1887 Fiftieth Anniversary Edition 1937

Section One
Eight Pages

The Baird Star

Thirty-five Hundred
Copies This Week

Our Motto—"Tis Neither Birth, Nor Wealth, Nor State. But The Get-Up-And-Get That Makes Men Great."

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The Baird Star Celebrates Fiftieth Birthday This Week

The Baird Star is celebrating its 50th birthday this week and greets its readers with a forty-page paper, which is the largest edition of any paper ever published in Callahan county.

The first issue of The Baird Star was issued on Thursday, January 8, 1887. The paper was an eight column four-page paper, which was printed on a Washington hand press.

Mechanical typesetting machines were new and it was 39 years later that a linotype machine was installed in The Star office.

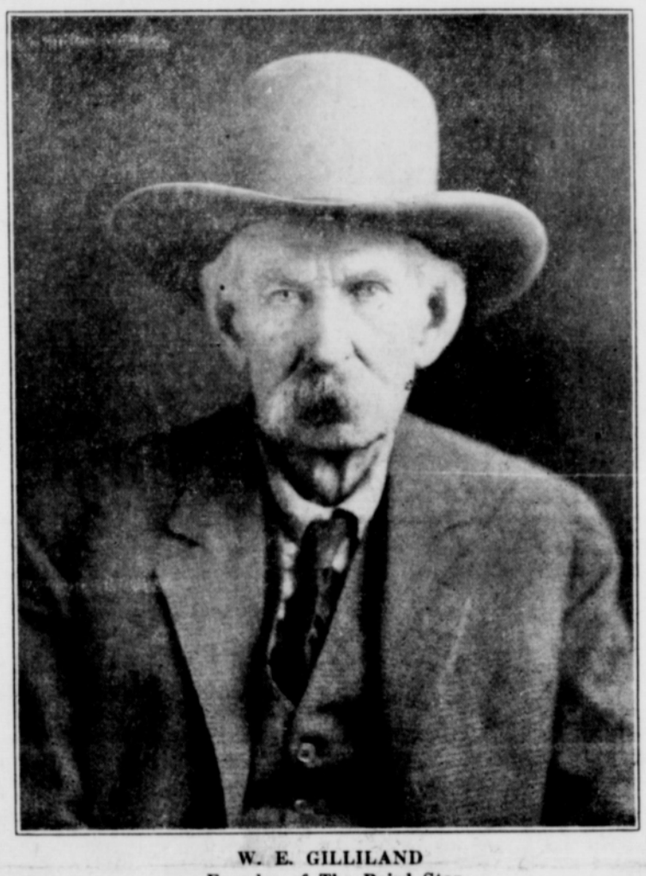
The entire first page of the first issue of The Star was taken by Ph. Schwartz & Bros. dry goods merchants. The caption of the ad read. "The new enterprise in Baird is The Baird Star and being an enterprising kind we want to give it a grand send off."

T. E. Powell, dry goods merchant, carried a half page ad, J. L. Lea & Co. grocery and ranch supply merchants carried a fourth page, Joe Lee, G. E. Nelson, Rufe Clark and Frank Dorsey were with the clerical force in the J. L. Lea store.

Other merchants carrying ads were Harry Meyer, hardware; S. L. Ogle, groceries; J. S. Foy, dry goods; Baird Drug Co.; Ed Coppins, groceries; E. Sigal, meat market; R. Phillips, drugs; E. K. Kane, grocery; Moon & Crowder, grocery; L. Gould, furniture; S. C. Pack, feed; Mrs. Annie Cunningham, millinery; N. F. Pudmose, barber; Jim Welch, barber; M. J. Blakley, meat market. Professional advertising was Otis Bowyer, F. S. Bell, A. A. Bell, W. H. Cliett, Dr. R. G. Powell, Dr. S. T. Fraser, and Dr. D. J. Wilson.

Baird and The Star have grown together and have seen many changes. With the exception of H. Schwartz, who was a member of he firm of Phil Schwartz and Bro., Otis Bowyer, T. E. Powell, of Baird, and Joe Lea of Wichita Falls, all the business men who were advertisers in the first issue of The Star are dead.
dead.

While this issue of The Star is not just what we wanted it to be, we are proud of it. We have devoted many days to working on it, planning it as we wanted it to be, but in this we are somewhat dissapointed as we did not get all the material we had hoped for. Many more stories should have been written for this issue. Some friends whom we would liked so much to have had, did not send in stories or pictures. Some came in too late to be used but we have done our very best and we trust the readers will find some pleasure as the pages of our yesterdays are turned back and they read of our early day residents as well as those with whom we meet today.



W. E. GILLILAND
Founder of The Baird Star

Woodley Petroleum Company Making Deep Test in This Section

An interesting feature of the oil industry in Callahan county just now is the drilling of the deep test in the Belle Plain field approximately 4,200 feet by the Woodley Petroleum Co., oil and gas producers well known in this section and in broader oil circles as well.

This decisive test means much to Callahan people in as much as nothing has been spared as to expense and trouble to ascertain the future of extensive Callahan holdings.

One is decidedly impressed with the thoroughness and sincerity of this enterprise if by chance business or mere interest in the oil game take them to the company plant; located in the Belle Plain and Hatchett fields which occupies a broad strip through the center of the county.

C. H. Siadous manager of production, views the local oil situation through experienced eyes—keen-eyed, terse, intelligent, yet noncommittal, one is impressed with the fact that making oil tests in Callahan county is being intelligently handled.

Griggs Hospital Well Equipped

In 1929 the Griggs Hospital was opened by Dr. R. L. Griggs. The late Dr. R. G. Powell was associated with Dr. Griggs until his death a few years ago. Miss Ruth Akers served as superintendent for several years. She was succeeded by Mrs. D. S. McGee, who was later succeeded by Mrs. Stella Smith, who is now in charge of the hospital.

The hospital can care for twelve or fourteen patients and is well equipped. The operating room has all modern equipment. On the lower floor is located a large reception room, private offices of Dr. R. L. Griggs and Dr. Ray Cockrell.

