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## SPLINTERS

A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance.—Prov.

Among other things readers of the Post may notice in its columns this week is a poem, "The Well Digger's Dream", a metric composition by one of its Gilliland contributors. This epic seems to have been written by Riley the Well Man and is printed herewith because of several admirable features, to wit: First it is short, second the language is simple and easily understood, and third it has a moral. The moral is that in times like these even a well digger's dreams may be as troubled as a banker's. The Post receives a great many contributions which for divers reasons are never printed. Some are too long and the editors are often in doubt as to the contributor's motives, i. e., whether it is their ignorance or his own that he is trying to expose but in this particular case it is different. This poem was accepted under circumstances the like of which sends most such attempts to the waste basket. Many professional advertising writers clothe their work in the guise of a news story and thus prey upon the advertising columns of the unsuspecting country publisher who finds it easier to print their cleverly written stories than to write clever stories himself. But the editors of the Post feel certain that Mr. Riley is not a professional seeker of free publicity and any benefits that he may derive in a professional way from the publication of his poem, he is more than welcome to and the editors hope that his effort brings him more business that he can attend to. We harbor the suspicion that Mr. Riley is a much better well digger than he is a poet.

We also call your attention to another article in which you will find that Texas Democrats are asked to contribute a dime apiece to help get the national organization out of the hole. That ought to be the easiest dime to collect since the days of the war saving stamps. Why we planted barley on our "pore farm" this year and the Democrats have already raised the price of barley more than a dime. Even the Republicans ought to kick in a dime. It was worth that much to them to get rid of a bad job.

You may be also interested in a speech by our representative in Congress, Hon. Marvin Jones, who tells why he is cooperating with the President although not agreeing with him in all matters. Naturally every member of Congress should cooperate with the President for he is the man to whom the people look for guidance. Had they more faith in some special congressman, they would have elected him President. In respecting the policies of the President, other representatives of the people are also respecting the wishes of the people. Could the members of the present Legislature also allow this thought to trickle into their craniums we might get more benefits from that body.

We read where an English scientist says that a million flu germs can sit on the head of a pin. Past experience with the flu leads us to believe that flu germs do not sit. They jump around considerably and from the way one's head feels during their gymnastics, a million does not do them justice. Like German marks, they should come under the head of higher mathematics.

Mrs. J. H. Darnell of Sweetwater returned home Wednesday after spending several days in the home of her daughter, Mrs. D. J. Brookreson.

## Citizens State Robbed At Knox Early Thursday

The Citizens State Bank of Knox City was robbed Thursday morning by a party of at least three men, who after tying up the nightwatchman, cut into the vault and the safe with an acetalyne torch. According to the watchman's story he was slipped up on from behind and overpowered, bound and blindfolded at about 1:30 a. m. and carried to the bank where he was guarded until the safe was cut open with a cutting torch. The band completed their work about 4:30 and forced the watchman into the vault. He, after hearing the departure of the car used by the robbers, crawled out of the vault through the hole which was cut as a means of entry, and gave the alarm. The telephone wires at Knox City were all cut making it impossible to phone nearby towns and Deputy Sheriff George Hardburger came to Benjamin immediately after being notified. The sheriff's department here called officers in neighboring counties warning them to be on the lookout. Loot is estimated at \$12,000 to \$15,000.

## 'Dime A Democrat' Is Request Party Leaders

A dime a Democrat is the quota assessed Texans by the Democratic National Committee. The Texas National Democratic organization of which Roy Miller is Director, Senator Margie E. Neal, co director, and Frank Scofield, finance director, has assumed the task of raising \$750,000 which is 10 per cent of the \$7,500,000 deficit of the Democratic National Committee.

This rather formidable sum is proportionate to what Texas has received and expects at the hands of the Democratic party, it was said in a statement released by National Democratic headquarters at Austin.

Postmaster General James A. Farley, who is chairman of the Democratic National Committee, is requesting so large a sum of the Texas organization is actuated by the extraordinary record of this state in the campaign last fall. Texas it will be recalled, furnished the largest Democratic majority for Roosevelt and Garner, and contributed the second largest sum of money, being exceeded only by Roosevelt's own state of New York.

