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BAIRD, TEXAS

LEADING MEN FOR GOOD ROADS

The assemblage at the courthouse Thursday afternoon of last week, presided over by Judge B. L. Russell, was well attended by representative men from all parts of the county. At the outset there was a strong undercurrent of opposition to the proposed Million Dollar Issue of Good Roads Bonds, but before the meeting adjourned, there was a vital change of sentiment, and the "ayes" seemed to have it by a large majority.

On the eighth page of today's Star the committee appointed at that meeting to arrange for an educational campaign for good roads throughout the county, presents the question to voters truthfully, plainly and convincingly. Every property tax paying voter has been mailed a copy of this pronouncement, and it should convert every mother's son of them to the true faith.

As one of the speakers at Thursday's meeting, favoring the bond issue, very pertinently put it:

"Tax and good roads; no tax and bad roads."

A fine rain, accompanied by thunder and lightning, fell here Tuesday night, and it was much needed. Later reports as to the damage done by the late frost, minimized its destructiveness. Crops and orchards on low ground suffered the most. There will be some berries and probably more than a half crop of apples, peaches, apricots, &c., particularly in the southern part of the county. Corn and potatoes that were nipped to the ground are coming out, and oats and wheat are looking fine.

HACKBERRY SLIM'S BIG STAMPEDE

There was plenty of excitement for the audiences at all three of Hugh A. (Hackberry Slim) Johnson's big stampedes last Friday and Saturday in an arena set up in the Ross pasture, north of town. The aggregation of cowboy and cowgirl rough riders and ropers that he presented was hard to beat. The performances were sure enough "stampedes," and as thrillingly exciting as were ever pulled off in this or any other man's town. Owing to the school athletic contests Saturday, attendance at neither of the performances was what they deserved.

There were plenty of pitching mules and bucking broncos, and a big gray outlaw horse that was a regular equine devil. The black muley bulls were some high jumpers and as vicious as they make 'em, and Hackberry's own peculiar act, a really death-defying leap from the back of a loping horse to the head and horns of a running wild steer and bulldogging the critter in record time, was as thrilling as any stunt ever pulled off. He turned this trick at every performance.

There were the usual number of riders thrown. Homer Price broke his right arm between the wrist and elbow, and Lon Harris, of Breckenridge, was pitched on his head and busted a "rising" that had been pestering him for some time.

There were 169 in attendance at the Methodist Sunday school last Sunday, and an effort will be made to keep the record above the 150 mark.

EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT AND SCHOOL LITERARY CONTESTS

The educational exhibits entered by the Baird and Clyde schools, which were on exhibition in one of the class rooms of the Baird Public School, were of an exceedingly interesting character, and received the encomiums of the hundreds of visitors who viewed them.

The exhibit made by the Oplin school, the only rural school putting on an exhibit, particularly the needlework of the domestic science class, was splendid. All of these exhibits merit a more extended description than is possible, because of the Star's constricted amount of available space this week, occasioned by the pressure upon its columns of the Good Roads Bond Election Committee's presentation of the "real facts in the case."

In the Senior Boys' Debate Baird won first place and the Baird Senior Girls also proved to be the winning debaters.

In the Junior and Senior Spelling Contests, there were so many that reached perfection that not even the names of the winners can be given.

The following were the winners in the Declamation Contests:

Senior Girls—1, Clyde, Leona Watts; 2, Baird, Elouise Hailey; 3, Oplin, Juanita Johnson; 4, Putnam, Winnie Williams.

Senior Boys—1, Cross Plains, Merlin Garrett; 2, Clyde, Ralph Steen and Baird, Hugh Ross; 3, Oplin, Alva Williams; 4, Cottonwood, Shobol Houston.

Junior Girls—1, Baird, Jacqueline Stephens; 2, Clyde, Martina

Andrews and Putnam, Elizabeth Barrett; 3, Cottonwood, Vola Jones and Cross Plains, Theresa Clark.

Junior Boys—1, Baird, Brock Brander; 2, Clyde, Bartley Eager; 3, Oplin, Oscar Williams; 4, Putnam, Leroy Purvis; 5, Cross Plains, Clyde Teague.

Rural Schools—Senior Girl, Euila, Lewella Ferguson; Junior Girl, Fairview, Ruth Henslee.

FROM HEART'S DELIGHT TO A SAHARAN DESERT

There are four Callahan county boys, late jackies in active service, who are still in the Naval Reserve and obligated to report for service with the colors for a period of six weeks at least each year until their term of enlistment expires. These sailor lads are Paul Howell, Vernon Strahan, Betah Freeland and Ross Respass.

The call to these gobs for 1921 service aboard ship came in February, and the four journeyed to Galveston and reported for duty. They spent their service term in West Indian waters, aboard a warship that touched at every available port of call, including Havana and other moist places. At every port these jackies from Callahan got shore leave and they sure enjoyed every second of their leave. One of the quartette is reported as saying:

"We sure had the time of our young lives in Havana, where everything is wide open and prices are sky-high except for booze and tobacco. Gee! It was like being pushed out of the Valley of Heart's Delight into the middle of the Desert of Sahara, when we slipped our moorings in Havana harbor and steamed for Galveston!"

DIED AT COTTONWOOD

Mr. J. S. Ray, aged about 80 years, died at his home in Cottonwood Friday morning, April 1st, and the funeral services were held Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Mr. Ray has lived at Cottonwood for more than 25 years. He was the father of W. J. Ray, of Baird. Mr. Ray was married twice and is survived by several children and his second wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray and sons, Rollie Woodfin and Howell, Mrs. Elmer Norman and Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Ray attended the funeral.

RAINFALL AND TEMPERATURE

Weather Observer M. R. Hailey reports to The Star that there was a total rainfall in Callahan county during the first quarter of 1921 of 5 5/8 inches, distributed as follows: January, 1 1/8 inches; February, 2 3/4 inches, and March, 1 3/4 inches.

The average temperature in the county, recorded at sunrise each day, was as follows: January, 36.7-10; February, 34; March, 50 3.10.

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old time country editor would put it, "the order of the day."

It would be a boon and make better men and women if these athletic exercises were made a regular part of the curriculum of the Baird Public School, instead of being taken up for a few days at the end of the term. Athletics, to be of lasting and practical benefit, should, like eating and sleeping, be made a regular thing.

The benefit of systematic athletic exercise is incalculable, for the normal boy or girl with well-knit, sturdy muscles and a full chest makes a better student and a more healthy and useful human, than the anemic, pale, stoop-shouldered, thin blooded, flabby muscled child. It would, therefore, be an economic and an educational blessing to permanently install the hurdles and the bars and the running track and all the other paraphernalia of the school's annual athletic meet, and the pupils encouraged to use them regularly and systematically. The benefit that has accrued to the smaller pupils this season, through persistently regular patronage of the play apparatus purchased by the trustees out of the Harry Myers legacy is incalculable. An investment by the trustees of another five hundred dollars—or, better still, double that amount—in additional apparatus, would be of more material and practical benefit to the Coming Men and Women of Baird than ten times that amount invested in anything else.

There are other improvements and additions that are needed to make the Baird Public School a perfect educational institution. Of course, a new, commodious and thoroughly modern schoolhouse is the prime need. Aside from this, however, the agricultural students badly need a plot of arable land for practical demonstration work, and there should be equipment provided for vocational studies.