The X-Ray equipment is the latest model. Mrs. Bob Price is attendant in the doctors office in the ground floor.

T. H. Floyd and Family Among Pioneers of County

The late T. H. Floyd and family were among the early residents of Belle Plain, Mr. Floyd served as county surveyor for forty years.

The Floyd family moved to Abilene some years ago, where Mr. Floyd died. Mrs. Floyd though more than 90 years of age, enjoys good health, although she lost her eyesight some years ago, she takes an interest in everything and enjoys her radio, which keeps her in touch with world events.

Mrs. Floyd lives with her daughter, Miss Willie Floyd. a teacher in the Abilene schools. Other children are Mrs. C. A. Wooldridge, Mrs. J. R. Williams, Mrs. W. E. Ryan, J. D. Floyd, and T. H. Floyd Jr.

Home Telephone and Electric Co. Has Grown with Baird Since 1893

The Home Telephone and Electric Co. of Baird has grown from a very small exchange to a big business concern reaching out over Callahan and adjoining counties.

It was in 1893 that J. M. Allen put in a small telephone exchange in Baird. A few years later Mr. Allen sold the business to Dr. H. H. Ramsey, Dr. McCauley and Bonnie Richardson, with Mr. Richardson as local manager. In 1905 the business wa incorporated under the name of Home Telephone and Eelectric Co.

T. P. Bearden became a stock holder in the company in 1908, and later purchased a controlling intesest in the company which at that time operated only four exchanges in the county including about sixty miles of toll lines. The company today operates 20 exchanges with 1200 miles toll lines and is able to give efficient ervice to most all parts of the ounty over the company lines as ell as in adjourning counties in which the company operates exchanges. Some years ago Bernie Richardson went to Kansas City o accept a position with the overnment. Mr. Richardson now lives in Oklahoma City where he olds the position of state commissioner of utilities.

Charlie Stalling succeeded Richrdson as local manager of the elephone company and later was ucceeded by Guy Hall, who erved for some time. T. P. Bearden succeeded Hall as manager, which position he still holds. harlie Stallings is still with the ompany being local manager of the Dudley exchange.

Guy Hall lives in Oklahoma.

Some Early History of Baird

Baird, the county seat of Callahan county, was established in 1880. The town was named in honor of Matthew Baird, a director of the Texas and Pacific railway, who drove a stake here on the proposed route of Texas and Pacific railroad in 1876, when the engineers and directors of the company were on a trip along the proposed route. However, the first village was located just below the railroad lake on the north side of the railroad and was called Vickery.

The houses were moved to the present townsite a year or so later. The Texas and Pacific reached Baird in December 1880.

Early day business firms were: Phil and H. Schwartz, Ed Seay, S. L. Ogle, Foy and Richardson, Harry Meyer, Ed Coppins, E. K. Kane, and others whose names we do not recall.

On January 8, 1884, a disastrous fire swept the town, burning twenty-three business houses, which with few exceptions were frame structures.

The town began rebuilding at once, and came back stronger than ever with better buildings. The fire started in the rear of the S. L. Robinson store, located where the Jones Dry Goods Store now stands.

The public school house which stood in the lot where the A. Cook residence is now located, burned and for the remainder of the term the rock church building, which is now the Buckels home, was used for a school house. This building was erected by the Northern Methodist church, and for sometime was used by all denominations for a place of worship.

Among other business firms opening business here in the 1880's were: J. D. Boydston, who came from Rockwall and opened a dry goods store. His two sons, B. L. and W. D. Boydston were associated with their father. Later B. L. and W. D. Boydston went into business and are still in business here after forty-nine years. T. E. Powell had opened a dry goods business in 1885, and for many years had a big business. S. L. Driskell and J. Norton were early day grocerymen. Later W. J. McGowan moved from Cottonwood and was associated with J. Norton for sometime. Later, D. W. Wristen andE. M. Wristen engaged in the grocery business. H. C. and J. H. McGowan, sons of W. J. McGowan were engaged in the grocery business for a number of years.

Moon and Crowder were early day merchants, and later entered the lumber business, which was later sold to W. G. Bowlus, who is still in business at the same location.

H. F. Foy established a dry goods business here in 1892, and continued in business until his death a few years ago. R. Phillips druggist, Baird drug, later Nelson and St. John, Powell and St. John, druggist, still later Powell and Powell, and then Holmes Drug Co., which is still here. J. H. Terrell long-time druggist.

B. W. Vaughn was an early day grocer and furniture dealer; Gray andAustin hardware dealers, who sold out to Hadley Bros. C. S. Boyles Saddley and hardware Halsted and McFarlane, Arthur Yonge, F. T. Scott, Tidwell Bros., Carter and Trulove and J. C. Jones.

Mrs. Johnson, Frank Johnson andW. M. James were among the pioneer restuarant owners. There was the Sigal Hotel and the Whitley House, run by W. C. Whitley. The Seay hotel, built by J. B. Seay, at the time one of the finest hotels in this section. It burned some thirty years ago and was rebuilt and is now the Mae hotel. J. B. Maxwell built the building on the west side of the Callahan Hotel later the hotel was built adjoining.

W. G. Bowlus and the late W. A. Hinds, as contractors, built many houses in Baird. Mr. Bowlus being one of the oldest business men continuously in business here.

L. O. Oliver, A. C. Newbauer, and W. F. (Butch) Wilson were early meat market owners. Butch Wilson built the house The Star now occupies, for a meat market.

The city was incorporated January 22, 1889. The election for city officers was held Febuary 12, 1889.

F. S. Bell was elected mayor, L. Gould, W. E. Gilliland, Justin Cook, W. C. Powell, and D. Richardson were elected as city councilmen. J. E. W. Lane, marshall. In te second election, held April 1, 1890, D. Richardson was elected mayor. Dr. S. T. Fraser, W. C. Powell Justin Cook, John Rice and T. E. Powell as city councilmen. H. B. Price, marshall. Dr. R. G. Powell was the first county and city health officer. He also served as mayor of the

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Masonic Lodge First Fraternal Organization in Callahan County

The Baird Masonic Iodge No. 522 is the oldest fraternal organization in Callahan county, being organized at Belle Plain December 15, 1880, and was at that time called Belle Plain Lodge.

