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A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance.—Prov.

The public treasury will never be safe until someone invents a burglar alarm that sounds when the Legislature is in session.

Col. Charles Augustus Lindberg exhibited some really human symptoms recently inasmuch as he did a little talking when he should have been listening. America recognizes as a flier without peer but as a politician—well that is a horse of a different color. Not even is Will Rogers who can get by with nearly anything able to successfully criticize the President. Having obtained the confidence of the people, having sincerely worked to the end that the New Deal may become a reality instead of an empty platform promise, and having brought order out of chaos, hope out of despair, and business out of stagnation, America is in no humor to brook interference with the man to whom it looks for leadership, no matter how popular the individual who attempts trading on his popularity.

Since you more than occasionally hear that the Texas Constitution is obsolete, archaic, and badly distorted by the patches that the people have at times placed on it through amendments, we contemplate printing parts of it from week to week, offering our comments for that they may be of use and asking the comments of our readers. We hasten to assure you that we know but little of the constitution, and doubt that the general public knows much more, and so in the spirit of fair play, let's find out something about it before we take the word of some half baked politician that it's all wrong and ought to be changed. The men in the state competent to write a new constitution could be counted on the fingers of both hands.

To those who love their personal liberty more than insobriety but who must take a little for the sake of their stomach we call attention to the fact that in case of accident it is better to have a bottle bearing the revenue stamp of Uncle Samuel than a jar that bears only the surname of Mr. Mason. Even though there is no 18th Amendment and no V-Steed Act, there is a revenue act which not only has teeth but claws and a great long tail. In brief it says let the buyer as well as the seller beware and the penalty for buying, possessing or otherwise attempting to escape payment of the revenue tax can be a \$1000 fine and five years. That much for the Federal part. Then we still have a Texas Constitution which says thou shalt not possess and a Dean Law that says one or more making little rocks out of big ones. The choice of chances seems to lie with the stamped bottle because it is less of a crime to contaminate the morals of society than to pilfer from the treasury. Also local juries are prone to look upon the weakness of their neighbors with more compassion than the dignified Federal Judge who does not depend on the ballot box to hold his job.

MEETING OF PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION CALLED FOR TUESDAY

According to an announcement by Mrs. Oran Driver, president of the local Parent Teachers Association, there will be an important meeting of that organization Tuesday, Feb. 20 at which all members are urged to attend. The meeting will be held at the school building at 4 o'clock.

Roy Bullington To Run For County Judge

We are authorized to announce the candidacy of Roy Bullington for the office of County Judge of Knox County, subject to the action of the democratic primaries.

Mr. Bullington has been a resident of Knox County for the past six years, and a major portion of that time devoted to the profession of teaching, having taught at Prairie View two years, at Washburn one year and one year at the Ballev school over in Haskell County, however, he has maintained his residence in Knox County for the past six years.

Mr. Bullington wishes it distinctly understood that he is and has always been a Democrat since some who knew of his relation to the late candidate for governor on the Republican party ticket, Hon. Orville Bullington, might think that he is also of that political faith, but he states that he and all members of his family have always been affiliated with the Democratic party.

Mr. Bullington might be termed a native of West Texas, his parents having come to Abilene in 1882. He attended West Texas State Teachers College at Canyon and Texas Tech at Lubbock, specializing in civil government throughout his years in college, and he believes that the knowledge acquired in school particularly fits him for the office to which he aspires since he has studied court procedure and other phases of work related to the office, and he promises to voters of Knox County that should they honor him with the position that he will give his best efforts in rendering a faithful and efficient service, bearing in mind always that this is a position of trust and should be regarded as such.

The Sorosis Club women entertained with a box supper at the Club Rooms at the Masonic Building Wednesday evening which was well attended and netted the club about forty-five dollars. The building is being repainted and repaired.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Johnson of Munday were in Benjamin Thursday.

Hon. Geo. Backus of Vernon, candidate for Congress from the 13th District of which Knox County is a part, was in Benjamin Thursday in the interest of his campaign. While making the race for the state senate four years ago many of the voters of the county had the opportunity of becoming acquainted with Mr. Backus. In the 1930 campaign for Congress Mr. Backus was defeated by a very narrow margin.

TO THE TAX Payers OF THE CITY OF BENJAMIN

We have completed our negotiations with the holders of our water works bonds to refund the bonds at a lower rate of interest, thereby saving the City and the Tax Payers nearly a thousand dollars each year.

It is imperative that we collect the taxes now due the City to carry out our part of the refunding agreement and to meet the interest and principal payment due April 1st.

