

THE BENJAMIN POST

A WEEKLY PUBLICATION PURPORTING TO PRESENT THE FACTS AS THEY OCCUR AND DEDICATED TO THE LIVESTOCK AND AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF KNOX COUNTY AND ALL WEST TEXAS

VOLUME 27

BENJAMIN, KNOX COUNTY, TEXAS, APRIL 6, 1934.

NUMER 42

SPLINTERS

A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance.—Prov.

Notice that the bonds that the Federal Land Bank issues instead of money sell at par and accrued interest. And under a Democratic Administration, too.

Benjamin held a municipal election this week. All present incumbents were returned by wide margin. Twenty seven votes were polled which is the least number since the incorporation of the town.

While no wells have started drilling yet, there is considerable oil talk over the county. Even a little talk will make the people feel optimistic because, even if oil isn't worth very much, it is still a magic word in Texas where great fortunes have been made overnight.

Politics, like the weather seems to have cooled off temporarily. When the days get long and hot and the various candidates begin to get under way, the interest of the public will be centered on who will be the next office holder and after the election the most of the citizens will not give it another thought until the next election rolls around.

Lee Coffman of Goree was in Benjamin Thursday and Friday of this week.

RESULTS OF KNOX COUNTY TRACK AND FIELD MEET

The Knox City High School thirly clads won the class B Knox County track and field championship at the meet held in Munday, March 31. This event had been delayed once by inclement weather. The Knox City team scored 59 points to lead their nearest rivals, Truscott, by 23 1-2 points. Truscott scored 35 1-2 points and Goree, earning most of its points in the dashes, scored 21 points. The four remaining contestants divided the scoring as follows: Benjamin, 14 1-2 points; Sunset, 13 points; Gilliland, 2 points; and Hefner, 2 points.

Myers of the Truscott team was high point man of the meet with 15 3-4 points to his credit. He snared three first places. Bryan of Knox City was second with 13 1-4 points and Bigbee of Benjamin third with 13 points.

The biggest up-set of the meet was the mile run. It was expected that Knox City would take this event since their man, Dutton, having won the county championship last year, would again represent the school. This race was won by J. C. Walling of Sunset Consolidated, who broke the tape about six yards ahead of Dutton.

The Truscott ward school won the track championship, leading Sunset by one point. The Truscott team scored 20 points and Sunset 19. 3rd place was won by Knox City with a score of 17 points. The remainder of points made during this event were divided between Munday with 5 points and Goree with 2 points.

The Munday Junior High School track team had little difficulty in taking first place, scoring 30 1-2 points, to win over Gilliland their closest rivals by 17 1-2 points. Gilliland won 13 points. Third place was won by Sunset with 7 3-4 points. Fourth place, by Goree with 6. Truscott and Knox City followed in order named with 3 3-4 and 2 points.

Class B Summary
120 High Hurdles—Bryan, Knox City; Cornett, Knox City, Time: 18.

(Continued on page three)

FRED JACKSON BURIED HERE WEDNESDAY

Fred Jackson, 45, prominent Benjamin merchant, died at his home Tuesday evening at 11 o'clock. Born in Alabama in 1888, he came with his father to Oklahoma and later to Hill county. The family moved to Benjamin in 1908. Mr. Jackson married Miss Neita McClain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank McClain, old pioneer residents of Knox county, 20 years ago. To this union were born four children, Darr, Ila, Clodell and Barbara Jane. Mr. Jackson had been in the grocery business in Benjamin 22 years. Funeral services were held Wednesday at 4 o'clock with Rev. O. F. Stapleton of Truscott presiding assisted by Rev. E. A. Irvine, pastor of the local Methodist Church. Mr. Jackson is survived by his wife and children, his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Jackson, three brothers, Otis, Jess and Woodrow, and three sisters, Mrs. Paul Gibson of Rule, Mrs. Todd Chambers of DeLeon and Miss Lelia Jackson. A large crowd of friends attended the funeral here.

GEORGE BACKUS ANNOUNCES FOR CONGRESSMAN 13th DISTRICT

Geo. W. Backus of Vernon has authorized the Post to announce his candidacy as Congressman of the 13th Congressional District. Mr. Backus made the race for this office two years ago and was defeated in the run-off by a narrow margin. Mr. Backus is a life long Democrat and has lived in this section of West Texas for many years. He will give a more detailed platform in a later edition. His name will be found in the announcement columns this week. He will appreciate your consideration.

NOTICE TO TAX PAYERS

To the Tax Collector:

You will recall that from time to time since 1930, the Legislature has been suspending interest and penalties on Delinquent Taxes.

Last May, the last measure of this kind was enacted, which provided a 2 percent penalty on all ad valorem taxes delinquent on February 1, 1933, (later they included the split tax payments which became delinquent on July 1, 1933), if paid by December 30, 1933, and 4 percent penalty, if paid by March 31, 1934; and 6 percent, if paid by June 30, 1934. After this June 30, 1934, expiration date, the old law prescribing 10 percent penalties and 6 percent interest per year, will again be in force.

This means that on and after July 1, 1934, this year, the penalty and interest you will be required to charge will not be 6 percent, but will include 6 percent interest per annum from the date it was first delinquent, plus 10 percent penalty. For example:

30 percent will be added to 1930 Delinquent Taxes.
24 percent will be added to 1931 Delinquent Taxes.
18 percent will be added to 1932 Delinquent Taxes.

(A delinquent cost will also accrue in addition to the above.)

In as much as the tax paying public may not understand the law, I suggest that you give this matter as much publicity as possible in order to bring to the attention of the taxpayer the great saving if they take advantage of the remaining period, which expires June 30, 1934.

With kindest regards, I am,
Yours very truly,
George H. Sheppard,
Comptroller of Public Accounts.