The first officers and charter members were: T. J. Largen, W. M.; W. J. Norman, S. W.; C. Estes, J. W.; E. S. Seay, treas.; W. H. Parvin, sec'y; J. E. Thomas, S. D.; W. C. Asbury, Tiler.

Larkin Hearn, E. S. Seay, Wm. H. Parvin, R. J. Harris, E. L. Huffman, P. S. Windham, Sam Cutbirth, C. C. Edwards, C. L. Terry, G. S. Hood, Richard Adams, S. H. Toney, N. M. Smith, T. J. Largen, J. D. Merchant, W. B. Chittem, W. C. Asbury, H. Windham, Z. R. Porter, C. W. Merchant, S. R. Dunagan, John Collins, C. R. Shappard, O. M. L. Parker, J. E. Heslep, J. F. Byler.

R. A. Barclay, B. W. Smith, A. J. Berry, W. J. Norman, J. E. Thomas, M. M. Terry, Thos, Russell, B. F. Williams, D. P. Hadley, V. B. Twomy, James P. Torrey, N. Estes, W. J. Power, J. J. Adkins, J. E. Gilliland, W. A. McCaury, Benj. Heath.

So far as known every member of the lodge at the time of ts organization is dead.

The lodge was moved to Baird oon after the county seat was moved here in 1883, and the name hanged to Baird Lodge.

Rowland Nichols is Worshipful Master, and H. Schwartz, secretary of the lodge at present.

H. C. Martin Famliy

Mrs. Sallie Hill of Baird is the only member of the H. C. Martin family former residents of Admiral who now lives in Callahan county. A. B. Martin, a brother, is now a member of the court of commission of appeals. A. P. Martin lives in Amarillo and is engaged in the oil business. Walter Martin, former county treasurer of Callahan county is now editor and proprietor of the Advocate at Artisia, N. M. Mr. Martin and family visited his sister the past week.

Mrs. J. J. Bookhart, who has been visiting her brothers, Hugh and James Ross, and Mrs. Ross, returned to her home in Dallas Thursday.

ELIZA GILLILAND
Present Owner of The Star

MRS. W. E. GILLILAND

HAYNIE GILLILAND
Associate Editor of The Star

The Oplin 4-H Club met Thursday 9th and planned for a Christmas party at Irma Brysons. The club invited Mrs. Mallie Johnson, Miss Brown and a partner each. The club decided that each ember should pay a fee of one ent each time absent.

Miss Brown will meet next ime at Lola Mae Poindexters to emonstrate hot beds.—Reporter.

THANKS!

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to everyone who has in any way assisted us in making this issue of The Star possible.

Miss Esther Nelson of Abilene, who handled the advertising matter, has done splendid work. She is thoroughly competent and untiring in her work, and we have enjoyed our few weeks association with her and sincerely thank her for the splendid work she has done.

To E. F. Butler of the Clyde Enterprise, B. F. Butler, editor of the Cisco Daily Press, W. D. Brecheen, supt. of the shop Floyd Pretz and Lawrence Hallowell, linotype operators on the Daily Press, we express our thanks for assistance in setting the type for this issue.

To the News Engraving Co. and The Abilene Reporter-News, we extend thanks for courtesies extended us. Last, but not least by any means, is Bill Austin, Bob Price and Raymond Rowland of the mechanical staff on The Star, who have worked with us almost day and night to get this issue out, we are truly grateful.

To the business and professional men of Baird who have cooperated heartily with us, also to the business men and citizens of all parts of Callahan county, and other points and we especially appreciate the splendid cooperation of the people of Abilene, to all we say thanks a million and may Christmas and the New Year bring happiness to all.

Sincerely,
ELIZA GILLILAND
HAYNIE GILLILAND

County Agent's Column

By Ross B. Jenkins, County Agt.

STEVE N. FOSTER CHAIRMAN OF COUNTY COMMITTEE

elected during the November 27 agent Saturday afternoon, December 4th, and elected their county committee. This committee was chosen by firt electing ac hairman for each of the three community committees which then moved up to become the county committee. Steve N. Foster was chosen as chairman of the committee. This makes the fifth year that Mr. Foster has served in this capacity and he is the only one retained from the 1937 committee. Mr. T. N. Minix of Denton was chosen as chairman of community No. 2 committee and vice chairman of the county committee. He replaces Lester Farmer of the 1937 board. A. E. Young of the Baird community No. 1 was selected to represent the ranching interests of the county. He replaces Chas. D. Straley of Oplin.

Upon thes houlders of these three men rests the responsibility of shoping the 1938 program and finishing the 1937 program. They met with the county agent Wednesday, December 8th, to adjust and certify to the state board the 1937 farm and ranch worksheets and applications. Soon after the first of the year the county board will accompany the county agent to a district meetingto be held at Brownwood to learn the rules that will govern the 1938 farm and ranch program.

Joel Griffin was chosen alternate to the county board. Mr. Griffin served as community committeeman in the plow-up of 1933 and has been an active cooperator with the federal programs ever since.

ALL COTTON NEED NOT BE SOLD BY JULY 1ST

Some producers are under the impression that in order to be eligible to receive money under the cotton subsidy arrangement all cotton grown in 1937 must be sold before July 1st. This is not correct. Payments will be made on the first sales in any amount up to 65 per cent of the base production if other requirements are met. Any farmer may easily calculate the amount of money he will receive by taking his base production or by taking the number of acres in his base, multiplying that by the yield allowed, then take 65 per cent of the total and that will be the number of pounds he will be allowed to receive a subsidy on, not in excess of 3 cents a pound. For instance, if the cotton base were 50 acres and the yield 100 pounds the base production would be 5000 pounds; 65 per cent of this would be 3250 pounds. The producer would draw 3 cents a pound on this amount if the 10 spot markets were below 9 cents, based on 7-8 inch middling. This would net the farmer $97.50 as his C. A. P. benefits. If 65 per cent of the cotton has not been sold by July 1st only that portion that has been sold will be paid for as outlined above.

