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ABOUT, FROM AND CONCERNING MEN IN AND ABOUT TO ENTER ARMED FORCES!

HICKMAN AGAIN REFUSES THE STAR LIST OF MEN GOING FOR PRE-PHYSICALS!

I was here at the linotype machine Wednesday noon, and Pauline Jones who keeps watch for me at the front, came back and said:

"My brother is taking the bus for his pre-physical and may I go see him off?" I of course said, "Yes."

Later she returned in tears, and said, "I got my brother Clayton Jones' name, and wanted the names of the others, but they got on the bus before I had time."

Mr. Hickman asked what she was doing there and she replied, "I came to see my brother off; and thought I would get a list of their names—you by any chance would not have any list, would you?"

He replied and many heard him, "You work for the Star?" and she said, "Yes," and he replied, "There is a disagreement between us and the Star—so you can't have the list!"

Hickman is wrong. There is no disagreement—on the Star's part; and the Star sought to find what could be done about his pique, but he haughtily assumed the roll of Dr. Very, and walked off with a "There will be no discussion of it!" You have heard of Dr. Very? Well, Dr. Very said, "Sure; there are two sides to every question—my side and the wrong side!"

The Star forgot to caution the girl not to ask for list. When Hickman refused to discuss with me the thing that offended him, he made it impossible for me to go to him—and I shall await the action of the gods!

Others will miss the names, and I shall be sorry until Mohammed decides to come to the Mountain!

A MOTHER WRITES AND SAYS I MAY PRINT HER LETTER!

Abilene, Route 3, June 16, 1944.

Mr. S. W. Adams, Dear Sir:—I want to shake hands with you for having the nerves and the guts to stand up for what is right and not for what the people of Baird want.

I remember after reading the first few copies of your paper, saying to myself, He is heading for trouble because you were not playing favorites in your paper, and it certainly looks as if you have hit the snag, O. K.

I have said all the time that Baird needed some one to wake it up, but the guy who does it will soon get kicked out—or they will try it!

I don't know why they withhold the news of the boys from you, but I am like the fellow in the Navy, who wrote, "The ones that are responsible for not letting you have the news are not hurting you, they are hurting boys over there more than any one; and they are hurting themselves—for these boys who are over there fighting, giving their lives so that these selfish ones over here may live and enjoy freedom—those who come back will remember those who are responsible for withholding the news of their buddies over there, or the news of the boys here who are being inducted into the armed forces."

I have a son (the only boy I have) stationed somewhere in England. He has been there since January 1944. He has written to me that he really enjoys the Baird Star—although it did not print enough of the happenings around Baird—his home town.

He was born and reared in Baird. He was 9 years old when inducted into the army. He took radio schooling in Valparaiso, Ind. Continued his training at Fresno, California; and shipped from New York to England He just lacked from 5th of January to 12th of February being in the armed forces one year when he went.

He is with the ground forces, Radio man in the Signal Corps AVN.

The last letter he wrote was dated May 14, 1944, and I am sure he is in on the invasion. He sent his three sisters a bracelet each made of English three-pence pieces. They look something like our dimes. Nobody knows the agony we mothers are going through with while waiting for news telling us our boys are safe; but the mothers themselves and our sufferings are small indeed in comparison to what our boys over there are going through with, and how any one can be so selfish as to deny them the one thing they can have, and not hard to give—"News of their home town" and buddies who are there and are going into the armed forces, is beyond my understanding.

My son is Pfc. Carlton L. Johnson ASN, 38370792, 399 Sig. Corps, AVN

APO No. 140, care P. M. New York, New York.

I have never written a letter of opinion or criticism to a newspaper before, and I probably wouldn't now but my blood boils when I think about how selfish and unthoughtful some people are, where our boys are concerned.

You may boil this down to suit you, and print it any way you see fit, or you can just throw it into the waste basket; but I just had to express myself some way, and here is hoping that you will remain at your post in spite of the critics.

—Mrs. L. A. Reno.

SERGEANT JAMES C. MONROE OF OPLIN HAS BEEN AWARDED BRONZE STAR.

Mr. Sebe Monroe of Oplin was in Baird, Tuesday visiting Mr. McWhorter in the Hospital, and while here told of his son's being awarded a bronze star for heroic achievement in action on the Fifth Army in Italy.

Sgt. Monroe is son of Mr. and Mrs. Sebe Monroe of Oplin, and was inducted May 11, 1942, and got his first training at Camp Shelby, Miss. He attended Oplin school where he was reared. He is with the 85th Division. Later story will follow when details reach family.

MASKS HEAR FROM VERNON

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Mask received a letter from their youngest son, Vernon, somewhere down under. He writes he received his watch, also magazines, and last but not least, was getting to Baird Star regularly. He states he is well and going fine.

He says he enjoys every bit of it, and to tell all to Baird folks hello, and don't worry. I'm coming back, he said, A V-letter from Sgt. Troy J. Mask says he is well and adds "Don't worry, mother, we're all going back home."

Our oldest boy Sgt. Jno. P. Mask somewhere on the fighting front, wrote his mother, he had to go to hospital and have piece of metal removed from his leg.

Nothing serious. No letter from Sgt. Samuel E. Mask in over six weeks.

STAFF SERGEANT TARVER

We have war department message to the effect that S-Sgt. Williams L. Tarver, 23, has returned from service outside the continental United States, and is now being "processed" through the Army Air Forces Redistribution Station No. 2, Miami Beach for his next assignment.

Staff Sergeant Tarver, a C-47 transport plane engineer-mechanic, flew 51 missions during his 19 mos. in the Southwest Pacific, and was awarded the DFC with oak leaf cluster and the Air Medal with oak leaf cluster.

He is son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Tarver Route 1, Baird.

AMERICAN LEGION ENTER-TAINED BOYS ENTERING THE ARMED FORCES

The Local Legion Post sent out invitations to 41 men who have been accepted or military service, to come to the USO room in Baird, and there be the guests of the Veterans of World War I. The following came, and enjoyed fellowship and ice cream and cake—

George Thomas of Rowden, Orea Leslie Peavy of Cottonwood, Samuel Lee Caots of Cross Plains, Otis Wilburn Henderson of Rowden, James Thomas Gillit of Baird; Amos Cargal of Baird, Alton Fleming of Cisco, R3 C. O. Poindexter of Baird, J. D. Barry of Baird, Eugene Poindexter of Oplin, Joe Childress of R 1 Cross Plains, Aaron Jones of R4, Cisco, and Pete Cunningham and W. B. White who are home from the Navy.

