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The Baird Star

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District Court Was Convened Monday

The June term of the 42nd Judicial Court convened Monday morning with Judge M. S. Long on the bench. District Attorney J. R. Black, Sheriff R. L. Edwards and Mrs. Ford Driskill, District Clerk, also present.

The following named were sworn in as grand jurors for the term:

R. D. Williams, Foreman, B. L. Russell, Jr., Secretary, C. B. Snyder, W. E. Smith, L. M. Farmer, J. A. Haggard, Ed Davis, Earnest Hill, John Barr, Bill Wagner, J. C. Brashear, B. H. Freeland.

The grand jury adjourned Wednesday evening after having investigated fifteen cases, examining forty-two witnesses, resulting in the finding of ten indictments, five felonies and five misdemeanors.

Jack Jones served as door-bailiff, Jim Barringer walking bailiff, C. R. Nordyke, W. A. Petterson and Sam Black, riding bailiffs.

The docket for this term of court is rather heavy. Non-jury cases are being heard this week, criminal cases are set for next week and civil cases for the third week.

Hearing on an application of Mrs. E. W. Curtis for an injunction to restrain the Arco Gas Company from allowing crude oil and salt water from wells near Baird to overflow land she owns opened Tuesday afternoon. Three hours of testimony was heard yesterday, and the case was to continue this morning.

Seeking \$2,500 damages, Mrs. Curtis also has filed suit in district court against the oil company, alleging value of her land has been reduced as a result of the oil and salt water allowed to run on it.

Judge Long will give his decision in this case after further investigation.

GRIGGS HOSPITAL

Dolores Rylee, 11 year old daughter of Mrs. Will Rylee, who underwent an operation for acute appendicitis Sunday is doing well.

Eddie Bullock, who entered the hospital Friday night suffering from grippe and appendicitis was operated on Wednesday evening and is reported doing fairly well.

Claude Frazier of Abilene, was a patient Friday for adjustment of a fractured ankle, sustained while playing ball at Admiral.

Durward Varner, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Varner of Cottonwood; Martha Morgan, 3 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse H. Morgan of Merkel, and the little ten year old son of Fred Farmer, Eula, were tonsilectomy patients Sunday.

Mrs. H. K. Kearney of Fort Worth, who underwent a major operation a week ago is doing nicely and will be able to leave the hospital in a few days.

W. A. Fetterley, general foreman of the T & P Roundhouse and shops, who underwent an emergency operation for appendicitis has been discharged from the hospital, going to his home Wednesday.

Mrs. Lloyd Gary of Cottonwood, who underwent a major operation is convalescing and will leave the hospital today.

George Wilkerson, who was operated upon for gangrene appendix two weeks ago was able to return to his home at Eula Wednesday.

Haynie Gilliland entered the hospital Wednesday night for medical treatment.

PLAN TO ATTEND FIREMEN CONVENTION

Percy King, Ira Putnam, Vernon Johnson, Horace Elliott and Gilbert Hinds plan to leave Sunday for Corpus Christi to attend the annual meeting of the State Firemen's Convention.

FREE MOTORCYCLE SHOW

Lewis Perterca will stage a free motorcycle show at the Ball Park, Monday, May 12. Don't fail to see the Flying Dutchman crash the flaming wall. Motorcycle polo game, stunts and fancy riding. Free admission. Everybody invited to attend. 1:30 o'clock to 5:30 o'clock p. m.

Mrs. Lonnie Ray and Mrs. James Ross returned yesterday from Big Spring, where they have been at the bedside of their sister, Mrs. R. V. Hart, who is a patient in a hospital, having undergone a surgical operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Estes Honored

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Estes were honored Wednesday evening with a dinner party, the occasion being their forty-third wedding anniversary, also the birthday of Mrs. Estes.

The dinner was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Estes. Summer roses were used in decorating the table, in the center of which was placed a beautiful white combination wedding and birthday cake.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Estes, and children, Fred, Jr. and Betty Jane; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Estes and daughter, Atrrell; Mrs. Robert Estes and little daughters, Patty and Dorothy; Mr. and Mrs. Larmer Henry and daughter, Loraine; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barrett and little daughter, Wanda; Mrs. W. V. Stephenson and little daughter, Virginia; Miss Mary May Tyson, Newt Smith and Jess Wilbanks; Mrs. E. C. Fulton and little daughter, Helen.

Mrs. Estes was also honored with a birthday party by Mrs. H. A. Lones and the Pythian Booster Club, at the home of Mrs. Lones Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Estes was presented with a number of beautiful gifts.

Odd-Fellows Memorial Service

Odd-Fellows and Rebekahs of Baird Texas, June 12, 1953, at IOOF Hall at 8:30 P. M.

PROGRAM
Opening. Song.
Prayer, Chaplin of Rebekah Lodge Memorial Address.
By Bro. R. A. Walker, Merkel Memorial to Deceased Brothers.
By Bro. H. Schwartz. Memorial to Deceased Sisters.
Memorial Salo to "Mother".
By Miss Prudie Watts.
Closing.
All members are to be present and the public is cordially invited.
HAZEL JOHNSON, N. G.

BAIRD FIREMEN HAVE CHICKEN BARBECUE

The members of the Baird Volunteer Fire Department had a chicken barbecue out in the Ross pasture Wednesday evening.

An Explanation

To The People of Callahan County: As there has been some misunderstanding in reference to the handling of the R. F. C. Fund in the County; I publish the following letter which explains fully the instructions given by the government for the handling of this fund which I have tried to carry out.

Respectfully,
J. H. CARPENTER,
Chairman, Callahan County Relief Commission.
(Copy of Letter)
Austin, Texas,
April 24, 1953.

Judge J. H. Carpenter,
Ch, Callahan County Relief Commission,
Baird, Texas.

Dear Sir: After checking your records of R. F. C. emergency relief I find a few irregularities that I think you should change in order to conform with the Relief Commission's set up and late instructions.

You should have one paying officer for the County and he should be furnished with a signed payroll by applicants also the original or white disbursement order signed by applicant and relief officer before paying out any R. F. C. Funds.

