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From The Editor's Window

Many of us remember reading of the discovery of the ancient King Tut's tomb some years back and of the many fabulous riches it contained.

It is said that Italy's king, Victor Emmanuel, is a man of very small stature, and weakly, seldom making a speech of any kind and when he does it always coincides with what he knows the big, robust, Mussolini wants.

In Readers Write, first page of Pathfinder, we find a letter from a subscriber that we think furnishes food for thought. We quote a part of this letter: "Labor continues to demand increased wages."

Some sixty four years ago in Massachusetts a young girl, Grace Tompson, aged 16, was given a temporary job by the city of Newton as clerk.

This from the Cisco Daily Press: About the time they finally get the old age pension business unscrambled, we young fellows will be eligible.

Christian C. Bettenhausen, aged 78 and Miss Maggie Johnson, 70, of Chicago were recently married. In conversation with a friend later Mr. Bettenhausen remarked that a person is no older than he feels and "I do not feel old."

We congratulate Mr. Bettenhausen in that he married a woman near his own age instead of a young girl. They can be really congenial and will probably have several years of happiness.

Governor E. D. Rivers of Georgia has recently struck 400 names from the state payroll and cut the salaries of many of the higher ups and says he isn't through yet.

A few days ago a patient in Kansas returned to his dentist and demanded to know why the swelling in his gums and jaw hadn't gone down. It had been several days since the tooth had been drawn and the swelling was even worse instead of better.

Last week was interscholastic league meet and the school children and teachers from all over the county met in Baird. The interscholastic league was organized in 1911 by the Texas State University

In a speech a few days ago in Alabama the President is reported to have said he has been called an imaginative person, an experimenter, a seeker of new ideals and, generally, he said, "when I have been called all that I have been called something else that does not sound so good."

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CALLAHAN COUNTY TO GET 3.3 MILES ROAD SURFACING

The Texas State highway department announced Wednesday that the U.S. bureau of public roads had approved a farm to market or secondary, road construction including the surfacing of 3.3 miles from 7.6 miles south of Baird south. Also grading and drainage structure and surfacing on 3.1 miles in Coleman county.

THE COST OF PRODUCTION DOWN

In 1930 a total of 288 man hours were required to produce 100 bushels of wheat; but in 1938 because of mechanization, it only required 49 hours to produce the same amount of wheat. On the above bases of man hours 1930, if wheat could be produced for \$1.50, the production cost has been cut to where it could be produced for about 26 cents per bushel.

FARM INCOME FROM COTTON DROPS

The farm income from cotton has dropped since 1923, from \$748,000,000 to \$155,000,000, and the latter amount includes about \$37,000,000 in government benefit payments of one kind and another. This is a falling off of \$593,000,000.

R. L. EDWARDS OPENS UP CAFE IN BAIRD

Ex-sheriff R. L. Edwards of Callahan county, has opened up a cafe in Baird, in the building formerly occupied by the Meadows Cafe. He had his formal opening last Friday and Saturday, and was estimated that more than five hundred cups of coffee were served, and on Sunday following there were 500 guests.

EXAMINATION CALLED IS FOR PUTNAM POST OFFICE

The United States Civil Service Commission announces an open competitive examination to fill the position of post master at Putnam. This examination is held pursuant to an act of Congress, approved June 25, 1938, which placed Presidential postmasters within the classified civil service.

STATEMENT OF FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CISCO

This statement was up to the close of business March 29, and shows the following resources and liabilities.

Table with 2 columns: Resource/Liability and Amount. Includes Loans & discounts, Cash and exchange, U.S. Government and federal, Federal Reserve Bank, Capital stock, Surplus earned, Undivided profits, Deposits.

PUTNAM CITY ELECTION

At Tuesday's city election Loren Everett was re-elected and Elmer Butler and George Damon became new members of the board of aldermen in Tuesday's election.

J. D. Allen of the Pueblo community was in Putnam Monday visiting and looking after other interest.

METHODIST CALENDAR

Easter Sunday: 10:00 a.m.—Church School 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. 4:00 p.m.—Junior Epworth League. 6:30 p.m.—Young People's Epworth League. 7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship. Wednesday, April 12: 2:30 p.m.—Woman's Missionary Society. J. Morris Bailey, pastor.

Easter Sunday morning will be given to worship at the Methodist Church. Then at noon every one who desires to will take a lunch and some Easter eggs and journey to some selected place for fellowship eating and an Easter egg hunt in the afternoon for the children.

On Sunday night, April 16, at the Methodist church there will be a debate sponsored by the young people's department of the church. The purpose for this debate is for the development of the young people and promotion of interest in youth and church centered living.

The question for debate is: Resolved "That Capital punishment should be abolished." The debaters are four young men. The free will offering will go to the work of the young people. Make your plans to be present on Sunday night, April 16.

LEE O'DANIEL SLAUGHTERED IN BAIRD

Lee O'Daniel a calf belonging to Ben Lewis Russell, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben L. Russell, Jr., was slaughtered March 29. This calf was twelve month old calf, and raised by Russell one of the FFA members of the club.

Cross Plains high school lengthened its string of consecutive victories in one act playing at the county meet Saturday with a triumph over Baird for first place honors. The play was "Pearls" and members of the cast were: James Clyde Lane, Ida Mae Hudson, Frenchy Bennett and Basil Lusk.

In addition to the team triumph, James Clyde Lane was declared the best girl participant, Ida Mae Hudson was second in the feminine division and Frenchy Bennett was second in the boys bracket.

The one act players were coached by Miss Nina Biggers, and will represent Callahan county in district competition at Breckenridge this week.