The ideal school equipment and the pleasant educational home that the bright and ambitious boys and girls need may come in the future, and this future Baird Public School will doubtless realize, in the beautiful and completely appointed school home that will be provided for the children of the Ancient Scholar's fellow students, and realize the dream of H. G. Wells, the famous English author and publicist, who declares, in one of a series of articles now running through the Saturday Evening Post, entitled "The Salvaging of Civilization," that schools of the future "will be very different from the rough-and-tumble schools of today, understaffed, with underpaid assistants and bare walls. Even a village school will be in a beautiful little building." Which attainment for his well-beloved fellow pupils in the Baird Public School, will forever and ever be the hope and prayer of THE ANCIENT SCHOLAR.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends for their kindness during the illness and after the death of our dear little son and brother; also for the beautiful flowers. Especially do we thank the railroad men and the members of the Church of Christ and those who contributed to the contribution.

Mrs. Routt and Family.

Joe Austin and family, of Burnt Branch, were the last Saturday guests of the Hermon Aikens.

N. L. Stone, of Fort Worth, was arrested by Sheriff G. E. Corn and locked up in the county house Monday evening, on a Tarrant county warrant, charging him with disposing of mortgaged property. A Fort Worth officer took the prisoner away Tuesday night.



Helen Davis and Sibyl Sanderson Fagan are coming!

The celebrated mezzo soprano and the noted whistler will appear in person at an invitation concert--- in the School Auditorium

Wednesday Evening, April 20th.

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IN THE ELEVENTH GRADE—(SENIOR CLASS)—CONCLUDED

It is a great pity that the Baird High School students haven't a much better and more conveniently housed laboratory, and that the whole school, from the tiny tots in Grade One on up, haven't plenty of physical apparatus to assist them in quickly grasping and tenaciously holding fast for practical use in after life those great and solid educational truths that are learned—not out of books—but by demonstrations that can be visualized. Perhaps these essential educational adjuncts will be provided for the school later. It is to be hoped so, and soon.

These thoughts occurred to the Ancient Scholar as he watched a demonstration in physics in the Senior Class room, conducted by Professor Boren, before the nine young ladies and the two young gentlemen who, in a very few weeks, will bid farewell to the Baird Public School and enter into the real business of life, whether it be to add to their primal education by matriculation in some institution of higher scholasticism, to become bread winners, or (in the case of the young ladies, perhaps), to fit themselves to become home makers.

The demonstration illustrated the expansion and contraction of solids and fluids by heat and cold, showing that the thermometer's rise and fall marked the temperature, and that solids expanded and contracted in sympathy with the thermometer's fluctuations, particularly iron or steel.

To illustrate, an iron ball, which when cold would easily pass through a metal ring, "balked" when heated in a Bunsen burner, and would not go through the ring. Par parentheses, Professor Boren called the attention of his students to the expansion and contraction, due to hot or cold weather, of railroad rails, telegraph, telephone and electric wires,

&c., and why it was necessary to allow for this contraction and expansion when laying rails or stringing wires, so that the former would fit tightly together in summer and have a gap between each rail head in winter, while the latter would be slack in summer and taut in winter. If this atmospheric lengthening and shortening of the rails and wires, was not provided for the rails would "buckle" and the wires snap in cold weather.

The school's very efficient English teacher, Miss Cook, illuminated the text of the lesson that day, "Edmund Burke's Speech on Affiliation With America," by picking out and making clear the crux of the great British orator's parliamentary purpose when he passionately urged the reconciliation of the Colonies to the Mother Country. Peace was his plan, and he wanted the Crown to give the Colonies representation, because they were taxed, which axiomatic truth is one of the fundamentals of our system of government, the cornerstone of the American Republic.

The young ladies of the graduating class seem to have formed very sensible conclusions as to what is termed a "higher education." From the theme of one of these, on the subject: "What a Man Loses in Going to College," the following excerpts were made:

"There are many who believe that the young man or woman who works their way through college [with a definite, practical object in view] are better prepared to face life than than he [or she] who goes through with parental money galore to spend. When these young men [or women] leave college they are fitted for nothing. The boy [or girl] from high school is much better adapted to enter the serious business of life."

At the recess hour that day it was apparent that the school was making strenuous endeavor to "go to the front" in athletics, for the big and the little pupils immediately rushed to their work, and running jumping, pole vaulting, discus casting and shot putting was, as the

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Declares This Lady.

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time with womanly weak-
ness," says Mrs. J. R.
Simpson, of 57 Spruce
St., Asheville, N. C. "I
finally got to the place
where it was an effort for
me to go. I would have
bearing-down pains in
my side and back — es-
pecially severe across my
back, and down in my
side there was a great
deal of soreness. I was
nervous and easily up-
set.

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NOTICE OF ROAD BOND ELECTION

The State of Texas
County of Callahan

To the Resident Property Tax Paying
Voters of Callahan County, Texas:

Take notice that an Election will be
held on SATURDAY, the 16th DAY
OF APRIL, 1921, within Callahan
County, Texas, to determine if said
County shall issue bonds and if a tax
shall be levied in payment thereof, in
obedience to an election order entered
by the Commissioners' Court on the
15th day of March, 1921, which is as
follows:

The State of Texas
County of Callahan

On this, the 15th day of March, 1921,
the Commissioners' Court of Callahan
County, Texas, convened in regular
session at the regular meeting place
thereof in the Court House at Baird,
Texas, all members of the Court, to-
wit:

J. R. Black, County Judge
A. R. Kelton, Commissioner Precinct
No. 1
H. Windham, Commissioner Precinct
No. 2
J. S. Yeager, Commissioner Precinct
No. 3
J. W. McDaniel, Commissioner Precinct
No. 4

being present, came on to be heard and
considered the petition of P. C. Steen
and 281 other persons, praying that
an election be ordered in said County
for the purpose of determining the fol-
lowing proposition:

Whether or not the bonds of said
County shall be issued in the sum of
One Million (\$1,000,000.00) Dollars,
for the purpose of the purchase and
construction of District Roads and the
further construction, maintenance and
operation of Macadamized, Gravel or
Paved Roads and Turnpikes, or in aid
thereof throughout said County, and
whether or not a tax shall be levied
upon the property of said County sub-
ject to taxation, for the purpose of
paying the interest on said bonds and
to provide a sinking fund for the redem-
ption thereof at maturity; and

It appearing to the Court that said
petition is signed by more than 250 res-
ident property tax paying voters of
the County; and it further appearing
that the amount of bonds to be issued
will not exceed one-fourth of the as-
sessed valuation of the real property
of said Callahan County; and

It further appearing that the follow-
ing road districts in Callahan County,
Texas, have heretofore issued road
bonds under the provisions of Chapter
II, Title 18, Revised Statutes 1911, as
amended by Acts of 1917, Regular Ses-
sion, as follows:

Road District No. 1: Date of Bonds,
August 14, 1918; numbered consecu-
tively from One to One Hundred in-
clusive, for the sum of One Thousand
Dollars each; aggregating the sum of
One Hundred Thousand Dollars, pay-
able at Austin, Texas, or at Hanover
National Bank at New York, payable
serially from one to thirty years from
date, without option of redemption,
with interest at the rate of 5 1-2 per
centum per annum, payable semi-
annually;

Commissioners' Precinct No. 4; Date
of Bonds August 12, 1919; numbered
consecutively from One to One Hun-

dred inclusive, for the sum of One
Thousand Dollars each; aggregating
the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dol-
lars, payable at Austin, Texas, or Han-
over National Bank at New York, pay-
able serially from one to thirty years
from date without option of redemp-
tion, with interest, at the rate of 5 1-2
per centum per annum, payable semi-
annually.

