

# THE PUTNAM NEWS

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## FROM THE EDITOR'S WINDOW

### What Are Putnam's Opportunities?

Putnam is a town of many resources and opportunities, some of which are in the process of development and others are untouched. When we started our newspaper five years ago we believed we were starting in a good time and are still convinced that our beginning date was destined right, as it seems that some of our rich resources will soon be brought into limelight.

In October of 1933 The Putnam News, a weekly newspaper, was started with Mildred Yeager publisher. Business conditions were hard and little encouragement was given the venture. We often laugh when we think how practically no person would risk more than a thirty-five cent subscription our first year, which paid for three months' time. They gave us inspiration to try to make the paper worthwhile in order that we might secure renewals at the end of the time.

A number of newspapers had been started in Putnam, but none had weathered the storm very long. The Putnam News has been circulated longer than any newspaper in the history of Putnam. At the present time our subscription list includes about 98 percent of the city population and a large rural circulation on several routes.

Mrs. Lee Collins of Monahans helped to promote The Putnam News during the first two years, making a success of soliciting subscriptions and Richard (Sneeze) Anderson served as first sports editor, paying the way in the field of sports.

Oil has brought the most money to Callahan county and to Putnam of any other industry. Various drilling operations have been completed for the past twenty years, with authoritative oil promoters suggesting that it is only in its beginning stage.

The Putnam Mineral Water once brought a boom and will likely do so again. This opportunity is undeveloped and open as is the oil industry.

Ranching and farming are other principal industries. Terracing and scientific farming are carried on in this territory. Cattle and some sheep are maintained on the ranches. Farming has offered less opportunity in recent years than formerly.

In showing our appreciation for the splendid business we have enjoyed in the past five years, we offer the following tributes:

**Tribute to John McLaughley**  
When The Putnam News was started five years ago by Mildred (Continued on last page)

## Putnam Is an Incorporated Town

Putnam has been an incorporated town for about 16 years, maintaining a mayor and council members system of government. J. S. Yeager is mayor and R. L. Clinton, Loren Everett, G. P. Gaskins, R. D. Williams and W. W. Everett are aldermen.

## CONGRATULATIONS

It gives us pleasure to extend congratulations to Miss Yeager and The Putnam News in this occasion—the celebration of the News' fifth anniversary. We sincerely appreciate Miss Yeager and her work in the newspaper field in Callahan county and express the sincere wish that the Putnam News and its talented and enterprising editor will continue to prosper and that the holiday season will bring happiness to all the readers of The Putnam News.

Respectfully,  
THE BAIRD STAR,  
Eliza Gilliland, Editor.

## Baptist Calendar

Sunday school—10:00 a. m.  
Sunday school—10:00 a. m.  
Associational B. T. U. meet—2:30.  
B. T. U.—6:15 p. m.  
Singing—7:15 p. m.

## ASSOCIATIONAL B. T. U. MEETS HERE SUNDAY

The Association B. T. U. will meet with the local Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Clyde will furnish the program.

A crowd of Texas & Pacific employees enjoyed lunch at the Highway Cafe 80, with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Damon Wednesday.

# New Shallow Field to Receive Test

## DEEP OIL FORECASTED

With recent discoveries on the Dr. Clark ranch, about three miles southwest of Putnam, and new locations being made, indications are that a new shallow pool has been discovered and will be developed in the near future.

Williams No. 1 and Clark No. 1 wells have good showings at 700 feet, making about 30 barrels. These wells are about 800 feet apart. The Williams land adjoins the Dr. Clark ranch. The L. J. Cook well, southwest of Putnam, is making 4 or 5 barrels at 240 feet. The Texas Oil Company, The Putnam Oil Company, and other companies are drilling at the present time.

The Forest Development Company is core drilling in Callahan county and prospects have been found favorable on the A. W. Johnson land of the Hart community about 10 miles north of Putnam. Further coring is being done on the Finley land about 8 miles west of Putnam and other places.

In 1922 when Putnam enjoyed an immense shallow oil boom, and its population almost trebled, a state-wide report was given that the greatest shallow oil field had been discovered and never were words any truer as oil has been found in paying quantities in Callahan county from 30 feet to any depth. Some of the best oil has flowed from 410 feet.

No shallow field is better than Callahan county. Wilcox Oil & Gas Co. of Tulsa are making scientific tests at the present time near Hickman & Moutry pools south of Baird, and southeast to northwest of Clyde.

Wells in the northern part of Callahan county near the county line between Callahan and Shackelford counties produced 18 years ago from a depth of 80 feet and production continued several years. Oil has been found at depths of 190 feet, 290, 350, 410, 470, 515, 612, approximately 750 or 800 feet, approximately 1100 to 1200 feet.

With core drilling now going on and exploration companies coming into Callahan county with scientific equipment, indications are strong that these are forerunners of many deep oil tests for the territory.

## PUTNAM OIL FIELD NEWS

Kliener & Warren have made the third location on the Clark ranch lease, three hundred feet north of the discovery well. Red Little has the contract to drill the well and spudded in Tuesday afternoon. This well is to be drilled to about 750 feet, where they hit the pay sand in the No. 1 on the Clark and the No. 1 on the Williams lease about 300 feet west of the Clark No. 1. These wells are pumping about fifteen barrels per day.

Syles and associates are drilling on their No. 1 on the Williams at about 700 feet and will drill to 700 feet unless they strike oil sooner.

The Brannan-Kile-West well on the Harwell hill one mile south of Putnam is drilling at about 620 feet. The drillers had a show of oil at about 450 feet, which would have produced about two barrels a day. They expect to reach the pay sand at about 650 feet, and will drill in Thursday or Friday.

## Cotton Quota Election To Be Held Saturday

I. G. Mobley Jr., a member of the local farm program committee, authorized the News to state that the election on cotton quotas would be held at Shackelford's store on the south side of the T. & P. railroad, and would open at 9 o'clock a. m., and remain open until 5 o'clock p. m.  
All active farmers who grew cotton for the year 1938 will be entitled to vote at said election. Judges will be I. G. Mobley, Eugene Green and Harry Sandlin.

## APPRECIATIONS TO NEWS

While everyone else is greeting The Putnam News, I wish to express my appreciation of the service I have had of the News the past four and a half years. May the next five years still find the Putnam News a growing institution.—F. A. Hollir, Pastor, First Baptist church.

## Putnam Business Section



Above is a section of the business district of Putnam. Business establishments in Putnam include four grocery stores, one large dry goods store and undertaking establishment, one large garage with complete stock of parts and expert mechanics, one well equipped drug store, one variety store with soda fountain, one large and one small hotel, four service stations of major companies, one cleaning establishment, blacksmith shop, rubber welding shop, a lumber yard of worth, one cotton gin, two roomy and first class cafes, one medium sized garage with stock of parts, and good mechanics, one newspaper. Some of them are shown in the above picture. U. S. highway 80 runs through the business district of Putnam.

—Photo by Osborne.

## EDWARD J. DODDS DIES IN COLORADO

Edward J. Dodds passed away Tuesday morning, Nov. 8, at the home of his son, Tom Dodds, at Alamosa, Colo.

Edward J. Dodds was born March 17, 1895, in St. Joseph, Mo. When he was 17 years of age he moved with his parents to Baird, Texas. On December 22, 1880 he was married to Martha Ann Heslep. To this union were born eight children, six girls and two boys. On January 4, 1904, he moved with his family to Aztec, New Mexico, where they resided until Dec. 20, 1908, when they moved to Colorado.

He was preceded in death by his wife and one daughter, Maggie. Mr. Dodds joined the Baptist church when he was 40 years of age, and remained true to this faith until the end. He was a loving father and a good neighbor, always looking out for the welfare of others.

Left to mourn his passing are: Mrs. W. A. Wood, Bloomfield, New Mexico; Tom E. Dodds, Alamosa, Colo.; Borden B. Dodds, Montrose, Colo.; Mae Hicks, Ketchum, Idaho; Della Green, New Plymouth, Idaho; Louie Thomas, Breen, Colo.; Ona Cordell, Emmett, Idaho; twenty-six grandchildren and twenty-one great grandchildren.

Grandfather Dodds also has a host of nieces and nephews of and near Putnam and Baird, including Mrs. A. H. Wagley, near Putnam; J. E. Heslep, Putnam; and Mrs. Bon Thompson of Baird; Mrs. Mina Cook and other relatives of Baird.

## COOK - LA MORE

M. H. Cook, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Cook Sr., was married at Baird Saturday night at 8 o'clock to Miss Virginia La More of Cisco. Rev. Hamilton Wright, pastor of the First Methodist church at Baird, officiated.

Mr. Cook was reared in and near Putnam, receiving his education from the Putnam high school, graduating with the class of 1934. He is employed by the Elmer Harrison Grocery and has many friends in and around Putnam.

Mrs. Cook was reared in Waco, having moved to Cisco four years ago. She is a graduate of the Cisco high school, graduating with the class of 1935. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Blicard of Cisco.

For the ceremony Mrs. Cook was wearing a black wool tailored dress with all black accessories. Mr. Cook wore a dark gray suit.

O. N. Parks was best man, and Miss Sybil Bowers was maid of honor. Mr. and Mrs. Cook have rented apartment at the Mission Hotel where they will make their home.

## Putnam Has Proposed Water System

Putnam has a proposed municipal water system, when final plans are made for its completion. Bonds have been voted and the mayor and city council are working to that end at the present time.

Baird. He was a brother-in-law of Jess Hart, and was related to Mrs. Ebbert.

## N. E. CALLAHAN DUE OIL PLAY

The Southwest Mapping Company of Fort Worth, Texas, states, "We are revising the northeast quarter of Callahan county, which is the area around Putnam, in our latest map due to the fact that reliable suggestions regarding this section has come to us.

"We are receiving orders for Callahan county maps, asking for the latest ownership on the area around Putnam, which indicates that the northeast quarter is going to be the hot one for awhile. We will finish the map with all possible speed." Requests for maps from out of state people are coming to different agencies in Callahan county. Interest is being manifested in the new shallow pool, which prospectors think has been discovered on the Dr. Clark ranch and Williams land 3 1/2 miles southwest of Putnam.

## PUTNAM HAS FEDERATED CLUBS

Two federated study clubs have large membership and good attendance in Putnam. The Woman's Study Club was organized ten years ago. Mrs. H. A. Pruet is president this year. The Junior Study Club was organized about three years ago, with Mrs. John Cook as sponsor. She still serves in this capacity.