You are not permitted to allot any designated amount, to be turned over to any charity institution, relief officers, County Judge Commissioners and etc., without the above authority and supporting data, first being in your hands and O. K.

All new funds received by you must be handled as per these instructions. The Governor of this State is held responsible for the administration and disbursement of these funds and must have a strict, accounting for same, therefore you are likewise responsible to the Governor.

Yours truly,
J. J. BOLEY,
Field Representative.

Little Maxine Hoffman of Brownwood is visiting her aunt Mrs. A. F. Davis.

Local Attorney Boosted For Assistant U. S. District Attorney

The Star is reliably informed that L. B. Lewis, an attorney of Baird, is being prominently mentioned as a possible appointee to the post of Assistant U. S. District Attorney for the Northern District of Texas. Mr. Lewis has 100 per cent indorsement of the Callahan County Bar, as well as the solid indorsement of the Taylor County and Johnson County Bars, and we feel that Mr. Lewis' many friends and the citizenship generally in this and all neighboring counties would be glad to see Mr. Lewis honored by an appointment to this post.

Mr. Lewis has served Callahan County as County Attorney for several years with distinction, voluntarily retiring at the end of the term of office on December 31, 1952. He is a loyal Democrat, good citizen, a hard working lawyer, and just in the prime of life; in as much as this part of the State has not heretofore been favored in the way of Federal appointments, we feel that we are entitled to this consideration, and we know of no one more capable and deserving than is Mr. Lewis.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION TO BE HELD

A Civil Service Examination for the appointment of Collector of Cotton Statistics for Callahan county will be held at an early date. The examination will be held at Abilene. All applications must be on file with the U. S. Civil Service Commission at Washington, D. C., not later than June 27, 1953.

Forms for this examination may be had by writing to the U. S. Civil Service, District Manager, Custom House, New Orleans, La. stating title of the examination to be taken. This position pays a salary of \$228.00 per year. Full instructions, which were received too late for publication this week, will be published next week.

WILL VISIT WORLD'S FAIR

Miss Ruby Harp will join the party of 200 West Texans who will leave Abilene Sunday morning on a special train for a four days visit at the World's Fair, Chicago.

This West Texas Special is being arranged by G. B. Sandefer, manager of Simmons University Band. The special will leave Abilene as a part of the unshine Special, uniting with

MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Stiles announce the marriage of their daughter, Ruby, to Mr. E. B. Brown, Jr., of Baird. The ceremony was performed by the Justice of the Peace at Cisco, Texas, December 25, 1952. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are both graduates of the Baird High School. Mr. Brown has a position with the Texas-Louisiana Power and Light Co. of Perrytown, Texas, where they will make their home.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Bro. Walker will preach at his regular SSecond Sunday appointment at the Presbyterian Church, June 9th, and the public is very cordially invited to attend.
Sunday School at 10 o'clock.
THE SESSION.

Col. Dick McCarty Is Visitor Here

Col. Dick McCarty, of the Albany News, accompanied by Mrs. McCarty and their daughter, Mrs. J. R. Webb, were over last Friday afternoon for a short visit which included The Star office. We, with a host of other friends of Col McCarty are glad to know that the Colonel is regaining his health and we trust that he will soon be hale and hearty again.

Col McCarty is one of the few newspaper men of the old school. He has a way of writing all his own and we are so glad to see his editorials in the Albany News again after a lapse of several months, which the Colonel spent in the Beaumont Hospital at El Paso, where under the skillful care of physicians and surgeons, much was done to restore his health.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Evans, little son Billie, and Mrs. Emma Evans, returned Tuesday from a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Hub Swan at Spur.

Baptist Revival Now In Progress

Our meeting is going right along. Each service gets a little better. The crowds are increasing and if possible the sermons get better.

Right on through next week both morning and night the services will continue and next week we will have a children's service at 4 o'clock. We want every child to be in these meetings. We want two groups, but come on we will tell you about it when we meet next Monday.

Our night services are being held outside. We want you to come and set in with us and enjoy the splendid preaching. I can say for the preaching, it suits me and that is saying a lot for I am hard to please with preaching, but I am pleased with the preaching in this meeting.

Remember that next Sunday is the regular time to preach at Midway. Bro. O'Brien will preach there for me. Let everybody out that way be there to hear him.

The Workers Meeting was excellent, I think. We have not had a better, if as good. We will not have another before the meeting of the Association in September.

Let us be praying sincerely.
JOE R. MAYES.

MRS. COFFEY DIES

Mrs. Media Coffey, formerly Media Balew, died at the home of T. A. Ince, Wednesday morning at 6:30, following an illness of several weeks. Funeral services were held at the Baptist Church at 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Joe R. Mayes, and interment made in Ross cemetery.

Mrs. Coffey was born August 8, 1908, he is survived by two little girls, Juanita, age 5, and Bee, age 2, also her parents, several sisters and brothers. The little children, who are bereft of their mother, were taken by an aunt and uncle, Mrs. Kannady and Mr. Balew, of Belle Plaine.

EASTERN STAR TO INSTALL OFFICERS

Callahan Chapter, No. 242 O.E.S., will meet in regular session Tuesday night. The newly elected officers of the Chapter will be installed at this time. All members are urged to be present. Visiting members cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. Mae Jones, W.M.
Miss Ruby Harp, Sec.

A TRIBUTE TO "RAGS"

The Arthur Johnson and Charlie Kimmel families are mourning the loss of a faithful little dog, "Rags."

Rags was just a little blue terrier dog, but he was a household pet. He formerly belonged to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamrick, now deceased, father and mother of Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Kimmel. Rags was 18 years old and was devoted to his "folks," whom he had served long and faithfully.

Many girls and boys in Baird now grown-up remember playing with "Rags" when a child.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Services were good Sunday. Two were baptized at the evening hour. I am leaving today for a meeting, but the elders will appoint some one to talk Sunday morning. Lets all come for the study of God's word at ten o'clock.

THOS. McDONALD, Minister

Miss Donna McGowen Gets Her B A Degree At Simmons College

Miss Donna McGowen is at home from Simmons University, where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree Wednesday. She did four years of work in that institution and has been one of the most popular students. For two years she was a member of the highest social honors to be conferred Cowgirls organization, one of the upon young ladies at Simmons, and during her senior year was selected by Fredrick March as beauty to represent the Simmons Brand, their weekly publication. She did special work in speech art and was active in The Players Club, the dramatic organization, playing the leading role in some of their productions.