The amount requested from Texas was approximately one tenth of the number of Democratic votes cast in Texas last November. In determining the quota for each county the Texas organization decided to allot the quota in proportion to the votes cast. Ten cents for each Democratic vote approximates very closely the sum expected from Texas.

There were 1,601 votes cast in Knox County. The quota, therefore, is \$160.10.

"Every Democrat in Knox County ought to feel that the New Deal is worth at least a dime to him," Frank Scofield said. "We are now advising county chairmen of the sums expected of them and anticipate no difficulty in raising Texas' part of the party's debt."

## TRUSCOTT GIRLS ORGANIZE 4 H CLUB

Thirty six girls took part in the organization of a 4 H club at Truscott Monday, March 27. The following officers were elected:

President, Mary Helen Gilliland, V. President, Billy Burnett, Secretary, Pauline Gleason, Reporter, Velmeta Solomon, Song Leader, Bessie Trameek, Yell leader, Peggy Burnett, Bedroom Demonstrator, Billy Burnett

## Truscott Farmer Dies From Heart Attack

Walter Green Caddell, 55, Truscott farmer, died Friday night following a sudden heart attack and was buried Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the Truscott cemetery. Mr. Caddell has been a resident of the Truscott community for about nine years and is survived by his wife and six children, E. E., O. L., Ferris, Mable, Lavon, and Deaton, all of Truscott, two brothers, J. W. Caddell of Friona and B. T. Caddell of Cleburne three sisters Mrs. Isabell Herrell of Wichita Falls, Mrs. Betty Kinnemore and Mrs. Mae Cochram of Raines County. Mr. Caddell was well liked and his passage is mourned by the family and many friends.

## KNOX COUNTY TAKES TWO PLACES AT LUBBOCK SHOW

Sixteen counties representing 117 clubs had a total of 330 entries at the meat show held at Lubbock, March 22, 23, 24. "The quality of meat at this, the third annual meat show made possible by the Lubbock C. of C. was superior to any before ever before exhibited," stated Miss Lola Blair, Nutrition Specialist of A. and M. College.

Knox County was represented with 20 entries and was awarded two places.

Mrs. R. M. Almonrode of the Gillespie Home Demonstration Club received a ribbon on mincemeat and Mrs. Charles Moorhouse of the Benjamin Home Demonstration Club received a cash prize on chili.

## THE ESSENTIALS OF FARM LEGISLATION

By Marvin Jones Texas Congressman

The beginning of the new Administration is a turning point in our country's history. After passing thru a trial by fire, the American people are getting the national viewpoint. Selfish forms are being discarded and individuals are beginning to realize that their own interests are bound up with the nation's welfare.

The most important step just now in the farm program is to have an adjustment and refinancing of farm mortgages. A program is being worked out, and action should be had as early as practicable. I hope it may be broad enough to relieve the tremendous emergency in this regard. This Republic is anchored in the farm homes of America. Nothing is of greater importance than to save these homes from foreclosure and to preserve the happy firesides that have been a bulwark of national safety.

The farm problem, however, is so complicated and involves so many different commodities that no one method can be depended upon to bring full relief.

The President has shown his understanding of national problems by urging emergency action for agriculture as one of the primary steps in his immediate program. He realizes the importance of the farm problem and has turned his attention in that direction.

It is his intention to try "an untrod path" in an effort to avoid the difficulties which will result if another year of planting gets under way before something is done. The relief measure which he advocates is admittedly an experiment. While I am not in accord with some of its provisions, I am supporting it because we must have action in these troubled times.

This emergency legislation may be able to relieve immediate conditions while the ground work is being laid

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## Sorosis Club Scores Hit With Minstrel Show

The Sorosis Club afforded the show goers of Benjamin with a treat Tuesday evening in the presentation of the Dixie Blackbird Minstrels, a riotous, laughter invoking blackface sketch in which about forty of the city's most talented players took part. Under the direction of Miss Billie Ruth Sears of the Sewell Production Co. of Atlanta, Ga., some of the city's dormant talent was awakened. Mrs. Homer T. Melton and Jack Idol were doubtless the stars of the entertainment, their songs and actions creating a great deal of amusement for the audience and many who had not given vent to a hearty laugh since the depression set in came away with aching sides. The choruses were good, the quips and jests at the expense of members of the audience were well taken and the style show, while somewhat lacking in grace and beautiful forms did present some beautiful clothing at its greatest disadvantages. The Minstrel played to a full house and the Club cleared about \$30.00.

