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## FROM THE EDITOR'S WINDOW

The first of September found the editor at the desk again after an absence of five months, due to one of the things our governor and others have been trying so hard to prevent, those terrible car accidents. We have learned many valuable things since being confined to our bed—among them are the full appreciation of a good pair of legs and the blessing it is to be able to use them; and how fortunate we were to have parents to continue operating our business. We have learned to have patience and the futility of our own plans at times. We have learned life is a mixture of all things and that there is no loss but something will remain. We have learned through this new and personal experience the agony of physical suffering; but through it all we found life had a new meaning. Douglas Malloch in his favored poem, "The Proper Share," says in part:

"Would you have yourself the best,  
Put all the burdens on the rest,  
Let others bear the load each day,  
Yourself exempted all the way?"

"I find this comfort in my woe,  
That life was never ordered so,  
That I should always find it sweet,  
While others tread a darkened street.

"Since there is sorrow on this earth,  
God, give me something more than mirth,  
Since there are burdens men must bear,  
God, give my heart its proper share."

The Putnam News office is being overhauled this week having a new coat of paint upon its walls and floors. The color scheme is green and white with small pink draperies and other accessories. The paint was successfully mixed by Roy Lee Williams, Lewis Williams Jr., and the editor with the cooperation of Mrs. Mary Guyton. Although none of us make painting our profession, the work speaks for itself. We invite the public to inspect our newly arranged office and if information is desired concerning the mixing of paint, the four of us have agreed to not charge for imparting the same, but to give such information free for the good of mankind. Contributing to the further success of our painting and other arrangements are Dolpha Hull, Calvin King, J. Nelson Williams, and J. S. Yeager—all of which are to be highly commended for their impressive suggestions.

Roy Williams, prominent grocer of Putnam, was seen riding a bicycle on the streets Monday afternoon. Some said he couldn't do it and others said they didn't believe he did it, but it is an absolute fact as the editor was an eye witness. The remarkable thing about the incident is that Mr. Williams found the time for such recreation and that as a dignified business man he condescended to such procedure.

A Garland Adair writes a column entitled "The Friendly Texian," wherein he speaks of General "Bill" McCraw in this week's column. He says: "The history of Texas politics does not reveal the equal of Attorney General McCraw when it comes to the important matter of winning and keeping a friend. There may have been greater orators but none more acceptable to Texas audiences. There perhaps have been more brilliant statesmen, but none around whom the masses more gladly gather. There have been public officials who outwardly took 'their jobs' more seriously, but none who have striven more earnestly to perform well the duties devolving upon them. Alert to opportunities, self-reliant, facile and warm-hearted, he has risen from the ranks to his present high position in the public life of the state and nation, owing his successes to his poise, persistence, patience and his unquenchable delight in living and serving. Although he has been before the electorate of Texas in two instances only—his last two successful races for attorney

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## C. M. ISENHOWER MARRIES ALBANY GIRL

Marriage rites for C. M. Isenhower, formerly of Putnam, and Miss Opal Brown of Albany were solemnized in the home of the bridegroom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kostris of Putnam Saturday evening in a lovely ceremony performed by Don A. Morris, vice-president of Abilene Christian College.

The bride wore a rust tailored crepe dress with brown accessories and a corsage of orange colored marigolds. Mrs. J. B. White of Albany, her only attendant, wore a black and white dress with black accessories. Charles Miller of Corpus Christi, formerly of Putnam, served Mr. Isenhower. Miss Eloise Norred furnished the nuptial music.

Mrs. Isenhower is a graduate of the Albany high school and attended Ranger junior college. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Brown of Albany.

Mr. Isenhower is a graduate of the University of Texas and is now employed with the Humble Oil and Refining company of Corpus Christi.

Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Brown, Mrs. J. B. White, Mrs. J. B. Landers, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Adams of Albany, Helen Hunterman, of Cisco; Howard Bray, Joyce Bray of Albany; Helen Sanders, W. C. Hodges, of Odessa; Lois Mercer of Hawley; Mr. and Mrs. Blain Odum of Baird; Ora Bell Allen of Jacksboro; and Charles Miller of Corpus Christi.

Following the wedding, the guests were ushered into the dining room where the bride cut the lovely wedding cake.

Dolores Brandon and Eloise Norred presided over the punch bowl. After the lunch congratulations were extended the couple. Mr. and Mrs. Isenhower left Sunday for Ingleside where they will make their home.

Home people who attended the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Brandon, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Brandon, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Moore, Miss Dolores Brandon, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Isenhower and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kostris.

## SIX HEALTH DISTRICTS OPENED SEPT. 1ST

AUSTIN.—September 1 was a red letter day for Texans who value their health, that day marked the opening of the six district health units appropriated for by the forty-fifth legislature.

"The paramount purpose of the State Health department is to control communicable disease," states Dr. Geo. W. Cox, state health officer. "Quite naturally the closer the contact to the areas affected, the quicker the services rendered and the more adequate the health protection.

"By the creation and maintenance of these new health districts we hope to standardize health procedures throughout the state, thus strengthening the health administration already in effect and extending into rural areas health protection hitherto lacking because of insufficient personnel," Dr. Cox announced.

The area of Texas made imperative the adoption of this plan dividing the state into six miniature health departments. Dismissing of the state, modeled on that already effected by the highway department and the State Department of Education, will result in better sanitary conditions in the schools, dairies, recreation centers, swimming pools, tourist inns, and the homes of Texas; better supervision and enforcement of state health laws; adequate teaching of health in the public schools; development of local health services; facilities to meet emergencies and epidemics; development of a well balanced program on maternal and child health, with every child immunized against all diseases for which an artificial immunity has been provided.

District headquarters are located at Floydada, Mineral Wells, Kaufman, Bryan, Kingsville and San Angelo.

Each district headquarters office has a personnel of medical director, two nurses, sanitary engineer, two sanitarians, food inspector, and clerical help, all fully trained in public health technique and devoting their full time to protecting the health of their citizenship.

## PUTNAM BABY WINS GRAND PRIZE



James Franklin Gaskins, above, 12 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Gaskins of Putnam, was judged as winner of the grand prize in the baby contest sponsored by Mills-Morton Studio of Cisco last Thursday night. The winners were announced at a reception at the studio. Other winners were Wanda Jean Ticknor, 19 months old daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. Van Ticknor, winner of first place in the second age class; Mona Lee Cluck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Cluck, winner of first place in the third age group; Mary Ann Smith, eight months old daughter of Mrs. Carol Smith, winner of first place in the first age group. The above cut was made in the engraving department of the Cisco Daily Press.