CWA ENDS, NEW WORK PROGRAM INAUGURATED

The complete termination of CWA activities on April 1st, will place the burden of supplying relief to indigent families of Texas on the shoulders of the following programs to be conducted by the Texas Relief Commission; Work Division (work relief) Direct Relief, the sub-Rehabilitation projects.

The successful carrying out of these programs in Knox County has entailed the creation and installation, by the Auditing department of the Texas Relief Commission of a materially charged accounting system. The new system, known as the Donnell installed system of Relief Accounting was made under the supervision of George R. Donnell, Auditor of the Commission.

Of particular interest in the new set up is the new "work relief" card which will enable the administration to properly supervise the "Work Division" activities. Those unemployed, who are actually destitute and are physically able to work, after a thorough investigation has been made definitely establishing their relief needs, will be given the opportunity to work and earn up to their estimated relief need requirements. This work card is so designed as to limit the payrolls to the actual relief requirements for each particular individual employed. Pay the persons not eligible for relief, or to relief clients in excess of the requirements of the individual family will not be approved in Austin. The new work card, though simple in form, will permit the definite placing of responsibility and indicate who is at fault if a client is allowed to earn from relief funds more than his relief budget requirements.

Staff Auditor, H. W. Haynie, of the Texas Relief Commission announced today, after a conference with County Relief Chairman Leroy Melton, of the Knox County Relief Board, that a thorough study had been made of Knox County relief problems and the new set-up installed. W. A. Reeder will take charge of the new set up here effective April 1st, as Certifying Officer under C. R. E. Weaver, Administrator.

The new set-up to be used in this county has the specific approval of Washington officials and it is believed that Kansas and Oklahoma, who recently sent officials to Austin to confer with state relief officials and to study the Texas Relief accounting set-up, may install this system in the Relief work in their own respective states.

Chief Auditor Donnell emphasizes that this is a relief program, not a project program. Under the CWA group employment was provided which approximated current business wages, whereas the present relief program can only supply relief to the destitute. When the building of roads, schoolhouse construction or other projects takes the place of the first objective, that of giving relief, the relief program has gone astray, and such expenditures constitute an erroneous expenditure of funds according to the terms of the relief Acts under which relief funds are made available.

G. A. Branton of Knox City was in Benjamin Friday morning on business. Mr. Branton is one of the successful farmers in the Knox City country.

Wayne Summerville, Wichita Falls attorney, was in Benjamin Friday on legal business.

Miss Sarah Wright is a Wichita Falls visitor today.

LEWIS WILLIAMS ENTERS CO. ATTORNEY'S RACE

The Post is authorized to place the name of Lewis Williams in its announcement column this week as candidate for the office of County Attorney of Knox County subject to the action of the Democratic primaries. Mr. Williams is well and favorably known over the county having lived for many years at Munday before coming to Benjamin. Admitted to the Bar about a year ago, he has quickly gained recognition in the profession as one of the most promising young attorney in this section. Mr. Williams expects to make a vigorous campaign and see the voters of the county before the election but takes this means of making public his announcement at this time. He will appreciate your vote and influence.

CHRISTIAN REVIVAL AT VERA TO CLOSE SUNDAY

The revival at the First Christian Church led by Evangelist Bedford Smith will close Sunday evening. Services are being held each evening beginning at 7:45 p. m. Mr. Smith is now residing in Benjamin but working the entire county. Miss Tillie Smith, his sister, who is a specialist in the field of Religious Education, is assisting in this work. The Vera revival reopens the life of a church that has not had services for over four years.

A county advisory board has been chosen with two from each church or town to plan the work of the county. This board will meet at least once each month. It met last Sunday afternoon at Vera and elected Mr. E. L. Covey of Goree to be the chairman, Mrs. T. P. Frizzell, Jr. of Knox City to be Secretary and John H. Atterbury, Benjamin, Ass't Secretary. Other members of the board are O. D. Propps and D. J. Brookreson, Benjamin; B. C. Anderson of Knox City; Henry Griffin of Goree; John W. Black and A. S. Tarpley of Truscott; J. C. Gray and Jim Hughes of Vera; Mrs. Dee McStay and Mrs. Barnes of Munday. The Gilliland Church will select representatives at a meeting called at 2:30 Monday afternoon.

The County Convention program will be held on the fifth Sunday of April at Goree. Mr. Algie Sams is the chairman. Mr. E. L. Covey and Jolly Myers are Vice-chairman, Mr. B. C. Anderson the Secretary. These form the executive committee to arrange the program for the Fifth Sunday meetings.

PROGRAM FOR PRIMARY TEACHERS ASSOCIATION Sunset Consolidated School April 14, 1934, 10 A. M.

Art and Drawing

1. Specific things to be taught in the First grade; creative art, correlated, projects, etc.

Miss Glenn Barker, Benjamin
2. Second Grade Art and Drawing Creative, correlated, teaching children to use their eyes and to think.

Miss Virginia Curry, Munday
3. Third Grade Art and Drawing; Creative, correlated, specific things to be taught.

Miss Claydene Hoge, Knox City
Writing
1. Beginning Writing, First grade.
Mrs. R. R. Davenport, Sunset
2. Second Grade Writing.

Miss Johnnie Patton
3. Third Grade Writing,
Mrs. Burton, Sunset.

It is desired that writing be given in demonstration form, and those on program bring plenty of material to demonstrate with.

Bring samples of good, bad and medium writing.

CATTLE FEEDERS WILL MEET ON LEAGUE RANCH

On Friday, April 20th, there will be a Cattle Feeders Meeting on the League Ranch, 2 miles east of Benjamin on the new paved Texas highway No. 24.

