

# THE PUTNAM NEWS

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## FROM THE EDITOR'S WINDOW

Bob Sweeney received a telegram on his birthday Wednesday from Robert E. Sweeney, president of the State Life Insurance Company of Indianapolis, Ind., who has exactly the same name and the same initials as he has; yet the two men are of no relationship. The acquaintance started at a regional meeting of Fort Worth offices when a banquet was given in honor of president Sweeney. The Bob Sweeney of Putnam is an experienced singer, while the other one has never attempted to sing for the public. At the banquet, as a practical joke to which everyone except President Sweeney knew about, the announcer stated that Robert E. Sweeney would now favor the group with several vocal selections. President Sweeney promptly arose and expressed regret that he could not favor the group in this manner, when to his great surprise the Putnam Bob Sweeney appeared on the stage and fulfilled the announced numbers. President Sweeney was convinced that he was not supposed to sing, and expressed his appreciation to the other Sweeney for saving his life. The acquaintance ripened into friendship and for eight years the president has remembered Mr. Sweeney's birthday, and the two are staunch friends, brought about by a practical joke, which proves that good jokes are something to be appreciated.

We received a letter this week from Orville S. Carpenter, State Auditor, wherein Mr. Carpenter wrote: "I read your article entitled 'The Tax Tangle,' with much interest. As I am making a special study of the tax situation in Texas, I am greatly interested in the problem of taxation. I enjoyed your column, 'From the Editor's Window.' We appreciate the fact very much that a busy man like the state auditor takes the time to read the Editor's Window in our paper. Mr. Carpenter has been contributed some articles of interest to the Putnam News."

We noticed an excellent product of Callahan county soil in the office of the county agent at Baird Wednesday, which was nothing more than an ordinary broom. We may think of drudgery when we think of a broom but nevertheless they are necessary to humanity and our own county produces some excellent material for their manufacture. This broom was made from broom corn grown on the farm of C. H. Young of Route 3, Clyde, Texas, and was manufactured in Callahan county.

Brooms have been made at Oplin and Cottonwood. We tried the broom in order to be able to give accurate information concerning its worth, and it's really a good one. This editor is an experienced judge of brooms, even though the News office may not prove it to be that way sometimes.

### Without Justification

Huey Long, who arose from mere obscurity in a small Louisiana parish to political boss of his state and a power in national affairs, is dead; murdered by a political enemy.

Such procedure is entirely un-American and without place in our modern scheme of things. Long, regardless of his political faults, or virtues, had the endorsement of his constituents and was deserving of fairer play. Those who believe that a man is politically corrupt and because he can not be beaten at the ballot box should be slain, reason unwisely. America has laws, people who believe in justice and fair play. The man who murdered Long, or the clique which may have fostered it, committed a greater crime than any with which Long was ever charged.

The Review was never a believer of the Long principles yet we strongly affirm that the only just defeat he was entitled to was at the ballot box.—Cross Plains Review.

If you take the government out of all lines of business, abolish all semblance of the NRA, and stop the policies of the AAA, you'll take out half of the people off the relief rolls of America within 60 days.—Governor Eugene Talmadge, Georgia.

I love my wife! I can't go through with this—Virgil F. Winslow, Los Angeles, in court where he was suing for divorce the wife to whom he had been married 35 years.

Thirty-three bales of cotton have been ginned to date in Putnam. Cotton is grading very low; most of it being low middling which is selling from 9.25 to 9.50.

Hollis Collins, student of Howard Payne College, spent the week-end in the home of Wayne and Cecil Triplett.

## PANTHERS TO PLAY BALLINGER

Oliver Davis, Sports Editor  
The Putnam Panthers will invade Ballinger this evening. The Panthers have been working out steady, and are improving greatly. Ballinger will be our first game of the season, and we hope to come back with victory. Being that Ballinger is our first game, although not a conference game, we hope to win it and start our football year off with victory. When those Panthers tangle with Ballinger there will be some real fighting going on between these two teams.

We not only wish to win for ourselves but for the school and our coach, Bill Wright. He formerly lived and coached at Ballinger. We want to win this game so that he can go to Ballinger and enjoy himself.

The Panthers scrimmaged the Cisco Lobos last Friday and gave them a mighty good workout. Although Cisco is a Class A team, we held them pretty good. The Panthers did better on defense than on offense, but we are working hard on both sides, learning more every day.

We also scrimmaged them again Tuesday and showed more improvement.

The Panthers will play Clyde at Clyde next week. We hope to give them the game of their life.

The Panther's schedule will appear in another place in today's paper. Look for it.

### W. M. S. MET MONDAY

The Women's Missionary Society of the First Baptist church met Monday evening at the church at 5, due to the fact that the Association of the county meets on Tuesday, regular meeting day for the society. Mrs. G. P. Gaskin, president, presided. Opening songs were "Fling Out the Banner," and "Jesus Calls Us." Prayer was led by Mrs. Gaskin. A Mission Study program was enjoyed with Mrs. Jobe leader. Subject for the program was "Lifting the Banner Through Stewardship." Those on the program were Mesdames E. G. Scott, Fred Golson, John Cook, Fred Cook, W. M. Tatum, F. A. Hollis, Jack Brandon. Ladies present were Mesdames Fred Golson, L. B. Williams, G. P. Gaskin, E. G. Scott, John Cook, W. M. Crosby, F. A. Hollis, Jack Brandon, W. M. Tatum, Fred Cook, I. E. Cook, S. W. Jobe, S. M. Eulank, O. W. Culwell, W. E. Pruet.

scribes and Pharisees Rebuked for Being More Diligent in Tithing Than in Weightier Matters of Law. "We unto you scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, for ye pay tithes of mint, and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, Judgment, Mercy, and Faith; these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone."—Jesus in Matt. 23:23.

Some Notes—  
Ye will NOT come unto me, that ye might have life.—John 5:40.  
He that believeth not the Son, shall not see life.—John 3:36.  
He that believeth NOT is condemned already, because he hath NOT believed.—John 3:18.  
To him that worketh is the reward NOT reckoned of grace but of debt. But to him that worketh NOT, but believeth, his faith is counted for righteousness.—Rom. 4:4-5.  
Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will NOT impute sin.—Rom. 4:8.  
NOT of works, lest any man should boast.—Eph. 2:9.  
NOT by works of righteousness which we have done.—Titus 3:5.  
And be found in him, NOT having mine own righteousness.—Phil. 3:9.  
He that hath NOT the Son of God hath NOT life.—John 5:12.

ADJUSTMENT PAYMENTS ON COTTON  
Following is the average price of middling 7-8 inch staple at the ten designated markets on spot cotton, daily from August 1 and the adjustment payments representing the difference between the average and 12 cents. This is price landed on 7-8 inch cotton:

Sept. 3	10.39	1.61	12
Sept. 4	10.45	1.55	12
Sept. 5	10.42	1.59	12
Sept. 6	10.48	1.52	12
Sept. 7	10.44	1.56	12
Sept. 9	10.49	1.51	12
Sept. 10	10.49	1.51	12
Sept. 11	10.58	1.42	12

Honorable and Mrs. Cecil A. Lotief and children stopped for a short visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Yeager Friday evening, as they were en route to their home in Cross Plains after a trip to Abilene.

