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SPLINTERS

The guy that swiped our spare tire evidently felt kinda sheepish when he got a good look at it in the daylight. We bear him no ill will, but rather sympathize with him when he goes to use it.

Knox County citizens are taking advantages of the bargain days for delinquent taxes. Until the 31st of this month the tax payer can get rid of all his back taxes without paying any penalty or interest. It is to be hoped that when the Legislature again meets, it will extend the time. The three district judge court at Austin rendered an opinion in a suit at that place that this law was unconstitutional, the effect of which was confusing to the taxpayer and prevented, in many instances, citizens saving up the necessary money to pay their delinquent taxes and the time limit is so short now, that many whose spirits are willing find their pocketbooks weak. High school students of Texas history are remarking that if the three honorable district judges know no more about the Texas Constitution than to hold court en masse, then the Constitution is in jeopardy for them to fool with it. This is the first time in the history of the state, to our knowledge, that this has been attempted but perhaps these gentlemen were merely imitating their big brothers, the Federal judges, whose powers are not limited as are those of the lesser courts.

The next time you are having a party and it gets dull and draggy, we suggest as a method of livening it up, that the hostess pass out some well sharpened pencils and a half dozen sheets of paper to each guest and have them to write a column. No, not like this one. A readable one. We predict that the party will grow so hilarious that coffee will have to be passed around to settle the nerves of all present.

The barber shop burned at Truscott the other day, unfortunately. We have had so many people to look at us and ask if the barber shop here burned, we thought that we would set the matter straight. We don't belong to the House of David club, just the Hoover prosperity club.

After hammering away at the newspaper business for a considerable length of time, it seems longer than it really has been, we have finally evolved a great idea. Our cat and rat ranch is now started. We've got the cats. Who'll give us some rats. We feed the rats to the cats, skin the cats and sell the hides, feed the carcasses to the rats, etc, etc, ad infinitum. Stock is going shy high soon. Get in on the ground floor. With each new subscription or renewal we give ten shares of stock. Get yours now before Wall Street get a corner on it or the Federal Farm Bank gets a mortgage on it. Nothing more reasonable. Friends good times are returning if you'll only act now.

League Heads Meet Here To Set Dates

The Executive Committee of the Interscholastic League of Knox County met in the office of the County Superintendent at Benjamin last Saturday afternoon, and decided to have the basketball tournament at Munday one week in advance of the district meet. It is not known at the present when the district meet will be. As soon as this is definitely known, notice will be placed in each county paper; therefore each school is requested to watch the paper for the next two weeks.

The committee decided to continue the practice of including junior boys and snior girls in the tournament. All schools planning to enter a team should begin practice at once with juniors and girls, if they have not at work heretofore, as the tournament will likely be held the first week in February.

The committee decided to use the proceeds from the tournament, above actual expense, to buy trophies and pay judges for the Interscholastic League meet. This meet will be held in Benjamin sometimes in March.

H. H. Riley
Director General

Dick Cook of Knox City was in Benjamin Thursday on business.

Judge M. F. Harbert is on the sick list this week.

Dr and Mrs. J. C. Coffey have returned from a trip to Amarillo.

C. H. Burnett has returned from Ft. Worth where he has been on business the past week.

Frank Moorhouse was a business visitor in Seymour the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron House who have been visiting in Guthrie, returned home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jo Brown, who have been spending the holidays in Seymour, are here again.

Chas. Moorhouse and P. W. Laird returned from a trip to the Plains and New Mexico the last of the week where they had been looking over some cattle.

Camp Fire Girls Meet

The Camp Fire Girls had their weekly meeting Jan. 6. The first business attended to was moving the Camp Fire room into the dining room of the Home Economics department. There was no regular program other than attending to business. We drew names for the members who will have charge of the weekly programs. Two members each week will have charge of the program. We decided to hike every other week if the weather will permit. We intend to frame our charter which we have received. Each member will keep an individual count book.

LaVrne McCanlies, Scribe

Pioneer Citizen Dies

W. W. Ballard, 65, pioneer Knox County citizen, died Wednesday at Marlin and was buried at Vera Thursday. Mr. Ballard was born in Arkansas but moved to this state 64 years ago and has lived in Knox County for the last 46 years. He is survived by a son, three sisters, all of whom live at Vera and a brother who lives in New Mexico.

