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Five-Cent Cut Made in County Tax Rate for '44

Retirement of Road Bond Issue Makes Reduction Possible

In these times of soaring war-time prices, it may come as a surprise to the people of Crockett county to know that something is going to be cheaper in 1944 than it was in 1943 — county ad valorem taxes!

A net reduction of five cents on the \$100 valuation was made in the 1944 tax rate when the Commissioners Court, meeting in regular July session Monday, set the levy for this year.

The cut was made in the levy to create a sinking fund for retirement of county road bonds, being reduced from 25 to 20 cents on the \$100. All other levies remained the same except for a redistribution of levies for school house bonds sinking funds, which resulted in no change in the total rate.

The five-cent reduction in the levy for road bond retirement was made possible because of the retirement during the past year of \$35,000 in outstanding road bonds. The county at present is carrying a road bond indebtedness of only \$20,000, and with good luck, may be out of debt, so far as county roads are concerned, in another year. There is an outstanding issue of \$104,000, re-issued bonds, proceeds from which were used in construction of 21 miles of paved highway on No. 163 south from Ozona, but this issue is 100 percent state aid and \$16,000 of that issue has already been paid off by the state, leaving \$88,000 outstanding, to be retired by the state under the road bond assumption act.

The Commissioners set the tax levy at 95 cents for county purposes and 75 cents for schools, for a total county and school levy of \$1.70 against \$1.75 last year. The state levy last year was 47 cents on the \$100, making a total rate of \$2.22 paid by the county's property owners. The state rate this year will be set in August.

Distribution of the various levies for county and school purposes, set by the Commissioners Court as the 1944 tax levy, was as follows:

First class, Jury Fund, 10 cents.
Second class, road and bridge maintenance fund, 15 cents.
Third class, general fund, 25 cents.

Fourth class, permanent improvements fund, 22 cents.
Seventh class, 1930 road bonds refunded, 20 cents.

Tenth class, cemetery and park fund, 3 cents — total county rate 95 cents.

School maintenance fund, 50 cents.
Ozona school bond sinking fund, high school, 20 cents, a raise from 15 cents last year. A levy of 5 cents for grade school house bonds was lopped off to balance the raise, however.

Lima school bond sinking fund, 5 cents — total school maintenance and sinking fund levies, 75 cents. A county occupation tax of half the state rate and 25 cents on polls was also levied in the usual manner.

Rev. Childers to Preach at Revival in Mound Texas

Rev. Clyde Childers, pastor of the First Baptist Church here, and Mrs. Childers, left this morning for Mound, Texas, where Rev. Childers will preach in a two-weeks revival at the Mound Baptist Church.

Rev. J. A. Kidd of Alpine, associational missionary for the Pecos Valley Baptist Association, will supply the local pulpit next Sunday morning and evening. Rev. Childers announced. The following Sunday, the Rev. Sterling Stratton of Mertzon, will be here to conduct services. Rev. Childers to return about July 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Friend have just returned from Christoval where both took the mineral bath treatments.

He Makes Blanding Bloom



Wherever there are indications of beauty in Camp Blanding—finely manicured lawns, well-trimmed hedges, flower gardens, shade trees—the tall, angular Staff Sergeant pictured above has been somewhere in the background. S/Sgt. Carl T. "John" Cravens has been one of the leading figures in the beautification program for the camp since those days when the largest training center in Florida was an expanse of palmetto, scrub pine and sand. Above he is shown inspecting one of the many flower beds that have added charm to the camp—the tall, flowering red canna and the milk and wine cress are typical of the variety of flowers, shrubs, vines and trees that are Cravens' handiwork about the camp. All this—and Camp Police Sergeant, too!

S. Sgt. Carl T. (Slim) Cravens Combines Landscaping with Camp Police and Rates Feature Story for Work at Camp Blanding

CAMP BLANDING, FLA. — Combining the varied duties of Camp Police Sergeant with supervision of the post beautification program, S/Sgt. Carl T. Cravens has led a life of sharp contrasts in his tour of duty at Florida's largest military training center.

