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the Drift

A polecat paid the Panhandle Refining Co. Service Station a call this week and even though he will visit no more filling stations in this life, he left memories that will linger long after the scent is gone. The heroic and timely efforts of City Marshall Jones will have their niche in the hall of fame along with the brave deeds of Billie the Kid and the James Brothers for the annihilation of the cat was not work for babies. Harold Smith, the keeper of the station, says that skunks will not be given a very warm welcome in the future.

James Milam and Homer T. Melton are planning to form an Athletic Club and put on an exhibition wrestling match. Since then Homer T. has decided that he does not need to belong to a club and is ready to take on all comers. James will be the manager.

Postmaster Atterbury has posted the lake between the postoffice and the printing office so as to give the little fish a chance to grow. The public has our permission to fish on our side of the lake if they will throw back all wiggletails under six inches.

Considerable consternation is felt for County Agent Jones in Courthouse circles as the politicians are at a loss to determine whether Jones has the spring fever or has merely fallen in love. Red Waldron is noting the symptoms with an experienced eye.

Professor Moorhouse of the Vera Public Schools was in the city one day this week.



Notice to Christian Church Members

Dear Christian Friend:

We urge you to be present at the Christian Church on next Lordsday May 3rd. at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Also at the business meeting of the whole Church on Monday Evening, May 4th.

We must get ready for our revival meeting which will begin on Monday June 1st. Please do not fail to be present at the above services.

May the Lord make his face shine upon us.

A. R. Caudle, Pastor.

Firemen Association to meet at Munday

The West Texas Fireman's Convention will meet Tuesday May 5 at Munday and the local fire department of that town in cooperation with the local Chamber of Commerce and the Ladies Auxilliary have arranged a program for the day that should be and inducement to every member of the Association to be present. There will be golf, shows, races, a banquet, and a dance. The Benjamin boys are planning to be out in large numbers.

Utilities Co. Report Business Improving

Prospects for improved crop, ranching and business conditions during 1931 continue promising according to the regular monthly survey conducted by the West Texas Utilities Co. Indications are that 1931 wheat, small grain and feed crops will be far above the average, and although but little cotton is planted as yet, the excellent condition of the top and sub soils gives promise of considerably larger yields than normally.

A consensus of opinions of the favious sections served by the company places the wheat and feed crop yields at from twenty five to thirty five per cent above normal during 1931 in the Panhandle section, the wheat is the is the main crop, while the abundant feed will be beneficial to all sections of the territory.

The report points out that while trade and collections are still far below normal, a slight improvement has been noted throughout the properties. The improvement should become more rapid as confidence in 1931 crop conditions become more widespread. The Retail trade has picked up perceptibly in the past 30 days.

The show, Cimmarron, at Munday was well attended by Benjamin folks Monday and Tuesday night.

The McClung Construction Co. unloaded a steam shovel here this week which will speed up the road work and give employment to more trucks.

The Highway west to the King County line is now open and the road is fine when dry. The new road cuts off about two miles of the distance to Guthrie.

Covington - Sellers

Miss Violet Covington and Mr. Ike Sellers were quietly married in Federick Oklahoma Thursday April 16. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Covington of Paducah and is well known throughout the country. Mr. Sellers is a well known rancher. The young couple will make their home in Abilene, but are at present on their honeymoon.

We wish for the young couple much happiness much happiness in future life.

The tornado Wednesday hit west of town demolishing the barn and two rooms of the Adams ranch house. No much other damage was reported.

Buck Spivey of Gilliland was in the city the first of the week on business.

Tax Assessor Earl Sams has been assessing taxes in Benjamin this week and reports that he has just about finished and that his work for the rest of this year will be in the office.

A. B. Sams was in this week from his farm east of town.

Mat Verholen from south of the river was in town this week.

Sheriff Elliott was in Munday one day this week.

The curb and gutter work around the square has been completed and the Seybold and Middleton Construction Co. have gone to a job at Sweetwater.

Some little damage was done the wheat crop by hail this week.

