raw and the finished product. Benjamins perhaps more cattle than any other point between San Angelo and the Oklahoma City market and these cattle could just as well be fattened at a mill here as shipped to some other mill down the line and then shipped back again. Our cotton seed, in many instances, is shipped to a mill away from here made into meal and cake and then shipped back to be fed. A mill here would save the freight two ways. What Benjamin makes, makes Benjamin. While prices of construction are low is an admirable time to put a mill here. The idea is meeting with favor both among the cattle men and the businessmen so let's think it over seriously.

Workmen of the McClung Construction Company have been here almost a year during which time members of the company have become real citizens in the town. In many instances the road work has been held up temporarily and at such times the machinery of the company has been turned to doing odd jobs about the town. The drag line and the gravel trucks have made available dirt for filling in around house and yards available at a price which the average citizen could afford to pay. The county has engaged these men profitably in filling in and leveling up the courtyard. The workmen going to and from work have kept many of the city drug and leveled up. In many ways the company has given work to local men who would otherwise have been idle. The people of the company have lived here, spent their money here, have taken part in many of the civic and social affairs of the town and in fact have proven real citizens and the town is better off for having known them.

LITTLE THEATRE GROUP TO PRESENT PLAY HERE SOON

The "Phantom Pilot", the first play of the Benjamin Little Theatre organization, will be presented at the Benjamin Theatre at a date yet to be announced. The play is being prepared under able direction and without sparing expense. The theatre stage has been enlarged and special lighting and sound effects arranged for. Special scenery has been prepared. The presentation will be a mystery play and will hold the audience spell-bound throughout the evening.

The Commissioner's Court met in regular session here Monday and transacted such routine business as came before that body.

Jack Whittaker, affable and energetic local manager of the West Texas Utilities Company with offices in Truscott, was here this week.

GEO. MOFFETT SEEKS RE-ELECTION

The Post takes pleasure in announcing that George Moffett, of Chillicothe, will again be a candidate for State Representative for the Forty-Third Legislature, from the 114th district, composed of Hardeman, Foard, Knox and King Counties.

Mr. Moffett was in Benjamin one day this week and the following to say:

"At this time, if I were asked to point out the one thing, above all others, which needs adjustment, I would say the heavy and unbearable burden of taxation on property, stands out preeminently. Along with this, is the low price which we receive for our products. This latter is at least partly due to the high tariff policy, which the Republican party has placed upon our nation. If we were a free trade country, other countries would undoubtedly buy more of our cotton, wheat and other products thereby boosting the price. I believe the prospects are unusually good for a change, after the next general election.

"In regard to taxation on property, whenever from two thirds to all of the income from property, is taken up by taxation, it is certain that a change of system is needed. The past Legislature submitted a constitution amendment, which will do away with State taxes on homesteads, and this step in the direction of lightening the property tax, should be extended. Furthermore, our State in the past, has been extravagant and that must stop. Our State expenses must be reduced and I expect to work persistently for that purpose.

"Having been born in this district and spent my entire lifetime here I could not do otherwise than work for the best interests of the people who live in the district, and that I expect to do, to the very best of my ability."

GEORGE SOLOMON WILL RUN FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

We are authorized to place the name of G. W. (Geo.) Solomon in our announcement column this week as a candidate for Commissioner of Precinct No. 3, which includes the voting boxes Truscott and Gilliland, covering also the Antelope flat community west of Truscott, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries in July and August.

Mr. Solomon has been a resident and tax payer of this district for the past 16 years, and from a personal standpoint needs no introduction to the voters of this part of the county.

In making his announcement, Mr. Solomon states that it is his intention to see each voter in person, during the time between now and the primary, but takes this method of public announcement.

Mr. Solomon is one of the most industrious farmers of this part of the County, and if elected to this important position will, we think, handle the affairs of the county with the same zeal that he has handled his own, and that alone speaks well for him.

The county is having dirt hauled this week and the courtyard is being leveled up. Work is being done by the McClung Construction Company.

James A. Stephens and Jack Brown are in Houston this week on business.

Mrs. Guy Holmes, Mrs. W. F. Snody and Mrs. Chas. Moorhouse attended the County 4-H Council at Munday on last Saturday afternoon.

Will Moore of Munday was demonstrating a new Chevrolet here Tuesday.

VERA W M S TO PRESENT COMEDY PLAY

The Womans Missionary Society of Vera will present a play, "Between the Acts," on Monday evening at 7:30 at the Benjamin Theatre. Admission of ten and twenty cents will be charged. This is a three act comedy.