A goodly number of the members of this Post were out and more than an abundance of Ice Cream and Cake was served. Judge Freeman, Commander of the Post warmly assured to inductees that they had the 100 per cent cooperation of the Legion Boys, and Fred Heyser instructed them on how to avail themselves of the Red Cross services while in the service; urging them to make it a point to get close to the chaplain.

Chairman of the Draft Board gave them a good talk on the objectives of the home board, and Rev. Hicks gave an inspirational talk to them.



Rev. Chester Watt of Monahans Pastor-Revivalist



Mr. Otis Allen of Norton Song Leader

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES—HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 8, 1944. Mr. C. E. Hall, 2691 Chesnut Avenue, Long Beach 6, Cal:

Dear Mr. Hall:—Thanks for your card enclosing Baird Star Editorial. This is a good one, and I regret that more people really don't appreciate the seriousness of this enormous debt. It now exceeds by some 35 billion dollars the total assessed valuation of all real and personal property in the nation.

Of course we can't quit spending for war purposes, but the sad part of it is that so much of this money is wasted by crackpots and theorists who never earned a dollar in their lives, and are just trying to see how much of the taxpayers' money they can lavishly spend throughout the world.

Sincerely yours,
WARD JOHNSON
Member of Congress, 18th District, California

SECOND LIEUTENANT DAVID ANDERSON, JR., WOUNDED AND DECORATED

Always, when I would justify war, the picture of the Master and Peter, is before me—"Put up thy sword, Peter; those who live by the sword must die by the sword!" and I am speechless when God does not prevail.

Mr. and Mrs. David J. Anderson, Sr., were notified Sunday that their son, Second Lieutenant David J. Anderson, Jr., was wounded and decorated.

Released to Baird Star: An 8th AAF Bomber Station, England. 2-Lt David J. Anderson, Jr., 21, pilot on an 8 AAF Flying Fortress, has been awarded the Air Medal. The Decoration was conferred for "meritorious achievement while participating in heavy bombardment mission over enemy occupied continental Europe."

Lt. Anderson is the son of Mr. & Mrs. D. J. Anderson, Sr., Baird, Texas. Before entering the service he was a student at John Tarleton Agricultural College, Stephenville, Texas. Passed for publication, 104, date 6-3-44, Shaeff Field Press Censor.

First Class Petty Officer W. B. White, who has just come home on a 30-days furlough after 13 months at Trinidad, in the Navy, was out for the Legion meeting honoring the boys going into the service soon. He reports at the end of his furlough at Davisville, Rhode Island.

Pete Cunningham, all dressed up in his Navy Blue uniform, and his wife, turned up for a PLATE of ice cream and cake, but excused himself early that he might get a wink of sleep before catching a train out for his assignment.

CLAYTON SAWYER TRANSFERRED TO OCEANSIDE, CALIF.

Letter from Mrs. Delbert Sawyer, Lubbock, Texas, says: "My son Clayton J. Sawyer, who has been home on a furlough, has been transferred to Oceanside, Calif., from San Diego."

He asked me to write you and get his Star changed to new address. He enjoys the Star very much.

JUNE TERM OF DISTRICT COURT MAKES HISTORY—CONGRATULATIONS, SIRs

GOVERNMENT IN ITS BEST FORM FUNCTIONING!

Last week we concluded our short story on Grand Jury with the promise that we would append names of all grand jurors when final report was in—we had been present when the judge charged the jury, and sent it to its labors—and naturally supposed it would not adjourn before two or three weeks went by; but on getting out after paper went to the office Thursday—I hole up after the Monday out, back at the back end of the office where I tussel with lino, casting box, presses, grease and ink, until the paper is out—I found the grandjury had sat less than an hour, deliberated over the only felony reported, found the boy, in his teen age, is now paroled to good man at Putnam, where he is bidding fair to make a man; then laying up by the side of that the fact that wheat and oat fields not only needed every grand juror, but many more hands than could possibly be had, the same 12 men dictated to their secretary, Mr. R. D. Williams of Putnam the following terse statement:

Hon. M. S. Long, Judge of District Court:

We, your Grand Jury empanelled for the June, 1944 term of District Court of Callahan County, Texas, respectfully submit the following report:

We have carefully investigated all law violations called to our attention

We have voted and returned into Court no bills of indictments;

We have finished our labors, and ask to be discharged.

R. D. Williams, Secretary,
A. E. Dyer, Foreman.

MAY BE METHODIST CHURCH HAS OUTLIVED ITS USEFULNESS? BEARS STUDY!

ASTOUNDING ADMISSION WITH ONLY PIGMY REACTION!

Dr. Cook, President of McMurray College, has a way of getting off astounding statistics; then a way of as astoundingly ignoring their definite implications.

Last Sunday morning, in a sermon at the Methodist Church, Baird, he said that—

To every 93 ministers leaving the Methodist ministry account of death, age, or other causes, only seven are taking their places;

That the rural churches and circuits are almost totally without the services of ministers—the 25 percent preacherless charges are rural!

That the Pastor of the First M. E. Church, Houston, Texas, said that he had searched the records of the church diligently over 40 years of its past history, and was able to report only one minister going out from that BIG church with six to seven thousand members!

That in other days small country churches with sixty to seventy members, would furnish three, four and five ministers;

That for many years now, no man could join the conference without at least two years of college training!

That for two hundred years, since John Wesley's day, the rural church has supplied ministers!

Then he went on from there to plead for greater effort of the people to meet the pre-college-training work for young ministers!

If, for 200 years, rural churches have supplied our ministers, it stands to reason that God worked through the simple unspoiled country folk to man his Kingdom with his servants!

And that leads us to wonder why Bishops, lead of God, have assigned smartest preachers even when each circuit had its rider, to the city or large town church, and left the rural church ministerless!

Those rural churches, often four, five, and even seven congregations to serve, were not then, nor could they be now, served by "college-cultured men; but they were served by men who responded to the call, and sought out a congregation on next Lord's Day. They did not wait to see about the new wife or their oxen!

As often as the "college" has trained (?) a minister, that minister has fled from the rural hicks as if they were the plague; and pined for that bigger, and bigger, and still bigger and more swanky church!

And soul and minister winnings?

The other names of the grand jury who set an example many more of such bodies should follow—of adjourning and going home when no business turns up, and when hme affairs are pressing, are:

D. J. Anderson, Fred Stacy, F. A. Ellis, L. F. Burch, Fred Wylie, M. E. Jolly, Floyd Phillips, Ben Atwood, W. L. Thompson, and N. H. Stephenson.

While it has often been said that every dark cloud has a silvery lining often, this is a case when a silvery cloud has a dark lining—for riding and door bailiffs, as well as the Sheriff, lost many fees, and got only one day's work each—but we can better afford to put them on a pension than to have court!