## Scottish Rite Choir To Offer Free Musicale

On Sunday afternoon, April 2, at 3:30, in the Memorial auditorium, Wichita Falls, Texas, Masket Temple will present a program of high class music absolutely free to the public. No collection—no contribution. The program will be given by the Scottish Rite Choir and is one of a series of high class entertainments sponsored by Masket Temple in the interest of the people of Wichita Falls, northern Texas and southern Oklahoma. You are invited to come and bring your children and friends.

## BIG SPRING PLANS BIG C OF C CELEBRATION IN MAY

BIG SPRING, March 30—Although the 15th Annual Convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce in Big Spring to be held on May 11, 12, 13, is more than a month and a half away, several West Texas cities are making their plans to seek the Sixteenth Annual Convention to be held in 1934. Among the cities expected to make bids for the 1934 conventions are Mineral Wells, San Angelo, Amarillo and Plainview. Previous conventions have been held in each of these cities. Mineral Wells was the scene of two previous conventions, 1919 and 1925. Amarillo entertained the 1926 convention, San Angelo was the scene of the 1923 meeting and Plainview entertained the 1922 convention. It was at the Plainview convention that the band contest originated, that for many years was an outstanding feature of the West Texas Convention.

Selection of the convention city is the final activity scheduled for the Big Spring Convention.

R. W. Gray of Seymour was a visitor in Benjamin Monday.

Mrs. Ledbetter of Paducah, sister of Dr. J. C. Coffey, is visiting here this week.

Lee Coffman of Gorse spent a few days here this week.

Light showers the first of the week temporarily put a halt to highway construction work under progress here and about a half inch shower Thursday further delayed the work. Workmen estimate that the job will be resumed Monday barring further unfavorable weather.

## Governor Signs Bill To Save State Millions From Tax Evasions

AUSTIN, March 30—Governor M. A. Ferguson, concurring with both houses of the Legislature in the view that tax evasion must stop in order to draw into the coffers of the state every dollar of available revenues, drove the last nail late last week into the coffin of the gasoline bootlegging industry.

Tuesday she had signed the Metcalfe Harmon bill, making gas tax evasion a felony, with heavy fines and prison sentences. Thursday she added the final blow against the huge "racket" which has grown up in the peddling of tax free gasoline, when she signed House Bill 246, amending the Texas Food and Drug Act and observers at the capitol were saying during the week end that everything possible has been done to recover the \$4,000,000 lost yearly by evasion.

While gasoline is neither a feed nor a drug, the new law was deemed necessary in order to curb the blending of kerosene, naphtha and other tax free lower fuels with gasoline, and selling the whole mixture to the motorist, plus the tax. Under this, the commonest method of tax evasion the car owner often paid money which he believed was tax, but the state didn't get it.

This new law contains several drastic provisions for the protection of the public. First it gives the chemical analysis of gasoline, and forbids the use of the word gasoline on any motor fuel falling below that standard. All such fuels must be labeled Inferior Motor Fuel on all pumps which contain them.

Another provision is that every truck or carrier of motor fuel must be plainly labeled with the name of the distributor or maker, and every place where such fuel is stored must be marked in the same way. The new law also forbids sale of second hand or used motor oil except when it is plainly labeled, Reconditioned Motor Oil.

The law gives every Texas peace officer the right to inspect any vehicle hauling motor fuel, or any place where motor fuel is sold, at any time.

The Texas Good Road Association, which backed the bill in order to recover some \$2,000,000 of highway funds, as well as \$1,000,000 for schools and an equal sum for the refunding of county bonds, issued a statement Saturday to the effect that the new measure will work with the Metcalfe Harmon law "like the two jaws of a steel trap."

## LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL ENTERS PLAY TOURNAMENT AT OLNEY

Under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Myers the Benjamin entry in the Interscholastic play tournament will present a one act play, "On Vengeance Height" at Olney tonight. The layers from the local school are Laverne McCanlies, Pat Propps, Martha Mae Crenshaw, and Leon Bivins. Several other contestants will take part in the district contest today.

