

From The Editor's Window

The weather this year has been the coldest on record in many years all over the United States. During the month of January snow fell in sections of Florida for the first time in twenty-three years. Grown children saw the beautiful falling snow for the first time. Many of us have shivered from the cold blasts and a number of deaths have been reported from effects of the cold, but, so far, barring influenza and a few cases of pneumonia here and there, we have heard of no epidemics and that is something for which we should all be thankful.

It has been a hard winter for many people, due to a great extent to the depression, and in many homes all over the land there has actually been a shortage of food. Only a few days ago we came across a newspaper item that told of a home being broken into and a quantity of food taken. A short note was left by the intruder which read, "Please forgive me, I was hungry and no one would give me anything to eat." A tramp. This little incident is written in the hope we will open our eyes and ears to the call of the needy. One never misses an occasional hand-out to a hungry fellow man.

The papers carried the story the past week of a young, defiant woman taking the life of a man, who had kindly given her and a male companion a lift on the highway, as he begged for his life on his knees. The purpose, according to the woman's story, was robbery. Such a story as this has an effect on us to such an extent that we bow our head in shame to think that one of our sex could be so heartless and fall as low. Can it be possible that in this land of Christianity an enlightenment such as a thing could happen and especially from the hand of a woman! Yet it did happen and a Texas woman at that—a terrible blight on fair Texas womanhood.

The beautiful 500 acre estate of the late John D. Rockefeller has been offered the citizens of Ocean county, New Jersey, where the estate is situated, as a gift but the shrewd citizenry haven't made up their minds yet as to whether they want it or not.

The estate has a mansion of thirty rooms, an expensive golf course, two artificial lakes, well kept grounds, etc. Such a gift at first glance would seem wonderful and beneficial but there is a catch to it and the catch is that the estate as it now stands brings into the county treasury some \$11,000 in taxes. Should the county accept the gift it would become tax-exempt and the citizens are afraid they would have a white elephant on their hands.

The largest airport in North America is said to be situated on a high dry plateau in New Foundland and occupies an area of about 1,000 acres with three times the runway space of any airport in the United States.

We had never thought about it, but we learned only this past week that our pet cats are not property. A Justice of the Peace in Pennsylvania so ruled in a dispute over a twelve year old cat. "I am aware that many people who are fond of cats will be indignant to know how small esteem their pets are held by the law, but our path is clear and we must follow it," quoth the Justice, as he presumably called the next case.

A number of English parliament is reported to have said recently that it is all right for America to have a hand in making the peace, chooses, but never again let us have a hand in making the peace. "Last time she left us with a large baby, calling it the League of Nations and now I understand it will be a Federal Union," said he.

The gentleman is entirely right. We have plenty here at home to keep us busy and out of trouble with foreign entanglements of any kind, and somebody should bring the peace at the close of the World War. It may have been us or it may not, but we did have a hand in making a peace that failed. As one of our own congressmen has said: "Our front line is not on the Rhine, nor is it in France, it is at the farm gate and the factory door in our own country."

MRS DUNBAR RETURNS TO PALO PINTO AND ASSUMES EDITORSHIP OF THE STAR MARCH 1

There is an old saying that it is hard to teach an old dog new tricks, and it appears that way, since Mrs. Mary Whitley Dunbar, sold the Palo Pinto Star about a year or more ago, and accepted a position Star about a year or more ago, and accepted a position with a San Antonio publishing company and from there to the Breckenridge American; but has now returned to Palo Pinto and purchased the Palo Pinto Star, and will have charge about the first of March, according to a news story appearing in the Star Telegram of February 24. The Star is one of the oldest weeklies in this part of the state.

OPLIN & CROSS PLAINS TO HAVE LOCAL OPTION ELECTION ON MARCH 9

The Callahan county commissioners court convened Saturday and among other things ordered 2 beer elections for Callahan county. One for the Cross Plains territory and the other for the Oplin precinct. The required number of signers were attached to both petitions; but there were two other petitions before the court asking that the court refuse to call elections in either place. The statute makes it mandatory on the court, where there has been a petition, with the required number of signers, that they order the election, while the opposing petitions had no standing in court, and the court ordered both elections for March 9th. Both places sell beer at the present time.

L. D. MAYNARD IN CAR WRECK AT BRADSHAW THURSDAY EVENING

L. D. Maynard, deputy sheriff of Callahan county and night watchman in Putnam was in a car wreck at Bradshaw, about thirty miles south of Abilene on the Abilene-Winters road, Thursday evening about 9 o'clock p.m. Maynard had been to Winters on business and was returning about 9 o'clock and at Bradshaw, a car turned out from a filling station, without any lights and the Maynard car was so close the accident could not be avoided. Maynard and two other men, he had picked up were in the car, and were shaken up considerably in the wreck.

The steering wheel hit Maynard in the mouth and knocked out one or two of his front teeth and left him with a badly swollen lower lip, besides bruises and lacerations over his body. However, he thinks he will be out on a few days, able to attend to his business. There were several young people in the other car; but it could not be learned whether they were injured or not.

PUTNAM DEMONSTRATION CLUB MET AT THE HOME OF MRS. G. A. CARAWAY'S TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

The Putnam Home demonstration club met Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 27, at 2 p.m., in the home of Mrs. George Caraway. The meeting was called to order by president. After a short business session, club officers duties were discussed by the members.

After the business meeting and the discussion the club enjoyed a social hour. Refreshments of coffee, chocolate and cookies were served to members and visitors and was enjoyed by all who were in attendance.

The next meeting will be March 12, at the home of Mrs. Elmer Butler. Miss Clara Brown county agent will be with them at the next meeting.

Members present were: Mrs. W. W. Everett, Elmer Butler, Earl Rutherford, W. A. Buchanan, Claude King, E. E. Sunderman, Pete King, Charley Davis, Jim Heslen, Weldon Park, Andy Roe, Bill West, George Caraway, J. B. Brandon, O. D. Alton, and Miss Ruth Caraway. Guest at the meeting Mrs. G. W. Jeter.