Lively home demonstration clubs are maintained in communities near Putnam, and Putnam ladies meet with them. Miss Clara Brown is home demonstration agent of Callahan county.

## PUTNAM MINERAL WATER PASSES HIGHEST TESTS

Putnam was once a booming town, not because of oil, but because of the famous Putnam Mineral Water, before the day of the discovery of oil. In 1906 a lovely two story stucco hotel of Spanish design with accommodations of 50 rooms and all conveniences was built for the purpose of taking care of the many health seekers who came to Putnam because of the famous mineral water. Six men were interested in the proposition. Wells were dug and maintained in the public square, with artistic houses of towers and symmetrical designs, painted in red and white colors. Each well was numbered according to the strength and intensity of the water. Patients would begin with one intensity and according to results vary with the others. The water was advertised through the newspapers, but alas!—the six good men did not have sufficient funds to meet payments due to heavy promotion expenses.

People were coming to Putnam and would have come in much larger numbers had it been possible to continue advertising and meet other payments. When the promoters could not continue, the wells were not properly taken care of, and gradually they caved and were finally filled, with the exception of one well in a residential yard.

The Putnam Mineral Water passed the highest laboratory tests possible. Had the citizens continued newspaper advertising, and maybe reinforced such advertising by means of the radio and a yoddlng cowboy, Putnam could have surpassed Mineral Wells, Texas.

It is hardly believable that the Putnam Mineral Water has not been advertised in recent years. Not nearly so much capital would be needed for promotion as formerly.

The lovely Mission Hotel was filled to overflowing during our great oil boom of 1918 and later. It proved to be useful for a "town boom" other than the mineral water boom. Today it is operated by Mrs. Mary Guyton, well known oil woman of Texas. Business in the last few years has not caused an overflow for the hotel, but with the promising oil situation and an undeveloped mineral water boom, it may be that other hotels will be needed for our vicinity.

There is a wonderful opportunity for development of the once famous mineral water. Newspaper advertising and a radio and yoddlng cowboy could soon bring the population of a wide territory to Putnam in search of health, where they could have the elements of the best quality mineral water. It is to be hoped that this opportunity is not overlooked longer, but that some live wire citizen snatches the advantages it offers and develops this natural blessing to the fullest extent.

## Putnam Merchants Support News Hundred Percent

The merchants of Putnam are behind The Putnam News, being one hundred percent in this issue. Every one has his respective line of business advertised and most of them have a word of appreciation for the newspaper. Notice their advertisements.

We wonder if there are many other towns, where the newspaper can boast of such good cooperation. The newspaper editor appreciates the fact that after five years not even one merchant refused his support in this, the most recent issue.

## RAY HICKMAN INJURED AT BROWNFIELD

Ray Hickman, a Slaton baker and a brother of Ace Hickman, a prominent cattleman of this county, was seriously injured in a collapse of some part of his bakery. His back was broken besides other injuries, and since then pneumonia has set up and his condition was serious at last reports. Mr. Ace Hickman left immediately upon receiving the message that his brother had been seriously injured. Mr. Hickman is also a brother-in-law of Dr. R. L. Griggs, owner of the Griggs Hospital at Baird.

## THE MITCHAM RANCH ONE OF THE BEST

Truly one of the most interesting sights in our nearby territory is the well equipped and modern Mitcham ranch, located about 8 miles northeast of Putnam, which has an investment of approximately \$150,000. The News editor had the privilege of a visit there recently in company with Mrs. Will St. John of Cisco. Mr. Mitcham, owner of the ranch, who with his family resides in Dallas, served as our guide and explained and pointed out the many interesting things.

We visited a large barn first, which housed about 50 head of beautiful young Hereford calves. Mr. Mitcham could tell the age and birthday of each without referring to a record. Witnessing them was really like visiting a stock show. Each animal has its private stall and is kept surrounded with plenty of nice fresh hay. Each one was fastened to the wall even though it was gentle and contented.

The prize rattle are kept up in the day time and allowed to run loose at night, for the reason that the hair is affected by the sun. It is more beautiful and richer in color if protected from the sun's rays. Mr. Mitcham feeds the prize winners corn, oats, bran, mixed feed and hay. Then he has a specially prepared mixture which he cooks upon a hearth arranged conveniently of oats, barley, bran, corn, beet pulp, linseed meal, cottonseed, scrumpage, calcabo and salt. The young Herefords have the privilege of electric fans in the summer and a scientifically ventilated building the entire year. Their roofs are kept neatly polished and trimmed and their hair carefully combed and carried.

Water is arranged in 8 lots by means of hydrants. Bathing facilities for the luxurious Herefords consist of a concrete platform with handy running water. A small apparatus fits over the head of the animal if necessary. Ordinarily they enjoy the process of the daily bath.

One barn on the ranch houses the hay, which is arranged in (Continued on last page)

## Outstanding Oil Men Began in County

Many outstanding oil men of Texas and elsewhere began their careers in Callahan county, amassing considerable fortunes. Among them are Ungren & Frazier of Abilene, C. S. Goodlow, Duffey of Abilene, Sleepy Harris, Dickey Brothers of Albany, Charles Kleiner of Cisco, M. D. Heist of near Putnam. Some are still financially interested in the territory.

Many oil companies have been operating here for many years. Callahan county is bisected by more major company pipe lines than any other county in Texas. Among them are the Gulf Refining Company, Humble Oil Company, Magnolia, Texas Company, etc.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Jaquete and son visited Mr. and Mrs. Brittain Wednesday, Dec. 14, 3:00 p. m.—They were residents here about 40 years ago and were passing through and stopped for a short visit.

## Methodist Calendar

Sunday, Dec. 11:  
10:00 a. m.—Church school.  
11:00 a. m.—Morning worship.  
4:00 p. m.—Junior Epworth League.  
7:00 p. m.—Evening worship.  
Wednesday, Dec. 14, 3:00 p. m.—Woman's Missionary Society meets for Christmas social at home of Mrs. Mark J. Shurwin.  
7:00 p. m.—Midweek service.  
Thursday, Dec. 15, 4:00 p. m.—Every church official is asked to meet with Dr. Roy A. Langston, presiding elder of Cisco district.  
Sunday, Dec. 18.—A Christmas pageant, "The Lost Star," will be presented at the Methodist church. Everybody is welcome.  
J. Morris, Bailey, Pastor.

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Any erroneous reflection upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation that may appear in the columns of The Putnam News will be gladly and fully corrected upon being brought to the attention of the editor.

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.

**SEN. PITTMAN URGES LOSS ON COTTON LOAN**

United States Senator Pittman of Nevada has a proposition whereby the United States will take a \$450,000,000 loss on loan cotton. In Nevada there is lots of silver mined, and under Mr. Pittman's scheme if he can get it over it will raise the price of silver. As he explained the policy 10 pounds of surplus cotton would be sold to foreign buyers for an ounce of silver, now worth about 43 cents on the world's market. The treasurer under the present law could issue \$1.29 in currency against this ounce of silver, and it would pay the cotton grower that amount for the portion of the crop sold abroad, under this arrangement. Under the terms of this proposal this loan or surplus cotton would be sold to foreign

buyers at about \$4.60 and then bought back by the government at a fraction less than thirteen cents. There would be a loss of about nine cents per pound or if they were to sell the ten million bales now under the loan it would equal a loss to somebody of \$450,000,000.

What he would do if he could get the congress to pass this kind of a law would be to raise the value of the ounce about three hundred percent or would issue non-interest bearing bonds, raising the value of an ounce of silver from 43 cents to \$1.29. This loss is what is known as planned economy or liberalism, as understood at Washington.

**DECEMBER PENSIONS TO AVERAGE \$13.84**

According to a report given out by the Old Age Assistance commission, the average pension per person will be \$13.84 for December. Aid will go to 114,044 persons, a net increase.

**TO OPEN BIDS ON MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT**

The city council of Baird has advertised for bids on their city light plant for December 17. The city is proposing to install a \$160,000 municipal light plant from a bond issue voted several weeks ago and aid received from the PWA. The proposition has already been approved at Washington by the RFC. If the contract is let work will begin immediately on the building and constructing the plant.

Compressed gas is replacing a quarter of a million tons of gasoline in Europe this year.

**MRS. PETERS IS GIVEN 25 YEARS**

Mrs. Jackson Peters, charged with murder in connection with the slaying of Mrs. Marcus Pearce near Nimrod last September, was found guilty and sentenced to five years imprisonment by a jury in the 88th district court at Eastland. Mrs. Peters, 54 years old, claimed self defence. In testimony in the Eastland trial Mrs. Pearce stated she struck her with a stick. She said she told Mrs. Pearce and her husband to leave she went to their automobile with a gun.

**\$100,000 DAMAGE SUIT FILED IN 42ND DISTRICT COURT**

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Howard and daughter, Bettie Louise, have filed suit in the 42nd district court at Baird against the West Texas Utilities Company and the city of Cross Plains for \$103,011.60. The suits are filed by the Howards, whose automobile hit a post on South Main street about 1 o'clock on the morning of Sept. 24, 1938. Joe Ann Howard, a three year old child, was killed in the mishap.

**PRESENT LINE-UP OF CONGRESS**

There is a complete new line up in the United States congress since the November election. It may be of interest to some of our readers. The 75th congress was made up of 328 Democrats in the lower house, and 88 Republicans, 1 Progressives, and 5 Farm Labor. The 76th congress will be made up as follows: 263 Democrats, 169 Republicans, 2 Progressives, and 1 Farm Labor. The senate is made up as follows: 76 Democrats, 15 Republicans, 1 Progressive, and 1 Farm Labor. The 76th congress: 69 Democrats, 23 Republicans, 1 Progressive, 2 Farm Labor, and 1 Independent. The Republicans elected 81 new congressmen to the lower house and 3 new United States senators.

**PEP INTERMEDIATE PROGRAMS**

- December 11  
Part 1—Lewis Williams.  
Part 2—Mildred Yeager.  
Part 3—Calvin King.  
Part 4—Billy Mack Jobe.  
Part 5—Margaret Lawrence.  
Part 6—Estelle Lunsford.  
Part 7—Mildred Yeager.
- December 18  
Part 1—Douglas Kelley.  
Part 2—Jocile Kelley.  
Part 3—Mary Alice Burnam.  
Part 4—Margaret Lawrence.  
Part 5—Estelle Lunsford.  
Part 6—Jerrell Allen.
- December 25  
Part 1—Lewis Williams.  
Part 2—Mildred Yeager.  
Part 3—Billy Gaskins.  
Part 4—Calvin King.  
Part 5—Betty Wood.  
Part 6—Billy Mack Jobe.  
Part 7—Lewis Williams.  
Part 8—Mildred Yeager.