## TENNIS MATCHES PLAYED HERE SATURDAY

In the tennis tournament held here last Saturday Knox City netters won boy's doubles, Truscott singles. Benjamin won girl's doubles and singles. Benjamin's playground ball team won first place at Sunset on the same date.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Caldwell of Abilene were here Tuesday visiting their daughter, Mrs. P. L. Armour.



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*Editorial*

Our attention has been called to a proposal by members of the Legislature to take away the technical courses from the school at Lubbock and give them to A. and M. leaving Texas Technological College a four year senior college.

We are not biased in our opinions as to what should be done with the tax supported schools in the state and it makes but little difference to us what section the schools are in which should be abolished, if any. It seems to us that the trend in all state schools is to train more students for the profession of school teaching than for any other profession which in our opinion is a bad thing for that particular profession and for the state. There may not be too many competent, well trained teachers to fill the need but there are too many who have certificates to teach to fill the jobs in the Texas schools. When a teacher has obtained a certificate to teach, the avenue has been opened for another leech on the taxpayers back. It seems that as long as the state is put to the expense of training students for a profession it would be far better for all concerned to train them for a profession in private industry, the salary of which is not payed out of taxes. If there is any merit in this contention, then the technical courses at the school at Lubbock should not be transferred to A. and M. but on the other hand broadened. If any courses are to be omitted at Tech, it should be those leading toward a teachers certificate.

CAVEAT VENDER

Franklin Roosevelt never advanced a sounder or even a timelier recommendation for the restoration of confidence than his proposal to require of sellers of securities that they make full, accurate and understandable statement of all material facts bearing on the issue of the stocks and bonds they have to offer to the public. "Let the seller also beware," the President says. It is a good rule.

The rule should be good for the seller in the long run. The Mitchells and the Insulls would be respectable citizens, in all probability, free from suspicion and court charges, had they exercised the standard of care which the President asks Congress now to impose by law on promoters and underwriters of such investments.

The President's habit of sending brief messages, each limited to a single phase of his program, is impressive and it is proving to be telling in effect. Striking, also, is his fidelity to the platform which he offered to the people. Plank for plank he has presented it to Congress. American politics has rarely presented an example of such absolute, such clean-cut, such dramatic adherence to campaign promises. Had all his measures the wisdom of this one, America might feel that its Daniel has indeed come to judgment.—Dallas News

Knox County's cotton crop this year was almost double that of last year according to the latest ginning report from the Department of Commerce at Washington. This was not due to an increased acreage for 1932 but on the contrary the acreage was, if anything, reduced. Exceptional weather conditions were the contributory cause. The crop of 1932, 65,973 bales, is about 25,000 bales in excess of the usual year in and year out. Had all the acreage of the county been devoted to cotton this year, it is probable that Knox County would have led the state in production but Knox County is one of the most diversified farming counties in the state, producing its share of the cattle, hogs, wheat, oats, barley, feedstuff, corn melons, vegetables and poultry. It is better that it is this way.

Spring is here and no doubt about it. Of course the mesquites, timid creatures that they are, have not yet put on their new 1933 clothes but neither have a lot of us less timid mortals. The point which we wish to make, however, is that with the R. F. C. boys cleaning up streets and vacant lots, the club women planting trees and flowers around the courthouse, and many of the enterprising citizens taking the lead in cleaning up around their residences, it should behoove all the rest of us to do likewise. With but very little effort we can have the prettiest little village in West Texas. Let's do it.

After an orgy of spending unparalleled in the history of the state the present Highway Commission seems to be of the opinion that the president showed poor judgment in not turning them over the money used in his reforestation plan and let them use it to relieve the unemployed. Now the way that the Highway Commission would relieve the unemployed would be to relieve them of the last crumb of bread they had and then "can" them for not being able to put out a real day's work on an empty stomach. We got along nicely for a million years or so without a concrete pavement for our customers convenience in going to the neighboring villages to buy our competitors merchandise; and while our forests in this immediate vicinity are mostly scrub cedar and mesquite brush, we don't yet see just how we are going to get along without lumber for some time to come. Those concrete posts the Highway Department planted along the roadside last year haven't begun to bear fruit yet.

**GILLILAND**  
 BY ELIZABETH PARRIS

Mrs. J. J. Cure is in Abilene this week visiting friends.