KING COUNTY POLITICS LIVENING UP

A visit to Guthrie Tuesday disclosed the fact that King County will likely have a full crop of candidates this year. Neither the Sheriff, George Humphries, nor the Clerk, John R. Gibson have an opponent, but there have announced for the other county offices at least one candidate and in some instances more than one. Judge G. W. Cross has announced for re-election and K. W. Street of Groe has announced for the office of County Judge. For Assessor, O. C. Long of Groe and V. M. Hand of Dumont have announced. Frank T. Morris of Guthrie and Mrs. Sadie Piper of Groe have announced for Treasurer. Miss Hill, present incumbent has not as yet made an announcement as to whether she will be a candidate for this office or not. In the Commissioner's races, T. M. Hudgens has announced for re-election. In Prec. 2 J. P. Ratliff has announced for re-election and J. J. Gibson and J. T. Sweeney, all of Groe have announced. R. T. Pickett and Charlie Dowding have announced for Commissioner of Precinct 3. Mr. Pickett is the present Commissioner. B. L. Graves of Guthrie has announced for re-election in Precinct 4. King County is one of the few counties in the State that showed an increase in polls this year. Not counting overers and unders, the voting strength of the county is about 350.

Grading and drainage structures on Highway 4 from Paducah to Guthrie are complete and work is progressing rapidly on the bridge across the Wichita River in the south part of Guthrie. This bridge is to be used by both Highway 4 and Highway 24, the traffic from Highway 24 coming on to Highway 4 about two miles south of Guthrie and following it through to town.

C. R. ELLIOTT TO RUN FOR SHERIFF

I am announcing as a candidate for re-election as Sheriff of Knox County. But first I want to thank the Citizens of Knox County for past favors, electing me to Office, and then giving me such splendid co-operation in performing the duties incumbent upon me as your Sheriff.

I do not think any county has given its Sheriff any more encouragement and co-operation than Knox County has given me, and I appreciate this very much. If I have not made you a good Sheriff it is my fault and not yours, but on the other hand if I have made you a good Sheriff, and my term has been a success, I want the citizens of Knox County to share with me in this, as you have contributed largely to what ever success that the duties of this Office have been performed.

I trust that I have conducted myself, both as an Officer and as a Citizen, as not to be due the voters of this County any apology in asking that you re-elect me to the Sheriff's office.

Sincerely Yours,
C. R. Elliott,
Sheriff, Knox County.

HENRY WILLIAMS SEEKS OFFICE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER

The Post carries the announcement this week of the candidacy of Henry Williams of Gilliland for County Commissioner of Precinct 3, Knox County, subject to the Democratic Primaries. Mr. Williams, in making the announcement says that if elected will endeavor to give the people of his precinct an economical administration. His experience in building roads covers a period of 12 years as foreman in the precinct in which he resides. His residence in Gilliland for the past 26 years has enabled him to study the conditions of that part of the county and his friends feel that he is exceptionally well qualified to render the precinct valuable service. He will appreciate the vote and influence of the people of Precinct 3.

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As a substitute for the "Mellon Plan" the Democrats of the House introduced the "Garner Plan," named for the ranking Democrat on the Ways and Means Committee at that time, the present Speaker Garner. The "Mellon Plan" cut the highest surtax from 50 per cent to 25 per cent with little exemption for small taxpayers. The "Garner Plan" fixed the maximum surtax at 44 per cent, and raised the exemptions for small tax payers. The "Garner Plan" was adopted, whereby 6,656,067 taxpayers were given more benefits than they would have received under the Mellon Plan, which, in turn, gave greater benefits to only 6,109 taxpayers than they would have received under the Garner Plan. Since that time the Democrats in Congress have made their influence felt in all taxation legislation. Now that they are in control of the House they are in the position to formulate tax legislation along Democratic lines assuring equalization of the tax burden, which is the fundamental principle underlying all Democratic tax policy.

Therefore, the business man, whose affairs were conducted on the existing basis of income taxation, and the smaller taxpayer whose income is derived from salary or wages, and who may be without present resources to pay the proposed increase in the Hoover-Mellon plan, breathe easier for this relief from a threatened burden.

The administration proposal to limit the forthcoming increase or two years would have worked further injustice upon the small taxpayer to the advantage of the wealthier class. On the assumption that conditions will be better two years from now, the limitation would relieve the large taxpayer of the increased burden at a time when he would be more able to pay, and make a larger contribution to the Government's revenues while the loss from small taxpayers would be inconsequential comparatively.