**INTERMEDIATE B. T. U. PROGRAMS**

- December 11  
Part 1—Dorothy Jane Kelley.  
Part 2—James Kennedy.  
Part 3—Mrs. F. A. Hollis.  
Part 4—Mildred Lawrence.  
Part 5—Frances Lunsford.  
Part 6—Inez Allen.  
Part 7—Zada Williams.
- December 13  
Part 1—Mary Lou Eubank.  
Part 2—Glenn Burnam.  
Part 3—James Kennedy.  
Part 4—Willie Grace Pruet.  
Part 5—Inez Allen.  
Part 6—Frances Lunsford.
- December 25  
Part 1—Dorothy June Kelley.  
Part 2—James Kennedy.  
Part 3—Mrs. F. A. Hollis.  
Part 4—Inez Allen.  
Part 5—Frances Lunsford.  
Part 6—Mildred Lawrence.  
Part 7—Zada Williams.

**Suggests Ways to Improve Cotton Status**

AUSTIN.—In an analysis which he has made of statistical data on the cotton industry of Texas, Dr. A. B. Cox, director of the Bureau of Business Research of The University of Texas and internationally known as a cotton economist, has arrived at some conclusions as to how conditions may be improved.

"Statistical facts show," he said, "that the major interest of Texas in the cotton industry is in the production of raw cotton for market; that cotton, and cottonseed yielded over half of the total farm income prior to the depression, and while that is no longer true, they still are the major source of farm income in Texas except when all livestock and livestock products are taken together; that income from cotton and cottonseed in Texas is less than half what it was prior to 1930; that the decreased income has been caused by both reduced production and lower prices; that reduction of production of cotton in Texas has been due entirely to reduction of acreage; that harvested acreage in

cotton in 1933 is 7,176,000 less in Texas than in 1928, or over 42 percent; that only a small percentage of the acreage released from cotton has been planted to other crops for harvest; that the average staple length of Texas cotton is much below the average for the country as a whole; and that the average yield of cotton per acre in Texas is far below the national average.

"Major facts in the cotton situation suggest very definitely the major items in a cotton policy for Texas and a general agricultural and industrial policy to go with it. Texas farmers can do much to raise the price of their cotton by improving the quality of it. Texas farmers can increase their margin of profit by increasing the yield per acre of their cotton through better farm management practice.

"Texas farmers as well as the nation as a whole must come to a realization that the United States has lost annually between three and four million bales of its foreign markets for cotton, that these were mainly Texas markets, and that very important changes must be made in Texas agricultural production and marketing. New sources of farm cash income of major proportions must be discovered and developed if farm income in Texas is to be restored to pre-depression levels. Much of the waste and misery resulting from the necessary adjustments may be avoided if leaders in Texas come to a clear understanding of the advantages and disadvantages of different regions within the state for different farm enterprises and of the nature, extent, and trends of the market."

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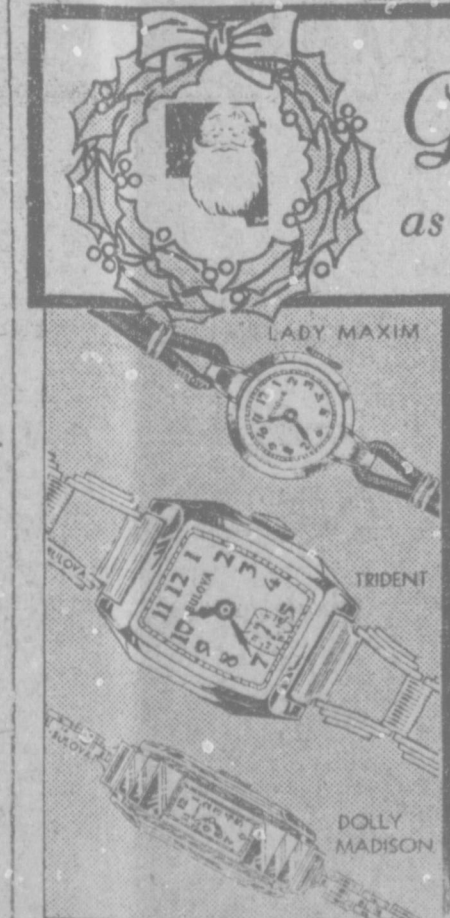
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**GREETINGS**

TO THE PUTNAM NEWS

Upon being a lusty child of five years and upon the success which you have chosen. Your success has come from hard work and inhibition against wrong.

TO THE READERS OF THE NEWS

With the coming holidays season before us allow me to extend this early the best of wishes for your health, wealth and happiness. With Thanksgiving behind us and a heart full of joy for the good things of life which have been given us we face the happy Christmas season asking that it may be merry, bright and cheerful for all of you.

TO THE CITIZENS OF THE 17TH DISTRICT

You have been good to me and honored me with your trust and faith. At any time that I can repay that trust I want you to feel free to write me and any service which I can render I will gladly do so. The task will not be too great nor the request too small for me to try it for you.

**CLYDE L. GARRETT**

MEMBER OF CONGRESS

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# Local Happenings

Earl Beasley of the Admiral community was transacting business in Putnam Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cabiness are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cook this week. Mrs. Cabiness and Mrs. Cook are sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. George Buchanan and family have moved back to Putnam from Kilgore after being employed in the oil field there for several months.

Mrs. Lester Kennedy and daughter, Mrs. Henry Powers, and baby, visited in the home of Mrs. Ella Kennedy Sunday, returning to Ft. Worth Sunday afternoon.

W. A. French, engineer from Abilene, was in Putnam Wednesday afternoon on business connected with the Putnam waterworks project.

Ed Davis of the Admiral community was in Putnam Wednesday. Mr. Davis in talking of conditions stated that it was getting pretty dry and grain was not doing any good on account of being too dry.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Shackelford returned from Louisiana the first, where they had been called on account of the illness of some of their relatives several months ago. Mr. Shackelford stated in talking of business conditions that conditions were fair in Monroe as they had quite a good pay roll. He said, "I think the farmers will vote against the cotton quota Saturday."

## ADMIRAL NEWS

Jo Duar Smartt of Abilene spent the week-end with Billie Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Higgins and son and Mrs. E. E. Higgins went to Merkel Sunday to see Mrs. Higgins' grandson who was operated on.

Truett and Truman Black of Abilene spent the week-end with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Eubanks.

George Sanders of Baird spent the week-end with his sister, Miss Sallie Sanders.

Several from here went to Putnam last Thursday night to hear the Stamps Quartet.

J. D. Bradley of Memphis is visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Sim Smith were in Putnam Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Smith of Colorado spent Monday night in the P. H. Eubanks home.

Mr. and Mrs. R. I. McLeroy were Abilene visitors Saturday.

Gordon Black of Abilene was in Putnam Saturday night.

Lillie Eelle Smith spent Sunday evening with Maurine Eubanks.

## DEFENDS TEACHES

DENTON.—Scoring recent attacks on the Teacher College system of Texas, which he referred to as "the periodic open season on Teacher Colleges," President W. J. McConnel of the North Texas State Teacher college told former students assembled for a reunion dinner in Dallas recently that the Teachers College as an institution has had a more significant program in the last quarter of a century than has any other type of educational institution in the past 100 years.

North Texas "exes" who attended the reunion at the Baker Hotel heard the president of their alma mater declare that there is "perhaps more lack of information and more misinformation with reference to what constitutes proper education for teachers and prospective teachers and where it can be found than in almost any other line of educational endeavor."

Even the courses designed for training teachers in the arts and science institutions have undergone an attempted recasting following the forward steps taken by the higher type of Teachers College, he asserted. Recent years, he added, have been marked by increased emphasis along the line of teacher training by institutions which eschew the name of Teachers College.

## ECONOMIC CONDITION SHOWN IN SEAL SALE

AUSTIN.—Daily returns in the annual sale of tuberculosis Christmas seals are a fairly good barometer of general economic conditions, thinks Pansy Nichols, executive secretary of the Texas Tuberculosis Association.

"Each year we mail seals to some 75,000 persons in Texas," Miss Nichols states, "proceeds from the sale of which finance the campaign against tuberculosis. In recent years many of our contributors, unwilling to discontinue their support of our work, but unable to make their customary contributions, mailed small donations in silver and postage stamps which helped us to carry on during the hard times occasioned by the depression. This year, in contrast, most of those to whom we sent seals on Thanksgiving Day are buying more seals than usual and there is a notable increase in the number of contributors remitting by check and currency, and a corresponding decrease in remittances in coin and postage. Also our total receipts to date exceed receipts for the same period last year, in view of which it seems to us that, by and large, the average citizen in Texas is enjoying greater prosperity than has been the case for some years past."

## MISSION HOTEL



Above is the lovely Mission Hotel, which was built for the purpose of accommodating health seekers who came to Putnam because of the once famous mineral water. Abandonment of this project was due to lack of capital. A wonderful opportunity for development offers itself at the present time. The hotel has all conveniences. (Photo by O. S. Osborne, Cisco.)

## M. D. HEIST LEASE CHOSEN SITE

The M. D. Heist lease of several hundred acres, 12 miles north of Putnam, is one of the most outstanding oil leases in Callahan county and of the entire territory. It is one of the best producing and best managed leases, which has been in process of development 17 years and yet only about 20 acres have been developed this far, in spite of the lease being well known over Texas and other points.

Mr. and Mrs. Heist came to Texas in 1920, and settled on block 2269 on the R. D. Williams estate land of the Union community. They were discoverers of the 600 foot sand in this community, which produced oil in paying quantities. Prior to this discovery, however, 3 barrels of oil had been produced from a depth of 610 feet. Many wells were later drilled at Union with pay sand at 600 feet. Dickey Bros. had discovered pay sand at 400 feet on the Pruet land.

In 1925 the Heists purchased their present lease, block 6, which was typical stock property of a Chicago Investment Company. The lease being in the hands of a receiver, was purchased for \$4,000. They moved on the lease expecting to stay about 1 year.