Tom Masterson has purchased the interest of W. W. Clark in the Mercantile store at Truscott his week. The store is being managed by John H. Darnell. Mr. Clark has been in the hospital at Quanah some time suffering from a case of Pneumonia but is at home now and his condition is much improved. Mr. Clark has been in the mercantile business at Truscott many years.

Art Jungman from across the river was in the city Thursday on business.

Miller Herring of Knox City was in town Thursday on business.

Jack Idle of Coleman has moved here and has taken over the management of the League Estate affairs.

According to press reports from Washington, D. C. Representative Wright Patman, Democrat from Texas, has instigated impeachment proceeding against Andrew Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury, on the grounds that Mr. Mellon is interested in trade and commerce which is in violation to the Constitution. Mr. Patman alleges that Mr. Mellon owns interests in several major companies in the United States as well as large shipping interest both here and abroad.

Wichita C of C Will Meet Tonight

"Please convey a cordial invitation to the citizens of Benjamin and your section to attend our annual Chamber of Commerce meeting on Friday night, January 8.", writes J. L. Jackson, Jr., President of the Wichita Falls commercial organization.

Gus Dyer probably the most entertaining speaker in America will speak, and the Cowboy Band of Simmons will provide the music, according to Mr. Jackson.

Dyer is editor of "Couthern Agriculturist", and a dean at Vanderbilt University of Nashville, Tenn. He is also a successful dirt farmer, which is his greatest pride. A provision of a huge endowment to Vanderbilt forces him to give several lectures weekly. When his class room duties are done he hurries to his farm to break mules and ride plows. Newspaper editors describe him as a combination of Will Rogers and William Jennings Bryan. Many also concede him the title of "America's homeliest man."

The meeting will be held in Memorial Auditorium at Wichita Falls, beginning at 7:30 P. M., and is free to the public.

Luncheon Club Meets

Mmes. Earl and Morrison Sams were joint hostesses New Years Eve for the annual buffet dinner party of the Bridge Luncheon Club.

Red was the dominant note of bridge accessories and attractive decorations of the club rooms. The lace covered table was centered with a basket of flowers and red tapirs burned in silver holders.

Following are names of the members and guests attending: Mmes and Messrs O. W. Driver, T. F. Glover, J. H. Atterbury, D. J. Brookreson, C. L. Moorhouse, Earl Sams, Leroy Melton, J. L. Galloway and W. T. Ward, Mmes. Frank Patton, Clyde Burnett, Morrison Sams, Grady Hudson, H. T. Melton, Frank Moorhouse, Messrs J. B. Moorhouse, Wayne Dolan, R. Hudson, and Misses Sarah and Annie Lee Wright and Grace Bisbee.

BENJAMIN C OF C TO HOLD REGULAR MEET TUESDAY

The first regular meeting of the C. of C. will be held at the Club Rooms next Tuesday night at 7:30. Activities for the new year will be planned and discussed. Announcement of the directors and committees for the year will be made. Reports from outstanding committees will be heard, as well as a report from some of those attending the annual Wichita Falls chamber meeting on Monday night.

Plans will be considered for introducing the idea of an annual banquet and program in the Benjamin Chamber of Commerce. The program will be furnished by the local troop of Boy Scouts with a one act play by the dramatic club and possible added attractions. Every one is invited to be present, the session will be short and will be interesting.

Sorosis Club Holds First Meeting of Year

The first meeting of the Sorosis Club for the new year was held Thursday, January 7.

Parliamentary drill was conducted by Mrs. O. D. Propps. In the election of officers Mrs. D. J. Brookreson was elected President, Ist. Vice President, Mrs. S. G. West, 2nd. Vice President, Mrs. T. F. Glover, Recording Secretary, Mrs. L. C. Moorhouse, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. J. C. Patterson, Parliamentarian, Mrs. J. C. Coffey, Librarian, Mrs G. H. Beavers.

There were eighteen present at this meeting. The Bible program will be held next Thursday at th Club room.