## RAIN FALL

Since our last report on rain Putnam has had 3 inches of rain. However, the city lake has failed to catch much water. The rain has put a good season in the ground for late feed and fall gardens and will give the winter grass a good start which will aid the farmer in keeping his feed bill down through the winter. Total rain fall for the season has been, up to Monday night, 10.27 inches against an average of 23.72 for Callahan county during the year.

## MRS. JETER RETURNS FROM FORT WORTH

Mrs. G. W. Jeter received a message Saturday morning that her brother in Fort Worth was seriously ill. She left immediately for Fort Worth. He died after she arrived and was buried Monday. Mrs. Jeter returned home Tuesday to find her daughter, Mrs. Burette Ramsey, quite sick and she was taken to the Graham hospital where she is quite ill.

The Putnam News received a new shipment of Get Well cards Wednesday. They are beautiful cards and will bring much cheer to someone ill.

## SIXTY-EIGHT BALES OF COTTON GINNED

Charley Davis, manager of the Farmers Gin, reported Wednesday afternoon that there had been 68 bales of cotton ginned in Putnam to Wednesday night. Cotton was selling at the gin for nine cents and the seed are selling for \$19 per ton. Mr. Davis thinks they will gin about four to five hundred bales during the season.

## BAIRD TO HAVE NEW BAKERY

The Butter Kist Bakery will open in Baird Saturday and will start delivering bread in Putnam Monday morning. This will be a home institution, while it is not located in Putnam, it is in the county and will bear their part of the county taxes and local expense. We would be glad that our readers when buying bread would call for Butter Kist Bread, and create a demand sufficient to give them a nice business in Putnam, and make it possible with the aid of Baird and Clyde to maintain a bakery in Baird. Don't forget to call for Butter Kist Bread.

## W. J. RAY DIES AT BAIRD WEDNESDAY

W. J. Ray, veteran automobile dealer of Baird, died at his residence in Baird Wednesday morning about eleven o'clock of a paralytic stroke he suffered several weeks ago. Mr. Ray was one of the oldest automobile dealers in the district, having commenced selling Chevrolet cars when they first began making them, when everybody considered them a joke. He opened Baird's first garage 28 years ago. Securing the agency for the Chevrolet car shortly after opening the garage. He moved to Baird in 1900, and operated a blacksmith shop for the first few years after moving to Baird.

Mr. Ray was born in Hurd county, Georgia, March 10, 1869. He married Mary Lillian Johnston December 25, 1890, and they moved from Georgia to Cottonwood, Callahan county, in 1896. Four years later they established their home in Baird where they have lived since.

Funeral rites were at the Baptist church at 3 o'clock p. m. Thursday with Rev. Joe R. Mayes conducting funeral services. Burial was in charge of the Odd Fellows and was made in the Ross cemetery.

## MORAN BONDS DEFEATED

The proposed bond issue in Moran for the building of a home economics building for the Moran schools was defeated by a vote of 34 to 48. The issue voted on was for \$4,000 and was to be used in building a native stone building and equipping it for the teaching of home making. C. J. Watson is superintendent of the Moran schools.

## MRS. PEARCE SHACKLEFORD'S BROTHER DIES

Mrs. Pearce Shackelford received a message Saturday morning that her brother had died in a hospital in Dallas where he had been seriously ill for some time. She wired Pierce Saturday afternoon that the funeral would be at Groesbeck at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Pearce and John Henkel of Abilene left early Sunday morning for Groesbeck to attend the funeral. They returned Monday.

## BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENT

Sunday school 10:00.  
Preaching, 11:00.  
Report of yearly Association given.  
B. T. U., 7:00.  
Rev. F. A. Hollis, Pastor.

## GOSPEL MEETING CONDUCTED AT TABERNACLE

Cecil E. Hill of Anson, Texas, is doing the preaching in the revival being conducted by the local Church of Christ. Don Woods, well known here as a teacher, is directing the song service. The rains hindered some at the beginning but the attendance and interest is growing. The public is invited.

## THROCKMORTON HAS NO GAS

The city council in a meeting last week cancelled the franchise held by the Throckmorton Gas Co. to furnish the city with an adequate supply of natural gas. The company was given ten days to transact any unfinished business. The time being up Saturday.

The company announced to the city that the supply of gas would be withdrawn Saturday night. No definite announcement of plans for furnishing the residents of the city with gas. So post oak wood and cove chips will be in demand for fuel in Throckmorton.

## PUTNAM TO HAVE NEW BARBER SHOP

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Pee of Clyde are moving to Putnam and have rented the front of the building where George Pearce has his cleaning plant and the building where Miss Eva Moore has her office. Mr. Pee says he will put in a barber shop and his wife will have a beauty shop in the other building where Miss Moore has office. We are informed the move will be made some time this week.

## PROHIBITION LAW CHANGES

The last legislature passed some new laws governing the sale of beer and whiskey. Under the new law it will be unlawful to serve beer, or any other beverages such as wine and whiskey, where food is sold after midnight unless it can be shown that the food sales equal as much as 51 per cent of the total sales.

It is also unlawful to sell beer or liquor to any person under the age of twenty-one, or any person who is intoxicated or known to be a habitual drunkard.

Further, it is a violation of the act to have any person under the age of 18 years employed where beer or wine is sold, or to have their employment persons under 21 years of age. In places where distilled liquors are sold it is unlawful to sell beer, wine or liquor on any general election or primary election day between the hours of 7 a. m. and 8 p. m.

## FAMILY REUNION HELD

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Weeks was the scene of a family reunion Sunday, September 5th. The Harwell place on which the Weeks family live is the place where the children of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Harwell were reared. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Harwell and children, Laverne, Frances, Charles and Charlotte, of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Harwell and daughter, Dorothy, of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Bishop and daughters, Jayne Rose, Elizabeth Ann and Peggy, of Guion; Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Harper and son, Lewis, Mrs. L. D. Harwell, of Abilene; and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Weeks and daughter, Faye.

The day was enjoyed by each very much as childhood remembrances were brought to memory. At noon a basket lunch was spread and enjoyed very much as it has been many days since the five Harwell children were at the same table in their old home. Singing was enjoyed in the afternoon.