Mr. Heist, a Canadian naturalized American citizen, and Mrs. Heist, a native of southern Illinois, started at the lowest round of the ladder. They came to the area with the idea of developing 6 or 10 barrel wells, with no thought of drilling flowing wells.

On March 3, 1926, Mrs. Heist was helping Mr. Heist drill well No. 1, when gas loomed about 20 feet, making a roar. They shut down for 1 hour to gauge, and then went back into the well, with a bailer, and the oil had raised 300 feet. They decided to drill 1 foot deeper and shut down for observations. They were shut down about five minutes when Mrs. Heist after careful observation declared the well was going to flow. W. W. Webb, a neighbor, drove up and Mrs. Heist told him the good news. Mr. Heist stated that Mrs. Heist always had flowing wells in her mind. Mr. Webb looked carefully and reiterating Mrs. Heist's statement, said, "Come here quick," when about that time the oil flew up and hit him in the face. This well produced 144 barrels at 410 feet. Oil at that time was selling for \$2.53 per barrel. Well No. 2, 300 feet away, produced 170 barrels. Other good producers have been drilled and are still producing. Production is 13 years old.

The latest development on their lease is a gas well which is now being used to repressure. The shallow oil properties have been the nucleus of money for the Heists for investments which they have made in Dimmitt county and Aransas Pass.

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## SCRANTON

W. B. Cowan, vocational agricultural teacher, took thirty-nine students to Fort Worth Saturday on an educational tour. They visited the packing plant, Star-Telegram building, Forest Park, and other places of interest. Assistant chaperones making the bus trip were Mr. W. N. Black, Geo. Brown and Truett Holder, bus driver.

Mrs. I. L. Gattis, teacher of the young peoples department in the Methodist Sunday school, gave a party in her home Thursday evening for her class.

Here is congratulations to our home town girl who slipped away to Cross Plains Nov. 22 and married. Only the immediate families and closest friends knew of the wedding until the following week. Miss Lena Helen Ray was married to Mr. Paul Brashear of Atwell at the home of Rev. S. P. Collins of Cross Plains on the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. Brashear's parents. Miss Lena Helen Ray is a member of one of the oldest and best loved families of this community. A graduate of Scranton high school, was active in community and church work, serving the past year as general secretary of the Baptist Sunday school. Mr. Brashear was reared at Atwell and adjoining community and was well known here. They are making their home in Cross Plains where Mr. Brashear is employed in the dry goods department of Higginbotham's store.

We extend our congratulations to this young couple May they establish a Christian home and ever be happy in the service they can render to others.

Mrs. J. A. Sharp and children visited in Eastland Sunday afternoon.

## WORKERS' CONFERENCE PROGRAM AT POTOSI

Program for the Workers' Conference of the Callahan County Missionary Baptist Association, to be held at Potosi Dec. 13, follows:

10:00 a. m., Devotional song and praise service, led by Rev. Sidney Cox.

10:20 a. m., Introduction of visitors and new pastors in the association.

10:30 a. m., Discussion of the Work and Plans of District 17—Rev. B. N. Shepherd, Abilene.

10:55 a. m., Working Together for Christ and a Lost World—Rev. C. E. Poe, Cross Plains.

11:20 a. m.—Music.

11:25 a. m., Sermon—Rev. C. A. Powell, pastor University Baptist church, Abilene.

Noon.

1:15 p. m., Devotional song and praise service.

1:30 p. m., Board meeting (and separate meeting of the Associational W. M. U. if desired); board meeting reports of Associational Sunday school, B. T. U. laymen, W. M. U., evangelistic, and mission work done the past month of November.

2:30 p. m., Inspirational address—Rev. A. A. Davis, Baird, Benediction.

## The Spendthrift

The ragged unshaven man walked into the bank, walked up to the cashier's window, and presented a check with a flourish. The check was made out for five cents.

"Here, my good man," said the tramp imperiously, "cash this check for me."

The cashier studied the check. Then, apparently satisfied, he reached into a drawer and handed over a nickel piece.

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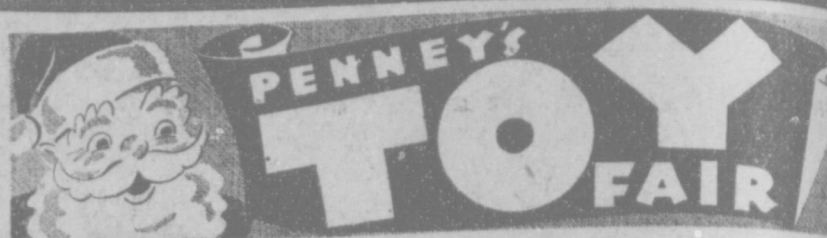
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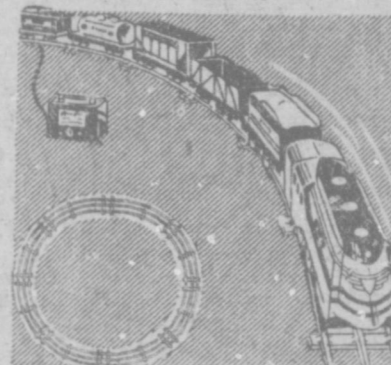
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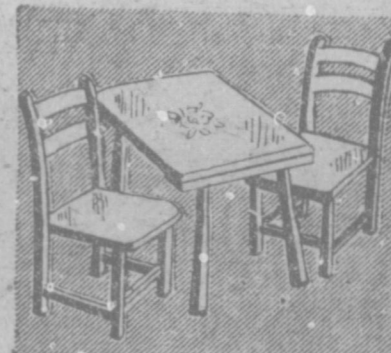
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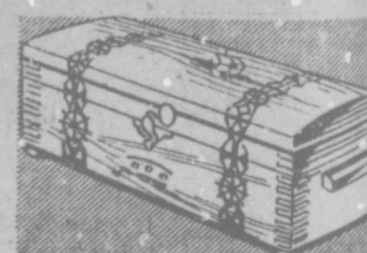
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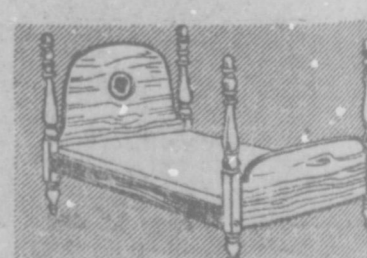
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## HOW TO THROW A SUCCESSFUL PARTY

Invite about twenty people who don't like each other. In this way they will keep their respective distances and never get to the too familiar stage which always ends in a fight.

Have plenty of food and drinks. As long as they are busy eating and drinking, they can't possibly talk too much and more important, they won't speak out of turn. All attention will be turned to the food.

As soon as everyone has finished eating, suggest playing games. It's the latest thing! If you care to, you can use the old Monopoly game, but the host (ess) who can originate the games are always such good fun. Have someone stand up and ask your guests to guess what he has in his pockets. After they've all guessed, until they are blue in the face, have the fellow who asked the question put his hands in his pockets and say, "My hands." Then the idea is to see who can hit him first. From this point on, the game takes on new complications as the sound of the body hitting the floor will wake up the neighbors who usually do one of two things; call the police, or, if they're big enough they come over and do a little banging around themselves. The only bad feature is that this usually breaks up the party.

However, in the event that this doesn't break up the party, the host (ess) then has to begin to figure out how he's going to get rid of his guests tactfully, so that he can finish whatever work he has and go to sleep. Every host (ess) knows that guests never leave.

If the host (ess) is clever, he will introduce, as another game, G-Man and Robbers. The host will act as the copper while everyone else hides. When the G-Man spots a robber, he runs him back to the base (any piece of furniture makes a good base). As soon as the robbers (guests) have hidden themselves, the host (ess) can settle down and finish his readings or whatever he might have to do and go to sleep.

The next morning, the maid might be shocked out of her wits when she finds all the guests tucked away in closets, behind curtains, flower pots, and in the laundry hamper, but the host (ess) should ignore this.

In the weeks to come the ex-host (ess) will notice that her (his) late guests ignore her. He (she) shouldn't let that bother him (her). It signifies that his (her) party was a great success.

## STUDENTS ATTAIN 10 POINTS IN CITIZENSHIP

Seniors—Doyle Lee Brown, W. S. Jobe, Mildred King, Zada Williams.  
 Juniors—Luez Allen, Donald Allen, Dorothy June Felley, Wanda Fayel Woods.  
 Sophomores—Mary Alice Burnam, Junior Sharp, Frances Lunsford.  
 Freshmen—Estelle Lunsford, Geraldine Smith.

Through intensive research I have found some talent in the fields of art in the faculty. Miss Gladys Poe is a poet and being the typical generous school teacher she submitted one of her poems to me. Here it is:

For beauty, I am not a star;  
 There are others more handsome by far;  
 But my face—I don't mind it.

For I am behind it,  
 The people in front get the jar.

—P—H—S—

## SENIOR HIGHLIGHTS

The senior class has passed another six weeks work toward the end of their high school career. They are all striving to make good grades because they are aware of the facts that there are only six more months of school for the most of them. The main goal of the senior class is to gain as much during the last year of their school career, so as they will be able to put forth after they enter the old world.

The seniors appreciate all help given them by the members of the faculty, trustees, and the citizens of Putnam. In the following months the senior class is going to present programs, and we invite all to attend. Our main goal at the present is to save the sound system, therefore we will put forth special effort to save this system for the benefit of the school. Until next week we again say adios after you read the fun section.

## Fun Section

Discovered uses for our electric razor:  
 Scaling fish.  
 Taking the end off beer.  
 Mowing the lawn.  
 Removing the fuzz from peaches.  
 Keeping the family awake.  
 Catching flies.  
 Shaving.

Stanley—I have you know I act like a gentleman when I'm full of liquor.  
 Mirabell—Then hurry up and get drunk.

—P—H—S—

## JUNIOR CHATTER

Thrills and heart-throbs, the junior class pins and wristlets arrived this week. Of course we feel that they are the prettiest ones that have ever been purchased by this school. They have the letter P on a background of blue. We are very proud of them, and we are going to be very careful that we don't break them.

A very interesting talk was given by Mr. Byrd Monday morning in chapel. His talk revealed the difference in the schools of today from the schools of the past years. Many of us were shocked to find that there is such a difference in the schools from the past to the present school system. Many of us felt really mean that we ever complained of having to come to school. We resolved in our hearts that we would never complain about our school work, and that we would take advantage of our opportunities.

