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## FROM THE EDITOR'S WINDOW

The editor at the pearly gate,  
His face looked worn and old;  
He meekly asked the man of fate  
For admission to the fold.  
"What have you done," asked Peter,  
To ask admission here?"  
"I ran a weekly paper  
Down there for many a year."  
The gate swung open sharply,  
As Peter tolled the bell.  
"Come in my lad, and take your harp,  
"You've had enough of hell."  
—Jack Harper, Harper's Harp,  
Dallas.  
Advertise in the home paper and  
patronize it in other respects. Your  
subscription promptly paid and your  
news items turned in will be appreciated.

Reuben Ross, who has been one of the contractors at the new high school building recently completed, handed us a dollar for a subscription to The Putnam News this week. Mr. Ross said, "I'd like to keep up with this crowd around here." We appreciate the dollar very much and also the fact that Mr. Ross enjoyed his residence in Putnam for the past several months. Work called him here but the Ross's were not after the dollar alone. They made many friends while here and took part in activities of the city. We think it commendable to spend a short time in a city and leave with a stimulated interest in the people and the surroundings. Honorable Tip Ross, our florial representative, seems to have imparted the talent for making friends to Reuben and Brooks. And incidentally Putnam is well pleased with their school building.

We are truly glad that Texas is planning to have an exposition again this year—a greater and bigger one than they had last year. Our big lone Star state is coming into its own apparently and we hope each of us will be able to say in a small measure, "We helped to make it so."

**Hidden Assets**  
Perhaps the best heritage a father can give his son is not a substantial bank account, but good health and a good education. Likewise in measuring national assets we might be wise if we gave less consideration to our gold supply and more to the energy and intelligence of the bulk of our people.

An appraisal of the United States based on such a standard uncovers a vast store of hidden assets. All of the natural resources we now enjoy were here when the Indians roamed the plains. What has made us rich is the application of intelligence to the exploitation of these resources. We have learned to work more effectively and to handle materials more productively.

In forecasting what the future will be one can safely ignore the usual factors to which the prophets give so much attention, and instead pin one's faith to the fundamentals that underlie gold reserves, low inventories, installment buying, turnover and purchasing power.

Suppose we assume that there will be no let-down in the faith of the American people in the benefits of education, and that the training of both youth and adults will go forward on an increasing scale. Also let us assume that experiment and research will be pursued with even greater vigor. The great expansion in American wealth in the period from 1900 to 1930 was, in the opinion of many, the consequence of these factors. May we not safely expect to enjoy an expansion in the next decade that will break all records of the last ten years?—Ex.

Elmer McIntosh has embarked into the cattle business. He has purchased quite a bunch and is feeding them out. He says he may not make any money, but they will have the use of the cattle for awhile.

Mrs. M. D. Heist is driving one of the new Fords with the 60 horse engine. She is well pleased with the performance as it will make about 23 miles per gallon of gas, or that is what it made with the first 10 gallons.

Mark Shurwin and Pete King have both been trading cars and each one of them is sporting a new 1937 Chevrolet.

Goose Creek Parson, Josiah Hopkins, who appeared in famous radio broadcasts in his homely, sincere manner, which brought cheer to the hearts of thousands, died in Cedars of Lebanon after his second major operation in two months. He was 56 years of age and in real life was known as Reverend Wm. B. Hogg. He established the famous little country church in Hollywood 3 years ago, climaxing a colorful career as a "circuit riding parson in the Tennessee mountains and chaplain in the lines during the world war. Reverend Hopkins was wounded

## RED CROSS MUST HAVE HELP FOR FLOODS

The Red Cross organization of which Hugh Ross is chairman of Callahan county, has placed a call for more funds to assist in the recent flood districts. The need is indefinite, Mr. Ross announced this week. All assistance will be handled through the medium of the Red Cross. Government funds for relief will be handled by the Red Cross. Chairmen who have served during the past year in the different communities of Callahan county have been asked to serve again. Supporters of the Red Cross who live in the rural districts and cannot contact the chairmen easily are asked to mail checks or money to Hugh Ross, Red Cross chairman, Baird, Texas.

## POLL TAX PAYMENTS EQUAL 1936

Callahan county poll tax payments are equal to 1936 up to the present, so states tax assessor and collector, Olaf Hollingshead Tuesday. He stated he did not have the exact figures, but was sure as many had been paid as last year. He also stated that there are quite a number who are paying their poll tax and leaving off their property tax for the present.

## BIRTHDAY BALL AT BAIRD SATURDAY NIGHT

YOU CAN HELP fight infantile paralysis by attending the President's birthday ball Saturday evening, January 30, 1937. The ball will be at the Hotel Mae, Baird, Texas. Small admission. Everyone cordially invited to attend.

## THE 1937 CAR TAGS ARRIVE

Tax collector and assessor of Callahan county, Olaf Hollingshead, authorized the News to announce that the 1937 car tags are in Baird. They are a black background with cream colored numbers. He says they will start selling the tags on February 1st, and March 1st will be the last day that tags can be sold without the penalty.

## ACC BEGINS NEW TERM

Registration for the second semester of the thirty-first annual session of Abilene Christian college began Monday, January 25.

A number of new students were on the campus Monday including mid-term high school graduates, junior college transfers, and former A.C.C. students returning to complete courses.

Officials expected the week's registration to boost the total for the year to one of the highest in the history of the school. A. C. C. experienced new records in enrollment every session for four successive years, 1932-1936.

Mrs. W. E. Prust visited her daughter, Mrs. W. R. Francisco of Cisco, several days this week.

It is told of a sage that one day, after the fashion of his school, he was questioned, "Master, what is the test of good manners?"