METHODIST LADIES TO HAVE SALE OF COOKED FOOD SATURDAY 2ND

Everybody is invited to share in a cooked food sale sponsored by the ladies of the Methodist church on Saturday, March 2. The sale will begin at 10 o'clock A.M. at Odom's Grocery Store and continue until 12 in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cribbs returned from Snyder after several weeks. Where Mr. Cribbs had been employed.

HARPIST



Miss Virginia Sheridan

H.S.U. WILL PRESENT A CONCERT AT PUTNAM HIGH SCHOOL MONDAY MORNING MARCH 3, 11:15

The Hardin-Simmons symphony orchestra, from Abilene, will present a concert at 11:15 o'clock next Monday morning at the Putnam high school, it was announced here today.

Miss Virginia Sheridan, H-S.U. coed harpist, from Houston, will be featured soloist on the program.

Herbert M. Preston, director of the Hardin-Simmons organization, will conduct the program, which will be varied.

Other concerts to be given Monday on a day long tour by the band will be at Baird, Clyde, Eastland, Olden and Ranger.

J. E. Free was able to be out on the streets again Tuesday afternoon after being laid up from an injury received from a horse falling with him, several weeks ago.

Earl Jobe is visiting home folks this week. He has been working in the south Texas oil field for several months.

I. W. Morgan of Scranton was in Putnam, Wednesday morning, looking after business interest. Mr. Morgan is in the grocery and hardware business at Scranton.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Nelson have made several trips to Clyde on account of illness of their grand son, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Tabor.

GOVERNMENT LAKE BEING CONSIDERED ABOUT TWO MILE NORTH OF DOTHAN

C. E. Flippen was in Putnam Thursday, and while here called at the News office. He stated the government had surveyed off a lake on Snake branch, running through his place, some time last fall, and tested out the depth they would have to go for a foundation; but had not been back in sometime, until recently they had been surveying again, and had set stake on the water line, and if the lake was built it would cover about twenty five acres, and the water would be 30 to 35 feet deep judging from the water lines. Mr. Flippen thinks this lake will be built some times in the near future.

In talking of the winter rains, and crop out look for 1940, he thinks we have the best under ground season that we have had in several years, and prospects for a wheat crop was good at this time. However, the oat crop does not look so good, as he thinks the oats were damaged, by the late freeze and it looked like they would be too thin to make a good yield.

BAIRD RODEO WELL ATTENDED TUESDAY 1500 ATTENDING

The Baird rodeo was finally pulled off Tuesday, before an estimated crowd of 1500 people from all parts of the county. The rodeo was originally scheduled for last Saturday; but on account of the weather, it was postponed until Tuesday. The show was held according to scheduled and previous plans. The crowd attended the show in the afternoon at the football stadium. Previous to opening the rodeo, there was a parade led by the Baird High school band under Harrison Matthews.

Jack Shipworth won the calf roping with a very good early season time being only 16 seconds. There were 25 ropers including some of the best. S. A. York, of Belton won the bull riding contest.

Judges were R. D. Williams of Putnam and Fred Outbirth of Cross Plains. T. C. Jenkins was book-keeper.

Mrs. U. H. Butler of Stanton who has been staying with Mrs. E. F. Fuller for the last few days on account of the serious illness of Mrs. Butler returned to her home at Stanton Saturday. She came by and made the News office a short visit, as she was going to the bus station.

Among those attending the singing at Union Sunday night from Putnam were Claude King, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Webb, W. M. Tatom, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ramsay, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Caraway and daughter Miss Ruth, M. A. Lunsford, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, Miss Thieda Smith, and E. A. Fields, Jr.

TEXAS AND PACIFIC HAVE LARGEST LAKE IN CALLAHAN COUNTY

The Texas & Pacific lake east of Baird, is to be one of the largest artificial lakes in this district when it is completed. It is estimated by the engineers in charge it will impound 125,000,000 gallons of water, when it is filled. The construction is making good progress, and has a large force of men and machinery at work. The lake is to cost between 60 and \$70,000,000. And it is estimated the water will have a depth of from 40 to 60 feet.

DAVE TOBIN RETIRES AS CONDUCTOR AFTER 56 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH TEXAS & PACIFIC

Dave Tobin, a passenger conductor on the Texas & Pacific railroad since 1882, resigned last week and will retire from service on a pension. Mr. Tobin has been a conductor on the Texas & Pacific, long enough until all of the old timers know him all along the route from Big Spring to Fort Worth. He is possibly better known than any railroad worker in Texas. He had a friendly disposition and was always willing to accommodate a passenger or aid them when they were in need of aid which made him very popular with the traveling public. But to stay on one job since 1882, is a long time and very few hold a position that long.

SINGING CONVENTION WILL MEET AT ROWDEN

W. H. Stephens, secretary of the Callahan county singing convention, advises that the association regular monthly convention will be held at Rowden March third. Singing will begin promptly at two o'clock in the afternoon.

COUNTY TRACK MEET SET FOR MARCH 22-23

Callahan county track and field meet, for which all schools in the county are now earnestly preparing, will be held at Baird March 22 and 23.

Competition is expected to be especially keen this year, according to reports from directors of the various phases of the meet.

Perry Clements of Phoenix, Ariz. was in Putnam Friday afternoon on his way to Graham to visit his brother Elvis, who is in the hardware business there. Mr. Clements formerly lived in Putnam and at one time had a general merchandise business going from here to Stanton and from there to Phoenix.

S. W. Jobe and R. L. Clinton made a business trip to Abilene Friday afternoon.

George Biggerstaff made a business trip to Cross Plains Saturday.

Shorthorn Show Head



The Shorthorn cattle exhibit at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth March 8-17 will be the best ever shown in the South in the opinion of Craig M. Logan of Valley Mills, superintendent, who is shown above.