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Benjamin students resumed their studies Monday after a two weeks vacation during the Christmas holidays.

HELP THE RED CROSS

The Red Cross have many calls for clothes recently and ask that persons who have clothes that they do not need bring them to the Red Cross headquarters in the Beavers building. Most of the calls are for mens and boys coats, vests, pants, underwear, socks and shoes. In most of the homes there are many clothes that are no longer used that are still serviceable and it will do some one a real service if these garments are turned over to the Red Cross for distribution. Do not be indifferent or neglectful if you have old clothes at your home that you will never use. The weather is cold and there are many more unfortunate than you that have not sufficient clothing to keep thm warm. Bring your old clothes to the Red Cross. Don't put it off for a day or two and then forget it. Do it now. There is no need for anyone in this community to suffer when the things that they need are in need of are available and it means so much to the needy and so little to the donor.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH NOTES

In spite of the unfavorable weather we had good attendance at Bible School last Sunday and at the other services, too. We invite the careless and the stay-at-homes to meet with us on Lordsday Jan. 10. Holidays are over and there is nothing in the way of an increased attendance. Most of the members can come if you will. Why not start 1932 by becoming a regular church attendant? Don't be like Terah and die in Haran and never get to the promised land. Some of you will do just like Terah if you don't look out now while you can. We are trying to keep the church going with about one fourth of the members on the church roll attending. Where are the rest? What are you doing for the Lord's work and yourself? Bible school, 10 a. m. Subject, the first Disciples of John, 1-35-50.

Preaching and ommunio service at 11 a. m.

The evening service will begin promptly at 7 p. m. The Endeavorers will lead the singing and the pastor will preach a missionary sermon for the Christian Missonary Society ladies all of whom are expected to be present at this hour.

Th subject of this address will be One of Blood, Acts 17-28 and has four divisions namely:

1. The Old Testament and the Nations.
2. Christ and the Nations.
3. The early church and the Nations.
4. Our Sharing and the Nations.

We would be glad for all of you to hear this message.

Won't you come? Please lay aside all excuses and hindrances and be there. This service is in memory of the consecrated womanhood of the church here and everywhere.

Wishing you all a happy and prosperous year in 1932, I am,
Your servant in the gospel,
A. R. Caudle.

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An editorial in the Little Rock (Ark.) Democrat entitled "Baiting Oil Corporations" gives the following viewpoint as expressed by the editor of that paper in regard to the ouster suits filed by the attorney general of this state: "It is a heavy demand on the imagination of the people to picture Texas oil corporations as ogres when the facts are as they are. The real 'oppressors of the people' have been their own legislatures who have piled taxes high on gasoline regardless of the ability of the motorists to absorb that tax. Neither are we condoning corporation exploitation of the public, but there are times when such stuff appears to us as plain bunk and this is one of the times."

The Arkansas editor informs us that he is getting his information from the Dallas Dispatch and The Texas Weekly, a magazine published at Dallas. The Dispatch claims that all they see in the ouster suits is "just another anti-trust suit that will bolster the candidacy of young Mr. Allred for governor." Unless the editor of the Dispatch

is more foolish than we think he is, he is romancing slightly. Everyone knows that Dallas caters to big corporations and very earnestly solicits them to make their headquarters in Dallas and it wouldn't help that place any for seventeen major oil companies to be ousted from this state. Call a spade a spade. The editor of the Texas Weekly, who is oftentimes called the spokesman of big business, belittles the attorney general's efforts and then covers it up very nicely with the following comment: "Corporation exploitation of the public isn't to be condoned, but corporation baiting for political effect is just as much a practice of demagoguery as it ever was."

Why the Arkansas editor should feel so badly over the plight of the Texas oil companies is a mystery to us. He is too far from the Texas line to have many readers in this state to sympathize with, if that is what he is trying to do. It might be that he is like some of the country editors in this state that have so little to fill their editorial columns that almost anything is used to fill the space and again he might have figured that if the Texas attorney had any luck in his suit, it might be contagious.

WINS RECOGNITION IN CURRENT MAGAZINE

A Texas wamon begins 1932 by winning recognition in current magazine literature.