"It is being able to put up pleasantly with bad ones," was the quick reply.

during the world war and was in the hospital several years. His wife, 4 daughters and a son survive, who assisted him in radio programs. Reverend Hopkins rode down the streets of Hollywood in a buggy drawn by horses, carrying the unique scheme of his country church with him advertising his work. His crowds were enormous and he did a great religious work. Reverend and Mrs. G. C. Williams had the pleasure of visiting his church last summer. Reverend Williams remarked, "No one can take his place, but possibly someone will use his unique scheme to help forward the work." Sometimes these unique methods help further a cause and great accomplishments are realized thereby.

**Winner**  
BROWNWOOD.—Among the winners of the District Golden Gloves Boxing tournament held here Friday and Saturday, Jan. 22 and 23, was Earl Spardeman, Putnam, who won the lightweight weight division of the tournament.

Sunderman, a junior in Howard Payne, beat LeRoy Lynch, Coleman, in the finals Saturday night, to take the title. He will be given a free trip to Fort Worth to compete in the state tournament there Feb. 3, 4, and 5.

While he has been in Howard Payne, Sunderman has been quite active in athletics, having lettered in football two times and track one time. He is being counted on next year to fill his regular post at half back on the football team and also to carry the colors of the school during the track season this year in the high jump.

## Texas Parents Will Rear Their Children

Every salaried man in Texas has a number and is registered at Washington. This is all right for it is a new Roosevelt regulation aimed for the best.

But do Texas fathers and mothers want their boys and girls "badged" and their home work regulated by inspectors from Washington?

We believe that if the provisions of the so-called "Child Labor" Amendment, soon up for ratification or rejection by the Texas Legislature, are understood by Texas parents they would not be willing to turn over to Governmental agencies the control of their children.

Texas has four times before said "No" to this measure. Our best farmers and businessmen today are those who earned money during spare-time hours and help on the farm while they were in their teens.

Write or wire your Senator at Austin to vote "No" on this measure. Do it today. Texas has a good Child Labor law. Let's enforce the law of our own State and if any of our boys and girls are unreasonably employed, let us correct it and penalize unfair employers.

Let us tell our Texas Senators we don't want to trade our boys and girls for Federal badges, to be policed by outsiders.

## A. J. WARE DIES IN CISCO FRIDAY

Alexander J. Ward, 66, a pioneer merchant of Cisco, died at his home Friday and was buried Saturday in the Cisco cemetery.

Funeral services were held at the First Christian church.

Mr. Ward was identified with the early mercantile and banking firms of Cisco, and later was in active business for himself until ill health forced him to retire about six years ago.

He was born in Weakley county, Tennessee, January 15, 1870, coming to Breckenridge with his parents, and early engaged in the mercantile business there. He came to Cisco and re-entered the same line of business. He was associated with his father, J. W. Ward, and uncle, G. D. Ward, in the establishment of the Cisco Banking Company. Mr. Ward was well known in and around Putnam and had many friends throughout the trade territory.

## MRS. J. H. BURKETT CELEBRATES 90TH BIRTHDAY

Mrs. J. H. Burkett Saturday celebrated her ninetieth birthday at her home in Clyde on the west side of the city. Two of her seven children spent the day with her. They were Mrs. G. H. Joiner of Hamlin and Mrs. Iru Jackson of Clyde. The Burkett home was open all day to friends who came to congratulate Mrs. Burkett.

She is the wife of J. H. Burkett, the originator of the Burkett paper shell pecan and one of the best known horticulturists. They have lived in Clyde for 29 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Burkett formerly lived in Putnam, moving to Clyde in 1906 and living there since. The Burketts have many friends in Putnam, who congratulate Mrs. Burkett on her birthday celebration and wish her many more years of successful life.

## GRIGGS' HOSPITAL NOTES

Rosemary Tatum, 6 year old daughter of Willis Tatum of Belle Plain, entered the hospital Thursday suffering from bronchial pneumonia. Her condition is serious.

Patsy Berry, 1 year, old daughter of Bill Berry, who has been a patient for pneumonia left Tuesday.

Sam Willingham, 6 year old son of Sam Willingham Jr., was severely burned Tuesday and is resting in the hospital.

Willis Sadler of Rowden was a patient Friday for x-ray of fractured arm.

Sam Jenkins, a car wreck victim, was a patient Tuesday night for bruises over body.

Mrs. Frank Johnson of Baird is recuperating.

R. L. Griggs Jr. is improving fast. He is the son of Dr. R. L. Griggs of the hospital.

Mrs. W. B. Griggs, mother of Dr. Griggs, is resting nicely.

Uncle John Scott of Denton was a hospital patient Monday.

## BRO. REYNOLDS WILL PREACH

Reverend John W. Reynolds of Stephenville, former pastor of the Putnam Fundamentalist Baptist church, will preach Thursday night at the Primitive Baptist church of Putnam. Reverend Smallwood will preach for the Primitive church Friday evening and Reverend Reynolds will preach Saturday evening, Sunday morning and Sunday evening at the church in Putnam. Everyone is invited to attend.

## COURTHOUSE NEWS

The county commissioners' court has made a contract with Judge E. S. Pritchard of Fort Worth to collect delinquent taxes due the county, on a commission basis of fifteen per cent of the amount of penalty and interest collected.

## W. M. S. MET TUESDAY AFTERNOON

The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist church met at the church Tuesday afternoon at 3 and had Bible study. The scripture lesson was taken from 2nd Corinthians, chapters 9-10. A special prayer was offered for the flood stricken people and the seminary at Louisville, with Mrs. Hollis leading. Mrs. S. M. Eubank led the closing prayer. Those present were Meses. John Cook, Fred Cook, S. M. Eubank, W. E. Pruet, G. P. Gaskins, W. M. Crosby, F. A. Hollis, Reverend F. A. Hollis. Mrs. John Cook is president of the society.

## INTERMEDIATE B. T. U. PROGRAM FOR JAN. 31ST, 1937

Song: "The Kingdom Is Coming."  
Subject: How the Gospel Came to Us.  
Closing song, "We've a Story to Tell."  
Part 1—Zada Williams.  
Part 2—Roy Lee Williams.  
Part 3—Bennie Burns Williams.  
Part 4—Dorothy June Kelley.  
Part 5—Alene Dunaway.  
Part 6—Wilma McMillan.  
Part 7—Mary Dee Spratt.  
Part 8—Le Verne Pratt.