In the morning, Cravens' six feet four inches of bone and muscle may be seen supervising a Stockade of War Camp detail. The same afternoon you may find him laying out a garden plot or supervising the planting of trees or the laying of sod—a procedure which has transformed Camp Blanding from a vast expanse of palmetto frond and white sand into a post with park-like beauty.

"John, as he is known to everyone, is an old timer in the way time in the Army is figured these days. He entered the Army at Fort Bliss, Tex., March 7, 1941, took his basic training at Camp Bowie, Tex., and proceeded to maneuvers in Louisiana in the fall of that year. Returning to Camp Bowie he received his discharge on December 6, 1941, and entered the Enlisted Reserve Corps. His stay in civilian life was short and Cravens returned to the Army and his outfit, the 111th Medical Battalion, 36th Division, January 6, 1942.

When the 36th came to Camp Blanding (the same Division that has served with distinction in Italy and France), Cravens first saw and did not know at the time that he was to play a big part as any man on the post in bringing about its amazing transformation.

Lt. Col. (then Major) Joseph R. (Continued On Last Page)

Closing Exercises Of Baptist Vacation Bible School Held

Parents and friends were present for the closing exercises Friday evening at the First Baptist Church ending what was declared one of the most successful Vacation Bible schools in the history of the local church.

Closing exercises were directed by the Rev. Clyde Childers, pastor and superintendent of the school. Teachers and workers, with their pupils assembled in the church auditorium for the exercises, after which guests were invited upstairs to examine an exhibit of the children's work and to receive refreshments in the Sunday School assembly room of the church.

Lt. Walter Escue Reported Missing Over Austria

Ozonan, Bombardier on Liberator, Down on June 26 Raid

Lt. Walter Escue, bombardier on a Liberator bomber, attached to the Fifteenth Army Air Force based in Italy, has been missing in action since June 26 over Austria, the War Department notified his mother, Mrs. Alma Escue of Ozona, in a telegram received here Friday.

"The Secretary of War desires me to express his deep regrets that your son, Lt. Walter H. Escue, has been reported missing in action since 26 June over Austria," the telegram from the Adjutant General's office read. "If further details or information are received, you will be promptly notified."

Lt. Escue had been in overseas service only about two months. After receiving his training at various airfields in this country, he went with his Liberator crew to Italy. Recently, Mrs. Escue received a letter from her son in which he stated that he had not been on any missions and then in less than a week received another in which he said that he had completed thirteen missions and was volunteering for all that he could get. He is said to have had more missions than any man in his squadron.

Strong hope that Lt. Escue is a prisoner of war is held by members of the family and friends, since a high percentage of crew members of the high flying heavy bombers do escape by parachute when their planes are disabled. However, it likely will be a month or more before any definite word is heard on his fate.

Close Service Men's Club After Year's Operation

Bombardier School Abandons Periodic Use Of Local Field

Because service men from the San Angelo Army Air Field will no longer be sent to Ozona Airport for maneuvers as has been done at intervals for the past year, the Service Men's Center here has been closed.

The Center was opened last year under sponsorship of the community War Service Committee in order to provide a place where service men might find rest and recreation while in Ozona. The Williams building next to the theatre was rented for the purpose and funds were provided by public subscription. Shower and toilet facilities were installed and game tables, reading lamps, writing desks, etc. provided where service men could relax and enjoy their time in town.

Volunteer workers, recruited by committees from the War Service Committee acted as hosts and hostesses during the open hours of the club, and Mrs. B. B. Ingham, chairman of the hostess committee expressed her thanks for the cooperation of the people of Ozona in this undertaking. Mrs. Chas. Williams, chairman of the building committee, also expressed appreciation for the cooperation of the people of Ozona in providing pieces of furniture, games, reading material, etc. for use in the center.

Final reports of the operation of the center were heard at a meeting of the sponsoring committee, headed by Mrs. Carl Colwick, held Monday afternoon at the club rooms. Persons who have donated furnishings and other equipment for the Center are asked to reclaim these articles as soon as possible. Rent has been paid on the building to July 20 and all equipment must be removed before that time. Articles purchased from committee funds will be disposed of by sale and funds retained in the bank for possible future use in war service work.