It is therefore considered and or-
dered by the Court that an election be
held in said County on the SIX-
TEENTH DAY OF APRIL, 1921,
which is not less than thirty days
from the date of this order, at which
election the following proposition shall
be submitted:

Whether or not the Bonds of Calla-
han County, Texas, shall be issued
by the Commissioners' Court in the
sum of One Million (\$1,000,000.00)
Dollars, for the purpose of purchase
and construction of district roads and
the further construction, maintenance
and operation of macadamized, grave-
led or paved roads and turnpikes or
in aid thereof, throughout the County,
as follows:

First: Bonds aggregating One Hun-
dred Ninety-four Thousand (\$194,-
000.00) Dollars to be issued for the
purpose of purchase and construction
of district roads in said County, having
the same dates of maturity, bearing
the same rate of interest, and with
similar options of payment as the
bonds heretofore issued and now out-
standing against the said road dis-
trict No. 1, in Commissioners' Pre-
cinct No. 4 of this County; and

Second: Bonds aggregating Eight
Hundred Six Thousand (\$806,000.00)
Dollars to be issued for the further
purpose of construction, maintenance
and operation of macadamized, grave-
led or paved roads and turnpikes or
in aid thereof throughout the County,
and maturing at such times as may be
fixed by the Commissioners' Court,
serially or otherwise, not to exceed
forty years from the date thereof and
bearing interest at the rate of 5 1-2
per centum per annum; and

Whether a tax shall be levied upon
the property of said County subject to
taxation for the purpose of paying the
interest on said Bonds and to provide
a Sinking Fund for the redemption
thereof at maturity.

The said election shall be held under
the provisions of Chapter II, Title 18,
Revised Statutes 1911, and Chapter 38,
Acts of the Second Called Session of
the 36th Legislature of the State of
Texas.

All persons who are legally qualified
voters of this State and this County
and who are resident property tax
payers in this County shall be entitled
to vote in said election and all voters
desiring to support the proposition to
issue bonds shall have written or
printed on their ballots the words:

"For the issuance of Bonds and the
levying of the tax in payment there-
of."

And those opposed shall have writ-
ten or printed on their ballots the
words:

"Against the issuance of Bonds and
the levying of the tax in payment
thereof."

The polling places and presiding of-
ficers of said election shall be respec-
tively as follows:

Baird Precinct No. 1, at Courthouse,
with Geo. B. Scott as presiding officer.
Belle Plaine, Precinct No. 2, at
Schoolhouse, with Ace Hickman pre-
siding officer.
Cottonwood Precinct No. 3, at
Schoolhouse, with W. S. Melton pre-
siding officer.
Tecumseh Precinct, No. 4, at School-
house, with Otto Betcher as presiding
officer.
Clyde Precinct No. 5, at First Guar-
anty Bank Building, with E. C. Hamp-
ton presiding officer.

Cross Plains Precinct No. 6, at Farm-
ers' National Bank Building, with
D. I. Hill presiding officer.

Admiral Precinct No. 7, at Admiral
Schoolhouse, with Ed Davis presiding
officer.

Putnam Precinct No. 8, at Farmers'
State Bank Building, with John Cun-
ningham presiding officer.

Erath Precinct No. 8, at Erath
Schoolhouse, with J. H. Owens pre-
siding officer.

Eula Precinct No. 10, at Eula
Schoolhouse, with W. H. Parks pre-
siding officer.

Caddo Peak Precinct No. 11, at Caddo
Peak Schoolhouse, with J. A.
Moore presiding officer.

Eagle Cove Precinct No. 12, at Eagle
Cove Schoolhouse, with Lloyd Farmer
presiding officer.

Atwell Precinct No. 13, at I. O. O.
F. Hall, with Steve Foster presiding
officer.

Lanham Precinct No. 15, at Lanham

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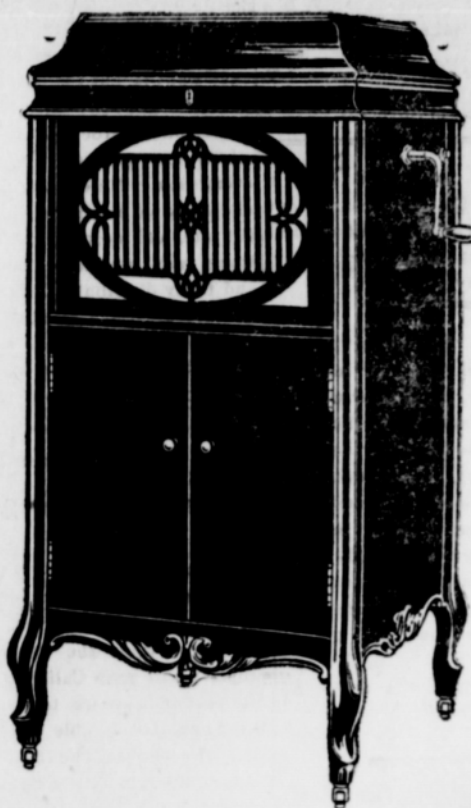
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Schoolhouse, with Charles Allen pre-
siding officer.

Denton Precinct No. 19, at Denton
Schoolhouse, with H. W. Caldwell
presiding officer.

Hart Precinct No. 20, at Hart
Schoolhouse, with H. W. Gresham pre-
siding officer.

The manner of holding said election
shall be governed by the General Elec-
tion Laws of the State of Texas, reg-
ulating general elections, when not in
conflict with the provisions of the
Statutes herein above referred to. No-
tice of said election shall be given by
publication of a copy of this order in
The Baird Star, a newspaper pub-
lished in the County, for four succes-
sive weeks before the date of said
election and, in addition thereto, there
shall be posted other copies of this
order at three public places in the
County, one of which shall be at the
Court House door, for three weeks prior
to said election.

The County Judge is hereby directed
to cause said notices to be published
and posted as herein above directed
and further orders are reserved until
the returns of said election are made
by the duly authorized election officers
and received by this Court.

Given under my hand, with seal of
Commissioners' Court affixed, this
15th day of March, 1921.

(Seal) J. R. BLACK,
County Judge.

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W. E. GILLILAND,
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SUBSCRIPTION RATES

IN CALLAHAN COUNTY

One Year.....\$1.50
Six Months......80
Three Months......50

OUTSIDE OF CALLAHAN COUNTY:

One Year.....\$2.00
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April 16 the voters will have a chance to pull Callahan county out of the mud and sand. Will we pull it out or just let things rock along for another forty years?

It is up to the voters to say whether we shall have good roads in Callahan county, or whether we will continue the wasteful methods of road patching we have pursued for forty years past. The automobile has displaced the ox cart and cow ponies in Callahan county, but we are still pursuing the methods used to build roads during the ox cart regime. That was, let the roads take care of themselves until they got so bad they could not be used, then cut the bushes out for a new road around the mudholes.

April 16th.

The Star has always opposed the division of Texas into two or more states, and opposes it now, but if the state must be divided and they will make the Brazos river the line, let Austin remain the capital (West Texas lands built the Capitol building and it is ours by rights), then call all west of the Brazos "Texas" and the state east of the river "East Texas"—if this could be done we might vote for a division, but do not promise to do so, even then. If Neff is governor when the division comes, we would favor placing McLennan county in "East Texas."

Ex-Emperor Charles of Austria, attempted to stage a comeback in Hungary, but instead staged a stampede back to Switzerland. He referred to himself as the "anointed" King of Hungary, but the hard-headed Hungarians did not seem to care for the "anointed," and told him to get and be obeyed. The only wonder is that they did not cut off his head. They would have been justified in so doing, because the Hapsburgs have been a curse to Europe, because they, with the crack-brained German Kaiser, with all their other sins, planned and brought on the late war in Europe.

What the people do not understand is why gas, water, phone and light rates were advanced right at the time everything else was coming down. It certainly was not because of more efficient service, because there has been no improvement in the phone and water service. The latter is infinitely worse—speaking for ourselves alone.

