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FROM THE EDITOR'S WINDOW

"Suppose there were no books! No books to read in cozy nooks! No books to feed the hungry mind And teach the art of being kind.

"No books to while one hour away To link today with yesterday; No books to charm us for a while, To bring a tear or lure a smile.

"But there are books, praise God above!

If we have books and we have love, We can dispose of other things: 'Tis books, not crowns, that makes us kings."

If the school is in doubt as to the best prospects for track this coming year, two young men have already proved their merit and should they enter the contest this year without a doubt they will be winners. Those young men are Bennie Burns Williams and T. L. Maynard. They proved their ability when the booster band from Abilene stopped with the loud speaker. Hearing that Miss Eloise Ely of Abilene, who is to be the princess at the cotton carnival at the West Texas Fair this year was about to be introduced, they made the distance from the Williams Grocery to the Y. A. Orr's Drugs in less than three seconds. Since their agility has been so nicely demonstrated, the selection of track men should be facilitated for the coming year.

The Community Natural Gas in their Blue Blaze News points out some of the features of their heating campaign for the winter. It may seem that winter is not near as we sweat in our offices and other fields of labor, but it is worthwhile to begin thinking about our system of heat for the winter. The company says, "Inadequately heated homes during cold weather prompt occupants to assemble in a small portion of the house which is kept warm. This very condition contributes to the dangers of catching colds, because cold germs become active when the body is subjected to sudden changes in temperature, such as are experienced in going from warm to cold portions of the house.

"The campaign points out the particular dangers of 'huddling.' This habit is largely the result of thoughtlessness and unpreparedness on the part of home owners. To supply heat to only a few rooms in the house and to leave the others cold and clammy, in itself constitutes the first step toward unhealthy living conditions. Sooner or later the occupants of that home have occasion to go into the cold rooms, perhaps to answer the telephone or to secure some article of clothing or a book. Again and again the body is subjected to rapid changes in temperature, making the person susceptible to an attack of the cold germ which is ever present in the throat of even the healthiest person.

Back in the warm rooms, shut off from a circulation of air and good ventilation, there is a gradual depletion of oxygen content from air in the rooms. As fuel will not burn properly without air, the oxygen content is depleted by the heater burning in the room as well as by the occupants themselves during the process of breathing."

It would be well for everyone to study these facts presented by the gas company and to consider whether there is a saving to have more rooms adequately supplied with heat, or suffer from the cold germ during the winter. Actual facts have proved that families who have adequate heat in their homes have less colds in the winter and the expense of arrangements for heat and the actual maintenance is less than the expense of the cold germ.

The company is presenting facts which should lead to the protection of the people in general. Reverend Rushen stated that he thought of his friends while he was away on his trip. He stated that he thought of us as being in Sunday school about the time he entered Little Rock and us being dismissed about the time he left Little Rock. Reverend Rushen reports a nice vacation.

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W. C. TEAGUE BURIED MONDAY AFTERNOON

Friends here of W. C. Teague were grieved Sunday morning to learn that he had passed away. Death came at 12:30 a. m. Sunday after an illness which held him bedfast for the past twelve months.

Born in Tennessee 69 years ago, Mr. Teague migrated to Texas with his parents at the age of 9. The family settled a Nimrod, where Mr. Teague spent most of his life. His parents were the late Dr. and Mrs. Joshua Teague, well known in the early days in this county. Before coming to Putnam about a year ago, Mr. Teague had resided in Stamford.

Surviving are Mrs. Teague, a daughter, Mrs. Archie Kelly; and two sisters, Mrs. Roxie Meita of Roosevelt, Okla., and Mrs. L. L. Welch of Abilene.

Funeral services were held in the Primitive Baptist church Monday afternoon at 2:30, conducted by Elder Fosser and Rev. F. A. Hollis.

Elder Foster paid a very high tribute to Mr. Teague when he stated, "To know this man is to love him." After reading scriptures about the home of Mary Martha and Lazarus, Elder Foster spoke of the hope the family had of Mr. Teague on the other shore. He said it would have been much worse had they been among those who had no hope. He said, "I take the position that Mr. Teague is not dead although he has experienced the second death." He explained the first death as being when a person becomes saved and all his old desires are dead in his heart and the second death as the soul's departure from the mortality of the world.

Reverend Hollis followed Elder Foster and spoke words of tribute about Mr. Teague, wherein he stated that he had attended numerous cases of illness and never at any time had he found a patient any more cheerful and optimistic about the future than Mr. Teague. Although he remained in bed a year, Rev. Hollis stated that he had maintained his enthusiasm and his interest in life, always having something jovial to say to his friends who called. He stated that this evidence of a strong Christian character left behind was the best inheritance that Mr. Teague could have left. He spoke upon his life and how devoted his family had been to minister to him. He complimented the only daughter, Mrs. Archie Kelly, who with her husband temporarily broke up house-keeping in order that she might minister to Dad. He spoke of this as a demonstration of love from the daughter and her husband, which he spoke of the high regard they held for the deceased. He took as his theme the inheritance of a Christian character which he expressed in beautiful language.

Sacred Harp songs were sung by members of the Primitive Baptist church. "Amazing Grace" was sung as a large crowd gathered into the church. Other songs were "Sing to Me of Heaven," and "When I Am Gone."

Flower girls were four nieces, Mrs. Lavet Seastrunk of Abilene, Mrs. Bob Williams of Albany, Misses Bertha Buchanan and Naomi Buchanan of Putnam, and Misses Lois Kennedy and Elsie Kelley. Clements & Norred, undertakers, were in charge.

TRENT SCHOOL BONDS APPROVED

The voters of the Trent Independent school district approved a bond issue of \$5,500 to \$11,500 which they authorized two years ago. The bonds were carried by a vote of 46 to 0.

The bonds were voted for the purpose of a new school building and to match a grant from the Public Works Administration of \$13,900. The plans were approved several weeks ago for the construction of a new school building. Altogether funds for the new building now total approximately \$31,000.

PEP B. T. U. PROGRAM SEPTEMBER 19, 1937

- Part 1—Cleveland Dunaway.
- Part 2—Mary Alice Burnam.
- Part 3—Lewis Williams.
- Part 4—Billy Gaskins.
- Part 5—Stanley Butler.

SCRANTON TEST IS CREATING EXCITEMENT

All eyes throughout this section are glued on the Scranton wildcat oil test, scheduled to be drilled 4,000 feet by the Philips Petroleum Company. Rigging up has been going forward the past 10 days and the company is expected to spud by the middle of next week.

Leasing in the Scranton and Atwell vicinity has been unusually active the past two weeks with acreage anywhere in a mile of the test commanding premiums. Only a few very small tracts are said to be available.

The well is located on the B. P. Cozart farm, two miles northwest of the town of Scranton. It is in Callahan county by several hundred yards.