Construction of Swimming Pool Bath Houses Progresses

Laying of concrete blocks to form walls of the new bath houses for Ozona's swimming pool got under way during the week and good progress was being made. Foundation, concrete floors and walkway to the pool's edge have been completed and shower, drain and commode outlets installed ready for completion as soon as the walls and roof are finished.

Ranchmen from 11 Counties Air Labor Problems

Fair but Stable Price on Shearing Objective of Group

Ranchmen representing eleven West Texas counties in the sheep and goat producing section discussed their war-time labor problems and voiced their recommendations as a group on means of solution in a meeting held in the district courtroom here Wednesday afternoon.

The meeting was called for the purpose of getting reports on shearing costs in the various counties last season and recommendations on possible action toward curbing further rise in shearing prices, for use by representative ranchmen from this section who will attend a meeting of the state Farm Labor Advisory Committee with the A & M Extension Service in College Station July 17 and 18.

Joe T. Davidson of Ozona, who presided over yesterday's meeting here, was chosen at a recent meeting of ranchmen in Fort Stockton as delegate to the A & M labor conference, with Hal Burnett of Imperial as alternate. Either or both Mr. Davidson and Mr. Burnett, the latter also present at the meeting here, will attend the state labor committee meeting next week and will present the composite views of the ranchmen from this area on the labor problems now facing the industry.

Representative ranchmen and county agents were here yesterday from eleven counties, including Crockett, Pecos, Concho, Crane, Tom Green, Schleicher, Runnels, Irion, Sterling, Coke and Val Verde. Reports on labor conditions, shearing prices, etc. were heard from each of these counties.

Themselves under ceiling prices so far as their products are concerned, ranchmen attending the meeting were unanimous in voicing their opinions that some ceiling should be placed on the rising shearing costs, not only as a means of keeping down operating costs but also as protection against present turmoil occasioned by unbridled bidding by one shearer against another, or one section of the country against another section for the services of shearers. It was the sentiment of those present that no effort should be made to beat down prices below (Continued on Last Page)

Red Cross Bridges Communications Gap Between Sailor, Mother

An example of the splendid service being rendered by the American Red Cross in behalf of service men and their families was witnessed here early in the week.

Mrs. L. E. Harris, whose husband is employed in one of the oil crews stationed here, received a telegram from her sailor son, she had not seen in 21 months. The son had landed in Brooklyn and wired his mother for her telephone number in Ozona so that he could call her. Unfortunately, however, there was no address where the reply might be delivered to the sailor and an appeal was made to the Red Cross.

Mrs. Alvin Harrell, home service chairman for the local chapter, wired the Red Cross field director at the Brooklyn Naval Yard and in less than three hours came a wire from the director stating that the sailor would call his mother as soon as possible.

Plans Laid for Two-Day Rodeo Here in August

Tentative Dates Aug. 12 and 13; Big-Time Ropers Coming

What may be the first step toward revival of Ozona's annual rodeo and stock show, which became one of the most popular summer entertainment features in West Texas until its abandonment a few years ago, is the plan of the reorganized Crockett County Fair Association for a two-day rodeo in August.

Tentative dates of August 12 and 13 have been adopted by association officials, whose plans have so far advanced that the necessary number of calves and steers have been purchased and are on tap for the roping events. A meeting of stockholders and directors of the association will be held within the next few days when the dates will be definitely decided and announced.

Some of the best ropers in the nation, including World Champion Roper Toots Mansfield, are already committed to make the planned Ozona rodeo, Vic Montgomery, a director in the association, who has contacted the top-flight lariat experts in recent meets over the West Texas area, has announced.

Other leading cowboy performers of the area who are expected to be seen in performance here include Earl and Jack Sellers, Walton Poag, Sonny Edwards, James Kinney, Fred Barrett, Harry Woodward, Andy Bode, Jay Lane and others, in addition to the hometown talent that will be in the running in most events.

