

# THE BENJAMIN POST

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## the Drift

We were handed a manuscript this week by a man who has had a vision and asked us to publish it in order that some wiser than he might interpret it. We are asked to withhold the name from print but if any one can solve this vision turn in your solution to us and we will get in touch with the proper party. The best solution gets as a prize 100 shares in our cat and rat farm.

TO THE WISE OF THE EARTH: KINGS, PRESIDENTS, POPE, PRIEST, CARDINALS, BISHOPS, PREACHERS, LORDS, PANTIES, and JODS OF EARTH, To you I call: I would like to know what is to become of the old that is down and out of employment, thou hoo has don a life of usful work all thare lives, thouse hoo has helped to feed and clothe the world in thare time. I have seen nothing in all the Remedies perscribed for thim. It causes me ancious thost, so much so I have had a vision of Night that causes me mutch meditation. My vision was this: I was lifted up upon the wings of a grate eagle and flew from Hill to Hill from Mountain to Mountain while thus soaring over the fields and valleys I spide a grate tree, hoo, top was a bove the Mountain this grate tree was all skreind with the wild vines of the forest. I espidd a openig through the vines to the trunk of the tree. I discovered that a hive of bees had built in a grate cavity of this tree and I lit on the vines and taken honey from this tree and the bees never Desterbed me. And agan I was lifted up and swoored over the fields and valleys and I saw the plants of the fields come to full heads and I examed thime and it was nothing but chaff. Please some of you wise men pray tell me what of it.

## Christian Church News

Services for Lordsday Feb. 22, 1931  
 Bible School 10 A. M.  
 Lords Supper 11 A.M.  
 Christian Endeavor 6 P. M.  
 Leader, Marjorie Sams.  
 Supt. Mrs. Aldine Ward.

We continue another lesson on Bible Questions from the books of the old Testament.

Let there be a good attendance at all these services. There will be no preaching as the pastor will be closing his work at Truscott.

Our next preaching day at Benjamin will be Sunday March the 1st. Please note the time.

A. R. Caudle, Pastor

## Baptist Church News

Altho the crowd was small we had Sunday School and preachni gservices. We realie that several were unable to come on account of sore arms but those who could come and didn't, missed hearing a sermon that would have done you rheart good.

Are we falling down on the Sunday school work? From the attendance it seems that we are doing so.

Let every one come early next Sunday so as to be on time for next Sunday is preaching day. After song service, prayer and Bible reading, the B. Y. P. U. omitted the program and Bro. Holcomb preached a splendid sermon.

A few of the W. M. U. members met at Mrs. J. D. Goodrich's and put the quilt in frames, quilted some and agreed to meet there next Monday afternoon.

## Farmers Meeting

At a meeting held Thursday at the Benjamin Theatre Building the farmers of the community discussed the drought loan proposition and good seed. A representative of the Texas Certified Seed Corporation of Dallas and County Agent W. E. Jones were the principle speakers of the afternoon and stressed the importance of using certified seed. A motion to plant Mebane seed this year was carried by a large vote and two cars of cotton seed will be shipped here. The seed will be handled by the local gin and the farmers can trade in the cotton seed that they have on hand for this certified seed and get the market price for their old seed.

## Essay Writing Rules Changed

Radical changes in the Essay Writing rules of the Interscholastic League have been made this year according to Miss Lena V. Lair who was elected Director of Essay Writing in this county.

Heretofore subjects for the Essay contests have been selected from certain prescribed magazines. This year, however, the subjects will be furnished from the state office of the League 'with in the range of the average pupil's study, observation, and experience.' Thus it will not be necessary for pupils entering this contest to be prepared on current news, as in the past, but much practice in actual composition will be necessary for those who expect to compete successfully.

This change in the rules was made in accordance with the recommendation of the committee in the English faculty of the University of Texas which has charge of the grading of essays in the stat contests. Less emphasis on amassing of information and more emphasis upon practice in composition, this committee believes, will give better results.

Mike Watson and Tom Davis of Haskell were in the city the first of the week on business. Mr. Watson is the Tax Assessor of Haskell County and Mr. avis is an Attorney.

Judge J. A. P. Dickson and Donnel Dickson, Seymour Lawyers were here on legal business this week.

E. L. Covey and Sunset Boone of Goree were in the City this week on business.

## TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

For many years we have run a credit business, but business conditions have forced us into a situation, that we cannot meet our obligations on this basis longer.

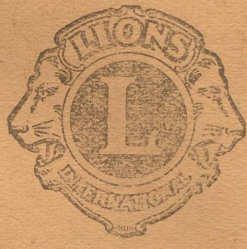
Beginning with March 1st, we must sell for CASH except such installments on larger merchandise, where special terms are arranged for, on the purchase of same.