The eight inch pipe will be set at 4,000 feet where the Ellenberger line is expected to be encountered. The reason for carrying a large hole to the 4,000 feet depth is said to be that if pay is not encountered in the Ellenberger the company may elect to test the Hickory sand stone and a small hole would prevent further exploration.

Philips has two blocks in the vicinity of the well. Aside from one being drilled in a block which begins at the Freeland farm eight miles northward for possibly two and a half miles. No announcement has yet been made as to whether or not the company intends to drill the latter block.

Confidence in the Scranton wildcat is increased as a result of the general knowledge that Philips Petroleum cored that entire area two years ago.

The test will be drilled with standard tools.—Cross Plains Review.

MRS. BIGGERSTAFF RECEIVES RECOGNITION

Mrs. George E. Biggerstaff of Putnam has received recognition of her splendid talent in the respect that three of her compositions were rendered in a musical program over KRLD radio station at Dallas. Mrs. Biggerstaff has also been requested to send in others for approval. Titles of her songs were "Those Gray Eyes," "When I First Met You," and "My Saviour Leads the Way," words and music of which were composed by Mrs. Biggerstaff. The composer is one of Putnam's most talented musicians. Mrs. Biggerstaff is one of the best soloists in this section and is worthy of much recognition. Her friends appreciate her ability and are proud to have her listed as an outstanding woman of Putnam.

Miss Frances Armstrong of Abilene spent from Friday until Sunday in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Armstrong.

ABILENE BOOSTER CLUB HERE THURSDAY

The Abilene Booster club, advertising the West Texas Free Fair lasting from Oct. 4 to 9th, on their fourth day out and third stop visited Putnam Thursday morning about 10:30. From Putnam the band planned to stop at Eastland and make a trip through Cisco, Coleman and Cross Plains. Sponsors on the trip were W. W. Hair, Abilene attorney, Mrs. W. W. Hair, D. H. Jefferies, fair president who was also master of ceremonies. Other speakers were Gray Browne, C. D. Knight, Eloise Ely, chosen as princess for the cotton carnival to be held at the fair, and her escort, Margaret Strout of Sherman, who is visiting here.

The club came into Putnam with a dash, causing much excitement as loud sirens shrieked. The delegation was headed by two police escorts and fire chief, Ray Roe, Thirty-five band boys of the Eagle band of Abilene high school and their director, Raymond T. Bynum were among the number and rendered various band selections. Three brightly colored buses and an attractive automobile transported the delegation of sixty-five. R. F. Webb, school superintendent of Putnam, gave the welcome address to the group.

The first three days of the fair will include the cotton pageant and Arabian Nights, day and night features. The last three days will furnish a rodeo at night and horse races in the afternoon. Regular fair exhibits will be numerous. Each town is invited to send a duchess for the cotton carnival. Putnam will likely be represented with a duchess.

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENT

Sunday, September 19th. Sunday school, 10:00. Sermon, 11:00. B. T. U., 7:00. Sermon, 8:00. Everyone invited. F. A. Hollis, Pastor.

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION IS WELL ATTENDED

The Missionary Baptist yearly association of Callahan county, which met at Oplin Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, was unusually well attended and the program pronounced most excellent. Reverend J. S. Tierce of Clyde was elected moderator for next year and was retained as county Sunday school superintendent. According to B. N. Sheppard, district missionary, more progress has been made in the Callahan Association than any association in the district.

The next meeting will be held at Cottonwood on Wednesday and Thursday after the first Sunday in September, 1938.

"It" Girl Opens "It" Cafe



HOLLYWOOD, Cal. Clara Bow, famous flapper of the '20s, who had it, for years fed the public entertainment, but from now on will feed the people food. She and her husband, Rex Bell, have just opened a cafe.

PUTNAM STORE ROBBED

About \$150.00 in cash and checks, some of which were endorsed, were taken from the W. A. Everett Grocery about 12 o'clock Wednesday. Mr. Everett and officers thought there was a clue and officers were in search of the guilty ones in an eastern and western direction. Thursday no traces had been established.

O. F. ETHEREDGE RESIGNS AT MORAN

O. F. Etheredge, superintendent of the Moran schools, tendered his resignation Sunday to the board of trustees. He has accepted a retail gas and oil station business in Brownwood, taking charge there this week. Mr. and Mrs. Etheredge moved their household furnishings Tuesday.

Supt. and Mrs. Etheredge had made Moran their home for the past four years, going there from Putnam, where Mr. Etheredge was high school principal and coach. Mr. Etheredge served Moran as one year after which he was elevated to the superintendency. Mr. Etheredge holds a degree from Howard Payne College, Brownwood, and has had some special work in the University of Texas, S. M. U. and Texas Tech. He was an excellent coach, having had several years of experience. Since taking the superintendency of the Moran schools, very subject taught in high school has been affiliated with the state department.

C. J. Watson, who was principal and English teacher in Moran last year, has been elected to fill the office of superintendent. Mr. Watson attended Southwestern University and later spent two years at the University of Texas, where he received his degree. Since his graduation, Mr. Watson has attended summer sessions and received the master of arts degree the past summer. School started last Monday morning at Moran with Mr. Watson in charge.

PANTHERS ENGAGE SCRANTON IN OPENER

Oliver Davis, Sports Editor. The Putnam high school Panthers will kick off to the Scranton eleven this afternoon at 3 o'clock for the curtain raiser of the 1937 football campaign.

The Panthers minus five lettermen will have a light and a very inexperienced team this afternoon but as the season progresses the team is expected to become a strong wall. At the present only a few plays have been given for the game this afternoon but more plays will be added next week.

The Panthers have been working under a handicap by not having a permanent coach. However, we are positive that we have a coach now, Clyde E. Dean, formerly of Santa Anna. He has already proved to be a good coach and is very well liked by the boys. The boys are working very hard under him and are putting every effort forward to produce a championship team.

Assistant Coach J. G. Overton has been working out the Panthers for the past ten days and it is highly appreciated by each of the boys.

At the present there are three open dates in the Panther schedule, but they are expected to be filled soon.

District 11-B again will be divided into two sections again this year. Teams in section 1 are Putnam, Clyde, May, Moran, Strawn and Baird. Section 2 is made up of Caddo, Olden, Pioneer, Scranton and Woodson.