Although plans are not complete, the preliminary planning has provided for the two-day program features, in addition to the regular calf and steer roping events, a daily \$50 team steer roping event on a 4-steer average, matched roping events between the nation's leading artists, roping and racing events for cowgirls, many other special features and a packed and fast-moving program each afternoon. For evening entertainment, the plans now call for a dance if music can be secured, at least one night and possibly two.

A herd of Mexico steers and half Brahma calves has already been purchased by rodeo enthusiasts and will be ready for use in the local arena. Some improvement work on the chutes, fences and other equipment at the fair grounds is planned in readiness for the two-day show, the first entertainment feature in Ozona since before the war's outbreak.

Fifth War Loan Bond Sales Near \$400,000 Mark

Crockett County Now \$58,000 Over Its Fifth Quota

Crockett county's Fifth War Loan drive totals continued to climb during the week and to yesterday, total sales stood near the \$400,000 mark, sales of all types of government bonds since opening of the drive June 12 amounting to approximately \$398,000.

The county last week topped its Fifth War Loan quota of \$340,000, and its "E" bond quota of \$90,000 by substantial margins. Of the sales to date, approximately \$103,000 has been in Series "E" bonds, Scott Peters, county War Finance Committee chairman, announced.

Sales of the Series "E" bonds during the balance of the month of July will be credited by the treasury department to the county's quota, the chairman announced. Other types of securities, those purchases by large investors and corporations, will not continue to be counted in the Fifth War Loan, however.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Smith are having their home refinished inside and out.

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Million Goal Set In Concert Series For Benefit Cripples

GONZALES, Texas — Gov. Coke E. Stevenson in cooperation with Dr. L. A. Woods of the State Department of Education and the Texas Music Educator's Association met at the Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation recently to formulate plans to raise one million dollars in behalf of the care of crippled children in the State of Texas.

The Warm Springs hospital is located in a quiet rural section, adjacent to the Palmetto State Park one mile off State Highway No. 29, ten miles north of Gonzales, Texas. At present polio victims from 17 Texas counties fill the hospital, which has a twenty-six bed capacity.

I GIVE YOU TEXAS By Boyce House Summer Reminiscences — Our town was never lacking in amusements.

For instance, a handcuff artist put on an exhibition on the courthouse lawn. He called for volunteers in the crowd to step forward and fasten him tightly with chains, locking them with padlocks.

There would be a visiting lecturer who spoke at the church, telling of his trip to the Holy Land, illustrating the lecture with lantern slides.

The carnival was of course a scene of dazzlement. Even after a boy's supply of nickles had run out and there was no more riding on the merry-go-round or the ferris wheel, there was the free show in front of the Museum of World Curiosities — the Oriental dancer who was a princess; and the mind-reader, who was also a princess; and the snake-charmer, who oddly enough was a princess, too.

One of the most thrilling events was the balloon ascension, the aerialist — in bright costume — sitting on a trapeze under the balloon, which rapidly rose hundreds of feet in the air.

On one such occasion, a group of negroes was busy picking cotton when a parachute jumper fluttered to a landing in their midst. They fled in terror — all except Uncle Remus, who was a preacher and he courageously remained — also he had rheumatism and couldn't run.

in'. Lord Jesus, and how is yore Pappy gittin' along?"

The hopes of the overwhelming majority of the people of Texas that loan sharks can be driven out of the State were given impetus when a jury recently returned a verdict, the effect of which was to uphold the new anti-usury injunction law and to find a flock of these saboteurs of the war effort guilty thereunder.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Clyde Childers, Pastor Schedule of Services: 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship 8:30 Evening Worship Wednesday: 8:30 Prayer Meeting

The pastor will be away the next two Sundays for a revival at Mound, Texas. Supplying the pulpit on Sunday, July 16th, will be Rev. J. A. Kidd of Alpine, Texas, and on July 23rd the supply will be Rev. Sterling Stratton, Mertzon, Texas.

Paisano Encampment will begin Monday, July 31st, and it is to be expected that a large number from this church will attend. The preachers this year will be Dr. Perry F. Webb, San Antonio, Texas, and Dr. E. H. Westmoreland, Houston, Texas.