This is to notify all tax payers that ten per cent penalty and six per cent interest will be added to all taxes due the City of Benjamin that are not paid by March 1st, and we shall be compelled to order suits prepared and filed to collect the taxes due our City and to foreclose our tax lien on your property, which will add additional expense.

By order of City Council, Benjamin Texas.

J. B. Jones, Mayor.

J. G. Horne Buried At Truscott Today

J. G. Horne, 72, pioneer Knox County citizen and farmer died at 4 o'clock Thursday morning. Old age and heart trouble were given as contributing causes to his death. He is to be buried at 11 o'clock today in the Truscott cemetery. He is survived by four sons and one daughter, Elmer, Dan, Jack Author and Mrs. H. M. Baird and several grandchildren. His wife has been dead for thirty years. Mr. Horne came to Knox County forty years ago. He was formerly county commissioner of Knox County and a member of the Masonic lodge. Always a staunch Democrat, he served as precinct chairman for several terms and his passing in a loss not only to his home community but to the entire county. His friends numbered many. Highly respected, progressive, and solid, his death removes a man the type of which is gradually passing away and none are coming on to take his place.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH RALLY CALLED AT KNOX CITY

An open meeting of all members of the Christian Church who reside in Knox County has been called by Minister Smith of the Benjamin and Knox City churches to be held in Knox City at 7:30 p.m. Monday, February 19th. The purpose of the church gathering is to lay plans where by at least one full time resident minister may be had to work in the county all of his time and other plans may be made to strengthen the weak and increase the fellowship. Plans for a Knox County organization will be perfected.

This is an open forum gathering. Come and have your say. The Christian Church has working Bible schools with church building and passages at Benjamin, Knox City, Truscott, and Gore. Also, there is a building at Vera and members of the church at Gilliland have several hundred dollars raised for a building. There are other members scattered over the county at Sunset and Munday.

We want all to come. Rev. Patrick Henry, secretary of the Texas Christian Missionary Society has been asked to be present and speak.

GILLILAND CLUB HOLDS REGULAR MEETINGS

The Gilliland Home Demonstration Club met on Wednesday, February 7 in the home of Mrs. J. J. Cure. As the meeting was for the purpose of constructing a hotbed, the regular order of club meetings was omitted. Miss Faulkner, demonstration agent, was present to give instructions on how to make hotbeds. After the bed was completed the members went to the home of Mrs. M. Ryder to make a file.

Those members present included Mmes. J. R. Spivey, E. C. Burgess, J. J. Cure and the agent Miss Faulkner. Three visitors, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ryder, and Mrs. Gillie were present.

On Wednesday, February 9, the club met again in the home of Mrs. J. J. Cure to make foundation patterns. Most of the day was spent in making patterns for each member present. Only four members, Mmes. J. R. Spivey, E. C. Burgess, J. J. Cure and M. Ryder were present.

Mrs. Deaton Moorhouse and son of Sayre, Oklahoma has been visiting relatives and friends here this week.

Chas Moorhouse has been transacting business in Big Spring and Abilene this week.

Miss Maxine Newsom of Munday was a Benjamin visitor Wednesday.

February Term Court Court Opened Monday

The February term of the 50th Judicial District Court opened in Knox County with Judge I. O. Newton presiding and Donnell Dickson as prosecutor for the State. The following men were sworn in for grand jury service during the term and after turning in 20 felony indictments and two misdemeanors adjourned until the 26th. John Bowden, H. C. Hamilton, F. E. Walker, J. H. McGee, Bill Blackburn, Mack Hayes, J. C. Reeder, Jack Idol, J. E. Tidwell, W. L. Thornton, T. M. Westbrook, and Joe S. Smith. The following cases were disposed of: John Shannon vs Reynolds Cattle Co, non suit. D. C. Bond, Banking Commissioner vs M. H. Reeves, judgment for plaintiff. E. C. Brand vs E. C. Milam, E. C. Brand vs F. N. Warren, E. C. Brand vs E. H. Bauman, E. C. Brand vs E. Duval, E. C. Brand vs W. H. Chapman, all judgments for plaintiff. John Albus vs Stamford and Western Gas Co, transferred to U. S. District Court. Rhineland Mercantile Co vs Standard and Western Gas Co, transferred to U. S. District Court. Ernest Walter Lee, removal of disability. Exparte, Lois Hammock, change of name to Lois Bowden. Four divorce cases were granted as follows: Alma Foshee vs C. S. Foshee, W. C. Chowning vs Lois Chowning, plaintiff given custody of child. Pearl Clark vs Emmett Clark, Coila Owens vs G. S. Owens. The criminal docket is set next week and a jury summoned.

Melvin Traylor Dies

Chicago, Feb. 14.—Melvin A. Traylor, president of the First National bank and a candidate in 1932 for the Democratic nomination for the presidency, died tonight after a month's illness from pneumonia.