## "Okeh" Says Baer



NEW YORK... A training camp picture of Max Baer, former world champion, as he prepares for his fight here with the sensational Joe Louis, Dusky Detroit bomber September 24. "Hands now okeh", says Baer.

## PANTHER'S SCHEDULE

(Oliver Davis, Sports Editor)  
The Putnam Panthers will have some real grid battles this year. We hope to pull through with new victories. The schedule is as follows:

- Sept. 20—At Ballinger.
- \*Sept. 27—At Clyde.
- \*Oct. 4—At Albany (night).
- Oct. 11—At Rising Star.
- Oct. 18—Open.
- Oct. 25—Open.
- \*Nov. 1—At Baird.
- \*Nov. 8—Cross Plains at Putnam.
- Nov. 15—Open.
- Nov. 22—At Pioneer.
- \*conference games.

## DICK POWELL AND JOAN BLONDELL IN NOVEL MUSICAL

"Broadway Gondolier," Warner Bros.' sensational new musical comedy, which reunites the popular stars of "Gold Diggers of 1933," Dick Powell and Joan Blondell, will be shown at the Plaza Theatre, Baird, for the first time on Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 25 and 26.

The picture heralded as one of the most humorous, as well as romantic productions of the year, is based on a story by Sig Herzig, E. Y. Harburg and Hans Graly. In the all star cast besides Dick Powell and Joan Blondell are Adolph Menjola, Louise Barbier and Grant Mitchell.

The story concerns the romance of a New York taxicab driver, who aspires to be a singer, and the secretary of a big broadcasting concern, who falls in love with him and arranges a audition.

A series of mix-ups prevent his appearance, and his teacher, a former singer and impoverished Italian aristocrat, sings for him. But his voice has gone sour and the taxi driver loses out. It is not until he gets to Venice that he makes good, first as a singing gondolier, and later in opera. He returns to New York and success in one of the most unusual climaxes imaginable.

## ATTENTION LEGIONNAIRES

There will be a meeting of the American Legion Eugene Bell Post No. 82 at Baird, Texas, on Monday, Sept. 23rd, at 8 o'clock p. m. at the Chamber of Commerce building. Election of officers. Be there and cast a vote.—Tom B. Hadley, Adjt.

## NEW WHEAT COMMITTEEMAN AT PUTNAM

(ROSS B. JENKINS, County Agt.)

Friends of George A. Brown, progressive farmer of the North Putnam section, met and elected him to represent the wheat growers of that area for the coming year in the Callahan Wheat Growers Association.

Mr. Brown was away on a business trip at the time of his election and found it to be a surprise to him. He stated that he hoped to acquaint himself with all the provisions of the new program and to be able to assist any wheat grower to become a member of the association.

J. B. Mashburn is the retiring committeeman of the Hart community. He is moving out of the county so will not be in the association any longer. Mr. Brown stated that the highlights of the wheat program are:

1. Adjusts production to demand.
2. Increases farm purchasing power.
3. Provides adequate supplies.
4. Encourages sound farm practices.
5. Is based on voluntary cooperation.

## SCRANTON NOTES

Larry Bailey of this place and Miss Elsie Deal of Cisco were married Sept. 8th at the First Methodist church in Brownwood. Rev. John R. Merritt, brother-in-law of the groom, officiating. Mrs. Bailey was reared in the Haskell community while Mr. Bailey was born and reared in Scranton. He is now employed by the Octane Gas Co. and they are making their home on W. 7th St. in Cisco.

Their many friends are wishing them a long and happy married life. Miss Merle Sprawls and Mrs. Bernard O'Brien were Cisco visitors Sunday afternoon.

Miss Evelyn Long spent the weekend with her parents in Ranger. Miss Elizabeth Jobe visited her brother, Lewis Jobe, in Eastland Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Faires of Cisco were Scranton visitors Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bradshaw have moved here from Eastland. Mr. Bradshaw is to work at the gin when the season opens.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Reese visited their son, Orville and family near Putnam, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Blaylock and daughter of Beeville visited Mr. Blaylock's brother, A. T. Blaylock and attended services at the local Baptist church Sunday.

R. M. Ray, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Sprawls and Mrs. W. E. Faires are among the messengers from the local church who plan to attend the Callahan Baptist Association which is to convene at Clyde Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

There is to be a colt show in Scranton Sept. 31 at 2:30 p. m. All who are interested in good stock are cordially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Hayes of Brownwood, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Cook and daughter, Georgia Cecil, of Cross Plains, Mrs. Owen Cook and baby, Jan, Misses Virginia and Geneva Lively of Albany, and Mrs. George Baker and children of Abilene spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Cook.

## "Nice Girl", says Louis



CHICAGO... Here is the colored girl, Miss Marva Trotter, 19, Chicago stenographer, whom Joe Louis, Dusky Detroit heavyweight, says he thinks "is awfully nice" and whom Dame Rumor says is engaged to the sensational fighter.

## WELL DRILLED IN

Well No. 2 on the Henson Wagley lease about 7 miles north of Putnam blew itself in last Thursday, and oil of high gravity flowed over the top and through the bleeder. Robert Sweeney expects to drill well No. 3 and pipe was being set Wednesday. Frank B. Hammon is operator and H. B. Freeman field manager.

## GROUP HAD ICE CREAM SOCIAL

A group of friends gathered in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Cook Tuesday evening and enjoyed an ice cream social. Those present were Bob Sweeney and son, Bob Sweeney 3rd, R. F. Webb, Neal Moore, Thelma Everett, W. P. Everett, M. H. Cook, Jack Cook, Frances, Artie, and Lillian Cook, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Cook.

## PARTY AT HERRING HOME

Mrs. Tex Herring was hostess to a group of friends in her home Monday evening. Candy making, forty-two, and bridge were enjoyed. Those present were Misses Delores Brandon, Eva Moore, Vella Sandlin, Lera Fleming, Hortense Rogers, Lois Kennedy, Elsie Kelley, Mildred Yeager, Mrs. Will Rogers, Mrs. Texas Herring, Mrs. Charles Reynolds of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

J. Y. Culwell made a trip to Three Rivers Saturday where he made a short visit in the home of his brother, Willie Culwell and family. Stanley Culwell, his nephew, accompanied him on the trip and Mrs. J. Y. Culwell will also accompany him on the return trip. Mrs. Culwell has been visiting at Three Rivers and at Mineral, Texas, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Thames.

## PROGRAM FOR WOMAN'S STUDY CLUB MONDAY

Subject for the year, "Texas."  
Hostess—Mesdames R. L. Clinton, L. B. Williams, G. S. Pruet in the home of Mrs. E. C. Waddell.  
Roll call—Reminiscence of Summer Vacations.  
Club collect repeated in Unison.  
President's message.  
Review "The Dark Comes Early" by Pendleton Hogan—Mrs. Wiley Clinton.  
Special music—Mrs. C. A. Mercer.  
Payment of Federation dues.

## HIGH GRADE COTTON SHOULD BRING PREMIUM

(Ross B. Jenkins, County Agent)  
The cotton section is anxious that each producer become acquainted with the fact that all cotton is bought on the grade. If buyers of cotton are to cut and sample a man's cotton they are doing it to find out the grade—the length of staple, the color, and condition. After this has been done the price should be quoted on that particular sample's grade for that day. Cotton prices are quoted on middling cotton each day. If cotton grades more than middling it should bring a correspondingly better price and if lower than middling, of course, a lower price. In this grade standard it is 7-8 inch length that is considered.