In selling for cash we will be able to give you more for your money and this alne should compensate for the so called convenience of credit buying.

It is our aim to sell as cheaply as any one and we want our friends to let us make prices before going else where to buy.

We wish to thank all our customers for past business, and truting that we can serve you in a larger and better way for CASH in the future, we are

Very truly yours,  
 WEST TEXAS SUPPLY CO.



Local Lions that attended the Interectly meeting at Haskell Thursday night were J. H. Atterbury, S. G. West, Leroy Melton, Roy Snody, Louis Williams and J. L. Galloway. There were about eighty in attendance counting the ladies, according to those who attended from here. The next Inter-City meeting will be at Throckmorton about April.

## The Truck Question Again

Stagnation of countless towns and small cities of Texas and the demoralization of local business is being laid at the door of the unregulated truck, according to reports from Austin where numerous legislators are said to regard strict regulation of Trucks as necessary to stem the tide of business away from the smaller centers to the larger cities of the state.

The claim is made that the truck has almost overnight become a gravier problem to the small town merchant than its old foe the mail order house. Failure of many a small town merchant recently is said to have been due partly at least to the fact that truckmen have been making a practice of soliciting retail business in the small towns for the merchant in the larger cities.

Most of the criticism of the unregulated truck centers about the so called cotton truck, that is the fly-by-night operator who engages in the business of hauling cotton to port-city markets. This practice, which, it is pointed out, has benefitted neither the producer nor bale consumer, is said to have completely upset and demoralized the business an deconomice set up and commercial practices of scores of small and medium sized Texas towns.

Until the advent of the cotton truck, the farmer sold his cotton locally, received payment through a local bank and as a natural consequence, purchased his supplies from his local merchant. Now, say the merchant and the banker in the smaller towns, the cotton is being purchased by an out of town cash buyer and the cotton being shipped by truck. Payment is made by check on a distant city bank and the truck, man in order to prevent returning with an empty truck, offers to bring back at reduced rates, supplies and merchandise for the farmer, purchased, of course at the nearest city. The local banker and merchant are left entirely out of the picture except when-called upon to extend credit.

SHOE AND BOOT REPAIRING  
 First class work done in rear of the West Texas Supply Co. store.  
 Clay Phillips

## A PREACHER POUNDED

On last Sunday evening at the home of J. E. Clarke in Knox City Brother A. R. Caudle was presented with a nice lot of good things to eat by the First Christian Church of that place. Bro. Caudle and family are truly grateful to these good people for their kindness and appreciation of the pastors work in their midst.

Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Benjamin, Texas, determining the necessity of levying an assessment against the property and the Owners thereof on portions of Stewart street, Cedar street, Hays street and Hinton street, in the City of Benjamin, for the cost of improving streets, and fixing a time for a hearing of the Owners or agents of said Owners of said property or of any persons interested in said improvements, as provided by Chapter 9, title 28, revised statutes of Texas of 1925, and the Ordinance of the City of Benjamin, and directing the City Secretary to give notice of said hearing and examining and approving the statement or report of the City Engineer, and declairing an emergency

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF Benjamin, Texas: That, whereas, the City Council of the City of Benjamin, Texas, has heretofore by ordinance duly passed and approved ordered the improvement of the following streets, to-wit: The parts of Stewart, Cedar, Hinton and Hays streets contiguous to the Court House premises by constructing concrete curb and gutter thereon.

Which said streets or portions thereof named to be improved shall each be and constitute an entirely and wholly separate and independent unit of improvement. The assessments hereinafter provided for on each street or portion thereof named to be improved shall be made in accordance with the prices of the improvements on that particular street or portion thereof named to be improved, and in accordance with the benefits accruing to the property by reason of said improvements on that particular street or portion thereof named to be improved, wholly and entirely independent of the cost and the benefits accruing by reason of the improvements on any of the other streets or portions thereof named to be improved. The construction of said improvements on each particular street or portion thereof named to be improved shall be made wholly independent of and separate from the improvements on any other street or portion thereof named to be improved; and:

WHEREAS, plans and specifications for the improvements of said streets have been duly prepared and approved as required by Chapter 9, Title 28, Revised Statutes of Texas of 1925, and the Ordinance of the City of Benjamin; and, contract will be let for constructing said improvements by said City Council on March 9, 1931.

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENJAMIN: THAT the report or statement of the City Engineer filed with the City Council, describing the abutting property and giving the names of property owners and number of front feet and the estimated cost of improvement chargeable against each abutting property and its owner, having ben duly examined is hereby approved. That the City Council does hereby determine to assess the entire cost of curbs, and gutters, against the owners of the property abutting thereon, and against their property, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 9, Title 28, Revised Statutes of Texas of 1925, and the Ordinances of the City of Benjamin.