## PEP INTERMEDIATE PROGRAM SEPT. 12TH

1st part—Lewis Williams.  
2nd part—Billie Gaskins.  
3rd part—1st, Frances Lunsford; 2nd, Mary Alice Burnam; 3rd, La Verne Spratt.  
4th part—Stanley Butler.  
5th part—Cleveland Dunaway.

Honorable T. S. Ross, Reuben Ross, of Gorman were Putnam visitors for a short time Monday morning. Reuben Ross will complete a school building at Iredell in the near future.

## RUPERT JACKSON DIES SUDDENLY

J. Rupert Jackson, a young attorney and owner of the Jackson Abstract Company, died unexpectedly at 10 o'clock p. m. Sunday. Mr. Jackson had been in failing health for about a year and had been confined to his room for the past several days, however his condition was not regarded as serious. He heard a fire alarm and went to the door to see what it was, saw the alarm did not amount to anything and started back to his bed and fell near the bathroom door. Before members of the family could reach him he was dead.

Funeral rites were held at the First Baptist church where he was a member at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning. Rev. Joe R. Mayes, pastor, officiated, being assisted by the Rev. R. A. Walker of Merkel, pastor of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Jackson was the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Jackson of Abilene, but formerly of this county. He has been reared in and around Baird and has many friends throughout Callahan county. He was prominent in political circles, having served the county as county attorney four years, and had served as county chairman of the Democratic executive committee for a number of years, and made the race for county judge in 1934. He was defeated by the present county judge, L. B. Lewis.

Mr. Jackson received his education from the Baird high school. After graduating from high school he attended Carlisle Military Institute at Arlington and took his law course at the University of Texas. After leaving the University he returned to Baird and opened up a law office and abstract business where he has been ever since.

On December 25, 1911, he was married to Anna Faust, daughter of the late E. M. Faust, and Mrs. Faust.

Survivors are his wife, two sons, Reupert Jr. and Randall; two brothers, Leland Jackson of McCamery, and I. N. Jackson Jr. of Abilene; a sister, Mrs. Jessie Winters of Abilene; and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Jackson.

Burial was in Ross cemetery at Baird.

## W. M. S. HAS SOCIAL

A social was enjoyed in the home of Mrs. S. W. Jobe Thursday afternoon, being typical of the social the organization enjoys once every three months. The hemming of cup towels to be presented Buckner's Orphan's Home and the completion of a quilt for the Mexican mission furnished the diversion. Refreshments of chicken sandwiches, cookies, grape juice and watermelon were enjoyed.

Hostesses for the occasion were Mesdames S. W. Jobe, W. M. Crosby, W. A. Ramsey. They were assisted by Mrs. Loren Everett. Those present were Mesdames G. P. Gaskins, F. A. Hollis, John Cook, J. Y. Culwell, W. M. Crosby, Fred Golson, W. A. Ramsey, Loren Everett, S. W. Jobe.

## CISCO DAILY PRESS HAS ENGRAVING DEPARTMENT

A recent addition to the already well equipped Cisco Daily Press mechanics is the engraving department recently installed. The Daily Press has used a number of local pictures recently, which adds greatly to the interest of the paper, and which appears in a very short time after being shot due to the fact that they can be efficiently made in the new department. The Cisco Daily Press has made remarkable progress during the last two years since it has become a daily paper from a semi-weekly. Under the management of its capable editor, B. A. Butler, the Cisco Daily Press is one of the best dailies in this section.

## MRS. DAVIS ILL

Charley Davis received a message Monday morning stating his mother was seriously ill at Sipes Springs. Since then she and her husband has been brought to Putnam and are at their son's home where Mrs. Davis is quite sick at the present time.

Mrs. Fred Golson and Mrs. W. M. Crosby spent from Wednesday until Saturday with Mrs. Crosby's sister, Mrs. Fred Irwin and family, at Snyder.

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Cards of Thanks, Resolutions of Respect, and any kind of entertainments where admission fee or other monetary consideration is charged, will be charged for at regular advertising rates.

**WAY TO REDUCE PENSIONS**

A new way to reduce the number receiving pensions. It is suggested that the state take a lien on all the property that the pensioner has or pass a law to force the children to support the parents. It is said the two ideas could reduce the number on the roll by almost fifty percent.

Well, the first would not reduce the number very much as the writer has filled out quite a number of applications and in nearly every instance the applicant said that he has no property. In the second place, children where they are able should support their parents, but as far as we know there is no way of forcing them to take care of their parents unless they are willing as if a law was passed that would take from the children and give it to the parents by statute would be taking property without due process of law and very likely the courts would hold it unconstitutional the first time the case went before the court. If the legislature and the commission want to help the old people they should try taking off so many of the high-salaried investigators off the payroll, and have this work done through the commissioner's court, or some other local representative, as the local people have to pass on the applicant's needs anyway as these high-priced investigators go to some man in the community for their information and what would be the difference in letting some local representative make the investigation. In nearly every instance the investigator goes about over the community getting information and then finally going to the justice of the peace or some notary public who lives in the community and have them take a list of acknowledgements free of charge, and in nine cases out of ten the person taking the acknowledgements has more information that the investigator has after spending possibly two or three days travelling around over the territory trying to find out whether a person has any property or whether children are able to support their parents. The people were deceived when the amendment was adopted, as many of them thought in adopting the amendment that it would mean a pension to every person after he reached the age of 65 years. The citizens, or especially the old people will support the man in 1938 who will stand for the reducing of the overhead expense by cutting out the investigators and letting this work be done by local representatives, who could be secured and possibly not be out anything more than notary fees.

**NO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING WITH GOVERNMENT**

President Roosevelt took the position Saturday that unionized government employees must not resort to militant tactics or strikes, and that they could not take the advantage of collective bargaining as the law provides in private industry.

"Since their own services have to do with the functioning of the government, a strike of public employees manifests nothing less than an intent on their part to prevent or obstruct the operations of government until their demands are satisfied." True enough the intention of a strike is for the purpose of stopping or obstructing public works until their demands are attained, but the question that we want to find out is why the government wants to impose strikes and lockout to harass private business, when they admit that the government could not operate under such conditions? As we have said, private business can not operate under the present laws with any degree of efficiency under the laws permitting labor to even take possession of some of the largest factories in the United States with a sit-down strike and aided, or if not actually aided by the administration, it was condoned.