WHAT FRUITS TO PLANT

With the splendid season in the ground now many producers are thinking and making inquiry of the county agent about the best fruits to plant. There are certain sections in this county that will successfully grow peaches. This set of recommendations is based on the need for a family of 5 and this orchard, if so set, should adequately supply this family.

PEACHES: Early Rose, 2; Carman, 4; Dr. Burton, 4; Hobson Cling, 4; Fairs Beauty, 6, and Frank, 10. PLUMS: Six Weeks, 2; Bruce, 2; Amercia, 2; Gold, 2; Sapa, 1. GRAPES: Niagara, 2; Beason, 2; Extra, 4; Black Spanish, 10; Fern Munson, 2; DEW-Young Berries, 20; BLACKBERRY: Early Wonder, 40; APPLES King David, 2; Jonathan, 2; Red Delicious, 1. If any pears are desired Le Conte, 1; Garber, 1; Douglas, 1; Keifer, 1. If you must have apricots, they will make good shade, plant Moorpark. If you plan persimmons, and they will grow successfully in some parts of this county, Eurica is may be ordered from the Locke Nursery at Poteet, Texas or the Hughes Plant Farm at Poteet. These nurseries are recommended because they speciali e in the growing of trawberry plants. Any reputable nurseryman may secure plants for you. Strawberries should never be expected to live more than two seasons, so new plants will necessarily be bought in this county at the end of two seasons. If it is desired to grow rapes on lands seemingly affected by root rot the Champanel rapes are immune to this disase. After the vine has successfully been grown any variety amed may be grafted upon it or successful yields.

Ross Jenkins Serves Well As County Agent

Ross B. Jenkins, county agent of Callahan county, is untiring in his work and has the cooperation of our people, which is fast changing the farming and stock raising conditions in Callahan county, which is one of the best farming and stock raising counties in the state. It is also becoming a fine fruit growing county and is now the largest producer of apples in West Texas.

The Shanks orchard of Clyde is the largest in the state, the agent says, and the Browning the largest producer of the delicious variety of apples. Shanks has 150 acres, Browning 35 acres, and the Perrin of South Clyde, 20 acres. These orchards are widely known and the Barr orchard of Cross Plains is another of the larger commercial blocks. Peaches are beginning to be set in commercial sizes and there are many small areas that will grow them well that are being set to the fruit.

During the past three years the county agent has grafted many grape cuttings into stocks that were valueless. This has proved one of the most valuable projects in the county. The Perry vineyard of Clyde has been almost totally revamped with startling improvements. There have been remarkable increases in yields in the Browning vineyard through the practice.

A move started this year to restore and preserve a fast-vanishing wildlife in the county has proved popular in the county. Since Curly Seale tacked up the first game preserve sign in the county, 85 farmers and ranchmen have signed a voluntary agreement with the county agent to help in the move. There are now 88,823 acres signed into the five major game preserves. Already there is a law prohibiting the shooting of a quail for the next three years.

In 1933 there were no trench silos in the county. The next year there was one; five the next 12 the next and there will be 40 built this year. Ranchers operating on a large scale have become interested this year and are getting more from than ever possible in feeding bundle feed otherwise.

The triple-A emergency programs have brought more farmers into cooperation than any other farm move ever started, says Jenkins. There are now 617 work sheets that cover 62,000 acres of the possible total of 100,000 cultivated acres in the county. There are 142 range applications that cover 312,000 acres. These combined applications will net the producers about 90,000 if they are fully compiled with.

About a dozen boys were enrolled in the first 4-H clubs started in 1933. Outstanding in the first enrollment was Bobby Williams of Putnam. He fed a beef calf each year until last year when he fed two and won a place in the first 10 placings at the Fort Worth Fat Stock show this past spring. There are now 132 boys enrolled in club work.

Callahan county has had the services of four county agents since the work was first put on October 1, 1916. On that date Roger Q. Evans was appointed and served until August 18, 1917 or one year and ten months. The county paid him $66.66 per month. On the 26th day of December the same year I. B. Cupp wes appointed and served until June 30, 1919 or one and one-half years. The county paid him $25.00 per month. At the same time they paid their county judge $83.00 per month and the sheriff $56.00 per month. As someone remarked, "Things were tough about then."

The county was without an agent for the next six years but on January 1, 1926 A. M. Cooper was appointed county agent and served until January 31, 1932. He served six years and one month. He was paid $83.33 per month. For eleven months of 1932 and nine months of 1933 there was no county agent. When the A. A. A. Programs were launched in 1933 Ross B. Jenkins was appointed, effective September 25, 1r33. During the first three months of the A. A. A. program, June 24 to September of 1933, Jenkins was paid direct from the Department of Agriculture from Washington and the county paid no part of the salary but beginning with October payroll in 1933 the county has paid the county agent $66.66 per month or a total of $800 per year. That is the salary that is now maintained and the same salary is paid to Miss Clara Brown, County Home Demonstration Agent.