Jimmy Salters had the misfortune to fall and break her arm Thursday evening while jumping the rope.

Max Gardner and son Max Jr. were in Abilene the latter part of the week.

P. T. A. ENTERTAINMENT

The Bridge Tournament held at the Club Rooms Tuesday evening was a success. Prizes were given the winners. The tournament netted the P. T. A. about \$15.00.

GET ONE INCH RAIN HERE

Benjamin and vicinity was visited by a good one inch rain this week which practically assures the wheat crop. Range conditions are the best seen in this section in years. Much land is being worked and feed and some cotton is being planted.

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County Court has Busy Week

Criminal cases tried this week in County Court were the State vs. Jack Bradley, charged with disturbing the Peace, Plea of guilty and \$25 fine assessed. State vs L. J. Sweatt, abusive language, \$1 fine. The State vs Blair, driving truck without permit, \$15 fine.

Civil cases tried this week were Knox County vs D. J. Brookreson, Tom Adams, Adam Snider, W. P. H. McFadden, Condemnation of land. F. L. Perry vs. Mellie Mae Withrow, suit on note. V. R. Houser vs W. E. McNeil, suit on Commission. W. A. Martin vs Glidewell Construction Co. First National Bank of Goree vs V. D. Gilliland et al. W. M. Griffith et al vs W. E. Reynolds.

C. H Stewart is driving a new Chevrolet this week.

C. H. Burnett purchased a new Ford Tudor from Propps Motor Co. this week.

Leroy Melton, Walter Hertel and Burl Snody made a business trip to Wichita Falls this week.

Joe Wheeler has been in Abilene this week on business.

FIREMEN ANSWER CALL

The Fire Department answered a call Sunday morning at the residence of A. H. Sams but arrived a little late to be of assistance. A brooder in the chicken yard caught fire but a few buckets of water had the fire put out before the fire truck arrived. Very little damage was done.

FISHING REGULATIONS

Possibly there are a number of anglers who will fish in the Benjamin Lake this year who may not be familiar with the game laws and whose fishing experience is limited to catching pollywogs and craydads. For their benefit we print a few of the more important regulations.

No bass may be taken under eleven inches in length, crappie under seven inches.

The limit for bass is ten per day or an aggregate weight of twenty pounds; for crappie twenty per day or an aggregate weight of twenty pounds.

While the law simply requires that the undersized fish be returned to the water it is important that they be handled in a way that will give them a chance to live. The fish ought to be handled with wet hands, as dry hands break the film around their bodies.

It is unlawful to sell or trade any fresh water fish.

Minnow seines should not be over twenty feet in length with meshes with squares not less than one-sixth inch in diameter than minnows used for bait must be returned to the water.

It is unlawful to leave fish, bait or other contaminating substances on the water sheds of the lake.

A license of \$1.10 must be paid to use artificial bait in any waters in Texas.

ORDER FOR AN ELECTION ON CONSOLIDATION OF VERA AND RED CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT IN KNOX COUNTY TEXAS

Whereas, on the 11th day of April A. D. 1931, petitions from each of the following named Common School Districts, in Knox County, Texas, were duly presented to me as County Judge of said Knox Co. Texas, praying and petitioning that an election be held in each of said districts namely, Vera Common School District No 15 Knox County Texas and Red Creek Common School District No. 25, Knox County Texas for the purpose of determining whether said district shall be consolidated for school purposes, such consolidated school to be located at or near the present school at Vera, in Knox County and

It appearing that each of said petitions bear the signature of twenty (20) or more constituting a majority of the legally qualified voters of said common school district and

It further appearing that said Common School District in Knox County Texas, are contiguous;

Now therefore I, J. W. Melton, County Judge of Knox Co. Texas in my official capacity as said County Judge, do hereby order that an election be held on Saturday, the 16th day of May, A. D. 1931, at the usual voting places of said School Districts, namely the school building in Vera, and the school building in Red Creek, as such districts have heretofore been by the Commissioner's Court of said Knox County determined and established; such election to be held for the purpose of determining whether a majority of the legally qualified voters in each respective Common School district favor such consolidation as set out in each of the above described petitions.