Those of you who were present at the concert presented at the school house Thursday night enjoyed it, I am sure. The Stamp's Quartet sang many beautiful hymns, and also some negro songs, which were very amusing. The seniors sold sandwiches and coffee during the concert in order to raise money for the sound system.

The class who raises the most money for the sound system will receive a half-day holiday. It seems that the seniors are sure of that half-day holiday but the juniors intend to surprise them.

Mrs. E. C. Waddell is presenting her music pupils in a program Friday night. Many different musical selections will be given. There will be no admission. Everyone come.

Can You Imagine?  
 Lynox being able to spell.  
 Mildred walking home with Hugh Vernon.  
 Curtis having leisure time.  
 La Juan and Jerry not giggling.  
 Bennie Burns not going to the stand at lunch.  
 Donald smiling at Dorothy Evelyn.  
 Doyle Lee sitting still.  
 Donald and Jerry playing a love set (in tennis).

—P—H—S—

## SOPHOMORE GOSSIP

Here are the sophomores again with their feather brain gossip. Everyone seems happier after having time to think over the weekend.

Mrs. Waddell's music class is presenting a recital Friday night. There are several of our brilliant sophomores participating and this should make you want to attend this performance more.

Now folks let's see the sophomore class as it really is—  
 Stanley Butler, our daring paper boy.  
 Mary Alice Burnam and Billie Gaskins always fussing.  
 Bobbie Clinton, our music professor.  
 Edward King, our voice teacher.  
 Our cowgirl, John Ila Clark, and Junior Hedrick, the engineer, chatting quite often.  
 Dorothy Evelyn Jobe and Lesley Hurst fighting.  
 Douglas Kelley, W. P. Yarbrough and Frank Sunderman arguing with the girls in algebra.  
 Christine Smith, our outstanding basketball girl.  
 Frances Lunsford, the belle of our history class.  
 Lewis Williams, an excellent English student.  
 Calvin King, the great fighter.  
 Leora Kirkpatrick, our smartest algebra student.  
 J. W. Hammons, our greatest aviator.  
 The remainder of our class is usually quiet with a few exceptions.

—P—H—S—

**FRESHMAN GAD-ABOUT**  
 The freshman class is again greeting you with a cherry hello! The freshman class is looking forward to the Christmas holidays and we hope that every one of you may see Santa Claus and tell him what to bring you.

The freshman class will now bring you a little humor:  
 We Wonder Why  
 Jamie likes the study of Byrds?  
 F. L. likes Estelle so well?  
 G. P. goes to Cisco so often?  
 Stella Mae's heart jumps when she studies about Jackson in history?

Billie Frank likes the girls?  
 Clyde Maynard likes to visit Junior Sharp?  
 The adorable freshman class will be suing you again next week, so until then we will say good-bye.

—P—H—S—

**Highway Dept. Does Long Range Planning**

AUSTIN.—Julian Montgomery, State Highway Engineer, announced that the dates for the November and December hearings would be on November 30th and December 1st, respectively. Such dates were selected because of the rush of business of the Highway department in the fall of the year, when so many contracts were being let, and to take advantage of the contract letting on December 1st.

Mr. Montgomery stated that the Highway commission, at its October meeting, had given consideration and tentative approval to the 1940 Regular Federal Aid Program, the 1940-41 Federal Aid Secondary Program, and the 1940-41 Federal Aid Grade Separation Program. All such programs have been approved subject to the approval of the Bureau of Public Roads. In addition to the Federal programs that were approved, the State Highway Commission also gave tentative approval to a State-wide program for the year 1939.

With the adoption of such a program, Mr. Montgomery stated it will be possible to accomplish long range planning, some twelve months in advance of actual construction. In other words, the adoption of the construction programs for the next twelve months will permit the department's engineers to have sufficient time to prepare the required plans carefully and in complete detail. It will enable the Department also to level out on its work and not to have high and low points of employment and contract awards.

Due to the fact that the money that will be available to the Department for the next 12 months has been allotted to the various Federal and State programs, the Department will not be able to consider new projects not included in the program until the coming year, 1939.

Since all funds except those held in reserve for emergencies have been pledged on these programs, and no money will be available to authorize construction projects beyond the programs already approved for the coming year, the commission decided it would be to the best interest of all concerned to set the date for November and December hearings to be November 30th and December 1st, respectively.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Clinton and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Clinton and daughter, Ora Jane, of the Scranton community visited relatives in Putnam Sunday.

## I GIVE YOU TEXAS. BOYSE HOUSE

He sharpened razor blades for years in the lobby of a down-at-the-heels office building in Fort Worth. One day, an acquaintance happened to mention the Spanish-American War and the frail, stooped man's face brightened as he remarked that he was in that war as a sailor. And he told of an experience:

"One day our battleship caught sight of an enemy cruiser in the distance. We gave chase but she widened the space between us so that soon the curvature of the earth (or, in this case the ocean) hid her from sight. I was ordered aloft and could still see her. From my position I signaled to the officer below as to whether the shot had been to the right or left so that the aim could be changed. "I believe I was the first man in the history of the world to direct the fire of a battleship at an enemy-out of sight of officers and gun crew."

And he resumed sharpening a razor blade.

"They had their hours," the poet wrote—and, in even the most prosaic lives, there has been at least one adventure that becomes a golden memory.

Paul Holcomb, picturesque El Campo editor, is responsible for this information: El Campo grows more cotton and handles more rice than any other town in the United States. There are some towns that gin more cotton and others that handle more rice but no other town deals in as much of both cotton and rice as El Campo does.

Visiting the Hood County Tablet recently at Granbury, this columnist was greeted—in the absence of Publisher A. B. Crawford — by Ashley W. Crockett, who was busy setting type by hand. He is 81 years old and is a grandson of David Crockett, hero of the Alamo.

Here's a candidate for that meanest-man-in-Texas title. He is a lawyer in a West Texas town. Last summer, a candidate for state office—thinking that the attorney was supporting him—called on him and that worthy introduced him, right and left. But after the candidate had gone, the lawyer went back around and said: "Boys, I ain't for him; I'm supporting the other fellow."

Painted on the back of a dairy truck in Austin: "I try to drive carefully; if I don't, report truck No. 9."

Oscar Lyerla of Flatwood (which, as readers of this column ought to know by now, is in Eastland county) has a droll sense of humor. Heavy-set, twinkling-eyed, the county Democratic chairman draws this story on himself:

Quite a few years ago, the prosecuting attorney was inexperienced. Lyerla, it seems, had neglected to get a new automobile license until he came to town and, before he returned to the car with the plate, an officer put a tag on his windshield.

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"Well, you'd better just go ahead and pay a fine," the prosecutor said. "The fine won't amount to as much as it would cost you to hire a lawyer."

Lyerla replied, "I wasn't intending to hire a lawyer unless you did. I wouldn't want to take an unfair advantage of the state." The whole thing was dropped.

## TEXANS ATTEND PAN AMERICAN CONFERENCE

DENTON.—To attend one of the most important conferences in the history of the Americans, two faculty members of the North Texas State Teachers College will sail from New York City November 25.

They are Dr. Anna Powell, professor of history, and Dr. Ruby C. Smith, director of the foreign language department at North Texas, who will attend the meeting of the Pan American Conference at Lima, Peru, December 8th to 27th when Secretary Hull and a strong American delegation headed by Former Governor Alfred Landon, are expected to seek to bind together the American republics to resist the aggression of European Fascist nations.

Dr. Smith will represent the Pan American Student Forum at the conference. Dr. Powell is considered an authority on Pan American problems. Recently elected state president of A. A. U. W., she was formerly chairman of the International Relations Committee of that organization.

Mrs. Claude King is still on the sick list after about 10 weeks of illness.

Miss Lera Fleming of Abilene visited her mother, Mrs. Lula Fleming, during the week-end.

Mrs. Buel Everett and baby, Sue Ann, accompanied her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Stanley, on a trip to Mineral Wells Monday.

Mrs. C. R. Nordyke and sons, Doyle and Don, of Baird visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Everett, Sunday.

Misses Willie and Lois Kennedy left Sunday for Fort Worth where they will remain for an indefinite time.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Y. Cook have returned to Putnam after an absence of several weeks while Mr. Cook was working in Cross Plains.

Mrs. J. R. Burnam and children and Mrs. A. E. Yeager of Lubbock visited in Putnam during the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Waddell and children were in Abilene on business Saturday and also visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Waddell.

Little Jean, aged five, taking her first piano lesson, looked down at the pedals and said, "When do I put on the brakes?"