Mrs. Marian Ryder, Miss Anna Mae Ellis, Mrs. B. B. Chamberlain and Mrs. Alice Baty were in Seymour Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Olie Iising were in Truscott Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cure are in Abilene this week visiting their daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Hollis were in Rule Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Massingill and daughter of Fort Worth are visiting his mother here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Myers were in Crowell Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Scifres and family were in Seymour Saturday.

Mr. J. R. Spivey was in Fort Worth Sunday and Monday on business.

Miss Avis Williams of Benjamin visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Williams here the past week end.

Mr. Alvin Hamm of Knox City was the guest of Glenn Parris here Sunday.

Mrs. Glover Medaris was in Knox City in business Monday.

Mrs. Marion Ryder and Mrs. B. B. Chamberlain were in Munday Thursday.

Miss Lula Hurd visited her parents in Vera Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Feemster and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cook were in Vera Sunday visiting relatives and friends.

Horley Scifres had the misfortune of breaking his collar bone Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Navaratil were in Knox City Saturday.

Miss Alma Brian and Mr. Oscar Strickler were married at Truscott Friday afternoon. Mrs. Strickler is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Brian of this place and Mr. Strickler is a resident of Ranger. They intend to make their home there. Their many friends wish them much happiness.

THOMAS BIVINS CELEBRATES  
 BIRTHDAY WITH PARTY

Thomas Bivins was honored with a birthday party Wednesday afternoon by his mother, Mrs. A. F. Bivins. After several games were played refreshments were served to Dorethia Goodrich, Roline Rouse, Aline McCanlies, Alva May Chaplin, Gertrude Sams, Alvis Chamberlain, Irene and Marie Starks, Leroy Phillips, David Kyle, Vernon Benson, Elbert Patterson, Floy Nunley, Tom Frank Glover, Herbert Mayberry, Katherine, William Lee and Tom Bivins.

Parks Wright was a visitor in Wichita Falls Tuesday.

W. T. Ward and B. W. Snody were visitors in Wichita Falls Thursday.

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The Commissioners' Court of Knox County, Texas, will receive sealed bids at Benjamin, Texas, on April 10, 1933, at 10 o'clock, A. M. for the following lumber:  
 36—3x12—20, No. 1,  
 38—3x10—16, No. 1,  
 38—3x8—16, No. 1,  
 306—2x8—16, Rough.

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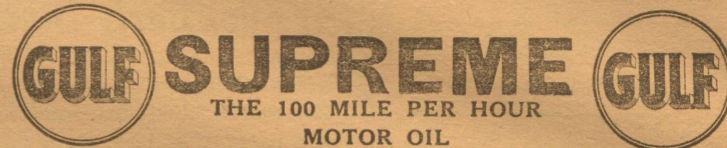
39—3x12—20, No. 1,  
 20—3x8—16, No. 1.

To be delivered at the Brock Bridge. It is the intention of the Commissioners' Court to issue time warrants due January 1, 1934, in payment of same.

Witness my hand this the 22nd day of March, A. D. 1933.

J. W. Melton,

County Judge, Knox County, Texas.



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**TRUSCOTT**  
BY VELMETA SOLOMON

Mrs. Stewart of Hereford visited her aunt, Mrs. A. A. Clark and other relatives a few days last week.

The Truscott school will be only an eight months school this year. There was not the required amount of funds for the full term. The Baccalaureate Sermon will be Easter Sunday by Rev. Holcomb of Seymour. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Goode were called to Dallas last Friday to attend the funeral of the formers father.

News was received here last week that Mike Stoker had been seriously hurt at Fort Worth. Mr. and Mrs. Stoker, daughter Doris and Mr. and Mrs. Marion Chowning left immediately to visit him.

Truscott is still improving. Cement walks have been laid on the north side of main street and rock walks on the south side of the street. Plans are for the main street to be graveled soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jolly Myers and children spent the week end in Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Hanks and Mrs. Lee Randolph were in Kno City

one day last week. Mrs. C. A. Bullion and Miss Irene Maddox were in Crowell last Friday.

Mrs. Charley Hayne and children of Munday and Miss Noama Brown of Robert Lee visited their sister, Mrs. Tom Westbrook last Sunday. Lee Randolph made a business trip to Sweetwater Saturday.