REV. HOLLIS RESIGNS FROM BAPTIST PULPIT SUNDAY MORNING TO TAKE EFFECT MAY 1

Rev. F. A. Hollis pastor of the Baptist church resigned as pastor at the Sunday morning services to take effect the first of May. Rev. and Mrs. Hollis came here from Owala where he had been pastor of the Ovula Baptist church for several years before coming to Putnam. He has been pastor of the first Baptist church in Putnam for about five years. The church voted to postpone action on the resignation until the last Sunday in April. Rev. and Mrs. Hollis has made many friends while here who will regret to see them leave.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB CONVENE AT THE ZION HILL CLUB HOUSE MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

The Zion Hill demonstration club met in regular session at the club house February 26, with nine members present on roll call. "Why are you in club work?" Favorite addresses were given.

The secretary read to the club members present, the goals for 1940, after which the following program was rendered.

The following program was rendered. Planning farm living for 1940 by R. B. Taylor.

Good for the family, Glover Johnston. Communication, transportation, clothing and house equipment by Mrs. Morr's Spraws.

After the program the members finished a quilt and made plans for quilting. The club adjourned to meet March 11, 1940. Mrs. O'Brien was club guest.

MAY ELECTED HEAD COMMUNITY GAS CO.

Chester L. May of Dallas, executive vice president and general manager of Community Natural Gas Company and Texas Cities Gas Company, February 19, was elected president of the two companies, which are retail distribution companies served by Lone Star Gas Company, the wholesale end of the system. Mr. May succeeds the late L. B. Denning, Sr., who in addition to being president of Lone Star Gas Corporation was also president of these companies.

Mr. May's election places him at the head of a gas system serving 170,000 meters or more than 230 towns and cities in north central Texas and Southern Oklahoma, the largest gas system in the Southwest. The system extends from Hollis and Purcell, Okla., on the north, to Round Rock and College Station on the south, and from San Angelo on the west, to Sulphur Springs and Clarksville on the east. It also includes El Paso and Galveston which are off the main pipe line system.

A career man in the natural gas industry, Mr. May entered the business in 1909 in Ohio. He served with the Ohio Fuel Supply Company and later with the Arkansas Natural Gas Company. Coming to Texas in 1916 to make a survey of all properties of Lone Star Gas company, he later was appointed assistant to the superintendent of gas measurement and in 1921 was appointed general superintendent of the Farmer Gas Company.

E. A. Fields, Sr. visited the livestock sale in Cisco, Tuesday afternoon.

EARL JOHNSON MOTOR COMPANY IS PREPARED TO DO ALL KINDS OF BODY WORK & PAINTING

The Earl Johnson Motor Co., of Baird, has now installed and has properly trained men to handle any kind of body, fender and painting work. And can save the people of Callahan county money on this line of work. No need taking your work to Abilene to get it done. Mr. Witt Abbott has had years of experience in this work, and is ready to serve you. Forest Lane, is in charge of the general shop, and has had many years in this servicing of Ford cars and trucks. Forest is a native of Callahan county and invites all his old friends to come in and see him. Mr. Lane came here from Lamesa where he has been employed for the past several years with the Ford dealer there.

MRS. BRITAIN MAKING MANY IMPROVEMENTS ON BUSINESS HOUSES

Mrs. B. F. Britain is making considerable improvement on her business buildings on the west side of the square. The past few days she has had The Jones Mangien Lumber and roofing company of Abilene, putting a new roof on all three buildings, which has been badly needed for two or three years. Two of the buildings are rented, one of them to the government for the post office, and one to the Wylie Funeral Home, and the other one being vacant at the present time.

DR. J. B. BRANDON WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT BUSINESS MAN'S CLUB

Dr. J. L. Brandon of Gorman, a son of J. B. Brandon, Sr. of Putnam was elected as president of the Gorman young men's business club at the regular meeting, last Friday, held in the banquet room of the Elite cafe.

The meeting was the last of the six months session over which T. O. Shely has been presiding as chairman. Willie Clark was re-elected to the place of secretary of the association.

A report on the program of the Desdemona highway proposal was received from the committee and it was received with much enthusiasm. The report stated that preliminary plans for the project were now being made up by the county engineer and PWA officials and were expected to be presented to the club at the next regular meeting on March 2, Gorman Progress.

TWENTY ONE PERMITS CANCELED ACCOUNT OF DRIVING WHILE DRUNK

The state safety department at last week reported that there had been twenty six Texans, lost their drivers licenses in the week ending January 25, and twenty one of them lost them for conviction of drunkenness while driving. Chief Ralph Buel said, "a total of ninety six license had been suspended for 1940, including eighty two because of driving while intoxicated or under the influence of liquor."

PUTNAM HAS LOWEST FIRE INSURANCE IN HISTORY OF THE TOWN

R. L. Clinton local insurance agent in Putnam, was in the News office Tuesday afternoon, and stated he had just received notice from the fire insurance department of the insurance commission of Texas that the rate in Putnam had been reduced by 25 per cent on account of the good fire record for the past two or three years. Everyone should work to keep down fires, as if we had one fire in town this year the rate would go up next year again. Mr. Clinton states this is the lowest rate in the history of the town.

PUTNAM STUDENTS TO ENTER TOURNAMENT AT ABILENE SATURDAY

Several Putnam high school students to enter the Abilene high school debate tournament Saturday, March 3rd.

Putnam debaters to enter James Kennedy, Lenox Byrd, Mary Lou Eubank and Dorothy June Kelley.

Those entering from Putnam in the extemporaneous contest in debating are Miss Wilma McMillan and Louise Lambley. Speech contest sponsored by A.C.C.

George Biggerstaff and Clark attended the livestock at Albany Friday afternoon.

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—To create closer relation with our clientele.