**PLACEMENT TAX**

There is going to be a 2 percent sales tax law submitted at the

called session of the legislature which is to meet on September 27, and it will bring in about \$23,000,000 (million) and the proposal will be to use this sales tax for the purpose of discounting the advalorem tax for state purposes. The advalorem tax amounts to about \$18,250,000 (million) and the sales tax will produce something like \$23,000,000 (million) and out of this there will be a 1 per cent of the sale tax that will go into the state funds and will be used for the purpose of discounting the individual advalorem tax. It is estimated that the sales tax will equal 80 per cent of the advalorem and this credit will be given on the different funds. For illustration if we should owe a state tax of one hundred dollars you would get a credit of 80 percent and instead of paying a hundred dollars you would pay \$20.00 after getting the proper credit. The niggle in this is that this sales tax will not diminish your county or any of the local tax. To enact a sales tax without first voting off the advalorem would not aid any as it would only pave the way for more extravagance. A sales tax might be alright; but before we would favor it we would want to make sure the advalorem tax would be repealed and in levying a sales tax on the basis of a replacement tax would leave us in just as bad condition as we are, as it is the local tax that makes the burden and not the state tax. The state tax rate this year is only 49 cents while our local rate in the town of Putnam will be \$3.35 per hundred, or seven times more than our state rate. Let's demand a constitutional amendment abolishing the advalorem tax before we accept the replacement tax that will be proposed. Of course the local rate would be different on account of local conditions.

**GARNER FOR PRESIDENT BOOM**

There is quite an agitation going on over the country to nominate John N. Garner, vice-president of the United States, for president in 1940. Mr. Garner appears to be pretty strong in some parts of the country, including the South, Central West and the Pacific state; but 1940 is a long way off and many things can happen in three and a half years. It might be that Garner will be nominated, as the real Democrats are going to make an awful fight to control the next national convention and wrest the party from the socialist and communist that got control of the party in 1932 and 1936.

It is thought by many well informed men and writers that Garner could come nearer uniting all factions than any man in the Democratic party since his successful management of the supreme court question just before the adjournment of congress. It seems that Garner has as much strength in congress as the President himself has at the present time and no doubt but what his strength over the country is about as strong as it is in congress, as they are a pretty good index to what the people are thinking over the country and when the time comes for nomination, Mr. Garner's strength will increase and Mr. Roosevelt's will decrease, as congressmen and senators will not be afraid of reprisals from the President any more and will look to other issues to make a campaign on.

**HUSBAND MATERIAL**

The Winsboro News has the following to say about a lady in search of a husband: "A young lady in Kentucky write to Texas in search of a husband. She says she wants a boy who is virtuous, kind and considerate and who can build a seven room house, be a pal, husband and sweetheart. There ain't no such animals. Wonder if she thinks we are raising angels down here in Texas. If there were a boy like that in Texas her application would have been about the seven millionth because they would have been after him before he shed his colts teeth.

**ESTABLISH CLOSED SEASON FOR TAX PAYERS**

The last called session of the Texas legislature passed a bill to establish a statewide closed season on prairie chickens to keep the species from becoming extinct in this fair state of ours. This suggests the thought that closed seasons by legislative enactment do serve a useful purpose. We want to raise the question seriously about a "closed season" for the remainder of this biennium on the tax payers. If we close the season right now, and have no more new taxes, what does Mr. John Taxpayer have to look forward to during the next biennium? He must pay \$50,000,000 (million) new taxes as social security taxes; he will contribute to the state revenue, in round figures \$50,000,000 (million) more than he paid three years ago. And in addition to this

he will pay tremendously increased federal taxes of other kinds. Of course it has been popular in some quarters to look upon those who have property as an undesirable citizen, to picture the tax payer as a villain and the eater as a saint. But let us not waste our time in discussion of the merits or the demerits of the two philosophies of government; but on the other hand, think about the practical side of the case. It is not well to still retain the taxpayer, villainous though he may be, as a contributing unit to pay the cost of maintaining government institutions. And it is not well to remember in this connection that you can increase taxes to the point where the law of diminishing returns begin to operate, where you increase taxes and have less revenue.

All students of state government finance agree that without additional taxes, the highway fund will have more money during the next biennium than it has ever had before, old age pensions can be paid under existing revenue on a standard equal to that of other states, so there is nothing left to consider but the general fund and the deficit in this fund will probably be thirteen or fourteen million dollars. But in this connection we must not forget that sum total revenue collections in Texas for all of its funds will probably equal or exceed expenditures during the coming biennium. We must not forget that practically the entire debt of Texas is reflected in its general fund and that therefore a deficit of fourteen million dollars is a small debt, as compared with many other states. Likewise we remember that we are now paying off our relief bonds out of the general fund at the rate of five million dollars per biennium, and we shall absorb a twenty-three million dollar increase in state appropriations this year, all of which indicates that if we give the general fund a chance within the next few years it would put itself on a cash basis through improved business and increased revenue incident thereto; because it will be only five years after the biennium close until all of the relief bonds are paid. Furthermore the best assurance old John Taxpayer has against unbridled new revenue extravagance in the expenditure of public funds is a deficit. The last legislature increased appropriations about twenty-three million with a deficit in the general fund. Can you guess what the appropriation would have been if the state had been on a cash basis.

Suppose the legislature should in call session raise fourteen million dollars new revenue to completely wipe out the general fund deficit. Do you think these taxes would be repealed in 1929 after the state was placed on a cash basis? If you do you are a novice in the procedure of expending tax funds. What would happen is that they would immediately raise the spending level in Texas fourteen million dollars.

Whether we especially adore him or not, let's give Mr. John Taxpayer an opportunity to absorb the many millions of new tax increase we have already placed on him; let's give an opportunity to maintain his business, employ people and earn some money to pay taxes; let's declare two years closed season tax increases.—EX.

**COTTON ESTIMATE RAISED**

The Department of Agriculture raised the estimate on the production by more than five hundred thousand bales, from the August 1 report. The estimated crop production for 1937 was placed at

16,098,000 bales against 12,398,882 bales last season and 10,638,000 bales in 1935 and a five year average of 14,667,000 bales. The report gave indicated yield at 228.5 pounds per acre which is the highest on record. The production in 1936 was 197.9 pounds and 169 for the average for the past five years. The census bureau announced that there had been 1,875,405 bales ginned to September 1, compared with 1,374,000 bales ginned to the same date last season. Indicated yield for Texas is 4,600,000 bales.