But that has been the Republican plan of income taxation since Mr. Mellon became "the greatest Secretary of the Treasury since, etc." Its central idea has been to take as much of the tax burden as possible from those best able to pay and to transfer as much of that burden as possible upon those least able to pay. It has not always succeeded, thanks to a militant Democratic minority

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The Democratic tax bill is yet to emerge from the Committee, but the tax payers have the advance assurance that the worst features of the Hoover-Mellon proposal have been killed, which is also an assurance that the bill as a whole will be free from the impositions and inequalities that always characterize Republican measures of taxation.

The greatest Secretary of the Treasury since Alexander Hamilton" may soon be known also as "the greatest Ambassador to Great Britain since Charles G. Dawes."

Pres. Hoover has asked for an additional \$50,000 to be expended on the White House. Maybe he intends to build a cyclone cellar.

LETTERS FROM READERS

Articles, letters, comments, political views and expressions on events of the times will be welcomed by this paper if properly signed and will be run the week they are received if space permits. Articles must be free from libel and personal abuse. Correct address and self addressed and stamped envelope should be provided by writer if manuscript is to be returned.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

It was in the summer of 1882 and raining. We were living on the Hashknife ranch, 12 miles south of Seymour in Baylor County. The mosquitoes were so bad that we could hardly live in the day time and at night they simply carried us off. We had an old rock house with upstairs but no screens and we were having chills. And about the only enjoyment we had was listening to Mark Drew play the fiddle. He would have a chill and when his fever came up it would have the effect of a drunk on him and he would play for hours. His tunes were "Captain Red Coat," "Lazy Kate," "Forty Cats in a Wallet," "Grannies Straw Bonnet," Ginnie in the Broom Corn", and many other just as good. My father had heard that to drink gyp water would cure every thing from ingrowing toe nails to yellow jaundice and he was going to take us to gyp ater. We rigged up a wagon and headed west. The first night was spent at Seymour and the next morning we came up the river to Cotton Wood Holes. That was a camping place in buffalo times. We came on to where the Rhineland lane turns south from the highway and on the dry lake which is now a part of Clyde Burnett's pasture, there ere at least 1000 geese and ducks galore. We went on to the old Oxford place now owned by Bill McClain and there spent two days. Uncle Ches Tackett was camping there and he had a circus tent. I don't know where he got it but when we got in it, it was a pretty good show. From there we went to the spring at Cedar Mountain, now a part of the McFadden Ranch. Mr. and Mrs. Weatherly lived there in a rock house and were working a copper mine at that time over on Smelter. A. M. Goldberg was boss and he told us of the wonderful mines but we did not go to see them that night. We stayed there and Charlie Tackett and myself went hunting and killed a wild turkey that was roosting in a mesquite tree, the only one I ever killed resting in a mesquite. This was right where the lanes now fork just south of the McFadden Ranch. From there we went north over to some two minute springs. Jim Moody and Ed Winkler were camping there at the time and riding line for the J H outfit. Jim Moody now lives near Truscott and still punches cattle. I don't know how long Jim has lived there but the sun was very small when he came to this country. I was just a kid then and he was a grown man. We drank gyp water and killed rattle snakes and I guess got well of the chills, I don't remember. At that time there were no towns west of Seymour to the Mexico line and the counties west were attached to Baylor county for judicial purposes. If a man run for constable, he ran in all the counties. It was a wild and wooly country, lots of bad men and cow thieves. BUT I ish I could find another like it.

F. H. PROPPS.

MISS NELSON MEETS WITH 4-H CLUB MONDAY

The Benjamin 4-H Club held their regular bi-monthly meeting on last Monday afternoon with Miss Bertha Phillips at the Hotel. After the regular business routine was disposed of Miss Nelson gave the club instructions on keeping a clothes budget with illustrations of keeping the books on same. A report of the meeting of the County 4-H Council which met at Munday last Saturday was given by Mrs. Chas. Moorhouse. Plans for a club party was outlined by Mrs. J. W. Melton to be given at her home on Wednesday night of next week.

A paper "What the Home Demonstration work has done for me," by Mrs. W. A. Bourland of a Taylor County club and winner in a story writing contest was read by Mrs. J. C. Patterson.

An echo from the County Council meet was that of urging our merchants to encourage the use of cotton bags for packing food—result more use for cotton, and then we have those ever useful bags to use about the home.