Methodist Church, Baird

Grammar School Building, Baird

Church of Christ, Baird

Public School Building, Putnam

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Whereas, by virtue of Alias Execution issued out of the County Court of Callahan county, Texas, on a Judgement rendered in said court on the 3rd day of October, 1934, in cause No. 1069, in favor of The Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Abilene, Texas, a private corporation, against J. B. Conlee, defendant. I did on the 1st day of December, A. D. 1937, at one o'clock, p. m. levy upon the following described real estate, situated in Callahan county, Texas, the same being all of the interest of J. B. Conlee in and to 133 1-3 acres of land, more or less, being all that portion of that 533 1-3 acres, more or less, out of and a part of the James Simpson Survey No. 779, patented to Paschal B. Hamblin on August 6, 1861, by patent No. 319, Vol. 7, which 533 1-3 acre tracts liespartly in Brown county, Texas, and abstracted under Abstract No. 825, and partly in Callahan county, Texas, and abstracted under Abstract No. 543, and this levy is to cover and does cover all of the interest of the defendant, J. B. Conlee, in and all of said land as lying in Callahan county, Texas, all fully described by field notes in my return on said Execution to which reference is here made, and located about 3 miles South of Cross Plains, Texas, and generally known as the old Conlee Homestead; and on the 4th day of January, A. D. 1938, being the first Tuesday in said month, between the hours of ten o'clock A. M. and four o'clock P. M. on said day, at the Court House door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said J. B. Conlee in and to said property.

R. L. EDWARDS, Sheriff
Callahan county, Texas.
By C. R. Nordyke,
Deputy.

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Invented the Treadmill

The treadmill is the invention of Sir William Cubit and was introduced into the prisons of Great Britain about 1820. It has been generally abolished.

new unit of work this week, that of child training and construction of a child's garment.

Plans are being laid and a "Win the county meet" campaign, launched by the Baird high students, is beginning. It's a good start, for spirit, they say, is half the battle.

Mrs. Marshall Manning returned a few days ago from Dallas, where she took her little son for examination in the Scottish Rite hospital for cripple children. Johnnie was fitted up with new braces and specially made shoes and is doing nicely according to the attending doctors. Mr. and Mrs. Manning request The Star to say in their behalf that they sincerely appreciate the kindness of the members of the Masonic fraternity in Baird and of the hospital which made it possible for their little boy to receive this treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Plowman from the Bayou, were in town Tuesday.

FOR RENT—Nice Bedroom, with or without meals. MRS. E. C. PRETZ.

Gifts FOR THE ENTIRE Family

At Holmes Drug Co. you can find appreciative gifts for all your friends and famliy.

Gifts FOR HER

King's Fine Chocolates $1.00 to $5.00
Finer Elgin Watches $25.00 to $55.00
Cutex, Glazo, Evening in Paris and Coty's Toilet Sets in prices you can afford to pay.

Gifts FOR HIM

Bill Folds that are worth giving, and priced at amounts you can easily pay. Beautiful Lamps that will be appreciated

Fire Works of all kinds for the kidies.
Fitted Bags for the Ladies—Hand Bags

It is our pleasure to serve you, and a visit to our store for your Christmas shopping will be handled by experienced and friendly clerks.

HOLMES DRUG CO.

PHONE 11. *"Bus Depot"* BAIRD, TEXAS

SEASONS GREETINGS From . . . .

A and P FOOD STORE

May We Continue to Merit Your Generous Patronage

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Driskill

BAIRD, TEXAS

CHRISTMAS

In the

Old Home Town

This is the time of year we best appreciate old friends and customers. We want you to know we appreciate your generous patronage. May we better merit your cooperation this coming year!

Our Store Is Stocked with Staple and Fancy Food for Christmas

We also want to express our thanks to The Baird Star for its splendid historical edition to us "Born and Reared" in Callahan county. The special issue means much.

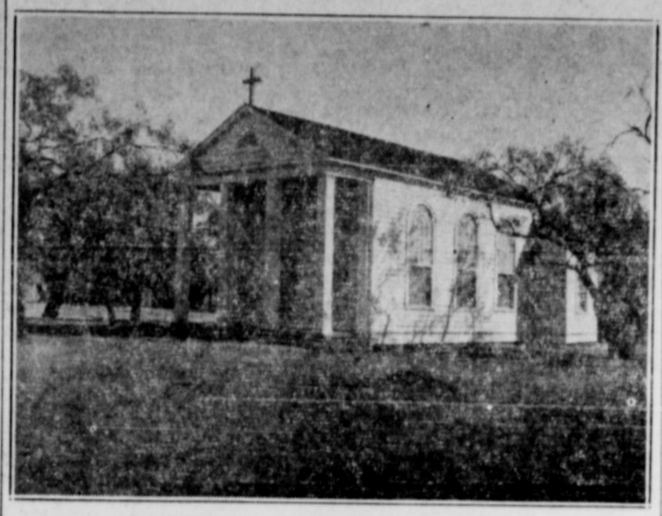
A. B. HUTCHINSON GROCERY

MARKET — FEED

BAIRD, TEXAS

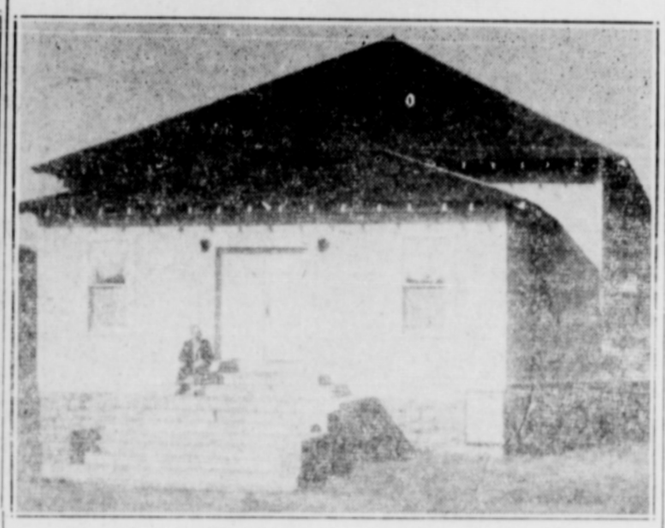
Presbyterian Church, Baird

Episcopal Chapel of the Lord's Prayer



Catholic Church, Baird

Baptist Church, Baird



Left to right: Wm. Evans, W. A. Everette, commissioner, Precinct No. 3; Virgil Jones, commissioner, Precinct No. 1; Victor B. Gilbert, county judge; G. H. Clifton, commissioner Precinct No. 4; J. H. Carpenter, commissioner, Precinct No. 2. Mr. Carpenter later served six years as county judge.