Miss McGowen expects to be in Baird next winter and to begin classes in expression and dancing in September.

Youth Drowned At Eula Sunday

Laburn Warren, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Warren of Eula, was drowned Sunday morning in a creek near his home.

While wading with a neighbor boy he fell into deep water. The youth could not save him and ran to the home of the boy's parents and the father ran to the creek and after a few minutes search rescued the lifeless body of his boy.

Funeral services were held at Clyde Monday and burial made there.

Laburn Warren was the eldest child of Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Warren. He was born June 1, 1938. He is survived by his parents, three brothers and two sisters.

The deceased was a nephew of Hub Warren of Baird. Mr. Warren and family attended the funeral.

Twenty Five Thousand Veterans To Be Added To The Tree Army

Twenty-five thousand war veterans will be added to the 250,000 men in the Reforestation work.

Texas has been given a quota of 1175 veterans. Of this number, seven per cent will be veterans of wars previous to the World War and the remaining 93 per cent will be selected from World War Veterans, the number of men being approximately one veteran for each five thousand population as shown by the 1930 census, which will give Callahan County a quota of three men. Mr. Reed Johnson, manager of the Veterans Administration Office, Dallas, Texas, will handle applications from this section. Veterans will receive application blanks from Mr. Johnson. Each applicant must have the endorsement of four people one of whom must be a representative of an organization engaged in relief work, such as the American Legion, Red Cross. Other signatures may be obtained from officers of Veterans organizations. If accepted applicant will be directed to report to the Recruiting Station, where they will be given preliminary examination and sent at government expense to a conditioning camp for about two weeks. If rejected he will be returned to his home at Government expense.

At this camp the hours of work will be eight hours a day, including travel to and from work, and lunch hour, for five days a week or total of forty hours a week. Many activities for recreation will be provided at the camp. There will be religious service on Sunday. Permission to leave the camp for a limited time outside of working hours may be granted and visitors may be permitted to visit the camp. Medical care and hospital care, when needed will be provided. At the end of six months period of enrollment the Veteran will turn in the equipment issued to him and will be sent back to his home (place of selection) at Government expense.

The basic allowance will be thirty dollars \$30.00, per month and will begin the date the Veteran takes the oath and finally accepted and enrolled. Veterans in order to be eligible to be considered by the Manager in making selections must meet the following requirements:

Served in the armed forces of the United States during time of war and honorably discharged from such service. Be a citizen of the United States, unemployed and physically able to perform ordinary manual labor in work camps and be free from active or communicable diseases, including venereal disease.

Good character and general fitness are required and preferential consideration will be given to the unemployed Veterans who have dependents to support.

Clyde White, Commander of Eugene Bell Post No. 2, American Legion, requests the Star to say that he will be glad to help any veteran in getting their application up.

Application must be in, by Monday, June 12th.

Haynie Gilliland, assistant editor and linotype operator in The Star office was taken seriously ill Wednesday night with something like acute indigestion and is yet quite ill. Richard Price, a former linotype operator on The Star came to our rescue and helped to get the paper out.

Will Abbott Drowned In Pecan Bayou

Will Abbott, 29, lost his life by drowning in the Pecan Bayou, on the PLOWMAN ranch Sunday about noon, where he and a party of friends were spending the day picnicking.

He started to wade across the creek and missed his footing and fell into deep water. Being unable to swim he drowned before his companions could reach him, although every effort was made.

The body was recovered some three hours later and brought to Baird in a Wylie ambulance. The remains were prepared for burial and carried to the home of his uncle, T. P. Bearden.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the Church of Christ, with Thos. McDonald, the pastor, conducting the rites. Interment was made in Ross cemetery.

Pall bearers were: F. M. Coates, of Birdville; O. C. Yarbrough, Alfred Newman of Baird, Roy Denny, Clyde; Everett Walker, Oplin; Ed McGlothian, Pioneer.

William D. Abbott was born July 15, 1904, at Strawn, Texas. He was married to Miss Nedra Wallace of Waco, December 19, 1926, who with a little daughter, Billie Gene, 5 years of age, survive him. He is also survived by his mother, Mrs. C. I. Abbott of Lawn, a sister, Mrs. G. P. Sisco of Sinton and a brother, G. R. Abbott of Rhome, all of whom were here for the funeral. Mrs. Lottie Grossclove, of Fort Worth was here, also a number of other relatives and friends from Waco, Abilene and Lawn.

Mr. Abbott has been connected with the Home Telephone & Electric Co. as a lineman for several years and was well known and had many friends who regret to learn of his tragic death.

Baird Boys and Girls Coming Home From College

For the past two weeks Baird boys girls have been trooping home from colleges and universities in different sections of the State.

Misses Ruth and Marjorie Boren, Olaf Hollingshead, and Rupert Jackson, Jr., are at home from the State University.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Fetterly who was a student at the North Texas Teachers College at Denton, spent a few days at home with her father, who is ill then returned to Denton to attend the Summer Session. Miss Ethelyn Clark, teacher in the Baird Grammar school and Mrs. Cecil Ramsey, nee Miss Maggie Harp, will also attend the Summer Session.

Harold Haley and Miss Donna McGowan are home from Simmons, at Abilene.

Mrs. G. Robert White, formerly Miss Stella Roberts, of Rowden, was a member of the graduating class of the high school department of the Agricultural and Mechanical College at Tishomingo, Okla.

Miss Dorothy Boydston, who taught school at Alderson, Oklahoma, the past term, is a student in the South-eastern Teachers Normal at Durant Oklahoma, for the Summer term.

Reeves Hickman is home from Daniel Baker College, Brownwood.

Carroll McGowan is home from Baylor Dental College, Dallas, where he was a member of the Senior class. Weldon Varner, a student in Baylor Medical College, Dallas, is at home.

Willard and Norris Kelton are at home for the summer from Texas Tech, Throckmorton.

Miss Elizabeth Boren, who taught at Lockhart the past year is at home for the summer.