Vernon Sandlin of Big Spring visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Sandlin, this week.

## Gay on Crutches Defeating Polio



Young citizen of Bellingham, Wash., helped by President's Birthday Ball.

## MRS. GEO. MCCOOL CONFINED TO ROOM

Mrs. George McCool while about her home during the icy weather last week had the misfortune of falling and dislocating her left arm, and she has been confined to her room since and it will be some time before she will be able to go back to work.

## CLYDE BONDED INDEBTEDNESS REDUCED

The City Council of Clyde has been working on a refinancing plan for some time and it now appears that its efforts have materialized. By a recent agreement between the City Council and the bondholders of the city's outstanding indebtedness of \$68,000.00 of 6 per cent bonds will be cancelled and a new issue of \$42,200.00 bonds bearing 2 per cent interest, will be issued, maturing over a period of 40 years. By this agreement the city can liquidate the new bonds as they mature, which is made possible by the material reduction of the outstanding bonded indebtedness and the low rate of interest of the new bonds, at a saving of approximately \$50,000.00. The annual saving in interest alone will be more than \$3,000.

## ABSTON SENTENCE REVERSED

The court of criminal appeals at Austin reversed the Clarence "Pony" Abston case at Haskel Thursday. In the case Abston allegedly killed the old lady for her property and later confessed to the crime; but repudiated the confession and stated he had been coerced into making the confession. The appellate court found that a reversible error arose because Abston was coerced into making the confession by the officers. The state had introduced three confessions in which Abston said he was induced by C. Matura to commit the killing and which Abston repudiated.

## PUBLIC LIBRARY OPEN IN BAIRD NEXT WEEK

The public library of which the Wednesday Club of Baird has been sponsoring, will open Saturday, February 6th, at the court house. The library room is in the basement. Everyone is invited to call and inspect the new achievement. Access to all books will be granted upon the payment of a fee of \$1.00, which will entitle the holder to any book alternately for a period of one year or 50 cards may be obtained which will entitle the holder to all books except the latest editions. The latest books will be kept on a separate shelf. Donors are still solicited. A list of founders is being prepared to be placed in the library permanently. Anyone paying \$2.00 to be used for the purchase of books will have their names placed on the list and will also be entitled to library privileges for a period of one year. Books will be let for a week, with regular library days being each Saturday. Members of the Wednesday Club will keep the library in turn from 3 to 5 each Saturday afternoon.

## PLAZA THEATRE HAS NEW MANAGER

The Plaza Theatre of Baird announces V. D. Guthrie of Tulsa as the new manager, who took charge of his duties this week. Mr. Guthrie has been assistant manager and manager of theatres at Tulsa for the past nine years. He recently married Miss Marie Cochran of Tulsa, Mr. and Mrs. Guthrie have apartments in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wristen of Baird. Mr. Guthrie succeeds Billy Morrow as manager.

## GINNERS REPORT SHOWS 11,956,808 BALES

The cotton ginner report given out by the department on January 23 showed 11,956,808 bales ginned to December 16, including 280,669 round bales counted as half bales. Ginned to same date last season 10,638,000 bales. The 1936 crop has been estimated by the Agricultural Department at 12,407,000. Ginning to January 16 a year ago was 10,248,191 bales. Two years ago 9,376,715 bales. Cotton consumed by domestic mills during December was the largest amount in history for the month of December, being 693,000 bales. Amount ginned in Texas to January 16, 2,808,000 bales.

## TEXANS PAID \$309,000,000 IN TAXES IN 1936

It is estimated that the people of the State of Texas for the year 1936 \$309,000,000 (million) federal, state and local levies, or \$52 for every man, woman and child in the state. But since less than one-half of the inhabitants pay taxes, the amount per tax payer would run to about \$200 per year, with increase promised for 1937. These figures were obtained from the state comptroller and federal authorities who have been interesting members of the legislature. Since bills before the house revenue and taxation committee now call for \$135,000,000 (million) additional, Governor Allred in his message to the legislature endorsed a program calling for about \$100,000,000 (million) new taxes.

## DR. JAMES Q. DEAL DIES IN DALLAS

Dr. James Q. Dealy, editor in chief of the Dallas News, died at his desk in the News office Friday at Dallas. Mr. Dealy was at work at his desk when he had the stroke that removed him from this life. He was in editorial conference with his brother, G. B. Dealy, president of the company, when he suddenly collapsed. Mr. Dealy was born in Manchester, England, August 13, 1861. He came to the United States with his father to make his home in Galveston, being introduced in Texas during the storm period of reconstruction days. He started to work with the News at Galveston at the age of 17. He accepted the position as editor in chief of the Dallas News about 1929 and held this position until his death Friday.

The state has suffered a great loss in the passing of Dr. James Q. Dealy, an he was an international authority in the field of education and social science. Dr. Dealy rendered outstanding service to the state.

The labors of Dr. Dealy throughout his long and constructive career brought honor and immeasurable benefits to the state and nation which he so unselfishly served as a journalist, author and educator.

Mr. Dealy was a great man and is a distinct loss to the News, and in fact, to all of the state of Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Armstrong and son, Gene, and Mrs. J. E. Heslep were Cisco visitors Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams and Mrs. R. L. Clinton were Abilene visitors Monday.

## BANK BY MAIL

This Is the BANK that SERVICE Is Building

"If the day looks damp and dreary, Bank by Mail!"

If your work has left you weary, Bank by Mail!

If you're sick, an slow a-mending, There's no trick to money-sending; Let your cash keep on ascending— Bank by Mail!

"P.S. Mail banking is safe and often far more convenient than coming to the bank. Ask for details by phone, in person or by letter."