Phone rates have been advanced two hundred per cent and water rates fifty per cent, while business activity in all lines was decreasing. Some time for days at a time, it is a hard scramble to get drinking water at the editor's home, and last Saturday and Sunday was worse than usual, and that is, saying a good deal. If we can hardly get a drink in winter time, what will happen

when the weather gets warm and everybody begins irrigating their gardens?

There is only one solution. Put in meters and make the irrigators pay for the water they use. There can be nothing more unjust than the flat rate on water. To illustrate: One family of four has no cow or stock of any kind, and no garden to irrigate, yet they pay \$1.50 a month. Another family of ten, with two cows and eight or ten horses and a garden to irrigate. This family will use twenty times as much water as the first, yet they pay the city \$1.50. No private owner would stand for such a raw deal as this; and the city should not, but put in meters.

One dollar and fifty cents is not high, if all could get water when they want it, but the people on high ground cannot get water to drink oftentimes, when gardens are being flooded on low grounds. We see this every year. Meters would give the city fully as much revenue as the flat rate, and more. But the main thing, water would be more evenly and fairly distributed, which is not the case when one gets five to forty or fifty times as much as some others that are paying the same rate as the extravagant users of water pay.

COST OF ROAD TAX

The Star has been asked to tell the voters what the cost will be if the bonds and tax carry. We do not know what the valuation of property will be in Callahan county this year or in years to come, but based on the taxable values last year, of seven and one half million dollars, the rate will be right around one dollar per hundred—some less we are told by those who have studied the subject carefully.

Baird and Cross Plains Road Districts pay sixty cents on the hundred. Tax payers in these districts will have this tax increased about forty cents on the hundred dollars, provided the tax rate is one dollar per hundred and others, not in these districts, will have to pay the same.

Considering the low assessed value in this county, one dollar per hundred for good roads is not high, because everybody knows that real estate in Callahan county, especially large bodies of land, are not rendered for taxes for over fifty per cent of their value, and much of it for a great deal less.

Town property in this county has always paid more tax in proportion to value than rural real estate. Lots of land in the county is rendered for taxes at \$3 to \$5 per acre that would sell for \$20 to \$40 per acre. It is a notorious fact that Callahan county renditions are lower than any other county around us. We have not made any investigation of this matter lately, but years ago lands were assessed for taxes in Coleman county at nearly, if not quite twice as high as in Callahan county. No one in the county, except in a few isolated cases, perhaps, ever render their property at half its value, and much of it is as low as twenty-five per cent of its actual value.

We do not care how property is rendered, as that is none of our affair, but merely mention these things to show that even if taxes should be as much as one dollar per hundred, it will not be excessive, because of the very low assessed values in this county.

The bonds will bear 5 1/2 per cent interest and run for forty years. This require \$55,000 a year for interest and \$25,000 a year sinking fund, or \$80,000 a year.

Should property values increase, of course the tax rate could be reduced.

We give this information because

asked to do so, and do not wish to conceal anything. Would not do that to carry the bonds, much as we would like to have the bonds voted and roads built.

One thing we want to mention, and that is: The claim that all the money will be spent on the Bankhead Highway and in the Cross Plains District. If we believed that we would fight it to a finish; but that is not true. The Commissioners' Court is composed of honorable men who would not perpetrate a gouge game like that and could not if they wanted to, because any taxpayer could prevent this by injunction suit; but we feel sure nothing of the kind has even been thought of.

Possibly the Baird-Clyde-Putnam District will pay as much tax as all the balance of the county and probably get less. The City of Baird pays thousands of dollars road tax every year, and not one cent has been spent by the county within the corporate limits of the city since it was incorporated thirty-three years ago, because the county does not work roads in incorporated cities or towns—at least do not in Baird—but we never kicked about that. For thirty-four years we have paid whatever road tax the county levied, every cent of which was spent on roads out in the country. We have time and again, in addition to this tax, contributed to the road fund to work roads near town, because the county had spent all the road funds on this country remote from Baird, and we never kicked about that, either.

Come across and let's build some good roads while we old fellows are alive.

COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC MEET BRINGS A BIG CROWD TO BAIRD

There were at least two thousand persons assembled on the campus of the Baird Public School last Saturday morning, to witness the county interscholastic meet for athletic supremacy. It was a bright and beautiful day and there was no untoward event to mar the generally happiness and enthusiasm that prevailed. There were 27 track events and the contests began promptly at 10 o'clock, with Coach Shotwell, of the Abilene High School, as starter and track manager. The judge was Professor of Mathematics Peek, of the same institution, assisted by two of the A. H. S. athletic students. The following were the results:

Senior Boys' 120-yard Low Hurdle—Osborn, 1st place, 18 1-2 seconds; Hollingshead, 2d; Lovvorn, 3d; McCollum and McFarlane tied for 4th place.

Junior Boys' 50-yard Dash—Tolliver, 1st; Dinwiddie, 2d; Pee, 3d; Campbell, 4th.

Senior Boys' 100-yard Dash—Asbury, 1st, time 10 3-4 seconds; Jones, 2d; Berry 3d; Osborn, 4th.

Senior Girls' 30-yard Dash—Foster, 1st; Scott, 2d; Langford, 3d.

Senior Boys' 220-yard Dash—Jones, 1st, time 27 1-2 seconds; Osborn, 2d; Tyler, 3d; Farmer, 4th.

Junior Girls' 30-yard Dash—Hinds, 1st, time 6 seconds; Perdue, 2d; Appleton, 3d; Langford, 4th.

Junior Boys' 220-yard Dash—Tolliver, 1st, 27 1-2 seconds; Dawkins, 2d; Estis, 3d; Beebe, 4th.

Senior Boys' 440-yard Dash—Berry, 1st, 2 minute; Tyler, 2d; Harp, 3d; McCollum, 4th.

Senior Boys' One Mile Run—McNeal, 1st, time 5:24; Reed, 2d; Hicks, 3d; Counts, 4th.

Junior Boys' 440-yard Relay—Tolliver, 1st, for Baird; Young, 2d, for Cottonwood.

Senior Boys' 50-yard Dash—Asbury, 1st, time 6 1-2 seconds; Jones, 2d; Pruett, 3d; Hollingshead, 4th.

Senior Pole Vault—Berry, 1st; Jones, 2d; Farmer, 3d; Haley and Hollingshead tied for 4th.

Junior Pole Vault—Campbell, 1st; Pool, 2d; London, 3d; Mahan and Hollingshead tied for 4th.

Senior Boys' 880 yard Dash—McNeal, 1st; Hicks, 2d; Reed, 3d; Harp, 4th.

One Mile Relay—Baird, 1st; Clyde, 2d.

Twelve Pound Shot Put—Asbury, 1st, 35:3 1-2; Harp, 2d, 35; Osborn, 3d, 24:1 1-2; Brown, 4th, 33:3.

Junior Girls' 140-yard Relay—Baird, 1st; Clyde, 2d; Oplin, 3d.

Senior Girls' 140-yard Relay—Baird, 1st; Clyde, 2d; Oplin, 3d.

Junior Boys' 8-pound Shot Put—Dawkins, 1st, 36:6 1-2; Estes, 2d, 35; Pool, 3d, 34; Beebe, 4th, 29:11. Discus Throw—Osborn, 1st, 82:3; Brown, 2d, 68:5; Brown, of Clyde, 3d, 65:1; Carnes, 4th.

Junior Boys' Hop, Step and Jump—Pool, 1st, Tolliver, 2d; Campbell, 3d; Harris, 4th.

Junior Boys' Running Broad

Jump—Pool, 1st; Campbell, 2d; Estes, 3d; Tolliver, 5th.