Firemen Answer Three Calls

Three fire alarms have been answered by the fire department the past week. First was a fire at the Skating Rink Friday night, which was quickly extinguished with slight damage.

The second call was from the Rufus Brown residence Monday. This fire was caused by sparks from a flue and was put out before any material damage was done.

The third fire was from Buddy Tankersley, where fire had caught in the garage from burning paper, which also was extinguished with slight damage.

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NOTICE—any erroneous reflection upon the character or credit of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in this issue of the BaIRD Star, will be gladly corrected upon its being brought to the attention of the publisher.

We've Turned The Corner

For three years now people have been saying optimistically that Prosperity is 'just around the corner.'

We have turned so many corners in looking for it that most of us found ourselves right back where we started from.

This time, however, it seems increasingly clear that there are no more serious corners in sight. We have turned the last one and before us lies the open road to Prosperity.

We shall encounter some curves, to be sure. The road is not yet as smooth and as level as we believe it will be later on, and there may be a few collisions. There are still up-grades to be climbed, but, if we may be pardoned for mixing metaphors into a sort of verbal hash, the old bus is hitting on all sixteen cylinders and if we don't run out of gas we're in shape to take any hill on high.

In all seriousness, there is no guesswork about the reports that come in from every part of the United States. Business is picking up. One after another of the big industries is coming through with reports of increased orders, more men put back to work, prices firming up, all of the essentials of real prosperity. We know that prices of staple farm commodities are rising and agriculture once more has a chance to make a living and something more for those who follow it.

The best thing about this whole situation is that people don't look skeptical when anyone says that things are better. Instead, the other fellow agrees with you. We have passed beyond the region of hope into the realm of faith, faith in the future, generally shared by everybody.

It won't be long, now.

Boy Scouts Summer Camp

The Annual Chisholm Trail Council summer camp will be held at Camp Tonkawa starting with supper July 16 and closing with dinner July 30th. The summer camp period will be divided into two sessions, July 16 to 23, July 23 to 30. The Camp fee will be \$6.00 for seven days or \$11.00 for fourteen days. It is expected that the majority of Scouts will register for the two weeks period. Professional cooks are to be employed and the entire program to be carried on under adult leadership.

Executive Ed Shumway, who is commissioned by the National Council Boy Scouts of America, will serve as Camp Director.

Arrangements are being made for swimming in the Presbyterian pool at Buffalo Gap. There will be no extra fee for the Scouts as the Chisholm Trail Council will pay for this. All swimming and life saving tests will be supervised by qualified American Red Cross teachers and Life Savers. Scheduled. Transportation to and from Camp Tonkawa to Buffalo Gap will be provided by the Council and a very interesting swimming program arranged which will be the most popular ever planned for Camp Tonkawa.

Tents will be furnished free to the Scouts and the large mess hall will be used by all.

A new handicraft program is being prepared and the entire program this year promises to be an unusual one with many new features. Special stunt nights are being arranged and it is expected that several civic Clubs will visit the camp.

The Camp Tonkawa program will be mailed soon and will contain general information, program, physical examination blanks and an outline of the Camp staff.

Camp Tonkawa is adult supervised and this year several of the most prominent Scoutmasters in the Council will be on the Staff. Scoutmasters Connor Robinson, M. H. Carr, Coach Les Cranfill of Simmons, are among the first selected.

A two weeks well regulated and supervised Scout program is one of tremendous value to all Scouts. Learning by Doing is of real value to boys, and then the association with other boys, learning to know the other fel-

low, playing the game with strangers at first but friends within a short time, all of these things make the summer Council Camp a great adventure and outing of the Scouts of the Chisholm Trail Council.

Cottonwood News

Mrs. Vernon Strahan and boys of Big Spring and Miss Nema Kate Ramsey of Abilene, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Missouri Strahan.

Miss Alda Nordyke who has been attending school at John Tarlton is at home for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Opal Coffey made a business trip to Abilene Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. De Trisse, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Buatt and Grandnia Kennedy spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Missouri Ramsey.

Mr. H. S. Varner was called to the bedside of his son Durward at the Griggs hospital who was seriously ill having had his tonsils removed. He is reported better at this writing.

Mrs. Drew Hill of Cross Plains, spent Friday night with her daughter Mrs. C. V. Ramsey.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Nordyke and sons Doyle and Don visited his father and mother Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Nordyke Monday.

Mr. B. H. Freeland is attending court this week, serving on the grand jury.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Coppinger and son visited in BaIRD Sunday. Mrs. Coppinger and son remained for a few days.

Mrs. Marjorie Matlock of California is visiting her sister Mrs. E. K. Coppinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Farrow and son left Saturday for College Station where their son will enter school.

Rev. Ross Respass, Mrs. B. H. Freeland and Misses Mayme, Inez and Edith Coppinger attended the workers conference at BaIRD Tuesday.

Mrs. M. Masingle and family of Colorado and Mrs. Irb Davis of Cisco visited Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Whitehorn last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Coats and children of BaIRD visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Mitchell Sunday.

Miss Jewel Casey of Brownwood, visited Mrs. Missouri Ramsey Tuesday.

Pauline Coats of BaIRD is spending the week with her grandmother Mrs. J. D. Mitchell.

LEGAL NOTICE

En Re: Guardianship of Frank Edward, Maurice and Tommie Johnson. Minors, No. 717.

To All Persons Interested in the Above Estate:

You are notified that I have on this the 5th day of June, 1933, filed with the Judge of the county court of Calahan County an application for authority to make to E. R. Hornbeck and E. T. Murry, as Lessees, an oil and gas mining lease of the undivided one-fourth belonging to such minors, Frank Edward, Maurice and Tommie Johnson, being the West One Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section No. 152, Abstract No. 1215, G. H. & H. Ry. Co. Lands, containing 80 acres, more or less the one fourth interest of said minors being 20 acres undivided; that such application will be heard in the county court room in the courthouse of such county on the 17th day of June, 1933.

MAMIE JOHNSON,

Guardian of the Estate of Frank Edward, Maurice and Tommie Johnson Minors. 26-st.