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Along about now is the time when some clubs give a banquet to honor the outstanding citizen of the year. Usually this accolade is bestowed on rich bankers, merchant princes or eminent lawyers—men who have reaped gold and now receive glory, once more proving the Scriptural saying, "To him that hath shall be added." Why not, for a change, give a banquet for a school teacher, a minister or maybe a country editor? Or a cross-roads storekeeper, a farmer, a village philosopher, a mother or someone else who is humble, modest, obscure and poor in worldly goods but rich in unselfish service to those about them.

The old jokes for our contest keep drifting in. Here's a story that harks back to the early days of the automobile. The new-fangled horseless carriage was so fast that it took two men to see it; one to say, "Here she comes" and the other to say, "There she goes."

And do you remember the Chinaman's comment on his first automobile, "No pusher, no shover, but go like helee?"

A braggart was writing down the names of all the men he could whip. When he called off one name, the owner happened to be present and he spoke up: "You can't whip me." The other said, "Are you right sure?" The challenger started taking off his coat and barked out, "You bet I am." The other chap said, "All right, I'll take your name off the list."

As the father said to his boy, "Son, honesty is the best policy; I know because I've tried both."

We've never seen these "rules" in print but a large proportion of the drivers we met recently on street and highway seem to be following such a set and so we reduce them to writing, as follows:

Do not hesitate to use your horn. If you catch sight of a friend walking along and you haven't seen him for two full hours, honk your horn. If you want to scare a pedestrian out of a year's growth as he walks across on a green light, step on the gas, slap on the brakes and honk your horn. If you want to let somebody on the ninth or nineteenth floor know you are there to take him home, just honk your horn. It may be hard on other people's ears.

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Sausage, per lb. 10c

STEAK
Tender Loin 18c

ROAST
Tender Loin 15c

COFFEE
 Admiration or Folgers 25c

PICKLES
 1 Quart Sour 15c

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drums and make their nervous systems more nervous, but it's a free country, ain't it?

That white line down the middle of the highway is a track for your inside wheel to run over. Of course, if you meet another idiot who thinks the same thing, they can just hold a double funeral service.

It's great sport to put on full speed ahead, whip in front of another car, then stop at a filling station nine feet afterward.

For a left turn, hold your arm straight out; for a right turn, arm straight out; for a stop, arm straight out. Well, anyway, the motorist behind you ought to be grateful that you indicated something was about to happen.

Now to be serious: If city, county and state officers would arrest all traffic offenders and then if the judges would just impose and collect a fine in each instance, one of two things would happen: Either so much would be collected in fines that all taxes would be abolished or this awful toll of human lives and broken limbs would be greatly reduced.

In the lower left hand corner of the first page of the Dallas News a few mornings ago appeared these lines by your columnist:

MIRACLES
 When all the world was blue and gold,
 It seemed a dream that rain could fall:
 Now all the world is wet and cold,
 Will sunlight ever steam again,
 Will roses ever dream again,
 Along my garden-wall?

The recent passing of Cyclone Davis marked the loss of an eloquent and picturesque figure who long held a prominent place in Texas politics. Someone could write a highly interesting book on powerful stump-speakers of bygone days in the Lone Star State. Such a gallery would include Dave Culbertson, (father of Charles Culbertson), who was an opponent of Cyclone Davis, and others would be Stump, Ashby and Howdy Martin, the latter receiving his nickname from his habit of greeting everybody he met with an up-lifted hand and a deep howdy.

Quite a few Texas newspapermen, by the way, have found time—in spite of their heavy day-by-day writing duties—to write a book, too. Among them are Sam Hanna Acheson, who wrote "Joe Bailey," and Wayne Gard, "Sam Bass"—both of the Dallas News, that is Acheson and Gard. Douglas Meador, out at Paducah, authored Trail Dust, based on his celebrated column, and C. L. Douglas of the Fort Worth Press has written several volumes, best known being "Gentlemen in the White Hats."

And speaking of old jokes (which we were a while back), there's the one about the town tightwad who refused to subscribe toward the cost of building a fence around the cemetery. His reason was "Nobody on the outside wants to get it, and nobody on the inside can get out."

"I met James Leonard Highsaw and he wanted to be remembered to you," remarked Railroad Commissioner Jerry Sadler a while back. It brought a flood of memories for Mr. Highsaw was my instructor in high school. I took every subject he taught and then an after-school course, too, for he was debating coach. Many an afternoon, he spent in going over arguments with his boys until the room grew too dark to see; then sometimes we reconvened at his home to continue the study of "First, because—; second, because—, and third, because." We always had "three 'because's" because there were three members on a debating team in those days."

The energy, enthusiasm and brilliance of the dynamic red-headed Texan was in inspiration, indeed. James A. Garfield once paid tribute to his old teacher and I should like to borrow the phrase. Take a log, put J. L. Highsaw on one end of the log and a student on the other and you have a real educational institution.

After getting into newspaper

work, it was my privilege to urge upon the members of the board of education in Memphis, Tennessee, that they elevate Mr. Highsaw to the principalship of Tech High—then a school so small that its football team wasn't even on proud Central's schedule, if Tech had a team at all.

"Probably my advocacy had little to do with Mr. Highsaw's getting the principalship; very likely, the board members already had their eyes on his fine work. But, anyway, he built up such an institution that, in a few years, Tech had completely outgrown the old building.

In the midst of broad equal to three city blocks there long stood an aristocratic, old Southern mansion—but that mansion has gone with the wind" and in its place is the spacious and beautiful Tech High building; but there still remain the majestic oaks, the whispering pines, the rustling magnolias and the stately elms, with their memories of days when Lee and Jackson and Forrest rode in battle with the grandeur of demi-gods—a truly noble setting in this modern era for the greatest technical high school in the South.

Mr. Highsaw needs no monuments for he has built his own—in tangible form, magnificent Memphis Tech; and, intangible but even more impressive, the imprint of his heart and intellect upon the characters of thousands of his "girls" and his "boys."