MISS GLADDIS POE PASSES AWAY AT BIG SPRING

Miss Gladdis Poe 27 years old and one of the teachers in the Putnam school who taken ill a few days ago, and moved to her home at Stanton and later taken to a Big Spring hospital. Where she died Monday night after an illness of about two weeks.

She was employed as the Home Economics teacher in the public school and was a member of the Putnam Methodist church. Miss Poe made many friends in Putnam during her short stay here. She came here in early September when the present term of school began.

Quite a number of the Putnam people attended the funeral at Stanton Wednesday afternoon. Among those attending were, Mrs. Wylie Clinton, another one of the teachers and Mrs. Tex Hering who went out there Tuesday and those going Wednesday were Superintendent R. F. Webb and Mrs. Webb and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dean and possibly others, that we did not get their names.

CLARA BROWN'S COLUMN

Teachers for the home demonstration officer training school to be held in Baird, county court room April 15, 10:30-4:00 are the following: Presidents and vice-presidents:

- Mrs. W. C. Whittle, Enterprise home dem. club; secretary, Mrs. R. G. Looney, Oplin home dem. club; reporters, Mrs. Alfred Brown, Clyde Helping hand home dem. club; Council members: Mrs. C. C. McCall, Cross Plains home dem. club; recreational leaders, Mrs. Jim Barker, Enterprise home dem. club, all club members are invited to attend. Officers are expected to attend.

Schedule for those clubs meeting the 2nd week in April:

- April 10—Bayou 4-H—School house. Zion Hill—Mrs. E. E. Sunderman April 11—Denton 4-H—Hope Scott. April 12—Union—Mrs. Burrette Ramsey. April 13—Dressy. April 14—Midway 4-H home dem. April 15—Officer Training School—all day.

Sponge cakes are being demonstrated to the adult clubs in all day meetings, 4-H clubs are having butter cakes and machine made garments.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ruyle and Miss Francis Cook of Dallas were guests in the home of their parents Mr. and Mrs. Mitt Cook and family through the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Webb were visitors in Austin Sunday returning Monday.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Garvin Toms, will preach at both services Easter Sunday, at 11:00 a.m. and at 7:30 p.m. Bible classes at 10:00 a.m. All are invited to attend.

TWINS BORN TO MR. AND MRS. BILL BIGGERSTAFF

Twins were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Biggerstaff last Thursday night. A boy and a girl. The girl died Friday night. The mother and the boy is doing nicely.

THE LONE STAR GAS COMPANY PAID \$2,254,938 IN TAXES IN 1938

Government treasuries were enriched \$2,254,938.90 by Lone Star Gas System 1938 tax payments completed before April 1, according to official company records. The two and a quarter million dollars paid 55 different kinds of taxes. A total of 19,600 tax and regulatory reports were made by the system to federal, state, county, municipal and special taxing agencies.

This staggering total of taxes is equal to 67 1/2 cents of every gas bill rendered every month during 1938, company officials state. It would require the net income of 155 days of operations to pay the system's tax bill. This includes only direct taxes and does not include numerous indirect taxes hidden in the purchase price of materials and equipment used in operating and maintaining modern natural gas service. The tax bill of the company has been mounting 10 to 12 per cent every year.

Mounting tax and regulation report work is indicated by growth of the system's tax department. A few years ago, one man handled all tax matters. In 1938 fourteen full time employees occupying an entire wing of the system's large Dallas office building, in addition to part time work of scores of employees in various other departments, were required to handle taxes and regulatory reports.

Gas utilities pay three taxes not common to other industries: one-fourth of one per cent of gross receipts is paid by all pipe line companies transporting natural gas, one and seven-eighths per cent of gross receipts in towns of 10,000 population, seven-tenths of one per cent of gross receipts; and a severance tax of three per cent of market value of gas at month of the well.

Judge B. L. Russell and Miss Vnda White were in Putnam, looking after business and while here Miss White visited the News office for a few minutes.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Everett and Mr. and Mrs. Loren Everett visited Mr. Levy Everett at the hospital in Gorman Monday, Mr. Everett severely burned Sunday at his home near Comanche.

LEVY EVERETT SERIOUSLY BURNED

W. W. Everett of Putnam received a message Sunday afternoon, that his brother Levy had been seriously burned. Mr. Everett left immediately for Comanche. Mr. Everett on his return said, that Levy and another man were trying to start a car. They had a tractor hitched to the car, and Mr. Everett was pouring gasoline in the carburetor, when it ignited, firing his clothes. After some difficulty the fire was extinguished, but after Mr. Everett was seriously burned.

He was taken to the Blackwell sanitarium at Gorman for treatment, and the burns were pronounced serious. However, W. W. visited the sanitarium Monday and his condition was still serious; but the doctors thought he had a chance to recover.

THE COZART WELL 25 BARREL OR MORE

The Warren and Kleiner well on the Cozart was drilled in Friday afternoon and will make 25 barrels or more. They had only drilled into the producing sand about two feet, and had a good show of both oil and gas. The well was drilled about 100 feet from the four thousand foot well drilled by the Phillips about one year ago. They struck the pay sand at about 1600 feet, about the same place the Phillips struck the sand. There was about twenty feet of sand in the deep well, and then went to water.

If the well just drilled in proves to be as good as it looks at present it is likely there will be several more drilled in the near future. This well is about 6 miles Southeast of Putnam.

OLDEST COIN TO DATE IS A MEXICAN COIN DATED 1806

And the coins still coming in, W. M. Tatum, has brought in a Mexican one dollar coin dated 1806. He also had an American half dollar dated 1822. The Mexican coin is 133 years old and the American is 117 years old. He had several other coins just a few years later than the ones mentioned. Mr. Tatum says, "they will have to go a little deeper in the old sock, as he holds the belt on the having the oldest coin to date."