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W. HOMER SHANKS, Suite 1, Penney Bldg. 26-1f. Abilene, Texas.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF TEXAS

S. J. R. NO. 30.
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto another section, Section 51a, which shall read as follows:

Section 51a. The Legislature shall have power to authorize by law the issuance and sale of the bonds of the State of Texas, not to exceed the sum of Twenty Million (\$20,000,000.00) Dollars, bearing interest at a rate not to exceed Four and one-half (4 1/2%) per annum; and payable serially or otherwise not more than Ten (10) years from their date, and said bonds shall be sold for not less than par and accrued interest and no form of commission shall be allowed in any transaction involving said bonds. The proceeds of the sale of such bonds to be used in furnishing relief and work relief to needy and distressed people and in relieving the hardships resulting from unemployment, but to be fairly distributed over the State and upon such terms and conditions as may be provided by law and the Legislature shall make such appropriations as are necessary to pay the interest and principal of such bonds as the same becomes due. The power hereby granted to the Legislature to issue bonds hereunder is expressly limited to the amount stated and to two years from and after the adoption of his grant of power by the people. Provided that the Legislature shall provide for the payment of the interest and redemption of any bonds issued under the terms hereof from such source other than a tax on real property and the indebtedness as evidenced by such bonds shall never become a charge against or lien upon any property, real or personal, within this State.

Section 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the State on the Twenty sixth day of August, A. D. 1933, at which election all voters favoring such proposed amendment shall write or have printed on their ballot the words: "For the amendment to the Constitution providing that the Legislature may authorize the issuance of bonds of the State of Texas, not to exceed Twenty Million (\$20,000,000.00) Dollars, for relieving the hardships of unemployment and for the necessary appropriations to pay said bonds"; Those voters opposing said amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words: "Against the amendment to the Constitution providing that the Legislature may authorize the issuance of bonds of the State of Texas not to exceed Twenty Million (\$20,000,000.00) Dollars, for relieving the hardships of unemployment and for the necessary appropriations to pay said bonds."

Section 3. The Governor of the State of Texas is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election and to have same published as required by the Constitution for amendments thereto.

W. W. HEATH, Secretary of State. 23-4t (A CORRECT COPY)

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF TEXAS

S. J. R. NO. 32.
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Section 1-a of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

"Article VIII, Section 1-a: Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) of the assessed taxable value of all residence homesteads as now defined by law shall be exempt from all taxation for all State purposes; provided that this exemption shall not be applicable to that portion of the State ad valorem taxes levied for State purposes remitted within those counties or other political subdivisions now receiving any remission of State taxes, until the expiration of such period of remission, unless before the expiration of such period the board or governing body of any one or more of such counties or political subdivisions shall have certified to the State Comptroller that

the need for such remission of taxes has ceased to exist in such county or political subdivision; then this Section shall become applicable to each county or political subdivision as and when it shall become within the provisions hereof."

Section 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held throughout the State on the fourth Saturday in August, 1933, at which election all voters favoring said proposed Amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words:

"For the Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas exempting Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) of the assessed taxable value of all residence homesteads from State taxes."

Those voters opposing said Amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words:

"Against the Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas exempting Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) of the assessed taxable value of all residence homesteads from State taxes."

Section 3. The Governor of the State of Texas is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election and to have same published as required by the Constitution and Amendments thereto.

W. W. HEATH, Secretary of State. 23-4t (A CORRECT COPY)

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF TEXAS

H. J. R. 43.
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Subsection (a), of Section 20, or Article XVI, of the Constitution of Texas, be amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

"(a) The manufacture, sale, barter or exchange in the State of Texas of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors or medicated bitters capable of producing intoxication, or any other intoxicant whatever except vinous or malt liquors of not more than three and two-tenths per cent (3.2%) alcoholic content by weight, (except for medicinal, mechanical, scientific or sacramental purposes) are each and all hereby prohibited. The Legislature shall enact laws to enforce this Section, and may from time to time prescribe regulations and limitations relative to the manufacture, sale, barter, exchange or possession for sale of vinous or malt liquors of not more than three and two-tenths per cent (3.2%) alcoholic content by weight; provided the Legislature shall enact a law or laws whereby the qualified voters of any county, justice's precinct, town or city may, by a majority of those voting, determine from time to time whether the sale for beverage purpose of vinous or malt liquors containing not more than three and two-tenths per cent (3.2%) alcohol by weight shall be prohibited within the prescribed limits; and provided further that in all counties in the State of Texas and in all political subdivisions thereof, wherein the sale of intoxicating liquors had been prohibited by local option elections held under the laws of the State of Texas and in force at the time of the taking effect of Section 20, Article 16, of the Constitution of Texas, it shall continue to be unlawful to manufacture, sell, barter or exchange in any such county or in any such political subdivision thereof, any spirituous, vinous or malt liquors or medicated bitters, capable of producing intoxication or any other intoxicant whatsoever, unless and until a majority of the qualified voters in said county or political subdivision thereof voting in an election held for such purpose shall determine it to be lawful to

manufacture, sell barter and exchange in said county or political subdivision thereof vinous or malt liquors containing not more than three and two-tenths per cent (3.2%) alcoholic contents by weight, and provision of this subsection shall be self enacting."

Section 2. The foregoing Amendment to the Constitution shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held throughout the State on the fourth Saturday in August, 1933. At this election all voters favoring the proposed Amendment shall write or have printed on their ballot the following words: "For the Amendment to the Constitution of Texas, authorizing the sale of vinous or malt liquors of not more than three and two-tenths per cent (3.2%) alcoholic content by weight." Those voters opposing said proposed Amendment shall write or have printed on their ballot the following words: "Against the Amendment to the Constitution of Texas, authorizing the sale of vinous or malt liquors of not more than three and two-tenths per cent (3.2%) alcoholic contents by weight."

Section 3. The Governor of the State of Texas is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for such election and to have same published as required by the Constitution and Amendments thereto.