Men who sell on the new Price Adjustment Program may get more than 12 cents for their cotton. The Price Adjustment will be made on the 10 spot market quotations for the day the cotton is sold based on 7-8 inch staple. If the price were 10.53 on this grade of cotton for that day the Price Adjustment would pay to the seller 1.47 cents per pound. But cotton grading better than 7-8 inch should say bring 11.05 that day. The government would pay the 1.47 to the seller which would bring his price to 12.52 for that day. In short that is the way the new play works and it is most important that each seller of cotton get all his particular grade is worth.

## Quilt and Building Cotton Exempted

A new amendment to the Bankhead Act allows each grower to gin 110 pounds of cotton tax free for his own home use. It has been figured that such amount will allow each farmer to make two 50 pound beds and have about 3 pounds each for three quilts. This is a wise and needed amendment. It is thought this will save many ginners trouble of having to buy so many very small remnants.

## GRIGG'S HOSPITAL NOTES

R. B. Rawls, conductor of the Texas & Pacific Railway Company, entered the hospital on a stretcher Friday after two convulsions.

Mrs. A. J. Robinson of Roscoe, formerly Miss Murl Barton, entered the hospital Friday for major surgery.

Alfred Bell of Baird, son of Aaron Bell, had a mastoid operation Saturday. He is doing nicely.

Miss Bell Hardwick, who entered the hospital about 10 days ago for ruptured appendix, had her side opened and drained Monday.

Miss Ruby Sadler, 14 year old daughter of Willie Sadler of Rowden, entered the hospital Sunday suffering from double pneumonia.

Mrs. Ben Boutwell of Hickman lease of Belle Plains, entered the hospital Saturday and was operated for appendicitis Saturday night.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Higgins of Abilene, a 7 pound boy Monday.

Mrs. J. S. Ayers died in the hospital Monday night from a cerebral hemorrhage.

Mrs. J. S. Hart of Hutchinson, Kansas, was a x-ray patient Friday for fractured ribs.

Billy Rose, 8 year old son of W. H. Rose of Rowden, was a victim of a runaway horse this week and suffered severe lacerations of the head.

Mrs. Lola E. Lyle of Clyde was an x-ray patient Friday.

Mrs. T. T. Jackson and baby boy left the hospital Thursday and are doing nicely.

Mrs. C. L. Dickey, who underwent gall bladder removal, is slowly improving.

Ivey Hart who entered the hospital several weeks ago, is improving. Patsy Joe Reister, 10 year old daughter of O. R. Reister, was operated for appendicitis Tuesday night.

Miss Mary Bell Merrick of Abilene has been working in the hospital for special cases this week.

Dr. Welton Varner, who is taking intern work at the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium at Abilene, assisted at the hospital his week.

## GROUP ENJOYED PICNIC

A group of young people enjoyed a picnic at the tables east of Putnam built near the rightway Friday evening. A delicious supper was prepared in the small furnace. Those present were Thelma Everett, Neal Moore, Kathleen Green, Arnold Pruet, Roberta Pruet, W. P. Everett, Ardella Gaskin, Douglas Kelly, Eva Moore, Willard Gaskin, Earlene Pruet, Jack Cook, John D. Isenhower and Mrs. Janey Moore.

Mesdames G. P. Gaskin and F. A. Hollis, Billy Gaskin, Kenneth Gaskin and Bobby Clinton were visitors in Abilene Saturday.

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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.

If farmers had no votes the politicians would help them by letting them alone.

Government is a business and the voters are about as important as minority stockholders.

A straw vote in England went 59,000,000 to 6,000,000 in favor of peace, but not one vote for paying us our war debt.

What is needed in Washington is an investigation of the investigations. If graft and humbug were eliminated from American politics, what would be left.—Ex.

Senator Hastings, of Delaware, Republican, claims that the New Dealers so far have spent "a sum about equal to all that has been spent by all of the presidents from Washington to Wilson—a period of 124 years and a sum of about \$24,000,000." Of this gigantic total Congress appropriated \$10,000 to finance the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Constitution September 17, 1937. This shows how much Congress thinks of the constitution.

**MUSSOLINI OUT DISTANCED**

The amendment to the agriculture act, just passed by Congress to place potatoes under the control, reads as follows: The Government will design uniform bags or other containers to be used in packing potatoes for sale and these containers, like every bottle of liquor or every bale of cotton, must have on it official evidence either that a tax has been paid or that an exemption was granted. The law reads as follows: "Any person who knowingly sells, offers for sale, or offers to buy, or buys, potatoes not packed as required by the title, or any person who knowingly offers to buy or buys potatoes, to the package of which are not fixed stamps, shall upon conviction thereof be fined not more than \$1,000.00. Any person convicted of a second offence may, in addition to such fine, be imprisoned or not more than one year."

"Thus the house wife who offers to buy a bucket of potatoes not bearing the tax-exemption certificates, or who bought potatoes thus lacking the stamp could be fined a thousand dollars and could be sent to jail if she did it the second time.

We do not know how many more amendments have been tacked on to this act; but there is no doubt but that there are many just as radical as this one. When the people began signing up on this cotton reduction campaign they were warned that the cotton was just a beginner and all of this other would follow, and it would only be a short time until we could not do anything or sell anything without first getting a permit from Washington, and it ought to be plain to everyone by this time just what the New Deal will do if given the power, by electing Roosevelt again and giving him another rubber stamp congress. The small farmer that only produces a few bushels of potatoes, and has a bushel or so to sell that he does not need, will not be able to sell his neighbor a peck without first going to Washington and getting a permit from some fellow that does not know a treadsave from a potato vine, and it will not stop here, but will be extended, on, on, on until we will not be able to sell a dozen eggs without a permit. Is it possible after building up the greatest nation on earth, that the intelligent American people will sit idle, and let this foreign policy be substituted for our American form of government, a policy that has wrecked every nation that has tried it? The above mentioned law goes into effect December 1, 1935.

**TEN CENT LOAN ON COTTON**

There seems to be some misunderstanding of the ten cent loan on cotton. We have had a number to ask us in the last few days as to whether they had to put cotton in the loan to get the subsidy between the sale price and the 12 cents. It is not necessary that you borrow money to get the subsidy; but it is necessary that you keep a statement of all cotton sold. The date and price received, and grade, which will figure in final set-

**Are We Downhearted?** — by A. B. Chapin



tlement. We will give as news each week the average price of cotton at the ten designated markets. See statement on another page.

**STATE BRINGS SUIT TO RECOVER \$2,000,000**

A suit involving \$2,000,000 in bonds released by the Texas Highway Department has been filed in the name of the State by District Attorney John A. Cook against the Security Trust Company of Austin, the Highway Commissioners, and 22 Texas counties.

The counties are Andrews, Bell, Bowie, Burnett, Colorado, Calhoun, Concho, Gains, Liberty, Live Oak, Lipscomb, Matagorda, Madison, Pecos, Reagan, Refugio, Roberts, San Jacinto, Tyler, Van Zandt, Wheeler and Wood.

It was alleged that the 22 counties had on deposit the sum of \$1,999,519.68 and that in February 1932 the Security trust company notified the Highway Department that it had no funds with which to pay checks drawn on said accounts.