About 100 head of calves have been divided into six lots. These different lots of calves have been fed different rations to determine:

1. The most profitable way to carry calves through the winter and
2. The most profitable way to full feed these calves.

This Feeding Test was started in November and will finish up on the 15th of April—a period long enough to thoroughly try out these different feeding methods. Some of these lots of calves have had Bundle Cane, some have had Ground Cane, some Cane Silage, some were fed White Milo heads and others round Milo Heads.

These lots of calves have been responding very differently to these rations and some are going to make double the return of others.

At this meeting the cattle will be shown, the methods of feeding will be described and the results of feeding the different rations will be given.

The feeding methods used in the test were outlined to fit conditions in West Texas. Every cattleman in this territory will be interested in results of this test.

The meeting will be held on the League Ranch, 2 miles east of Benjamin on the new paved Texas highway No. 24.

The date for this meeting is Friday, April 20th. The meeting is planned to start at 1 o'clock.

We want you to visit us here that day.

GILLILAND DEMONSTRATION CLUB HAS INTERESTING MEET

The Gilliland Home Demonstration club met Wednesday, March 28, in the home of Mrs. Ivan Burgess. Twelve members, including one new member, were present with nine absent. The regular year book program was carried out. Plans were made for an all day meeting at the home of Mrs. B. B. Chamberlain on the next regular club day. This meeting will be for the purpose of making foundation patterns. Each member is requested to bring a covered dish.

The members present were Mesdames Ethel Ryder, J. Cure, Glover Medares, Olie Olson, Claud Snow, George Solomon, Meeks, B. B. Chamberlain, Hez Baird, J. O. Cure, Jr., E. C. Burgess, and the hostess Mrs. Ivan Burgess.

Five members from Gilliland attended the Meat Show at Lubbock held March 28 and 29. Those attending were Mesdames J. J. Cure, E. C. Burgess, Ethel Ryder, George Solomon and J. O. Cure, Jr.

—Reporter.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The young peoples Christian Endeavor Society of Goree, one of the largest and liveliest young peoples organizations in the county will put on a program at the Christian church Sunday evening. Miss Tillie Smith, who sponsored this organization for sometime, will also speak. Mr. and Mrs. Norris Price of Goree are the sponsors now. Their theme song is "Our Best". You will enjoy the program. The public is invited.

Bro. Smith will fill his appointment at the morning hour and Miss Smith will speak at Vera on some phase of Bible School work Sunday morning.

THE BENJAMN POST
 PUBLISHED BY
The Post Publishing Company

CHAS. A. BISBEE, EDITOR
 WILLIAM F. BISBEE, ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Entered at the Postoffice at Benjamin, Texas, July 1, 1907, as second class matter under act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

NOTICE:—Any erroneous reflection upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in the columns of the Post will gladly be corrected upon it being brought to the attention of the publishers.

Issued every Friday at Benjamin, Knox County, Texas

Subscription Price, \$1.00 Per Year

Editorial

Economic Highlights

Happenings that Affect the Dinner Pails, Dividend Checks and Tax Bills of Every Individual. National and International Problems Inseparable from Local Welfare.

—000—

One of the most difficult problems industry and government have faced during the past year is how to finance business expansion. Many industries would like to build and improve plants, believe that conditions justify it. But the eternal question of "What shall we use for money" has been unanswered. Very few private issues of securities have been floated since Mr. Roosevelt took office. The stringent securities act has prevented the issuance of a number that were planned. And tremendous governmental borrowing, through sale of bonds, has taken about all the investment capital the nation has been able to provide.

Consequently, there has been talk of direct government loans to industry for some time. First tangible manifestation came on March 16, when Jesse Jones, able RFC head and Texas Millionaire, sent a bill to the senate. Most of the bill dealt with routine RFC matters—buried almost out of sight, in a sub-section, was as Time put it, a "whole new world of government money lending."

The proposal would permit any business to borrow RFC funds "for the purpose of furnishing working capital, reducing and refinancing existing indebtedness or making plant improvements or replacements." Industries receiving loans would have to be NRA plants, would have to employ ten or more men. The RFC would thus go into general commercial banking on an unprecedented scale.

Another and similar bill followed Mr. Jones' proposal. It is difficult in this respect—while it would not create so complete a banking structure. Its method would be to set up intermediate credit banks in each Federal Reserve District which would discount or purchase long-term obligations issued by companies to produce working capital.

Industry's reaction to either bill is liable to be mixed. Executives would like the money, and they need it. But they will unquestionably be considerable fear that it would give government a remarkable opportunity to further cement its control over industrial management.

—000—

Since the war major labor strikes have been almost unknown. Now spurred by the NRA, with its collective bargaining guarantee for labor, the unions are out to organize American industry 100 per cent.

Result is that the entire automobile industry, which has always been open-shop, is threatened with a shutdown. A. F. of L. Automobile workers Union demanded a 20 per cent wage increase—and recognition. The National Automobile Chamber of Commerce replied that it would advise its members to cut hours from 40 to 36 a week and raise wages to compensate, even though pay is now higher than it was in 1929, when changes in cost of living are considered. Ford, which is not a member of the Chamber of Commerce, announced resumption of the \$5.00 a day minimum, bringing the entire industry into line so far as better pay is concerned.

When it came to recognition, however, matters were not so easy. General Motors said that its employee-representation plan, through which workers bargain with executives, was going well, that it had never discriminated against union-labor and so could not be expected to discriminate against non-union labor. The Automobile Chamber became audible again, saying that it would not recognize the A. F. of L.

The Administration, which has a strong voice in deciding matters, is left in a tough position. The automobile industry is the best example of better business—it can't afford to have it disrupted. On the other hand, it is sympathetic to union labor. There will be many weeks of talking, threatening and plain ordinary bluffing on all sides before the problem is definitely settled.