COMMERCIAL FAILURES INCREASE 80 PER CENT ABOVE FEBRUARY

According to a report given out by the University of Texas statisticians business failures increased 80 per cent over February, last year. Compared with January 1939 were only 12.7 per cent, the university bureau has found. Liabilities of the bankrupt firms totaled \$6.9 per cent over February last year; but 66.7 per cent below January. Average liabilities per failure in February were \$10,000, the same as in February 1938.

MRS. F. A. HOLLIS RECOVERING FROM THE FLU

Mrs. F. A. Hollis has been confined to her room for about ten days with a case of the flu; but she is improving and it is thought she will be able to be out again in a short time.

THE PUBLIC DEBT PASSED THE \$40,000,000,000 MARK SATURDAY

The public debt of the of the United States passed the \$40,000,000,000 mark Saturday, coming within \$5,000,000,000 of the statutory limit. The debt the largest in history of the country by about \$13,000,000,000, is equivalent to approximately \$385.00 per person. The debt has increased by \$2,850,000,000 this year. The administration is wanting the debt limit raised to fifty billion dollars.

12 YEAR OLD GIRL IS HURT AT TRACK MEET

The 12 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Coats, of Baird, who was critically injured at the county track and field meet Saturday when hit on the head with a 12 pound shot-put, is reported "some-what improved." The heavy ball is reported to have fractured the child's skull.

A skull specialist was immediately notified and flew to Baird to minister unto the injured child. Reports from the hospital yesterday were to the affect that she is doing as well as could be expected.

THE PUTNAM SCHOOL ELECTION

The Putnam trustee election passed off quietly, however, there was more interest than usual. There were 134 votes cast, the heaviest vote in several years. Only four people received any votes. They appeared to be voting a ticket on one side or the other. The following names appeared on the ticket and received the following vote. Orville Taylor 115 votes, Elmer Butler 76 votes, Everett Williams 64 votes and J. A. Sharp 9 votes.

MRS. L. B. WILLIAMS RECOVERING FROM THE FLU

Mrs. L. B. Williams has been confined to her room for several days with a severe case of influenza, however, she is improving and her friends hope that she will be fully recovered in a short time and able to be out again.

GRIGGS HOSPITAL NOTES

Albert Kanady of Baird road has been a hospital patient for several days suffering from injuries caused when jumping from a car, was able to leave the hospital Monday.

N. E. Haven of Clyde, came to the hospital for medical treatment Sunday. Lindell Willingham of Clyde was a medical patient from Saturday until Monday.

Mildred Coats, daughter of Charlie Coats of Baird was a surgery patient last Saturday. She is doing very well at this time. Mrs. J. R. Pillbury of Cross Plains is a medical patient.

Mr. Lawrey Blackley is still a medical patient suffering with heart trouble. Mrs. Dick Myfield of Baird is a medical patient.

Velma Pauline Fore of Cross Plains was able to return to her home last Sunday. Homer Walker of Baird was able to leave the hospital a few days ago.

Jim Robinson from Oplin left the hospital last Saturday to enter veteran hospital at Kerville. A. L. McIntosh of Baird, is a medical patient, came to the hospital last Sunday.

Walter Bryant of Baird is a medical patient, seems to be some better at this time. Granny Griggs is getting along very well at this time.

THE FINLEY WELL 5 MILES WEST OF PUTNAM HOLE JUNKED

On the Finley about five miles west of Putnam, the hole has been junked and rig is being skidded for W. J. Dobbs No. 2 Finley, after operator lost the hole on his No. 1. Finley, scheduled deep test which was abandoned at 1785 feet after a long fishing job. The test is to be drilled to 3200 feet and will be drilled with tools 40 feet west of the first location. No. 2 Finley is 700 feet from the east line and 330 feet from the south line of section 7g BAL survey. They will begin drilling on this well at once.

SENIOR B. T. U. PROGRAM

For Sunday, April 9: No. 1—Caroline Elzay. No. 2—Roy Lee William. No. 3—Willie May Stephens. No. 4—Prebble Stewart. No. 5—Miss Smith. No. 6—Mrs. Eubank

Maggie Marie and Rougie Rowlet from Anarene came with Fred and spent the week end visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Crosby.

Mrs. Gus Brandon returned Tuesday night from a visit of about two weeks visit at Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Nordyke visited in the home of Mrs. Nordyke's parents Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Everett Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Butler of Cross Plains visited his grandmother, Mrs. E. F. Butler and other relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. F. A. Hollis is reported improving after a two weeks illness at her home here.

Mrs. Ben Brazel was reported ill with flu the past week but is improving.

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

***** SCRANTON *****

There has been quite a bit of excitement over the oil situation the past few days. The L. A. Warren well on the B. P. Cozart tract was drilled down to 1000 feet and given a shot Saturday around noon. The oil shot over the top of the mast. A number of times during the afternoon until curbed. When this reporter asked Mr. Warren for a statement for publication concerning the well, he said that it would be a commercial well all right and he believed would make 50 barrels but could not tell until he got his storage tanks in and cleaned out the well and that it would be around four days before he would really know just what it would do.

Grover Brown, Melvin Bailey, John Delaney, W. W. Sawyers and W. E. Fairies were called to Eastland Monday for petit jury service.

Mr. and Mrs. Nath Terry of Winters were Scranton visitors Monday afternoon. Mr. Terry is chief of police at Winters.

Prof. and Mrs. J. E. Burnam of Abilene visited relatives and friends here Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Black and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Fairies attended the Baptist workers conference at Sabanno Tuesday.

Mrs. W. E. Fairies visited her sisters Mrs. M. F. Richardson and Mrs. J. E. Burnam Saturday afternoon and Sunday.