W. O. Solomon is attending Federal Court in Wichita Falls this week. Mrs. S. D. Moore was in Benjamin one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Smith and son Billy attended the Humble Pipe line meeting and banquet at Iowa Park last Friday night. C. C. Browning, Jack and Frank Brown were in Wichita Falls one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed L. Turner of Abilene visited relatives here Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Browning visited in Seymour and Munday Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Cowden of Chillicthe visited Mrs. E. P. Smart this week. Mrs. Caldeen Boone of Okla. is visiting her mother Mrs. E. P. Smart.

Clarence Self and John Long of

Crowell were here on business one day this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Abbott of San Angelo visited relatives here Sunday. The formers parants Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Abbott returned home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Campsey of Shannon visited their daughter Willie Jewel Saturday and Sunday.

M. and Mrs. Payne and Mr. and Mrs. Scarbrough were in Benjamin one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ozzie Turner and children visited in Foard City Sunday

J. R. Spivey and Frank Brown were in Fort Worth one day last week. Polly Randolph was in Wichita Falls Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Burnett and children spent Sunday in Benjamin. Ethel Mae Chilcoat accompanied them.

W. H. Caddell of Antelope Flat was buried in the Truscott cemetery Saturday. Funeral services were held by Rev. O. C. Stapleton. Mr. Caddell was born in Hill County in 1878 and moved to Knox County about twelve years ago. His wife and six children survive him.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Campsey of Knox City visited relatives here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Camp of Goree visited Mr. and Mrs. Julian Madole Sunday.

Mmes. A. S. Tarpley and C. C. Browning were in Vernon Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Featherstan were in Wichita Falls one day last week.

**VACANCIES ANNOUNCED**  
BY MARINES

The New Orleans recruiting station located at 535 St. Charles Street will have vacancies for few high school graduates or from institutions of higher learning, during the month of April.

Men enlisted will be transferred to Parris Island, S. C., for a few weeks intensive training before going to some school, ship or marine barracks for duty.

The Corps offers avation, radio, music, clerical and other schools, after preliminary training is completed. Others are assigned to ships and stations in the United States and in foreign countries where Marines serve.

Many Marines are selected for sea duty on board battle ships and cruisers, these are given splendid opportunity to travel. During an enlistment one will travel thousands of miles and will visit many strange lands.

Application blanks will be mailed any high school graduate on request. Applications made do not obligate men to enlist, it only places them on eligible list of eligible applicants for enlistment.

**15TH ANNUAL CONVENTION**  
OF W. T. C. OF C. TO MEET  
IN BIG SPRINGS MAY 11, 13.

BIG SPRINGS, March 30—The one hundred sixty seven cities of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce will be called upon during April to nominate their directors in the regional organization subject to election at the 15th Annual Convention of the organization in Big Spring May 11, 12, 13.

President Wilbur C. Hawk will soon name an elections committee which will have charge of the election of directors, and all voting at the convention. One of the first activities of the committee will be to issue a notice to the cities of the West Texas to nominate their directors.

Besides the 167 affiliated towns, every unaffiliated city will be given an invitation to nominate a director and establish affiliation by meeting the membership requirements.

The election of directors features the first business session of the convention. From the newly elected directors, an executive committee of fourteen will be selected.

**A WELL DIGGERS DREAM**

I wish to tell my story

As with my pen I sit,  
It's only a hole in the ground  
Unless there is water in it.

I have dug some wells in my time,  
And I plaster some you bet,  
And if my plans had not gone wrong  
I would be digging yet.

I take the very best of care  
To see that I don't fall,  
And if you have a job to do  
I gladly tackle trem all.

And if you are short of money,  
Well, that's no reason to fret,  
For I am a poor man too,  
And my price is whatever I get.

Last night as I was sleeping  
I had an awful dream,  
Digging, digging, digging,  
I dug into hell it did seem.

And Satan, he caught my pick,  
Caught it in his right hand,  
And I know I heard him say,  
"You've dug your last well, my man."

With both my hands I grabbed the rope,

To the man on top I did yell,  
"Get onto that windlass mighty fast,  
I've dug right into Hell."

—Riley, The Well Man.  
Gilliland, Texas.

**P. T. A. TO HOLD REGULAR MEETING APRIL 4.**

The Parent Teachers will hold their regular meeting Tuesday, April 4. The program will be on Safety with Mrs. J. A. McCanlies as leader.

**FOR SALE**

We have stored in the vicinity of Benjamin one Baby grand and two upright pianos, rather than ship back will sell at sacrifice.