W. W. HEATH, Secretary of State. 23-4t (A CORRECT COPY)

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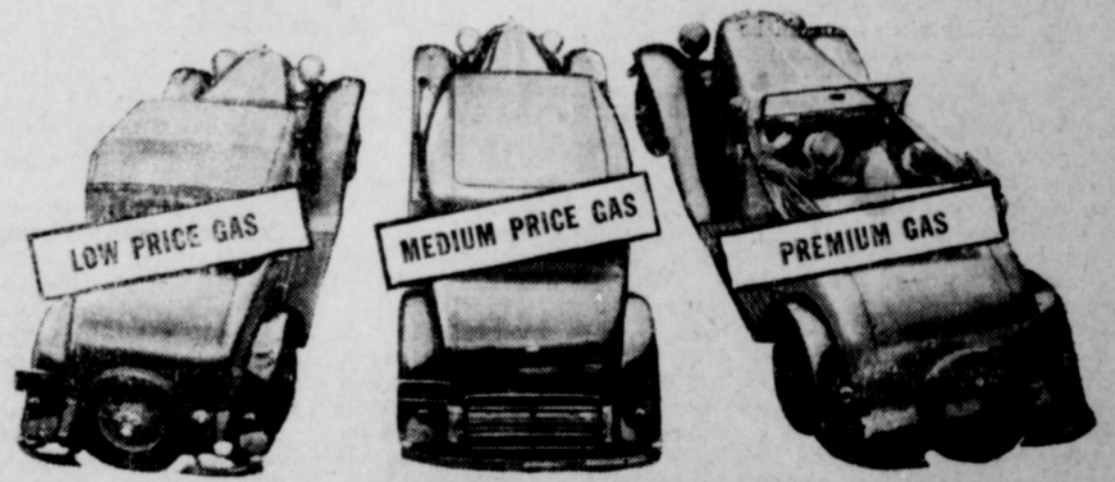
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Wish to thank you for the very prompt settlement of one hundred fifty (\$150.00) dollars for my recent claim in your association covering the death of my mother, Mrs. Laura Clark, of Cartor, Texas, who died on May 18th.

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PERSONALS

Miss Lola B. Holmes of Childress is visiting relatives here this week.

Miss Zona Stone of Dudley, spent Sunday with Miss Opal Ray of this city.

Mrs. Ethel Woodin of Kansas City is visiting her brother, R. W. Grounds and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Windham of Oplin, visited Mrs. W. E. Gilliland and family Saturday.

Mrs. and Mrs. Tom Windham and Mrs. John Jordon of Oplin, were in Baird, Monday.

Mrs. Ross Williams of Amarillo is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Wristen.

Miss Glyndol Elliott visited her sister, Mrs. Charlie Powell and family at Spur the first of the week.

W. V. Stephenson left Tuesday for Fort Worth. He will probably visit in Missouri, also.

Mrs. J. R. Latimer and children, Bobby and Betty Foy, are visiting relatives in Fort Worth.

Master Robert Estes is visiting Master Ruck Sibley, Jr. at his home in Abilene, this week.

Miss Donna Carter of Big Spring is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Henry Lambert.

Miss Juanita Johnson has returned from a visit with relatives in Fort Worth and other nearby points.

Mr. and Mrs. Will St John and son, of Cisco were pleasant visitors at The Star office, Tuesday.

Hugh Ross returned a few days ago from Dallas where he spent some days with his mother, Mrs. H. W. Ross.

Mrs. Fred Hooten of Dallas, is visiting her father, R. A. Williams and sister, Mrs. Ed Lambert, and family.

Mrs. Carney, of Baltimore, Maryland, formerly Miss Rena Bell Hatchett, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Hatchett

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in Abilene, and her brother Bill Hatchett at the ranch near Admiral, left a few days ago for her home. Bill Hatchett accompanied his sister home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Taylor and baby, of Olney, spent Sunday with Mrs. Taylor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Bounds.

Mrs. Hal Ramsey and children, Juanita and Hal, Jr., of McAllen, are visiting Mrs. Ramsey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Bowlus.

Mrs. Alex Ogilby and little daughter, Bertha Joyce, of Stamford, are visiting Mrs. Ogilby parent's, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Bowlus.

Mrs. J. E. Malin and children of Amarillo, spent the past weekend with her mother, Mrs. S. E. Webb, at the farm in the Midway community.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Eady of Floyd, N. M., were visiting their daughter Mrs. T. H. McDonald last week. They went on to east Texas to visit other children.

Clarence Redding of Big Spring, returned home Monday after a weeks visit with Leonard Grounds and Donald Cooper. Leonard returned home with him for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil West and children, of Big Spring, spent the weekend here with relatives. They were accompanied home by their nieces, Earlene Haley and Mildred Hearn.

Mrs. R. L. Edwards and little daughter, Bobbie Sue, and Miss Pauline Putnam, spent the past weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Jody Crutchfield in Coleman.

Austin Cooke and James Crutchfield visited in Austin the past weekend. They were accompanied home by Miss Mary Lois Singleton, who is in training in the nursing school at Seaton' Infirmary.

Mrs. M. D. Hoover, Miss Emogene Orr, and Mr. and Mrs. James Orr of Dallas, spent the past weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Estes and family. Miss Emogene was to leave Dallas Sunday with a party of friends for a trip to the World's Fair at Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McGowen, Thaxton McGowen, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Wylie, Jr. and Miss Louise Thaxton returned Wednesday from an outing trip to Glen Rose.

Mrs. Robert Walker left the latter part of the week for Dallas and McKinney and in company with her sister Mrs. H. Wilmeth and Mr. Wilmeth, was to leave Monday for a trip to the World's Fair, at Chicago.