Modern Safety Deposit Service

## First National Bank

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Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

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Cards of Thanks, Resolutions of Respect, and any kind of entertainments where admission fee or other monetary consideration is charged,

**CHILD LABOR AMENDMENT**

The Texas legislature has raised the question again of ratifying the federal amendment to the constitution giving congress the power to control the children of the United States instead of the parents, under the disguise of the children welfare. This amendment has been defeated several times by the Texas legislature, just what should have been done, and there is no more demand for this amendment than at the time it was defeated before; but there are always plenty of old maids and bachelors who can tell the parents how to manage the children to make good citizens, and we will admit that there has been a great many mistakes made in the past; yet most mothers and fathers know more about how to rear children than a bunch of politicians.

Under this amendment if adopted it will give the congress of the United States full control over the children up to the age of 18 years. The proposed amendment reads: The congress shall have power to LIMIT, REGULATE and PROHIBIT the labor of persons under the age of 18 years.

The people of the state of Texas should get busy at once and write their representatives and senators to work and vote against the ratification of this amendment, as if it is adopted it will mean that if you have children they will be controlled from Washington, and will not be allowed to do any kind of work on the farm or elsewhere and in many cases it is very essential that children work to help to support the family. Every citizen should give this matter some attention, and unless it is done a person who wants his son or daughter, to milk a cow or cut a load of wood on Saturday, or chop a few rows of cotton some long haired politician may come along and tell this person he is violating the federal laws, and then it will be too late to talk. The News believes that most people will agree that idleness is the cause of more crime than any other one thing at the present time, and that being the case why should we want to create more by laws.

**RECIPROCAL AGREEMENTS**

There is a resolution before Congress to extend the reciprocal agreements law for three more years. This gives the President the authority to make reciprocal agreements or quotes of goods and the kind of goods that may be imported into this country, or the amount that may be any further action. We do not think this much power should be given to any one person, as it leaves too much temptation. Not that the President would abuse it. But life is uncertain and here might be someone who would inherit this power that would use it for other purposes, rather than for what it was intended.

We think that we will be able to show that we have made no gain in exports by quoting from Richard West, in the Dallas News of January 22:

"From 1926 on the export market began to dwindle away until in 1932 it took the product of but 43,000,000 acres, having dropped from 80,000,000 acres, when surplus supplies clogged the market. Farm prices dropped so disastrously that thousands of farmers went on relief."

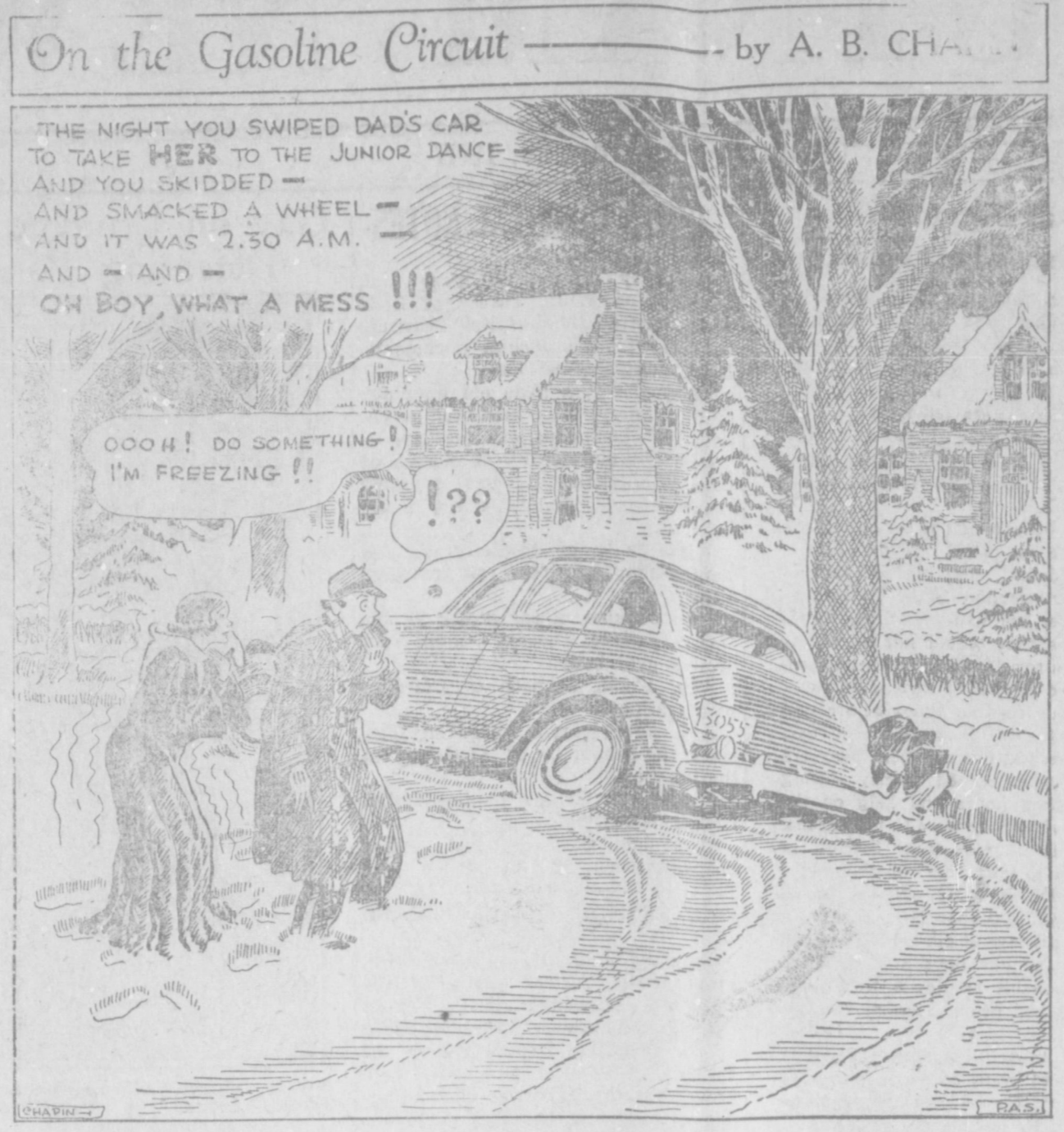
In fact the export market has been so important to agriculture that prior to adjustment by the AAA, nearly half the farmers income was subject to the vagaries of the world market. The price in the world generally controlled the price on the entire production of major products in this country. From 1926 to 1930, 33 percent of lard, 20 percent of apples, 25 percent of rice, 50 percent of prunes and raisins.