Only qualified voters of the state and their respective common school districts shall be entitled to vote at said election and all voters favoring such consolidation shall have written or printed on their ballots the words "For Consolidation" and those opposing such consolidation shall have written or printed on their ballots the words "Against Consolidation."

J. W. Warner is hereby appointed presiding officer at Vera and Fred Glover is hereby appointed presiding officer at Red Creek, and each of the presiding officers shall select two (2) judges and two (2) clerks, each of whom shall likewise be legally voters, to assist in holding such elections.

Each of the aforesaid presiding officers shall, within five days after said election, make due returns thereof to the Commissioner's Court of Knox County, Texas, as required by the law governing general elections.

Given under my hand and official seal, this the 16th day of April, A. D. 1931.

J. W. Melton, County Judge, Knox County, Texas.

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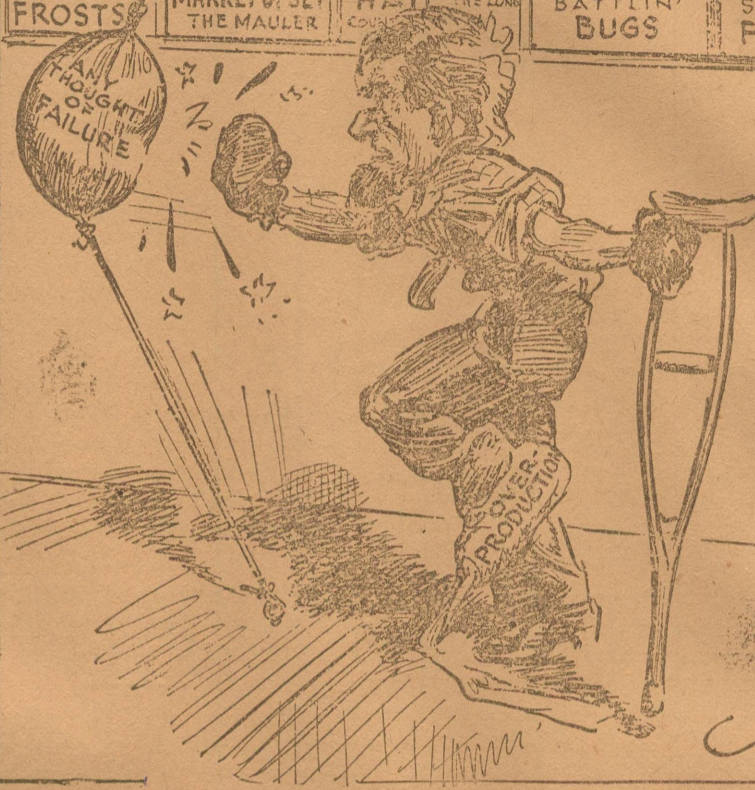
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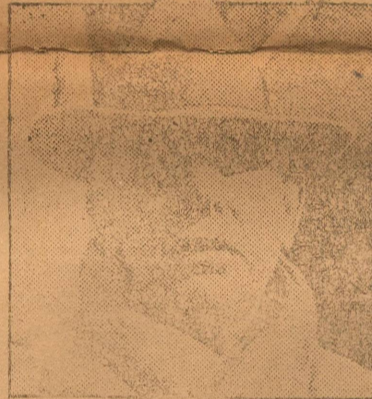
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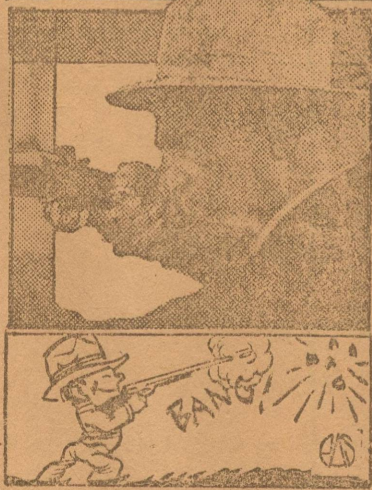
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Biff! Like That



Theodore Dreiser (above) got sore when Sinclair Lewis (below) accused him of stealing a chapter from one of Mrs. Lewis' books. Dreiser slapped Lewis' face and that was that.