Death of the 55 year old banker and party leader occurred at 11:00 p.m. from an especially violent type of the disease. He suffered seven relapses during his illness, but rallied from each to the extent that doctors earlier today had given him a fair chance to recover.

ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR HIGH COURT SEAT

Austin, Feb. 15—Judge John H. Sharp of the Supreme Court Commission of Appeals Wednesday announced his candidacy for the place on the Supreme Court bench as Associate Justice T. B. Greenwood, who will not seek re-election. Judge Sharp went to the commission from Paris. Other prospective Austin candidates are Chief Justice James W. McClellan of the Third Court of Civil Appeals, District Judge C. A. Wheeler, and Assistant Attorney General F. O. McKinsey, for sixteen years Judge of the Weatherford district.

SEYMOUR SHERIFF HONORED

Arch Holmes, Baylor county sheriff, was elected vice president of the West Texas Sheriff's Association, at its meeting last week in El Paso. The former vice president, Sheriff W. T. Sorrells of Haskell, was elevated to the presidency. Lampasas was chosen for the next meeting place. Sheriff Holmes reports that the meeting had a good attendance, in spite of the distance away, and there was a dandy program. El Paso entertained the peace officers as only El Paso knows how to do.—Baylor County Banner.

FOR SALE: North Tex high grade seed oats, free from Johnson grass, 75c per bushel. Hamilton Ranch, Benjamin.

Legislature Votes For Moratorium Law

Measures Differ But Little, and Acceptable Adjustments Likely for Early Passage.

Austin, Feb. 15.—A debt moratorium for property owners who are about to lose their equity in holdings through forced mortgage foreclosure sales, was proposed in bills passed by both houses of the Texas legislature today.

Each branch adopted its own individual bill, providing a manner of suspending executions for a period to give debtors a chance at recovery by probable return of normal financial conditions.

Termination Date

There were no real wide differences, and it was expected a conference committee would make adjustments acceptable to both houses.

The house bill would have the relief stipulated terminate on May 15, 1935, while the senate fixed the expiration date at January 1, 1935.

Other main differences were the senate provided that the creditor receive rentals from the property during the life of the moratorium or pending liquidation of the debt, while the house rejected that feature and the senate stipulated that debtors more than two years in arrears in their tax payments be denied benefits of the proposed law, but the house would not favor that restriction.

Both houses refused to restrict benefits of the moratorium to residence and business homesteads.

Powers to Judges

The bills would empower a district judge to suspend foreclosure sales, or continue suits for a judgment, on showing by the debtor force majeure would not be equitable and that the borrower has reasonable expectations of meeting outstanding obligations in due time.

The house adopted its bill 104 to 21 and the senate passed its proposal 21 to 9.

Senator T. J. McBrook of Gayton led the opposition in the senate. He expressed opposition to any kind of debt moratorium. In the house, Rep. Harry N. Graves of Georgetown said a previous moratorium had interfered with credit. He told the house it had been impossible to borrow \$1000 on a vendor's lien note secured by \$10,000 worth of property.

It was believed the bills would go to a conference committee tomorrow.

\$4,500,000 Bond Issue Recommended to Senate

Austin, Feb. 15.—The Texas senate state affairs committee today recommended the issuance of \$4,500,000 in additional state unemployment relief bonds, \$500,000 more than the house had voted to authorize. The committee also eliminated the house increase of 10 per cent in the tax levy onagers placed on horse races, proceeds to help retire expenditures.

A requirement that expenditure of funds be budgeted so relief would be provided until February, 1935, without additional grants also was ordered. The bill was sent to a subcommittee for redrafting before final committee action.

Proposals to issue \$14,500,000 all remaining of \$20,000,000 authorized by the electorate and \$6,000,000 were rejected by the committee. A two vote margin favored \$4,500,000 over the other amounts. An issue of \$5,500,000 was authorized last fall, of which has been sold.

Rev. Edgar Irvine of Vera was a visitor in Benjamin Wednesday. Rev. Irvine will hold his regular services at the Methodist church Sunday.

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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.

When economists disagree, the lay public is in for a puzzling time. And economists who formerly saw eye to eye are disagreeing with a vengeance over the new money bill, with its \$2,000,000,000 stabilization fund, international gold bullion standard, and credit expansion features. There is no lack of well known financial authorities to say it is vital to recovery. Others say it may be paving the way for the greatest collapse of all.