Rev. Helms is holding a series of services at the Methodist church beginning Sunday and will continue through the week. Preaching at night only.

The faculty presented the play "Hill Billy Courtship" at the school auditorium Friday night, the proceeds of which went to the athletic association. A large crowd was in attendance.

***** ATWELL *****

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Foster of Cross Plains visited with Mr. Foster's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Foster Sunday.

Those attending the singing in Putnam Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. Alton Tatom, Mr. and Mrs. Ebb Rouse, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brashear and Mrs. Otis Purvis.

Mrs. Roy Tatom and B. F. Hutchins are on the sick list this week.

G. T. Brashear is improving slowly, he has been very sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Morgan and little son from Albany spent Sunday with Mrs. Morgan's parents Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Pillans.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Jones, Gussie Jones and Mrs. Sam Jones attended a workers meeting at Sabanno Tuesday.

Miss Louise Graves of Cross Plains spent this week end with Mary Foster.

Friends: "My wife had a dream last night and though she was married to a millionaire."

Man: "You're lucky. My wife has dreams like that in the day time."

"I've just read an article about electricity, Henry," said his wife, "and it says that before long we shall get everything we want by just touching a button."

"It won't do us any good," her husband sadly replied.

"Why not, Henry?"

"Because nothing would ever make you touch a button. Look at my shirt."

I GIVE YOU TEXAS

Shall 1,500,000 acres of land, worth untold millions of dollars and belonging to the taxpayers of Texas, be given to major oil companies?

That is the question involved in certain land bills now before the Legislature.

A vacancy is a piece of land that the State has never sold. It therefore, still belongs to the State—to you and me and all the other 6,000,000 citizens of Texas—and we have decided that it shall be set apart for the State Permanent School Fund to help maintain our schools.

The only way a vacancy is ever discovered is by a vacancy-finder. Let someone name a single instance in which an oil company has ever come forward voluntarily and said, we made a mistake; we thought we had a lease to this land and we drilled a 10,000-barrel gusher on it, but the land really belongs to the State?

The vacancy-finder expects the State to reward him because he proves that the State owns a rich piece of land that it didn't know about. These certain major oil companies don't dare to have a bill introduced with the announced purpose of giving those companies the land that belongs to all the taxpayers but, instead, these corporations sponsor legislation to place the reward of the vacancy-finder so low that he will have no incentive to find a vacancy and so the oil companies will be left in undisturbed possession to take the oil that belongs to all of us.

The pending bill allows the vacancy-finder a 1-24th interest. Under present proration (supposing there was a well on the tract), it would take him almost a year to get back \$250 filing fee that he will be required to pay; four more years to get back the \$1,000 surveying fee and, if he paid an attorney no more than \$1,000, it would take four more years to get that back. Would you risk your money when the courts might say, after all your trouble and expense, that there was no vacancy and you wouldn't get back a penny and, even if you proved there was a vacancy, it would take you nine years to get back the money you were out? No, there would be no more vacancies found.

Those lack of this legislation talk about the occupant; they say nothing about the oil companies. Yet the occupant is receiving only 1-8th of the oil; the oil companies are getting 7-8ths so they have seven times as much at stake as he does.

But let us consider the occupant for a moment: As we stated, a vacancy is land that the State has never sold; it is land on the outside of the boundaries of the land that has been sold. Therefore, the occupant has never paid for the vacancy; he has never paid any taxes on it and he has never paid the State any rent on it though he may have used it for 40 years. But nobody wants to be unfair to him. When he took possession, 40 years ago, he had no thought of oil; he wanted the land to raise crops on and to run cattle on. Why not give him, without any charge whatever, full ownership of the surface? In addition, give him a share in the oil, give the State a share and still leave enough for the vacancy-finder to reward him for his effort. The only real loser under such an arrangement would be some rich oil corporation that has lawyers and surveyors and was bound under the law to find out who really owned the land, anyway.

There are abuses under the present law. Make the filing fee \$250 so that legitimate land-owners will not be blackmailed by unfounded claims. By the way, investigation will show that many such groundless claims were inspired by oil companies that wanted to discredit the whole law.

If the proposed legislation is passed, it can never be repealed—a majority in either House or a Governor can block repeal.

Amend the present law and protect legitimate land-owners, yes; but let's not have the taxpayers of Texas play Santa Claus, to the tune of \$100,000,000, to foreign-owned oil companies when the taxpayers are digging as deep as they can for school taxes and yet many teachers are under-paid and many boys and girls are receiving only six-months' schooling. If you think I'm right, let your legislators hear from you today.

How about this one as the oldest joke of all? A negro, after hearing a candidate make a speech, said, "He sho' did recommend hisself mighty high."

C. W. Bradley and son, Leslie from Dallas made a business trip here Wednesday.

J.S. Hart, Oldest White Settler in County, Tells Few Of His Experiences

(Editor's Note)—This is another episode in the experiences of J. S. Hart, who has resided in Callahan county longer than any other citizen. He has recently related to his grandson, Buddy Hart, these incidents of his early life in Callahan county, when white settlers were just getting well established. Young Hart has taken his grandfather's first person account and written this personal history for The Reporter-News. Other installments will follow each Sunday.)

By J. S. Hart as told to BUDDY HART

Our mail was carried by stage coach from Fort Worth and Weatherford to Fort Griffin and we rode horseback to Fort Griffin to get our mail.

Then Callahan City was built. It consisted of a general store and post office. Callahan City was near where Admiral now is located. This store had for its first merchant J. H. Tucker.

In May of the same year, 1875 C. L. Terry operated a store there. This store was mostly to sell supplies to the men on the Trails. However, they sold some dry goods and general merchandise.