—000—

POLITICAL NOTE: A few months ago "everybody" was forecasting that this Congress would be as rubber-stamp as the last—that the President would have no trouble in running the show. "Everybody" was wrong. The St. Lawrence Waterway Treaty is near to the heart of the Administration—and the Senate turned it down. And House and Senate have refused Presidential decrees opposing the soldier's bonus and restoration of federal workers' pay-cuts—both are contained in the Independent Office Bill.

Much of the opposition to the President comes from within his own party, and whipping by Democratic floor leaders is losing some of its effectiveness. Result will doubtless be strong pressure to jam not important Administration bills—especially those containing appropriations necessary to the continuance of present recovery plans—through Congress, and get an early adjournment.—Industrial News Review.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Post is authorized to make the following political announcements, subject to the action of the democratic primaries:

FOR CONGRESSMAN, 13th DIST.
 George Backus

REPRESENTATIVE 114th DIST:
 George Moffett

FOR DISTRICT CLERK:
 Mrs. Roy Phillips

FOR COUNTY TREASURER:
 J. T. (Uncle Trav) House
 Lucille Harris

FOR COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT:
 Vernon Brewer
 J. D. Palmer
 Mrs. E. F. Branton

FOR TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR
 Earl Sams
 Geo. Isbell
 Lee Haymes

FOR COUNTY CLERK:
 M. T. Chamberlain

FOR SHERIFF:
 C. R. Elliott

FOR COUNTY JUDGE:
 Roy Bullington
 E. L. Covey

FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY:
 Lewis Williams

FOR COMMISSIONER, PREC. 2:
 Orel Patterson

FOR COMMISSIONER, PREC. 3:
 Onie Welch

FOR PUBLIC WEIGHER, PREC. 3:
 W. W. Gleason

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 28th day of March 1934, by Mrs. Rowena Phillips, Clerk of said Court for the sum of Three Thousand Three Hundred Thirty and 27-100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgment, in favor of Benjamin State Bank in a certain cause in said Court, No. 2434 and styled Benjamin State Bank vs L. B. Propps et al, placed in my hands for service, I C. R. Elliott as Sheriff of Knox County, Texas, did on the 28th day of March 1934, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Knox County, Texas, to-wit: Being out of and apart of Section No. 31, Block "C", Certificate, 30-2423 of the H. and T. C. Ry Co. Survey in Knox County, Texas, and more fully and particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of said Section No. Thirty One (31), Block "C" of the H. and T. C. Ry. Co. Survey. Thence North 1900 varas to the Northwest Corner of said Section; Thence East 316 2-3 varas to stake on north line of said Section for Northeast Corner of this tract; Thence South 1900 varas to stake on South line of said Section No. Thirty-one, (31); Thence West 316 2-3 varas to the place of beginning, and containing 106 2-3 acres of land, and levied upon the property of Bill England and L. O. Mayberry and that on the first Tuesday in May 1934, 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 Bill England and L. O. Mayberry.

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 28th day of March 1934.

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

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Knox county—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded, that you summon, by making Publication of this Citation in some ewspaper published in the County of Knox if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 50th judicial district; but if there be no newspaper published in said judicial district, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said 50th judicial district, for four weeks previous to the return day hereof, Chas. H. Plumlee whose residence is unknown, to be and appear before the Hon. District Court, at the next regular term thereof, in Benjamin, Texas on the 4th day of June, A. D. 1934, the same being the first Monday in June, A. D. 1934 then and there to answer a Petition filed in said Court, on the 10th day of January A. D. 1934, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 2413, wherein Alice M. Plumlee, is plaintiff and Chas. H. Plumlee is defendant.

The nature of the plaintiffs demand being as follows, to-wit:

Suit for divorce, costs of suit, plaintiff alleging abandonment for a period of more than three years. further asking for the care, custody and control of three minor children, namely: Zella Theo Plumlee; Chas. H. Plumlee Jr. and George Raymond Plumlee, and for general and special relief.

Herein Fail Not, And have you before said Court on the said first day of the next term thereof, this Writ, with your endorsement thereon, showing how you have executed the same. Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Benjamin, Texas this, the 28th day of March, A. D. 1934.

Mrs. Rowena Phillips,
 Clerk District Court Knox County,
 Texas.
 (SEAL)

APPROVAL COTTON CONTRACTS RUSHED

College Station, April 5.—Every effort is being made by direct cotton review committees and the state review board to rush county cotton contracts approvals through to completion in order that Government cotton checks may begin pouring into Texas in April if possible, says the Extension Service at Texas A and M College. The first payment of 1934 benefits should amount to more than \$15,000,000 in Texas.

The long drawn out campaign slowed up the making of final county summaries and their checks and approval by district committees and the state review board, it is pointed out. Clerical forces have been doubled in district offices to speed the approval process, which cannot be completed until county figures are put in line with known production data of the U. S. Bureau of Crop Estimates.

WHO WANTS A BEAUTIFUL PIANO AT A BARGAIN? We may have in your vicinity in just a few days a splendid upright piano with duet bench to match. Also a lovely Baby Grand in two tone mahogany. Terms if desired. Might take live-stock as part payment. Address at once.

BROOK MAYS & CO., The Reliable Piano House. Dallas, Texas. 3t

NOTICE: I have what is known as the Jones pastures just south of Benjamin leased, and I positively will not allow any wood hauling, stock grazing, or trespassing of any kind by anyone. This means you.

W. C. GLENN

Irrigation is utilized to aid crop production on 10,861 Texas farms. The first such project was achieved by the Franciscan fathers who built their missions at the present site of San Antonio.