At any rate, the Administration is now working on the problem of credit expansion for private business. The problem is especially imposing, as during the next few months the government will offer some great bond issues to finance continuance of the recovery program, and these will absorb much of the money that is available for lending. Credit is to be expanded, if possible, to a degree sufficient to offset this. Every effort will be given to depreciating the dollar in foreign exchange, and holding it at a lower and more stable level. In keeping with this the price of gold was recently fixed at \$35, in the belief that it would send the franc-dollar exchange rate to about 6.63 cents, and the pound to about \$5.10. The immediate result was a disappointment—the London gold price took a jump and the franc-dollar and pound dollar exchange became still more unfavorable.

There are two obvious ways to expand credit. One is to create more dollars—and 2,000,000,000 were automatically created when the dollar was fixed at the 59.06 point. The other is to make a given number of dollars do more work. Both ways are to be used. The two billion new dollars are at the disposal of the treasury, and are to be used for buying new gold, foreign exchange or carrying on other transactions deemed advisable for pegging foreign exchange rates. When they are so spent, according to the theory they go into the hands of persons with bills to pay in this country. The bills are paid, and the dollars find their way into banks, inflating reserve balances, which are now nearly a billion dollars above the point required by law. Critics of the money bill say that the stabilization fund money will make possible credit expansion of from \$12,000,000,000 to \$40,000,000,000—with the result that a short boom will be followed by a tremendous crash. Contrary to this view, its friends are optimistic and express confidence that matters will work out to the benefit of the entire country. Take your choice.

The country has been hearing talk of a business boom for so long that it is inclined to be skeptical as to whether or not such an animal exists. According to the business and financial periodicals, and various reports of fact-gathering organizations, it does. It is not a very big animal yet, but it can be seen, felt and heard. All of the consumer industries are finding themselves with more orders than they've had for years. "Industry's industries", such as steel, which sell their products to other businesses and not directly to the consumer, aren't doing so well, but they're moving upward.

Detroit, which saw the Worst of the depression, is seeing the best of recovery. According to Time, this is the first period in five years in which car manufacturers cannot fill their orders. In January, Chrysler, with the most unusual of all the new stock cars, had 21,000 more men at work than last year. Ford opened two additional assembly plants. Nash estimated that it would deliver more cars in the first quarter of this year than in all of last. Cadillac reported deliveries 50 percent above last year. General Motors faced 100,000 orders for Chevrolets alone. Tire companies were jubilant, with a Goodyear expert predicting tire sales for 1934 would reach the great total of 46,000,000 units.

A few weeks ago CWA graft charges appeared in the head lines. The President himself was getting hundreds of letters a day complaining of sharp practices. Job selling, political preference, false expense accounts, padded payrolls—these were the bones of contention. The government moved fast. Employees guilty of even suspicious actions, were dismissed, some were arrested. The Attorney General went to work investigating other cases. Administrator Hopkins, worried and disconcerted, sent out Army engineers to check up on CWA work. When one was sent to Cook County, Illinois, which contains the city of Chicago, the entire Illinois CWA commission resigned.

At the same time, a nation wide move got underway to keep the CWA in existence—it was due to pass away shortly. Mr. Roosevelt, however, doesn't want it as a permanent part of his organization, announced that he would adopt a modified course. Instead of bringing its activities to an end at once, it will be allowed to live until May 1. On February 15, CWA workers in the South will be discharged at the rate of 500,000 a week, and the dismissal movement will move gradually north as the weather gets warmer.

MARCH AND APRIL MONTHS FOR FIRST HALF LAND RENTAL PAYMENTS

College Station—The huge task of checking county summaries of acreage and production figures submitted by farmers in the cotton acreage reduction campaign is to start immediately following the announcement by the Secretary of Agriculture that the 1934-35 cotton program is effective, says H. H. Williamson, vice director and state agent in the Texas A and M College Extension service. County figures will be first reviewed by district committees. These will counsel county committees and county agents in cast totals are out of line as to adjustments needed to secure approval of the State Review Board which will be located at College Station.

By this plan county committees will be saved the time and expense of long journeys to state headquarters, Mr. Williamson points out. District review committees will be composed of the district farm demonstration agent, a U. S. Bureau of Crop Estimates statistician, and if necessary a local representative. District committees will hold hearings according to arranged dates in the following places tentatively designated: Amarillo, Lubbock, Abilene, Austin, Corpus Christi, College Station, Lufkin, Mt. Pleasant and Arlington.

After county totals have been adjusted in line with suggestions made by district review committees, they will be mailed to the State Review at Texas A and M College whose action is final and whose approval is necessary before contracts may be sent to Washington. Checks will be issued there in the order in which contracts are received. March and April are the months designated for making the first land rental payment which is to be one half the total rental for the year.