Callahan City was built before Belle Plains. After Callahan City was built, we went there for our mail. Later Daniel Dodd had a post office in his home in the northeastern part of the county. Belle Plains

When Belle Plains came into existence in '76 it consisted of a saloon, one or two stores and several houses. Belle Plains and Callahan City were rivals for the county seat when the county was organized. Belle Plains finally won in '77. After this Belle Plains grew to be a nice little city.

Homes and business houses were erected of rock. The town had well built substantial buildings. Some of the walls of these famous buildings are still standing today.

To Belle Plains goes the honor and distinction of having the first college in West Texas. The Belle Plains College was a beautiful three-story rock building of about fifteen class rooms and also had dormitories. The college boarded three hundred students. It was sponsored by the Methodist church under the direction of T. L. Annis, the presiding elder, Judge I. M. Onins was the first president.

Before the railroads came through, supplies were hauled from Fort Worth, and Weatherford in wagons. If the weather and luck were good the trip could be made in a month. If it was rainy it usually took six weeks.

They made these trips in ox wagon. Jim Hart, my brother, kept a wagon on the way most of the time. They would come in and stay a day or two and then start back again. In almost every load they brought a barrel of whiskey. Then the railroad came. It was built as far as the town of Putnam in '80. There was a construction camp called Gould City, west of the Hall Cut. Hall Cut was called for a man that was head of the construction gang. This Gould City was between the towns of Baird and Putnam. This camp was built for the men to get supplies that were working on the railroad.

There was a sad and disappointed group of citizens at Belle Plains when the last survey was made and the railroad was routed through Baird. Incidentally, the town of Baird was named for Matthew Baird, an official of the Texas and Pacific railway company.

They had surveyed a route before this last one that went by way of Belle Plains. The citizens of Belle Plains knew that losing the railroad through their city would mean death to it.

The town began growing rapidly. Machine shops were soon erected and we had a fair little city.

The county seat was moved to Baird in January, 1883, from Belle Plains.

Soon after John Hart and Melissa Morrison married they moved to Gould City and John butchered and sold meat to the railroad hands. Dutch Tinker was his cook.

Putnam was first called Cat Claw, later the name was changed to Brenom, but after learning there was another town by that name it was changed again. This time the post office department named it Putnam for General Israel Putnam, a hero of the Revolutionary War. The railroad was extended as far as Abilene in '81.

J. Yeager was in Cross Plains one day last week.

COTTONWOOD

O. B. Joy of Phoenix, Arizona is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Joy.

Miss Yrma Suddeth of Brownwood visited home folks last week end.

Mrs. W. A. Everett and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Jewell Ellis and family of Putnam visited Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Ellis Sunday.

Eb Ferguson and son, Luther Ferguson and wife of Hermeleigh visited his half brother C. W. Worthy Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Shirley of Wicket visited their parents Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Forbes and Mrs. W. B. Shirley last week end.

Mrs. Effie Holloway and daughter, Mrs. McCormick and baby of Rowden visited with A. J. Arrin and Miss Mary the first of week.

Floyd Coffey made a business trip to Fort Worth the first of week.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley Worthy and children of Cisco visited with his father Mr. C. W. Worthy the first of week.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady G. Respass and girls of Sweetwater visited home folks last Sunday.

Parker Coppinger of Baird and Miss Leta Coppinger of Abilene visited Mrs. T. A. Coppinger Sunday.

The H. D. Club will meet Friday evening April 7th at the school house. Everyone is invited.

Mrs. J. H. Johnson of Baird visited with Mrs. F. W. Respass Tuesday.

The cat was being pursued by Patrick around and around the kitchen. A sudden turn in the chase landed it "kerplunk" into the crock containing the pancake batter. It scrambled out barely in time to escape a blow from the poker wielded by Patrick, and shot out into the yard.

TO FORT WORTH

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Sweet Potato May Become Sources Of Automobile Fuels

The sweet potato, long recognized as a major human fuel, may shortly become generally known also as a driving force for automobiles.

The southern vegetable—already the subject of praise at the national farm chemurgic conference here for its development as a starch—was put in the limelight again when it was named with cereal crops as a source of alcohol for utilization in the motor fuel industry.

P. Burks Jacobs, of the agriculture department's bureau of chemistry and soils, said the sweet potato would receive much consideration in any extensive effort to produce an alcohol blend fuel because of its large acre return.

Cereal crops have received the most attention heretofore because of their more concentrated materials.

Discussing alcohol blend production, Jacobs conceded gasoline to be cheaper and "therefore a cost differential exists which must handicap the commercialization of power alcohol." He asked recognition, on the other hand, of "corresponding advantages."

Jacobs said there had been a proposal to establish a complete pilot plant for studying alcohol production problems and costs for all likely crops at the government's new regional laboratory at Peoria.

CROSS PLAINS WINS 4th IN ONE ACT PLAY EVENT AT THE DISTRICT MEET

Cross Plains high school one act players took fourth place in the district meet competition at Breckenridge Wednesday, competing with teams from nine adjacent counties. First place went to Albany, second to Eastland, third to Breckenridge and fourth to Cross Plains.

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By JOHN R. WOOD
State Game Warden

Value of our Game Laws
It is surely true that too many people have the wrong impression of the value of our game laws.

One would not think of trying to play a game with a group, whether it be a game with cards or football or baseball or any game you might think of without first obtaining a knowledge of how the game is played.

This same principal holds true with hunting and fishing. Surely this is a big game that many people play. Game laws are just rules of conservation of our wildlife resources.

The large number of cheaters have been responsible for the greatly reduced numbers in our wildlife resources and have been responsible for at least 12 wildlife species becoming extinct.

organ to get a copy of these rules and regulations, and then play the game fair; thus saving yourself from being penalized, thereby making the hunting and fishing better for us all.