The pastor and Mrs. Childers will expect to return about July 25th and the pastor will supply the pulpit July 30th.

Mr. and Mrs. Thad Tabb of Ballinger are the parents of a son, Robert Stewart, born Monday in a Ballinger hospital. The baby weighed 8 pounds, 13 ounces.

State Farm Labor Committee Meets July 17

Joe Davidson of Ozona Is Member A&M Advisory Group

COLLEGE STATION — A state Farm Labor Labor Advisory Committee composed of farmers, recently set up to aid the A. and M. College Extension Service in determining policies affecting the farm labor program in Texas, will meet here July 17 and 18.

Acting Director J. D. Prewitt says the committee will advise with him and with another state labor committee composed of agency representatives which has been in existence for nearly two years. The agency committee members serve as technical advisers.

Both groups will be asked to review the entire farm labor picture in the state at the July meeting. Prewitt says, and a representative from the Army's Eighth Service Command will be present to confer on the use of prisoners of war for farm work.

Members of the state farm a-

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bor advisory committee and their alternates were elected at a series of district meetings held over the state in June. They were elected by chairmen of county farm labor advisory committees.

Personnel of the state committee includes Emmett Jones of Claude, W. O. Rieger of Lubbock, Joe M. Rose of Roanoke, John W. Peterson of Roanoke, John W. Scott of Hallsville, Joe Davidson of Ozona, H. G. Lucas of Brownwood, J. E. Dice of Belton, J. W. Trousdale of Dayton, H. O. Brogfeld of Converse, Charles Snedcor of Needville, and C. N. Freeman of Alice.

Alternates are Sam Wohlford of Stratford, J. L. Childs of O'Donnell, W. S. Grimsley of Weinert, Guy Bullock of Garland, L. M. Borden of Mt. Pleasant, Hal Burnett of Imperial, C. M. Caraway of De-

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Progress Made in Improving Quality Of Texas Mohair

COLLEGE STATION — Texas goat raisers are making rapid strides in an effort to improve the quality of Texas mohair. Under a program inaugurated in 1939, a million pounds, or 15 per cent of the Texas clip was sold on a graded basis last season, according to W. R. Nisbit, animal husbandryman for the A. and M. College Extension Service. This grading enables the producer of the higher grades of mohair to receive a premium of from two to five cents per pound for his product.

In order to interest more ranchers in this improvement work, a program has been started to help 4-H Club boys in locating, selecting, purchasing, and developing high quality males. In the fall of 1943 county agricultural agents in ten counties located and purchased thirty registered billies for their 4-H Club boys. These animals were selected from some of the outstanding flocks in Texas. Thus, outstanding breeding animals have been distributed over a wide area. The boys plan to use their registered billies on the flocks which they, or their fathers, have on the ranch home. A few of the boys developed several head and have made arrangements to sell them to other ranchers in the county.

Goat raising is limited to a comparatively small area of Texas, located in the Edwards Plateau, but eighty-five per cent of the nation's mohair, and about forty per cent of the world's supply of mohair is produced in Texas.

Miss Zelma Scott of Gatesville, Texas, former social studies teacher in the Ozona Junior High School, is attending the University of Texas summer session, doing work toward her Master's degree.

Yanks Land at Normandy



Battle-equipped American troops splash ashore to the Normandy coast of France in initial phase of the beachhead landings. Casualties were reported light and replacements were rushed ashore hour after hour. Little opposition was encountered during the landing of these particular Yanks, although during landing operations at other beachheads the casualties were heavier.

Mrs. H. B. Tandy and children will have as their guests this weekend Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bland and Mrs. C. M. Tandy of Abilene and Miss Venona Hamblett of San Antonio. A birthday dinner for the visitors and the Tandy family tonight will celebrate in advance Mr. Bland's 65th birthday and Bland Tandy's 18th, both occurring July 30. The advance celebration is occasioned by the fact that young Tandy will leave Friday morning for Lubbock and active service in the United States Navy.