**FORMER GOVERNOR FERGUSON ON CONTROL**

Former Governor Ferguson, a former rancher and cotton grower, has the following to say on crop control:

Crop control in the last analysis means people control. It means just what it says, control of the amount and kind of crops that the government is to allow the farmers to plant. Crop control means that the government shall not only have the right to say what kind of crops the farmer may plant, but is shall have the right to say how many acres of any crop may be planted and the government is to have the right to say when you, Mr. Farmer, shall plant it.

Once the crop control idea is again put in motion by law, the livestock industry will again become involved and we will go to killing pigs and cattle again. As a result beef and pork will feel the oppressive burden of high prices.

When we start to talking about the virtues of crop control let us not forget the good old democratic principle of the greatest good to the greatest number. If the price of agricultural products are to be raised and maintained by government loans or subsidies then the consuming public becomes the victim of an unfair discrimination by a few against the many.

Is it right for the government to fix a maximum price for clothes so that parties may get the benefit of government aid?

It occurs to me that at a time when there are millions unemployed, ill fed and underclothed that it is no time for the government to be doing that which will add to ills which afflict us. What this whole world needs just now is a bountiful supply of meat, bread and clothes. We can endure a surplus far easier than we can starvation. The crop speculators are not going to let the farmer get any profit out of crop control. They never have and never will. While cotton is still bringing better than nine cents, I think our cotton farmer friends ought to sell their cotton and thereby save the interest and expenses of a cotton control program. It may be that the price will go lower. If there is really a big crop made, lower prices must prevail and the government loan can't prevent it.

If the price goes higher the farmer has not lost anything and he has escaped the hazards of cotton speculation. Suppose the farmer 60 days ago borrowed \$60.00 a bale which is now worth only \$45. Would not he be in an awful fix? We must not lose sight of the fact that the farmer is not a crop speculator and should not be. And moreover, we must return to sanity and again remember that the government is not a speculating concern and should not be. It was established for another purpose.

The crop control idea is wrong. It is unwise speculation and sooner or later it will impair the lib-

erty of the people and the financial founding of the government. Let us preserve one and avoid the other! This is thoroughly in line with our views and has been ever since this control program was instituted about four years ago. It is unwise and unjust and should not be countenanced by any red-blooded American citizen, as it will destroy the greatest industry the south has. Because it creates unemployment and does not suffer anything to substitute loss of employment that is creating. No one will argue that conditions among the poorer class is not worse than it was when it started. Putnam is a fair average and after four years of government control in one way or another, we find that we have ten men depending on the government for support when we had one before we embarked on this wild scheme of spending. We

defy anyone to show that the figures above are not correct, as we know whereof we speak, and could call names if it were necessary. And what will apply here will apply over the rest of the country, as they are importing men out of both Cisco and Baird to work on government PWA jobs, a thing that was unknown before the organization of the government one hundred and fifty years ago.

**PRYING THE LID OFF**

Oscar Johnston of Mississippi, one of the biggest cotton growers in the United States, and who, during the control program received plow-up checks and subsidies on purity price on his crop amounting to more than three thousand dollars, said in a speech at Memphis September 4: "The price of cotton is fixed by world consumption, not by what

newspapers and what some farmers call pegging the price. Southern farmers are attempting to pry the lid off the United States treasury in asking for subsidy payments. The \$130,000,000 provided in the Byrnes amendment is all the money provided by Congress and it isn't enough money to pay what you're asking for." Mr. Johnston seems to think that it is doubtful if the farmer signs up if he will get the money because it isn't available and it doesn't take much calculation to see what the amount of money appropriated will not pay the subsidy promised.



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# Local Happenings

Calvin King spent Sunday with his uncle, G. M. Weed, of the Hart community.

Mrs. Earl Bowers of Junction and Mrs. W. L. Park visited Mrs. S. M. Eubank at the Graham Sanitarium at Cisco Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Williams and sons were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair Brummett of Scranton Sunday.

Mrs. Roy Williams and son, Stanley Neil, spent labor day in the home of Mrs. Williams' father, B. F. Speegle of near Nimrod with other relatives.

Lester Kennedy and daughter, Wanda, of Fort Worth spent the week visiting in the home of Mr. Kennedy's mother, Mrs. Mack Kennedy.

Don Woods, a former teacher in the Putnam school, was in town Saturday afternoon and stated he was employed in the school at Old Glory for the 1937-38 term.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Brandon of Crane and Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Brandon of Abilene were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Brandon.

Mrs. Earl Bowers of Junction spent several days in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Park this week. Mrs. Bowers is moving to Del Rio, where Mr. Bowers will be coach of the high school.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Yeager of Dothan spent Friday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Yeager.

J. S. Yeager made a business trip to Ranger and Carbon Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cook and daughter, Fredalyn, spent Wednesday and Thursday in Fort Worth.

Mrs. M. L. Nettles, who has been in ill health for the past several months, is gradually improving.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Eubank of Amarillo spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Shelton. Mrs. Eubank is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shelton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Vittioe of Rotan visited Mrs. Vittioe's sister, Mrs. G. P. Gaskins and family, this week. Mrs. Vittioe is the former Miss Jessie Clark.

Mrs. S. M. Eubank, who has been in the Graham Sanitarium at Cisco for the past two weeks, was returned to her home yesterday afternoon late. Mrs. Eubank is recuperating from surgery and is getting along well.

Viola Teague and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hudson and Betty Lou visited Mr. and Mrs. Clark at Merkel Saturday. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Buster Brown at Sweetwater Sunday, enjoying a picnic at Lake Sweetwater.

Ike Sellers of Wichita Falls has been located at Putnam for the past two weeks, residing in the home of Claude King and working in the King barber shop. Mr. Sellers was employed at the King barber shop in Putnam ten years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Holland of Mineral Wells, who have been touring Canada and California, visited Mrs. Holland's aunt, Mrs. George Piggerstaff, a short time Thursday. The Hollands are moving to California. Their son, D. C., is now enrolled in a California university, while their son, John Grady Jr., is a student in Texas University.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Waddell and children spent Sunday at Coleman in the home of Mr. Waddell's sister, Mrs. E. P. Scarbrough. They also attended the funeral of Robert Gray, twelve years old, who was a playmate of Clinton Waddell's when he visited in Coleman this summer. Robert had been presented a new bicycle and was enroute to a party when he was struck by an automobile not far from his home. His head was crushed in the accident.