Bill Lay and L. D. Maynard were booted and spurred to ride for witnesses, and E. M. Wristen was set to sit as door bailiff, and G. H. Corn was down as working bailiff.

The criminal docket having no case before it, the Court did not even summons the venire; and the one or two civil cases got no jury call.

Let cities study our crimeless habit—there must be a reason why Callahanians stay shy of the courts!

If Judge Long can reduce the Civil court to which he now aspires to a docketless court, he should be elected by acclamation!

Only one civil case was heard last week and that was the suit for title case, entitled Fred Cutbirth vs. B. S. Edwards et al, in which Cutbirth joined by Naomi Heyser, sought title to 175 acres, Survey 215. Judge Lewis was appointed by the Court to represent the B.S. Edwards and heirs, who did not appear in court to defend title, and no jury was asked.

The land was awarded to the plain tiffs.

THE GIRL AND HER CALF

Mary Ruth Johnson of Oplin is feeding a Hereford calf, selected out of the commercial herd of Larimer Henry, east of Baird. Mary Ruth is the first girl feeder in the County. The calf will be shown at the local fall and spring livestock show and also at the Houston Fat Stock show, where it will be sold. Mary Ruth is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Wallace Johnson.

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CONTRACTORS' NOTICE OF TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Sealed proposals for constructing 24.787 miles of Seal Coat from 2 miles east of Coahoma to Mitchell county line, from Eastland County line to Baird, on Highway No. 80, covered by M-5-6-14, & M 7-1&2-10 & 11 in Howard and Callahan county, will be received at the Highway Department, Austin, until 10:00 A. M., June 22, 1944, and then publicly opened and read. The wage rates generally prevailing in this locality,

which are listed below, shall apply as minimum wage rates for those employees employed and paid by the Contractor, on this project.
Title of "Laborer" Prevailing Per Diem Based on Eight hr. Working Day
Shovel or Crane Operator \$8.00
Mechanic 8.00
Carpenter 8.00
Blade Grader Operator 4.00

Roller Operator 4.00
Distributor Operator or Driver 4.00
Tractor Operator 4.00
Broom Operator 4.00
Spreader Box Operator 4.00
Truck Driver (over 1.5 tons) 4.00
Blacksmith 4.00
Fireman (Asphalt Plant) 4.00
Oiler 4.00
Weigher 4.00
Truck Driver (1.5 tons or less) 3.20
Flagman 3.20
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Water Boy 2.40
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EDITORIAL

Folks, You Have Not Had Enough Political Discussions in Past

Yeh, I know! You don't care anything about what I think! You say that, but you do! You read it, because that smarter self knows something ought to be said! Sure, I know! You, don't agree with me! You don't like to have to face facts! Well, that's better! I don't say that I am right—no man knows what is the right course often—but all of us know when danger threatens on all sides—not Fascist danger; not nazist danger, not communism—but all of them brayed in the mortar of Roosevelt star-gazing, while he has been dreaming of world empire! I don't want you to agree with me! I am not writing for agreement—I am writing to stimulate you to think, to arouse you out of your pork-barrel coma. Yeh, I like for folks to like me! I would like to be the end man in the negro minstrel and make you sore with laughter; Sure, I would like for all to say, "There is the best man in town—he is so good and kind; but folks I am too busy striking at the head and heart of this vampire that is sucking the life blood out of my people's sense of personal beauty and self-reliance. Read on; the half will never be told by me—life is too short.

EDITORIAL

Resolutions 100 Per Cent In Line With Constitution of U. S.

The Texas Democratic Convention, legally and regularly convened, in Austin, Texas, May 23, 1944, complied with every precept of the democratic party, and met the legal requirements which its own legislature set up; but, the finest thing it did was to meet the direct behest of the Constitution of the United States, in its plan set up for the choosing of a President of the United States—even to the spirit of the document.

Section 1, paragraph 2, Article II. of the Constitution of the United States, says, "Each state shall appoint, in such manner as the Legislature thereof may direct, a number of electors, equal to the whole number of Senators and Representatives to which the state may be entitled in the Congress; but no Senator or Representative or person holding an office of trust or profit, under the United States, shall be appointed an elector."

The Texas Election laws provide that the State convention of each party may nominate electors whose names will appear on the General Election ballot, and that set of electors receiving most votes shall be the electors who shall sit in at the Electoral College, at the time it undertakes to elect a president. If the Rumpers could make quick work and form a Negro-Roosevelt-Scallawag Party, and certify twenty-three names to the proper state official, then they could legally appear on the November ballot.

Jimmie Allred, the great "regular" conventioneer—if he is running the convention—failing to run the May 23rd convention, on getting half-shot again on his devotion to his god Roosevelt—he expects to get that Federal Judgeship yet—now comes out for a "primary vote on electors!"

How could that be done with no Legislative "manner" of voting on them having been set up? I'm of the opinion Coke is not going to convene the Legislature to appease a few die-hards! Nay, verily, Jimmie!

Third paragraph of same Article and section, reads as follows: "The electors shall meet in their respective states and vote by ballot for President and vice-President, one of whom shall not be an inhabitant of the same state with themselves; they shall name in their ballots the person voted for as President, and in distinct ballots the person voted for as Vice-President, and they shall make distinct lists distinct lists of all persons voted for as President, and of all persons voted for as Vice-President, and of the number of votes for each, which lists they shall sign and certify, and transmit sealed to the seat of the Government of the United States, directed to the President of the Senate; . . ."

Then it sets down rule for counting votes, and declaring results, etc. Now don't hedge! Bet you think you have been voting for Roosevelt all of the time—while the fact of the business is his name has never been on a single ballot ever cast in Texas! The founding fathers KNEW that the office of President, and Vice-President, was too important to leave to chance popular choice—not so much because the people were not competent to choose, but because they knew that no person who did not know the candidate could safely pass on the candidate's qualifications!

The Texas Democratic Convention was reverting to proper Constitutional expectations when it made no mention of whom the electors should vote; and did act wisely in instructing them on issues; for men may come and men may go, but issues are vital—and it had a right to instruct the electors, that, in the event the national convention failed to endorse certain issues favorably, then its nominee could not represent the best interest of Texas; therefore, they would be free to vote for some other Democrat!

Strange what liars dissenters often become, in their effort to justify their breaking away. One or two papers, and all of the Rumpers have been blandly saying that the "Roosevelt-hate" electors are instructed to vote for a "republican" if Roosevelt is nominated!