National Wildlife Week

This year will mark the second anniversary of National Wildlife Week. The week of March 19 to March 25 was designated by President Franklin D. Roosevelt as National Wildlife Week and Governor W. Lee O'Daniel has proclaimed it a week in Texas in which every one should turn for a short period to the study of our wildlife problems.

The purpose of this week is to direct the attention of the people of the United States for a short period to discussing our wildlife problems and to creating widespread interest in the wildlife resources of this great nation.

I hope that during this week of March 19 to 25 everyone will study to some extent, and try to find out in his own mind what a great task lies ahead in building up our wildlife resources.

County Agent's Column

Delert Mac Sawyers 4-H club boy of Bayou reports a profit of \$24.00 on his calf that was fed out last fall and winter.

At a recent meeting W. I. Glass, district agent, explained to a group of 20 men and women of the county the aims and benefits to be derived from a land use planning program for this county.

13 men attending the meeting were hauling water and 9 of them said they expected to apply for a loan and improve the water facilities on their farms.

Report of committee on establishment of central markets, John W. Robbins.

Social hour, songs and readings. This, as all other meetings are open, and the men, women, boys, and girls of the community and surrounding communities are invited, by president M. H. Perkins.

Seed dealers from all parts of the county report sales of blight resisting maize are far more than sales of ordinary maize seed.

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Earl C. Hays of Clyde was elected president of the county land use planning committee and county agent Ross Brison was elected secretary.

Included in the events of the day will be talks by the above men on the importance of feeding, a balanced ration, control of insects and diseases and proper housing.

Safety First Will Prevent Home Fires, Save Lives, Property

Marvin Hall, Fire Insurance Commissioner of Texas, recently expressed great concern that more than forty-four men, women and children were burned to death by fire during the months of October and November.

Causes of the deaths during the last two months were: Clothing ignited by coming into contact with fire, ten; trapped in dwellings, ten; improper use of gasoline and kerosene stoves, three; falling into open trash fires, two; scalds, two; burns from automobile collisions, two; gas from oil wells, four; improper use of cleaning fluids, one; smoking in bed one and explosion of gas, one.

Fire, Mr. Hall stated, has taken a staggering death toll of approximately 4,000 in Texas during the past ten years, an average annually of four hundred people burned to death.

Other simple rules of fire prevention to prevent death by fire outlined by Mr. Hall are as follows: Teach children the danger of playing with matches.

Wife: "My husband has no bad habits whatsoever. He never drinks and he spends all his evenings at home. Why, he doesn't even belong to a club."

Misses Mildred and Lera Fleming of Abilene spent Sunday in the home of their mother Mrs. Lulu Fleming.

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Debt Adjustment Group Will Meet

Farmers who are having difficulty financing obligations which might affect their season's operations probably can work out a satisfactory arrangement with their creditors if they will go to the Callahan county debt adjustment committee, which meets at FSA office, Baird, Friday, April 7th, 1939, at 10 A.M.

According to J. S. McKnight, Farm Security Administration supervisor, the committee has no money to loan, but offers its services in helping to bring about an equitable agreement between the

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farmer and his creditors so that he can continue farming and eventually pay out. "This service, which is free and confidential, has been popular with mortgage-holders as well as debtors," he stated.

"Creditors realize," he said, "that it will mean more in the long run to them to bring debts that farmers will never be able to pay within their prospective income. The FSA will then cooperate in making this income as high as possible." Committee members are Steve N. Foster, Roy Kendrick, and Sidney S. Harville.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rodloff and Cecil and Miss Hazel Gray visited in Merkel Saturday night and Sunday.

Miss Marie Baker returned this week from an extended visit with her sister who lives in south Texas

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Superintendent R. F. Webb of the Putnam high school made a business trip to Austin in the interest of the school Monday returning home Monday night.

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\$40,000,000 TAX AMENDMENT SHOT TO PIECES

The plan by the house of representatives to pass the buck on the tax measure, and submit a constitutional amendment to the people of the state of Texas thinking they would possibly vote the amendment was blighted last week when a majority of the members of the lower house voted no. It would have had to have had two thirds vote to pass the house and send it on to the senate.

There is little likelihood of any tax amendment being submitted to the voters this year, and besides, if it was submitted the tax payers are in no mood to vote a new tax bill of \$40,000,000 on themselves, in addition to the \$200,000,000 they are all ready paying.

Most tax payers are will to vote a reasonable amount of tax to take care of the aged; but do not think it is necessary to raise as much as this proposed amendment would produce.

It seems the sensible thing for the legislature to have done, would have been to have reduced expenses as much as possible, and after this, then gone ahead and passed a statute raising sufficient revenue to pay pensions as outlined in the former amendment. By repeal or amending the present law, administering the system, there could be enough saved to go along way towards the relief of the old people.

We think there has been a bill introduced in the lower house proposing to eliminate the investigators, and permit the different county commissioners courts to perform this service, which could be done for much less money and more satisfactory to all concerned.

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NOTICE

I have purchased one small Pol and China Male and will be kept at my place four miles South of Putnam.

J. C. Clemens

ZION HILL NEWS

Mrs. C. B. Kennedy's mother, Mrs. Stanberry of Coleman is spending a few weeks with her.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Damsay and son visited with Mr. Ramsey's grand-father, John McKee of Baird Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Taylor and family were Baird and Abilene visitors Saturday.

Mrs. W. S. Jobe and Mrs. M. B. Sprawls were Cisco visitors Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Ramsey and son and John Sills visited Mr. and Mrs. Jack Inman Saturday night.

Mrs. C. A. Conlee of Abilene is visiting his sister Mrs. J. A. Heysler this week.