Mrs. E. N. Hull and Dolpha Hull were Comyn visitors Thursday

Jack Williams spent the week-end with his father, L. B. Williams at Cross Plains.

W. M. Crosby and Fred Golsom, who are drilling at Loving, spent Sunday with their wives.

Mrs. Jim Baulch of Clyde visited her sister, Mrs. Lula Fleming, this week.

Miss Dolores Brandon is on the sick list this week, being confined to her home several days.

Get-Well and Birthday Cards received at the News office this week. We have a beautiful line.

Miss Myrlene McCool has accepted employment at the Sharp's Cafe, taking the place vacated by Miss Elsie Kelley.

Charlie Miller of Ingleside has been visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Miller.

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### CONNALLY CONTINUES FOR GROWERS' AID

"Not only is it important to the farmers of the South that a just price is paid for the cotton, but it is equally important to Northern business and industry that the South has money to purchase the farmer's manufactured products," Senator Tom Connally of Texas said last week.

"The price of cotton is fixed in a world market where cotton from other sections of the world compete, thus a protective tariff for the American cotton farmer is effective. However," continued Senator Connally, "since the farmer pays the protective tariff on articles he consumes, it is only fair that he should receive some benefit payment to offset the tariff burdens which have been placed upon him.

It was with the above situation in mind that Congressman Marvin Jones, Chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, and myself sponsored an amendment to the AAA, which was adopted and is now law, providing that 30 per cent of all revenues from tariff duties should be set aside by the Secretary of the Treasury each year in a special fund, and that such funds should be available to the Secretary of Agriculture to pay farm benefits in the form of price adjustment on agricultural commodities. The primary motive behind the amendment was to aid cotton growers.

"For the year 1936 thirty per cent of the customs duties amounted to \$12,000,000, a portion of which has already been allocated for benefit payments to other agricultural crops. There is now in the fund approximately \$105,000,000.

"During the session of Congress just ended, I introduced and strongly urged the passage of a resolution which would have paid each cotton producer in 1937 a benefit payment of 2 1-2 cents a pound from the above fund. The resolution was not passed because President Roosevelt and the Secretary of Agriculture in the meantime agreed to put into effect a similar plan allocating money for cotton growers from the above-mentioned fund of \$105,000,000. Such action, substantially the same that aided the cotton farmer in 1935, is a matter of simple justice to the cotton producer who pays high prices due to protective tariffs.

"President Roosevelt has demonstrated that he is a friend of the farmer, and I am most happy to be one of the authors of the provision making possible the benefit payments to the cotton farmers."

Senator Connally discussed the situation with President Roosevelt personally immediately following the adjournment of Congress.

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### HOME DEMONSTRATION NOTES

Callahan county home demonstration club women were represented Sept. 6 over Radio Station KRBC, Abilene, by Mrs. Paul Shanks and Mrs. W. A. Young of the Enterprise club.

The Texas Home Demonstration Association will meet at San Antonio Sept. 27-29. Callahan county H. D. clubs will be represented by Mrs. Jim Barr, Cross Plains Club, Mrs. John Roberson, Oplin club, and Mrs. G. B. Jones, Midway club.

The home demonstration agent will be out of the county Sept. 6-13, attending the state meeting of agents at College Station.

Each home demonstration club member is urged to get their canned food that is on exhibit in the 4-H pantry in the agent's office. A new exhibit will be put up by the exhibit committee in October, and it is necessary that the old exhibit be taken down.

Miss Dosca Hale, specialist in Parent Education and Child Development will speak in Abilene at 2:00 p. m. September 16. Club women, club sponsors, council delegates, and others that are interested in this type of meeting are invited to attend.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

by Charles E. Dumas

A NATION NEEDS RELIGIOUS HOMES

Lesson for September 12th. Deut. 6:1-9.

Golden Text: Proverbs 22:6.

We all realize that there is something wrong with the American home. Divorces are numerous, the relations between men and women are lax, and the motion picture and tabloid press have done great harm in over-stimulating sexual passions. While sex is a creative function of divine origin and purpose, it can easily become a devastating monster bringing disaster and ruin in its wake. When sex union occurs outside of marriage, as is so often the case today, family happiness suffers irreparable damage. There can be no question that the ideal base upon which to build wholesome family life is monogamous relationship, with life long union of the mates. It is also obvious that children are of very fundamental assistance in keeping parents together.

Proverty or financial mismanagement is also a factor of great importance in the prevailing instability of our domestic life. Insufficient income is likely to provoke an almost unendurable strain between husband and wife. Low wages and unemployment, especially when accompanied by too many children, are a menace of the first order. In the other hand extravagance, due to lack of training in home economics or systematic attention to budget limitations, can frequently unsettle the normal equilibrium of the home.

But what the home needs most is not money and its wise distribution so much as high religion. True marriage is spiritual, for it is God who joins together man and his mate. Where faith is kept glowing by family prayers, grace before meat, and habitual church-going, the frequent tension one finds in marriage is forestalled. And children greatly need such an atmosphere. No home can be too religious for them. And spiritual training, as our Golden Text declares, will last. "When he is old, he will not depart from it."

Misses Mildred and Lera Fleming of Abilene are spending their vacations with their mother, Mrs. Lula Fleming of the Home Telephone Company. Miss Mildred Fleming is a nurse in Abilene and Miss Lera Fleming holds an office position with the Hendrix Memorial Hospital. She is also attending Gail Business College and is making an unusual record in all her activities.

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### GRIGGS HOSPITAL

R. C. Phillips of Cross Plains left the hospital Thursday after diagnosis of case.

Walter Miller of Eula was a hospital patient this week for medical treatment.

Cubelle Loper was a tonsilectomy Friday.

Randal and Billy Ruth Aikens of Cross Plains were tonsilectomies Friday.

Mrs. A. P. McWhorter, postmistress at Oplin, underwent major surgery Friday.

Miss Ann Johnson of Baird had major surgery Saturday.

Will McGary of Brownsville had major surgery Saturday.

Miss Hazel Respass of Cottonwood was a tonsilectomy Saturday.

Comelle Loper was a tonsilectomy last Saturday.

Jim Jernigan left the hospital Monday after undergoing surgery Thursday.

W. P. Barr of Eula is doing nicely and will leave the hospital Friday. He underwent an operation about a month ago.

Mrs. Bob Darby of Baird left the hospital Tuesday following major surgery.