This was brought out in the Senate investigation in the 43rd legislature, wherein the Highway Commission had advised or requested that the counties above mentioned sell their bonds to this bank and make this bank the depository for the funds, and the bank to secure the funds with bonds; which was done, but when the different counties began drawing on their accounts for their part of the fund the bank returned the drafts marked they could not pay on account of no funds; notwithstanding the counties had deposit slips for the money. The commission knowing the conditions took up the drafts with the funds of the Texas Highway Department and went ahead with the work. Finally the Security Trust Company went into the hands of the receiver, and the different counties found that their bonds were gone, and they had no security with the exception of a lot of worthless bonds that most of them had no value whatever, and that the commission had permitted or allowed them to take down a lot of bonds, and replace them with others, and of course they took down bonds that could be sold and replaced them with other bonds that were worthless, as the sworn evidence discloses.

The district attorney further alleges in his pleadings that this release was a violation of Article 3 Section 55 of the constitution as follows: "The legislature shall have no power to release or extinguish or to authorize the release or extinguishing, in whole or in part, of the indebtedness, liability or obligations of any corporation or individual to this state."

The petition was signed by District Attorney Cook, Wilkerson of Mount Vernon and Fred S. Rogers of Austin, as attorney for the plaintiffs.

**SMOKE 'EM OUT**

Nobody has even explained, satisfactorily or otherwise, why Texas drew only a \$600.00 per man allotment under the WPA program. The per man scale runs as high as \$1100 in some states. Texas is near the bottom of the allotment.

The West Texas chamber of commerce is taking up the fight begun some weeks ago by the county judges and commissioners. The WTCC will carry on a state wide campaign in an effort to bring pressure to bear on Washington for better treatment of this State's unemployed, who are offered \$600.00 per year in comparison

with much higher rating given other states.

It is claimed that many of the Texas PWA projects are unable to qualify because of this low per man allotment. That is serious business.

Could it be politics, because Texas is a Democratic strong hold and does not have to be cajoled? If not politics, then what? In its fight for a better deal the WTCC should have the backing of all organizations and individuals in Texas.

If Texas is to be treated like a poor relation, Texans would like to know why should Oklahoma get \$900.00 per man?

Why should New York get \$1,100? Washington, has been constantly silent on the subject. It is time to smoke 'em out.—Abilene Reporter.

**TEXAS U. OBSERVATORY LENS BEING GROUND**

AUSTIN, Texas.—Grinding of the 82 inch lens for the new W. J. McDonald Observatory of the University of Texas which is being erected on Mount Locke, near Fort Davis, is well under way, according to information which has been received from Dr. Otto Struve, director of Yerkes Observatory at Williams Bay, Wis., and who also is director of the McDonald Observatory. The firm of Warner & Swasey of Cleveland, Ohio, hopes to have the two and one-half ton 82 inch disc finished in 1936. Dr. Struve wrote. Most of the rough grinding of the disc has been completed in the shops of the firm but it is not yet ready for tests. Dr. Struve said. The surface of the mirror is now a portion of a sphere, having a radius of approximately 54 feet. This means that approximately one and one-third inches of glass have been removed from the center of the disc, giving it a concave.

The next step, will be the polishing of the mirror and the changing of its shape from a sphere to a paraboloid which may take several months. The latter geometrical figure has the property of reflecting parallel beams of light in such a way that they are all concentrated in one point which is called the focus.

It was stated by Dr. Struve that "Practically all of the astronomical work with the 82 inch reflector will be carried on by photography and the astronomers will rarely have an opportunity to see the stars"; that through an eye-piece, they will expose photographic plates in the focus of the telescope and then examine the photographs under microscopes and measuring machines in the Observatory laboratory.

The Observatory building is completed and ready for the installation of the telescope.

Mrs. Flora Nurdyke of Baird was a business visitor in Putnam Wednesday.

Mrs. Roy Speegle and children, W-yne and Doris Ann, of Scranton, spent the week-end with Mrs. Roy Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Fuford Allen of Cisco spent Monday evening in the home of Mrs. Allen's mother, Mrs. Janey Moore.

**Dr. M. C. McGowen**

DENTIST—X-RAY

Downstairs Office

BAIRD, TEXAS

**SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON**

by Charles E. Dunn

JAMES

Lesson for Sept. 22nd, James 1:1-17

Golden Text: James 1:12

One of the most helpful and practical books in the New Testament is the epistle of James, probably written by James, the brother of Jesus, who was the leading man in the Jerusalem Church. He was called "James the Just," and, according to tradition, died a martyr, even as did his brother the Saviour. It is clear from the picture we get of him in the book of Acts that he was a steadfast character, conservative and cautious. When we examine the letter bearing his name we are impressed by its author's sturdy common sense.

Now James' epistle is an earnest sermon preached not to one particular group, but to all of Christendom. Furthermore it contains more echoes of the teaching of Jesus than any other New Testament book, save the gospels. It reminds us strongly of the Sermon on the Mount, that sublime expression of the Master's wisdom.

And because it is so close of Jesus it breathes the air of democracy, for our Lord, to whom the common folk listened gladly, was the greatest democrat who ever lived.

And how practical is its counsel! Such mysteries as the incarnation, the atonement, the trinity are not discussed at all. James is interested in right conduct. A lover of the law, he insists upon the importance of works. James wants his readers to be doers. Righteousness is his passion. And so he puts 54 commands into the 108 verses of his stirring letter. "Do not do this," he says. "Do not do that." There is thus a negative prohibitory tone in his epistle, but it is none the less useful for that.

One of the finest parts of this letter is the famous passage on the tongue in chapter 3. Here James shows how powerful and wicked is human speech. The tongue, he argues, cannot be domesticated. It is an untameable beast.

Miss Lera Fleming and Mrs. George McCool accompanied Miss Mildred Yeager to Baird Wednesday.

Marlin Keeton of San Angelo was a week-end guest of Miss Bertha Buchanan.

Miss Mildred Yeager was a visitor in Clyde Saturday enjoying lunch in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Robbins.

Mr. and Mrs. Vergil Brown spent several days in Abilene this week where they were guests in the home of Mrs. Brown's father, L. C. Leslie and family and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Kennedy returned to their home in Fort Worth Saturday morning. They were accompanied by Miss Willie Kennedy who will remain several days.

**Dr. J. H. McGowen**

DENTIST, X-RAY

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CROSS PLAIN, TEXAS

**THE BOOK**

By Bruce Barton

**MONUMENTS TO BOOK ALL ABOUT US**

Professor Huxley did not stand alone in his opinion. James Anthony Froude, never accused of prejudice in favor of orthodoxy, said:

The Bible, thoroughly known, is a literature in itself—the rarest and richest in all departments of thought and imagination which exists.

Said Frederic Harrison, foremost exponent of the religion of Positivism:

The English Bible is the true school of English literature. It possesses every quality of our language in its highest form. The book which begot English prose is still its supreme type.

Lord Macaulay wrote: The English Bible—a book which, everything else in our language should perish, would alone show the whole extent of its power and beauty.

And Charles Dickens, writing to his son:

I put a New Testament among your books for the very same reason and with the very same hopes that made me write an easy account of it when you were a little child—because it is the best book that ever was or ever will be in the world, and because it teaches you the best lessons by which any human creature who tries to be truthful and faithful can possibly be guided.