THE RED & WHITE STORE

**Canned Foods
 STOCK UP NOW**

SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
 APRIL 6th and 7th

TOMATOES, No. 2, Blue and White, 3 FOR	27c
HOMINY, No. 2, 3 FOR	25c
KRAUT, No. 1, Tall, Kuners, 3 FOR	25c
GALLON FRUIT, Apricots, Peaches, Blackberries,	45c
SALMON, Nile Brand, Tall Tin, 2 FOR	25c
CORN, Country Gentlemen, No. 2, 3 FOR	32c
SPINACH, No. 2, 2 FOR	25c
APRICOTS, No. 1, 2 FOR	25c
ASPARAGUS, No. 1 Square, EACH	25c
PEACHES, No. 2 1-2, Pick of the Orchard, 3 FOR	50c
APPLES, Extra Fancy, Winesaps, 150 size, Doz.	25c
BANANAS, Yellow Fruit, LB.	5c
STRAWBERRIES, Reginal Pack, PINT	10c
LEMONS, Nice Large Size, Dozen	19c
ORANGES, Red Ball, Large Size, Dozen	30c
LETTUCE, Large Firm Heads, 3 FOR	10c
PEAS, Red and White, No. 2 tin,	17c
COCOA, No. 2 Tin	21c
SPUDS, No. 1, 10 LBS.	23c
APPLES, Evaporated, Choice, 2 LBS.	27c

FRESH PRODUCE AND FRUIT AT LOWEST PRICES

OUR CANDIES ARE ALWAYS FRESH

FLANNEL LINED JUMPERS, SWEATERS AND BLANKETS AT HALF PRICE THIS WEEK ONLY.

BENJAMIN MERCANTILE CO.

TRACK MEET
(Continued from page one)

100 yard dash—Stratton, Goree; Bisbee, Benjamin; Hodges, Knox City; Brown, Truscott. Time: 10.5.
8:80 yard run—Myers, Truscott; Cornett, Knox City; Verholen, Sunset; Swamer, Sunset. Time: 2'18".
220 Loy hurdles—Bryan, Knox City; Hodges, Knox City, Bisbee, Benjamin; Ryder, Gilliland; Time: 25.8".
440 yard Dash—Brown, Truscott; Davis, Knox City; Reeves, Sunset; Stogner, Sunset. Time: 59.1".
220 yard Dash—Stratton, Goree; Bisbee, Benjamin; Huntsman, Knox City; Reeves, Sunset. Time: 24.1".
1 mile run—Walling, Sunset; Dutton, Knox City; Fitzgerald, Knox City; Time: 5'30.7"
1 mile relay—Huntsman, Cornett, Bryan, Davis, Knox City; Myers, Gibson, Chilcoat, Brown, Truscott. Time: 4'4.7"
Pole vault—Myers, Gibson, Truscott; Bryan, Knox City; Eubanks, Truscott. Height: 8'6"
Broad Jump—Bisbee, Benjamin; Gruben, Knox City; Brown, Truscott. Distance: 17'11".
Discuss Throw—Hutchens, Gibson, Truscott; Bryan, Knox City; Verholen, Sunset; Distance: 82'11".
High Jump—Myers, Truscott; Gruben, Knox City; Propps, Benjamin; Chilcoat, Truscott. (Last two tied for third place). Height: 5'8".
Shot Put—Hutton, Knox City; Hutchens, Goree; Thompson, Hefner, Fitzgerald, Knox City. Distance: 36'5".
Javelin Throw—Davis, Knox City; Hutchens, Goree; Chilcoat, Truscott; Curry, Sunset. Distance: 105'10".
Union Grove came out first in the rural school boys' division with 30

points. Hefner scored 15 points to take second place.
The Junior High School summary:
50 yard Dash—Meers, Munday; Cure, Gilliland; Kethley, Munday; Brown, Truscott. Time: 6.1"
100 yard dash—Cure, Gilliland; Meers; Edwards, Munday; Crouch, Sunset. Time: 11.9
440 Relay Race—Edwards, Smith, Kethley, Meers, Munday; Bumpas, Cunningham, Myers, Crouch, Sunset. Time: 57.7.
High Jump—Ratliff, Goree; Kethley, Munday; Cure, Gilliland; Cowgar, Goree. Height: 5 feet.
Broad Jump—Kethley, Munday; Cure, Gilliland; Walker, Knox City; Myers, Sunset. Distance: 16'6".
Chinning Bar—Cunningham, Sunset; Kethley, Munday; Edwards, Munday; Brown, Truscott. (All tied for first place.) No. of times: 10.
Junior Ward School Summary.
50 yard Dash—Hester, Knox City; Bates, Truscott; Henderson, Sunset; Humphries, Knox City. Time: 6.1.
100 yard Dash—Bates, Truscott; Hester, Knox City; Strickland, Sunset; Humphries, Knox City. Time: 11.7.
440 yard Relay—Walker, Humphries, Bolen, Hester, Knox City; Mansfield, Henderson, Shannon, Strickland, Sunset. Time: 57".
High ump—Partridge, Sunset; Bates, Truscott and Bolin of Knox City and Maloney of Goree tied for second place. Height: 4'9".
Broad Jump—Bates, Truscott; Scarbough, Truscott; Warren, Rigby, Munday. Distance: 16'1-3"
Chinning Bar—Land, Sunset; Wimberly, Knox City; Mansfield, Sunset; Pippens, Gilliland. No. of times: 14.
The present rating in athletic events of class B High schools for

county wide championship is as follows: Knox City, 70 points; Truscott, 40 points; Sunset, 35 points; Benjamin 30 points; Goree, 20 points and Gilliland 20 points; Rhineland, 15 points. Due to incomplete returns from the tennis tournament it is impossible to make an accurate tabulation.
The athletic director and director general wish to express their appreciation for the splendid cooperation of teachers, contestants, and patrons during the track and field meet. It was this cooperation which enabled the meet to be run-off on scheduled time.