Trapshooting Champ



E. F. Woodward of Houston, Tex., with an average score of over 99 percent on 1,800 targets, has been acclaimed U. S. Champion. He broke 666 targets in a row without a miss.

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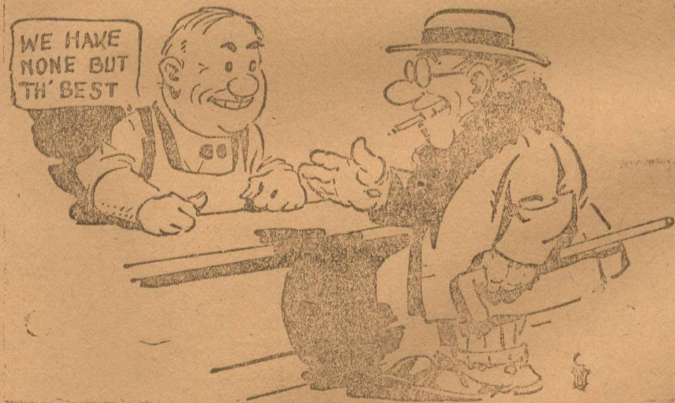
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**HUNG JURY DISMISSED
IN CRAWFORD CASE**

The jurors at Paducah in the John Crawford case reported this morning that they were hopelessly deadlocked, and they were dismissed by Judge I. O. Newton. It is said that there were seven for acquittal and five for conviction.

It is uncertain just what will be done with the case now. It

is unlikely that the state will keep on spending money on a case where there does not appear to be a prospect for conviction, and it may be thrown out of court. The jury stood ten for conviction and two for acquittal when the case was tried at Seymour. Since then there have been developments that somewhat changed the situation.

A large number of witnesses

attended from Seymour. Some of these were kept over until the case was completed yesterday afternoon, and as the road was bad from the rain, they remained for the night. They will have a hard time getting back now, some of them planning to come around by way of Childress.

Attorneys for the defense were Judge Jo A. P. Dickson and J. Donnel Dickson of Seymour and Judge C. C. McDonald of Wichita Falls. District

Attorney W. M. Combest was assisted by Attorney Sam Spence of Wichita Falls and the county attorney of Cottle county.

County Court has been in session here this week and several cases have been disposed of.

W. C. Glenn and James A. Stephens were in Stamford one day this week on business.

Mr. Charlie Perrin of Dickens County and a party of his friends passed through here Thursday on their way to Lake Kemp fishing.

W. F. and Roy Snody, Dr. Coffey and Alex Holt are at Lake Wichita this week fishing.

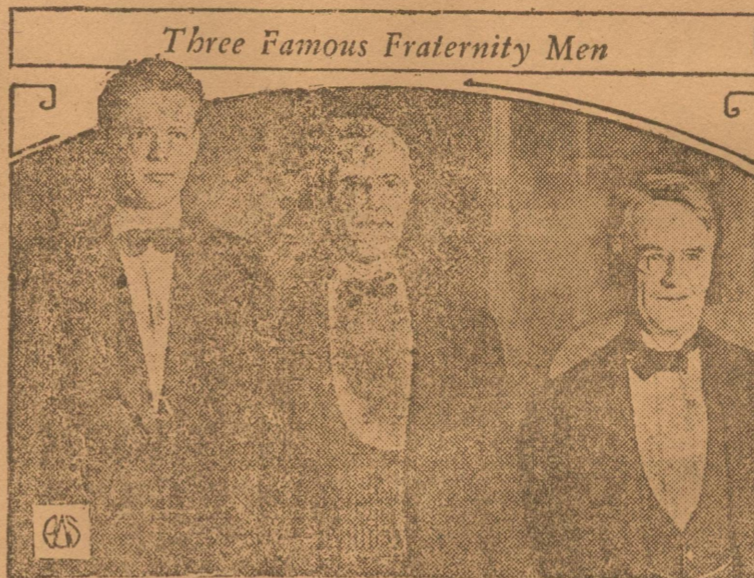
W. P. H. McFadden of Beamount is here on business this week.