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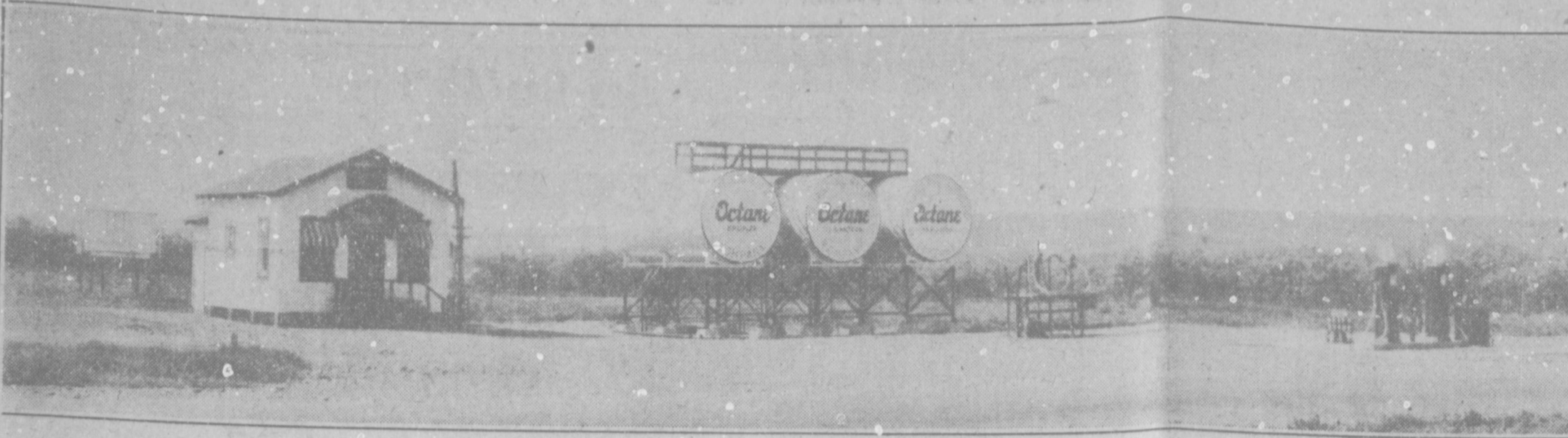
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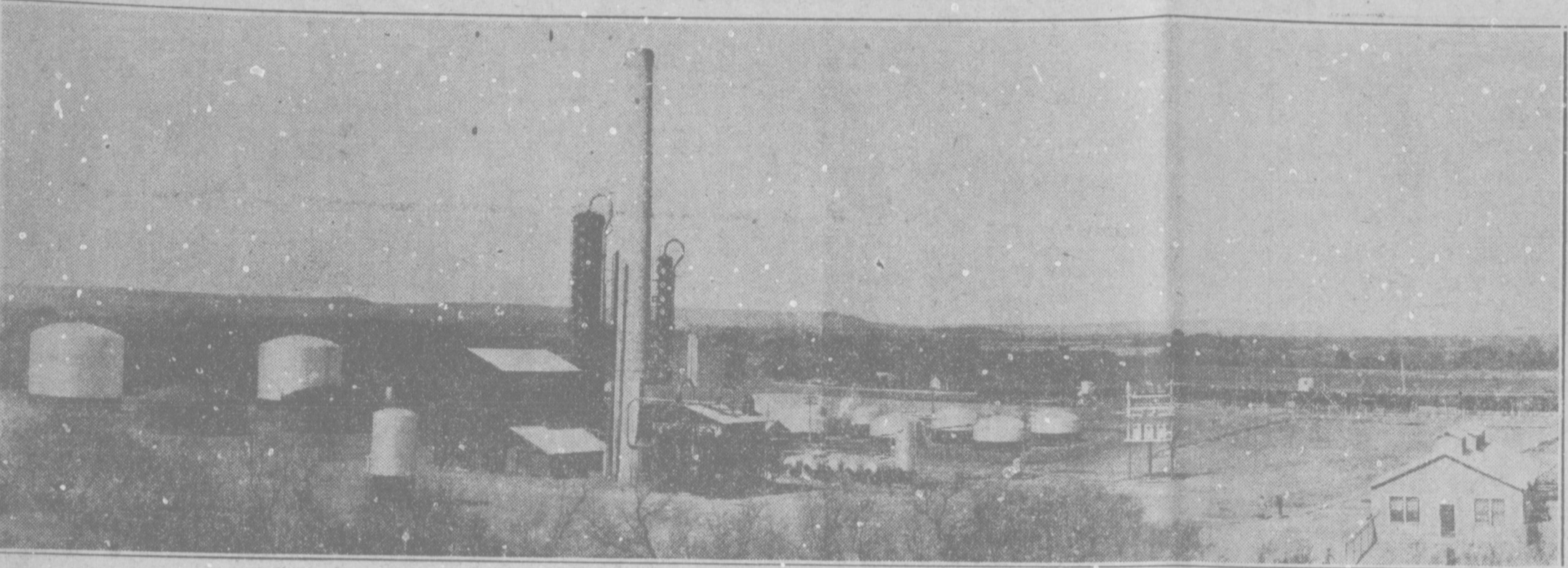
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**STUDY CLUB OBSERVES PARLIAMENTARY DAY**

**CISCO WOMEN SPEAK**

The Womans' Study Club of Putnam met in the home of Mrs. Fred Cook Monday afternoon at 3 with Mrs. Cook hostess. Federation and Parliamentary Procedure was topic for the program. Roll call was answered with a parliamentary law. Mrs. S. M. Eubank discussed Federation News, especially featuring Mrs. Joseph E. Parkins of Eastland.

Mrs. Wm. Reagan of Cisco, district parliamentarian, spoke upon the Relation of Club Members to Each Other. Mrs. Reagan said, "Self training is most important for club members to work together in harmony. Each member must learn certain rules of procedure and learn to apply them to the advantages of all."

Mrs. Alex Spears, president of the 20th Century Club, spoke upon the subject of Loyalty, in which she used the letters of the word "loyalty" and in a clever manner surprised the crowd with the number of words beginning with each letter, which had a vital meaning to federated club work. Mrs. Spears stated, "Loyalty, one to another, must be a constant relationship between club members, with the will of the majority for the common good uppermost at all times. Loyalty means constancy in the upholding of ideals in any organization and with such loyalty to each other, and open minds at all times for the best opportunities for services, the ideals will be fulfilled more nearly. She

spoke of the club branches merging into one grand union as a state organization. She said, "Without a spirit of 'yes we can' no club can succeed."

Mrs. Spears said, "Federated club members strive to live and love, and to have a wide use of leisure time always. Loyalty is power and we should not sit idly by, but should join in the upbuilding of the character of a nation. It is not what you do, but how you do it is the test of each person's capacity." She ended by saying, "All club members should be what they are and become that of which they are capable."

The duties of the president were discussed by Mrs. R. L. Clinton; duties of the vice-president by Mrs. Fred Short; duties of the secretary, Mrs. John Cook; duties of the treasurer, Mrs. Lynn L. Williams; parliamentary law, Mrs. W. H. Norred; press and publicity, Mildred Yeager. A round table discussion with Mrs. Reagan as authority was held after each discussion. Mrs. Reagan concluded the program with an appropriate poem of Christmas and New Year wishes.

As a final number Mrs. Wiley Clinton gave musical readings accompanied by Mrs. E. C. Waddell. A social hour was enjoyed at which time refreshments of pimento cheese sandwiches, stuffed olives, fruit cake and coffee were served. Later a business meeting was held, with Mrs. H. A. Pruet, president, presiding. Those present were Meses. L. B. Williams, S. M. Eubank, Fred Short, H. A. Pruet, R. L. Clinton, Lynn L. Williams, John Cook, Mark J. Shurwin, Tex Herring, G. S. Pruet, R. D. Williams, Fred

Farmer, Wiley Clinton, E. C. Waddell, W. H. Norred, Fred Cook, L. E. Cook, Wm. Reagan of Cisco, Alex Spears of Cisco, Miss Mildred Yeager.

**PUTNAM HAS THREE CHURCHES**

Putnam boasts of three thriving churches, the Missionary Baptist, Methodist church and Church of Christ. The Methodist church has preaching services three Sundays each month and League, W. M. S. and other organizations are maintained. The Methodists have a large stucco church of two story design, with ample Sunday school rooms and other conveniences. They have a modern and well equipped parsonage and resident pastor, who preaches in the Cottonwood community one Sunday each month. Reverend J. Morris Bailey is beginning his second year as pastor of the church.

The Missionary Baptist church maintains a full time pastorate with a modern well equipped parsonage and resident pastor. The church maintains six B. T. U. organizations, some of which are standard. W. M. S., G. A. and R. A. organizations. Reverend F. A. Hollis has been pastor for more than four years.

The Church of Christ has services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. and Sunday school each Sunday at 10:00 o'clock. Brother Toms of Abilene Christian College does the preaching.

Uncle Bob Young of Cottonwood was visiting his daughter, Mrs. A. J. Hurst, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Allen visited relatives in Cisco Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Tabor and son visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Nelson Sunday.

Mrs. Bill McMillan and children, Miss Wilma and Claus and Mrs. Roy Williams and sons, J. Nelson and Stanley Neil spent Thanksgiving with Messrs. Roy Williams and Bill McMillan who are confined to the Veterans Hospital at Legion.

Officer—"Judge, this man leads a double life. He's a lawyer in the day time and a burglar at night."  
Judge—"Which was he arrested for?"

**Astute Grandson**  
One of Queen Victoria's grandsons wrote telling her his birthday was approaching and hinting that a gift of money would be acceptable. She answered in her own hand reproaching him being a spendthrift and urging economy on his part. The reply he sent somewhat more than surprised her:

"Dear Grandma," it read. "Thank you for your kind letter of advice. I have sold the same to a souvenir collector for five pounds."

**OCTANE OIL REFINING CO. COUNTY'S LARGEST BUSINESS CONCERN**

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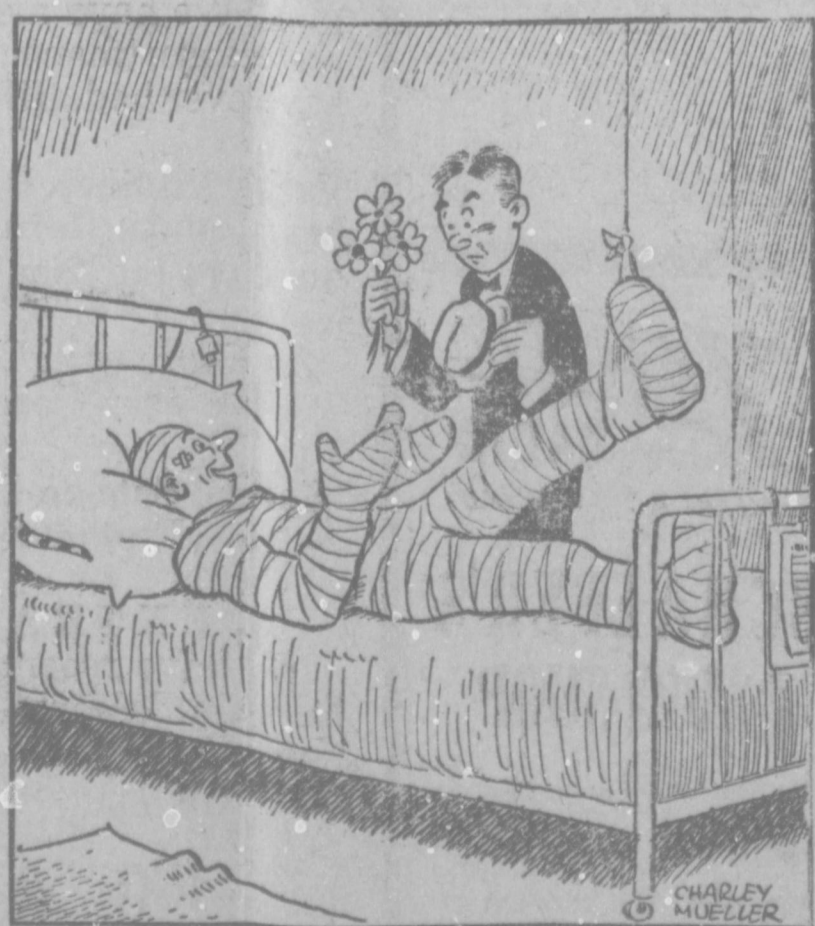
Callahan county has oil wells from its eastern border to the western border and the entire county is prospective territory for oil, many of the wells being shallow production, the deeper horizons not having been drilled. Much interest is being taken in deeper oil, two deep test wells being underway at this time.