Schedule

- Sept. 17—Scranton at Putnam.
- Sept. 24—May at Clyde; Olden at Pioneer.
- Oct. 1—Baird at Woodson; Clyde at Strawn; Scranton at Olden.
- Oct. 8—Baird at May; Strawn at Putnam; Caddo at Scranton; Woodson at Moran.
- Oct. 15—May at Moran; Putnam at Clyde; Merkel at Baird; Caddo at Strawn; Woodson at Scranton.
- Oct. 22—Baird at Strawn; Moran at Putnam; Olden at Caddo; Scranton at Clyde; Pioneer at Woodson.
- Oct. 29—Clyde at Moran; Pioneer at Scranton.
- Nov. 5—Moran at Baird; Putnam at May; Woodson at Caddo.
- Nov. 11—Clyde at Baird.
- Nov. 12—Strawn at Moran; Caddo at Pioneer; Woodson at Olden.
- Nov. 19—Putnam at Baird.
- Nov. 25—Baird at Clyde.

The Panther Poster

- Roberson, B., 150, center.
- Hammonds, J., 145, center.
- King, K., 130, guard.
- Williams, B., 150, guard.
- King, C., 115, guard.
- Williams, J., 125, guard.
- Williams, L., 100, guard.
- Crawford, M., 145, guard.
- Culwell, O., 150, tackle.
- Elzay, J., 145, tackle.
- Sharp, H., 165, tackle.
- Hurst, L., 120, tackle.
- Underwood, J., 130, tackle.
- Gaskins, B., 120, tackle.
- McMillan, B., 145, end.
- Brown, D., 140, end.
- Hurst, S., 130, end.
- Jobe, R., 135, end.
- Stephens, O., 105, end.
- Gunn, D., 130, end.
- Shackelford, F., 165, back.
- Everett, J., 165, back.
- Davis, O., 155, back.
- Jobe, W., 145, back.
- Stein, N., 135, back.
- Allen, D., 108, back.
- Sunderman, F., 115, back.

GROUP ENJOYED RUMMEY

A group of young people enjoyed rummey in the home of Zada Williams Friday evening. Lemonade was served. Those present were Oliver Davis, Billy McMillan, Bennie Burns Williams, Dolpha Hull, Roy Lee Williams, Alene Dunaway, Mary Douglas Williams, Zada Williams.

CARD OF THANKS

There is no possible way for words to express our thanks and appreciation to our friends and relatives for their many kindnesses shown during the long illness of our dear beloved husband and father, W. C. Teague. May God's richest blessings rest upon each and everyone of you. Mrs. W. C. Teague, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Kelley, Billy Eugene.

PUTNAM SCHOOLS OPENED MONDAY

The Putnam public schools opened Monday morning at 9:00 with an enrollment of about 300 pupils. The welcome address was given by Superintendent R. F. Webb followed by the singing of "America," led by Miss Jo Pounds and Mrs. E. C. Waddell at the piano.

Reverend F. A. Hollis gave the invocation after which Mr. Webb spoke upon the many reasons why the Putnam school should be better this year than ever before, because of the new building and added equipment. He spoke appreciative words to the large crowd in attendance. He stated L. A. Wood, state superintendent, had praised the school highly for having the modern and complete school equipment and had spoken of the Putnam schools being one of the best in the section. He stated an active parent-teachers association, the cooperation of the town and an unusually good student body were largely responsible for the success. He especially praised the student body for their good behavior, and courteous and kind attitude.

Reverend F. A. Hollis next spoke, wherein he praised the school superintendent for devoting his life to the interests of the school, and joined in the superintendent's praise of the student body with whom it is also his privilege to work. He stated all citizens should enjoy the school and by all cooperating and having a determination to climb to the top, many things could be accomplished, with no regrets later. He stated each should say, "I'll do my part and we'll make it a wonderful school year."

Reverend G. C. Williams spoke of the sadness of the nearby community, at Scranton, where sad changes had taken place in some families within a year's time. He stated, "How happy the students should be to be here and to be here for the purpose of fighting the enemies of ignorance and superstition." He stated men have given their lives upon the heights of learning, and yet the field of learning is ever broad. His theme was "Subdue the World," with each person commissioned in the cause of Jesus and to learn the scientific principles in accordance with the will of God. He stated that the history of the epidemic of infantile paralysis can be traced to 1600 years ago, and still men are striving for a cure. He stated, "The body of us should be consecrated and with the aid of the Divine Power strive to subdue the world."

Superintendent Webb introduced the teachers and spoke of the harmony which has prevailed within the faculty. Miss Polly Rumph, Miss Ellie Winters and Coach Dean, new additions, were introduced, after which W. N. Byrd spoke a few words about the success of the various projects and asked the cooperation of the people in forwarding the home economic department. His speech was enthusiastic, humorous, and inspiring. J. G. Overton, principal, spoke a few words about the interest the students were taking in the school activities and about the cooperation of the ex-students. Miss Helen Maynard announced a pep rally on the public square, after which Reverend Williams offered the closing prayer.

Faculty for the year includes Superintendent R. F. Webb, Principal J. G. Overton, Coach Dean, W. N. Byrd, Mrs. Wiley Clinton, Misses Jo Pounds, Ellie Winters, Lois Pulley, Rowena Saunders, Polly Rumph, Mrs. E. C. Waddell, music.

BABY DAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Lunsford are announcing the birth of a daughter this week. The mother and baby are doing nicely at their home.

BABY SON

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. (Puny) Black of Corpus Christi are announcing the birth of a son. Mr. Black will be remembered as a former Putnamite.

W. G. Burke of Abilene, state barber inspector, was in Putnam Friday visiting the King's barber shop.

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**IT WILL BE REGIMENTATION,
LOWERING THE TARIFF,
OR DOMESTIC ALLOTMENT**

The proposition before the American farmer is whether he will have regimentation, lowering the tariff or the domestic allotment plan. The first thing that is being proposed by the New Deal politicians is regimentation of all farm production with a law that will force every farmer to go to Washington for a permit before he will be permitted to plant a row of cotton, corn any anything else, and by this means cutting the production until the farmer will not be allowed to produce more than six hundred million bushels of wheat, and the cotton crop will be reduced to about seven million bales or less, with the result that there will be several million people who are employed in the different industries out of employment, and there will be multiplied thousands of politicians placed on the government pay roll who will have no other business except to go about over the country peddling political propaganda trying to perpetuate themselves in office. There is no argument to it, the farmer has got to accept one of the three propositions mentioned above and he can take his choice of the three. Which will be accepted?

Why Not Lower the Tariff?
If the farmers of the country will join in with millions of other people who are interested in only one thing and that is the preservation of the American form of government, the general welfare of all and the employment of the millions of people who are out of work. The lowering of the tariff will permit foreign manufactured goods to come into this country which will reduce the price of what the farmer has to buy, which will raise the purchasing power of the farmer by reducing the price of what he has to buy and in the end will accomplish just what regimentation will, except as the price of goods are reduced, there will be more goods consumed, and as people begin to consume more, the production will increase and by this means all of the people can be employed at living wages. It is said that to lower the tariff would cause the industrial workers' wages to be lowered and labor could not buy as much of the farm products; but it would aid the worker as well as the farmer, as the stuff he had to purchase would be reduced and his purchasing power would be increased. Admitting the industrial wages for labor would be reduced, why should the farmer worry about that, as William Green went before Congress last year and defeated the Frazier-Lemke bill which proposed to loan the farmer money at a low rate of interest, to take up his past due mortgages, and in his argument he stated: "To loan all of this money to the farmer would cause the price of farm commodities to rise and put the cost of living too high." That is the kind of treatment the farmer is receiving from industrial labor. The President opposed this bill and Mr. Green went before Congress and the bill was defeated.