JESSE HART
Oldest Resident of County, Coming Here in 1868. Mr. Hart Is President of the Callahan Pioneer Association.

Elevation of Land in Ohio

The average elevation of land in Ohio is 565 feet above sea level and 200 feet above Lake Erie.

Peanut Butter in 1896

Peanut butter was first placed on the market as a health food around 1896.

Maine's Coastline

The state of Maine has a direct coastline of 250 miles, but it is so notched with bays and inlets that it has a tidal line of more than 2,400 miles—equal in length to one-half the entire Atlantic coastline of the United States.

Two-Meaning Word

There seems to be little connection between flattery and the wagging of a dog's tail, yet in nearly all the Northern European languages the same word signified both.

Dr. J. M. Estes Was Pioneer of County

DR. J. M. ESTES

Began His Medical and Surgical Career in Callahan County

Perhaps no son of Callahan county merited and received more love and esteem than Dr. J. M. Estes, one of Texas' leading surgeons up until his untimely death near Los Angeles, California, October 10th of this year. Though moving to Abilene in Taylor county in 1910, the people have always claimed him as their own. For here was the old Estes home place; here his boyhood pals, his high school—his first college. Here he began his useful career as a physician and surgeon. Here he often returned to practice and to visit relatives and friends. Here he lives in the heart of a sturdy pioneer people.

Dr. Estes was born August 18, 1874, in McKinney, Texas, the son of R. J. and Alice McCall Estes. His parents moved to Callahan county when he was a year old.

After graduating from the Clyde high school he attended old Belle Plain College, at one time a flourishing school in Callahan county. Later he entered Simmons College, the fore-runner of Hardin-Simmons University, from which he graduated in 1896. His medical education was obtained in the medical department of the University of Texas from which he was graduated in 1899. After his graduation he took post graduate work in New York Polyclinic, Cook County Memorial Hospital, Chicago, Printy Hospital, Chicago and Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.

Dr. Estes began his practice of medicine at Clyde where he remained twelve years before moving to Abilene. In the latter city he was engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery until the time of his death. He was associated with Dr. J. M. Alexander in the operation of the Alexander Sanitarium until 1923. He then operated his own emergency clinic and hospital for one year, following which he became a member of the West Texas Memorial Hospital which later became th Hendrick's Memorial Hospital. Dr. Estes was a member of the State Medical Association and the American Medical Association, first through Callahan, and after his removal to Abilene of the Taylor County Medical Society from 1907 to 1937 inclusive. At the time of his death he was Chief of Staff of the Hendrick's Memorial Hospital and was accounted by his associates as an outstanding surgeon of Texas.

For many years he served as physician for Hardin-Simmons University at a nominal fee. The love for his alma-mater was only increased as the years past and this was reciprocated ten-fold by the student bodies. It was in California to witness the Hardin-Simmons-Layola game when the accident occurred that cost him his life.

A member of the First Baptist church, Dr. Estes' circle of associates and friends was greatly enlarged. He was also a Mason of high degree and a member of the Knights of Pythias.

Many interesting stories of his boyhood in Callahan county were told by Dr. Jack. None he loved to tell more than about his family's coming to this section. Bringing the first load of furniture by wagon express, it was left under a tree near Clyde until the father returned with the second load and the family. Though the furniture remained under the tree for days, nothing was molested but a water keg which some cowboys borrowed and returned.

Plaster Cast of Dinosaur

A gigantic plaster cast of a dinosaur skeleton, found in Wyoming, has been installed in the South Kensington Museum, London.

Stamp With Christ's Figure

The first stamp to bear the figure of Christ was published by Portugal in 1895.

Model for Scott's "Ivanhoe"

Rebecca Grantz, educator and philanthropist of Philadelphia, who was born in 1782 and died in 1869, was the person on whom Sir Walter Scott modeled his Rebecca in "Ivanhoe." Nevertheless, the two never met. Rebecca Grantz was the companion of Washington Irving's fiancee, Matilda Hoffman, who died before their wedding day. Irving described Rebecca Grantz to Scott while he was a guest of Scott's at Abbotsford in England after Scott told him of his plan for "Ivanhoe." When Scott rote his novel Irving's description of Rebecca Grantz was used for the beautiful Jewish Rebecca of the novel.

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History of The Baird Star

W. E. Gilliland who founded The Baird Star, began his newspaper career in Sept., 1886, when he established The Tecumseh Banner at Tecumseh, where he was manager of the J. D. Windham & Sons general mercantile business. The establishing of the little paper was primarily to advertise the business, but had a circulation of several hundred copies and carried local and national advertising.

It was with the establishing of the Tecumseh Banner that Mr. Gilliland adopted the motto: "'Tis neither birth, nor wealth or state, but get-up-get, that make men great." I believe the motto was taken from a Georgia paper.

Mr. Gilliland continued the publication of the Banner until November 17, 1887, when he discontinued it to move to Baird to take charge of the Callahan County Clarendon which he bought from Howard Allen on Nov. 10th. He assumed his new duties on Nov. 28th., which was his 39th birthday.

At the time, Mr. Gilliland purchased the plant it was located in a frame building where the Plaza Theatre now stands. He moved the plant which consisted of a Washington hand press, a Prouty job press, a small paper cutter and several type stands with a fairly good assortment of type, to a frame building located on the corner where the Odd Fellows Hall now stands and where the first issue of The Baird Star was issued on December 8, 1887.

Printers working on the first issue were: Lee Estes, Leslie Burk and Russell Allen.

Early in 1888, Mr. Gilliland added new type, etc., and in June of that year he installed a Country Prouty news press which had previously been used by the Abilene Reporter, then published by C. E. Gilbert. The old Prouty was a hand press but after a few months' use, a small oil-burning steam engine was rigged up to run the press by steam power. In the spring of 1889, the office was moved to the Moon & Crowder frame building across the street about where the City Hall now stands. In 1891 the office was moved to a frame building where McElroy's store is now located. Baird was growing rather rapidly at this time and Mr. Gilliland decided that he would find a permanent home for The Star so he purchased the corner lot where the old Star office now stands and built a frame building 24x40 and The Star was moved to its new home in September, 1892, where for 41 years The Star was published, the plant being moved to the present location on main street in December, 1933.