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### BIG BEND ARCH SERIES THOUGHT TO HAVE APEX ON HEIST LEASE

Twenty years or has been the gamut of trials and tribulations and trials and error in Callahan county despite the enormous amount of money it has brought the county.

Geologists are now reporting that it is most likely that the Big Bend Arch series runs throughout Callahan county, with its highest and cross-folding of arch at apex on the M. D. Heist lease 12 miles north of Putnam. A rough hill on this lease about 60 feet in height marks the beginning of a series of a range of hills running north and west. A prominent outcropping of blue shale is noticeable on ravines of the hill, which physical aspect is identical with that of the famous Tarrant-Crud well near Moran which produced about 50 barrels after twenty-five years of production.

The hill is highly fossilized with oyster and other shells and various formations. Ten feet below the top of the hill the Albany lime is found.

Checking for altitudes in remote parts of the county are under headway now.

Evolution of the oil business bids fair that with new scientific methods, oil may be made to produce in much greater quantities than formerly. Scientists now say that by mere pumping of a well only 15 percent of the oil comes out of the sand; but by repressure methods the other 85 percent may be forced to yield. With much knowledge applied, the oil business has only had its beginnings in Callahan county.

Acidization, where oil is in limestone and with 1 or 2 bbls. or less production, may be used to force oil in shallow locations. This acid process has only been in use about 6 years.

### COUNTY AGENT'S COLUMN

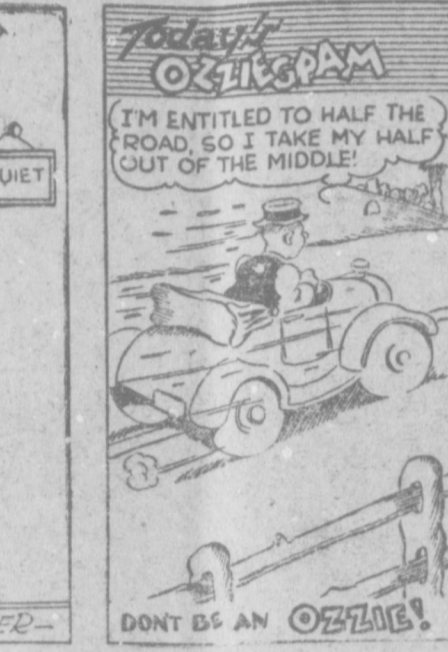
George Clinton of Cottonwood reports that by selling his crop of peanuts the past season to the Southwestern Peanut Growers Association he realized an extra \$40 from the sale over the price he was offered by street buyers.

Farmers that are planting a few acres of wheat for home use or for sale and have not received a wheat allotment are asked to notify the county office immediately so the land can be measured by supervisors who started work last Monday morning, Dec. 5.

With no green feed available many poultry raisers of the county are complaining that their flocks have roup or sore eyes. The remedy is to provide green feed in some way or another. Sprouted oats are good. A lock of green alfalfa hay soaked in water is a fair substitute for green feed. Oats should be soaked over night then poured into a sack and kept moist and in a warm place until sprouts 1-2 inch grow, then they are ready to feed.

A good home cure for meat can be made for 100 pounds of meat by using the following: 8 pounds of salt, 3 pounds of sugar, and 3 ounces of saltpeter. Rub slightly more than half of this mixture on the meat and pack it down in a barrel or stoneware. Save the remainder of the mixture. At the end of 7 days repack the meat and rub on the remainder of the curing mixture. Let the bacon, and

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small pieces of meat cure one and one-half days per pound per piece. For example a ten pound piece of meat should cure 13 days. The hams and shoulders should cure two days per pound per piece. For example a 15 pound ham should cure 45 days.

Four hundred and seventy-five farmers attended 14 meetings that were held in all communities of the county last week and heard an explanation of why a farm program was needed as well as an explanation of the 1939 farm program.

Ralph Fuller of Clyde reports that every kind of livestock on his farm, from chickens to hogs, likes the ensilage from his trench silo. The feed was ensiled in the bundle and an ordinary axe is used to chop it out.

At this season of the year many orders for fruit trees are sent off or bought from local nurseries. When buying peaches for family use and for sale the following are recommended: Early Rose, Early Wheeler, Carman, Dr. Burton, Hobson, Cling, Elberta, and Frank. In the plum line these varieties have proven popular for this section: Six-weeks, Bruce, America, Gold, Cpata, and Sapa. For grapes: Niagra, Beacon, Extra, Black Spanish, and Fern Munson are recommended. Austin Mays, Young, and Early Wonder berries have given best results in this section. King David and Jonathan apples are the best market varieties. Golden Delicious and Red Delicious, while not recommended highly for this section, are planted and give fair yields.

Subsidy checks totaling \$59,945.55 have been received for cotton growers in the county that are complying with the 1938 farm program. This figure is more than the 1300 odd bales of cotton brought at the prevailing price of

about 8 cents per pound. About February W. H. Airhart, administrative assistant, estimates checks for compliance in the 1928 program will start coming to the county. It is expected these checks will total over \$70,000.00, making a total of some \$130,000.00 farmers of the county will receive. Payments for general crops and for compliance in the range part of the program will in all probability run the total to more than \$150,000.00.

Under the "domestic allotment" plan advocated by some a crop of 1300 bales of cotton would have returned growers only \$104,000.00, and no payments would be made for improving ranges of the county.

Steve N. Foster, chairman of the county committee, announces that polling places for farmers that will vote in the cotton referendum vote Saturday, Dec. 10, in the county will be located at the following places: Baird, Clyde, Eula, Denton, Oplin, Dressy, Cross Plains, and Putnam. It costs money to hold these elections that comes out of every check delivered in the county, for that reason above were selected as points that would serve the most cotton farmers of the county in the most convenient way and yet cut down the expenses as much as possible. Mr. Foster urges every cotton producer to vote his sentiments Saturday—whether for or against marketing quotas that would impose a tax of three cents per pound on that cotton grown on land in excess of the allotment to the farm. The program will continue in 1939 regardless of the vote but will be on a voluntary basis if the referendum does not carry by a two-thirds majority in the cotton growing states.

Any farmer that planted cotton for harvest in 1938 is eligible to vote, whether he was a land owner, tenant, or received rent from cotton grown on land owned by him.

### METHODIST LEAGUE TO GIVE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The Christmas pageant, "The Lost Star" by Dorothy Clarke Wilson, will be presented by the young people's Epworth League of the local Methodist church on Sunday evening, Dec. 18. This

### A Turn For The Worse



### Don Coyote, Texas Folklore Edition, Just Off Press

AUSTIN—Don Coyote, who is to the westerner what Br'er Rabbit is to the Southern Negro and Reynard-the-fox to the European, is commemorated by the Texas Folk-Lore Society in its fourteenth volume, "Coyote Wisdom," which has just come off the press. The folk tales of Old Man Coyote, the trickster, and myths regarding the part which Coyote played in the creation of the world and of man, are told in the volume, which also includes tales of Mexican, Indian, and Negro origin; Southern legends; accounts of the frontier pulpits and the ceremonies of the Tarahumara Indians; a talk about folk-wisdom, and notes on folklore.

The book was edited by J. Frank Dobie, professor of English at The University of Texas and well-known author, who has declared that the coyote is the wisest of all wild animals. Associated with him in the editorship were Mody C. Boatright, writer and collector of folk tales, who is an instructor in English in the University, and Harry H. Ransom, assistant professor of English in the University.

Among the contributors is Dan Storm, who relates stories of "The Little Animals of Mexico," six of which tell of Senor Coyote, who is always clever but not always successful. The seventh concerns Paisano, called by the gringos the chaparral bird, who saved a rabbit from a rattlesnake. The history of coyote tales and their collectors is given by Lillian Elizabeth Barclay in "The Coyote: Animal and Folk-Character." The Coyote also is a character of the "Navajo Creation Myths," told by Elizabeth Willis DeHuff.

Mrs. DeHuff, whose home is in Santa Fe, New Mexico, has contributed "Pueblo Versions of Old World Tales." Among the seven stories is the "Pueblo Tar Baby Story," which tells of how Hobbit-guy gagged Coyote-man with the Tar Baby.

Tales of Old Mexico include, in addition to "The Little Animals of Mexico," the following: "Christmas with the Tarahumaras" by Robert M. Zingg, "Marihuara: A Story of Its Curse," by Alvin F. Scharff, "Mexican Folk-Escapades and Tales" by Malnor Shumard, Jr., and "Cuerpo sin Alma" by Mildred Cohen.

There is only one Negro dialect story in the collection, "Trouble, Brudder Alligator, Trouble," an amusing account of how Mister Rabbit goes "de best er de hound dawgs, en Mister Alligator, en Ole Man Trouble, all de same time." The story is one collected by E. A. McIlhenny, author of "The Alligator's Life History."

Other stories in the volume are "Pie-Biter" by John Gould and two groups of stories contributed by a number of writers, "Tales to Tell" and "Paisano Tracks."

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Christmas play is being directed by Mrs. Mark J. Shurwin. The play will be presented at the Methodist church.

Because of the splendid teaching of the play in its seasonal setting everybody is urged to be present. There will be no charge for the pageant. The usual offering for the evening church worship service will go to the Young People's Epworth League to go for the payment of one delegate to the Young People's Assembly at Georgetown, Texas.

Christmas supersedes all man-made divisions in the Christian life. Everyone is invited to attend this Christmas pageant.

J. Morris Bailey, Pastor.

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION MEETS AT PUTNAM

The young people's monthly union meeting of the Methodist church met at Putnam on Tuesday night with Mr. Bobbie Leslie of Eastland presiding. The program for the worship hour was built around youth and Christmas. Brief discussions were given by young people from Cisco and Ranger. The main address was delivered by Dr. Roy A. Largent, presiding elder of the Cisco district. Bobbie Clinton played musical numbers.