The Domestic Allotment Plan
This is the plan that should be adopted by all means, unless the tariff is lowered, as under this plan the farmer would be paid a subsidy on about sixty-five percent of what he produces and the remainder would be sold on the world market at world's prices. Under the nine cent loan plan it is not intended for the farmer to place his cotton in the loan, but it was fixed at nine cents so that he would not put it in the loan. If the loan had been fixed at ten cents practically all of the cotton would go into the loan in the place of going into trade channels and the government would have wound up the season with some eight to ten million bales of cotton on their hands with no place to sell it, and the farmer would not be any better off because this cotton would be held by the government as a lever to press the cotton market lower just as it has the last few years. Let's see just how this will work, as the plan on foot this year is similar to the allotment

His Master's Voice . . . ? — by A. B. CHAPIN



plans the government is guaranteeing the farmer twelve cents for his cotton by paying him a subsidy of not to exceed 3 cents per pound. On the close of the market Thursday the farmer will be paid a subsidy of 289 points or fourteen dollars and forty cents per bale which will equal twelve cents per pound for 65 per cent of his crop, or an average of about 11.25 for the entire crop. Under this plan the production would be maintained and we would hold our foreign markets and furnish employment for millions of Americans. Under the present control plan, let it be called soil erosion or any other name, it is a plan of control and was adopted to get by the Supreme Court decision and is causing the heavy imports of farm products, totaling the amount of 1,539,000,000 of farm products being shipped into this country last year, while the American farmers were going on relief by the millions.

Cotton is produced under a high tariff which affects the price of everything used in making the crop. After paying these higher production cost and ready to sell his crop, the farmer finds that the price of cotton is not based wholly on the tariff protected price level of the United States but on world cotton prices. In other words, what cotton is worth in the markets of the world determines the price he will get for his crop. Of course if the Southern farmers produced enough cotton for domestic consumption only, the tariff would afford them equal protection. But for many years over half of the South's crop of cotton has been sold for export, competing with cotton grown in India, China, South America and other countries. Every fair thinking person will agree that this situation should be equalized in some manner. Tariff reduction appears to be a remote possibility so some form for equalization is the only answer, under these circumstances. Government loans alone are not the answer and they should never be made at a level that will take the cotton out of commercial channels. Witness the experience of only a few years ago when it was possible to borrow more on a bale of cotton from the government than could be obtained by an outright sale. Loans should be made on a bankable basis. Equalization should be in the form of a subsidy.

We are glad to note that the government apparently intends to avoid their previous disastrous loan experience by placing the loan basis at a figure that will not tie up the American cotton crop in the warehouse, while foreign cotton producers gleefully jump in with their cotton and supply the world demand.

We think that lowering the tariff is the proper course, but if that can't be done the next best is the domestic allotment, equalize the farmer buying power by guaranteeing the farmer a subsidy to equalize his purchasing with what he has to buy.

The Housing Fallacy

In commenting on the housing plan just passed by Congress loaning money to corporations for the purpose of building houses in slum districts of New York and other large cities to cost \$1,500 per room or six thousand dollars

per unit, the Chicago Daily News has the following to say: By Senator Wagner's own declaration the government proposes to fix at 10 percent of the cost the annual rentals of the dwellings it builds. On structures costing \$1,500 per room such as it was proposed to erect in New York, a four room house would cost \$6,000 and would rent for \$600 per year or \$50 per month rent. As Senator Tydings pointed out families capable of paying \$50 a month rent are not in the income most in need of assistance.

Herein lies one of the major fallacies of the ballyhoo concerning government housing and slum clearance projects. The government is not able to build houses much, if any cheaper than private capital, and it is building housing accommodations to rent in the very price range that private capital has found most needed. Private capital has not in general found it attractive to provide new habitations or rent for \$25 per month at least not in urban localities where they are sorely needed. The government does not find it attractive either, but not for the same reason.

The advocates of government housing set forth with great beating of tomtoms to provide residents of slum areas with accommodations comparable to those enjoyed by well to do middle class families. They have found that residents of slum areas can not afford these accommodations, but they steadfastly refuse to attempt to provide them with decent housing within their means. Why?

Perhaps the housing enthusiasts fear they would be traitors to New Deal ideals if they admitted they were unable to provide luxurious homes for all. Perhaps they feel that in providing merely the essential shelter adequate light, air and sanitation they would be lowering the standards of American housing. Certainly they would be lowering the standards adopted by Senator Wagner.

and others. But they would be giving those in need of housing something better than they now enjoy, and they would be giving it to them at rentals that made the improved housing a reality instead of a hollow mockery.

A housing plan as proposed in the Wagner law is not worth much to the person who needs aid just as all of the rest of the New Deal ideas. A person who is able to pay \$50 per month rent or to make a payment of fifty dollars per month does not need much government aid, besides in Texas there is only one city that can take advantage of the law, San Antonio. The people needing aid the most will not get anything under the housing plan proposed; but will be just like the small farmer who is in worse condition than he was when this control program was adopted.

**68 PER CENT AGAINST
COURT REORGANIZATION**

According to a poll taken by Public Opinion the country by a majority of 68 per cent is against the court reorganization program as outlined in the bill last winter to reorganize the Supreme Court by packing it with six new justices or one for every member that was over the age of 70 years.

He is contemplating making a tour through the West in October and of course that is what he will talk about and try to create public sentiment in favor of turning the government over to him with as much power as Stalin or Hitler, and if he can succeed in getting control, he has the same power and will be just as much of a dictator as either of them. But we do not believe the American people are ready for that kind of government and will not permit it at this time.

DEFICIT LESS THAN IN 1936

They are having considerable to do at Washington from the fact

the deficit is only \$4,300,000 or ten million dollars less than it was this time last year; but this statement is only for the purpose of misleading the people on the balancing of the budget while it is ten millions less than last year it is not being balanced as it should be balanced by good management; but by crediting the expenses with all collections from the RFC and additional taxes, as the operating expenses are higher than they were last year, and to show a less deficit in this way, does not help conditions as these heavy expenses are coming out of the pockets of the tax payer and by applying the collections on the expenses is just another way of covering up the true situation from the uninformed, and making them think they are reducing the expense and will finally balance the budget; but if they use all of the income in what they call prosperous years and keep increasing the debt, what will be done when we have another panic, which is sure to come, and it may be in the making now before we get of the one we have had for the past six years. The bonded debt is now \$37,300,000,000 and still climbing.