THE LOVE MISER, a story by Mrs. Pearl Stone Sullivan, wife of Hon. J. L. Sullivan of Big Springs, prominent in the West Texas bar, and former district attorney, is featured in the lead place in All Story Magazine of Jan. 15, out Jan. 9.

All Story, like other Munsey periodicals, pays well enough to secure the work of distinguished writers. Hundreds of manuscripts are submitted to its editor monthly, of which only a few, of course, can be accepted.

Texas has wonderful resources, oil, cotton, lumber, wool, wheat, mohair, and others too numerous to mention. She has produced great authors, O Henry's works now rank among the world's classics. The place won by this daughter of Texas is proof that we are still producing genius.

Mrs. Sullivan is a true Westerner. She learned to ride before she could spell. Her father is an honored citizen of the thriving Winter Garden city, Carrizo Springs. A brother, Earl Stone of Dallas, is well known in North Texas oil circles. A sister, Miss Delight Stone, is prominent in the Health Department in San Antonio.

Mrs. Sullivan taught school, ran for county clerk, and came within a dozen votes of election, then retired from pedagogy and politics to make a home for her distinguished husband, and write. In both she has succeeded.

Judge and Mrs. Sullivan have a wide circle of relatives, connections, and friends, who will rejoice at the success that has come to this daughter of West Texas.

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Bolden Moorhouse

THE PRINTER

It may be sad, but sill 'tis true, There's one thing all us human do,

And that is, blame the printer. He does his best, without our help, For all we do is stand and yelp, Then cuss, and blame the printer.

We write our manuscript by pen. To read it is beyond our ken, Yet we expect the printer To dope it out and get it right. We think not of his time or sight; If wrong—we blame the printer.

We hold our stuff until the last, Then try to rush it through so fast The printer gets snowed under But still we camp upon his trail, And prod him on with woeful tale, Or rant and roar like thunder.

He shoots it through, the proof we get— Hell's bells, the job is not right yet. We chop that proof to splinters. It takes two days before he knows Just what each hireoglyphic shows— A dumb lot are those printers.

The job's delivered. Some relief.

To know we're through with rush and grief, We ought to thank the printer. But no. The poor 'gink's out of luck He overcharged us one whole buck. Once more we damn the printer.

—Edison S. Dunbar.

O. H. Phillips of Truscott was in town the first of the week on business.

Jack and Frank Brown of Truscott were here Wednesday on business.

J. L. Galloway is on the sick list this week.

Bud Reynolds of the West Texas Utilities Company was over from Munday the later part of the week on business.

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The Red & White Stores

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And Bank The Balance

Here you can save without skimping and still buy **QUALITY FOODS**

FRIDAY AND SATUDAY JANUARY 8th and 9th	
APPLES, large Jonathan and Delicious, dozen	38c
ORANGES, Texas Sweets, dozen	19c
GRAPEFRUIT, Texas Seedless, dozen	33c
SPUDS, No. 1, 10 pounds	19c
SUGAR, 10 pounds	49c
PORK AND BEANS, Campbells, 6 for	45c
MACARONI AND SPAGHETTI, R & W, each	5c
LIMA BEANS, 4 pounds	25c
COCOA, Blue and White, 2 pounds	29c
COFFEE, Red and White, 2 pounds	78c
PANCAKE FLOUR, Red and White, 2 pkgs	25c
FRESH OYSTERS, per dozen	15c
100 SWEATERS and BOYS PANTS	Half Price
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No Charge Tickets unless your December account has been paid

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John Ed Jones, Sec'y Munday

NOTICE IN PROBATE

The State of Texas
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Knox County -Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of ten days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously published for a period of not less than one year in said Knox County, a copy of the following notice: The State of Texas County of Knox

To all persons interested in the welfare of the Estate of W. H. Bratcher, Deceased;

You are hereby notified that Mary L. Bratcher has filed an application in the County Court of Knox County, on the 21st day of December 1931, for Letters of Temporary Administratrix upon the Estate of W. H. Bratcher, Deceased, and on the 21st day of December, A. D. 1931, by order of the County Judge of said Knox County, the said Mary L. Bratcher was appointed Temporary Administratrix of the Estate of said W. H. Bratcher, Deceased, and at the next regular term of said Court, commencing on the 3rd Monday in January A. D. 1932, the same being the 18th day of January, A. D. 1932, at the Court house thereof, in Benjamin, Texas, at which time, all persons interested in the welfare of said Estate are hereby cited to appear and contest such appointment, if they so desire, and if such appointment is not contested at the said term of said Court, then the same shall become permanent, which said application will be heard by said Court on the 18th day of January 1932, at the Court House of said County, in Benjamin, Texas, at which time all persons who are interested in said Estate are required to appear and answer said application, should they desire to do so.