That said assessment shall be made after the notice to such property owners and all persons interested in the same, has been mailed, and that the said cost of improvements to be assessed against such property owners and their property shall be in accordance with the Front Foot Rule or Plan in the proportion that the frontage of the property of each owner on each particular street or portion thereof named to be improved bears to the frontage of the whole property on that particular street or portion thereof named to be improved; provided, that after such hearing, if such plan of apportionment be found to be not just and equitable in each particular instance, the City Council shall so apportion all said cost as to produce a substantial equality between all such property owners abutting on said portion of each particular street or portion thereof named to be improved, having in view the enhanced value of that property and the benefits derived from such improvements and the burdens imposed upon them by such assessments and that in no event shall any assessment be made against any owner or his property in excess of the enhanced value of such property by reason of such improvement.

That the cost of such improvement which is contemplated to be assessed against such owners and their properties shall become due and payable as follows: One-fifth upon completion and acceptance by the City of Benjamin of said improvement on the particular street or portion thereof named to be improved; one-fifth on or before one year after said date; one-fifth on or before two years after said date, one-fifth on or before three years after said date; and one-fifth on or before four years after said date together with interest from said date at the rate of eight percent per annum, and reasonable attorney's fees and all costs of collection in case of default. That the total part of such improvement which is contemplated to be assessed against such owners and their respective properties and the names of the owners of property abutting upon said streets aforesaid, properties to be improved, and the description of that property and the amounts proposed to be assessed against them respectively, for curb and gutter, is as follows:

Provided, however that the actual cost of constructing said improvements differs from the assessments as above set out, then such assessments shall be raised or lowered in proportion to such difference.

CEDAR STREET			
OWNER	Description of property	Front Feet	Amount of Assessment
G. H. Beavers	E 1/2 Lot 1, Blk 6	25 Feet	\$31.25
J. H. Atterbury	W 1/2 Lot 1, Blk 6	30 Feet	\$37.50
Bush and Burnett	E 1/2 Lot 2, Blk 6	25 Feet	\$31.25
J. H. Atterbury	W 1/2 Lot 2, Blk 6	25 Feet	\$31.25
E. M. Sanborn Est.	E 1/2 Lot 3 Blk 6	25 Feet	\$31.25
W. M. Moore	W 1/2 Lot 3, Blk 6	25 Feet	\$31.25
G. H. Beavers	E 1/2 Lot 4, Blk 6	25 Feet	\$31.25
L. M. Williams	W 1/2 Lot 4, Blk 6	25 Feet	\$31.25
J. H. Atterbury	E 1/2 Lot 5, Blk 6	25 Feet	\$31.25
J. S. Johson Est & W. M. Moore	W 1/2 Lot 5, Blk 6	25 Ft	\$31.25
J. D. Jeffcoat	All Lot 6, Blk 6	55 Feet	\$68.75
STEWART STREET			
1st State Bank & T. Co.	S 1/2 Lot 6, Blk 4	25 Feet	\$31.25
Mrs. Mollie Sams	N 1/2 Lot No. 6, Blk No. 4	30 Feet	\$37.50
J. F. Wellington	All Lot No. 5, Blk 4	50 Feet	\$62.50
W. M. Moore	All Lot No. 4, Blk 4	50 Feet	\$62.50
Templeton and Jones	S 1/2 Lot 3, Blk 4	25 Feet	\$31.25
R. L. White	N 1/2 Lot 3, Blk 4	25 Feet	\$31.25
J. F. Wellington	S 1/2 Lot 2, Blk 4	25 Feet	\$31.25
A. A. Green, III,	N 1/2 Lot 2, Blk 4	25 Feet	\$31.25

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NO DOLE

The effort in Congress to pauperize vast numbers of Americans by voting money from the public funds as a free gift seems to have failed. The time tried American method of relieving economic distress by private charity is working out. The Red Cross has the drought-relief situation well in hand and the people of the United States have responded in full to its appeal for funds.

Such money as has been appropriated from the public treasury for the relief of the farmers who are compelled to make a fresh start in life because of the drought will be made available to them on terms which will not sacrifice their self-respect nor render them objects of Government charity. There are a few in every community who would rather get something without working for it rather than to do an honest day's work, and they are usually the ones who are most vociferous in their demands for help. But the time has not yet come when any considerable portion of Americans are ready to confess that they cannot support themselves, and are willing to live idleness at the expense of their fellow-citizens.