Here is the exact language on that point, lifted from the Resolutions adopted at Austin, May 23, 1944:

"To prevent these encroachments (certain acts of the present administration) upon state's rights, we direct our delegates to the national convention to propose appropriate planks in the national platform. In the event the national convention refuses to adopt these platform demands, then in this event our electors nominated by this convention are absolved from any obligation to vote for the nominees of the Chicago convention, and may vote for any democrat (DEMOCRAT!) holding views in harmony with this resolution."

EDITORIAL

Blame God; Not Southerners

God made a mistake, when he colored the races of the Earth—some yellow, some chocolate, some black, some red, some white—for Roosevelt and the negro "Brain Trust" in Washington have said so—what God made different, they are going to make as one—they are going to reduce all of us to color-blindness—don't know what they are going to do about the noses; for certainly a nigger is going to smell like a nigger, if we do have to admit that they are "white!"

That's just fine! Who ever heard of the white sheep being snooty towards the black sheep; or the white cow passing by in disdain the black pig!

For a price, the yellow-dog democrats of the South are following a man who hates the very traditions of the South, and are shouting their heads off for him, in the face of the fact that he says we've gotta eat with niggers, sleep with niggers, marry niggers, go to the church, school and theatre with niggers!

Think of man and a woman, FDR and ERR, professing minds big enough to compose world differences, whose minds, in reality, are not big enough to compose sectional variances in our United States! No Greater sowers of discord ever cluttered up the Whitehouse than these two—and they have but one plan in the backs of their heads, and that is force to make their new-world-order stick!

So long as the South accepts the Northern view of us—that we are moronic in origin and tradition; that we have no men big enough to sit in the Whitehouse, and shout our heads off for such folks as the Roosevelts, we shall be the slaves of the gasconading hypocrites!

And to think that the South has hugged to its bosom the falacy that it is the native habitat of Democrats—The Solid South! yet we have followed this pair of race-hated fomenters, and meekly agreed to surrender the only power, the balance of power, in the national councils of the party—the two-thirds rule!

And with this protection gone, the northern wing of the party can maul us about as they please.

What are we going to do about it?—pay at the nose for these liberties we have sold for a mess of pottage!

EDITORIAL

Texas Has Poor Face to Grumble

The Montgomery Ward case till agitation the minds of folks. This is not new, and its inception in Texas.

In 1931, I was publishing the Gladewater Journal in Gladewater, Texas; and on a Saturday word began to grapevine it about that mass meetings would be held in the schoolhouses scattered through out that great East Texas oilfield—and aside it was whispered that the soldiers would take the field over!

I went out to the schoolhouse the next day, and found many oil men, the small fellows indulging in oil exploration, and others assembled.

I sat back and listened. The story, briefly, was to the effect "damned crooks" were stealing the oil; and we met with Gov. Sterling, Friday, and plead with him to send soldiers here to keep these thieves from setting our oil. He agreed to send them, but told us to go back and circulate petitions among the people, asking him to send the soldiers, that he might have that as a defense; so that is what this meeting is for!

The stealing charged consisted of running one's well day and night, wide open, so long as you could get a buyer for your oil—a "theft" that had been a virtue for ten thousand years—produce all you can and sell all you can! The soldier were at the time of the massmeetings, on their way—and on their arrival, the whole field was placed under martial law; and every operation of the well from spudding in to the turning of the valve that the black gold might run, had a soldier or soldiers there to dictate every move. The wells were all locked by the soldiers, and the owner was not allowed to run it except under surveillance of a soldier—that is, the small independent wells were not!

I saw soldiers march daily by my office, where oil well derricks stood on all sides, and they would go on to the small man's lease and gauge the oil he had flowed; and pass by the Major Companies' wells—and when I asked the soldiers why they did not go on to a certain lease in front of my office, they replied, "That is the Gulf's lease—we have orders not to go on any Major's lease!"

That reminds me that I rose in the rear of that Sunday mass-meeting, and said: "Gentlemen, I do not own a single royalty, or lease or other interest, except the interest of the general public, in a single oil well or lease in the world—so what I am about to say has no personal angle—except the interest of public welfare!"

You fellows here leading, are being used as cats to rake the chesnuts out of the fire for the monkeys—the Major Oil Companies. Ross Sterling is a servant of the Majors; he would not have sent the soldiers if he had not had their signal to go; the Majors found you with 64 plus per cent of this field; they and not you stood to lose by this pseudo-stealing you are talking about!

EDITORIAL

We Live Politics; But Don't You Dare, You Roosevelt Haters!

"But, this is what I want to remind you about—IF the Governor can legally, which under existing laws he can not do, send soldiers here and and close your wells, and say when, how and how much oil you can run from that well; you don't own that well, and you are admitting that fact this afternoon! Go on with this sort of thing, and soon will come the day when you will have your property, all of it, taken over by the government, run without your having a say as to how it shall be run; and you will, if in the wisdom (?) of the government it should deem you entitled to it, be paid a nominal "dividend" on your property!" That was antedating Montgomery Ward by 13 years!

But, they say: "We are in the midst of a great war! Criticisms and politics should be laid aside now! Then why not by the leaders—politics occupies the President wholly n every move he makes 100 per cent of the time—it was politics when he used to go fishing with a flotilla of battleships; it was politics when he ran from coast to coast in 1932, damning the Republicans for too many bureaus, too many taxes, too high costs of government; it was politics when he made the "stab-in-the-back-assassin speech" just about four year ago this month; it was politics when he vetoed the court-martial of Admiral Kimmel for the Pearl Harbor perfidy—and continues to veto it; it was politics when he met Churchill "somewhere on the Atlantic" and they undertook to speak for the world, and made certain the useless death of a million soldiers more than should have died in this war when he and Churchill said "we are going to fight until we have an UNCONDITIONAL Surrender—a GRANT unconditional surrender; it was politics when he came to Texas and

ernor; it was politics when he went to Liberia and slept in the negro President of Liberia's bed; it was politics when he went to Cairo and humiliated and offended the President of Republic of China Chiang Kai-shek and Madam Kai-Shek; it was politics when he went to Teheran and sought to master the master of them all, Joe Stalin; it was politics when he entertained King George and wife—it has been politics in every directive that he has issued from the one demanding that same accommodations for negroes and white be provided in every defences camp, South or North!

Then the small paper should shut up? If that is your sentiment, God have mercy on your benighted soul, for the only person who knows your problems, and who can speak your language, is your small-town editor! I am prone to be in harmony with the baby crab: Its father said, "Son, why scramble a long sideways? Why not walk straight ahead?" And the son replied, "Gladly will I do that, father; if you will set the example!"

THE BOARD TOLD ME NOT TO!