Herein Fail Not, but have you before said Court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal, at Benjamin, Texas on this 23rd day of December 1931.

M. T. Chamberlain
Clerk County Court, Knox County, Texas.
SEA L.

SHERIFF'S SALE

The State of Texas
County of Knox

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Knox County, on the 24th day of December 11931, by Roy Phillips, Clerk of said District Court, for the sum of Three Thousand Three Hundred, Twelve and No-100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgement, in favor of J. B. Jackson in a certain cause in said Court, No. 2158 and styled J. B. Jackson vs. J. J. Driver and Oran Driver, placed in my hands for service, I, C. R. Elliott as Sheriff of Knox County, did, on the 24th. day of December 1931, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Knox County, Texas, described as follows, to wit: The

South one half of Section No. 60. Block No. 13., H. and T. C Ry. Company Survey, Knox County Texas, containing 320 acres of land and levied upon as the property of J. J. Driver and Oran Driver and that on the first Tuesday in February 1932, the same being the 1st. day of said month, at the Court House door, of Knox County, in the City of Ben-

jamin Texas, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M. by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale I will offer for sale and sell at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder all the right, title and interest of the said J. J. Driver and Oran Driver in and to said property.

And in compliance with law I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Benjamin Post, a newspaper published in Knox County.

Witness my hand, this 24th day of December, 1931.

C. R. Elliott
Sheriff Knox County, Texas.

SHERIFF'S SALE

The State of Texas
County of Knox

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Floyd County, on the 21st day of October 1931, by Roy O'Brien District Clerk of said county for sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Three and 69-100 Dollars and costs of suit under a Judgement, in favor of South Plains Lumber Co., a Corp. in a certain cause in said Court, No. 2426 and styled South Plains Lumber Co., a Corp. et. al. vs Jewell McKee, placed in my hands for service, I, C. R. Elliott as Sheriff of Knox County, Texas, did on the 14th day of December 1931, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Knox County, Texas, described as follows, to wit:

Situated in Knox County Texas, and being a part of Section 56, Block, No. 2 D. and W. Ry. Co., Survey, described by metes and bounds as follow Beginning at an iron peg set in the ground 2110 feet west and 1476 feet south of the north east corner of a 50 acre tract owned by Pearl Reeder to the Orient Townsite Company, Thence west 330 feet to stake; Thence north 600 feet to a stake; Thence east 300 feet to a stake; Thence south 600 feet to the place of beginning and levied upon as the property of Jewell McGee and that on the first Tuesday in Feb. 1932 the same being the 1st. day of said month, at the Court House door, of Knox County, in the town of Benjamin Texas, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale, I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Jewell McGee.

And in compliance with law I give this notice by publication in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Benjamin Post, a newspaper published in Knox County.

Witness my hand, this 14th. day of December, 1931.

C. R. Elliott,
Sheriff Knox County, Texas.

CROSLY RADIOS

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Wallace Moorhouse
Gulf Filling Station
Benjamin

DR. E. M. HUGHES
Physician and Surgeon
Office in
Brown Drug Store
TRUSCOTT, TEXAS

FOR SALE

Fat hogs, ready for killing. Weights up to 300 pounds. Hamilton Ranch

SIDE-LIGHTS

By Marvin Jones
Member of Congress from Tex.

This is a time for people to think and to analyse.

A few years ago some economic policies were adopted which have tended to destroy the purchasing power of agriculture. A lop sided tariff was enacted which forced the farmer to sell in an open world market and to buy his supplies in a protected high price market.