Wayne Dolan of Estelline is here on business this week.

Uncle Tom Adams of Mineral Wells is here on business.

Several persons from over the county have been in Benjamin this week attending the County Court.

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Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, President John G. Hibben of Princeton University and Senator Dwight W. Morrow of New Jersey, at the recent dinner of Phi Beta Kappa, the college fraternity which stands for the highest scholarship.

Plays High Role



Richard B. Harrison, the Negro actor who plays the part of The Lord in the religious drama "The Green Pastures," the outstanding theatrical hit of the past year, whose actors are all Negroes, has been awarded the Spingarn medal, given annually for the highest achievement of an American Negro.

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- Fancy Fed Beef Roasts, per pound .15
- Squab, Dressed fat, per lb. .27
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- 20 lb. Pearl Meal, Universal .48

- Pinto Beans, recleaned, 20 lb. 1.00
- 25 lb. Sugar for 1.45
- 8 lb. Pail Compound for .98
- 10 lb. bag Sugar for .55
- Maxwell House Coffee, 3 lb. can for .93
- 8 oz. May Salad Dressing, 2 jars for .33
- 10 cans Morris Supreme Pork and Beans .69
- 10 cans Blacy Eye Peas, for .69
- Super Suds, 3 large boxes for .25
- First Pick Peaches, No. 2 1/2 can, 35c val., now .25

VEGETABLE SPECIALS

- Spuds, per peck .39
- Cabbage, nice firm heads, per lb. .02
- Carrots, per bundle .05
- Beets, per bunch .05
- Fresh White Onions per lb. .05
- Squash, nice, per lb. .10
- Fresh Green Beans, per lb. .10
- Lettuce, nice large heads, each .10
- White House Soap, 10 bars for .35
- Post Bran Flakes, 2 for .23
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Clarence Pool, former resident of Benjamin and loyal subscriber of the Post writes us from Amarillo that he has a new recipe for making home brew that we should try and if we think it good pass it on to our friends. It is so good that we are going to pass it on.

"Chase wild bull frog for 3 miles and gather up the hops. To them add five pounds tan bark to give it body, a pint of shellac to make it smooth, one bar soap to make it foam, two pounds of Star Navy to give it flavor, and four door knobs to hold it down. After drinking it, boil in ten gallons of water and then strain through an I. W. W's sock to keep from working, add one jumbo grasshopper to each pint to give it a kick. Pour a little into the kitchen sink and if it dissolves the enamel it is ready."

Our first batch was not so good but if the directions are carefully followed we can assure you that after drinking a batch of this beer, you will never drink any other kind.

Miss Marguarette Stephens of Chillicothe was at home for the week end.

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Sheriff's Sale

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale and executed by the Clerk of the Justice Court of Dallas County, on the 28th day of March 1931, in a certain cause wherein Universal Credit Co. a Corp. is plaintiff, and W. D. Parkhill is defendant, in favor of said plaintiff for the sum of One Hundred Forty Six and 24-100 Dollars with interest at the rate of 10 per centum per annum, from date of judgement, together with all costs of suit that being the amount of a judgement recovered by said Universal Credit Co. a Corp. plaintiff, in the Justice Court of Dallas County, on the 23d day of February 1931 I have levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in May 1931, it being the 5th day of said month, at Benjamin Texas within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title and interest of W. D. Parkhill in and to the following described personal property levied upon as the property of W. D. Parkhill to-wit:

One Dodge Sedan Automobile, 1927 Model Motor No. D-921170, Mfg. Serial No. A854626.

The above sale to be made by me to satisfy the above judgement for One Hundred Forty Six and 24-100 Dollars in favor of Universal Credit Co. a Corp. together with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds ap-

plied to the satisfaction thereof.
C. R. Elliott
Sheriff Knox County, Texas
Benjamin Texas, April 2, 1931.

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