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Dallas Texas.

**ON TEXAS FARMS**

BY W. H. DARROW  
Extension Service Editor

For every dollar spent last year by farmers in fighting insects and diseases attacking field crops in Texas, \$12.50 was returned in increased income. A total of \$166,452 acres was protected by 6669 farmers with the aid of county agents.

Plenty of home grown feed saves cash, helps the living at home program and makes possible larger livestock profits. Last year 12,674 men and boys cooperated with county agents in growing 189,858 acres of feed crops by demonstration methods from which they received for labor and investment an average of \$70 apiece.

An average return of \$250 for labor and investment was made by the 4397 Texas farmers and 4 H club boys who conducted demonstrations in cotton growing last year. The demonstrations averaged 28 acres.

Childress county pantries are displaying airtight boxes of cookies, peanut butter, and crackers in addition to all the other kinds of food as a result of work done by the home demonstration agent.

**The Red & White Stores**

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SPECIALS FOR

**Friday and Saturday**  
**March 31, April 1**

FRESH TEXAS STRAWBERRIES, FULL PINTS	.15
DELICIOUS APPLES, LARGE FANCY, DOZEN	.29
ORANGES, CALIFORNIA, 288 SIZE, DOZ.	.15
GRAPEFRUIT, TEXAS, LARGE, EACH	.05
ORANGES, LARGE CALIFORNIA, DOZ.	.29
WINESAP APPLES, SMALL SIZE, DOZEN	.10
SPUDS, NO. 1 WHITES, 10 LBS.	.18
LETTUCE, FIRM AND CRISP, HEAD	.05
LYE, RED AND WHITE 'NONE BETTER' 3 CANS	.25
SYRUP, SINGLETON'S PURE CANE GALLON	.49
PALMOLIVE SOAP, 2 BARS	.13
PICKLES, WHOLE SOUR, QUART	.19
DRIED FRUITS, Peaches or Apricots, 2 LBS.	.19
CORN, RED PENNANT, NO. 2 CANS, 3 FOR	.25
RICE, CHOICE, 4 POUNDS	.19
PINEAPPLE, No. 1, Blue and White, Crushed, 3 CANS	.25
OATS, Red and White, 55 OZ. PKG., 2 FOR	.25
BRAZIL NUTS, WALNUTS, ALMONDS, PER LB.	.10
ARMOUR'S SLICED BACON, PER LB.	.15

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**13TH DISTRICT OF P. T. A.  
CONGRESS TO MEET IN  
CROWELL APRIL 11, 12.**

Plans for the annual conference of the 13th District of the Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers that is to be held in Crowell on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 11 and 12, are progressing in a very satisfactory manner and all indications point to one of the most successful conferences in the history of the 13th District. During the two days of this conference and one night, Crowell will be host to over 250 delegates and visitors and this number will include many of the most prominent women from the fourteen counties in this district.

The 13th District includes 135 P. T. A. units from the following counties: Archer, Baylor, Clay, Foard, Hardeman, Haskell, Jack, Knox, Montague, Throckmorton, Wichita, Wilbarger, Wise and Young.

The theme for the conference is "Safeguarding Children Through This Crisis." Dr. L. H. Hubbard, president of Texas College for Women

at Denton, will be the main speaker of the evening's program of the two day session and his subject will be "Safeguarding the Leisure of Our Children."

Mrs. J. M. Crain of Claude, 4th vice president of Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers, will be the State representative at the conference and will be the speaker at a publicity breakfast on the morning of the 2nd day.

Others to appear on the programs are Mrs. St. Andrew Myers of the Child Welfare Board of Austin, Mrs. C. J. Farrell of Vernon, State chairman of Founder's Day, and Mrs. R. E. L. Patillo of Vernon. Other speakers will be announced at a later date. Musical numbers and other attractions will also be given.

A new feature to be added this year—a school for parents—with the district chairman of Parent Teachers in charge. Classes in health publicity, program and parliamentary procedure will be conducted by capable leaders. The graduation exercises will be held on Tuesday evening and certificates will be awarded those who have

completed the correspondence course and the Wichita County Council will present a beautiful loving cup to the local unit having the most graduates since the last district conference.