Junior Boys' Chinning Bar—Mahan, 20 times; Flemming, 19 times; London, 16 times; Haines, 14 times.

Senior Boys' Running Broad Jump—Johnson, 1st; McNeal and Tyler tied for 2d; Andrews, 4th.

Senior Boys' Running High Jump—Hicks, 1st, 5:1; Tyler, 2d; Berry, Johnson and Harp tied for 3d.

POINTS MADE BY SCHOOLS

Clyde Seniors, 73; Baird Seniors, 65 1-2; Clyde Juniors, 53 1-2; Baird Juniors, 56 1-2; Oplin, 9; Cottonwood, 1-2; Pleasant View, 10; Hubbard, 10; Ions, 5.

Pleasant View won the County Championship in Basket Ball in the Rural School Division.

The Oplin girls won in an exhibition game of Basket Ball.

The twenty cent special school tax election, in the Bayou District, last Saturday, carried unanimously, not a single adverse ballot being cast. This speaks well for the public spirit and educational progressiveness of the Bayou folk.

Good Groceries

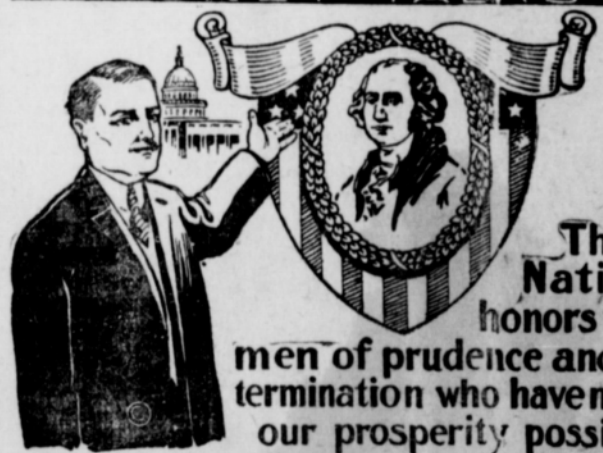
That spells it—the sort you buy from us. Always fresh, of the best grades, sanitarily handled, toothsome and palatable. A great variety of all the best brands of canned Food Products. Special consignments daily fresh from the Farm, Garden and Orchard of Cereals, Vegetables and Fruits.

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New Spring Goods

Our stock of goods for Spring and Summer is large and complete. We can furnish the entire wardrobe for every member of the family as we carry a nice line of Dry Goods, Shoes, Notions, Men's and Boys Furnishings, Ladies and Childrens Ready-to-Wear, and Millinery.

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M. Barnhill, C. B. Snyder

STAR DUST

SIFTED INTO JINGLES BY THE MAN ABOUT TOWN

Shivering

With temperature at eighty odd, and heat waves all a-quiver; You think it's warm, yet chill South winds, cause one to shake and shiver

Leading

Athletic are Baird's boys and girls—this makes for perfect health; And health, the ancient axiom saith, is road that leads to wealth.

Riding

The rodeo has come and gone—they pulled some daring stunts; Rough riding is for sturdy men, and not for pindling runts.

Fruiting

It seems we still may have some fruit, unless another freeze, Sweeps o'er the West with icy breath, and blights the fruiting trees.

Working

Good roads for Callahan we need, to north, south, east and west; Work hard for them 'till 'lection day, the voters'll do the rest.

Nesting

A little wren has built her nest, in fence post that has sprung; And safe from murd'rous, prowling cats, will rear her helpless young. The Man About Town.

Miss John Gilliland, of Ranger, came up Saturday on a short visit with the home folks.

PERSONALS

Freddie Wristen, is quite sick with fever.

A light rain fell at Baird Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Estes and little son, Fred, spent a few days in Dallas, this week.

Mrs. P. T. Redding returned Sunday from a visit with relatives in Abilene.

Mr. Frank Yancy, of Strawn, is visiting C. L. Dickey.

Miss Mabel Fulton, of Cottonwood, spent several days with Baird friends this week.

E. C. Fulton has gone to Mangum Okla., on business.

Miss Bess Holmes, of McGregor, is visiting her cousins, M. J. and C. B. Holmes and families, this week.

Ross Williams was over from Elsasville Sunday. Mrs. Williams and little son accompanied him on his return.

Mrs. T. E. Parks, of Ranger, and Mrs. W. E. Hamilton, of Albany, are visiting their mother, Mrs. A. M. Miller, this week.

Dr. J. V. McManis, of Chicago, is visiting his mother this week. They went over to visit G. R. McManis and wife.

Miss Jean Powell returned yesterday from Texarkana, where she attended the wedding of Miss Mary Murphy Nance and Mr. T. W. Henry Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Frank Hamrick returned a few days ago from Tampico, Mexico where she spent the winter. She was accompanied home by her little grand-daughter, Viola Hamrick.

Mrs. J. B. Cutbirth has returned from Abilene, where she has been with her daughter, Mrs. Fred Hart, who has been seriously ill at Alexander's Sanitarium. Mrs. Hart is some better.

Corporal Ellis Hardin, came in Wednesday from Tennessee, where he served in the artillery branch of the U. S. Army. He went out to his home at Oplin Thursday with Mrs. J. R. Price and sons, Tom, Tod and Archie.

The scholastic census for the Baird Independent School District for the year 1921 is 688, only a slight gain; but one satisfaction, Baird never goes backwards on the school question.

John and Bill Edwards, of Eula, were in town yesterday. This was the first time we have seen Bill since his return home. He has changed but little in twelve years. The only difference is those new sideburn whiskers.

The following trustees for the Baird Independent School District were reelected for two years last Saturday: L. L. Blackburn, C. B. Holmes, C. H. Mahan. We are glad the old trustees were retained. We have a good school; let us keep it so.

The sacrament was administered to about one hundred communicants at the Methodist church service Sunday, and one new addition to the church. Nineteen of the new members expressed a desire to be baptized by immersion. That will be attended to later.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

RATE—Five Cents per Line Each Insertion. Figure six average words to the line in fixing cost. Minimum charge 25 cents.

HOUSE FOR RENT—See 18 1p Mrs. Frank Parker

FOR RENT—Light housekeeping rooms, also bedroom See 18-4t Mrs. Odran Green.

MILK COWS FOR SALE—A few good milk cows for sale 18 N. M. George, Phone 209 L. S.

JERSEY COW—Jersey Milk Cow, young calf at side; also Saddle Pony. 18-1f Phone 184.

REFRIGERATOR—100-pound Refrigerator for sale, in good condition. 18-1f Phone 184.

KITCHEN FURNITURE—For sale one Kitchen Cabinet, one Buffet, one Show Case. See 18-2t Mrs. Wm. Hanley.

COAT LOST—Last Sunday between Baird and Clyde, man's coat, green mixed cashmer, double breasted Victory Wilson, tailor Suitable reward for return to Carl Mahan, Baird.

PLANT THE BEST—Plant the best—Lone Star Cotton Seed, with absolute guarantee, at Curry & Price, Grocers, 18-2t-p Baird.

SEASONABLE DISHES—Early Vegetables are coming in, and you find them on the Elite Cafe's menu, cooked in a variety of styles and served by deftly polite waiters, amid pleasant surroundings, with latest music on the side. 18-1t F. E. Stanley, Prop.

HORSES STRAYED—One bald-face Sorrel about 7 years old, 15 1-2 hands high, unbranded; one Brown Horse, about 15 hands high, ringbone on left front foot. Seen northwest of Baird last week. \$25 Reward. Notify Carl Axe, Abilene, Route 7. 18-2t-p

PLEASANT DINING—Pleasant dining surrounding and Good Food are prime essentials to perfect digestion and robust health. At the Elite Cafe you get these requisites, polite and efficient service and a menu that comprises the best the market affords. 18-1t F. E. Stanley, Prop.