NO GROUND FOR FEAR

It is useless to deny that the present state of mind of many Americans is fear of what the future may bring.

public thinking on economic today. People are afraid that things are not going to come back, that somehow we have lost our stride as a nation and are not going to be able to get going again at the old pace. There is more money now in savings banks than ever before in history. Much of it has been put there in the past year because people were afraid to spend it. Merchants have been afraid to replenish their stocks for fear prices would go down still further. Individuals have been afraid that conditions were going to get continually worse.

There is nothing in our history to warrant such fears. The only way to judge the future is by the past. All our past history reveals a succession of forward steps, never a backward one. The pace has slackened at times as it has slackened in the past eighteen months, but the movement has always been forward. There is not a single reason for the belief that our economic progress has stopped or that we are going backward. On the contrary, all the signs point in the other direction. There is no ground for fear.

FARM RELIEF

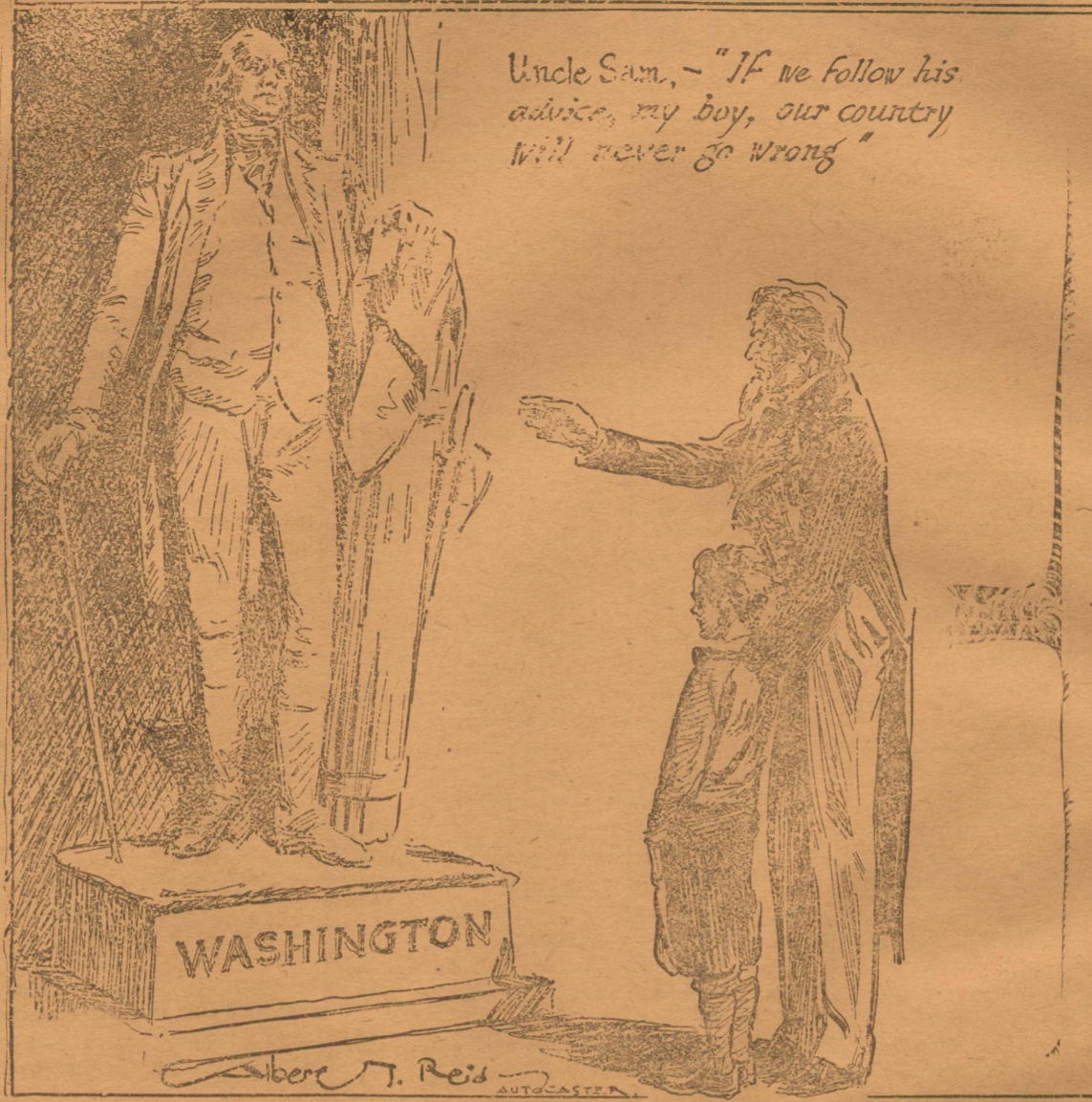
There is talk in Congress of an increase of 50 per cent in the tariff on all agriculture products. That would go a long way toward helping the farmers who have something to sell, or who will have something to sell this year. The whole world is in the same state of agricultural overproduction as we are, and every body trying to dump surplus grain, cotton potatoes, fruits, owl sugar and other agricultural commodities on us.