These figures are more than statistics; they tell the story of a great people in a great empire that constantly pushed the frontier westward, tilling the soil as they went, building homes and finally creating the greatest agricultural nation in the world. With untiring energy and personal initiative they soon found they could not only produce plenty for their own use, but also a goodly portion for others to use.

And there was born, consequently, the shipping industry, which took the American farm products and transported them all over the world. As long as the market was maintained, the farms had money to produce, year after year, and more important, to buy industrial products from the city. The factory and the farm thus were inseparably linked in a harmonious economy. Agricultural products exported in 1923 totals \$1,820,000,000; in 1925 2,136,000,000. But then they started slumping. In 1928 they aggregated only \$1,863,000,000 and gradually decreased until the alarmingly low figure of \$662,000,000 in 1932.

The 1925 to 1930 average value of cotton exports was \$765,676,000, but by 1932 the figure had been cut exactly in half. Grains dropped from a 1926-30 average of \$319,668,000 to \$66,917,000 in 1932. The net result was, of course, depression. The farmer had his same initiative, his same resourcefulness; and truly American determination; but he had no place to sell his products. From 1926 on, exactly where trade began to descend, a great Chinese wall was built around this country in the form of a tariff, culminating in 1930, with the Smoot-Hawley Act. The idea was to sell at a profit to others, but buy nothing in return.

Agriculture, as is shown by the above figures, was the loser. It is now the gainer as the reciprocal agreements are slowly, but surely, chipping out brick after brick in the Chinese Wall. Trade helps recovery, agricultural exports in 1935, the only year in which complete figures are available had climbed back up to \$747,000,000 or had been raised from \$662,000,000 or about \$80,000,000. After analysis we fail to see where we have gained anything by reciprocal agreements or otherwise, as according to the above figures the dollar export trade has shown only about \$80,000,000 gain and when we begin to compare we find that the volume is less than it was in 1932, as \$747,000,000 will not take as great a volume of goods in 1935 as the \$662,000,000 would purchase in 1932. The foreign buyer could sell his gold on the American market for \$35.00 in currency and purchase American goods at the rate of 58c, but the advance in the price of the goods more than took up the advantage he has gained in the price of the gold. Therefore he could not purchase so great a volume as he could in 1932, and after all there are two things to be considered. One is the dollar value of the goods sold, and the other is the volume moved. If we sell less goods and get more dollars we only benefit a small group, while if we sell a greater volume of goods



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**BRUCE BARTON**  
*Says:*



we benefit all of the people because we create employment while we create less under the scarcity theory.

If our readers will read these figures over carefully it will be found that the income from agricultural profits in 1925 was \$2,146,000,000, and in 1928 the income was \$1,863,000,000 or more than 1,000,000 more than we received in 1935. The average amount received from our exports on cotton alone for the years 1926 to 1930 was \$765,676,000 or in other words we received more foreign money from cotton alone in these years than we did for all of our agricultural exports in the year 1935. Our argument for the past three and one half years has been that we did not have any over production, but what we needed was a better distribution, and in the place of cutting down our production, we would have repealed the Smoot-Hawley tariff law and permitted free trade with other nations, a policy advocated by the Democratic party ever since its organization, until the present administration and the platform of 1932 called for a reduction of the tariff and the destroying of the old farm board established under Hoover. The farm board was destroyed, but they gave us the agricultural adjustment act which has done us greater harm than the old farm board.

We contend that the demand for more than a billion dollars by foreign buyers of American goods would have far offset the theory that was put in operation in 1933, and that prices would have been higher today, had conditions been left to natural developments and cite the above figures to prove our contentions.

We see that Mr. Cobb is warning the farmer against an overproduction of cotton, telling them that they can not market more than 12 to 13 million bales of cotton at the present price. In our opinion we will not be able to market a crop of that size at that price very long as there is an indicated crop of world cotton of more than twenty million bales outside of the United States this year and should this be reached the price of cotton will be cheap on foreign markets and a foreign buyer will not pay any more for American cotton than he will pay for any growth of the same staple and class. We will be on a world basis more or less. If we should make a crop of 12,000,000 bales this year and should we use 7,900,000 by domestic mills there is 5,000,000 bales to be sold on the world market and outside buyers will offer the trade at the world price and the domestic market will be based principally on world prices. This program, if carried out, means an American creep for domestic mill only, which will mean around 7,000,000 bales. The price will possibly hold up for a year or so, but in the end we will see much lower prices, as this program has been tried in a number of countries and has brought about ruinous conditions in every country that has tried the experiment. England tried it on rubber, Brazil tried it on coffee, and Cuba tried it on sugar; and the all had the same experience.

**One One Big Contest**

Last summer there was a water shortage in a town where I was visiting. I happened to be chatting with my host, while he was shaving, and I noticed how careful he was to use very little water.

"It seems sort of silly for you to be so conscientious," I remarked. "They don't make any difference in the final result," he said, "but they make a lot of difference to me."

He said that when he graduated from college, a quarter of a century ago, there was a great deal of popular emphasis upon so-called "social service." Science had begun to introduce wonderful new inventions for increasing human happiness. Men were stirred by the hope of a quick millennium. Young people graduated with the notion that a few years of earnest effort would transform the world.