KICK IN ON THESE STAR-TELEGRAM BARGAINS!

The publishers of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram have notified me that during the month of April I will be authorized to receive subscriptions to that sterling journal on the following terms:

Daily, with Sunday, including the Green Art Picture and the Colored Comic Sections \$4.25

Daily, without Sunday, six days a week \$3.40

These subscriptions will begin the day the order reaches Fort Worth, and will continue ONLY until November 1st, 1921—SEVEN MONTH'S SUBSCRIPTION.

Bring or send your orders to me at The Baird Star Office.

GEO. W. SYMONDS, Authorized Agent.

Rev. J. C. McKenzie, pastor of the Baptist church, baptized fifty new converts in Mexia creek, south of town, last Sunday. There was a large crowd present. This was the biggest event of the kind ever witnessed in Baird.

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We are prepared to give you first-class Kodak Finishing at reasonable prices. Quick service. Also first-class Portrait work. Studio at residence Hours 8 A. M. to 2 P. M. Phone 51.

Mrs. J. W. Farmer, Mgr

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An Association

TEMPLE, TEXAS

If you can afford it, I want you to buy anywhere from one to ten shares in the Kokernot Oil Company, an association, which is capitalized at \$80,000 and is now drilling a well on 4,428 acres of land situated 30 miles east of Houston, in Liberty County, Texas, at Walley, on Cedar Bayou, between Dayton and Crosby. While you may have invested in wells that did not get oil, others have done the same thing, but kept on taking a small chance until they finally made great strikes in oil. One operator in Houston drilled 7 dry holes before he struck oil and made a million.

This lease is 15 miles south-east of the Humble oil field which has produced two hundred million dollars, it is 23 miles north of the Goose Creek field which is now producing millions, the Hull and Sour Lake fields are about 20 miles east. Our well is now down about 2900 feet and the Sims Organization has brought in three wells just 2 1-2 miles north of our lease which produced from 50 to 200 barrels per day of high grade oil. The Dayton field, which has been producing oil for

15 years is also about 2 1-2 miles north from our lease.

No honest man can say for sure that he will strike oil. But we are in an oil country. We have a large acreage. Our capital is only \$80,000. Recently when oil was struck at Blue Ridge, just 14 miles west of Houston, land sold for \$20,000 an acre. On this basis, if we hit oil, our property would be worth forty million dollars, and our stock would be worth 500 to 1, or every ten dollar share would be worth five thousand dollars. One well at West Columbia, 70 miles southwest of our well has already produced about three million dollars in oil.

No commission is paid to stock salesmen, your money goes into actual cost of drilling the well. Every stockholder has interest in every well drilled by the company.

I know times are hard, but because they are hard is the main reason why you will be justified in taking a small chance to make a big speculation. You need money more than ever, If we strike oil on this large lease a \$10. share

will make you more clear money than you can make this whole year raising cotton, corn, rice or wheat. It will make you more money than you have made as a railroad man, a carpenter, a brick layer or any other kind of employment at which you worked during 1920. It will make you as much money as if you had been running a dry goods store, a shoe store or a meat market.

Invest only what you can afford to lose. If we hit the juice a small investment will make you plenty. If we don't just cut out a few pair of them silk Sox and one of them silk shirts, and get some good cotton goods like you used to wear, and you won't know the difference. In the meantime you will have a sensation, and if we crack the Kokernot we will have a celebration. Shares \$10 each. Remit today as this stock may be withdrawn from the market at any time. The next 3 or four hundred feet may tell the tale. Oil is found in the coast country at a depth of from 3000 to 3500 feet. If you want quick action and a square deal, remit today to.

JAS. E. FURGUSON,

President The Kokernot Oil Company, Temple Texas

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RATE—Five Cents per Line Each Insertion. Figure six average words to the line in fixing cost. Minimum charge 25 cents.

FOR RENT—Six room house, gas electric lights, good eastern, also city water. 1st door west of the Baptist Church. Write S. E. Webb, Route 1 Baird, Texas 17-2 tp

RESIDENCE FOR SALE—Leach Residence for sale. 85-foot lot and well built House, Garage and Barn. Write E. H. Leach, Baird, Texas. 16-1f

STOP THAT ITCHING—Use the Blue Star Eczema Remedy, the guaranteed Skin Remedy for such as French Itch, Eczema, Ring Worm, Tetter and Sore Feet. Does not stain and has a pleasant odor. Sold on guarantee by 8-12t Holmes Drug Co.

AGENTS WANTED—Good, responsible Agents in this territory to represent reliable corporation. Good men can make \$500.00 or \$300.00 a month, or more. Your ability absolutely determines your earnings. Must be aggressive and reliable. Write for full information. P. O. Box 562, 16-3t Cisco, Texas.

LOTS FOR SALE—Residence Lots with water, gas, electric lights and paved streets. These are the nearest lots now being offered to both the High School and the new Methodist College site in Abilene. Write me for full details. G. W. Gillen, P. O. Box 608, Abilene, Texas. 16-4t

BIG BONE BERKSHIRES—Big Bone Berkshire Hogs for sale, 3 Brood Sows, 4 60 lbs large enough to breed, 11 Pigs and a two-year-old Service Boar, all registered and as good as any in the State. Will sell all or part. We are also breeders of high class Duroc Jerseys. Address: R. F. Scott Ranch, Putnam, Texas. 15-1f

LAND FOR SALE—1120 acres of Land, one-half mile north of Baird, on Albany road. Well improved, with 12-room House, all modern improvements. Suitable for a Fine Stock Farm. Has been used as a feed pasture for many years. If not sold soon as a whole, will divide to suit. Good time given. Apply to R. Macdonald, Baird, Texas. 15-4t

CITY DADS STILL HAVE MONEY

City Council met in regular session Friday, March 18, with all officers present except Alderman Mayfield.

Mayor Evans called the meeting to order and the following business was transacted:

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Contract between Hub Warren and the City of Baird was read and accepted and, after insertions were made, properly signed.

The following bills were read and,

on motion of Alderman Cooke, seconded by Alderman Driskill, were allowed and vouchers ordered drawn for same:

Home Telephone Co.....	\$ 4 50
The Texas Co.....	8 80
Baird Light & Ice Co.....	2 55
Baird Light & Ice Co.....	47 82
Wm. Ashton.....	80 00
J. F. Browning.....	75 00
Gus Hall.....	20 00
C. E. Walker.....	10 00
G. L. Driskill.....	10 00
R. F. Mayfield.....	10 00
B. L. Boydston.....	40 60
James Brothers.....	25 00
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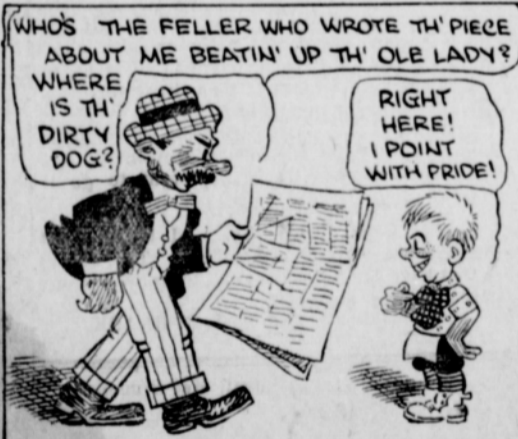
W. J. Ray.....	17 65
H. Berry.....	1 20
Holmes Drug Co.....	1 50
The Dorsey Co.....	27 00
L. P. Hughes.....	9 00
John Foley.....	51 00
N. Atchley.....	49 50
Perry Gilliland.....	77 50
L. G. Brandon.....	18 00
Roy Price.....	12 00
H. Warren.....	135 00
H. Warren.....	85 25
L. G. Brandon.....	85 00
Star Job Office.....	9 50
Hargraves Printing Co.....	39 71
The Texas Co.....	23 05
Elbert Browning.....	3 00

W. Ashton.....	16 50
J. E. Powell.....	33 50
Sam Gilliland.....	152 45
Sam Gilliland.....	152 60
E. Cooke.....	7 05
Mitchell-Gilliland Co.....	47 47
Mitchell-Gilliland Co.....	47 56
W. G. Bowlus.....	54 16
W. G. Bowlus.....	54 00
Joe Tisdale.....	25 00

Water Superintendent Ashton reported \$622.75 water rent collected for February and \$615.65 in March, City taxes to date, \$5,821.70.