**EXPERTS TO DECIDE
LAND USE IN AMERICA**

Pointing out that it was the farmer whose skill and energy provided a large share of the exports which paid the loans America made in building early railroad systems and industrial plants, Secretary of Agriculture Wallace recently emphasized that the present generation of farmers can no longer produce to the limit of the land's capacity.
"Through a tragic sequence of drift and mismanagement, our economy has come into a state which makes it necessary to revise the production schedule of agriculture. Unless and until export markets reopen for our wheat, corn (in the form of hog products), and tobacco, and the towering surplus of cotton is scaled down, we must limit the acreage planted to these crops.

"Although our agriculture is less intensive than that of some other countries, it is too intensive for our present needs. Since the war, the area required to produce crops for export has declined by some forty million acres. At the same time the decrease in numbers of horses and mules has released about thirty million acres for production of food for human beings. All these things have saddled agriculture with surplus that bear down prices.

"Whether we shall soon again need to retire acres to produce export crops depends upon what national policies our people choose to follow in the future. I shall not discuss my thesis that America must choose between three courses: nationalism and isolation, internationalism, and a well-planned course between the extremes. Upon which course our people choose hangs the fate of our export markets for farm products in the future.

"But whichever way we choose, it is to the national interest to conserve our basic resource—the soil. If we go the way of little export trade we will force many millions of acres out of export crops and into pasture. Then the man who has already learned the technique of pasture management will be in the van. If we reopen export markets and

there is again demand for more plow land, pastures and meadows will furnish rich lands to put into crops.

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 6th day of April 1934, on a judgment rendered in said Court, in favor of T. B. Masterson, and against R. R. Myers and W. P. Westmoreland, jointly, for the sum of Twelve thousand, seven hundred, forty six and 81-100 Dollars and cost of suit, under a judgment in favor of T. B. Masterson in a certain cause in said Court, No. 2408 and styled T. B. Masterson vs R. R. Myers, et al, placed in my hands for service, I, C. R. Elliott as Sheriff of Knox County Texas, did, on the 6th day of April 1934, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Knox County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

Being the first tract of land described in said judgment and being: Situated in the County of Knox and State of Texas, and known and described as follows:

The North West (N.W. 1-4) quarter of Section No. 119, in Block C, of the Houston and Texas Central Railway Company survey in said County, containing 160 acres of land and levied upon the property of R. R. Myers and that on the first Tuesday in May 1934, 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 the above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said R. R. Myers.

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 6th day of April 1934.

C. R. ELLITT,
O Sheriff, Knox County, Texas.
By Frank Glover, Deputy.

Though Texas heads the list of states in agriculture, only 18.5 per cent of the total area is in cultivation.

Long ranked first as an agricultural state, Texas during the last computed year has climbed to the rank of second in total value of minerals produced. This figure of \$390,000,000 is a gain from the rank of 23rd of the forty-eight states less than a generation ago.

**"MONA LISA" TO BE SHOWN
AT ART EXHIBIT AT SUNSET**

Da Vinci's Masterpiece to Be Special Feature of Picture Exhibit

A splendid reproduction of the inscrutable "Mona Lisa", painted by Leonardo da Vinci, (known as the most versatile man of all times), is among the prints to be displayed at Sunset on Friday evening, April 13. Many of our readers will recall the excitement that was created by the theft of this famous painting several years ago. It was later recovered, and now hangs in the Louvre, in Paris.

**BENJAMIN BAPTIST CHURCH
ANNOUNCEMENT
Sunday, April 8th**

19 a. m. Sunday School
11 a. m. Preaching, "The Lord's Supper". Communion will be served at this hour.
2:30 p. m. Organization of BYPU. Seymour BYPU will be present to render a program.
7:30 p. m. Sermon, "The Cry of a Lost Soul."
WMS Tuesday at 3 p. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday night.
H. F. age, Pastor.


A. P. Denton of Knox City was in Benjamin Wednesday and while here had his name placed on the Post' subscription list.

Austin, April 5.—A herd of wild horses were responsible for approximately one thousand deaths in Texas last year, according to Dr. John W. Brown, State Health Officer. Under the hood of the automobile are from 40 to 100 horses. Whether these are tame or wild and dangerous to human life depends to a large extent upon the drivers. Pedestrians, also, must be "safety minded", if the number of lives lost in fatal automobile accidents is reduced.

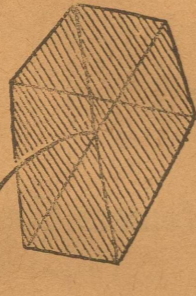
In cities, hundreds of thousands of people in the aggregate deliberately and habitually throw caution to the winds by jay walking, by crossing streets at all points but at intersections, by dodging around street cars and even by deliberately disregarding traffic lights. And highway walkers also are more likely to move with, rather than against traffic, which pecially at night.

Intoxicated by the joy of effortlessly of course results in greater risk, especially if the automobile driver himself, in stepping the machine to an excessive speed, and in hundreds of other ways violating the rules and the ethics of the road, makes of this magnificent invention the Frankenstein it has so sadly turned out to be.

It needs to be more emphasized upon the average brain that it is today, that all the healthful living in the world is of no avail when one either as a driver or as a pedestrian takes chances with the automobile and losses. Moreover, proper water and milk control, as well as the many other safeguards to health and life, mean absolutely nothing to a dead man killed by his or another's automobile.