Mrs. Bruce Bell and baby girl, Billy Beth, are improving. Mrs. Bell indicates that she will recover after suffering kidney trouble.

B. N. Hart of Clyde underwent hernia operation Friday.

Tom Poindexter of Oplin left the hospital Tuesday following an appendicitis operation.

Mrs. N. H. O'Hara of Cross Plains was a tonsilectomy Tuesday.

Miss Louise Taift of Baird was a tonsilectomy Wednesday.

Mrs. W. O. Wylie Sr. entered the hospital Wednesday for surgery.

Mrs. C. A. Duncan of Baird entered the hospital Tuesday night for surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Ledbetter and daughter, Ruthie May, of Fort Worth, visited relatives at Scranton and in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Williams of Putnam this week-end.

Reverend and Mrs. F. A. Hollis, Mrs. W. M. Tatom, Mrs. T. L. Hamlin, Mrs. E. G. Scott, Ben Brazil, Roy Lee Williams, and Misses Elsie Kelley, Mary Lou Eubank, Dorothy June Kelley, Mildred King, Sylvia Phillips, Naomi Buchanan attended the association at Oplin Baptist church Tuesday.

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### PUEBLO ITEMS

Those who attended the Old Settlers' Reunion at Morgan last Sunday were H. A. Coats and children, and his mother, Grandma Coats, Mrs. E. Green, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Allen, Mrs. J. C. Dyer, Sr., of Pueblo; Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Allen of Albany; Mrs. G. H. Hayward, of Big Spring; Mrs. Lon Dennis and children of Abilene; O. D. Allen and son, Donald, of Putnam; Chester Allen of Union; Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Robinson and Mrs. G. W. Steen of Moran.

All reported a joyous good time. Handshaking, music, speaking and good eats were the order of the day.

Jim Yarbrough of Union was transacting business in Moran Wednesday.

J. E. Johnston and family were in Dublin last week-end.

Rev. and Mrs. Cowart, who have been living with Mrs. J. C. Dyer, Sr., moved last week to the L. H. Cole residence. Rev. Cowart is pastor of the Pueblo Baptist church.

H. A. Coats, who has been living on his farm during the summer, has moved back to Moran for the school term.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. McCollum and children were in Mingus Sunday to attend the funeral of W. R. Stewart.

This community has received some nice showers this week, many being fortunate enough to catch stock water. Farmers can now go ahead with their breaking and grain planting.

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Mrs. Reuben Brooks of Louisiana came in Wednesday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Park.

Chester Pruet is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Park, this week.

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**FARM NOTES**

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**4-H Silo Completed**

Clemmis Reid, a 4-H member of the Oplin Club, has just finished building and filling the first trench silo by an all club force to ever be reported in Callahan county. Clemmis has mailed to his county agent two very good pictures of his silo which show it when it was complete before being filled and one picture which showed it in process of being filled. Clemmis had the help of his brother, Gearld, in digging and filling his trench.

Club boys who wish to enter the trench silo building contest in which the First National Bank of Baird offers as a prize to the best record a paid trip to the Pan-American Exposition and \$5.00 to spend, must have the silo completed, pictures of the silo made, and write a story about the trench and have the same in the county agent's office by October 1st. Boys will have to hurry to beat the record of Clemmis Reid and the county agent is proud to see this good work going on. Boys who learn the value of a trench silo this early in life are going to have a big lead over their less learned and experienced brothers.

About fifty per cent of the club boys of the county who signed up last winter as members of the Callahan club will complete their projects. Some have written to the county agent that because of some circumstance or other they had not been able to carry out their project as they planned at the time of enrollment but they are going to enroll again this fall and start sooner so that they will complete a project next year. It is never too late to become a 4-H member but it is always advan-

tageous to the boy who gets in early and stays with it.

**Cotton Loan by Sept. 15th**

The Secretary of Agriculture has announced that cotton growers will be given the opportunity of borrowing nine cents per pound on their cotton produced this year and a subsidy of not more than three cents per pound which will guarantee 12 cents for the cotton up to 65 per cent of the base production. No instructions have been received in the county agent's office at this time about the handling of the business but all necessary papers and rulings are promised by September 15th.

The farmers are cautioned to save all sales, gin receipts, etc., relative to each bale of cotton ginned or sold. The subsidy payment will be paid to those farmers who agree to the new farm program that shall be enacted as soon as Congress is again in session. It is generally talked that the cotton growers will be asked to reduce about 35 per cent from the base acreage in 1938.

After the farmers have had their compliance checked and found that they have complied with the terms of the contract they will be paid the subsidy price agreement. Farmers who have heretofore signed work sheets have shown that about 25 per cent of them through some reason or other never comply, therefore, the AAA has made it mandatory that compliance be made before the subsidy will be advanced. Some commenters on the cotton situation argue that the government does not have faith in the farmers enough to advance the payment now. A search into the records found in the offices of county agents all over the cotton section gives ample reason for the government to distrust 100 per cent compliance because in all the programs during the past five years there never has been 100 per cent compliance. But on those programs where a certain amount has been withheld subject to final compliance only a fractional part have failed to live up to their agreement.

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To A. R. Kelton

Mr. A. R. Kelton, rancher and wheat grower of the Belle Plains community, reports that in 1936 he lost fully 25 per cent of his wheat crop grown in the Eula community due to smut. He reported that this wheat was combined by Ace Hickman and that the hands working on the machine looked like rages in five minutes after they hit the field. He stated he made 10 bushels per acre yield.

Before he planted his 1937 crop he inquired of the county agent what would prevent smut forming on his wheat and was informed that a treatment of copper carbonate or ceresan would kill the smut forming organisms. He treated his seed in the fall of 1936 with about two ounces of copper carbonate and reported today that he did not find one single grain of smut in his 1937 yield. He made 20 bushels per acre on the identical land that produced the 10 bushels in 1936. Mr. Kelton says that never again will he plant wheat without treating the seed.

**Buying Tenmarq**

Mr. Kelton has placed an order with the county agent for 40 bushels of the newly developed Tenmarq wheat which has proven itself to be better than Turkey Red, Canred, Black Hull, or any other in the Oklahoma, Kansas, and Texas Experiment Stations. This order is being held for a few days in order that any other interested farmer might buy seed along with Mr. Kelton and thus reduce the freight rates from Seymour. The cost is \$1.50 per bushel for treated seed. It is understood that these seed are treated with Ceresan which the county agent believes to be the best treatment for wheat, oats, barley, corn, or cotton that is placed on the market today.