Adjourned until next regular meeting.

MICKIE, THE PRINTER'S DEVIL



First Be Sure You Got a Good Right

MODERN JAZZ LIFE SHORTENS IT

There were 4046 deaths among people between the ages of 45 and 55 reported to the Texas Bureau of Vital statistics for the year 1920, according to Doctor Manton M. Carrick, State Health Officer. For the month of January, 1921, alone, the report shows 306 deaths among people between these ages.

"The increasing mortality at these ages," said Dr. Carrick, "indicates either some undue and increasing strain in our modern mode of existence, or a lessening resistance among our people. Men and women, as middle life approaches, tend to decrease their physical exertion and increase their nervous activity. This is a critical period, and certain principles of living should be followed.

"Plenty of exercise without over-exertion; proper bathing; the observance of dietary precautions, such as less consumption of meat and greater consumption of vegetables; the avoidance of nervous worry over trifles—all these will do much to decrease the high death rate among middle-aged people in our State."

T. & P. to Remove Tracks

Dallas.—After 45 years of witnessing the passage of Texas & Pacific passenger and freight trains along its entire length, Pacific avenue saw the last passenger train traverse its familiar tracks at 11:20 a. m. Sunday. Few people gave a thought to the fact that Dallas was entering a new era of development and that the dream of citizens and civic bodies, political administrations and every man and woman in the city with pride in its achievement, had at last come true.

TO THE VOTERS OF CALLAHAN COUNTY:

On the 15th day of March, the Commissioners Court, upon the petition of 282 qualified voters of Callahan County, ordered an election to be held on Saturday, April 16th, to determine whether or not said county would issue its County Road Bonds in the sum of One Million Dollars to construct a system of gravel roads connecting up the leading communities of the county.

On March 31st, a mass meeting of the voters was held in Baird, at which meeting the following communities were well represented: Baird, Clyde, Eula, Denton, Oplin, Tecumseh, Admiral, Cottonwood, Cross Plains, Belle Plaine Rowden and Putnam. This meeting was called for the purpose of discussing said Bond issue and to learn and be informed on the plans and purposes of dispensing the Bond money, in the event the same should be voted upon favorably. At this mass meeting County Judge, J. R. Black, Commissioners J. S. Yeager, A. R. Kelton and H. Windham were present, Commissioner, J. W. McDaniel absent, when the following RESOLUTION was adopted and signed by the above named officers, the original of which is now on file in the County Clerk's office:

WHEREAS Callahan County is voting on a Million Dollar Bond issue; and

WHEREAS, the Road Mass Meeting has recommended and selected three men from each Commissioners Precinct to act as an Advisory Committee in reference to locating roads and spending the money:

Be it Resolved that we, the undersigned County Judge of Callahan County, Texas, and Commissioners of said County, hereby agree to act and advise with the above mentioned committee in designating roads and in expending said bond money. We also BIND ourselves to apportion said Million Dollars to each Commissioners Precinct in proportion to the assessed valuation of said Precinct for the year 1921, with the understanding that each Precinct build a cardinal road to connect with a system of COUNTY ROADS as may be provided by the Court and the County Road Committee.

J. R. BLACK, County Judge
J. S. YEAGER,
A. R. KELTON,
H. WINDHAM, County Commissioners.

This mass meeting selected the three men from each Commissioners Precinct to act with the Commissioners Court, but it was decided that this committee could be changed and a new committee appointed from each Commissioners Precinct at a mass meeting called for that purpose, in the event the bonds should be voted.

Each bank in the county was represented by one or more of its principal officers, except as to the Farmers National Bank, of Cross Plains, Mr. Bond, Cashier, being in town, but called to Abilene on business, did not remain for the meeting. The officers of the several banks made a very satisfactory agreement as to a division of the Bond money, in the event they were voted.

The cardinal roads were discussed and a tentative agreement reached as to their location, subject to such minor changes as the Commissioners Court and Road Committees might make, were as follows: South out of Clyde to Oplin; North out of Clyde to Hamby community; Baird to Cross Plains via Admiral and Cottonwood, the present mail route; North out of Baird to County line and East on the Baird and Moran road; South following Coleman road where same leaves the Baird and Cross Plains road; South out of Putnam to connect with the Baird and Cross Plains road; North out of Putnam towards Moran to county line and complete the Bankhead Highway.

This mass meeting also appointed a Good Road Committee, whose duty it would be to bring to the attention of the voters of the County what action and things were done at said mass meeting, hence this letter, which is a review of what was done at said meeting.

The Good Roads Committee now submits the following conclusions:

1. By the terms of the Resolution adopted by the County Judge and Commissioners above quoted, each Commissioners Precinct will receive for road building within the limits of said precinct is full proportion of the bond money.
2. The cardinal roads will be selected and located by the Commissioners Court with the advice and assistance of the Road Committee herein above provided for.
3. Each Commissioners Precinct will be required to build said cardinal roads to their respective Commissioners Precinct lines. In other words, Commissioners Precincts One and Three, A. R. Kelton and J. S. Yeager, Commissioners, will be required to build the cardinal roads south and north and east and west to their respective precinct lines out of the money apportioned to them from the bonds. In like manner, Commissioners Precincts Two and Four, H. Windham and J. W. McDaniel, Commissioners, will be required to build the cardinal roads from their respective precinct lines to connect up with and run into Cross Plains and Oplin out of the money apportioned to them from the bonds. The present bond issues of One Hundred Thousand Dollars each respectively voted by Road District One and Four, which applies to Commissioners Precinct One, Three and Four Baird, Clyde, Putnam and Cross Plains, will be charged to these precincts and paid for out of their portion of the Bond money set aside to them under the resolution of the Court above quoted.

DAVIS FAGAN RECITAL

Is it possible for a singer to sing a duet with herself?

Can a living voice and the same voice reproduced on an instrument be so identical in tone quality that they cannot be distinguished, one from the other?

Has science achieved a triumph that marks the dawn of a new day in the art of music? These are some of the questions—questions in which every person of culture must take a keen interest—that will be answered at the Recital to be given at the School Auditorium, Wednesday, April 20th. Invitations to this affair in which Helen Davis, the celebrated mezzo-soprano, and Sibyl Sanderson Fagan, whistler, will appear have been received by many prominent musicians of this city, and interest in the coming affair seems to be keen in musical circles. In the coming recital, the artists

will sing and whistle in comparison with their art as RE CREATED by the New Edison, to enable the audience to judge whether or not the living performances can be made to live forever. The audience will try to pick the two golden threads of tone apart, to say which one lives for the moment and which one has been made immortal. Can it be done? Cards of admittance can be secured at Alexander's Music Shop if you wish to hear the question answered.