Three new members were enrolled at this meeting, Mrs. A. C. McGlothlin, Mrs. Pearl Clark and Miss Rachel Miller.

The next meeting will be on Feb. 21st. with Mrs. Fred Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Ivy from Lubbock were guests in the home of Mrs P. C. Sams Monday.

Miss Gertrude Blewitt of Seymour has accepted a position with the local telephone exchange.

PARTICULAR NOTICE

As Monday, February 22nd is the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the birth of Geo. Washington, a special address on, "Lessons From the Life of Washington" will be given by A. R. Caudle at the Christian Church on Sunday, February 21 at 11 a. m. to which the entire community is invited.

Geo. Washington was one of the greatest characters ever producer by this or any other country and has had a constant growth in public and world wide estimation for two centuries. We would be glad for you to hear this message.

Zack Coombs of Stamford has been here this week visiting relatives and friends.

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GRAPEFRUIT, Large Texas Suresweet, 6 for	24
YAMS, Kiln Dried, 10 lbs.	27
BANANAS, Golden Fruit, pound,	.04 1-2
LETTUCE, Crisp firm, Head	.05
LARD, Pure, 8 lb. pail	.69
FRESH OYSTERS, per doz.	.15
FRESH TROUT, weighs one to two lbs, per lb	.30
GRAHAM CRACKERS, Merchants, 2 lbs.	.23
PEANUT BUTTER, Qt.	.27
SYRUP, STEAMBOAT, Gallon,	.55
DRIED APPLES, Choice California, 4 lbs.	.39
SPUDS, No. 1. 10 lbs.	.19
OATS, Blue and White, Premium in each pkg.	.21
GELATINE DESERT, Red and white, 2 pkg.	.15
CAKE FLOUR, Red and White, Pkg.	.27
BACON, Dry Salt, pound,	.10
BACON, Sliced, pound,	.21
ONION SETS, RED, Per gallon,	.29

BENJAMIN MERCANTILE

Cash at the G. M. G. Saturday

Sugar, 10 lbs	.46
Spuds, 10 lbs	.16
Vanilla Wafers, 1 lbs.	.25

SHELF AND HEAVY HARDWARE—IMPLEMENTS AND FURNITURE
LEATHER SUPPLIES—FEED AND COAL—GAS—OIL
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Political Announcements

Subject to the action of the Democratic Party in the July Primary.

For Representative, 114 Dist.

George Moffett

For District Attorney:

Donnell Dickson

Dick Dresser

For County Judge:

J. W. Melton

For Tax Assessor:

Earl Sams

E. L. Covey

For District Clerk:

Roy Phillips

For County Treasurer:

J. T. (Uncle Trav) House.

For Tax Collector:

Miss Sarah Wright.

For County Clerk:

M. T. Chamberlain

For Sheriff:

C. R. Elliott

For Commissioner, Prec. 2.

W. C. Glenn

For Commissioner, Precinct 3.

J. W. Chowning

Bryan Lowery

O. W. (Onie) Welch

G. W. Solomon

Henry Williams

For Justice of Peace, Prec. 1

M. F. Harbert

For Constable, Prec. 1.

Homer T. Melton

CHRISTIAN CHURCH NOTES

Services for Sunday, Feb. 14, 1932.

Bible school, 10 A. M.

Lesson, "Jesus and The Man Born Behind." John 9-1-12. John 9-30. Read all of John 9.

Preaching 11 A. M.

Subject, "The First Day In Eternity."

Come and hear this message. You will be pleased.

Christian Endeavor 7 P. M.

Leader, Ila Jackson.

On the program is a debate on this subject, "Resolved that Abraham Lincoln did more for this country than did Geo. Washington." All Come. Adults and young folks are welcome.

No preaching at night.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS WICHITA FALLS DIVISION

In the matter of Brooks Louis Chesser, Bankrupt.

No. 611, In Bankruptcy.

To the Creditors of the above named bankrupt of Brooks Louis Chesser, Truscott, Knox County, Texas.

Notice is hereby given that H. L. McGregor, the Trustee herein, has filed a Petition with the Referee of the Wichita Falls Division of the said District, alleging that he has been offered the sum of \$100.00, in cash for the assets belonging to this estate and that it would be to the best interest of this estate to sell said assets at Private Sale for the sum of \$100.00, and praying for an order permitting him to sell said property in the way and on the terms above specified, said assets being as follows:

1 Oakland, 1929 Model, scheduled at \$100.00

Lots Nos. 1 to 12 inclusive, being all of Block No. 49, of the Elanded Addition to the town of Truscott, Knox County, Texas, scheduled at \$500.00

On consideration, no adverse interest being represented, a hearing is ordered on said Petition in the City of Wichita Falls, Texas at ten o'clock in the forenoon, February, 19th, 1932.