The neighborly spirit of the Southwest will reign, more than ever before, at the Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth when a new feature will be introduced—the All-Southwestern Roundup where home town talent will pass in review and visitors will meet their former fellow townsmen during the exposition, March 8-17. The visiting delegations will bring their talent along—square dancers, saxophone players, tap dancers and even knife-throwers, if any. The amusement building will be open to the home town folks, without admission fee, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

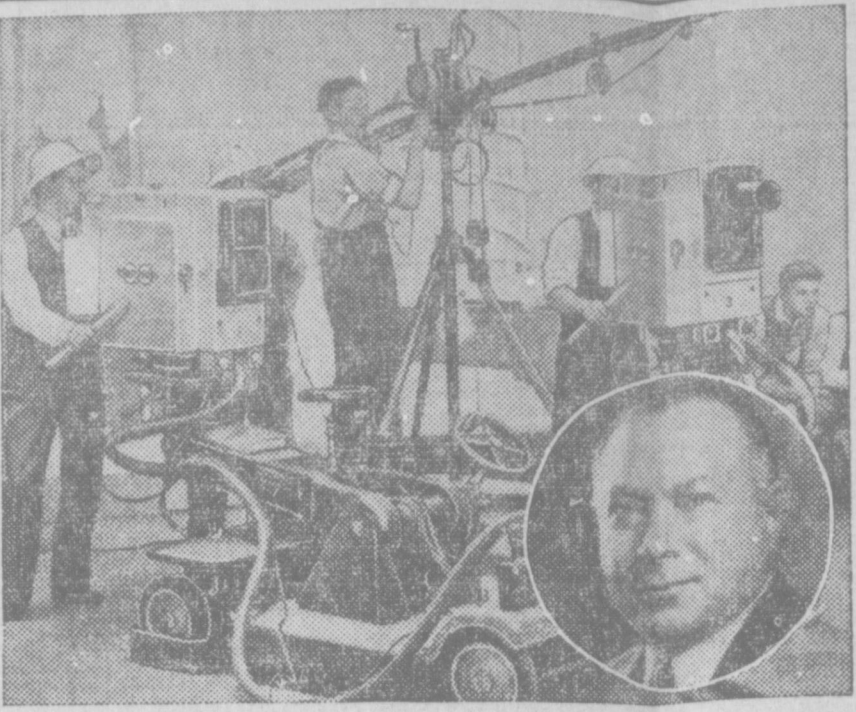
Jottings about Texas newspapermen:

When John McCarty was editor in Dalhart, he was writing lots of sports news so he signed himself, John L. McCarty—nearly as athletic-sounding a name as that of old John L. Sullivan himself—but when McCarty became editor of the Amarillo News and Globe, he knocked the "L" out of his name.

V. D. Ringwald, successful Alice publisher, didn't always know as much about a printing office as he does now. On his first job—as advertising solicitor for the Cisco Daily News—he yanked out drawer after drawer, and finally asked, "Where in thunder is the red type," (No, Ethelbert, all type is the same color; it's the ink that makes the difference).

Representative Grady Roberts,

HIGH SCHOOL BOY TO GET \$4000 RADIO SCHOLARSHIP



THE outstanding radio scientist of the future will be given a flying start toward his goal through the award of a \$4000 college scholarship next Fall, according to a plan announced today by David Sarnoff, President of the Radio Corporation of America.

Realizing that tomorrow's radio engineering talent is to be found among the boys who are now in the senior classes of high schools, Mr. Sarnoff intends to find the student who is best fitted by brains and natural ability to succeed in a scientific career. To this end, a competition is being offered this week through the Principals of 17,000 high schools throughout the United States to students who are qualified by high scholastic standings.

Ten preliminary winners will be selected on the basis of their ratings in this examination. All of them will be brought to New York

Munday editor, used to be the editor in Chillicothe and he once set a precedent by daring to pick the home club to lose a football game. That was the season that Dick Todd was running miles and miles for Crowell and Roberts predicted: Crowell 65, Chillicothe 0. The actual score was: Crowell 65, Chillicothe 0. Roberts ought to be a surveyor!

The Panhandle gas field is the largest natural gas reservoir in the world.

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MEET HERE SATURDAY TO LEARN OF SOIL CONSERVATION DIST.

A meeting will be held in the high school building here Saturday afternoon at two o'clock in order to explain the plan of forming a soil conservation district in this section. W. P. Brightwell, Cross Plains ranchman, will preside and agricultural authorities are to be present and explain the plan and purpose of the district.

Before a soil conservation district could be formed it would be necessary to hold an election and two thirds of the voters approve the plan. The election, however, has been ordered for March 9.

Only that part of Callahan county drained by the Pecan Bayou and its tributaries would be included in the district. Voting places at the March ninth election will be at Cross Plains, Cottonwood, Bayou, Oplin, Denton, Enla and Clyde.

Due to the fact that a local option beer election has also been set for justice precinct six which comprises Cross Plains, Dressy and Caddo Peak, an extra large turnout is expected here.

The meeting at the high school building here Saturday afternoon will be called to order promptly at two o'clock by Mr. Brightwell, and all interested in learning something of the proposed project are urged to be present, and on time.

PIONEER TEACHERS TRIUMPH IN BURRO BASKETBALL EVENT

In a donkey basketball game—more like a rodeo than an athletic event—at Pioneer Friday night, members of the Pioneer school faculty defeated a team composed of Cross Plains businessmen 18 to 14.

Despite inclement weather the gymnasium was filled to capacity with people from Cross Plains and Pioneer.

L. C. Cash, superintendent of Pioneer schools, asked the Review to express his appreciation to all who contributed in any way to the success of the game.

Texas' carbon black, used by tire makers to toughen rubber, is made from sour gas, unfit for other commercial use.

Manufacturing increased 49 per cent in Texas between 1935 and 1937, U.S. Bureau of Commerce figures show. Oil refining, gasoline manufacture and production of carbon black accounted for most of the gain.