M. B. Sprawls made a trip to Stanton this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Kennedy and children and Mrs. Stanberry visited Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Clemmer Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Heysler and family of Cisco spent Sunday with his mother Mrs. J. A. Heysler and family of Cisco spent Sunday with his mother Mrs. J. A. Heysler.

Zion Hill H.D. Club Meets
The Zion Hill H.D. club met at the club house on March 27.

Miss Clara Brown home demonstration agent was present and gave a demonstration on hooks rugs. She showed us many pretty rugs, several kinds of needles, and how to use each. What kinds of material to use and the best colors.

After ten minutes of recreation the club adjourned.

The next meeting will be an all-day meeting in the home of Mrs. E. E. Sunderman April 10. Miss Brown will be present and give a demonstration on making sponge cakes, every one interested in cake baking is invited to attend.

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THE BOOK SHELF

by Lexie Dean Robertson

"On this book shelf always look for anything except a book."

Spring Orchards

Peach trees gowned in bouffant pink
Dance a minuet,
Curtsey low with languid grace,
Sway and pirouette.

The plum tree is a lovely bride,
Young and sweet, yet pale,
Fragrant in the frosty lace
Of her wedding veil.

The brazen pears wear petticoats
Of misty white and green,
And toss their ruffled skirts about
So that they must be seen—

LDR in Acorn on the Roof

Up-to-date I have worn out three typewriter ribbons, five manicures, two finger nails, and one limited vocabulary trying to answer several hundred letters less than it takes. But please don't stop writing to me! I'll get yours answered eventually, and my day doesn't start till the afternoon with the morning's mail. I love getting letters even more than I love getting packages and I never could have too many of either!

I am simply a-twitter with anticipation since the gracious editor of the Bee-Plycayne persuaded me that I ought to meet with the South Texas Editors at San Antonio in April. If there is any one thing on earth that scares me to death it is an editor! Meeting one face to face like that! I manage very well at typewriter distance . . . but anyway I'm drinking a pint of grapefruit juice a day for strength and am whipping up the ripped paper in my last spring's navy sheer so I'll be all ready when the day arrives.

Last week end JFR had business in Austin which I happily discovered meant fishing at the beautiful Buckkangin Dam just west of Burnet. Sunday night a service station attendant had me goggle-eyed with stories of the perch half-a-foot long that were being caught daily, and next morning I had yanked out my third small yellow perch before it dawned on me that "half-a-foot" meant only six inches! It was fun though because we caught a hundred. I hope the angle worms liked it—after all the ultimate ambition of every worm should be to catch a fish!

At twilight from our peaceful Lakeview cottage the quiet waves murmured gently at our door, while across the placid blue of the lake the gracefully curving dam with its brilliant lights was like a jeweled bracelet on the arm of night.

A sports writer of a newspaper of one of the larger towns of Texas says that Rising Star "can hardly be more than a wide spot in the world." It is true that the census gives the population of my home town as 1160, but the influence of this village has touched some of earth's far-flung peripheries. Sometimes it is heartening to consider that it is from such "wide spots" that the greatest good often comes. Today the pastor of Moore Memorial Church at Shanghai, the largest Protestant church in China is the Reverend Sidney Anderson, one of our home town boys; Miss Minnie Alexander is director of music at a mission school in the Belgian Congo; Dr. J. N. Bowden is vice-president of Juez de Fora College in Brazil; his brother Dr. Witt Bowden while instructor in the University of Pennsylvania wrote a syllabus of the History of Civilization that is a standard text in our largest institutions of learning; today he is studying labor conditions in Europe at the request of the U.S. government; the Rev. J. Alfred Brown is at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland; young Travis Foster has lately been doing good work on a newspaper in Hawaii; Will Erwin was American Aide in France for several years; Captain J. L. C. Adams is with his company in the Panama Canal Zone; Dr. Hob Gray is at the University of Texas; Lieutenant Fred Gray, Jr., is flying the Pacific; young Warren Smith who is rated as one of the three best trombone players in the world is playing with Bob Crosby's Band in Chicago. A complete list of our distinguished native sons would probably fill this column

NO PLAN FOR COTTON TO DATE

Under the government cotton control plan, and if they should hold the crop down to 27,000 acres for next five years, and paid the farmers a maximum of 4 cents per pound, and selling two million bales of cotton to foreign countries in excess of what they sell in 1939, there will be more than five years of unemployment for twenty five per cent of the people who grow the people who grow the cotton, will have to be put on relief, and paid by taxes collected off of the rest of the citizens besides the two hundred and sixty million that is being collected off of the people at the present time and paid the farmer as a subsidy.

Restriction of production certainly deprives this labor of its right to work and of the wages produced. Cotton labor is idle under a restrictive program and forced on the dole. There is plenty of other labor freed on relief outside of the farmer, because they have reduced the employment by 25 per cent in numerous other industries connected with the cotton industry. Everybody loses but the AAA says that its program is the only program.

I do not approve of the domestic allotment plan as it is no substitute for the lowering of the tariff; but if the farmer is allowed to raise a normal crop of 16,500,000 bales or more, at a world's price as low as 5 cents, then give him 12 cents on domestic consumption if around 7,000,000 bales, which would equal \$423,000,000, and the other 9,500,000 sold on the world's market for five cents would equal \$210,000,000 which make a total \$633,000,000.

Under the Wallace control plan of 27,000 acres with a production of eleven million bales, the value would be about \$440,000,000, and then the subsidy of \$200,000,000 you would have a total income of only \$700,000,000 million; but remember of 'his seven hundred million, two hundred and sixty million is money taken off of other classes, besides the program has caused the unemployment millions of people who had to go on relief, and the rest of the country forced to pay taxes to feed and cloth people who would have been able to feed and cloth themselves, if they had been let alone.