Dated this the 8th day of Feb. A. D. 1932.

WALTER NELSON,
Referee in Bankruptcy

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

The State of Texas
County of Knox

To those indebted to, or holding claims against the Estate of W. H. Bratcher, Deceased:

The undersigned having been duly appointed administratrix of the Estate of W. H. Bratcher, Deceased, late of Knox County, Texas, by J. W. Melton, judge of the County Court of said County on the 18th day of January, A. D. 1932, during a regular term thereof, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to her within the time prescribed by law at her residence at Vera, Knox County, Texas, where she receives her mail, this the 26th day of January, A. D. 1932.

Mary L. Bratcher
Administratrix of the Estate of W. H. Bratcher, Deceased.

TRAPPERS TO ASK GAME BOARD'S ASSISTANCE IN SALE OR FURS

After having tried the tax tag system required under the state law of all trappers who ship pelts to dealers in Texas and in other states a great number of Texas trappers and dealers are convinced that the present law is workng a hardship on Texas trappers and an undue burden on Texas dealers in raw furs.

The fur dealers also are planning to ask the co-operation of the Fish, Game, and Oyster Commission to have the law modified so as to give the Texas dealers in raw furs first choice when furs are to be shipped by Texas trappers.

The law says, at the present time that a tax tag of 1 cent must be fixed on all furs, except Mink and Raccoon, and a 5 cent tag must be fixed to each and every pelt of these two animals. As a matter of fact Texas trappers are thoroughly aware of the fact that they can ship pelts caught in Texas to raw fur dealers in other states and evade the payment of the pelt tax. Thus the raw fur dealers in Texas who have done much to locate markets in Texas for Texas caught pelts, are being slowly starved out of business on account of the discrimination of the law against them.

When the Fish, Game and Oyster Commission recommended the passage of the present pelt tax law they did not intend to work a hardship on Texts dealers in raw furs, nor to put an undue burden on the trappers but it has been found in actual practice that trappers in many sections of the state have a very difficult task, which many times is impossible to perform, in securing pelt tax tag, and following the path of least resistance when they are unable to secure these tags an account of unpreparedness or remoteness, they naturally make their shipments to out of state firms and the trappers must pay the increased express charges and the state of Texas must lose the tax that ought to be collected for the preservation of game in this state.

The State Fish, Game and Oyster Commission will be asked by the trappers to take the initiative and to formulate a new law for passage by the next Legislature which meets in Texas.

LOST: On Monday Jan. 11, a blood pressure instrument in leather case, between Knox City and Benjamin or in one of these towns.
Dr. T. S. Edwards.

NOTICE

Good used Chevrolet cars, fours and sixes.

Ashcroft Chevrolet Co.
Knox City, Texas.

Miss Grace Nelson, County Home Demonstration Agent of Munday was in Benjamin Monday.

COTTON REPORT FOR KNOX COUNTY

There were 33,147 bales of cotton counting round as half bales, ginned in Knox County, from the crop of 1931 prior to Jan. 16, 1932 as compared with 25,100 bales ginned to Jan. 16, 1931.

W. H. H. Griffin,
Special Agent.

E. K. INSURANCE NEWS

The new policy now being written by the E. K. Insurance Association of Seymour, Texas is a revelation in the Insurance field. Every body who takes the new policy will pay assessments the first of each month and pay according to age. THERE WILL BE NO MEMBERSHIP FEE, NO DUES AND NO DOUBLE ASSESSMENTS.

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The E. K. is in good condition and we are enjoying a splendid volume of new business on this new policy. We now have our peg all set to shortly become the largest and best association in this part of the state. Anytime you want facts concerning E. K. just write or come to the home office for your information.

G. H. Jones, Secretary.

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THE CASH MARKET

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS WICHITA FALLS DIVISION

In the matter of West Texas Supply Company, Bankrupt.

No. 595 in Bankruptcy.

Notice of hearing of proposed sale.

Notice is hereby given that H. S. Gray, Trustee of said Bankrupt estate, has filed a petition with the Referee of the Wichita Falls Division of said District, alleging that it would be best to sell the real estate belonging to this estate, at the earliest possible date and praying that said Real Estate be ordered sold, free and clear of lien, at Public Auction, Saturday, February 20th, 1932, at 3 o'clock P. M., said Real Estate being described as follows:

Lot No. One (1) in Block No. Five (5), in the town of Benjamin, Knox County, Texas, with improvements thereon.