The district review committee will be ready to function February 16th and the State Review Board February 19th in case the program is declared effective by the Secretary of Agriculture. No adjustments of individual acreages and production will be made by review committees or State Board, but the county totals will be checked to see that they are in line with known data of the U. S. Bureau of Crop Estimates. Any individual contract adjustments will be made by county committees subject to approval of the contract signer.

The State Review Board will be composed of E. A. Miller, Extension agronomist, F. H. Whitaker, statistician U. S. Bureau of Crop Estimates Austin and C. A. Bonnen, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

Texas Theatre

SEYMOUR, TEXAS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK, FEBRUARY 16th

Friday, Saturday Matinee

George O'Brien, Claire Trevor in

"LIFE IN THE RAW"

(A Zane Grey Story)

also, A cartoon, Perils of Pauline

Saturday Night Only

Max Baer, Myra Loy, Dempsey, Carnera in

THE PRIZE FIGHTER AND THE LADY

Also, "All at Sea"

Monday and Tuesday

The Four Marx Brothers in

"DUCK SOUP"

and "Yeast is Yeast"

Wednesday, Thursday

James Cagney in

"LADY KILLER"

Also Bing Crosby and Sport Review

Texas Road Building

Houston, Feb. 16—Texas' NRA road building program is two thirds under way, employing in all phases at least 40,000 men, and the fund will be exhausted this fall, the Texas Good Roads Association pointed out today in urging motorists to demand added federal emergency highway appropriations.

Both Texas senators and 10 Texas congressmen have assured Judge W. O. Huggins, Association president, that they favor such an appropriation the statement said.

More than 400 widely scattered highway projects, to cost nearly \$19,000,000 have been contracted or advertised in Texas, the Association reported. About \$3,000,000 of this is state money, supplementing federal funds so that every county in the state can receive road work equal to at least \$4 per capita.

"Jobs for more than 17,000 Texans are involved directly on the road work already sanctioned", the statement said, "and Secretary Ickes' estimates of indirect employment such as preparation of materials, transportation, etc. will bring the grand total of jobs to between 40,000 and 50,000."

"National authorities advise us that the peak of highway employment under this program will come in April and May, when some 50,000 will be at work in Texas and about 1,000,000 nationally. They add that the fund will be consumed by early autumn."

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Subject to the Action of the Democratic Party.

- FOR DISTRICT CLERK: Mrs. Roy Phillips
- FOR COUNTY TREASURER: J. T. (Uncle Trav) House
- FOR COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT: Vernon Brewer, J. D. Palmer, Mrs. E. F. Branton
- FOR TAX ASSESSOR AND COLLECTOR: Earl Sams, Geo. Isbell, Lee Haymes
- FOR COUNTY CLERK: M. T. Chamberlain
- FOR SHERIFF: C. R. Elliott
- FOR COUNTY JUDGE: Roy Bullington
- FOR COMMISSIONER, PREC. 2: Orel Patterson
- FOR PUBLIC WEIGHER, PREC. 3: W. W. Gleason

"What will happen to this horde of workers if highway funds are reduced? And why, if the government continues to spend more than \$1,000,000 yearly for public works, should not Congress definitely set aside a substantial sum for road building the most useful and profitable type of such work?"

The Red & White Stores

WEEK END Pure Food Specials

Friday and Saturday

Feb. 16-17

Pick of the Market

THE PICK OF THE ORCHARD

- PEACHES, Red and White, Sliced or Halves, 2 1-2 Can, 2 for .35
- BLACKBERRIES, SOLID PACK, GALLON .47
- PINEAPPLE, Broken Slice, Blue and White, No. 2 can .15
- CATSUP, 14 oz. Bottle, EACH .14
- PINTO BEANS, RECLEANED, 10 LBS. .45
- MACARONI and SPAGHETTI, Yandee Doodle, PKG. .05
- MOTEHR'S OATS, Cup and Saucer, PKG. .25
- DRIED APPLES, CHOICE, 2 LBS. .29
- MARY JANE SYRUP, GALLON, .57
- LYE, Red and White, 3 FOR .25
- GREEN BEANS, No. 2 CAN, EACH .10
- APPLES, Winesap and Delicious, School Size, DOZEN .15
- BANANAS, Nice Yellow Fruit, POUND, .06
- APPLES, Extra Fancy, Stayman, Large Size, Dozen .29
- ORANGES, California Navels, Juicy Dozen .27
- LETTUCE, Firm and Crisp, Head .05
- SPUDS, No. 1's, 10 LBS. .29
- GRAPEFRUIT, Texas Marsh Seedless, Extra Large, Each .05
- FLANNEL LINED JUMPERS, EACH 1.48
- FRESH VEGETABLES AT LOWEST PRICES.
- FRESH OYSTERS, EXTRA LARGE, DOZ. .25
- BLANKETS—33 1-3 OFF.