Soon after moving into the first permanent home, a larger steam engine and other equipment was added. Later a gasoline engine was installed which in time was discarded and an electric motor installed.

In 1926-'27 all new equipment except the folder was installed. The Mergenthaler Linotype, a Babcock Standard news press, an automatic job press 12x18, a small job press, perforating, punching, stapling machines, cutter, etc., and The Star now has as well equipped printing plant as will be found in any print shop in West Texas.

The Prouty news press was used for nearly 39 years and when the cement foundation was built for the new Babcock the old press was torn down and put into the foundation.

Mr. Gilliland, who established and edited The Star for 41 years was a native Texan, born near Union Hill in Washington county, Nov. 28, 1848. When a 12-year-old boy in 1860, he came with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Haynei A Gilliland to Brown county. Mr. and Mrs. Abel McCain and family also came at the same time and the two families established homes on the south side of Pecan Bayou near Byrd's Store, building log cabins. Here his mother died in the latter part of 1861 and was buried on the McCain ranch, where later Mr. McCain and one of his children were buried. His father, accompanied by his five orphaned children and a negro slave girl, who came with them, returned to Washington county where the maternal grandparents of the children, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. McClellan, cared for them, their father going into the Confederate service, being stationed near Little Rock, Arkansas, where he died in 1862. Mr. Gilliland was the eldest of the children and made a regular hand on the plantation of his grandfather. When a boy 15 years of age he drove a freight wagon from Burton to Brenham, driving ox teams. Later he freighted for several years, driving ox teams from Brenham to Houston.

In 1870 he returned to Brown then the county seat of Callahan county to assist his aunt, Mrs. McCain, in gathering and selling her cattle. He was married to Miss Dicie Windham, youngest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Windham on March 28, 1872, the wedding being at the Windham arnch on the Bayou east of Byrd's Store. Mr. Gilliland built a log house a mile north of the Windham ranch, cutting the logs from timber on a mountainside nearby. He drove an ox team to Austin to get shingles and flooring for the new house, the trip requiring some four weeks. The family lived there until December, 1882, when they moved to Belle Plain, then the county seat of Callahan county, where Mr. Gilliland served as office deputy for Sheriff J. W. Jones. He had served as tax assessor of Brown county one term, 1881-82.

When the county seat was moved to Baird in 1883, Mr. Gilliland moved all the county records to Baird where the family lived until December of that year when they moved to Tecumseh Mr. Gilliland went to work for J. D. Windham & Sons as manager of the store at that place, which had been established several years previous. A new building was erected, a two-story building 24 x60, the Masonic Hall being located in the upper story. This was at the time one of the largest country stores in this section and did an enormous business until the disastrous drouth of 1885-'86-'87. During this drouth thousands of head of cattle were driven on shipped to West Texas.

Mr. Gilliland was a gentleman of the old south, and frontierman, of Texas,having seen the county change from wilds of the old west where the buffalo roamed the prairies to a land of busy industry, beautiful farms, ranches and growing cities. He was fearless and faithful in the performance of his duties as he saw it and could differ with his fellowmen on matters of all kind without letting personal feeling entering into the matter.

Mr. Gilliland died Jan. 14, 1929 from a cerebral hemorrhage, being ill less than two hours. He was 80 years old but was active until the last.

His grave in Ross cemetery is marked by perhaps the only marker of the kind. The marker is made of two imposing stones which had been in use in The Star office. One a 3x6 stone made of native limestone and used in The Callahan County Clarendon office from the time it was established Nov. 15, 1879. The other a 3x3 marble stone used in the Tecumseh Banner office. The large stone is set in an 8-inch concrete base full length, being reinforced with the rollar cores and carriage from the old Prouty news press. The smaller stone is placed on top of this stone and bears the inscription:

"W. E. Gilliland, born in Washington county, Texas, Nov. 28, 1848.

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Mrs. Gilliland died Dec. 23, 1934 following a short illness. Mrs. Gilliland's parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Windham, came from Angilena county to Brown county in 1864, Dr. Windham being one of the first doctors to locate in Brown county. His practice extended over a wide area and as he rode horseback on his visits to the sick he would be gone for days at a time. There were five boys and three girls in the family, Sam, Cal, Tod, Willis and Tom, Eliza, Mary and Dicie. Mary and Willis died soon after the family located in Brown county. The eldest son, Sam, married and established his home a few miles from the old ranch. In 1874 Tod, Cal and Tom Windham moved their cattle to Callahan county, settling on the Bayou just south of where Denton is now located. The first camp house was a picket house with buffalo hides for a roof. They built a log house where Dr. and Mrs. Windham moved a few years later. In 1878-'79, Dr. Windham built a nice two-story rock house at Tecumseh, which at the time was the nicest home in Callahan county. Dr. Windham was perhaps the first to put out an orchard in the county. He had a fine orchard, growing fruits of all kind. He and Mrs. Windham lived on this place the remainder of their lives.

Dr. and Mrs. Windham were kind and charatable to all who were sick or unfortunate. It was generally known that any cowboy who rode the range in the early days could always find a home with Dr. and Mrs. Windham and many in bygone years found a home there.

Eliza Windham married Capt. John W. Jones in 1871 in Brown county. They moved to Callahan in the late 70's. Tod, Tom and Cal married and established homes near their parents. Tom Windham, the youngest of his family, is the only surviving member of the Windham family. He and Mrs. Windham are now living in the first home they bought, the H. Lilius home at the foot of Tecumseh Peak where they began housekeeping soon after their marriage in Dec. 1883. Here the rugged old cowman who has ridden many roundups on the Texas frontier, and his wife, surrounded by their children and grandchildren, are spending the evening of life, contented and happy in the old home to which several rooms have been added since they moved there in 1884.