The district president, Mrs. R. L. Kincaid, of Crowell, is desirous that each unit has a representation and the district publicity chairman, Mrs. the publicity record books be sent to T. B. Klepper of Crowell asks that her not later than April 1. For the best publicity record books in each of three classes awards of ribbons will be made. The three classes are those units with access to a daily newspaper, those with access to a weekly newspaper and rural schools with no newspaper at all. A large number of record books are expected and the two highest rated in the district will be sent to the state chairman.

An award of \$50.00 is offered for the best three minute report and \$5 is offered for the best year book. Mrs. J. C. Farrell of Vernon is offering a birthday cake as a prize for the best Founder's Day program. A prize will also be given for the best five

point poster, rules for which has been mailed to each unit.

Homes will be provided for the delegates and visitors and various features of entertainment are being prepared, so that the two days may be profitable and pleasant.

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**THE ESSENTIALS OF  
FARM LEGISLATION**

By Marvin Jones Texas Congressman

for the thorough, long range program which must be instituted if agriculture is to rise once again to the level with other industries where it deserves to be.

In addition to the adjustment and refinancing of farm mortgages, other phases of the permanent farm program involve adjustment of trade barriers, the correction of freight rate discriminations, the curbing of excessive speculation in farm commodities, an adequate currency on a sound basis, and the reduction of expense of government.

If the discriminations which now exist are corrected, the cause of the trouble will have been removed and the greatest possible steps will have been taken to restore agriculture to its proper place in the affairs of the Nation.

The upset condition of our country calls for a strong program of re-adjustment, a reassembling of our national elements of strength, and a rededication of all that is best in the character of our citizenship.

Some few people are complaining of the measures made necessary by the great emergency. The powers that are being granted to the President could not be justified if times were normal, but these are not ordinary times.

No one within a generation has captured the imagination of the American people like President Roosevelt. They are thrilling with the confidence of a new hope—a hope born of courage and the willingness to follow a leader who is unafraid.

Like millions of other Americans who have pinned their faith to him, I believe he will lead us out of the darkness into the full sunshine of a new day.

**Texas Theatre  
SEYMOUR, TEXAS**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WEEK MARCH 31**

**Friday, Saturday Matinee**

**"RENEGADES OF THE WEST"**

Tom Keene Betty Furness

**THE SHEIK**

**Lost Special, Episode No. 11**

**Saturday Night**

George Arliss, Mrs. Arliss in

**"KING'S VACATION"**

With Dick Powell, Patricia Ellis

**SNAPPY'S PARTY**

**Lost Special, Episode No. 11**

**Monday-Tuesday**

**Special Matinee on Monday**

10c, 15c, 12:45 P. M.

Buck Jones, Baraba Weeks in

**"SUNDOWN RIDER"**

and

**BARNYARD OLYMPICS**

**Monday Night**

George Brent, Zita Johann in

**"LUXURY LINER"**

and

Bing Crosby in

**BLUE OF THE NIGHT**

**Tuesday night double program**

**Combining Monday matinee and**

**Night**

**Wednesday-Thursday**

**SPECIAL**

Cecil B. De Mille's Famous

**"SIGN OF THE CROSS"**

with Frederic March, Claudette

Colbert and a cast of 7500

people

**Matinee Wed. 2:00 P. M. 10c, 25c**

**Night shows at 7:30 p.m. 10c, 30c**

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The family for two adult tickets

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EVERYBODY WELCOME.

APPLES, SMALL WINESAP, DOZEN	.10
ORANGES, CALIFORNIA, 288 SIZE, DOZ.	.15
TEXAS STRAWBERRIES, PINT	.15
APPLES, DELICIOUS, LARGE DOZEN	.27
DROMIDARY DATES, PER PKG.	.19
CLABBER GIRL BAKING POWDER, 2 LB. CAN	.25
SWEET POTATOES, PER POUND	.02
SPUDS, 10 LBS.	.17
RAISINS, 2 LB. PKG.	.25
SOUR PICKLES, QUART	.17
COFFEE, EVERY DAY, LB. PKG.	.23
POST BRAN, 2 PKGS. FOR	.18
CONFECTIONARY SUGAR, 2 PKGS.	.15
FRENCH'S BIRD SEED, 2 PKGS.	.25
LYE, RED TOP, 3 CANS FOR	.23
SLICED BACON, PER POUND	.15

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