Mont Somes, who worked for us on The Star thirty-three years ago for over a year, visited the editor and family Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Somes lived in Waco for several years, where he married. Some twelve years ago he moved to Pecos, where his wife died and where he still owns some valuable property. His children are all grown, and two of his daughters are married. Two

months ago he went to Ranger, where he is working in a job printing office. We were glad to see him. Mont Somes is the best all-around printer in the United States.

BAPTIST BEREAN CLASS ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The Berean Class of the Baptist Sunday School met in business and social session last Tuesday night, with its teacher, Miss Willie May Walker. With Mrs. C. B. Holmes and Miss Hazel Magee assisting at the piano, a number of good, old-fashioned hymns were sung, with a heartiness and fervor that bespoke the interest and enthusiasm this class is displaying in every branch of Christian work.

The election of officers was the most important event of the evening, and resulted as follows: President, Terl Perdue.

Vice President, Mac Brundage. Secretary-Treasurer—Royce Gilliland. Chorister, Ed Chambers. Chairman of Membership Committee, Murray Harris. Chairman of Courtesy Committee, Brown Jones. Chairman of Social Committee, Lanham Stokes.

The class adopted as its motto: "God first, the other fellow second and self third," with a strong determination to live as nearly as possible the clean, consecrated, helpful, Christian life. A number of interesting and instructive talks were made, characterized by real earnestness and desire to make things go for God and fellow-man.

The class now has 32 on roll, with encouraging prospects for a big increase, not only in the number enrolled, but in the number of regular attendants. Last Sunday there were 24 present, giving as close at

4. The money remaining in such Commissioners Precinct after providing for the construction of the Cardinal Roads indicated herein, will be at the disposal of each Commissioner to construct such Lateral Roads as he and the voters of his respective district may determine.

5. The Baird and Cross Plains Road and the Bankhead Highway east and west through the County, being designated by the Highway Commission of Texas as State Highways, we have every assurance from the Highway Commission that we will get aid to an amount of approximately \$300,000.00. This will almost take care of the two longest roads and leave more of our Million Dollars to apply to Lateral Roads. Our voting a Million Dollars assures us of \$1,300,000.00 and we will have to repay only \$1,000,000.00.

6. We also call attention that there are three Railroads in the County, paying more taxes than any individual or company. The Railroads are not opposing the Bond issue and resulting increase in their taxes. They are awake to the fact that Good Roads mean added prosperity to the County, and a prosperous people adds to the comfort, happiness and general prosperity of all alike.

These six propositions make the Bond issue absolutely fair and equitable to the residents of the four several Commissioners Precincts, and with this understanding you should be able to vote intelligently and without community jealousy.

The Cardinal Roads are to be graded, provided with concrete culverts and surfaced with gravel. With reference to the tax necessary to provide for this Bond Issue, we submit herewith a letter from Judge Black, which we have carefully read and, after investigation of records, approve as correct. The Committee assumes that every voter and citizen is in favor of Good Roads. Our neighboring counties have demonstrated beyond question the value of Good Roads. You are convinced already—and have been all these years—that Good Roads are good things. The question is: Are you willing to pay the price of their cost? Taking into consideration the amount of employment the building of this proposed system will give to our citizens, the money to be placed with each of your local banks and used by them to help finance our citizenship until the money is finally used for the purpose contemplated, the fact that this present generation is entitled to some of the comforts and conveniences accruing from such a system of roads for our County, taking into consideration the enhanced value of your lands by reason of these roads, the greater amount of produce you can haul to market, is it not worth while and is it not worth all and abundantly more than it will cost? Study the question carefully and honestly and vote on this progressive measure without prejudice to any one and solely on its merits, as a question compared with the amount it will cost and the general benefits accruing therefrom.

Respectfully submitted,

GOOD ROADS COMMITTEE

LETTER FROM JUDGE BLACK

In view of the questions that have been asked in reference to the tax necessary to take care of the Million Dollars in Road Bonds, should they be voted, I have carefully calculated the maturities of the Bonds and the tax necessary to take care of them each year until all of them shall have been paid. Now, if the Attorney General approves the Bonds maturing as I have outlined, and which he has promised to do, and if our assessed valuations in the County remain approximately as they were in 1920, then an 85-cent tax rate will take care of the Bonds and interest on same. This will be the highest rate necessary in any one year, but later on the County will be able to take care of them at a slightly cheaper rate.

If the Bonds carry and having the bond money with which to construct roads, we can make some reduction in the County Tax Rate. I would recommend at least a ten cent reduction. I think that we can safely do this. This, taken from the 85-cent Tax, made necessary on account of the Bonds, would leave a net increase of 75 cents. Of course the 60-cent Special Tax now being collected in Commissioners Precinct No. 4, and the 30 cents being collected in Road District No. 1 would be abolished. This, then, would leave a net increase in the Cross Plains District of only 15 cents and in Road District No. 1 of 45 cents.

The above information, in connection with the resolution signed by the Commissioners Court, ought to make it possible for each voter to understand what he is doing and how he ought to vote. It will cost something to build a system of roads. No question about that. It is only a question as to whether we ought to go on as we are or whether we ought to build a system of roads and pay for them. Which is best for our County and for us as individuals? If we think it best to have Good Roads then, as good citizens, we ought to go out and vote for them. If, on the other hand, we think it best to go on as we are today, then, as good citizens, we ought to go to the polls and vote against the Road Bonds.

Personally I believe that Good Roads pay. I believe that they are the best investment that a County can make. The steady growth of the counties that have Good Roads ought to convince any one that Good Roads are a paying investment.

J. R. BLACK.

Signal Theatre

PROGRAM

Friday, April 8—Alice Calhoun in

"PRINCESS JONES"

Did you ever know a Princess who worked in a general store? See "Princess Jones"

Also William Duncan in

"FIGHTING FATE"

15 and 25 cts.

Saturday—Louise Lovelyn in

"WHILE THE DEVIL LAUGHS"

Her latest Fox Special Also a Vitagraph Comedy.

Monday—Carmel Meyers in

"THE GILDED DREAM"

A Six Reel Universal Feature. 15 & 25 Cts.

Tuesday—

"BELOW THE DEAD LINE"

A Six Reel Feature 15 & 25 Cts.

Wednesday—

"THE DEVIL'S ANGEL"

With an all star cast. Also a Comedy. 15 & 25 Cts.

Thursday—Special—Norma Tallmage in

"THE BRANDED WOMAN"

Her latest First National Special in Seven Reels. 15 & 40 Cts

Friday, April 1st—Alice Joyce in

"COUSIN KATE"

William Duncan in

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Big double show only 15 and 25 cts.

Saturday—Tom Mix in

"PRAIRIE TRAILS"

Also a Sunshine Comedy

Coming Special—April 23d

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Sanitary. Clean. Nutritious
10c Per Loaf, 3 Loaves 25c

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hot every day in time for dinner, 10c per doz. Large Sandwich Buns, 25c per doz.

Layer Cakes

Caramel, Coconut or Chocolate Cakes, 65 cts.

Cream Puffs, 30 cts. per doz

Pies 10 cts. three for 25 cts.

Full line Cookies, 10 cts. per doz. Fresh every day at the

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tention to the lesson as conditions would permit; for, as yet, no class room has been provided; but, with a class steadily growing in enrollment and enthusiasm, all things will be possible, and the class room must be next.

After various matters concerning the class work and organization had been discussed, light refreshments were served, and all officers were toasted in a pledge of fellowship and cooperation.

This is a fine band of young fellows, united for a great purpose and doing a great good. Young men and boys of Baird, visit this class on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, see the work and join in trying to be a moral and spiritual force in this city.