BENJAMIN MERCANTILE

(ASSOCIATED WITH RED & WHITE STORES)

CAREFUL ATTENTION SHOULD BE GIVEN EYES

Austin, Feb. 15—Looking out on the world with clear vision is the birthright of each and everyone, according to Dr. John W. Brown, State Health Officer. Texas has many hundred persons that are blind or with impaired vision. These figures would be more tragic if given for the period before the law was passed making it mandatory—the use of prophylactic drops in the eyes of new born babies. Since then blindness caused by birth infections has been greatly reduced.

In the examination of school children other diseases of the eye are encountered quite frequently. Chief among these is trachoma. This disease is contagious and causes a destructive inflammation characterized by the formation of trachoma granulations. These gradually form scar tissue. Trachoma, if left untreated, will impair the vision and eventually cause blindness. This happens when the proper treatment is not given or the diagnosis and treatment is not given in its early stages.

Trachoma is most prevalent where

sanitary conditions are worst. The prevention of this disease consists not only in avoiding the infection but maintaining sanitary conditions. Parents should watch closely for any indication of anything wrong with the vision of their children. Many diseases of the eye readily respond to treatment in their early stages but, if allowed to develop, may seriously affect the vision if not causing blindness.

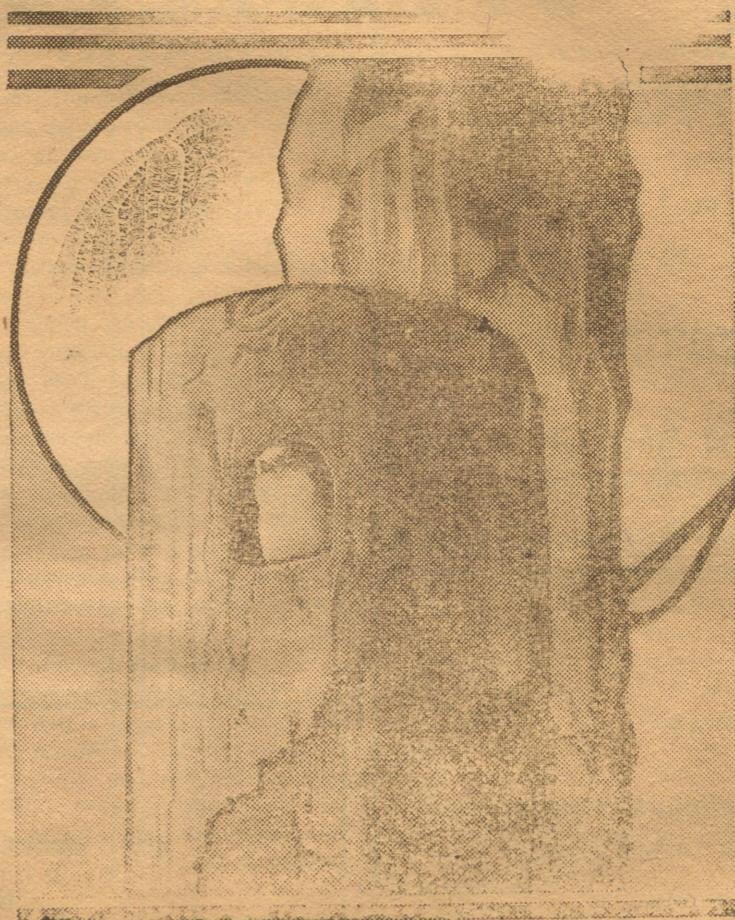
Itinerary for third week in February for Jewell Faulkner, County home demonstration agent.

- Monday—Office.
- Tuesday—Hefner girls, visit ward robe demonstrators.
- Wednesday—Gilliland, Dixon girls
- Thursday—Expansion work.
- Friday—Munday women, tile making and laying.
- Saturday—Office

Foundation Patterns

"I have never made a dress without my foundation pattern, either for myself or anyone else, since I finished it," said Mrs. J. E. Cure, Class

Do You Know



That the first of the swallow family to arrive north, and the last to depart south is the tree swallow whose picture appears above? This is a most particular bird. It lines its nest with feathers, and has so decided a liking for white feathers, that it has been

known to fly long distances in search of white feathers rather than use those of other colors that were close at hand. The tree swallow is hardy and common. It is found as far north as Alaska and the Yukon, and as far south as Central America.

wardrobe demonstrator of the Hefner Home Demonstration Club in discussing plans for furthering this work in the club and community in 1934.

"I kinda begrudged the material I put into the pattern, 5 yards of domestic, at first, but money could not buy it from me new," she also stated. "I find it is a great pleasure to use an individually fitted pattern as well as a great saving. I can buy more material for dresses rather than have to spend so much on commercial patterns and I can even feel dressed up in print dresses they fit so well."