WHO ARE THE ROYALISTS

The commerce department of the United States gave out a statement Sunday stating that the income of the United States was \$62,000,000,000 and the industrial workers received \$41,000,000,000 or 65.5 per cent of last year's income while the rest of the population only had 34.5 per cent. This class will possibly make about 15 per cent of the population, and yet they pull down 65.5 per cent of all of the income of the United States in 1936 while the other 85 per cent of the population has only 34.5 per cent, and figuring the farm income at \$9,000,000,000 there is \$51,000,000,000 going to classes and yet the farmer is only getting one dollar on an average where the worker gets five. Or in other words the government officials handling this program fills the country with propaganda telling the farmer what a wonderful program has been worked out so that the farmer is on a parity with the industrial worker, and Mr. Roosevelt is still growling because he can't put over his court packing plan so that he can increase the wages of industrial workers in order to gain more purchasing power. As we have pointed out before, the government will not aid the lower income class by increasing the wages or salaries of the best paid employees in the country and this has been tested out in the last few years as the farmers purchasing power is based on from 1912 to 18, while the in-

dustrial worker has passed the 1929 level in many cases. Is it any wonder the farmer is in a hard condition?

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
LESSON**
by Charles E. Dunn

**CHOICES AND THEIR
CONSEQUENCES**

Lesson for September 19th.
Deut. 11:8-12.

Golden Text: Joshua 24:15.

A few years ago there appeared "Middletown" by Robert and Helen Lynd, a carefully documented study of an average American city. What did the authors find? First of all they discovered that the people of Middletown work hard. Their dominant concern is getting a living, and this involves a heavy strain. Secondly, they found that the folk of Middletown give great weight of authority to the dollar. A leading business man speaking before a local civic club, declared that "next to the doctor we think of the banker to help us and to guide us in our wants and worries." Again, Mr. and Mrs. Lynd were impressed with the comfortable circumstances enveloping the citizens of Middletown. But they noticed disrupting forces in the home life, such as an "early sophistication," and a "frequent lack of frankness between husband and wife." Then again while they found a keener interest in education, a highly organized social life, and a real civic pride, they came to the conclusion that religion is in a somewhat perilous condition. "I haven't any belief in a personal God," said a business woman: "It's what we do ourselves that counts." Half a dozen of Middletown's influential business men

all college graduates, expressed opinion that the profession of the ministry is "played out."

"Choose ye this day whom ye will serve," says our Golden Text. There is not a community in the country which is not in need of a profound spiritual renewal. Thank God for the success registered last fall by the National Preaching Mission! So real was its good fortune that it is to be continued this coming autumn in 13 cities. And many smaller communities will conduct similar missions on a less ambitious scale. Thereby many will learn what commitment to Christ and his universal Kingdom means.

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Local Happenings

Mrs. E. N. Hull and Dolpha Hull were in Cisco Wednesday.

Mrs. Foy Clouduc and Mrs. E. N. Hull were Abilene visitors Wednesday.

Mrs. Claude King and daughter, Maxine, were Cisco visitors Monday.

Miss Ruth Kirkpatrick of Baird visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Kirkpatrick, and friends in Putnam Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. McMillan of Coleman attended the opening exercises of the Putnam schools Monday.

Mrs. Alice Armstrong arrived this week from Globe, Arizona, to remain in the home of her son, K. L. Armstrong and family, a short time.

Billy McMillan of Coleman has made arrangements to attend the Putnam high school this year, residing at the home of Roy Lee Williams. Billy will be a senior this year.

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Willard Gaskins of Abilene and Miss Normadine Grace of Moran spent Sunday with Mr. Gaskins' sister, Mrs. Exal McMillan and Mr. McMillan of Pioneer. Mrs. McMillan returned to Putnam with them and attended the opening of the Putnam schools.

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Mrs. Alton Clark of LeFors is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. T. Hughes.

Mrs. Otis Edwards of Hobbs, N. M., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Gattis.

Mrs. Jack Starr is on the sick list at this writing.

Miss Barbara Harlow of Dallas is recuperating at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Harlow, from an automobile accident. Her injuries are to such an extent that she is having to wear a brace on her neck.

The revival meeting at the local Baptist church closed Sunday evening after a week's duration. Rev. Jones, Merkel pastor, did the preaching. There were five additions to the church: Mrs. John Hammond Shrader, Miss Alma Frances Shrader and Miss Dorothy Ben Ray by letter, and Misses Mildred Boland and Bobbie June Stewart by baptism. The ordinance of baptism was administered to the latter two at Mr. John Johnson's tank west of town at 4 p. m. Sunday.

A large number of patrons were present at the opening of the public school Monday morning, and enjoyed a good program before registration of pupils and the issuing of text books were entered into.

Song, "America the Beautiful," was led by J. H. Shrader, sung by congregation.

Invocation by County Supt. C. M. Eldridge.

Introduction of faculty by Supt. W. T. Hughes, each replying with a short speech, or announcement about their work. This was followed by a talk from Mr. Hughes.

Others who spoke a few words of good wishes for the new school year were Lesson King, president of the school board, and Mr. Studeville, also member of the board. The main address of the morning was delivered by County Supt. C. M. Eldridge. He stated that on the school receiving four more credits it now has 12 1-2, that any pupil on graduating from this school can enter any college or university in the state without an entrance examination. There are around 250 scholastics in the school. There are two buses being used at the present. Bus drivers are Truett Holder and Oran Speegle.

The faculty is composed of Supt. W. T. Hughes, Principal and Conch Osborne Little, W. J. Bush, vocational agriculture, Miss Aubala Williams, high school work and expression, grade school teachers; J. H. Shrader, Mrs. Jack Cozart. Public school music, Miss Evelyn Couch. Primary, Miss Louise Smith.

We are indebted to Putnam and Howard Payne College for our coach. Other new teachers on the faculty are Miss Williams, Miss Smith and Miss Couch, all of whom are from Brownwood. The latter received their degrees from Daniel Baker and Miss Williams from Texas Tech. We welcome these new teachers to our community and hope that their stay among us will be both pleasant and profitable.

Mrs. Leo Clinton, president of the PTA, announced that the first meeting of this organization would be Sept. 21st.

Reverend and Mrs. F. A. Hollis attended the B. T. U. officers' conference at Abilene Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. H. Culwell is able to be walking around again after an extended illness. Her friends are happy that she is able to be out again.

Miss Wilna Pruet, who teaches at Midway, is at home for a few days while the pupils assist in the gathering of the cotton crop. She taught three weeks in August, and will resume her work next month.