So we might discuss the Book in its influence on literature and on law; in its contribution to the spread of the English language; in its inspiration of philanthropies, for, as Mackay said in his History of European Morals, it has "covered the globe with countless institutions of mercy, absolutely unknown to the pagan world". Volumes have been written, and will be, on every phase of this subject, but we do not need them. The monuments to the Book are all about us; every department of modern civilized life bears the record of its influence.

Instead of rehearsing again these well-worn testimonies, let us close this series with a single dramatic story, a story so old that surely many readers will find it entirely new.

It starts with George III of England, in the year 1768. In that year the Royal Society of London appealed to the King to send a royal expedition to the South Seas to observe a transit of Venus across the disk of the sun, which event was to occur in 1769. A bark of three hundred and seventy tons was accordingly sent out, and the island chosen was for a time called King George's Island, but later it became and at present is known by its native name of Tahiti, or, in its abbreviated form, Tahiti. It is there the modern writers go to get local color for their South Sea stories.

Next Week: Mutiny in the South Sea.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Parent-Teachers Association of the Putnam public schools will meet each 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at 3:00 at the high school building, Mrs. E. E. Sunderman is president of the P. T. A. this year.

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Mesdames Tex Herring and Fred Farmer were visitors in Cisco Wednesday.

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# Local Happenings

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Gaskin were visitors in Baird Monday.

Mrs. J. M. Cribbs was a visitor in Cisco Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. S. J. Hamilton has been on the sick list this week.

John Mouser and Granville Plymmer of Eastland were in Putnam Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Eubank and Mrs. W. E. Pruet were visitors in Ranger Thursday.

Miss Willie Kennedy returned Tuesday from a visit in Fort Worth in the home of her brother, J. L. Kennedy and family.

Mrs. J. H. D. Fleming returned Tuesday from an extended visit in the home of her daughter at Phoenix, Arizona.

Mrs. Nora Smith of Fort Worth spent several days in the home of her mother, Mrs. Vera Price in south Putnam.

Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Teague and daughter, Viola, attended the funeral of Mr. Townsend, an old friend, at Anson Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. White and children, Cecil and Eunice of Phoenix, Arizona, are visiting in the home of their son, Audie White and family.

Neal Moore, Thelma Everett, Eva Moore, and Miss Tassie Jackson spent Sunday afternoon in Cisco in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Buford Allen.

Mrs. A. B. Reagan of Brady spent Saturday with Mrs. Mary Guyton of the Mission Hotel. Mr. Reagan is post master at Brady. A new post office is being completed there.

Miss Pauline Robards, teacher in the Putnam public schools, had as her guests Sunday afternoon her mother, Mrs. F. W. Robards and M. G. Joyce of Rising Star.

Joe Douglas Abbott suffered an injury of an arm received while playing on the school grounds Monday. He was taken to Cisco for an x-ray picture.

Betty Mercer, Franklin Shackelford, Hortense Rogers, Hollis Collins, Myrlene McCool, Wayne Triplitt, Frances Armstrong, Cecil Triplitt attended the Palace Theatre at Cisco Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Gaskin, and Mesdames A. W. Culwell, John Cook, Rev. and Mrs. F. A. Hollis, Mesdames E. G. Scott, W. M. Crosby, W. E. Pruet, J. F. Butler, E. G. Scott, attended the Baptist Association at Clyde Tuesday.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ramsey visited relatives in Cisco Friday.

Mrs. S. W. Jobe and Mrs. W. A. Everett were Cisco visitors Monday.

J. S. Yeager was a business visitor in Moran Friday.

G. W. Damon was a business visitor in Eastland Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Collins and son, Jimmy, of Odessa, were in Putnam on business Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Cook and baby, Jan, were visitors in Putnam Wednesday.

J. B. Anthony and Mrs. Fred Golsen were business visitors in Cisco Saturday.

Miss Lillian Cook is visiting her sister, Mrs. Malcom Hayes of Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brandon and Mrs. J. B. Brandon visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Scott of Baird Monday evening.

Miss Rena Ball, teacher in the Putnam schools, spent the week-end in the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Ball of Abilene.

Miss Christene, teacher in the Putnam high school, spent the week-end in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Settle of Baird.

Bob Sweeney third, of Fort Worth, has returned to his home after spending a week with his father, Bob Sweeney, of the Mission Hotel.

Miss Eloise Norred left Sunday for Waco, where she will enter Baylor University. She was accompanied on the trip by Mrs. W. H. Norred.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brandon spent Sunday at Mangum in the home of Mrs. Brandon's sister, Mrs. B. A. Hurst.

Buel Everett left Monday, for Brownwood where he will enter Howard Payne College. He was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Loren Everett.

Wilson Kirkpatrick, who has been employed at Baird for the past three years, spent several days in Putnam this week in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Kirkpatrick.

Mr. and Mrs. Georg E. Biggestaff attended church services at Baird Sunday morning, hearing Brother Baxter of Abilene Christian College preach.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster George moved to Stephenville this week where their son, Kenneth, will enter John Tarleton College, and their son, Norman, will enter Stephenville high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reynolds of Tulsa, Oklahoma, who are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cunningham, spent the week-end in Dallas.

Miss Hortense Rogers and Mrs. Claude Cunningham and baby, Allison, spent Thursday and Friday in the home of Mrs. Bob Skinner of Gustine. Mrs. J. A. Hale accompanied them and will remain for an indefinite visit.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Buchanan had as their dinner guests Sunday Mrs. Dave Hargrove and Mr. and Mrs. Bonnie Moore and daughter of Cottonwood, Mrs. A. J. Hurst and sons, Stanley and Leslie, of Putnam; Marlin Keeton of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. George Buchanan and children, of Putnam, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Buchanan and children of Crane, formerly of Putnam.

### Confederate's Chief



NASHVILLE. General Harry Rene Lee (above), is home again here, happy at his election as Commander-in-Chief of the United Confederate Veterans at their annual encampment held in Amarillo, Tex.

## NOBODY'S BUSINESS

By Julian Capers Jr.

Austin, Sept. 9.—The gage of battle to adopt a state monopoly system for the sale of hard liquor in Texas was thrown into legislative arena this week, on the eve of the opening of the special liquor control session of the 44th legislature.

Ex-Sen Tom Love of Dallas, spokesman for the bond drys, and veteran of innumerable prohibition campaigns sent a letter to every member of the state legislature, urging state monopoly, and asserting that only in those nine states which have adopted the system has any substantial revenue accrued to the state.

Bitter, and probably successful resistance, will be encountered to his plan from distillers, liquor wholesalers and distributors, hotels, restaurants and all who hope to profit from the liquor traffic.

The state monopolists will have another try at it, if they fail in the special session, next year, when the people will vote on a constitutional amendment setting up state monopoly. Wet dealers here are gravely concerned over what will take place in the intervening year and a half. If regulation is too lax, if drunken drivers kill too many people, if public dripping by women in bars where women and young girls are bartenders too widespread, they fear a strong reaction that will result in the voters adopting state monopoly next year.