Three hundred billion feet of sour gas, unfit for any other commercial use, are converted into carbon black each year in Texas.

In ten large Texas cities with total population of 1,490,000, there are 600,000 persons or 42 per cent who depend for their living upon the oil industry.

Commercial production of oil began in Texas in 1878, but in the eight years 1930-38 nearly sixty per cent of all the oil produced in the entire half century came from the Texas wells.

NEW FORD TRACTORS FOR TEXAS



Photo shows, left to right, Colonel Harry Stewart, President of Bull-Stewart Equipment Company; E. C. Sherman, President Ferguson-Sherman Manufacturing Corporation, national distributors for the new Ford Tractor with Ferguson system, and Charles E. Sorensen, widely known executive of the Ford Motor Company, at Dallas recently as they greeted the two Missouri-Pacific, Texas-Pacific trains. These trains brought to Texas the largest single shipment of agricultural tractors ever made in the United States.

A recent survey by an oil company showed that its employees received 15.6 cents of each dollar it spent, while the stockholders got 3.7 cents. The tax collectors, however, got 23 cents, or more than both groups combined.

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"Procrastination is the thief of time," he has also been the murderer of the Panther's Scream for the past six months. But Sheriff "Initiative" has at last put the hangman's noose about his scrawny neck, and believe it or not the Panther's Scream lives again!

Realizing that the last three months of school are going to be packed full of news, we decided that you should be allowed to share in the fun we are going to have. Why, there will be plays, banquets, County Meet events, Home Coming, and—oh yes! We are going to start the lunch project in the very near future. So, you see, we will not fail to have something to talk about every week.

AMATEUR PROGRAM FRIDAY NIGHT

Friday evening, March 1, at 7:30 o'clock the Senior class will sponsor an Amateur Contest in the high school auditorium. The contest will consist of two divisions; one for the school students and one for the adults. Judges will be selected from students and one for the adults. Judges will be selected from Cisco, and prizes will be awarded the first place winners in both divisions. These winners will be selected on the basis of entertainment.

The contest will be limited to 4 main types of entertainment: musical selections, songs, dances, and imitations. So, if you play any instrument, sing, whistle, jig, tap dance, or give imitations; don't fail to enter our contest.

SENIOR HIGHLIGHTS

The Senior class is very glad to be visiting with you for the first time this year. We have missed our weekly chats with you and hope that you have missed them too. Even though we are late in beginning our school news, we are going to try to bring you happiness and smiles for the rest of the school term.

The last time this class chatted with you in this paper it was the

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Baird, — Texas

Junior class. But now it bears the dignified name, "Senior Class." We as members of this class hope that it can be truthfully said of our class that it is one of the best and most successful Senior classes that has ever been in this school. We feel that our sponsor, Mr. Webb is responsible for our success thus far, and we appreciate his interest in our class.

Folks, we have a lot of fun in store for you Friday night at 7:30 at the high school auditorium. We are presenting an amateur program. If you don't want to miss seeing some of the old timers fiddle and jig, then be at this program. Nice prizes will be given to the winners. Why not enter the contest yourself? Who knows, you might be the winner. Don't be late, for you don't want to miss any of the program. Don't forget your dimes to buy some pie and coffee.

We must bid you good-bye until next week, but be sure to read this column every week, for we will disclose some interesting facts about the lives of all of the Seniors.

JUNIOR HIGHLIGHTS

Well, here we are folks—Once again we greet you from the portals of Putnam high school. We are ever so glad to be with you again and hope to spend many happy hours of comradeship in our weekly news.

The Juniors feel that they have gone a notch above the Seniors this year, as we won the "Book Week Contest", with a total of 31 points. The Freshmen class had 15, the Sophomores had 8, and the Seniors had a grand total of 2. The seventh grade won in the grammar school contest with a total of 49 points.

As you have all heard there is to be an amateur program at this old school house of ours next Friday night, March 1. The Junior class is entering an excellent imitation of Bob Burns. Guess who it is? It is none other than our own Earl Shirley. We will have many more entries. So, be present Friday night, March 1, and see our local talent.

SOPHOMORE PARKING LIGHTS

Hello, folks! It has been many a moon since we have written for the "Panthers' Scream".

We have been taking six weeks exams the past week and are trying to get well this week. We all hope we passed too.

Everyone enjoyed the program last Friday night, given for the parents. If you wish to have a good time again this Friday night, enter the contest program, sponsored by the Senior class. If you do not wish to enter come along and watch the others.

Billie Frank has issued warning

Co-Eds Observe Leap Year With Sadie Hawkins Day



DENTON, Texas—Since women everywhere have the privilege of chasing men this leap year season, co-eds at the North Texas State Teachers College are warming up for a Sadie Hawkins Day chase here Feb. 29.

And even members of Denton Teachers' famous track team are trembling in their boots—including bachelior Phlatie Rideout, unmarried member of the famous running Rideout twins, and little Welby Williams from Wolfe City, a 9.8 second dashman who is shown above in the clutches of pretty Marilyn

"Daisy Mae" McDuffie, freshman from Beaumont.

Each pig-tailed and be-ribboned co-ed in gingham dress and sandals will run after her man all day on the N'TSTC campus Feb. 29, buy his cokes, carry his books, walk on the outside of the walk, and call for him at his cabin to escort him to the Dogpatch Dance in the college recreation building that night.

Races like the one above are forecast for the day by members of the Girls' Forum Council, which is sponsoring the event; it will be the first all-campus Sadie Hawkins Day at

N'TSTC, although individual social clubs have sponsored L'il Abner and barn dances in previous years.

Followers of Al Capp's L'il Abner comic strip know that Sadie Hawkins Day came into being when the first illustrious mayor of Dogpatch, Recksehab Hawkins, laid down the law to young eligible bachelors concerning the mating of his young daughter, Sadie. He set aside one day of the year on which the maids, young and old, of Dogpatch would be permitted to marry the men of their choice—if they could catch them.

for all the boys in high school to leave him and his girl alone or else—

So long, until next week. The Sophs.