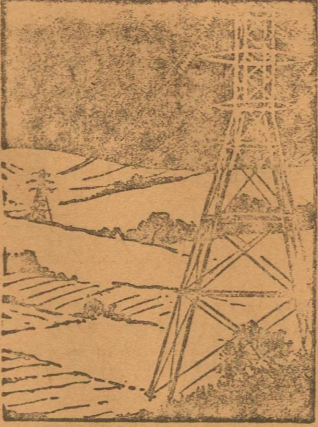
Boys Be Careful With Your Kites



Kite flying—in close proximity to electric power lines—is extremely dangerous. A damp string or a small wire string coming into contact with an electric wire may result in serious injury.

The wise thing is to fly your kites out of range of electric wires regardless of the type or voltage.

Do not attempt to rescue a kite entangled in electric wires. Notify the office of the West Texas Utilities Company, and our employees will be glad to get it down for you.



Observance of these precautions will eliminate the possibility of serious injury.

Do you know that your increased use of Electric Service is billed on a surprisingly low rate schedule . . . and adds only a small amount to your total bill?

West Texas Utilities Company

4½ per cent Loans

FARM & RANCH LOANS

THE NEW "GOVERNMENT LOAN" ON FARMS AND RANCHES UP TO 75 PER CENT OF THE APPRAISED NORMAL VALUE OF THE LAND PLUS 20 PER CENT OF THE INSURABLE VALUE OF THE IMPROVEMENTS.

John Ed Jones

Munday, Texas

4 1-2 PER CENT
4 1-2 PER CENT

I. T. Wright & Son
GARAGE
Welding, Repairing
Painting
Gas & Oil
Panhandle Products
Benjamin

DR. JOZACH EASLEY
DENTIST
Seymour, Texas

DEFINES BANKERS' PART IN RECOVERY

Head of American Bankers Association Assures the President of Confidence and Desire to Cooperate Among Bankers

WASHINGTON, D. C. — President Roosevelt in his address before the NRA conference here on March 5 announced that he had received the following telegram from Francis M. Law, President of the American Bankers Association:

"On this your first anniversary please allow me in behalf of the country's banks to express our full confidence and our sincere desire to cooperate in your courageous efforts to bring about recovery.*** The banking structure of the country is sound and liquid and banks have never been in stronger position to function effectively. Conditions have improved to the point where it is no longer necessary for banks to be super-liquid.*** There is a definite call now for banks, not to extend loose credits or to make improper loans, but for a most sympathetic attitude toward legitimate credit needs and for a recognition of responsibility for their proper and vital part in the program of recovery."

The Soundness of Banking

In an address before a recent trust conference of the association's Trust Division in New York, Mr. Law said:

"A depression cannot long survive a sound banking structure if the banking structure is responsive to legitimate needs and functions in a way that is virile and alive. The most cheering fact of the present situation is the knowledge that banks are in strong position."

"Recovery, even to the most pessimistic, is no longer a myth or a rumor, nor is it merely psychological. Abundant evidence and proof lie on every hand—tangible proof. With a return of confidence the wheels have begun to go round and a great many well managed businesses may look for a profit during this calendar year with fair assurance at least. For what has been achieved let us thank the President, who has labored with courage and patience and vision. Let us thank the Congress, whose members during the emergency have put the public welfare above partisanship. Let us thank one hundred twenty-five million of our own citizens who have refused to be stampeded, but rather who have kept alive the divine spark of faith and hope."

Cause for Confidence

"We may reasonably expect that the recent action of the government in stabilizing the dollar will have a marked tendency to encourage industrial and other business commitments. Business men need not be so exclusively engaged in taking counsel of their fears now that uncertainty does not haunt them."

"Much has been said about the loosening of credit by banks. During the acute period of the depression banks for the most part have not been lending normally, nor should they be blamed. With public confidence shattered the banker was properly concerned in liquidity, having in mind his primary obligation to pay off deposits. The situation has improved to the point where super-liquidity no longer seems necessary. Conditions have materially changed. Banks will desire, for every reason, to return to a more normal lending policy. This means a sympathetic attitude and a recognition of responsibility for his proper part in the program of recovery by the banker as he passes upon and meets sound credit requirements of business as it swings into and continues on the upward turn."

Public Confidence Returns

Direct information indicates conclusively that the banking situation is showing definite and steady improvement, J. F. T. O'Connor, Comptroller of the Currency of the United States, said in a recent address. He pointed out that the decided drop which has occurred in money in circulation shows the public has largely ceased hoarding.

On March 1, 1934, the Federal Reserve Board reported that the volume of money in circulation amounted to \$5,355,000,000, which was a decline of \$1,077,000,000 since March 1, 1933. It was a drop of \$2,226,000,000, or over 29 per cent, from the all-time peak of \$7,581,000,000 reached on March 13, 1933. About one-half the decrease, it was pointed out, reflected the return of currency from the public.

Money in circulation declined rapidly after the reopening of the banks in March, 1933, and has continued since to decline from week to week, "notwithstanding the increase in the demand for currency arising from enlargement of pay rolls and increase in the volume of retail trade," the Comptroller said, which, he added, "indicates a continued return of money from hoards as banking facilities were reestablished."

J. F. HAIR OPENS CAMPAIGN FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

Temple, April 5.—Advocating the payment of school taxes through revenue from school lands now unclaimed, the greater solvency of Texas banks through more rigid enforcement of the State Banking Laws, the provision of an old age pension through 1-32 overriding royalty on state lands, and home-steading through deferred payments, J. F. Hair will open his campaign for Attorney General, Saturday, April 7th.

"I mean to show," Mr. Hair stated to the press today, "that Texas has idle, millions of acres of lands which can be used for her benefit to the extent of practically doing away with school taxes. Not only that, but also Texas can provide old age pensions with her yet unsurveyed land and still give to every person so desiring a homestead. These matters are direct responsibilities of the Attorney General's office and when I am elected to it, I mean to make that office of material benefit to every person in Texas." Already Mr. Hair has been instrumental in recovering over a million dollars for depositors from closed banks. He has also been rather active in aiding in the recovery of public school lands.