J. L. Kennedy left Friday for his home in Fort Worth after spending several days with his brother, Frank Kennedy, in the home of his mother, Mrs. Ella Kennedy. He was accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Henry Powers of Fort Worth, who remain a short time.

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ATWELL

Farmers are beginning this week harvesting peanuts, and picking cotton. Both crops will be short due to no rain during the summer.

Mrs. Sam Jones visited with her daughter, Mrs. I. W. Morgan, in San Angelo this past week.

Singing was well attended Sunday night. Several visitors were there from Union and Putnam.

Mr. and Mrs. Newman Jackson and baby from Coleman visited with relatives here this week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Jones and daughter, Gussie, also a son, Sam Jones, left last Tuesday for a two weeks visit with relatives in Tennessee. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jones of Cottonwood also made the trip with them.

Miss Ruby Pillans from Eastland visited homefolks last week. Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Maddux and Woodrow Jones returned last week from Fort Worth where they visited with relatives for several days.

Miss Hazel McMillan of Coleman spent the week in the home of Miss Earlene Pruet.

T. U. STUDENTS TO STUDY ART IN VEGETABLES

AUSTIN.—A knowledge of the vegetation of Texas has as much "esthetic" value as any art, it is the opinion of Dr. B. C. Tharp, professor of botany at the University of Texas, who will this fall offer a course in advanced taxonomy which has or its prerequisite a single elementary course in botany, geology, zoology or biology.

"A student cannot walk from his boarding house to the campus, nor walk across the campus itself, without seeing dozens of varieties of vegetation that are common to Texas and yet that are utterly unknown to him unless he has made a study of them," Dr. Tharp said.

"This course, which is not restricted to students intending to become professional botanists, will give him an introduction to them. It should not be gathered that this course is a 'popular one' in the sense that it is easy, or that the student does not have to work," he stressed. "On the other hand, receiving credit for this course, he will have to put in longer, harder laboratory hours than if he were taking the same course for freshman or sophomore credit. But for the student who wishes to gain an acquaintance with the vegetation of his native state this course will prove to have a definite cultural, esthetic value."

The course, started in the fall, may be continued through the spring semester as well, or the student may choose to take instead advanced agrostology, a 3-semester hour course on grasses. This course will take up grasses on the range and in the fields, including wheat, barley, rye, sorghum, and other grasses, plants which Dr. Tharp termed the "meat and bread" of vegetation.

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DENTON.—First in size and second in sweetness—that's Texas' place, since it ranks second in the United States in the production of honey. In the section around Uvalde from one to two million pounds of honey are brought to market annually. One reason for the successful production of honey in this state is that the climate, with a long summer season, is particularly well adapted. Another factor is the abundance of cotton blossoms, which are better than any other flowers in making honey.

Good Brain—Good Bite
"Most active and intelligent flea in the world" is the title belonging to the West Texas sand flea. Trainers in circuses and side shows in the northern states send messengers all the way down here to get this particular kind of flea, because they say it takes a shorter time to teach them tricks and they are longer-lived. Those who have come in contact with the insect may wish to give it another title—the hardest biter.

Common Clay
Texas clay is used in everything from pottery-making to road-building. Commercial refractory clays are sold for the manufacture of fibre brick, terra cotta, floor tiles and art pottery. Coarser clays yield the common red-pressed brick, drain tile and earthenware. Two other products are kaolin, utilized in the making of fine pottery, and earth for the deodorizing of oils. Many of the ordinary clays are used extensively for road-building.

GRIGGS HOSPITAL

Mrs. W. O. Wylie Sr. underwent an appendix operation Friday. She is doing nicely.

Mrs. Garland Jones of Baird underwent surgery Friday.

Billy Frank Weathers of Clyde was a tonsilectomy Sunday.

*Born to Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Sanders of Baird, a nine pound baby girl Saturday. She has been named Mary Gay.

Cecil Jones, 15 year old son of Walter Jones of Baird, entered the hospital Thursday for medical treatment. He is suffering from diabetes.

Mrs. Charles Shelton of Baird was a hospital patient Friday for the removal of a piece of needle in her hand. It was removed by aid of the floscope.

W. P. Barr of Eula left the hospital Friday.

Will McGary of Brownsville left the hospital Friday following major surgery.

Miss Ann Johnson of Cottonwood left the hospital Friday following major surgery.

Mrs. A. P. McWhorter of Oplin, who underwent a severe operation 10 days ago, is improving.

Mrs. Bruce Bell and baby, Billy Beth, are improving.

Mrs. C. E. Duncan of Baird left the hospital Sunday.

Miss Juanita Swafford of Rowden underwent an emergency appendicitis operation Monday.

Miss Dolores Rylee of Baird, daughter of Mrs. Will Rylee, entered the hospital this week for surgery.

WANT ADS

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See our nice selection of Get Well cards, Congratulation Cards, Sympathy and Birthday cards. New shipment received this week.—Putnam News office.

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ZION HILL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Ramsey spent Sunday in the home of their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ramsey.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Sprawls and Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Ingram have been attending the Baptist revival at Scranton this week.

Mr. Wil Jobe and son, John, were in Putnam Saturday.

Lum Smith and Stewart Bentley were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Ingram Sunday.

Mrs. Clydine Wallace and daughter, Janice, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Ramsey. Bill and Pete Taylor started to school Monday morning. They are attending school at Scranton.

Miss Nina Morgan drove Mr. S. F. Ingram to Baird Tuesday.

Misses Teresa and Madeline Beebe spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Gatewood and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ramsey, Mrs. Dock Isenhower of Cisco and Mrs. Mark Burnam of Union returned Friday from a vacation trip to points in east Tennessee. They report a rain each day they were there but had a fine time in spite of it.

Miss Willie Mae Stephens left Saturday for Waco where she will enter Baylor University. Miss Stephens was valedictorian of the senior class of the Putnam high school last year. She will reside in the home of her sister, Mrs. Wade Andrews.

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FARM NOTES

ROSS B. JENKINS, County Agt.

Tenmarq Wheat Planting Increasing—

During the past week the number of farmers who are going to plant the improved Tenmarq wheat this fall has been increasing. The county agent has now ordered seed for 8 farmers who will plant some 125 bushels which is quite a start for the first time for any new variety in cooperation with the Extension Service.

While the county agent was at the Annual Conference at College Station this past week he heard many growers and county agents discuss the value of Tenmarq and everywhere it was acclaimed the best yet developed. Mr. P. B. Dunkle, superintendent of the Denton Experiment Station, said it is a good yielder and grades high, whereas Black Hull, which has proved it is superior to many other strains, was found to be poor in milling and has very poor baking qualities.