Last week I ran across story in Abilene Reporter giving names of May registrants, in the Baird Draft Board for May, 1944, naming William James Eaman, Kenneth Wayne Cox, Clyde Harokl Hass, Jesse Joe Clark, Billy Wallace Jones Palmer Joe Souder, William J. Dugan, Jr.; and James Shurfield King, who had reached their 18th birthday during May. It also gave the story of Ovid B. Hundley, of Clyde, who had returned from South America, and registered under the 45-65 group

I then found it in the Clyde paper. I went to local reporter for the Abilene paper, and she said Royce Gilliland handed her the story. Monday I went to the Draft Board offices, and asked Mr. Gilliland why The Star did not get a copy and he said:

The Board instructed me not to send you a copy!"

That calls for an explanation, because the public has shown me that it is vitally interested in anything that prevents the boys getting all information about their buddies in or about to be inducted!

One of the first conversations I ran into on taking over the Star, was led by a young wife-mother who was enraged because her husband had been passed into to service, and she named others who in her opinion should have gone before her husband. I have heard many since. Mr. Gilliland during my first weeks evaded giving me lists of the movement of boys before and after their induction; and finally as the weeks passed, and I became more insistent, he said, "You will have to get an order from Mr. Hickman."

I did, oral, and he said it must be in writing!" It happened to be at a time when Mr. Hickman was in District court in a public meeting, and went directly to him, and he got up, saying, "Come on; I'll go in now—you should have it."

But the stories of complaints kept hobbing up. I had no conviction that the Board was guilty of willful injustice, but when they called for the C-2's to come in for pre-induction physical examinations, as I was setting the story, it occurred to me that it afforded me an excellent means of testing Board's sincerity of their classifications; knowing that if they found no fault in my comment, it would be one of the best proofs that they were hewin to the line without showing favoritism!

I appended this comment:

"Note—Why didn't the board call for all under 26, it matters not what his classification may be; for the Board may arbitrarily reclassify you at any time?—The editor's comment

Well, I got the reaction I was almost convinced I would—too much smoke had been curling up from the Board's precincts for there not to be any fire! The chairman not only refused me list of the double-coach load of men going for their pre-physicals, but he refused to discuss with me his curt statement that "The Board didn't like the crack you took at them—and you will not get any more reports!"

If the Chairman of the Board had admitted that there might be two sides to the question and deigned to

discuss the matter with me, on May 21st, when he refused to give me the list, we could have passed up this; for I did not then, I am not in the mood now to charge that the Board has used its arbitrary power unjustly or wrongfully a single time! If it had been merely a whim of mine that I sought to get as much information for the "Boys Over There" not only about them, but those joining them, I should have let it pass but it goes beyond that—the boys in the service and their parents want this information; and, too, no newspaper should take it lying down when any agency of the government, because he has offended them boldly declare we will punish you sir by not letting you have news. That is un-American in any language! As the boy in the service said last week, and a mother says in the story following this explanation, "In withholding this news, the Board is not punishing me nor the Star, but they are denying its readers here information they ought to have."

THE METHODIST CHURCH MAY

HAVE SERDEV ITS DAY (Continued From Page 1)

all of the city's dog thrown in, only gives you a decorous, soulless body of men and women perading as Christians—God and simple folk, the

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Baird Star is authorized by the candidates for public office listed below to announce their candidacies for office as indicated: Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, July 22, 1944.

FOR SHERIFF: B. O. BRAME, First Election. W. A. PETERSON

FOR COUNTY CLERK: LESLIE BRYANT, Re-Election.

FOR TREASURER: MRS. WILL McCOY, Re-Election.

FOR TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR: MRS. T. W. BRISCOE, Re-Election

DISTRICT CLERK: RAYMOND YOUNG, Re-Election.

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY—Carl P Hulsev, first term THOMAS E. HAYDEN, JR.

FOR FLORIAL REPRESNTATIVE—W. B. STARR, Cisco, Rt. 4 OMAR BURKETT OF Eastland. L. R. PEARSON of Ranger.

FOR COUNTY JUDGE—B. H. FREELAND, Re-elec. LESTER FARMER of Eula.

FOR CONGRESS, 17TH DISTRICT BOB WAGSTAFF, Abilene. SAM M. RUSSELL, Re-election.

FOR COMMISSIONER Precinct No. 2: CLYDE T. FLOYD Lucien Warren, Re-Election PRECINCT NO. 1—H. A. WARREN, re-election. M. E. JOLLY

salt of His kingdom walk out! That is why you see springing up on the byways and in the nooks and corners new names over the church doors—"Assembly of God," "The Apostolics" and so on—God is beginning to winnow out his wheat from the chaf!

If Scotland had not turned its back on John Knox, there would not have blessed the world a Presbyterian Church; If Calvin had not been spurned by his associates, there would not have been a great Baptist Church—and had Church of England not driven John Wesley from its soft parish churches, Methodism in its two hundred years of zeal, would not have blessed mankind!

If I had been pastor of that Houston Church, I should have walked—aye, raced from its precincts, on finding that within 40 years, educated preachers with their educated, sophisticated members, had made the service f the Lord so unattractive that only one of the 100,000 who had passed that way, saw beauty enough in it to go out for God!

What Texas needs; aye, what the world needs is the closing of doors on the preachers of the new religions; that they may go out and find God among the humble folk!

DALLAS NEWS DELIVERED DAILY ABILENE DELIVERED TWICE DAILY See-or-Call C. W. Conner Reporter-News Phone 21 BAIRD, TEXAS

300 pairs of HOUSE SHOES

Just Arrived Get your pair TO-DAY

Ramsey's Variety STORE

BEGINNING MONDAY, JUNE 12TH Our shop will be open only 4 days each Weew, as follows— Monday, Thursday Friday and Saturday—Don't Forget! MODERN BEAUTY SHOP MANCHE ESTES, MANAGER

BIG-LITTLE ADS

Read Little . . . Save Much!

FOR SALE—Two desirable lots in Baird; would exchange for acreage in Clyde vicinity. Prefer tillable land. Write Mrs. R. A. Elder, 1302 Main St. Big Springs, Texas. 4tc. 6-30

STORE ROOM FOR RENT—See Madison Montgomery at Morgan's Feed Store. 1tf.

LOST—A tire and tube mounted on a 19 wheel between Baird and Cross Plains on Star Rt. 1—C. E. Rutherford Baird. 1tp 616-44

WANT TO BUY—Baby Bed and Electric Washing Machine. For Sale—Baby Bassinet—Mrs. Clara Nell Buckner, care of Virgil Hughes.

GRANDDAUGHTER WEDS

Mrs. E. L. Woodley is in Norfolk, Virginia, to attend the wedding of her granddaughter Nancy Jane, and will visit her daughters, Mrs. J. R. Parten in Washington, D. C., and Miss Mary Lynn of New York, and Stockton, N. J.