FRESHMEN CANDLE LIGHTS

Exam week again! But I guess school wouldn't be school without exams. After barely scraping by the passing margin in all of our subjects (that is in some of our subjects) the freshmen are again ready to get back to their regular routine.

Exams weren't all that the freshmen were outstanding in last week. In tennis singles John Conlin won first, and in tennis doubles, Bill Fields and Benton Pruet won out. There were several volunteers for parts on the program, Friday night. Those participating were Bill Fields, Benton Pruet, Mary Ames,

and Billie Mae Jobe. In the book week contest, the class won second place. But most of all the freshmen class maintained their standard of good sportsmanship, and being good all-around students.

YOUNG WOMEN FORM Y. W. A. AT PIONEER

The Pioneer young women met at the Baptist church Saturday night, February 24. They organized a young woman's auxiliary. Mrs. Palmer read and explained the Y.W.A. Manual. Officers were elected as follows: President, Clela Tyler; Vice President, Jimmie Starkey; secretary-treasurer and reporter, Juanita Crisp. The next meeting will be Thursday night, March 7. All girls sixteen years of age or above are invited.

The town of Kilgore showed a population increase of more than 1,000 per cent within eight years after discovery of oil in East Texas. Nil, other East Texas cities showed an average population increase of 180 per cent.

Texas has 191 oil refineries capable of refining 1,386,000 barrels of oil a day, or 58,212,000 gallons daily.

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CROSS PLAINS CAGE TEAM IS RUNNER-UP FOR DISTRICT TITLE

Loses to Dublin after Peating The Favored Bucaroos One Point in Tourney Thriller

Dublin Lions, a scrapping quint if ever there was one Saturday night crushed the Cross Plains Buf-faloes underneath an avalanche of last-half baskets to win the district six tournament, 31-24 at Brecken-ridge.

Cross Plains, virtually across the threshold into the district championship throne room by virtue of a semi-final victory over the highly favored Breckenridge Bucaroos, fell to pieces before Dublin's onslaught in the last two quarters.

Leading at half-time by 17-11, the Cross Plains outfit, who staged the tourney's major upset in downing the Breckenridge Bucaroos in an over-time thriller, tallied only one field goal during the entire second half of the game.

Spruil, Dublin forward, paced his team to victory with 13 points as his teammate, Kloster racked up seven tallies and played a bang-up defensive tilt throughout.

Dublin opened their title quest Friday afternoon with an easy win over Moran 41-14 and continued their basket-banging with a 39-30 conquest of Mineral Wells.

Cross Plains gained a first round win over O'Brien 29-22.

Sunday school promptly at 10 o'clock Sunday morning and Rev. Brown will preach at the eleven o'clock hour.

Texas' present proven oil reserves of 10,704,055,000 (billions) barrels are over five billion barrels more than all the oil produced in Texas during the past fifty years.

Geologists estimate there is enough oil as yet undiscovered under Texas soil to supply the Texas oil industry for 100 years or more, provided operating costs and tax rates do not curtail development.

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Approximately 52,000 dry holes were drilled in Texas between 1880 and 1930 in the search for oil.

Natural gas from the Pannhandle gas field of Texas is piped nearly one thousand miles to the industrial centers of Illinois and Indiana.

In the Corsicana oil field, one of the most famous early fields of Texas, there are 621 wells still producing an average of only six-tenths of one barrel of oil daily.

COTTONWOOD
Mr. and Mrs. Jim McGowan of Odessa spent the latter part of last week with home folks.

Mrs. A. E. Ellis went to Abilene last week for treatment, she is under the care of Dr. Weldon Varner.

Mrs. Esther McKehan of Sipe Springs visited with her mother, Mrs. A. E. Ellis last week.

B. H. Freeland returned to Baird hospital for treatment Saturday. He is reported better.

Mrs. Eula Hinsley of Abilene, Mrs. Gladys Andrews of Stamford and Mrs. Minnie Ledbetter of Scranton spent Thursday with Eunice Hembree.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Varner and Mrs. J. S. Varner attended a ball game between A&M and T.C.U. at Fort Worth Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Thompson and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Leo Thompson and sons of Bangs.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Whitehorn are visiting relatives this week.

Mrs. Thomas Webster and son are visiting her mother, Mrs. A.E. Ellis.

Mrs. Pearl Rylee and Mrs. Gilliland of Baird visited with her parents Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Thompson Friday.

The H.D. club will meet in the club room at the school house Friday afternoon at 2 p.m.

Bro. E. L. Redden with some other speakers will be here Friday night to organize a brotherhood at the Baptist church.

The Cottonwood all-star team won the consolation tournament at Lueders last Friday and Saturday. The Cottonwood team was put out of the winning bracket by the Goodyear team from Abilene, score 32-27...

L. G. Mobley a member of the board of directors of the Baird-Callahahan county hospital, attended the opening of the hospital Saturday.

CHURCH FOOD SALE

Everybody is invited to share in a cooked food sale sponsored by the ladies of the Methodist church on Saturday, March 2. The sale will begin at 10:00 a.m. at Odom Grocery Store and continue until in the afternoon.

Political Announcements

The Putnam News is authorized to announce the following candidates for the representative offices, subject to the primaries.

- For County Sheriff: C. B. NORDYKE
For District Clerk: RAYMOND YOUNG
For County Treasurer: MRS. WILL McCoy JENNIE HARRIS
For County Assessor and Collector: B. O. BRAME
For County Clerk: MRS. S. E. SETTLE
For Commissioner Precinct No. 3: O. D. ALLEN

ATWELL
Rev. Jenkins from Brownwood preached at the Baptist church Sunday morning and night.

Rev. Poiks the pastor was unable to be here, as he and his three children were sick with the measles.

After services Sunday night the church gave the pastor an old fashioned pounding, and sent it to him and his family by Rev. Jenkins.