Miss Burma Warren and Mrs. Juanita Duncan, of the Epworth League, are attending the annual Young People's Assembly of the Northwest Texas Conference being held at McMurry College, Abilene, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Fredrick and baby spent a few days the past week visiting Mrs. Fredricks aunt, Mrs. S. E. Webb, also her father, H. J. Nelson, at the Webb farm at Midway. They went to Fort Worth and Dallas to visit relatives before returning to their home in Hobbs, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Brice Jones and children, Shelby and Wendell, are visiting Mrs. Jones sister, Mrs. Lawson at Toyah. Mrs. Jones' mother, Mrs. Alex Williams will join them there and they will go to the Davis mountains for a camping trip.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF TEXAS

S. J. R. No. 3.
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Article IX of the Constitution of Texas be amended by adding thereto a section to be Section 3, which shall provide:

"Section 3. (1) Holding the belief that the highest degree of local self government which is consistent with the efficient conduct of those affairs by necessity lodged in the Nation and the State will prove most responsive to the will of the people, and result to reward their diligence and intelligence by greater economy and efficiency in their local governmental affairs, it hereby is ordained:

(2) Any county having a population of sixty-two thousand (62,000) or more according to the then last Federal Census may adopt a County Home Rule Charter, to embrace those powers appropriate hereto, within the specific limitations hereinafter provided. It further is provided that the Legislature, by a favoring vote of two-thirds of the total membership of both the Senate and the House of Representatives, may authorize any county, having a population less than that above specified, to proceed hereunder for the adoption of a Charter; however, as a condition for such authorization, it is required that notice of the intent to seek Legislative authority hereunder must be published in one or more newspapers, to give general circulation in the county affected, not less than once per week for four (4) consecutive weeks, and the first of such publications shall appear not less than thirty (30) days next prior to the time an Act making proposal hereunder may be introduced in the Legislature. No County Home Rule Charter may be adopted by any county save upon a favoring vote of the resident qualified electors of the affected county. In elections submitting to the voters a proposal to adopt a Charter (unless otherwise provided by a two-thirds vote of the total membership of each House of the Legislature) the votes cast by the qualified electors residing within the limits of all the incorporated cities and towns of the county shall be separately kept but collectively counted and the votes of the qualified electors of the county who do not reside within the limits of any incorporated city or town likewise shall be separately kept and separately counted, and unless there be a favoring majority of the votes cast within and a favoring majority of the votes cast without such collective cities and towns, the Charter shall not be adopted. It is expressly forbidden that any such Charter may in any way affect the operation of the General Laws of the State relating to the judicial, tax, fiscal, educational, police, highway and health systems, or any other department of the State's superior government. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to authorize the adoption of a Charter provision inimical to or inconsistent with the sovereign and established public policies of this State, and no provisions having such vice shall have validity as against the State. No Charter provision may operate to impair the exemption of homesteads as established by this Constitution and the Statutes relating thereto.

"(3) a. A Charter hereunder may provide the continuance of a County Commissioners' Court, as now constituted, to serve as the governing body of a county to operate hereunder; or, may provide for a governing body otherwise constituted, which shall be elective, and service therein shall be upon such qualifications, for such terms, under such plan of representation, and upon such conditions of tenure and compensation as may be fixed by any such Charter. The terms for service in such governing body may exceed two (2) years, but shall not exceed six (6) years. In any event, in addition to the powers and duties provided by any such Charter, such governing body shall exercise all powers, and discharge all duties which, in the absence of the provisions hereof, would devolve by law on County Commissioners and County Commissioners' Court. Further, any such Charter may provide for the organization, reorganization, establishment and administration of the government of the county, including the control and regulation of the performance of and the compensation for all duties required in the conduct of the county affairs, subject to the limitations herein provided.

"b. A Charter hereunder may provide that Judges of County Court (including that County Court designated in this Constitution), and Justices of the Peace be compensated upon a salary basis in lieu of fees. The jurisdiction of the County Court designated in this Constitution, and the duties of the Judges thereof, may be confined to that general jurisdiction of a probate Court which elsewhere is defined in this Constitution. The office of Justice of the Peace may be made either elective or appointive. Other than as herein provided, no such Charter shall provide for altering the jurisdiction or procedure of any Court. The duties of District Attorney and County Attorney may be confined to representing the State in civil cases to which the State is a party and to enforcement of the State's Penal Code, and the compensation of said attorneys may be fixed on a salary basis in lieu of fees.

"c. Save as hereinabove and hereinafter otherwise provided, such Charters, within the limits expressed therein, may invest the governing body to be established for any county electing to operate hereunder with the power to create, consolidate or abolish any office or department, whether created by other provisions of the Constitution or by statute, define the duties therefor, fix the compensation for service therein, make the same elective or appointive and prescribe the time, qualifications and conditions for tenure in any such office save that no such Charter other than as hereinbefore authorized, shall provide to regulate the status, service, duties or compensation of members of the Legislature, Judges of the Courts, District Attorneys, County Attorneys, or any office whatever by the law of the State requiring to be filled by an election embracing more than one county; Excepting herefrom nominations, elec-

tions or appointments to offices, the terms whereof may not have expired prior to the adoption of this Amendment to the Constitution, at such time as a Charter provision adopted hereunder may be in effect (save as to those offices which must continue to be elective, as herein elsewhere specified), all terms of county officers and all contracts for the giving of service by deputies under such officers, may be subject to termination by the administrative body of the county, under an adopted Charter so providing, and there shall be no liability by reason thereof.

"d. Any county electing to operate hereunder shall have the power, by Charter provision, to levy, assess and collect taxes, and to fix the maximum rate for ad valorem taxes to be levied for specific purposes, in accordance with the Constitution and laws of this State, providing, however, that the limit of the aggregate taxes which may be levied, assessed and collected hereunder shall not exceed the limit or total fixed or hereafter to be fixed by this Constitution to control counties and the annual assessment upon property, both real, personal and mixed, shall be a first superior and prior lien thereon.

"e. In addition to the powers herein provided, and in addition to powers included in County Home Rule Charters, any county may, by a majority vote of the qualified electors of said county, amend its Charter to include other powers, functions, duties and rights which now or hereafter may be provided by this Constitution and the statutes of the State for counties.

"(4). Any county operating hereunder shall have the power to borrow money for all purposes lawful under its Charter, to include the refunding of a lawful debt, in a manner conforming to the General Laws of the State, and may issue therefor its obligations. Such obligations, other than those to refund a lawful debt, shall not be valid unless authorized by a majority of all votes cast by those resident qualified voters of the area affected by the taxes required to retire such obligations, who may vote thereon. In cases of county obligations, maturing after a period of five (5) years, the same shall be issued to mature serially, fixing the first maturity of principal at a time not to exceed two (2) years next after the date of the issuance of such obligations. Such obligations may pledge the full faith and credit of the county; but in no event shall the aggregate obligations so issued, in principal amount outstanding at any one time, exceed the then existing Constitutional limits for such obligations and such indebtedness and its supporting tax lien upon the property taxable in such county. No obligation issued hereunder shall be valid unless prior to the time of the issuance thereof there be levied a tax sufficient to retire the same as it matures, which tax shall not exceed the then existing Constitutional limits.