Meanwhile, in the larger cities of Texas and in many small ones, those who profit from the sale of liquor, apparently are doing their utmost to confirm the fears of wet leaders. Throughout the state, liquor dealers have "jumped the gun," not even waiting until the state constitutional amendment is repealed by official canvass of the vote this week, but opening up saloons—specifically prohibited by the repeal amendment where all varieties of hard liquor and mixed drinks are served. Local option laws are utterly disregarded. Breweries in Texas and out, manufactured and shipped 6 per cent beer into the state even before election day, releasing it in floods on election night. Every bottle or keg that is made or sold in the state constituted a separate violation of both state and federal laws still on the books. In Fort Worth a 19 year old girl married in a saloon as a crowd of drinkers cheered, an ordained minister performing the ceremony before an altar of roses, erected on the bar. Drug stores throughout the state continued their magnificent disregard of all laws, and sold packaged liquor by the thousands of gallons. Whatever the legislature does, anarchy is in the saddle so far as liquor sales in Texas are concerned today.

The state prison board, meeting in Houston last Saturday, accepted the resignation of Lee Simmons, longtime superintendent and manager of the system, appointed his successor, Dave Nelson of Orange, chairman of the livestock sanitary commission, manager of the Stark farming interests, and world war veteran who won decorations for gallantry. Gordon Burns, Huntsville's senator and many other members of both houses, protested, asked delay in acting on Simmons' resignation until the legislature could investigate.

The incident brought to a head a long-smouldering fight between Simmons and his friends and a majority of the prison board. Simmons' friends claim he has been handicapped by the board, while his enemies, headed by Sen. Tom Holbrook of Galveston, have criticized Simmons loudly. Both factions promise a legislative investigation, which likely will develop early in the special session.

The widespread interest of Texas in oil was again exemplified in the last prorator order of the railroad commission, which listed and fixed allowances for 174 separate fields. No section of the state seems to be without oil production of potential production. Sixty per cent of the state's counties produce oil. Newest among the areas where production limits are as yet undefined is the Rio Grande valley section, where Union Sulphur Co. brought in a discovery well and quickly completed a second fine producer. Lorry Jacobs, genial public relations director of Southland Life Insurance Co., passing thru Austin after a visit to the field, reported oil excitement throughout the valley region. His company owns several hundred acres in the immediate vicinity of the Sulphur producers, which are under lease to the Sulphur developers, and promise to enrich Southland Life tremendously.

A battle royal between two of the faithful from Democratic ranks for appointment as judge of the federal court for the northern district of Texas is in prospect. T. W. (White) Davidson, once lieutenant governor, now a Dallas insurance executive, and J. Perival Rice, Dallas attorney, campaign manager last year for Sen. Tom Connally, and assistant federal Centennial commissioner, are rival candidates. Davidson has been endorsed by Sen. Morris Sheppard, Rice by Sen. Connally. A deadlock may result, as endorsement of both senators likely will be required by any successful candidate. The appointment will probably be made in December when

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# Cook's Garage

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Judge Weldon Meek reaches the age of retirement. The post pays \$10,000 a year, and appointment is for life.

- ### B. A. U. PROGRAM FOR SEPTEMBER 22
- Part 1—Mrs. Jack Brandon.
  - Part 2—Mrs. W. M. Crosby.
  - Part 3—Mrs. W. E. Pruet.
  - Part 4—Mrs. Fred Golsen.
  - Part 5—Mrs. O. W. Culwell.

### EPWORTH LEAGUE REORGANIZED SUNDAY

The Epworth League of the senior department of the Methodist church was reorganized Sunday evening with the following officers elected:  
Harley Dodd—president.  
Dwight Triplitt—vice-president.  
Hortense Rogers—secretary.  
Dolores Brandon—treasurer.

A program committee consisting of Misses Dolores Brandon and Hortense Rogers was appointed and Misses Myrlene McCool, Frances Armstrong and Billy McMillan were appointed as the recreation committee.  
Mesdames C. K. Peek and Will Rogers will be sponsors. All young people who are not already affiliated with other church organizations are invited to meet with the group each Sunday evening.

Mrs. J. L. Price spent Thursday in Pioneer.

R. L. Young of Cottonwood, was in Putnam Saturday and reported that Cottonwood had about nine inches of rain. He stated that he only had about four acres of cotton, but he thought the heavy crop there would be good this year.

Those attending the association of the Baptist denomination at Clyde Wednesday were Mesdames John Cook, Fred Cook, E. C. Waddell, Loren Everett, S. W. Jones, J. E. Green, W. M. Tatum, E. G. Scott, G. P. Gaskin, O. W. Culwell, J. F. Butler, L. B. Williams, W. M. Crosby, S. M. Eubank, F. A. Hollis, J. H. D. Fleming, Jack Brandon, W. A. Ramsey, Messrs. W. A. Ramsey, S. M. Eubank, G. P. Gaskin, Rev. F. A. Hollis.

Gerald Carter of Overton visited in the Union Community and in Putnam this week. Mrs. Carter and baby son are here and expect to remain about a month in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Yarbrough. The Carters are former residents of Putnam, Mr. Carter being a former employee in the Riack-Miller Drug Company. He has been employed in the drug business at Overton four years.

Coly Maynard and F. Y. Cook were visitors in Baird Saturday.

Misses Willie and Lois Kennedy attended the Palace Theatre at Cisco Wednesday evening.

A. T. Blalock of Scranton, was in Putnam Saturday and subscribed for the Putnam News while here.

Mrs. L. B. Williams and son, Lewis Williams Jr., visited in the home of Mrs. Lee Ivay of Baird Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reynolds of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Mrs. J. H. Cunningham were visitors in Baird Thursday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Biggestaff and baby have returned from a weeks visit with relatives in El Paso. Mrs. Biggestaff's parents are of El Paso.

Autrey Holder, of Cisco, was in Putnam Thursday. Mr. Holder formerly attended the Putnam high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Buchanan and children moved to Crane Saturday, where Mr. Buchanan has employment in the oil industry.

County Attorney Felix Mitchell was in Putnam Saturday looking after legal affairs connected with the duties of his office.

### WANT ADS

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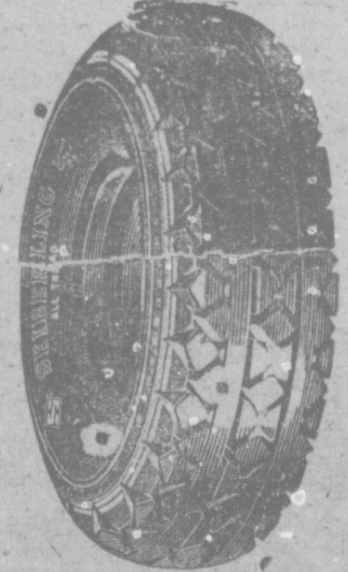
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R. M. Brummett of Scranton, was in Putnam Saturday and stated that he did not think ginning would begin in that community until about October 1.

Leroy Purvis, of Fort Worth, spent a short time in Putnam Friday enroute to Baird where he expected to visit his sister, Mrs. Edgar Smith. Mr. Purvis formerly lived at Putnam.

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# The Story of the Constitution

by CALEB JOHNSON

## THE SUPREME COURT AND ITS POWER

The need for a Federal Judiciary was apparent to all the delegates to the Convention of 1787. The earlier attempts at an effective Federation had been handicapped by the lack of any court having jurisdiction outside its own State. The scheme of "checks and balances" which the framers of the Constitution set up called for a judicial branch independent and acquainted with the Legislature and Executive.