Mr. Hair will be introduced at his opening speech by DeWitt Bowmer, prominent attorney of this section. The meeting will be held at three o'clock at the City Park and a large crowd is expected.

Mr. Hair was born and reared in Bell County and received most of his education here. He entered the legal profession early and has become one of Texas' best known attorneys with main offices in San Antonio and branches in Tyler and Austin.

The State of Texas is the undisputed elader of the states in mohair production, but there is not a mill in the state to fabricate it.

Although history generally refers to San Francisco de las Tejas as the first mission founded in Texas, it is a matter of record that the missions near the city of El Paso were founded earlier. The mission at El Paso del Norte now Juarez, was established in 1659.

It took the forces of the United States Navy to dislodge the pirate Jean La Fitte from Galveston island in 1821.

Paul Gibson of Rule was here this week to attend the funeral of Fred Jackson. Mr. Gibson lived here for several years and has many friends here.

W. J. Mayo and Miss Jean Puryear left last week for Mississippi where Miss Jean will spend several weeks recuperating her health. Mr. Mayo expects to return to Benjamin in about two weeks.

About Bank Loans

"As for the charge that the banks will not extend credit, the first and obvious reply is that the banks themselves are made up of the very bone and sinew of the industrial, commercial and agricultural interests of the country. Bank directors, and, to a large extent, bank officers, are drawn from the business and farming population. If they do not feel at any given moment that it is wise to make a particular loan, it is more than probable that there are sound reasons for not making it," says an editorial in the Saturday Evening Post.

A. S. Tarpley of Truscott was a business visitor in Benjamin Thursday. Mr. Tarpley is a member of the County Welfare and Unemployment board.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Sams and family of Flaydada are spending the week end here with relatives and friends.

Cris Moody, Truscott ranchman, was in Benjamin Thursday on business.

W. P. H. McFadden of Beaumont is in Benjamin looking after Knox County ranching interests.

W. M. Moore, prominent Wichita Falls oil man and former resident of Benjamin, was in town Thursday on business.

Mrs. Robt. Hamilton of Fort Worth is spending a few days here on the ranch visiting her son, Chas.

Miss Avis Williams of Gilliland is in San Angelo visiting Mrs. A. C. McGlothlin.

Miss Blanche Watson, county health nurse left Thursday for Fort Worth for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. West left Monday for Canton to attend the funeral of Mr. West's sister, Miss Ruth West. Miss West was one of the prominent writers in the state and well known in journalistic circles.

I. H. Spikes of Snyder, for several years a Knox County citizen, was here this week visiting friends.

BANKING RETURNS TOWARD NORMAL

Reconstruction Finance Corporation Loan Repayments Show Banks Lead Process in Recovery Movement

Indicating a rapid return on the part of the banks to a normal self-sustaining basis, 54 per cent of the loans which they made from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to tide them over the difficulties of the past two years have been repaid by them, it is shown in a recent official report.

The R. F. C. report, issued on March 6, says that the Corporation since it began operations in February, 1932, had made aggregate cash advances to railroads, agricultural and home loan agencies, insurance companies and various other institutions in the amount of \$4,786,410,000. Of this sum banks and trust companies, to the number of 6,783, received actual cash advances of \$1,520,540,000, but have already paid back \$820,260,000, or 54 per cent. These figures are exclusive of \$376,390,000 in loans authorized but withdrawn or not availed of by the banks.

Non-banking borrowers received R. F. C. advances in the amount of \$3,265,870,000, and made repayments of \$377,830,000, or less than 12 per cent. Among other classes of financial institutions reported as making high ratios of repayments are building and loan associations which had received \$114,020,000 and have repaid \$53,880,000, or over 47 per cent, and insurance companies, whose borrowings totalled \$88,590,000 and repayments \$34,340,000, or nearly 39 per cent. None of the major non-governmental financial groups showed so high a ratio of repayments as the banks and trust companies as a group.

Walter Snody is attending the Ginner's Convention at Dallas this week. Mr. Snody has been in the ginning business for many years and is one of the most widely known and best informed ginners in West Texas.

Carl Pugh, former city marshal of Munday was in Benjamin Thursday on business.

Jim Melton, Jr. returned the first of the week to Cisco after spending the Easter holidays with home folks here.

Enterprising Texans in recent years have reclaimed 550,662 acres of land in ninety-eight levee flood control and reclamation projects.

Mrs. A. J. Barton and children of Amarillo are visiting her mother, Mrs. W. E. Morhouse, here this week.

Jack Whittaker of Truscott was in Benjamin Thursday on business week.

The number of people living on farms in the United States mounted during 1933 to a total of 32,509,000.

The density of population in Texas is 22.5 persons a square mile.

Approximately three-fourths of Texas' 5,824,715 population are white people. The Mexican population is 11.7 per cent and the negro population is 14.7 percent.

Buy that new
SPRING SUIT NOW

Veale Tailor Shop

Eat At
Fred's Lunchroom

Dinners, Short Orders, Sandwiches,
Drinks, Candies, Tobaccos, Pastry

"Our Customers Come Back"

There's Always A Courteous Welcome

Awaiting You At The

Benjamin State Bank

Of Benjamin

LOW MEAT SUPPLY

A GOOD HOUSEWIFE WATCHES AND ALWAYS WILL KNOW
THIS LITTLE VERSE IS ONLY TO REMIND
WHEN HER MEAT SUPPLY BEGINS TO RUN LOW.
THAT IF YOU NEED MEAT JUST TELL US WHAT KIND.

THE CASH MARKET