IT MUST FIT ME; AND YOU?

I didn't go out Monday night and missed Revivalist Watt's sermon on Lighening Bug Christians—but the very connotation of the subject leads me to suspect that he had me in mind when he preached it, for sometimes I imagine I can detect a little glow about my religious form, but too often there seems to be only grasshopper habits dulling the possibilities, as a shining light in the religious kingdom—just sitting around and fiddlin all day—get the idea?

W. R. JONES OF KNOX CITY HOLDS FAMILY REUNION

Mrs. Clay Jone of Moutray Hereford ranch, says that she and her husband and family went to Knox City, Sunday to attend a reunion of his father's family, W. R. Jones.

This was in honor of the two sons and a on-in-law who are entering the service—Robt. T. and Fred Jones,

Those present were— Mr. & Mrs. Robert T. Jones, Faye Carol and Jimmie Joe, Knox City; Mrs. Inez Loper, Billie Dean and Joe Donald, Knox City; Mr. & Mrs. Carl Chapin, H. C. ad Margaret Joe, Knox City; Mr. & Mrs. S. D. Jones, D. B. and Paula Knox City; Mr. & Mrs. Fred Jones, Bobby and Peggy, Glenwood Springs, Colo.; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lewis, Sayre Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Chapin, Ruby Fay, Floy May and Elvin Joe, Amherst; Mrs. W. P. Hood and Karen, Trent; Mrs. Perry Catton, Do- lores, Tulsa, Okla.; and Mr. & Mrs. Clay Jones of Moutray Ranch.

Mrs. Jones says that if and when her son enters, W. R. Jones will have 27 sons, grandsons and sons-in-law in this armed forces—that 8 are entering now—two sons, a son-in-law and five grandsons.

He had one son killed in War I.

BOND RALLIES NEXT WEEK:

Mayor Hugh Ross, who is also the Chairman of Baird Precinct in the 5th War Loan Drive, told us Wednesday that Two Soldiers would come from McClosky Hospital at Temple, appear at Cross Plains next Saturday, and would remain in the County until Clyde and Baird have their rallies, Saturday, June 24—they will appear at Oplin Thursday, June 22.

Major Evans and his troupe and Band will appear at Putnam, next Saturday, then return for the Clyde Rally Saturday Afternoon, June 24, in the afternoon at 3:30 and at Baird day.

I am like Dan Moody, in the recent Convention in Austin, when he said in his Key-note speech, that he did not believe that there was a single person in the convention hall or Texas who was not 100 per cent behind the war effort—that if he thought there were he would either leave the hall or drive him out!

However much we may differ over home practices, or personal leadership, we are one behind the boys in their blood-to-blood battle against an admitted common enemy.

HI SCHOOL HONOR STUDENTS:



BILLY MANNING, Honor Graduate

Supt. South handed in the following list of honor students in the High School, session 1943-1944:

Perfect Attendance—Dorothy Marie Smith, Senior; Dorothy Lou Jones Senior; Dora Frances Eubank, Junior; Billie Jean Lincecum, Sopomore Hellen Burks, and Joyce, sophomores Kenneth Jones, Johnny Nelson, Virginia Stevenson, and James, Eubanks, freshmen.

Honor students: Seniors—Elayne Russell, Valedictorian, and Betty Gay Lidia, Salutatorian.

Junior—Wanda Rogers 1st and Chat Walker, 2nd.

Sophomores—Mary Lou Settle, 1 and Betty Hamilton, 2nd.

Freshmen—Carol Ivey and Kenneth Jones tied for 1st; Carroll Smith 2nd.

School Favorites: Most popular—Anne Hill and Bennie Pierson.

Best All-Round Students—Wanda Rogers and Cecil West, Jr.

Valentine Queen—Rena Mae Dean

Headlight Queen—Elayne Russell.

Carnival Queen—Betty Gaye Lidia.

Football Sweetheart—Vaughndell Buchanan.

Most valuable football player—Don Gorman.

THAT UBIQUITOUS BAPTIST PREACHER DAVIS

No sir, you just can't keep up with him—he is here attending a rally, or over in Atlanta, Georgia, helping keep Northern Infidelity on

ing some where, or bull-dogging his recalcitrant members into religious submissiveness—and always you can wager—or bet either—that it matters not where he is, there is a-top of his shoulders a head that does its own thinking, and it drags out some mighty devil-confounding ideas at most every turn of the road.

Last week he gave his lectures again to his own people, on their urgent request, and this week he is over in Aspermont doing something to fence the devil out of the moral arena.

Nothing daunting, he and Mrs. Davis went to Atlanta to attend the Southern Baptist Convention, and, as he anticipated, he found the northern fellows there wanting to join up and take over; or, draw a line and say you stay on your side of the

fence, and maybe we will stay on our side; but they were told that there were no boundaries, geographical, to God's word as the Southern Baptist understood it—that they had the same yea Paul had t wander about wherever there was a Macedonia calling, and leave it to the folks whether they wiped the dust of their streets from their feet, and moved on—and Davis was there at his best, pinch-hitting—and, did you know? It is the fellow who goes to the last ditch and fights that is heard!"

WHY WE HAVE BEEN SILENT IN RE THE REAL McCOY!

That amiable tightwad who seems to hold on to the county's eagle until it is as lean as the proverbial chick-

en the parson shies from, in the presence of witnesses, asked, "What's the matter I don't get any more news stories!" and I replied, "Your misdemeanors have become so common that they don't rate the columns of the Star; you are going to have to commit a felony to break into our columns agin!"

Back the Attack!
BUY MORE THAN BEFORE

Boydston's Department Store

HAS The BEST Line of BABY Goods to be had anywhere

SPECIAL FOR WEEK-END sale

- Chenille bed Spread \$3.00
- Large size Baby Blanket \$1.00
- Small Blanket .35
- 2.25 Dresses at 1.95
- 2.00 Dresses at 1.75
- 1.95 Dress & Slip For only \$1.75
- 1.00 Slip for .90c
- Baby Oil, .10c
- Baby Powder .10c
- Birds Eye Diapers \$2.25
- GauzeDiapers .200
- Knit Diapers \$1.75

Baby Caps, Pillows Shoes, Booties, and Wraps Jackets and Many Other Things

At BOYDSTUN'S



His patriotism is written in BLOOD.



Yours is written on every Bond you buy in the 5TH WAR LOAN!

THE stepping stones to victory are red with blood of American heroes. Tarawa . . . Salerno . . . Cassino. Their patriotism is written in blood.

Your patriotism is written on every Bond you buy in this vital 5th War Loan. Your name on a War Bond means you're behind our invasion troops.