The effect of these policies has been to bleed the agricultural sections white. The destroying of the purchasing power of agriculture has destroyed a large part of the home market for the industrial products. In the long run the two dove tail together. The discrimination in tariff and freight rates and other such policies have paralyzed agriculture; and when a part of a body becomes paralyzed, if it is neglected the paralysis will soon cover the whole body.

Our whole financial system has been on the wrong basis. More and more the policy of economic favoritism has channeled the money to the centers. Promotion has come to be a business instead of a means of getting business started.

The system has come under the control of a few men.

These men, not satisfied with harnessing our own country for their own peculiar whims, have been using American money to finance foreign enterprises which compete with our own, and in order to save themselves and their industries they are now undertaking to get the debts due us by foreign countries cancelled or materially reduced.

In an effort to further their control, these men have materially reduced.

In an effort to further their control, these men have materially contracted the currency of our country. This has increased the value of the dollar and very greatly decreased the value of products, thus stifling business and making it much more difficult to pay beds. We have a third more gold than we had in 1920 and a fourth less money in circulation.

I am as much opposed to fiat money as anyone, but there can be a reasonable expansion of the credit and currency of our country within perfectly safe limits. This would possibly do more than any other one thing to stimulate both industrial and agricultural activities.

A method should be found of bringing the farmer into the tariff picture and restoring to him that which is now taken away from him under our one sided system. Many of our industrial schedules are entirely too high. This tends to destroy the market for our products.

The pyramiding of holding company upon holding company, the issuing of bonds, common and preferred stock, have placed us on financial stilts, making our utility and other rates out of reason.

In the re-adjustment, not only should the discrimination against agriculture be removed, and the whole structure placed on a solid foundation.

The American people are thinking. I believe a program will be worked out that will correct many of these inequalities. Such a program will mean much to the future of our country.

Mat Dillingham, local manager of the West Texas Utilities Company was over from Munday Wednesday on business.

G. M. G. STORE
SAVINGS
Two Days
SATURDAY - MONDAY

Sugar 10 lbs. **.48**

Coffee Gold Plume 2 1-2 lbs. **.85**

Coffee M.J.B. Aladdin **.35**

Lard 8 lb. compound any kind **.67**

Bacon Sliced Lb. **.20**

Bacon Salt, good kind Pound **.10**

HOG JOWLS lb **.07**

FLOUR El Viejo 48 lb. **.75**

Flour Mighty Good 48 pounds **.85**

Flour Pride of Altus 48 pounds **1.00**

Corn Mayfield No. 2 **.10**

PEAS, No. 2 can **.10**

PEANUT BUTTER **.65**
Five Pounds

These prices are for cash.

G. M. G. STORE
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FURS WANTED

We are paying the best prices for all kinds of furs.

Will be in Benjamin each Thursday.

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TAKING OF FARM CENSUS IS STARTED BY TAX ASSESSORS

Tax assessors begin work Monday on the compilation of Texas' first census which is to be athered annually and used for the benefit of farmers. The census was authorized by House Bill 539, enacted at the regular session of the Forty-second Legislature. Its prime purpose is for the gathering and dissemination of facts regarding the operation of farms in Texas so that farmers may be aided in production and marketing of crops.

The farm census is independent of the two questions being asked by the tax assessors relative to the number of acres in cultivation and in cotton in 1930 and 1931 for the administration of Texas' cotton acreage reduction law, restricting the 1932 cotton acreage to thirty percent of the cultivated land, J. E. McDonald, Texas

Commissioner of Agriculture, pointed out today. The farm census will include a survey of all farm products.

Through the joint arrangement of the United States Department of Agriculture, the statistical information obtained by the census will be compiled by and used in the periodical reporting service under direction of Carl H. Robinson, senior agricultural statistician. The law authorizing the survey included a provision permitting the Texas Commissioner of Agriculture to co-operate with the federal department in the work.

Accurate collection of the information will depend upon the various county tax assessors, who are NOT being paid for the work, and upon the farmers in co-operating with the assessors.

For the reason that the assessors are not being compensated for their work, farmers are urged to co-operate with them fully, to give the desired information with out reluctance, in order that the census may show a complete picture of Texas agricultural conditions.