My friend was one of the most eager of the reformers. He organized, and voted, and agitated, and did all the things that he should. But nothing happened. The good causes for which he cast his vote were defeated. Human nature showed a discouraging unwillingness to change. "I went through a period of deep discouragement," he said. "I thought to myself, what's the use of doing anything when one's single effort seems so futile? One day while I was in this mood I discovered these words of Socrates:

"I, therefore . . . consider how I may exhibit my soul before the judge in a healthy condition. Whereas, disregarding the honors that most men value, and looking to the truth, I shall endeavor in reality to live as virtuously as I can; and when I die, to die so. And I invite all other men, to the utmost of my power; . . . to this contest, which, I affirm, surpasses all contests here."

"That flashed across my mind like a bolt of lightning," my friend continued. "It clarified everything. I realized that I am not responsible for the success or failure of any good cause. All I am responsible for is my own best effort in that cause. Whether my vote be effective or not; whether the amount of water I can save will make any difference—these are not the questions.

"The only question is: Am I doing my best?"

This Can't Be the Goal! . . .

I remember the Christmas when my father presented me my first watch—a big silver affair that he himself had carried for years. I was ten years old, and the gift amazed me. It had never occurred to me that I should ever own a watch until I was twenty-one.

I remember how my wife and I saved up patiently to buy our first car—a second-hand Ford. I remember our first antique, which we loved for months before we could finally acquire it. And the joy of seeing a savings account grow slowly; and the thrill of building a library, one book at a time.

Now the kids smash up a dozen watches before then are six. And they start life with cars, and with furniture; and at twenty they have rushed through all the emotional experiences that lasted us leisurely through forty years.

Don't mistake me. I'm a booster for the new generation. They are healthy, direct, and fine. Only sometimes I wonder—

I wonder when, on my way home at night, I pass a big house in which lives one of New York's famous neurologists. It's an expensive house, paid for by nerves. Limousines are always stacked up in front of it.

It would seem almost as if the prize of life in America is to own a limousine and park it in front of a nerve specialist's door. Every one seems to be racing to get there.

**J. J. TAYLOR NEW EDITOR OF DALLAS NEWS**

J. J. Taylor was named Tuesday as editor of the Dallas News and allied publications, succeeding the late Dr. James Q. Dealy.

Mr. Taylor has had a column in the News for several years, and built up a state-wide reputation as a writer of a column known as State Press. He has been a member of the editorial staff for the past 33 years. The News congratulates Mr. Taylor on his elevation to this position and wishes him much success in this new field of work.

**PETER MOLYNEUX SPEAKS IN ABILENE**

Peter Molyneux, editor of the Texas Weekly, spoke to the chamber of commerce at Abilene Tuesday night and in speaking on agricultural problems he stated that "Abilene is a ten county sector centering on Abilene," which he picked as a typical West Texas territory, "its agricultural problem, marked by sharply diminishing production mainly of cotton, will not be solved until the United States permanently pulls down the tariff walls and gets on a better basis of barter with foreign countries."

Mr. Molyneux showed by figures that in five years ending in 1928 ten counties centering on Abilene produced 300,000 bales of cotton annually worth \$26,000,000 (million), while in three years ending in 1935, they produced only 200,000 bales annually worth \$10,000,000 (million). The answer he said was the loss of the world market and we can't be prosperous in Texas again until we again regain a good part of the world's markets that we have lost.

**SHEEP MEN ON RECORD AS AGAINST ARGENTINE PACT**

The National Wool Growers' association of the United States, in their convention this week at Albuquerque, N. M., went on record as against the proposed Argentine agreement whereby Argentine meats and cattle would be shipped in to the United States in exchange for American goods.

An unscheduled resolution was presented to the convention protesting extension on the authority under which President Roosevelt may negotiate trade treaties, which was adopted by a unanimous vote of the convention.

F. E. Mollin of Denver, secretary of the American National Livestock association, urged the sheep men to join his organization in opposing the ratification of the Argentine sanitary convention which would permit importation of meat from disease free

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areas of Argentine. "The only plausible argument in favor of ratification," he declared, "is this—that it promises a few extra dollars and the Argentinians want it." He said that stockmen fear that opening trade with South American countries might expose United States livestock to disease which would be hard to eradicate.

**AIR PILOT'S RESPONSIBILITY**

The recent succession of fatal airplane accidents in which the pilots of commercial planes were taking their direction guidance from government radio beams, brings up the question how far air navigation can safely be controlled by orders and rules which, if they do not actually deprive the pilot of authority, at least give him an "out" if anything happens when he is flying by rule.

If there is one position in which the highest degree of technical skill should be coupled with the fullest personal responsibility, it would seem to be that of the commanding officer of a passenger airplane. Upon his individual ability to think clearly and act quickly in emergencies depend the lives of his passengers. He should not be required to take orders from the ground, yet the tendency is increasing to deprive air pilots of authority to use their own judgment and compel them to follow rules and orders which may not be appropriate at the moment.

All of the aids to navigation, for ships at sea and ships of the air, are useful only if regarded as emergency devices. When commanders get the habit of relying upon them, instead of upon their own technical skill and judgment, they tend to become machines instead of men.

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# Local Happenings

Exal McMillan of Pioneer was a visitor in Putnam last Sunday night.

Mmes. W. H. Norred, J. M. Cribbs, and John Cook were Abilene visitors Monday.

R. C. Clifford and Frank Wilson of Rockwell were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Peek Tuesday.

Mrs. Clarence Nordke and sons, Doyle and Don, spent Sunday in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Everett.

W. W. Everett spent the week-end in Cottonwood in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Floyd Coffey and Mr. Coffey.

Mrs. V. M. Teague is in Winters spending several days with her daughter, Mrs. Claudia Waite, who has been ill of influenza.

W. B. Cooper, manager of the Community Natural Gas company at Baird, was looking after business in Putnam Wednesday for his company.

W. R. Cook of Clyde was through Putnam Wednesday enroute to Seranton looking after business interests there.

Mr. and Mrs. John Henkel of Abilene were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Shackelford Tuesday evening.