New Nortex Oats—

The county agent has ordered improved Nortex oats for a number of growers during the past few years. The Denton Experiment Station which developed the Nortex oat has now developed a New Nortex which out-yields and is an all round better oat than the original Nortex. Farmers who have been able to secure the New Nortex seed are reporting greater yields than any other variety known. If any growers in this county are interested in securing seed they should place their order now through the county agent or direct to Mr. P. B. Dunkle, superintendent, Denton Experiment Station, Denton, for seed for 1938. There are no seed available for this fall or next spring planting but after the harvest for 1938 orders will be filled for this new oat.

Barley—

Some interest is now being exhibited for barley. Barley is one grain that seems to be grown in cycles. For a few years there will be a great interest in barley then interest drops off. Right now more interest in being shown in this grain than for a number of years heretofore. There is one

good strain that the county agent would recommend that has been recommended to him by the experiment stations. This is the Finley barley and it is rated as an intermediate; that is, it is not necessarily a strict winter barley nor a strict spring barley but is good for both fall and spring sowing. There is one admonition—do not plant the regular Tennessee barley as it does not do good in this section of the state.

To those who read this column it is probably useless to remind you that grain should be treated with Ceresan or copper carbonate to prevent stinking smut.

Smut—

There is absolutely no excuse for producers having smut in their fields. A half ounce of Ceresan will treat a bushel of grain or two ounces of copper carbonate. Out of 1072 cars of wheat last month delivered to the 7 principal milling centers of Texas 25 per cent of it was affected which cost each producer an average of 10 to 25 cents per bushel penalty. That was the loss after the wheat was threshed but the greatest loss was had at harvest time since the smut cut the production from 25 to 50 per cent when all the while it could have been prevented by a few minutes effort and a few cents spent.

How Long "Hog Around" Cotton Buying?

The question that is being raised in the minds of cotton buyers and cotton producers today is "How long will the producers tolerate the selling of their cotton at 'hog around' prices?" or as we know it, "Hog around buying?" Farmers that sell their cotton at the standard price being offered that day may either be drawing a penalty or being paid a premium according to the grade of their cotton.

Cotton is ordinarily sold at the price quoted on 7-8 inch middling grade. If 13-16 inch cotton is sold at this price that producer receives a premium on his grade, whereas if the man selling one inch to one and one-sixteenths inch staple would be penalized 100 points or more on this plan. Many people are talking about the United States and Texas losing their foreign market. Some have blamed this on the curtailment of production because of the AAA programs, whereas the truth is our country has lost its markets mainly because it has let the grade and length of staple deteriorate so that the buyers refuse to make purchases of our inferior cottons. Mills refuse to buy short staple cotton such as Half and Half and other poor cotton unless they can buy them at a very cheap price.

On the other hand they buy the inch to better length staples at premiums and will pay it gladly. There is a mill today in New Braunfels, Comal county, that buys nothing shorter than inch staple and it is doubtful if much Callahan cotton ever goes to this mill because few staples are of that length, therefore, the 100 points or better over middling cotton could scarcely be realized by our growers and never because of our hog around buying.

It costs no more to grow good cotton than poor cotton but buyers pay a great deal more per pound for long staple (inch or better) rather than short staples and for bright, clean cotton rather than dingy, dirty, trashy cotton. Furthermore, if the growers in Callahan would select in the various cotton growing communities a one variety of cotton, then gin all this cotton at one gin and have their samples taken and spread out in a sample room, say twice a week, and ask that buyers come in and buy the cotton according to the grade and sample that is shown, our farmers would soon increase the quality of our cotton so that \$5 to \$10 per bale more would be made.

The foreign buyers will come back to Texas and the cotton markets of our state will again create interest abroad when we have raised the length and grade of our cotton, and not before. Volume without quality is a suicidal practice. Poor marketing methods further handicap the amount received by the growers.

Ginners Cooperation— Ginners can also help in the

proposition by demanding that the cotton come to them dry; that it be not picked green. Many ginners can turn out a better sample of cotton if they would pull down the speed of their saws so that it would take about 10 to 13 minutes to run out the bale rather than 6 to 8 minutes. If too much speed is carried the saws will cut the cotton. Light breast rolls also cut the cotton, therefore ginners should run a loose roll and that would require dry cotton. Gins equipped with straight teeth are better than those equipped with curved or roached teeth. Then, after the cotton is turned out farmers should understand that cotton does deteriorate if laid out in the weather or stored on a wet floor or on the ground. In every instance cotton should be stored so that rain and dampness would be excluded. If 5 per cent of the bale shows rotten that immediately penalizes the price on the whole bale because an expensive operation is involved in separating the rotted cotton from the good staple.

CCC TO TAKE BOYS IN OCTOBER

Recent changes in regulations covering eligibility for selection into the Civilian Conservation Corps have been received from the Department of Labor by Adam K. Johnson, director of Texas Relief Commission.

"A youth may now be selected who has been out only six months, if other rules covering eligibility are not violated," stated Mr. Johnson. "Heretofore, a boy has to remain out a year before becoming eligible. This will give hundreds of boys an opportunity to enroll in October who otherwise would have to wait until January."

Quotas for Districts 13 and 14, of which this county is a member, will be 900 for October.

The educational and recreational programs for the coming months far surpass those of the last months. Everything will be taught from the Three R's to higher courses, as well as many vocational subjects. Shops are available in each camp for wood working and practical experience may be gained in masonry and rock, fence and bridge building, truck and tractor operation and maintenance, landscaping and soil conservation; these are only a few of the worthwhile subjects.

The educational program is not mandatory, but is available to all who wish to take advantage of the facilities and opportunities to better equip themselves for private employment.

Applications for enrollment will be taken at the local County Welfare office located on the third floor of the court house, Baird, on Thursday of each week.

SCHOOL CHILDREN TO HAVE SPECIAL DAY AT EXPOSITION

A two-day holiday has been officially proclaimed by Governor Allred for every Texas school to have the privilege of attending the Greater Texas and Pan-American Exposition. The date may be decided upon by the school between the dates of the present time and October 31st, at which time the exposition closes. Special privileges and price reductions will be granted to groups (minimum of ten students comprise a group.) Without expense to any visiting student, there actually are enough free attractions on the grounds of the exposition to keep any visitor occupied through a two-day tour.

It is not intended by the exposition management that the visits of Texas' school children shall be all education and no amusement. Pather it is the desire of the management that it be a well balanced program for all student visitors. Outstanding in the list of free attractions is the "Cavalcade of the Americas." Whereas last year this production was a presentation of the struggle of Texas, this year it is a presentation of the continued effort of all the North and South American countries for liberty and against despotism. No student can witness this performance without a better knowledge of the united aim of all peoples toward the common ideal of freedom, nor without a higher appreciation of the burdensome task borne by the pioneers of all the countries in the Western Hemisphere.

It is to be hoped that all Texas schools take advantage of this offer. Each group (or ten students) may be accompanied by one adult leader, who will be admitted at student prices. Special rates will be given the students in various ways.