If we are to have a tariff wall by all means make one as high for the farmers as for the manufacturer. Industry has had more than its share of production in the past; it is the farmers turn now.

Another encouraging sign of better times ahead for the farmer is the agreement with wheat farmers

His Policies Are Still Sound

By Albert T. Reid



in the Texas wheat belt, another in all of the staple crops, the Board group in South Dakota, still another will have justified its existence and group in the Pacific Northwest, are its cost if it accomplishes nothing making themselves, to reduce their else. And with acreage reduced wheat acreage by 40 per cent. It and a tariff high enough to keep for- is encouraging because it is the first eign foodstuffs out of the country so far as we can recall, that any con- siderable body of growers has start- ed intelligent self-help on sound economic principles. The cry of the farmer has been too much that

Mrs. Orb Coffman and children of Goree were visiting in the home of R. R. Rouse Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee McStay of Munday were visiting relatives here the first of the week.

Mrs. Walter Moorhouse has been visiting at the McFadden Ranch this week.

Miss Mary Isbell, and Angie Heard and Tinnie Thornton and Guenell Hellums of Goree were visiting friends in Benjamin Wednesday.

Miss Marguerette Stephens, who is teaching school in Chillicothe spent last week end at home here with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Melton were in Wichita Falls Thursday on business.

Mrs. W. E. Moorhouse and Mrs. O. D. Propps left the first of the week for Maybank to visit with relatives.

Roy Snody has been visiting in Vera in the home of E. R. Snody a few days this week.

IT PAYS BIG DIVIDENDS TO PAY CASH

- ONION SETS, yellow ----- gal .30
- SEED POTATOES, per lb ----- .03 1/2
- SPUDS, 1/2 pk. --- .20 Pk. --- .35
- KETCHUP, --- .19 EGGS, per doz .10
- PINTO BEANS, 100lb ----- 4.00
- PORK & BEANS, 3 for ----- .25
- CEREALS, 15c val., 2 for ----- .25
- SUGAR, 10 lb bag ----- .65 25lb 1.48
- MARY JANE, Karo, B. Rab .42 and .79
- VEGETABLES, direct from S.Tex, bun .07
- FRI.—SAT. Fresh Oysters, doz ----- .20
- HOUSE DRESSES, 1.95 val ----- 1.76

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Compare our prices with the Chain Stores'

THE WAY OF LIFE

By Bruce Barton

MARTYRS

It was once my privilege to witness the establishment of a new religion.

The founder was John Alexander Dowie, who first appeared in the Chicago newspapers as an obscure exhorter with a talent for strong language. Though he went through the city and suburbs holding outdoor meetings, he attracted comparatively little attention until one night a hoodlum hit him in the eye with a rotten egg.

At once he assumed a new character and importance. Instead of being merely a sensational denouncer he became an incipient martyr, a prophet persecuted for his faith. Converts flocked to his banner, money poured in, he founded his own city, and finally proclaimed himself the reincarnation of Elijah.

He had undoubted talent, but it was the stupidity of his opponents which persecuted him into success.

The fiery old doctor, with his picturesque white whiskers, has long since passed the river, but I think about him whenever the newspapers begin to talk about the danger of "Red Riots" and the police break up a harmless mass with their clubs.

England, older and wiser than we in many respects, manages these things much better. She knows that an alligator is harmless unless you try to suppress him. Only then does he become a menace. She sets aside one end of Hyde Park for the exclusive use of the agitators.

There every afternoon, and especially on Sundays, they meet and shoot off their faces against the government, the church and whatever else they dislike.

One of the wisest things President Hoover has done was to release the foolish young men and women who were arrested for picketing the White House. He said that he did not propose to let any silly folks achieve "cheap martyrdom" at the government's expense.

A wise man of an earlier day was a Pharisee named Gamaliel. When the first persecution of the Christians began he protested.

"Refrain from these men and let them alone, for if this council or this work be of men, it will come to naught. But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it, lest happily ye be found even to fight against God."

If the Pharisees had taken his advice the new and struggling little sect might conceivably have passed out in obscurity. But they went on with their persecutions and "the blood of the martyrs became the seed of the church."