L. J. Cook made a business trip to Fort Worth Tuesday with a load of cattle, returning with a load of groceries.

Miss Ruby Jo Pounds spent the week-end in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Pounds of Gorman. Miss Pounds is a teacher in the Putnam public schools.

Earl Johnston and Burnice Andrews of the Earl Johnston Motor Company of Baird was transacting business in Putnam Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Williams and children were visitors in Abilene Sunday. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Peek and Freda Jean.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Emerson of Clyde visited in the home of Mrs. Emerson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Armstrong, and other relatives Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Elen Wood of Anson, an old friend and school mate of Mrs. W. E. Pruett's, is visiting Mrs. Pruett. They were friends and school mates in Alabama about fifty years ago. She will spend several days with Mrs. Pruett.



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Mrs. Fred Golson was a Cisco visitor Tuesday.

Clyde White of Baird was a business visitor in Putnam Tuesday.

Mrs. J. M. Cribbs has been on the sick list at her home this week.

Miss Myrlene McCool visited Miss Frances Armstrong several days the past week.

Mrs. W. M. Crosby and Jack Williams were Baird visitors Wednesday.

Miss Frances Armstrong of Abilene visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Armstrong and friends in Putnam Sunday.

Mrs. S. J. Hamilton is spending several weeks in the home of Dr. Viral L. Martin, chiropractor, with headquarters at Clyde.

Mr. and Mrs. Crayton Sandlin and children of Abilene spent Sunday in Putnam, guests in the W. A. Everett at N. J. Sandlin homes.

Mrs. Clarence Mayes, who has been at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. L. J. Kelley, has returned to her home in South Texas.

D. E. Park, who suffered a broken hip about two weeks ago, is resting nicely in the hospital at Cisco. He is reported to be recuperating fast.

We are glad to see Dr. B. F. Brittain out again after being confined to his room for the past several days with a case of influenza. The Doctor has to be pretty sick when he fails to get out.

Misses Lucile Clark, Betty Elda Clark, and Elsie Pulley and a young man of Cisco were visiting Miss Ardella Gaskins and Miss Lois Pulley, teacher in the Putnam schools, Monday.

The friends of Mrs. L. J. Kelley are glad to learn that she is improving and is able to sit up in bed. She has been seriously ill at her daughter's, Mrs. Elmer Butler, for some time.

Mrs. Frank Thompson has returned to her home in Los Angeles, California, after spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Shackelford and other relatives and friends in and near Putnam and Cisco.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hammond of Canyon were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Peek from Wednesday until Friday of last week. The Hammonds are former Putnamites.

## NUTRITION VITAL TO GOOD HEALTH

Austin.—Importance of maintaining uniform good health for all parts of the body is stressed in a message sent out by Dr. George W. Cox, state health officer. "More and more," he said, "we are coming to realize that the normal functioning of special parts of the body are dependent to a large extent upon the general condition of the body as a whole."

"All parts of the body are nourished from the blood stream," he said, "and so if all the essential elements of the body are met by an adequate food supply daily each part will receive what it needs to function normally. Experimental work in nutrition in all parts of the world has shed new light on the relationship between a properly balanced food intake and the eyes."

"Essential to adequate nutrition is the inclusion in the diet of foods containing vitamin A. When general bodily health is impaired by a lack of vitamin A, it often happens that the tear glands of the eye cease to function. Such results have repeatedly been shown in animal experimentation, and also among humans in times of food shortage. During the World War extreme cases of this eye disease known as xerophthalmia were found in Denmark among malnourished children who were living on skimmed milk and a very restricted diet. To cure this disease the government ordered that butter be added to the diet and a certain percentage of butter fat be retained in the milk."

"Since vitamin A is such an important factor in growth, development, and health, it is essential that every one, especially children, eat foods containing it. Vitamin A is found principally in green end yellow vegetables, in fresh eggs and cream, and in various animal fats. It may be manufactured from carotene, the yellow coloring matter of these foods."

"Although a deficiency in vitamin A might not result disastrously immediately, its effects over a period of years probably would culminate in a lack of normal growth, physical debility, and injury to various parts of the body."

## CLIPPINGS

### DIAMOND RANCH GETS READY FOR ANNUAL AUCTION

F. W. Alexander, owner of Diamond ranch four miles north of Albany, announces that he is getting ready for his annual auction which has been set for February 11. The twenty one males and nine females to go on the block are in good condition and Mr. Alexander is expecting many out of town buyers here for the sale.

He has extended an invitation to every cowman in this section to attend. He is also anxious to have all those who are interested in Hereford cattle at the auction. Mr. Alexander feels that both cattlemen and those interested in the educational end will be benefitted by the visit.

Contrary to popular opinion, the auction will not be a show and those not directly interested in Hereford cattle will go Mr. Alexander a great favor by not attending on that day. He is glad to have visitors any time, but he had much rather show them his cattle at some other date.

Last year there were some 1200 visitors at the auction, and the small sale barn would not accommodate them. As a consequence, many buyers were unable to get inside.—Albany News.

### 1000 YET TO BE INVESTIGATED FOR PENSIONS IN AREA

Applications of approximately 1000 persons in district 13 for old age pensions have not been investigated, J. Owen Shelton, district administrator of Abilene said Tuesday.

Work also ahead of the old age assistance commission includes re-investigation of approximately 3000 applications of persons already on the pension roll. This re-working was made necessary by the deliberalization of the pension law.

Some recipients of the pension in district 13 have received notice since January 1 that pensions had definitely been denied the pensioners, said Shelton. "They have only been rechecked."

Eleven investigators are now working in this district.—Baird Star.

### PATHETIC SCENE WITNESSED DAILY IN MOST TOWNS

The editor of the Bonham Favorite, pictures a scene that may be witnessed daily in the streets of most towns:

Every day you walk the streets of the city or town in which you live you pass some old man whom you Freshman—"I guess, Lulu, that you've gone out with worse-looking fellows than I am."