"I hope I get to attend the school next week, to be conducted by Mrs. Dora R. Barnes, clothing specialist, and learn more about using these patterns."

4H Bedroom Improvement

"The best thing about my room is the natural lighting and ventilation," said Margaret Westbrook, 4H bedroom demonstrator in the Truscott club, who has 5 windows and 2 doors in her room. "I plan to put my room

in the best possible condition by cleaning the woodwork and floors, papering the walls and painting the woodwork. I have a closet in my room that will have some shelves and a shoe rack before it will be complete. My furniture will be cleaned and rearranged so my room will be more attractive and restful."

"I have learned that to have a room that is easily cleaned, I must remove all the unnecessary articles from the room such as penants, paper flowers, dolls and uninteresting pictures. This room is to be all my own so I want it to meet all my particular needs," said Margaret.

Pictures were taken of Margaret's room before she made improvements and others will be made when she has completed her work. These pictures will be used in her story of her work, helping her to show more clearly what improvements she has made.

GAS TAX LAW UPHELD BY COURT OF APPEALS

Austin, Feb. 15—Texas' new gas tax enforcement law, which has been recovering millions in hitherto stolen

state revenues since its enactment last March, stood on firm ground today, its constitutionality upheld by the Court of Civil Appeals in its first "test case."

Validity of the law was attacked January 1 by the Owl Oil and Refining Company, whose permit had been cancelled by Comptroller George H. Sheppard for alleged failure to comply with provisions of the statute.

The refinery countered by obtaining a temporary injunction in Travis county district court, restraining the comptroller and the attorney general from enforcing permit or bond provisions of the law, as well as its criminal clauses. The state promptly appealed.

The Court of Civil Appeals, in a sweeping opinion written by Chief Justice J. W. McClendon, upheld the law's constitutionality on all of the disputed points, set aside the order of the lower court and dissolved the injunction.

In upholding the permit and bond clauses of the law, Justice McClendon called them enforcement measures to help collect a tax "peculiarly subject to evasion and fraudulent defeat in its collection."

Criminal penalties for evasion, ranging from a minimum of \$100 fine to a maximum of two years' imprisonment and \$5,000 fine drew this comment from the court: "It can hardly be seriously urged that there is anything excessive, cruel or unusual in the prescribed penalties."

2075 CORN-HOG CONTRACTS SIGNED IN 38 COUNTIES

Collee Station—The first state report on progress of the corn hog reduction campaign made early in February showed 2075 contracts signed in 38 counties, with an indicated reduction of about 11 acres of corn and 12 market hogs per farm, according to E. M. Regenbrecht, Extension swine specialist at Texas A and M College. Terry county led all counties with 502 contracts.

From this report and from statements by county agents Mr. Regenbrecht estimates that there will be some corn hog contracts signed in every Texas county with a county agent, and that the total sign up will probably include about 30,000 farmers. If this proves correct, and the average given in the first report hold for the entire state, Texas would reduce corn acreage by one third of a million acres this year, and reduce the marketing of the hogs about 400,000 head. At this rate Texas farmers would receive nearly eight million dollars in benefit payments.

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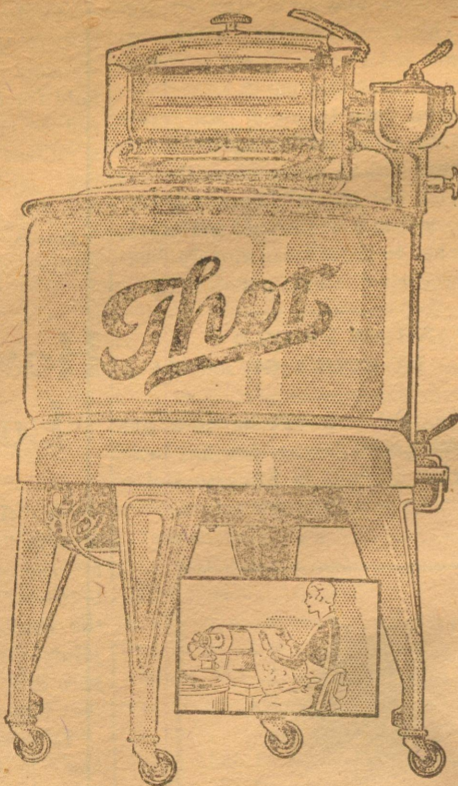


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SUNDAY DINNER SUGGESTIONS

By Ann Page
Strawberries are so plentiful that they are being sold at little greater than in height of their summer season. Enjoy this winter treat while it lasts.