G. T. Brashear is still very sick but in some ways seem to be a little better.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brashear and little daughter from Eastland visited home folks Sunday.

Mrs. Claude Foster, from Cross Plains was visiting with her parents Saturday and she stepped in a small hole, and in some way broke her ankle. She has been suffering quite a bit with it.

Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Lavender of Abilene were visitors here Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Glyn Purvis' little son and Leo Purvis from Brownwood visited relatives here this week end.

SCRANTON
Another good rain fell here the past week for which farmers were thankful.

Mrs. Earl Ray took her son to Fort Worth the past week for treatment for a bone affliction.

Mrs. O. H. Reese went to Eastland Thursday for hospital treatment.

Mrs. J. D. Phuman was reported quite sick from a relapse of flu.

Homer Lane of Cisco spent Wednesday night in the home of Louis Horn.

Electricity was turned on the Comanche postland. R.E.A., the first of last week and many families on the line had their houses wired and ready so are now enjoying the good lights and other things that electricity brings.

The BWMS met in regular meeting Tuesday 2 p.m. in the home of Mrs. E. M. Snoddy, with eight women present. A business meeting was held before the Bible lesson. The following officers were elected: Mrs. J. H. Shrader, president; Mrs. P. M. Kay, vice-president; Mrs. E. M. Snoddy, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. W. E. Fairies, Bible teacher. The date for the meeting as changed from Tuesday to Thursday of each week. There will be a missionary program rendered once every six weeks.

Mrs. Jim Heslep returned home Friday after several weeks with her sister, Mrs. Bailey at Graham who had a major operation performed in the Graham hospital, several weeks ago.

Mrs. Monroe Dakins of Fort Worth was in Putnam, Wednesday for a short while and stopped in Putnam for a short waiting for a train back to Fort Worth.

Lewis Scoggins of the Admiral community was in Putnam Wednesday afternoon. He reported everything looking good in the Admiral community. He stated that they had plenty of rain and the grain crop was looking fine.

Increase of the Texas ad valorem tax rate by 57 per cent to the constitutional maximum, by the State Automatic Tax Board, added \$3,500,000 annually to the Texas oil industry's tax bill.

Oil was accidentally discovered at Corsicana, first large oil field in Texas, in drilling a water well for the city's water supply.

Petit Jurors For 3rd Week Of Court To Report March 11

List of petit jurors for the third week of forty-second district court was announced yesterday from the office of Sheriff C. R. Nordyke. The jurors, whose names appear in the following paragraph, are to appear at the courthouse in Baird, Monday morning, March 11.

- Dick Young, route 1, Baird; L. J. Tyson, Cross Plains; Bill Hatfield, Baird; C. C. Holdridge, Cross Plains; M. A. Arvin, Cottonwood; Porter J. Davis, Cross Plains; Sebe Monroe, Clyde, route 2; Claude Johnson, Baird; W. G. Black, Abilene, route 5; E. C. Neeb, Cross Plains; G. A. Crane, Abilene route 2; Tom Lee, Cross Plains; M. F. Dill, Cross Plains; E. B. Brown, Baird; C. H. Siadons, Baird; Leslie Bryant, Baird; Fred Heysler, Putnam; G. M. Smith, Clyde, route 1; W. T. Cox, Cross Plains; C. S. Holden, Clyde; Bud Ingram, Cross Plains; J. H. Meador, Cross Plains; L. L. Ford, Baird; Calvin Poinexter, Oplin; Willis J. Brown, Cross Plains; Chas. Taylor, Cross Plains; R. G. Looney, Oplin; P. L. Pitzer, Clyde, route 1; S. E. Edwards, Clyde, route 2; M. W. Gregg, Clyde; Clark Smith, Jr., Baird, route 1; Walter C. Miller, Clyde, route 1; M. F. Hammous, Baird, route 1; J. E. Bullock, Baird; J. L. Straley, Oplin; Pat McNeal, Cross Plains; M. G. Underwood, Cross Plains; R. W. Smith, Baird, route 1; H. E. Butler, Putnam; L. W. Placke, Cross Plains.

WITH OUR WILDLIFE

Quail May Be Purchased
For the past several years the Texas Game, Fish and Oyster Commission has cooperated with Texas sportsmen and their clubs who were interested in purchasing quail to stock certain areas that have a low quail population. There have been about 20,000 quail trapped in Mexico each year and sold to the sportsmen at one dollar each, this being approximately the actual cost of trapping and shipping one bird. As in past years the Game Department will give one quail to every sportsman who buys one as long as the supply holds out. At this rate the actual cost will be about 50 cents per bird. The Department will not make less than a shipment of two crates to an order. Therefore any group may get together and order jointly if less than a crate of 25 birds is desired by one person. It is necessary, however, for one to order birds, that the place on which the birds are going to be released must be inspected by an employee of the Game Department for favorable habitat before birds are shipped. In other words one must have a good home for bobwhites before such orders can be filled. In some cases in the past orders have been placed by persons who had a very unfavorable place for these game birds to live, there-

fore restocking of these areas would be useless, because of the fact that the birds will migrate to more favorable areas thus the purchaser of the birds would be disappointed in the results of the restocking program and feel that his money has been wasted. Orders for these birds should be made at once and each order should be accompanied with a certified check or money order payable to the Game, Fish and Oyster Commission, Austin, Texas. Inspection of the area will be made after such order is placed with the Game Department. On any area where quail are to be planted should have all wild house cats killed from the area. They are quail enemy No. 1. Ed Farris of the Scranton community was in Putnam Friday shaking hands with old friends and looking after business interest. R. B. Taylor attended the livestock sale at Cisco, Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Frank Reynolds of Groesbeck is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Sales Lawrence this week. Miss Artie Cook assistant postmaster of Putnam was in Baird Saturday at the opening of the county hospital. Miss Thelma Jackson returned Thursday from an extended visit in Mineral Wells with friends and relatives.

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