"This information is confidential and postively not for taxation or inspection, and not for speculators or private usage," is the notation on each page of the census blanks. 28 questions are to be answered for the census, including the number of tenant families on the farm, the acres in cultivation in 1931, the acreage and harvest of corn, wheat, oats, grain sorghums, cane and sweet sorghums, cotton and vegetables, the number of trees of bearing age, cows, chickens, turkeys, animals slaughtered and the number of steam pressure canners.

Farmers will be directly aided by the census for it will be a guide to them in changing acreage in particular crops to prevent overproduction and a guide to them in marketing, enabling them to have an accurate indication of the future prices of a crop through the number of acres planted, Commissioner McDonald pointed out. Indirectly it will aid them he further explained, in preventing the ill-effects of misleading crop reports based on erroneous estimates of acreage by reducing speculation in farm products through giving farmers dependable information on the supply, thus reducing the speculation margin that is necessary when an uncertainty of supply exists.

Statistician Robinson declared that the census will be of

great value to him in compiling Texas crop reports and estimates, for it will serve to correct any errors.

"The census material is important to the farmers, for it will be an inventory for the benefit of the farmers," he declared. "As all big businesses annually make an inventory so that they can plan their next year's program, the census will be an inventory for the farmer so he too may logically plan his next year's program."

He complimented the tax assessors of Texas for their indicated willingness to do the work of gathering the census information without remuneration.

"The tax assessors by their work will do a great service for the farmers of Texas," Commissioner (McDonald) said.

Mr. Robinson, who will have charge of the compilation of the information obtained thru the census, pointed out that the individual reports will be held confidential. Individual information obtained by the census will not be used for tax purposes, but will be held very confidential, with only the tax assessors and the compilers seeing it. Individual operations will not be disclosed under any circumstances.

Commercial interests in virtually every line of industry will likewise benefit from the information to be obtained by the census. It will tend to stabilize the marketing of farm products, it was pointed out.

Value of crop reports, based on a farm census information, are summarized briefly:

To farmers—Directly Guide to changing acreage of particular crops; guide to marketing, best indication of future price.

Indirectly: Prevents ill effects of misleading crop reports reduces speculation aids railroads to distribute cars needed for farm products; enables economical distribution of farm equipment and supplies; essential for crop programs of agricultural colleges in intelligent marketing program of public marketing agencies, making farm loans by banks and insurance companies and the maintenance of maximum farm prices in terminal market in accordance with supply and demand all of which react to the farmers advantage.

To dealers and handlers of agricultural products, Reflects price trends, reduces specula-

tion which goes with uncertainty of supply and reduces the necessary handling margin and enables the payment of maximum farm prices.

To bankers and financiers, Basis for providing credit for production, storage and marketing of crops.

To manufacturers Guide for determining quantities to be manufactured; best basis for distribution of manufactured products.

To meat packers, Reduces the uncertainty of supply, reflects future price trend and reduces the necessary handling margin and enables the payment of maximum price which could not be given otherwise.

To chamber of commerce, Provides facts for advertising local conditions and advantages.

For general public welfare, Nearly all business is interdependent. That is the prosperity and development of one business depends greatly on the prosperity and development of all other business. Crop reports furnish an indispensable link between agriculture and other lines of business. Agriculture prospers directly and indirectly through the information price trends that crop reports and other business prospers directly and indirectly through the more economical manufacture, transportation of product which in turn increases the buying power of consumers for farm products as well as manufactured products.

Many of the local citizens have been taking advantage of the cold weather and have killed hogs the past week.

We understand that there are many applicants for the Post Office jobs at Knox City and Truscott that are to be filled. Examinations are to be held at Munday and Crowell.

Mrs. M. Alexander has been on the sick list this week.

Farmers are hoping for a few days of sunny weather in order to finish gathering their cotton as there is quite a bit more in the fields. The market the past few days has been showing a little increase in the price.

Miles Isbell of Chillicothe is visiting home folks here for a few days.

J. J. Driver was a Seymour visitor Wednesday.

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Saturday Jan. 9th is the last day of the Star Telegram Bargain rates. The Wichita Falls newspaper bargains end February 1st. May we have your renewal today?

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