California navel oranges are at the height of their short season and they are particularly delicious to eat out of hand or in salads or desserts. For breakfast juice, Florida oranges are fine. Grapefruit continue plentiful.

Spinach and green beans are abundant and cheap. Broccoli though fine and inexpensive is not being used so much as it was. Cauliflower and new cabbage are cheap. Peas continue plentiful and good. Beets and carrots are particularly economical.

With Lent in the near future, favorite meat dishes should be enjoyed now though well cooked and seasoned fish is equally good.

The Quaker maid suggests the following menus for your Sunday dinner.

Low Cost Dinner

Pan browned Chopped Beef
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Bread and Butter
Vanilla Junket with Preserves
Tea or Coffee Milk

Medium Cost Dinner
Chicken Pie with Biscuit Crust
Baked Sweet Potatoes or Yams
Buttered Broccoli
Hot Biscuits Butter
Strawberry Whip with Crushed Strawberries

Coffee Milk
Very Special Dinner
Tomato Juice Cocktail
Baked Ham or Roast Chicken
Mashed Potatoes Buttered Broccoli
Grapefruit and Orange Salad
Rolls and Butter
Fresh Strawberry Ice Cream
Coffee Milk

CATTLE MARKET REPORT

By Roy K. Sansom
With National Livestock Com. Co.
Fort Worth, Texas
Many moons and much water since

so many things have indicated an undertone on all classes of livestock that is at once healthy and appreciably higher on every open market in the nation. Last week the East showed a strong, active market on all dressed meats—Chicago contributed \$7.35 for a fat cattle top—St. Louis set a new top of \$4.75 on hogs—Kansas City shows \$9.75 top on lambs—Fort Worth paid 75c higher for hogs at \$4.75, with all classes of desirable cattle, from tops to tails showing an advance ranging from 25 to 50c. This week's opening brought considerably heavier receipts all thru the North and a weaker tendency in spots, showing declines of 10 to 25c. But prices bounced right back more healthy condition than we had just a short time ago.

Fort Worth receipts continue so light that packers are afforded scarcely any opportunity except to make their buy at steady to stronger prices. Choice to prime fed cattle are noticeably scarce and the right kind of finished yearlings would bring \$6 to 6.25. The bulk of the best yearlings received are selling in a 5.50 to 5.75 range, with a right good kind either way from 5.00 according to class—fair kinds around 4.00. Best heavy fed steers sell in a range of 4.50 to 4.75, with the handy weights 4.75 to 5.25. South Texas has contributed very few grass steers selling around 3.75, but the right kinds weighing under 1050 pounds could easily bring 4 something. Stocker steers are 50c higher on the more desirable qualified kinds of all ages and weights.

Cows are the outstanding feature of our market. The government has temporary orders here for around 350 cutter cows per day for first 5 days of each week. Reported that the total of this order here is 6000 head. Cutter cows jumped 50c to 75c per cwt. and any kind with a pick on them are selling at 1.75 to 2.00 with a strong fleshed cutter at 2.25 to 2.50. This cutter advance forced good butcher cows to move up a notch out of their way, and packers are paying 2.75 to 3.00 for them with the choicer cows at 3.25. Average canners sell at 1 to 1.25 and old jersey pelts at 75c to 1.00. Butcher heifers and cheap warmed up jersey and brindle yearlings are 50c higher than three weeks ago at 3.25 to 3.75. Calves are 50c higher to both packer and stocker trade. Bull's strong—lights around 1.75 and heavy belognas 2 to 2.25.

Cattle a basic commodity? The pros and the cons had it hammer and tong. The cons contended 200,000,000 dollars could do a powerful plenty for the cattle situation. The pros pointed to the Hog man, and said he was like the fellow who agreed to work for his board, and then lost his appetite.

Anyway, with or without the sanction of a counted majority, the cattle man now finds himself the producer of one of the nation's sixteen principal basic commodities. No longer the independent Baron of the ballies and brush, he is just about as independent as the proverbial pig on a cake of ice, and his vast production is now placed in a comparative impotence to other such dainty commodities as sugar, coffee, cocoa, as well as the very silk for Milday's thingbobs, if you please.

Seriously tho—the idea of the processing Tax is absolutely sound. Undeniably, its promoters have in mind an immediate relief for the cattlemen, and are imbued only with an honored principal and a good intent. This said tho, that hell is paved with good intentions, and of the usual long time red tape and folderal are not dispensed with, so that there can be an immediate application of this \$200,000,000, then it will have been only another case of the tooth stop aching when we reach the dental chair.

The advance has been gradual, but prices today on practically every class of cattle will average a flat 1.00 per cwt. higher than the zero time last fall, and who can deny that better times are coming to the cattlemen, pronto. Royk.

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