Help hasten the day of Victory by investing in extra War Bonds

now. Invest in more than you've ever purchased before. Invest \$100, \$200, \$300, \$400. Those who can, must invest thousands of dollars.

For this is the biggest job we've ever had to do. We can't fail our fighting men as they plunge into the biggest and bloodiest struggle of all.

WELCOME THE VICTORY VOLUNTEERS when they call to tell you about War Bonds



The battle for the World is on!



NOW THAT the chips are down . . . now that our men are writing decisive history with their blood . . .

There can be no halfway measures for us.

The greatest battle in the history of the world must be matched by the greatest war loan in the history of the world.

That's what Uncle Sam says . . . the same Uncle Sam for whom your brothers and sweethearts



and husbands are fighting and dying this very minute.

They, in the front lines, are throwing in everything they have.

We, behind the lines, must do the same.

Remember, this is the battle for the WORLD. Our world. And we've got to win it. That's why Uncle Sam expects every dollar, like every soldier, to do its duty.

Put this Fifth War Loan over . . . buy more War Bonds than you think you can!

Back the Attack! - BUY MORE THAN BEFORE

The following Firms, Business and Professional Men Sponsor the above as a Courtesy to the Treasury, and to Encourage Bond Buying—

ASHLOCK INSURANCE AGENCY
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McELROY'S
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RAY MOTOR COMPANY
REDWINE'S ROCK ROOMS
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THE BAIRD STAR

NOTICE

Why spend good money at this time for things that aren't worth consuming or owning, considering their price? The time will come and may not be distant when cash will again command goods of all kinds of the finest quality at proper prices.

It would seem wise to put today's cash in WAR BOND or BONDS and await tomorrow's abundance?

Remember how in 1929 everybody fought to buy stocks which a few months later sold at half, or a tenth of their former prices.

**BUY A BOND TODAY
ASHLOCK INSURANCE AGENCY**



"Summer Suitor"

As seen in June Glamour!
Crispy-cool, sugar-white two-piece of Ruffin rayon with heavy lace trim. Princess lines, flatteringly broken by the flared peplum of the short jacket. You'll wear it everywhere. White, sizes 9 to 15. \$10.98



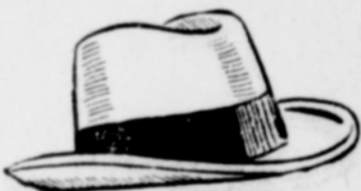
COTTONS

We have a large selection of cool cottons—Seersuckers, Piques, Voils, Dimity, Dotted Swiss, Balloon Cloth, Chambrays, Gingham, Eyelet Batiste and Linen—

\$4.98 to \$19.98

GRAYS STYLE SHOP

STETSON HATS



Men, See the New Stetsons

- Royal Quality, colors Brown and Beige, priced at \$10.00
- Royal De Lux Quality, colors Brown, Beige & Gray price \$12.50
- 3-X (XXX) Beaver Quality, color Belly, priced at only \$15.00

McELROY'S

NOTICE TO FARMERS AND RANCHERS

Your Government urges you to cooperate in the Grease and Fat Salvage Drive by turning in your dead stock. These animals contain Glycerine, which is Valuable in Making Explosives.

THE CENTRAL RENDERING CO.

will pick them up free of charge.
Call Collect...4001 or 6513
Sundays and Holidays call 6513
Abilene, Texas P. O. Box 432

50-12tp.

THAT OLE GRASSHOPPER— HE IS POISED TO HOP—VEGETATION MIGHTY FINE, HE OPINES!

Grab that poison now—old Mr. Grasshopper is now whetting up his teeth for that crop—so you had better prepare to fight him with poison, says County Agent Meador.

The poison and 1-2 the filler can be secured by contacting the County Agent's office. The poison bran mash mixed in the following proportion has proved satisfactory grasshopper control—100 lbs. bran, or a mixture of bran and cottonseed hulls, bran & sawdust, or bran and sweet feed; 4 lbs white arsenic, sodium fluosilicate or paris green; 1 gallon cane or black strap molasses—sufficient water to make moist—usually four gallons.

The arsenic paris green and sodium fluosilicate are VERY poisonous to man and animal—and does not lose its strength with age—every precaution should be taken, says Mr. Meador.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Grandma Browning entered June 3rd, suffering a broken hip.

Mrs. Paul Allen of Denton is a patient for blood transfusion.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Crawford of Abilene, R2, June 3rd, boy—named Joe Charles.

Born to Mr. & Mrs. E. F. Collins of Clyde, June 7, a girl—name Laura Jean.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hughes of Oplin, June 13, a boy.

Mrs. McGouch of Clyde left hospital Monday, after spending several days as a medical patient.

Grandpa Franklin is a patient is here suffering a broken hip.

Charlie Glegmorn has gone home after spending several days following an appendectomy.

George McWhorter is seriously ill following an operation Snuday for locked bowels and perforations.

Grandma McGee is still with us, feeling frisky and fine.

Farris Bennett left Sunday following an operation for ruptured appendix.

Mr. Thompson of Clyde entered on June 13, as a medical patient.

Mrs. Church of Clyde left Monday after being in for medical check-up.

Mrs. McWilliams of Abilene entered June 13 for minor surgery.

CALL FOR HOSPITAL AT CAMP BARNEY

Mrs. W. F. Brightwell, Chairman of Camp Berkeley and Hospital committee, says the following articles are badly needed; and that you are urged to send them, if you are not using them—

Piano, Tables, chairs, table lamps, card tables, smoke stands, playing cards, chess games, and other games, books, saxophones, clarinets, trumpets, trombones, corontes and trap set complete.

Bass drum, snare drum, tom toms, cymbols, hight hat sock pedal with cymbols, snare drum stand, Bass drum pedestal, and spurs; cymbol holders, bass drum muffler, tom toms holders, wood block and holders, and sticks.

Drum and bugle corps equipment: street drums, bass drum, bugles!

Wrapping paper, old tub, buckles for belts, materials for windows, curtains for ladies room, pin ball machine, Pool tables, scrap leather, books and magazines—even subs for hospital annex magazine rooms.

If you have any of items named, please get in touch with Mrs. W. P. Brightwell, Box 897, Baird, Texas.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to acknowledge with the deepest gratitude and thanks the kindness and consideration and sympathy shown us in our recent trouble, by our firends; it has given a new meaning to the word "friend" to us. To all those who sent consolation in messages; to those who brought food and worked so much to make our path smoother; to all who sent flowers, and to all who visited us, we tender our gratitude and thanks.

The George Family and Mrs. Carmichael.

OPLIN HOLDS BOND RALLY ON THURSDAY, JUNE 22.