The theory of public spending to produce recovery is based on the pump priming theory that get a pump started and it will continue to pump and the theory of spending is that get business started and it will continue to run; but the theorist forget the fact that they are drying up the flow of revenue with taxation, and putting the money in non-productive enterprises, which does not produce any revenue. Private industry will never be able to take care of the unemployment situation as long as government officials continue to collect billions of dollars off industry, and try to furnish employment for the millions of the unemployed; but if the government will get out of private business and leave the billions of dollars being taken in taxation, with industry that produces it, it will begin to expand by building and constructing new enterprise which will furnish employment for the people and will continue to spread employment. There was about three and one half billion dollars spent

but those mentioned are my personal friends. I wonder how many Texas cities can offer such a roster in proportion to their population.

Cousin Fanny says it isn't the size of his town that makes a man; it's the size of the heart that's in him!

WASHINGTON NEWS



FROM CONGRESSMAN CLYDE L. GARRETT

IMPORTANT CHANGES:

Many changes are appearing, or to appear, in the following: Social Security Reserves now existing will be changed to a pay-as-you-go policy for old-age insurance; Only moderate changes can be made in the government departments according to the new government Reorganization measure. The President will get six new assistants.

U. S. DEFENSES:

Much has been heard these last few months about the building of our national defenses. Just what has been accomplished, and approved by the many measures and proposals may not be clear to many. Here is how our army, navy air force will stand as a result of the national defense legislation: Our navy will be one matching the British navy and outstripping any other navy afloat; 9,000 planes large enough to repel any attack on the Western Hemisphere, will make up our force; Our army will consist of about 220,000 men plus the enlarged National Guard, forming an "Initial Protective Force" of 450,000 men, 10,000 to 12,000 factories are geared to turn out 12,000 planes a year plus arms, ammunition, and equipment to equip the million-man defense army. More naval and air bases; stocks of raw materials, and hard to manufacture items as reserves supplies; and a trained reservoir of civilian pilots to which 20,000 young pilots will be added each year. All this is taking place with one object in view, that no war will ever be fought on the American mainland.

LABOR:

A change is wanted in the Wagner National Labor Relations Act, but just what changes will take place, if any, is not known as yet. A series of amendments to the Act is being sponsored by Senator Wallace of Massachusetts, and Senator Burke of Nebraska has another set of Amendments. Senator Thomas of Utah, chairman of the Labor Committee has announced that hearings will be held on proposed amendments, beginning April 11th.

HOME OWNERSHIP:

The pressure is rising for more government help to city home owners. The question arises should the government give city home owners the same subsidies which it now gives the other groups. Should home-building be promoted by making available money to home owners at less than cost. Home owners in the cities are paying 5% for Government-held mortgages, and these owners are comparing their interest with that of the 3 1/2% offered to farmers and asking that their interest be lowered. If the HOLC mortgage rate is cut then this agency will no longer be self-sustaining and will run a loss of 200 or 300 million dollars each year.

RAW MATERIALS:

The Director of the United States Bureau of Mines assures us that the U. S. is more abundantly endowed than any one of the great nations with a supply of mineral raw materials. There are a few essential to national defense but for which we depend, wholly or in

part, on sources outside the continental limits of our country. These include ores of aluminum, chromium, manganese, nickel, mercury, tin and tungsten. The consensus of authoritative opinion is that ordinary prudence demands accumulation of stock piles of the deficiency minerals capable of supplying our needs at least two years. These stock piles have to be built at first chiefly by importation. In an emergency stock piles would have to be supplemented by increased domestic production. This would be vital if foreign supplies were cut off. Ample supplies of strategic minerals would prevent the confusion and insufficiency that resulted from enforced use of off-grade materials and substitutes during the last war.

INSURING FARM MORTGAGES:

Because the Federal Housing Authority policy of insuring mortgages on urban and suburban property has been such a success, the proposal has been made that this same principle be applied to the insurance of mortgages on farms which tenants are seeking to purchase. Up until this time the Government has bought suitable lands and turned them over to desirable tenants. It is now proposed that the purchasing tenants be selected by county farm committees under Federal supervision, but loans would be made by local lending institutions, with a limited interest rate of 3%.

In Northwestern Callahan County the Westgate-Greenland Oil Company of Corpus Christi No. 1 Charles Yost, near the Taylor County line, has been abandoned at 2,155 feet, total depth.

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Petroleum Producers No. 1 J. M. Morrisett, in the same area, section 63, block 14, T&P survey, has been abandoned at 1,763 feet, total depth.

In Northwestern Eastland county Lone Star Gas Company has made

application to deepen its No. 1 Phillips-Grove, in the deep gas area five miles north of Cisco, and will drill with cable tools on a 4,200-foot contract. It is in section 484, SP survey.

Marion Harvey, Harry Trentman, Jr., and Horn and Butler are rigging up for a test in the Southwest corner of the Northwest quarter section 21 E.T.R.R.C.O. survey number 21 in the Southwest part of Eastland county.

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with about a dozen schools taking part. Now almost every school in almost every county in the state is participating with much interest.

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SEWING CLUB

On March 23 the sewing club met in the home of Mrs. Roy Williams.

As Mrs. Williams won the first quilt piece by the club she gave the members the honor of quilting it.

Mrs. A. D. Everett won the seventh quilt that the club has pieced. Flowers in beds appliqued in rose, green and yellow.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. A. H. Nelson March 30.

Those present were: Mmes. Charlie Davis, W. C. Simmons, Alti Clemmer, Clyde Wallace, Harold Brown, Virgil Wagley, A. D. Everett, Roy Spigle, A. H. Nelson, G. W. Gezer and Roy Williams.

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