C. A. Eiland of Munday was in the city the first of the week on business.

J. L. Galloway and Walter Hertel made a business trip to Wichita Falls Tuesday.

Own An Insured Estate

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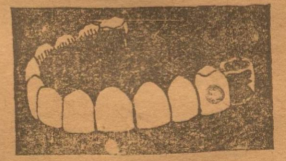
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals addressed to the Commissioners Court of Knox County, Texas will be received at the office of the County Clerk of Knox County, Texas at Benjamin, Texas until 10 o'clock A. M. March 9th, 1931, for furnishing all necessary materials, equipment and labor for constructing certain street improvements, to-wit:

Concrete curb and gutter on the parts of Hinton, Cedar and Stewart streets contiguous to the Court House Premises in the City of Benjamin, Texas, for Knox County, Texas, Owner.

Bidders must submit Certified Check for \$200 (Two Hundred) Dollars, payable without recourse to the order of the County Judge of Knox County, Texas as a guarantee that Bidder will enter into the contract and execute bond and guarantee in the forms provided within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract to him. Bids without required check will not be considered.

Successful Bidder must furnish bond for the sum bid, on the Statutory form, from a responsible surety company, or from good and sufficient personal sureties satisfactory to Owner.

All lump sum and unit prices must be stated in both script and figures. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive formalities. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating the prices in the bids, the Owner reserves the right to consider the most advantageous thereof, or to reject the bid. Unreasonable (or "unbalanced") unit prices will authorize the owner to reject any bid.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and to inform themselves regarding all local conditions.

Instructions to bidders, propose form, specifications and plans are on file at the office of the County Clerk of Knox County, Texas, at Benjamin, Texas.

J. W. Melton  
County Judge, Knox County, Texas  
Attest:  
M. T. Chamberlain,  
County Clerk, Knox County, Texas

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BENJAMIN, TEXAS  
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Classified Ads

TO TRADE for car and radio lots No. 10, 11, and 12. Blk. 83 Benjamin. Orig. T. S. What have you. Will call to close trade.  
W. D. Knight Stamford, Texas

WE HAVE plenty of babychicks this week. Why not buy early and produce some early laying pullits.  
Waldrip's Hatchery  
Knox City, Texas

Bring your Custom hatching now. Fine hatches, better chicks.  
Munday Hatchery

FOR SALE: Have considerable pole wood for sale or will trade for maize. \$2.50 per load. Jeske Farm 6 mi. West of Benjamin. West Bros.

FOR SALE: A pair of pure Duck feather pillows.  
See Benjamin Post

FOR SALE: Have some good pole wood for sale or will trade for maize. \$2.50 per load. Jeske Farm 6 mi. West of Benjamin. West Bros.

WANT to hear direct from owner of good farm for sale.  
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P. O. Box 107  
Wichita, Kansas

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Seriously Ill



Dame Nellie Melba, world-famous opera singer, reported dying at 64 at Melbourne, Australia. Born Helen Porter Mitchell, she took her stage name from Australia's great city.

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J. B. Jones  
Mayor of the City of Benjamin, Texas.  
Attest:  
J. W. Melton, Secretary.

Leon C. Noel made a business trip to Matador Sunday.

Homer T. Melton, James McCannell, Collins Motrhouse, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Waldron, and Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Ward were in Wichita Falls Sunday.

M. F. Billingsley of Munday was in Benjamin Thursday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Tobe Stark are in the city this week visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. W. C. Glenn and Mrs. Wallace Glenn were visiting relatives in Rochester the first of the week.

Know Texas

Texas produced ribbon cane syrup valued at \$1,500,000 in 1930, although the total output was 20 to 30 per cent off on account of the drouth. (Authority: Mt. Enterprise Progress.)

Texas leads the nation in number of petroleum refineries, but ranks low among the states in production of valuable by-products of its petroleum output. (Authority: Department of Commerce.)

Texas has the only "cotton cloth" road in the world, on Highway No. 3 near Gonzales. Cotton fabric is used as the base for asphaltic surfacing.

Texas sold \$3,000,000 worth of fur last year, comprising 1,248,485 pelts of fur-bearing animals. Opossum pelts constituted more than half the total, 756,502. Skunk with 235,805 was next, muskrats contributed 75,867 and coons 45,317. (Authority: Texas Game Fish and Oyster Commission.)

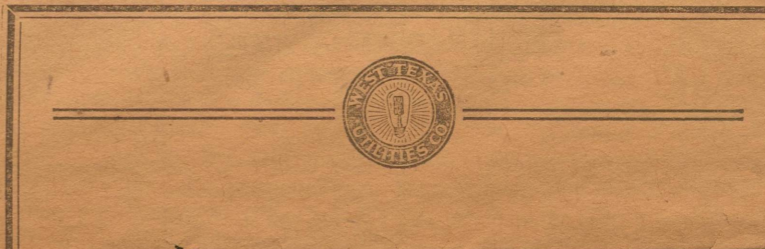


Another Champion American  
Bobby Burns, wire-haired fox terrier owned by P. C. Bundy of Golden's Bridge, N. Y., back from England where he was acclaimed the world's champion of his breed.