Bland Tandy, son of Major and Mrs. H. B. Tandy, who was sworn into the Navy Thursday of last week at Lubbock, will leave Friday for Lubbock where he is to report Saturday morning for assignment and active service.

Early Chandler, Crockett county ranchman, injured recently when

he fell from a windmill, is able to be up. Mr. Chandler suffered a fractured spine in the fall and his body is encased in a plaster cast. He recently returned from a San Angelo hospital where he was under treatment for several weeks.

OPA ROUND-UP

Under new OPA instructions, the amount and type of gasoline rations issued to individuals after June 30 are now available to the public or newspapers upon inquiry to local Rationing Boards.

OPA has removed new inner tubes from rationing, thus helping conserve tires, inasmuch as good tubes properly inflated prolong tire life. Producers, carriers and handlers of farm products have been authorized and urged to form committees to assist Office of Defense Transportation District Managers in putting to full use all motortrucks available for transporting farm products, OPA says.

Judge Candidate Calls Labor Union Criticism Challenge

AUSTIN — The attempt of a certain faction in organized labor to pack the state courts with its own judges is a "direct challenge" to the people of Texas and their free institutions, Associate Justice Richard Critz declared today in a stinging rebuke to a "political action committee's" 1944 political bulletin.

"I welcome the support of all laboring people, but so long as I am on this highest court there will be no handing out of special favors, and all cases will be decided on their merits and according to law," he stated.

Justice Critz, seeking his second full elective term on the court alluded to a "1944 political bulletin" which stated that Justice Critz's opinions were "invariably antagonistic" to labor.

"No statement or contention is made that any single one of my opinions has not been based on law, or did not correctly declare the law," he said.

"This small committee of labor officials is seeking to make itself the political boss of the men and women who belong to labor unions. They would dictate the selection of a judge on the Supreme Court of Texas."

COATES IN FRANCE

Sgt. Dennis Fleet Coates, Jr., is another Ozona lad battling Germans in France. Sgt. Coates wrote ten his parents underqu cmfw ten his family under date of July 2 from "Somewhere in France." He is attached to a unit of the American Field Artillery. The letter received this week was the first he had written since June 20, having previously been based in England.

NEWS FROM HOME RATES

"News from home still rates first in the Infantry — and always will," writes Pvt. Jim Dudley, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dudley, in a card to the Stockman this week notifying of his change of address — which, incidentally, carries an APO number and New York address. "I look forward to the Stockman coming every week — read every bit of it," Jim concluded.

Lt. Thomas Nelson Boothe, in the final stages of training as a

fighter pilot in the Army Air Forces, has been transferred to Baton Rouge, La., for three-weeks special training. Mrs. Boothe, the former Betty Jane Ingham, has Rouge.

GETS UNIVERSITY DEGREE

Miss Betty Lou Coates, daughter of Roscoe Coates of Ozona, was among 448 students of the University of Texas upon whom degrees were conferred at recent commencement exercises. Miss Coates was awarded the Bachelor of Arts degree.

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The Stockman has been authorized to make the following announcements of candidacy for political office, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, July 22, 1944:

- For County Judge: HOUSTON SMITH
- For Sheriff, Assessor and Collector of Taxes: FRANK JAMES (Re-election), M. E. CORBELL
- For County Treasurer: TOM CASBEER (Re-election)
- For Commissioner, Prec. 4: E. R. KINSER (Re-election)
- For Commissioner, Prec. 1: ROB MILLER (Re-election)
- For Commissioner, Prec. 2: CHAS. S. BLACK (Re-election)
- For Commissioner, Prec. 3: J. W. OWENS (Re-election)
- For County & Dist. Clerk: GEORGE RUSSELL (Re-election)
- For Congress, 16th District: R. E. THOMASON, El Paso (Re-election)

Price & Richardson Second Annual SUFFOLK SALE

300 Suffolk RAMS

Sold At Auction

Texas Raised Which Means NO DEATH LOSS

At our Sale last year we sold Joe Clayton of Ozona 74 Full blood Ram lambs and he has 73 of them ready for breeding again this year

73 OUT OF 74

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