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THE REST OF THE RECORD

JAMES V. ALLRED Governor of Texas

This past week I met with certain members of the Senate committee which has been studying State expenditures. According to some newspaper articles we don't need any new tax money; also, that the Comptroller and Treasurer have said our deficit was only ten million dollars. The state auditor has fixed it at fifteen million dollars as of September 1st of this year; at approximately twenty million dollars September 1, 1938 and approximately twenty four million dollars September 1, 1939, if no new taxes were levied.

When I met with members of the Senate committee we had the State Auditor and a representative of the State Comptroller with us. It developed that the Comptroller's figures and the Treasurer's figures were based on an actual deficit at the time but that they were not taking into consideration appropriations and expenditures that have already been made and not yet charged on the books just because the warrants had not been issued for them.

For instance, they hadn't taken into consideration an appropriation of \$821,000,000 for an insane asylum in West Texas. The Board of Control has already located this hospital at Big Springs, where the people voted on a bond issue to furnish the land and water supply; and the Board is preparing to let the contract for the building now. Certainly no one could argue that items of this kind are not chargeable against the State for which money should not be raised. At the end of the conference the representative of the Comptroller's Department agreed with the State Auditor's figures, so there is no actual difference.

Some members of the Senate committee have been quoted as saying that we should cut appropriations down and consolidate departments. I pointed out to them that at the beginning of the Regular Session I recommended department consolidations and stated that I could not recommend increases in appropriations, other than a little over a million dollars for the insane asylums. These recommendations of mine were ignored. Efforts to consolidate certain departments of government were killed in committee, and appropriations were substantially increased without revenues being provided.

The time to cut appropriations was during the Regular Session. The appropriations have now gone into effect. Our schools and colleges, for instance, have acted on these appropriations and entered into contracts with teachers which are binding on the State. The Board of Control has advertised for bids on buildings authorized in these appropriations. Now, it would be manifestly unfair in fact I think impossible, for the Legislature to make any substantial savings at this late hour. The trouble is if I should submit any of these matters it would prevent passage of revenue measures, which we must have regardless, during the thirty days to which the Legislature is limited.

This past week the State Mineral Board, of which the Governor is Chairman and Judge C. V. Terrell of the Railroad Commission and Land Commissioner McDonald are members, passed a resolution which will result in \$500,000 per day more to the school fund from leases in the Sabine River bed.

These leases were originally made by Governor Sterling, Colonel E. O. Thompson and Land Commissioner J. H. Walker. They provided for a 3-8ths royalty to the State from these river bed leases. Later, during Mrs. Ferguson's administration, the price of oil dropped and she, together with Railroad Commissioner Lon A. Smith and Mr. Walker, former Land Commissioner, lowered the royalty from 3-8ths to 1-4th. Additional wells were drilled, and there are now 148 wells from which the State receives royalties. Judge Terrell made a motion to restore the royalty from 1-4th to 3-8ths. McDonald and I seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Judge Terrell and I are quite proud of this additional revenue.

Jones: "We are sure of two things, death and taxation." Smith: "Yes, but death doesn't get worse every time Congress meets."

Mr. X: "What happened to that book on 'How to Live to be 100?'"

Mr. X: "I burned it up for fear your mother would get hold of it."

Jellybean (to taxi driver): "I say, driver, is your Noah's Ark full?"

"One monkey short, sir, jump in."

EDITOR'S WINDOW—

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Y. A. Orr has had his buildings on Main street overhauled this week and everything is looking clean and in good condition. It is reported that Putnam is to have some new businesses open in the near future.

Old Queen and old Kit, dogs who were a number of years old each, belonging to Mrs. Rosa Green who lives at the south edge of Putnam, recently died after an illness suffered. Queen and Kit were Mrs. Green's only protection since the death of her husband and as the dogs were so well known their loss was lamented by more than a few. However, it seems some things are provided folk and there was another dog which came to Mrs. Green's place unexpected, so she still has protection and the pleasure of not feeling entirely alone.

Claude King is having the furniture for his barber shop reupholstered this week. We are going to be proud of our side of the square if improvements keep on being made.

Elmer Jobe, former resident of Putnam, called at the News office this week and related some interesting incidents of a few (seemingly) years ago. A brother to Will Jobe of near Putnam, he was reared in the vicinity and attended school in Putnam. He stated that he felt like he was born 30 years too soon when he compared the old unpainted two room school house that he attended in Putnam, and the magnificent structure that the pupils are privileged to attend now. Mr. Jobe was a pupil of Miss Addie Stevens when she was teaching in Putnam. She had taught in Cisco a number of years. He also attended school at Zion Hill at the time Mrs. L. L. Blackburn of Baird was teacher there, and at Putnam again later when B. C. Chrisman Sr. was teaching here.

He recalled with a smile the time Emory Wheeler, school boy, shot Bogan Tolbert's good wearing hat into flames. Emory was not an experienced marksman but he made a wager that he could shoot Tolbert's new derby hat to flames on the school yard. Mr. Tolbert threw his hat up and after carefully filling his gun with paper and shot, Emory aimed at the hat and it came to earth in pieces and flames, much to his surprise.

Mr. Jobe reflected upon the time Gus Black built his beautiful home in southeast Putnam, one of the prettiest in Putnam. It is the brown house facing north on the new highway enroute to the school building which is still in fair condition. He recalled the horse and buggy days and the three seated red wheeled hack in which the Harwell boys rode to school. He and Frank Kennedy attended school together, living on adjoining farms.

In reminiscences of the town, Mr. Jobe stated Main street of Putnam in those days was a straight line from the blacksmith shop to Shackelford's corner store with the store facing the railway station. The John Sigler rock stores extended as far as Ray Williams' Grocery. Clay & Tabor operated a business establishment with the famous Putnam Mineral Wells back of their store. Lon Simmons was in business, a restaurant was managed for awhile by Hoot Corn, and Connor, Pyeatt, and McCollum had a grocery. Y. A. Orr maintained a drug store and post office combined. Dick Gurney maintained a dry goods store and L. J. Cook a grocery.

Things have changed considerably since that time, but these people and business houses marked the beginning of our nice little city. We appreciate Mr. Jobe thinking enough of the old home town to recall these instances. He has been gone a number of years, visiting her at intervals, of course. He is a brother to Will



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Jobe, well known in Putnam and Scranton, and a sister to Mrs. Edgar Davis, also well known here.

Miss Lena Free is a daughter worth having. She presented her mother and father with a new electric refrigerator recently. Miss Free holds a position with the Norge people at Wichita Falls, which position she has held about two years. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Free of Putnam.

Picus Old Maid: "Yesterday a gentleman told me that I was very pretty. Do you think I sinned because I felt proud of his compliment and smiled at him?"

Priest: "No, my child, you did not sin. The gentleman is the one who sinned."



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