**MEAT VALUES**

Plain Steak	.25
Sirloin Steak	.30
Rib Roast	.17
Creamery Butter	.50
Sliced Bacon	.50

**THE CASH MARKET**



**Electric Power Encourages Industry**

Two THOUSAND five hundred miles of trunk transmission network, interlacing this vast empire and distributing economical electric energy from three strategically located major generating plants, insure West Texas a power supply on a par with that of the largest cities and industrial centers.

This territory, dependably served by the West Texas Utilities Company, now offers to industry all the advantages of flexible, ever-ready electric power—of such refined quality as to meet the stringent requirements of the modern electric clock, radio, and talking picture equipment, which were not in use in the days of the small isolated plant.

One hundred and twenty prosperous cities and towns throughout forty-eight West Texas counties are benefiting by the obvious advantages of transmission line service. They look into the future, secure in the knowledge that they will be able to compete with the larger cities on an equal basis.

**West Texas Utilities Company**

**5 1-2 Per cent Money to Loan**

The Federal Land Bank of Houston will make you a loan on improved farm or ranch property at the lowest interest rate available. **WHY PAY MORE?**

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**John Ed Jones, Sec.**  
Munday Texas



Mrs. Avadhe Poore	S 1/2 Lot 1, Blk 4	25 Feet	\$31.25
H. F. Waford	N 1/2 Lot 1, Blk 4	30 Feet	\$37.50
West Tex. Supply Co.	All Lot 1, Blk 5	23 1/2 Feet	\$29.38
J. H. Atterbury	All Lot 6, Blk 3	23 1/2 Feet	\$29.38
HAYS STREET			
J. W. Houser	W 30 feet Lot 7, Blk 2	33 1/2 Feet	\$41.87
Panhandle Refg. Co.	E 1/2 Lot 12, Blk 2	33 1/2 Feet	\$41.87

HINTON STREET			
W. C. Glenn	Lot 12, Blk 8	55 Feet	\$68.75
W. M. Moore	N 1/2 Lot 11, Blk 8,	25 Feet	\$31.25
Mrs. Ella Barnard	S 1/2 11 Blk 8	25 Feet	\$31.25
Mrs. Beulah Henry	N 21 1/2 ft. Lot 10 Blk 8	21 1/2 Feet	\$26.92 1/2
T. E. Bentley	S 28 1/2 ft. Lot 10 Blk 8	28 1/2 Feet	\$35.62 1/2
J. A. Stephens	N 1/2 Lot 9 Blk 8	25 Feet	\$31.25
J. W. Melton	S 1/2 Lot 9 Blk 8	25 Feet	\$31.25
J. W. Melton	N 1/2 Lot 8 Blk 8	25 Feet	\$31.25
A. C. McGlothlin	S 1/2 Lot 8 Blk 8	25 Feet	\$31.25
Msr. W. F. Bisbee	N 1/2 Lot 7 Blk 8	25 Feet	\$31.25
D. J. Brookreson	S 1/2 Lot 7 Blk 8	30 Feet	\$37.50
Propps Motor Co.	Lot 12 Blk 7	23 1/2 Feet	\$29.38
R. Browder	Lot 7 Blk 1	23 1/2 Feet	\$29.38

## SPECIALS FOR

Friday and Saturday, Feb. 20, 21

FLOUR, Light Crust 48 lb	\$1.37
FLOUR Famous, 48 lb	1.09
FLOUR, Five Roses, 48 lb	.99
LARD, all kinds, 8 lb	.90
APPLES, Arkansas Black, Pk.	.50
OATS, Glassware, Large,	.23
SPUDS, per pk. .33 100 lb	2.00
VEGETABLES, bunch	.06
GRAPEFRUIT, each	.06
BROOMS, 45 ct. value	.29
BANANAS, doz.	.18
SUGAR, 25 lb	1.43
CABBAGE, lb	.02
LETTUCE, head	.06
ORANGES, small size, doz.	.18
SYRUP, Mississippi Cane brand, gal	.75

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Benjamin, Texas

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The property described below is all in the Town of Benjamin, Texas as shown by the plat of said town of record in the office of the County Clerk of Knox County, Texas.