The number of Justices of the Supreme Court is not fixed by the Constitution. Originally there were seven. The number was increased to nine in the administration of President Grant. The Constitution does, however, provide that all Federal judges shall be appointed by the President, and shall hold office "during good behavior." The number of inferior Federal Courts is left to Congress to decide.

The power of the Federal Judiciary, in the language of the Constitution, extends to all cases, in law and equity, arising under this Constitution, the laws of the United States, and treaties, as well as to cases arising from disputes between States, or citizens of different States, and those affecting foreign interests.

The great power of the Supreme Court derives from its duty of interpreting the Constitution. That it might exercise that power to declare an act of Congress unconstitutional was foreseen, and accepted as a matter of course, by the framers of the Constitution. It was intended as a check upon the Legislative and Executive branches of the Government, to see that neither of them exceeded the powers specifically granted to

them by the people in the Constitution.

It has been largely through this power of interpretation by the Supreme Court that the power of the Federal Government has grown from its early beginnings. Instead of constant amendment, to meet the inevitable social and economic changes brought about by the passage of time, the Constitution has been kept in mid-channel of the current of events through successive interpretations of its intent by the Supreme Court.

In the exercise of its duty to test all laws by the standard of the Constitution, the Supreme Court, in its 146 years of existence, has passed upon 24,016 public laws enacted by the Congress. In only 59 cases have laws been declared unconstitutional, and 27 of those decisions were unanimous. The tendency of the Supreme Court throughout its existence has been to keep the Constitution, through its interpretations, abreast of the times.

The Supreme Court never acts on its own initiative. It passes only upon cases brought before it by litigants, generally on appeal from the lower courts. And when it decides that a law is unconstitutional its decision is in effect, a declaration that Congress has tried to do something that runs contrary to the will of the people, as expressed in the document under which Congress, the President and the Court itself derive their powers.

The Supreme Court itself has no power to enforce its decisions. They are, in effect, self-enforcing, for they are recognized by every court in the land, Federal or State, and by Congress and the Executive, as the final word on the question at issue. When the Supreme Court declares a law unconstitutional, that law ceases to exist.

How accurately the Supreme Court reflects the changing public sentiment of changing times is indicated by the fact that only once has an amendment to the Constitution resulted directly from an adverse opinion by the Court. That is the income tax amendment.

Next Week—The Rights of the States.

### SOPHOMORES SPEAK

Oliver Davis

This is the second week of school, and everything is beginning to straighten out. The Sophomores have one new pupil, Hugh Vernon Smith, who was transferred from Union.

We have four studies this year, which are algebra, Spanish, history and English.

We are taking second year algebra, that is, most of us, and we are trying our best to make good grades and pass this course, which is very important.

Our new study this year is Spanish. When we first begin this course you could hear remarks everywhere saying "We can't learn this." But after the first six or seven lessons we all like it much better and are learning fast.

We have a new history teacher, Mr. Wright, who is also our coach. We really like him.

Mr. Webb is our English teacher. We are doing or trying to do our best for him. He is a real teacher.

Our news is thrown short again this week, but we hope to have a real report soon for you. So don't give up.

Boss: "What's this big item on your expense account?"

Salesman: "Oh, that's my hotel bill."

Boss: "Well, don't buy any more hotels."

A couple of tottering tipplers in a beer emporium got to telling each other their life histories. One of them declared he had been an incubator baby, weighed only two pounds, and was 11 inches long. "That's wonderful," exclaimed the other fellow. "Did you live?" "Sure I lived," declared the first. "Grew like anything. Why you ought to see me now."

Motorist—Hey, it's pretty fortunate for you this happened in front of a doctor's house.

Victim—Yeah—but I'm the doctor!

## FARM NOTES

(Ross B. Jenkins, County Agent) Processing Taxes Upheld by San Francisco Federal Court

The Ninth Circuit Federal Court of Appeals in San Francisco August 15 denied the appeal of Fisher Flouring Mills Company and others from Seattle Federal District Court asking temporary injunction against collecting of wheat processing tax. Major A. D. Hadley, adjustment administration attorney in San Francisco, said the decision establishes law in the entire jurisdiction of the Ninth Circuit Court, including California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Montana, Arizona, and opening the way for releasing \$834,000 impounded in Los Angeles, San Francisco Federal courts and paving the way also for continued collection of processing taxes in the whole area, not only on wheat but upon the whole of other commodities and for the adopting of 16 other injunctions.

Abraham Lincoln said this is a government of the people, by the people, and for the people. The people of the United States elected the best men that were available to represent them and these men enacted the law that gave to the farmer the first piece of legislation that ever actually was realized in dollars and cents right down in my home and yours. The value of this one set of laws that is included in the AAA has found its justification in a very short time in raising the price of the things that farmers have to sell. As soon as the Plow Up campaign was assured by the AAA the ruinous price levels of cotton began to make way for a higher and fairer price level. Cotton rose that year from 5 cents to 14 cents, then settled back to 12c when a larger crop was made than was expected.

Hogs were freely offered to neighbors for nothing by the growers but by the time the pig buying campaign ended the price began to lift and then when the drought further depleted the supply they went to the present price, which is about right. Of course, those in the towns and cities complain about the cost of pork but they were spoiled by being able to steal the product at the expense of hundreds of thousands of farmers a few months before. No farmer thinks hogs are too high. He knows for he does "the sloppin' and the feedin' and the sweatin' that it takes to grow 'em" and he ought to realize some profit from their sale when he sells them.

Wheat was selling at 25 cents per bushel when the AAA entered the field to raise prices and today they are about 90 cents. Does any farmer think that too much for his crop? Will 100 bushels of wheat buy the same size grain drill that it could have bought in 1934, the time when farm prices were in line with manufactured goods?

The AAA entered the peanut markets last year and raised the price levels in Callahan county from 50 cents to 90 cents and later they went to \$1.50. Do the peanut farmers think that price too high? Are they going to vote to do away with a law enacted by the people and for the people that will advance the price from starvation levels to living wages?

So long as this county agent remembers the long years spent on the farm and remembers how the crops were planted with the hope of new clothes, new home furnishings, a new car, a chance to go to school, and all that goes to make comfort on the farm, then to remember how those hopes were smashed year after year by drastic price reductions from uncontrolled and destructive agricultural programs, he will forever use his every might to better that condition to the end that there may never be such disappointments on the American farm again. Surely the farmer is one of the most substantial of the great peoples of this earth and by his close association with nature should live more nearly to his God.

It has been most pleasing to listen to the farmers of this county this year come into the office and sit and visit a little while with their county agent and tell him how their individual condition, are being helped, how the mortgage is being lifted, how the children are going to get to go to college, and many other fine things not possible before the AAA came to their rescue. Of course, there are those who scoff and predict all manner of scourges to be inflicted on the farmers, but happily such persons do not exert much influence because their vision is short.

### MILDRED YEAGER

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## FARMERS PASS RESOLUTION CONDEMNING BANKHEAD LAW

RUSK, Texas, Sept. 14.—The farmers passed resolutions here today advocating tearing down tariff walls as a means of getting wheels of industry turning again. Congressman Nat Patton of Crockett Saturday led 500 farmers in a revolt against the Bankhead law, as applied to East Texas farmers.