"(5). Such Charter may authorize the governing body of a county operating hereunder to prescribe the schedule of fees to be charged by the officers of the county for special services, to be in lieu of the schedule for such fees prescribed by the General Laws of the State; and, to appropriate such fees to such funds as the Charter may prescribe; provided, however, no fee for a specified service shall exceed in amount the fee fixed by General Law for that same service. Such Charters may call judicial officers, other than District Judges, may prescribe the qualifications for services, provided the standards therefor be not lower than those fixed by the General Laws of the State.

"(6) a. Subject to the express limitations upon the exercise of the powers by this subdivision to be authorized, such Charters may provide (or omit to provide) that the governmental and/or proprietary functions of any city, town, district or other defined political subdivision (which is a governmental subdivision of the county) be transferred, either as to some or all of the functions thereof, and yielded to the control of the administrative body of the county. No such transfer or yielding or functions may be effected, unless the proposal is submitted to a vote of the people, and unless otherwise provided by a two-thirds vote of the total membership of each House of the Legislature, such a proposal shall be submitted as a separate issue, and the vote within and without any such city, town, district or other defined governmental entity, shall be separately cast and counted, and unless two-thirds of the qualified votes cast within the yielding defined governmental entity, and a majority of the qualified votes cast in the remainder of the county, favor the proposed merger, it shall not be effected. In case of the merger hereby authorized without express Charter provision therefor, in so far as may be required to make effective the object of the proposed merger, the county shall succeed to all the appropriate lawful powers, duties, rights, procedures, restrictions and limitations which prior to the merger were reposed in, or imposed upon, the yielding governmental agency. Particularly, it is provided that the power to create funded indebtedness and to levy taxes in support thereof may be exercised only by such procedure, and within such limits, as now are, or hereafter may be, provided by law to control such appropriate other governmental agencies where they to be independently administered. Such mergers may be effected under proposed contracts between the county and any such yielding governmental agency, to be approved at an election as hereinbefore provided for. In order to increase governmental efficiency and effect economy the county may contract with the principal city of the county to perform one or more of its functions, provided and contracts shall not be valid for more than two (2) years.

"b. In case of the partial or complete merger of the government of a city operating under a Home Rule Charter, with the government of a county operating hereunder, those city Charter provisions affected thereby shall cease to control, and the county Charter provisions shall control.

"c. When any embraced incorporated city or town elects to merge its governmental functions with those of the county under the provisions here-

of, such Charter may provide for defining or redefining the boundaries of such cities and towns, provided, however, that in defining or redefining the boundaries of such cities and towns such boundaries may be extended only to include those areas contiguous to such cities as are urban in character; and as to such cities or towns and for the benefit thereof the county, in addition to the primary city and county tax herein authorized and any other lawful district tax, may levy and collect taxes upon the property taxable within such city or town as defined or redefined, within the limits authorized by Sections 4 and 5 of Article XI of this Constitution, (or any Amendment thereof) for incorporated cities according to the population, provided that no tax greater than that existing at the time of such merger or for any added purpose shall be imposed upon any such city or town unless authorized by a majority of all votes cast by the resident qualified voters of such city or town.

"d. Areas urban in character though not incorporated, under appropriate Charter provision may be defined as such by the governing body of the county, provided, however, that no portion of the county shall be defined as an urban area unless it has sufficient population to entitle it to incorporate under the then existing laws of the State; and no such urban area, when created, shall be vested with any taxing or bonding power which it would not possess if it were operating as a separate incorporated unit under the then existing Constitutional and Statutory provisions of this State; and provided further that the governing body of the county for the government of such areas shall have and exercise all powers and authority granted by law to the governing bodies of similar areas when separately incorporated as a city or town, and such areas shall be subject to additional taxation within the same Constitutional limits as control taxation for a city or town of like population. Likewise such Charter may provide for the governing board of the county subject to existing Constitutional and statutory provisions to define, create and administer districts, and have and exercise the powers and authority granted by the Constitution and laws relative to the same.

"(7). No provision of his Constitution inconsistent with the provisions of this Section 3, of Article IX

shall be held to control the provisions of a Charter adopted hereunder, and conforming herewith. Charters adopted hereunder shall make appropriate provision for the abandonment, revocation, and amendment thereof, subject only to the requirements that there must be a favoring majority of the vote cast upon such a proposal, by the qualified resident electors of the county; and, no Charter may forbid amendments thereof for a time greater than two (2) years. The provisions hereof shall be self-executing, subject only to the duty of the Legislature to pass all laws (consistent herewith) which may be necessary to carry out the intent and purposes hereof. Further, the Legislature shall prescribe a procedure for submitting to decision, by a majority vote of the electors voting thereon, proposed alternate and elective Charter provisions.

"Section 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the State at an election to be held throughout the State on the fourth Saturday in August, 1933, at which election all ballots shall have printed thereon the following:

"For the Amendment to Article IX of the Constitution of Texas, adding Section 3, providing authority for the adoption of a Home Rule Charter by the voters in counties having a population of sixty-two thousand (62,000) or more, to effect more efficient and economical government within such counties, and to authorize mergers of separate governmental agencies within such counties as may from time to time be authorized by vote of the people therein."

"Against the Amendment to Article IX of the Constitution of Texas, adding Section 3, providing authority for the adoption of a Home Rule Charter by the voters in counties having a population of sixty-two thousand (62,000) or more, to effect more efficient and economical government within such counties, and to authorize mergers of separate governmental agencies within such counties as may from time to time be authorized by vote of the people therein."

Each voter shall scratch out one of the above listed clauses on such ballot, leaving unscratched that particular clause which expresses his vote on the proposed Amendment to which it relates.

Section 3. The Governor of this

State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation ordering an election in conformity herewith to determine whether or not the proposed Constitutional Amendment set forth herein shall be adopted, and the Governor shall have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State.

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