**THE HOUSING PROGRAM**

The housing program and who it will benefit. President Roosevelt signed the Wagner-Steagall bill last week, another experiment and appropriated millions of dollars to carry out the experiment. The government will not loan direct, but make loans to housing corporations and they will build the houses and sell them to the actual settlers. The government may loan up to 90 per cent of the cost of construction. If you live in a city of 500,000 the law fixes the cost of construction at five thousand dollars or twelve hundred and fifty dollars per room; but if you happen to live in a smaller place the cost of the house should be only four thousand dollars per unit.

The framers of this law put it over on the talk of helping to take care of the people in the slums of the city. Let us analyze this and see just where we are. A house to cost \$5,000 to build would have to rent at about \$35 per month to pay insurance and pay as much as four per cent on the investment, and if it was sold on thirty years time it would cost \$30 per month to make the payment and interest and all it would require to pay it out at maturity, besides maintaining the building and keeping the taxes paid. The people who are needing the help to get out of the slums in the cities are not earning that much and therefore it will not do what its authors propose to do. As anyone who would be able to buy one of these houses does not need any aid as there are plenty of private concerns who will build houses and sell them and besides they can be built cheaper with private money than government money. As we understand the law we have only one city in Texas that can take advantage of the housing law. As someone slipped through a law defining the population where this money can be expended, and in this law defining a city it fixes it so that only one place in Texas will be eligible to receive aid under the act as the law says that any place having a population of not less than 230,000 nor more than 260,000 can participate in the housing plan and San Antonio is the only place in Texas that the law applies to.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Crosby and Jack Williams visited Mrs. Crosby's niece, Mrs. Walter Bush and Mr. Bush at Abilene.

Jimmy Pearson of Garden City was a Putnam visitor during the week-end. Mr. Pearson will complete a large school building at Garden City in the near future.

Don Wood, former school teacher of Putnam, is employed as song leader at the Church of Christ revival which has been in progress this week. Mr. Woods will teach in the Old Glory public schools this year. Miss Sally Griffin, who also taught in the Putnam schools last year, is also employed in the Old Glory schools for the coming year.

**ZION HILL NEWS**

Mrs. R. B. Taylor had as her guests Tuesday her mother, Mrs. J. G. Blakeley, and sister, Miss Evelyn of Belle Plains. Also another sister, Mrs. F. B. Jones and Mr. Jones and two daughters, of San Antonio.

S. F. Ingram and Jack Ramsey made a business trip to Merkel Tuesday.

Jack Ramsey, R. B. Taylor, and S. F. Ingram were Cisco visitors Thursday.

Miss Ruby Clay of Fort Worth visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Ramsey during the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Seth Morgan and son, Harold, and two daughters, Nell and Susie of Merkel, stopped with Mrs. T. L. Ramsey Friday morning. They were enroute to Fort Worth and Dallas where they planned to visit the Pan-American exposition.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Sprawls and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Kennedy were Abilene visitors Saturday.

Mrs. W. S. Jobe spent Friday evening visiting in the home of Mrs. Earlie Hurst.

This community has had a nice rain the last few days. Everyone seems to be feeling better but are anxious for it to clear up so they can gather their cotton.

Miss Nina Morgan returned from Merkel Saturday where she has been visiting her uncle, Seth Morgan, and family. Harold Morgan and Misses Helen and Dorothy Martin of Merkel returned with her to spend a few days.

Joseph Bentley was visiting in Putnam Sunday. Mrs. Stewart Bentley, James, Fern Haupp and Misses Pearl and Lodie Smith returned to Ballinger with him.

Will Jobe and S. F. Ingram attended the Palace theatre while in Cisco Saturday.

Dee Witt Kelley of Marlin, accompanied by a lady friend, visited relatives in Putnam during the week.

Miss Pauline Roberds of Rising Star, teacher in the Putnam public schools for the past three years, visited friends in Putnam Wednesday.

Miss Roberds goes to the Brady school system this year, a promotion of which Miss Roberds is most worthy. Her many friends in Putnam wish her the most of success in her new work.



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**EDITOR'S WINDOW**

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general,—it is little short of a political marvel that the voters already are conceding to Bill McCraw the governorship of Texas in 1938. The prophetic concession is perhaps father to the demand that he make the race in the next Democratic primary,—a demand born out of respect for a dominant personality." Concluding, Mr. Adair quotes, "Who can talk with crowds and keep your virtue, or walk with kings—nor lose the common touch."

Mr. Adair is right when he says Mr. McCraw is a great orator. We would go on to say he is a very clever speaker. After hearing him speak at the press convention at Kerrville last fall, we recall an incident in his speech which was different from any speech the press crowd is accustomed to hear. The newspaper people usually hear their virtues expounded, the power the press has in the building of a nation, and the good they are to their respective communities, etc.

When Mr. McCraw spoke he stated that he considered himself above the newspaper people and better in every respect than they were. The editors were aghast to think anyone would address their powerful crowd in that manner. Mr. McCraw then explained that he was at one time in the newspaper business, but that he had sense enough to get out of that line and we didn't. The crowd roared and the speech as Mr. Adair says was very acceptable because it was given in a tone whereby the crowd knew they had the respect of the attorney general.

As his speech was different upon that occasion, his personality is different and he is a man who has his own ideas. He doesn't pattern anything in his life pertaining to his speeches or his duty upon what someone else has previously set the style or upon the sentiment of the crowd, but upon his practical principles of the times, best suited to the masses and it is without doubt that General McCraw would make us a splendid governor following our popular Governor James V. Allred.

The entire county has been saddened this week because of the sudden death of J. Rupert Jackson, beloved citizen of Baird. Mr. Jackson had been of much service to the county and was a congenial worthwhile promoter of many interests. He will be missed as much as anyone who could have passed on and his place will be very difficult to fill. Many can try, but few could put his enthu-

siasm and cheer into his many undertakings.

We have already received several compliments on the new arrangement of our office. Postmaster E. C. Waddell deserves praise for the quick and successful way he assisted in putting the rug on our floor. As Mrs. Guyton says, "We should not charge him for looking in."

Friend—"Did you raise any cucumbers this year in your little garden, as you expected?"

Bride—"No. The directions said to plant the seeds in hills, and you know our lot is perfectly level."

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