The local Young People's Epworth League won the pennant for December by scoring 100 percent on the contest. This is the first time for any participating organization to win the pennant with a 100 percent record.

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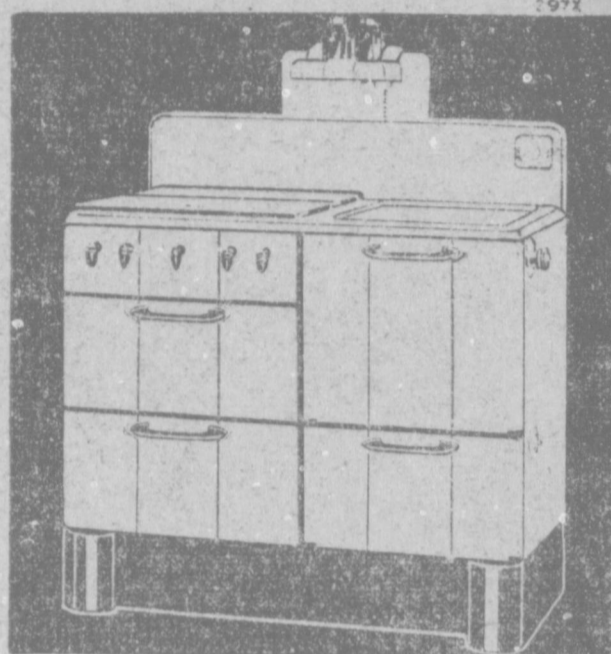
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**MITCHAM RANCH**  
(Continued from first page)

aisles in order that the air may have passage for the preservation of it. Five thousand bales were on hand of prairie and sudan variety. Another barn has a storage capacity of 15,000 bushels of grain. A large portion of the grain used for the cattle is raised on the ranch. About twenty or thirty thousand bushels of grain are raised ordinarily. A hail storm destroyed the grain this year, but despite this fact about 5,000 bushels were raised.

Grass on the Mitcham ranch stays about half green practically the entire year. Water supply is natural, flowing from a well about 200 feet deep, incessantly. A running creek is convenient for the cattle. A portion of Battle Creek runs through the pastures. Mr. Mitcham maintains a cow for each six acres. Ordinarily ten acres is required for sustenance, but grass lands are unusually rich at the Mitcham ranch.

At the present time the Mitcham ranch has at hand about 250 calves, ranging in age from six to ten months. There are approximately 500 cows in range, about 300 of which are calves, which are sold each year, usually at auction. An immense auction sale attracting a large crowd from a wide territory was held last year at the Mitcham ranch.

Work is organized on the ranch and arranged to the extent that gathering and branding of cattle can be done in a day's time. Branding is done twice a year.

The worst difficulty encountered on the ranch is noticed during the summer, because of flies and heat, which affects the grass. However there are only about 30 days in the year when the grass is not green. Buffalo and mesquite grass abound.

Practically the most interesting sight on the ranch was Don Axtell, No. 39, grand champion winner at Denver, Colorado, in 1937. His weight was 2,100 pounds in the contest. Axtell is gentle and of

unusual quality and style. Mr. Mitcham refused an offer of \$10,000 for his purchase.

Forty calves are especially cared for on the ranch with all scientific precautions taken for their growth and beauty. About twenty of them are of large size; the others are younger.

For convenience of the annual auction sale, an arena is arranged, with a seating capacity of 500. An office at the front has a wall closing to be used alternately according to weather conditions. All barns and buildings are wired from a windcharger, which is the largest in Texas. It is operated from 8 large storage batteries. Stall room is maintained for 105 head. Feeding starts about 7 o'clock each morning and carrying about 8:00.

Mr. Mitcham came to the surrounding territory about 1906 from Fort Worth, making his home in Cisco. He moved his family to Dallas in 1931.

Before his marriage Mr. Mitcham was working for a salary of \$40 per month. Immediately after his salary should be raised to \$75 per month, or he would not waste his services with this concern. The boss told him to look for work elsewhere, so he engaged in the grocery business until 1907. He removed to Sonora and San Angelo and became engaged in the old business, using ranching as a side line.

Mr. Mitcham has five children, who are J. R. Mitcham and Bill Mitcham, who are engaged in the oil business at Brownwood, Texas; G. P. Mitcham, Jr., whose family resides in Cisco, has charge of the prominent Mitcham ranch; Fred Mitcham, who will receive his Ph. D. degree from Harvard University this year, and Mary Martha Mitcham, 12 years old. Mitcham has owned one ranch near Cisco since 1911. The other two nearby have been established in the last three years. There are 7,000 acres in the three ranches. Mr. Mitcham votes and pays taxes in Eastland county. There are 75 registered cows and 400 commercial cows. About 750 acres are in cultivation. Fifty pigs and a number of horses and mules are maintained on the ranch.

One of Mr. Mitcham's favorites of the ranch is a five-gaited six year pony, which came from a stock of horses which had been in his family 52 years.

The Mitcham ranch of registered Hereford cattle is indeed a stock show within itself and a visit to it is well worth anyone's time.

**METHODIST LADIES ATTEND WMS MEET**

Mmes. J. Morris Bailey, Fred Farmer and J. L. Hudson attended the district meeting of the Methodist Society at Eastland Friday, Dec. 2. Sack lunches were carried. At the close of the evening service Mrs. Gid J. Bryan, conference president, led the devotional.

**THINK THIS OVER**

It takes a clever detective to outwit a gangster and it may take a more brainy bunch than J. Edgar Hoover has to outwit the German ruler in the next few years.

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**EDITOR'S WINDOW**  
(Continued from first page)

Yeager, native of Putnam, Texas, arrangements were made for the printing to be done in the Moran News office, under the supervision of the Moran editor, John H. McGaughey. This arrangement has lasted the five years. The Putnam News editor was young and inexperienced, then suffering the first venture in business. Her father's business kept him out of town the first two years, and it was necessary to seek advice upon the attempt to organize a newspaper. We saw Mr. McGaughey once each week and used him as a target for questions. At all times we have found him cooperative and with a kindly sympathy toward our struggling newspaper.

Without his cooperation we wonder if Putnam would have a newspaper today. We are sure there are other good co-workers but somehow we would be afraid to run the risk of working with any other plant than the Moran News.

**Tribute to Oliver Davis**

Five years ago a boy of 13 years came to the News office each Monday, bringing a writeup from the freshman class of the Putnam high school. Although he was likely the youngest member of the staff, he was the most faithful. It was not easy to overlook the fact that his personality was attractive and that he was interested in sports, so as a sophomore he was chosen sports editor for a weekly newspaper, The Putnam News, an honor rarely conferred upon a student of this class. He proved his ability and has been chosen by the News office each year since, having worked with the newspaper a total of five years, the entire life of the paper.

Many of our readers know the worthy young man of whom we are writing, Oliver Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Davis. He was graduated with highest honors from the Putnam high school last year. His plans are to enter college at the earliest opportunity. Success in life is bound to be ahead for Davis, who has been of service to the community at this early age.

**Tribute to J. S. Yeager**

In 1935 J. S. Yeager, the editor's father, retired from the cotton and gin business after 35 years in this line and returned to Putnam to take up interests. He was attached to The Putnam News staff and has been writer of political and instructive editorials since that time. He loves the work and has spent much time with his reasonings and compositions. The Putnam News was started in 1933 and when our father was at home during the week-ends he would often place the political editorials, of subjects which he thought of vital importance, in the paper. These various editorials have brought us subscriptions.

**To Our Correspondents**

We feel that our correspondents from the nearby communities have had a part in the making of our newspaper. Mrs. W. E. Fair of Seranton has been with The Putnam News the longest, which is the entire five years the paper has lived. The other correspondents are Mrs. J. C. Brashear of Atwell, Mrs. Clydene Wallace of Zion Hill, Miss Maurine Eubanks of Admiral, Walter King of Dan Fern, all of whom have been unusually faithful.

**To the Citizens of the Territory**

The citizens of the territory have been loyal to The Putnam News during the five years we have lived.

Without such loyalty no town could ever hope to boast of a newspaper.

**ZION HILL NEWS**

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Baker Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Sprawls, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Ramsey, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Inmon and children, Mildred Joyce and David Ray, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Ramsey.

S. F. Ingram and E. V. Ramsey were Eastland visitors Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Odell and daughter, M. L. Tatom visited Mr. and Mrs. Carson of Cisco Sunday. R. B. Taylor was an Abilene visitor Thursday.

Mrs. J. A. Reid spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Ingram. Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Taylor and children spent Sunday with Mrs. Taylor's mother, Mrs. Blakely of Belle Plains.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Clemmer and children are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Clemmer this week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Ramsey, N. C. Odell, M. L. Tatom, were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Sprawls visited Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Inmon Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Alt; Clemmer and Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Ramsey and son were Baird visitors Tuesday.

**ATWELL H. D. CLUB**

The Atwell Home Demonstration Club met Dec. 6 with Mrs. Perry Purvis. Seven members answered roll call with "what I consider the Christmas Spirit."

Mrs. Estes and Mrs. Henderson of Baird visited with us. Mrs. Estes presented her dolls. It was a most interesting entertainment. It is worth any one's time to go to one of her presentations. You see dolls of different countries, how they dress, and Mrs. Estes will tell you of their customs. We feel like we were fortunate in having her come our way.

The next meeting will be Jan. 3, 1939, at Mrs. W. A. Lawrence's and we think it will be an all day meeting. Those present were: Mmes. Alton Tatom, J. C. Brashear, Guy Brashear, C. E. Lester, Otis Purvis, W. A. Lawrence, and hostess, Mrs. J. P. Purvis.—Reporter.

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The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church met Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 7, in the Methodist parsonage. The program was the regular year book program, which was a quiz on the year's work. It was announced that the club would sponsor a bazaar and cooked food sale Dec. 17th. The next meeting will be in the form of a Christmas social in the home of Mrs. Mark Shurwin.

Those present were: Mesdames W. N. Byrd, R. L. Clinton, Ida Rogers, Charles Davis, Fred Farmer, J. Morris Bailey, and a visitor, Mrs. Harrison.

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- 25 lb. Pure Cane Sugar ..... \$1.29
- 20 lb. Spuds ..... 43c

(Buy all these items together at these prices)

- Salt Jowls, lb. .... 16c
- Bologna, lb. .... 12c