Former Congressman George B. Terrell of Alto, chairman of the resolution committee at the meeting, pronounced the entire new deal program unconstitutional and unnecessary. Patton praised Roosevelt as a great humanitarian with his heart and soul for the betterment of the American people, and said the Bankhead law was brought about as a result of the Hawley-Smoot tariff wall. Cherokee county was hurt worse than any other county in the Seventh District he said because during the five-year period on which the program is tagged the farmers here had been reducing acreage in cotton and putting in more tomatoes and truck.

Declaring the operation of the law unfair and unsatisfactory, the resolution pointed out that farmers usually making from four to six bales have been allowed permits for only two or three bales.

## CLIPPINGS

FROM WEST TEXAS PAPERS

### T. R. YARBROUGH NEW ALBANY FOOTBALL MENTOR

T. R. Yarbrough, a graduate of East Texas State Teachers College has been elected to the position of coach and teacher in the Albany school, according to C. B. Downing, Superintendent of schools. Mr. Yarbrough comes to Albany highly recommended as a coach and teacher.

He held the same position in the Woodson school the past year. Mr. Alex Dickie, superintendent of the Woodson school, accompanied Mr. Yarbrough to Albany Monday night to apply for the position and personally recommended him.

Mr. Yarbrough is a graduate of the Weatherford high school, Weatherford Junior College and received his degree from E. T. S. T. C. in 1932. During the school year of 1933-34 he was coach at Throckmorton and in 1934-35 was coach at Woodson, where he enjoyed appreciable success. He was re-elected for the same place this year, but relinquished his position to accept a place in the Albany school system.

While attending E. T. S. T. C., Mr. Yarbrough lettered in football, basketball and track. He is familiar and has successfully used the Warner Double Wing Back formations and will continue to employ this system as has been used in Albany in the past. This will be a distinct advantage, as the progress of the team will not be hampered by a change of system this late in the season.

Besides his duties as coach, Mr. Yarbrough will teach classes in shop work, mechanical drawing and physical education. With the election of Mr. Yarbrough as coach, there is every likelihood of a repetition of Albany's continued winning streak in football. Albany boasts a letterman for every position and a fairly good crop of reserves.—Albany News.

### TIME TO PUT FORTH GREATER EFFORTS

The money season is almost here and now is the time for the business men and all progressive citizens to cooperate and put forth greater efforts to attract more trade to Grandview that legitimately belongs here and recover the business once enjoyed, now going to the bigger cities and to Cleburne and Hillsboro, which towns are now placing whole page, half and quarter page advertisements in their home papers, which are distributed freely in all the homes here and in the vicinity of Grandview, are to be commended for their progressive efforts to pull all the trade which they have a right to do and they can to their home town.

Towns and trade do not just grow of themselves, but are built up by the progressive business men and their loyal citizenship.

Grandview now has the best opportunity for growth and betterment of business conditions than it has had in three or four years. Shall we take advantage of this opportunity?

The Tribune has from time to time urged people to trade at home. Now it will take the business men to invite the people to trade with them, and offer inducements and prizes convincing people that it will pay them to do so.—Grandview Tribune.

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## TODAY AND TOMORROW

Frank Parker Stockbridge

DISTRIBUTION . . . weak spot I read in a California paper the other day that several tons of lemons had been dumped into the Pacific Ocean in order to keep the price of lemons up.

I have known of similar incidents on the Atlantic Coast—whole cargoes of bananas and carloads of other foods dumped into the bay.

It seems to me that the greatest weakness in our social-economic structure is our system of distribution. There is no such thing as over-production so long as anybody's wants remain unsatisfied. I would like to see statesmen and economists giving more thought to the problem of getting the things people want into the hands of those who want them, than to making artificial attempts to increase the profits of producers.

## ENGLAND . . . not so slow

I was greatly struck by a statement published recently by Harry Selfridge, the former Chicago merchant who moved to London and now operates the largest store in the world. Mr. Selfridge said that the improvement in the system of distribution of commodities in England has resulted in adding to the payrolls of British retailers more people than had been thrown out of employment by the industrial depression.

We are inclined to think that we are a good deal smarter in all business affairs than the English. While it is true that it took a Yankee merchant to show them the way, the quickness with which the British merchants seized upon the basic idea of low prices and quick turnover through stimulative advertising suggests that John Bull isn't so slow on the uptake as many of us in America have imagined.

Mr. Selfridge's theory that the time to advertise most is not when business is good but when it is bad seems to me an entirely sound one.

## BACKYARDS . . . fertile

I get very tired of hearing people say there are no more opportunities left for the adventurous and enterprising youth of America. There are more and bigger opportunities than our fathers and grandfathers ever had.

A young friend of mine, David Gross, has just written a book entitled "Gold in Our Backyard." I wish every ambitious boy and girl in America could read it. He points out literally hundreds of different fields in which opportunity awaits the enterprising and resourceful.

The prizes that we are hunting for are not always on the other side of the mountain range, but very close to home.

## STORIES . . . from wheelchair

I know a lady who has been a cripple from childhood, unable to move about except in a wheel chair. She has never traveled more than a few miles from her home in a small Southern town. Years ago I heard her bemoaning her inability to get around and see the world. If she could only do that, she thought, she could write stories.

A friend suggested to her that people were people and very much alike in their emotions and reactions anywhere in the world. Why didn't she try writing stories about the people and scenes with which she was familiar?

My friend adopted the suggestion and began to write simple little fiction stories based upon incidents in the daily life of the people she knew. It took her a long time to master the technique of writing, but now at sixty past, she is still earning \$10,000 a year with her pen.

She found gold in her own backyard.

## WAGES . . . then and now

Among some old papers which one of my New England neighbors found recently in an old trunk in the barn loft were some interesting records showing the wages paid a hundred and eleven years ago to rural workers on the highways. Here are the figures: For a man per day to the last day

## Duflant Utility Chief



WASHINGTON . . . Howard C. Hopson (above), long sought utility man and power behind the Associated Gas and Electric System, photographed as he finally appeared before the congressional lobby investigation.

of July, 83 cents; from the last day of July to the last day of September, 67 cents; from the last day of September to the close of the year, 50 cents; for a team and four cattle and a cart to the last day of July 74 cents; from the last day of July to the last day of September, 70 cents; from the last day of September to the close of the year, 56 cents; or a plough, 25 cents per day through the year.

Those rates per day were pretty close to the rates now paid per hour. Of course they don't mean much unless they could be compared with the cost of commodities at the same time, but they are interesting as indicating how the scale of the ordinary man's earning has gone up since 1824.

## RECORD IN TRUCK SALES

A new all-time record for truck sales in a single month was set by Chevrolet in August, W. E. Fish, manager of the commercial car department of the Chevrolet Motor Company, announced yesterday.

There were 21,776 trucks delivered in the United States in August, Mr. Fish said. The best previous August was in 1928, when the total was 20,641. Last year, 16,748 trucks were delivered in August, so that the record just achieved is more than 30 per cent improvement over the corresponding month in 1934.

"Sales of these commercial vehicles," said Mr. Fish, "were a most important factor in the spectacular sales record which Chevrolet dealers established in August, during which month they delivered 99,018 units for a new all-time August record. Increases in truck volume is doubly gratifying because in addition to returning profits it forecasts improved business for the future. Such a showing as was made last month is a reliable indication that commercial vehicles will be in demand right on through the fall."

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SPUDS, 10 lb. 19c  
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