(no answer from the girl friend)  
Freshman—"I say, Lulu, I guess you've gone out with worse-looking fellows than I am haven't you?"

Co-ed Lulu—"I heard you the first time. I was just trying to think."

knew in better days. He held a position of trust and honor. He was proud of his good name, his success, his skill or ability to do some work better than other men did it. But the day came when his employer realized that his powers were waning, his hand slowing down, his steps growing slower. He could not cope in activity with younger men—and he had to go out to seek a new place. Forgotten is the service he had rendered so long and so well, forgotten the day when he was the most valued man in the shop or the office; forgotten everything save that he has grown old.

Is anything more pathetic than this?

No, unless it is the old and faithful doctor who has worked day and night, in storm and sunshine, at a sacrifice of his own strength and in danger to his own health; or the old minister who has preached long to a community, visited the sick and suffering, comforting the sorrowing, marrying the young, and burying the dead—but at last when age comes is hidden to seek a new field of labor—where old men are not wanted.

Pathetic! Yes, pathetic as life itself—for it is life, imperfect, ungrateful, unheeding life.—Grandview Tribune.

## PUEBLO ITEMS

R. A. Park, D. D. Jones, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Yarbrough of Union, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Aller, of Pueblo, were in Baird Monday. Quite a large crowd from over the county gathered to hear the county agent, Ross B. Jenkins, discuss the new farm program.

J. E. Johnson received word Monday that his sister, Mrs. Sanders, of Breckenridge, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia, is considerably improved.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Allen of Albany visited Mrs. Allen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Hitchins, of Cottonwood Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. McCollum have been on the sick list the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Booth and children were transacting business in Abilene Saturday.

Have not heard of anyone falling during the recent sleet. Guess they read in the Good Book where it said "Watch as well as pray."

Jim Nunnally is on the sick list this week.

## Ann Harding Weds



LONDON... Ann Harding, ash-blond beauty of the American screen (above), is the bride of Werner Janssen, famed American conductor and composer. They were quietly married in a surprise wedding. It is the second marriage for both.

## KNOW TEXAS

DENTON.—It's a simple matter nowadays to start a fire. Just a twist of the wrist, and you have heat to cook your meals, keep you warm, or generate enough energy to supply your daily needs. But in the early part of this century, starting a fire meant a long series of duties: chopping the wood, splitting it into kindling, lugging it into the house, and then coaxing the tiny flame into a blaze.

All that took place before the gas industry came into being, and certainly long before it became known that the world's largest natural gas field lay under large portions of Potter, Moore, Carson, Hutchinson, and Wheeler counties in the Texas Panhandle. It was the discovery of this field immediately following that of the great Richland field in Louisiana that placed the natural gas industry definitely upon a new, national basis.

Natural gas resources of Texas are as widely distributed as its petroleum reserves. From the lower Rio Grande Valley to the Panhandle and from Winkler county on the west to the Texas-Louisiana border are found many producing natural gas reservoirs.

Texas leads the nation in the production of natural gas, its production in 1934 being almost three times that of California, which held second place. A total of 602,976,000,000 cubic feet of natural gas was produced at that time.—Texas State College or Women (CIA).

### BANK ROBBERY CUT 75 PER CENT BY FEDERALS

Since Uncle Sam stepped into the banking picture with his quick fingered G-men and strict laws that cover practically every institution, bank robberies and swindles have dropped 75 per cent in the northern district, United States District Attorney Clyde Eastus said as he checked the docket for the January term of court.

"We have pending only one case concerning an offense that took place last year and this is about to be solved," Mr. Eastus said. "This case originated at Handley. The only other case was at Sudan during the year. Where it was very common to have bank robberies of State banks and small town institutions a few years ago, they are very rare now."

Practically all banks are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. This governmental utility insures deposits of banks entitled to such under the banking law and may act as a receiver for closed banks. It may operate for a limited time new national banks to make available to depositors in closed banks the insured amount of deposits. The maximum amount of any insured deposit is \$5,000.

Since Mr. Eastus has been in office for the last three and one-half years only about sixteen cases of bank robbery have come before him. Defendants in all of these cases have been sent to Alcatraz prison except the ones in the Handley case who are still at large.—Ex.

### BENEFITS OF BIRTHDAY BALL EXTEND OVER COUNTRY

NEW YORK.—"Small boys and girls unable to walk, as a result of infantile paralysis are receiving proper treatment not only at Warm Springs, Ga., but in every section of the United States and in ever-increasing numbers. This is the outstanding fact emerging from a flood of communications pouring into headquarters for the President's Birthday Ball." Colonel Henry L. Doherty of the fourth time chairman of the national committee, said today.

Funds collected as a result of the festivities throughout the country on January 30 will be divided in the proportion of seventy-thirty as last year, he pointed out, the larger fraction going toward the relief of the sufferers from infantile paralysis in the community where the money is raised. The smaller goes to the president to be turned over to the Warm Springs Foundation. This distribution has made it possible to proceed with the work of rehabilitating victims of poliomyelitis in the most modern clinics in every large center, as well as to bring sufferers to those clinics from rural communities and remote sections. Colonel Doherty added.

Miss Mildred Yeager and J. C. Pearson were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Ross and Brooks Ross of Gorman Sunday, attending Sunday school and enjoying luncheon in the Ross home. Brooks Ross is superintendent of the young people's department of the Baptist church of Gorman.

Frank Maynard, who has accepted a position with Morgan Grocery Co. of Baird, was transacting business in Putnam Wednesday. Mr. Maynard is moving his family to Baird this week. Putnam regrets losing Mr. and Mrs. Maynard and family from our midst but we heartily recommend them to the citizenship of Baird.

Hally Crawford was in town Thursday morning and while here called at the News office and in discussing the snow stated that it would be of great benefit to the grain, and that it put a good season in the ground. He said that he had been plowing the day before and the ground was too wet.

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