The North Half of Lot No. Two (2) in Block No. Five (5), Town of Benjamin, Knox County, Texas.

On consideration, no adverse interest being represented a hearing is ordered on said petition before the Referee at his office, 714 Staley Building, Wichita Falls, Texas at 3 o'clock in the forenoon, February 20th, 1932.

Dated this 10th day of February A. D. 1932

WALTER NELSON, Referee in Bankruptcy.

COMMISSIONERS OF COMMERCE DIRECTORS

The Chamber of Commerce met Tuesday evening and elected the following directors, J. H. Atterbury, W. Templeton, L. M. Williams, Chas. Hamilton, J. A. McCannies, C. S. Bisbee, E. B. Sams and A. C. McGlothlin. The directors will meet Tuesday evening.

GENERAL BUTLER TO SPEAK IN WICHITA FALLS

The most absorbing news today has to do with the war between Japan and China. Every American citizen realizes the possibility of a war between the United States and Japan. No matter how much we may desire to keep the peace and avoid a war of any kind, yet it may not be possible, with such a belligerent nation as Japan on the warpath. The nations of Europe could not avoid a conflict with a bellicose and militant Germany.

Regardless of how much interest we may have in the far Eastern situation, very few of us have a clear understanding of just what is taking place or what is going on behind the scenes in the Orient. The dispatches from the daily happenings of the conflict. Maj. Gen. Smedley Butler of the Marines who, probably next to General Pershing, is America's best known soldier, is an authority on the fighting in China, as he has done a lot of it there himself. Ever since the Boxer troubles many years ago, up to recently, Gen. Butler has from time to time been in command of fighting forces in China.

As a young officer at the time of the Boxer trouble, he distinguished himself by rescuing a wounded British Tommy from between the firing lines, for which act he was offered the Victoria Cross.

Just a few years ago he was again in active command of Marines in the so-called Chinese "Nationalist" War.

Not only is Gen. Butler familiar with Chinese and Far Eastern conditions generally but he has seen active fighting service in Cuba, Mexico at Vera Cruz, the Philippines, Nicaragua, Haiti and France. He holds two Congressional Medals of Honor for bravery, the Army Distinguished Service Medal, the Navy Distinguished Service Medal and a Brevet Medal.

Major Gen. Butler is scheduled to speak on the Sino-Japanese war at Wichita Falls next Wednesday, Feb. 17th, at 8:15 p. m. at the Municipal Auditorium, under the auspices of the Uniformed Bodies of Mascot Temple A. A. O. N. M. S. The charge, 50c for adults and 25c for the children.

Citizens in the north part of town are evidencing signs of civic pride. Under the leadership of Carl Patterson, Lemma street is being cleared of brush and stumps, a grade built up and a bridge over the creek in that part of town built.

Truly, it is a valuable asset to the town for in rainy weather, travel in that part of town is practically impossible.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

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The cost of electric service today is determined more by the customers who use it than by the company which produces it. As more power is used, over more hours of the day, its unit cost becomes less. Thus, the modern rate schedule is designed to share with you immediately the benefit of the economies resulting from a greater use of electricity.

The rate per kilowatt-hour declines as more kilowatt-hours of electricity are used. Additional uses of service reduce the average price per unit, to where now it is possible to cook with it economically. That is, the average customer, using fifty kilowatt-hours per month, now can increase his use of service to THREE TIMES that amount for only 10 cents a day additional cost on his electric service bill—or for the cost of only one medium-priced cigar a day!

Today's customer in the larger towns, living in the averaged-sized home and using fifty kilowatt-hours a month, pays a rate of only 7.8 cents per kilowatt-hour. Smaller towns cost more to serve, yet the highest rate for this same amount of service, in any town served by the West Texas Utilities Company, amounts to only 1.3 cents more.

Customers having major appliances (ranges and refrigerators) earn a rate of approximately one-half that amount for all service used in the home—which includes lighting. The average rate for all residential service sold at this time is only 6.3 cents per kilowatt hour, as compared with 13.7 cents in 1922.

Thus, automatically and instantly, electricity becomes cheaper every time you increase its use. Think of the many advantageous services by which you can benefit—without a material increase in your electric bill—through a more active use of your lighting and your appliances, or through the addition of major appliances!

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