THAT a hearing shall be given to said owners, their agents and attorneys, and any person or persons interested in said improvements, before the City Council of the City of Benjamin as provided by provisions of Chapter 9, Title 28, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas 1925, and the Ordinances of the City of Benjamin, which said hearing shall be had on the 6 day of March, 1931 at 10 o'clock A. M. in the city Hall of the City of Benjamin, Texas and which said hearing shall be continued from day to day and time to time, as may be necessary to give all property owners, their agents or attorneys, and any interested person or persons a full and fair hearing, and said owners, their attorneys or agents, and any interested person or persons, shall have the right to appear and be heard in any manner concerning the said improvements or said assessment, or the benefits thereof to their said property, or to any other matter or thing in connection herewith, or to contest said assessment and at such hearings a full and fair opportunity shall be extended to said property owners, their agents or attorneys and to all interested persons, to be heard with respect to such improvements.

THAT after the conclusion of the hearing above mentioned such sum or sums that may be determined by the City Council to be payable by said property owners shall be assessed against them respectively and against their respective properties, by ordinance or ordinances, in the manner prescribed by the provisions of Chapter 9, Title 28, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas 1925, and the Ordinance of the City of Benjamin.

THAT the City Secretary of the City of Benjamin is hereby directed to give notice to said property owners their agents or attorneys, and to all interested persons, of said hearing, as prescribed by the provisions of Chapter 9, Title 28, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas 1925 and the Ordinance of the City of Benjamin by publishing this Ordinance three times in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Benjamin, the first of said publications to be made at least ten days before the date set for said hearing. Said City Secretary may also mail a copy of said notice by registered letter to each of said property owners or agents or attorneys if known, said letters to be deposited in a postoffice in the City of Benjamin at least ten days before the date set for the hearing. However said notice by registered letter shall be cumulative only, and notice by publication shall be due and proper notice of said hearing. It shall not be necessary to the validity of said notice of hearing to name the property owners abutting said streets or portions thereof named to be improved, and the fact that any such property owner or owners are incorrectly named or not named at all, shall in no wise affect the validity of the assessment against said property owner nor the personal liability against the real and true owner or owners of said property. No errors or omissions in the descriptions of the properties abutting on said streets or portions thereof named to be improved shall in any wise invalidate said assessment, but it shall be the duty of such property owner or owners, whose property is incorrectly described to furnish a proper description at the hearing or hearings provided for. No error or omission of any character in the proceedings shall invalidate any assessment or any certificate issued in evidence thereof.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENJAMIN: That the fact that said portions of said streets are in such urgent need of repair creates an emergency and imperative public necessity for the preservation of the public peace, public health and public property requiring that the rule requiring three several readings be and the same is hereby ordered suspended and that this ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED, This 20 day of Feb. A. D. 1931

J. B. JONES, Mayor.

ATTEST  
Leroy C. Melton, City Secretary.



## CHOCOLATE

Perhaps America's most widely-distributed food product is chocolate. It was unknown to the civilized world until the Spanish conquistadores found the Mexicans drinking a decoction made from the cacao bean. The explorers took the bean and the drink back to Europe with them.

We use about 150,000,000 pounds of chocolate a year, in the form of candy, flavoring for ice-cream and soda, and as a drink, which we call cocoa, although the original Mexican word was cacao. The rest of the world uses about as much as we do.

The food value of chocolate is high; it is a concentrated energy producer. The forms in which it is generally sold, highly sweetened, make it less digestible for persons who cannot take care of sweets easily. But for anybody engaged in active physical work there is no better stimulant combined with nourishment than sweetened chocolate.

## UNEMPLOYMENT

While the rest of the country is recovering its normal tone quite noticeably, New York City is getting very sorry for itself over the business depression and unemployment. Business isn't any worse in New York than it is anywhere else, and there are no

more unemployed, proportionately, than in any other town. In the city newspapers and the public have just got around to taking serious notice and to raising money for the benefit of the unemployed. It has become the fashionable thing for the smart set to attend football games for charity, join unemployment committees and get their names and pictures in the paper. Several million dollars has been raised, with the result that every tramp and drifter in the country is heading for New York as fast as he can go, to get some of the easy money that is being handed out to anybody who can pull a poor face.

Not that there isn't unemployment and suffering, too, in New York. It is mostly in cases where illness, old age or sheer incompetence is to blame. I know of many cases where people looking for competent help have been unable to find any really useful person who didn't have a job.

## HOGS

There is something in the idea of feeding wheat instead of corn to livestock, according to an account issued by the Federal Farm Board of the experiences of many farmers who have tried it.

Frank Evans of Oklahoma fed 311 hogs on wheat, and found that 400 pounds of wheat made 100 pounds of pork. He figured up what he got for his wheat thus converted into pork, and says it brought him \$1.67 a bushel. Other farmers who have tried the same thing report that wheat has brought them from \$1 to \$1.50 a bushel by the same process.

Every innovation of this sort is a step toward the ultimate solution of the farm problem.