Mrs. Frank Windham, Oplin, phoned us that Two Soldiers from McClosky Hospital in Temple will meet with the Oplin people in their Bond Rally next Thursday, June 22, at 8:30.

Oplin expects to go over tee top that day.

HOME DEMONSTRATION SALE.

Aprons, bonnets, pillow cases, sun suits, sleeping garments—Just any "Chicken Yard Linen" health products of these may be found at the sale by Home Demonstration Club Women, to be held Saturday afternoon in the building formerly occupied by the Johnson Cleaners.

These garments are made of chicken-yard linen!

RED CROSS WORKERS MET TUESDAY IN LIBRARY.

Mrs. L.L. Blackburn, Chairman of Callahan County Red Cross phoned us that the Red Cross Surgical Dressing Workers from Putnam, Clyde, Cross Plains and Baird met in the Callahan County Library Tuesday, and agreed to undertake to double their monthly quota of Surgical Dressings—that the material would arrive early in July.

Good delegations were there from the tree towns and Putnam & Clyde agreed to open rooms if possible.

If not they will come to Baird to assist. Mrs. Blackburn hopes to prepare 4 cartons of dressings a month.

That means that many ladies will have to redoble their efforts and we are sure they will.

The ladies of the United States will be expected to make billions of these dressings this quota.

DID THEY SEEK MARIAGE ON A TRIAL AND ERROR BASIS?

The Marriage Records of Callahan County, hews that the following were issued in May licenses to be wed:

No. 544—Geza Pinter and Doris Collett; No. 545—Otho Smith and Opal Fowler, No. 546—Joe Bachus and Helen Cooksey, No. 547—Sam Pope and Laura Mahaley, No. 548—Melvin J. Reed and Helen Frances Copland.

The modern notion that marriage need not be binding—if it doesn't click, we will get a divorce is one of the most shameful and dangerous of our modern philosophies—no; not philosophies, but notions of life.

Ten minutes after I had set the above, I walked out to lunch, and as I reached the street, a young, cleanly dressed girl and a nice looking young soldier stopped me, and he said he wanted to find a doctor. I told them Dr. Griggs, our only physician, would be in the Drug Store or at the Hospital. He hesitated, and said, "Guess we have to have a health certificate?" and I pursued, "Going to be married?" and he said they were! I took out my pad, and said, "I'm the newspaper man; may I have the story?" and he said, "No, no; please—you understand?" and I said, "Yes," but I did not add what welled up in me: "What a pity this thing—the most beautiful human relationship should have to be under conditions of fear!"

JOE L. DARBY BURIED HERE

The body of Joe L. Darby was

sent back to Baird for final rites and burial last week. He died June 2, in Veterans Hospital, Wadsworth, Kansas, where he had worked until last illness, pneumonia. Funeral services were held at the Methodist Church Tuesday morning conducted by Rev. Hicks—arrangments in hands of the Wylie Funeral Home; interment in Ross Cemetery.

He was a charter member of local Legion Post, and member of Methodist Church.

He served in World War I. He was not married. He leaves two sisters, Mesdames H. W. Martin of Cotton Valley, La., and Paul McNabb of Abilene; Two brothers, George of Odesa, and Bob, Seaman 1-c of Camp in California; and a host of friends.

Those here or funeral were— Mr. and Mrs. Fred Scherer, Mrs. John Leonard, Mrs. R. E. Davis, Mrs. W. G. Dickey, Mrs. R. L. Young, Mrs. Ed Barker, Mrs. Mac Bownes, K. L. Watkins, Mrs. Imogene Bartlett, Miss Francis Herbst, Miss Freeln Schomaker, Miss Mary Lyon, Mr. & Mrs. M. E. Mayfield, Mrs. Lewis Williams, Mr. & Mrs. H. W. Martin, and Mrs. Paul McNabb. B

BOYS WANTING WORK SHOULD REGISTER AT CITY HALL

Alderman E. L. Woodley called us Tuesday, suggesting that we suggest that boys wanting work this summer, should register at the City Hall.

Boys, if you will leave your names there, then when one wants you to work, he may get in touch with you by calling City Hall.

Go down today and leave your name with Mr. Baulch, and tell him sort of work you would like or would do.

Ralph Wylie, son of Mrs. John Hill, left Monday night for Fort sill for induction into the mysteries of war.

FACTS ABOUT BAIRD YOUR HOME-TOWN

The City of Baird purchased its sewer system April, 1943. Rates were at once reduced from \$2.50 to \$1.50 for residences, and from \$4.50 to \$2.50 for commercial connections. At the time of purchase there were 127 connections; now there are 152. Many improvements have been made. As labor and material becomes more readily available, more connections can and will be made, and further reductions may be expected.

CALLAHAN COUNTY HAS NEW A. A. A. ADMINISTRATIVE HEAD

Barton B. McPherson comes from Johnson City, Blanco County, to enter the local A. C. A. office as its Administrative officer, taking the place made vacant by Sam A. Billingsley, who has been promoted to the Wichita Falls office in same bureau of the Government—the new deal bureau.

MRS. CORA WORK INJURED

Walking to her daughter's next door, she fell and sprained both ankles. Swelling prevented the Doctor's being able to ascertain whether any bones were broken. She will be confined to her bed many weeks, it is feared.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all of our many friends who so generously assisted us in the final sad rites of our beloved brother, Joe L. Darby. Especially do we express our gratitude for the beautiful floral offerings, and your words of sympathy. May God in His infinite goodness bless you, is our sincerest wish.

THE DARY FAMILY

JUNIOR RED CROSS LABORS GETTING ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Supt. Chrisman, Chairman of Callahan County Red Cross, which represents the schools of the county, reports that Pecos Army Air Field, Pecos, Texas, has acknowledged receipt of 4th of July paper Napkins and tray favors from Junior Red Cross.

FOODS of Finer FLAVOR

SOME SATURDAY SPECIALS

- 10 Pounds Potatoes 19c
- 10 Pounds of New Potatoes 39c
- 6 No. 2 Cans English Peas 59c
- Pork and Beans per can 13c
- Ready Mix Cake Flour, pkg. 19c
- 50 pounds Red & White Flour \$2.49
- New Crop Tomatoes, 2 doz. No 2 cans \$2.75
- 12 oz. Pkg. Burry's Crackers 6c

BRASHEAR FOOD STORE

HI-WAY CAFE NOW OPEN! IT SERVES

FOODS OF QUALITY

IN POST OFFICE BLOCK, EASY TO FIND
OUR MOTTO— Good Food cooked the Way You Like It!

The Cleanest Place in Town
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STOCK OF NEW TIRES
FIRE STONE TIRES. See me before buying
We carry full line of Texaco Gas and oils.
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