Other members of the Windham family living in and near Callahan county are: Mrs. Tod Windham and son, Hilary, Oplin; Mrs. Ada Thompson, Novice; Mrs. Myrtle McIntyre, Tuscola; Mrs. Eula Presslar, Eastland; Grover Windham, Dudley; Willis Windham, Brownwood; Mrs. H. C. Grantham, who is the widow of Cal Windham, Dudley; Roy Windham, Tecumseh; Eli and Ed Windham and Mrs. Edna Early live in California. Forrest Windham lives in Parker county, Tom Windham lives in New Mexico; T. M. Windham, Mrs. Mary Bowden and Mrs. Eliza Phillips, children of Sam Windham still live on and near the old Windham home in Brown county. Lev. B. Windham, the youngest son, lives at Lawn, Mrs. Mandy Floyd the eldest daughter lives at Tahoka. Mrs. Ann Windham widow of J. A. Windham, a half brother of the Windhams lives at Arlington and is nearing her 97 birthday. Tom Windham's children, John, Sam, Frank, Ernest and Tommie Windham, Mrs. Winnie Jordan and Mrs. Lollie Straley all live near the old home at Oplin.

Sam H. Gilliland of Coleman, younger brother of W. E. Gilliland is the only surviving member of his family. Mr. Gilliland lived with his brother at Tecumseh for four years, working in the store and on the Windham ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilliland were the parents of twelve children, Sam the eldest son, died in 1889, at 2 years of age. Ellen, the next youngest daughter, died in 1925 at 29 years of age.

Surving children of Mr. and Mrs. Gilliland are: Mrs. J. R Price, Van Horn; Mrs. Amy Walker, Balmorhea; Mrs. Dor Carter Welch, Mrs. Larry Blakley living on the Bayou; Mrs. Larmer Henry, Mrs. Robert Estes, Misses Eliza, John and Eliska and Haynie Gilliland, Baird.

Grandchildren: Mrs. Lee D. Kingston, Mrs. Casey Farrington, Balmorhea; Mrs. J. B. Van Deren, El Paso; Mrs. Bob Willoughby, Van Horn; Richard and Archie Price and Mrs. Wade Harding. California; Olin, Jones and Iley Price, Van Horn; Tom Price, Albany; Bob Price, Baird; Robert, Nina Manche, Grace and Betty Blakley, Bayou; Haynie and Don Carter, Welch; Billie and Loraine Henry, Patty and Dorothy Estes, Baird.

Great grandchildren: Amy Lee, Louise, Jackie and Patty Frances Kingston and Jamie Jeanette, Farrington, Balmorhea; Mrs. Allen Hoeff, Saragosa; Kilbourn Adair, and Lynn Price, Nell Virginia Price, Margie and Richard Hardin, California; Bobbye Jane Mary Frances and Dick Price and Dorothy Henry, Baird; Gwynn X. Price, Van Horn. Five grandchildren and one great-grandchild died in infancy.

Roy Armour of Tecumseh now own both the Gilliland and Windham homes.

John Clements, of Dudley, who is the only colored home owner in Callahan county, came with Dr. Windham to Callahan county.

John was a four-year-old boy when he, with his mother, "Mammy Caroline," came to live with the Windhams in Brown county in 1868. John, faithful to "Mars John and Miss Fannie," stayed with Dr. and Mrs. Windham as long as they lived, ever thoughtful of their comfort and happiness. "Mammy Caroline" died about three years ago in Coleman, where she had lived for the past 40 years. She was 92 years old.

MONDAY EXHIBITS AT THE FAIR

This cartoon is run in this issue of The Star through the courtesy of John Knott, Dallas News cartoonist, and the Dallas News. The cartoon ran in the Dallas Journal October 30, 1914, when Mr. Gilliland attended a meeting of the Texas Press Association, which we believe was the last meeting of the association he ever attended. J. J. Taylor, editor of State Press column in the Dallas News and Mrs. Tufts of the Lancaster Herald and W. C. Edwards, who has quit the newspaper business, are the only surviving members of the group featured in the cartoon.

Early Residents of Callahan County

Windham's Store was located just north of the Tecumseh Mountain range in the southwest part of the county in about 1880, by Dr. J. D. Windham, where he kept a general store. In 1884 a large two-story building was built and a big stock of general merchandise put in. Later, when a post office was etsablished, the place was given the name Tecumseh. W. E. Gilliland was the first postmaster.

One of the first ranches established was the G. W. Denton ranch, which covered a wide area in that section, the land being bought from the state of Texas byMr. Denton. Mr. Denton died in England a few years later, leaving his wife and only son, "Huntie" Denton, the only heirs to the large estate. Bill Ellis lived on the ranch and looked after the estate. Mrs. Denton and son often came to the ranch for a month or so visit.

It was on one of these visits that Huntie Denton met a tragic death while hunting deer by the accidental discharge of his gun which he had leaned against a tree while he got on his horse, and when he reached for the gun the trigger caught on a limb and the charge struck him in the left side. Bill Ellis who was with him carried him to a protected thicket and hurried to Dr. Windham's home a few miles away. The wounded man was carried to the Denton ranch but died the following day. His mother, wife and baby daughter survived him, and a few years later the land was put on the market and sold to farmers and ranchmen of that section, which is a fine farming and ranch country.

Among the early families of Tecumseh, Denton and Dudley were: H. B. Smallwood, Aunt Nancy Martin, Uncle George and Rachel Martin, J. F. Barton, Perry Barton, Phil Yost, Albert Dahms, Tom Johnson, H. Lilius, Chris Johnson, J. M. Caddenhead, Mat and J. W. Thomas, Uncle Jimmie Smith, Hugh Moore, Wince Coats, Jim and John Simpson, Dr. C. H. Shapard, W. P. Coats, Buck Miller Bellamy, Rev. C. W. Stampes, Rev. D. C. Starks, Sam Buchanan, J. W. Powell, Dave Self, J. O. Shelby, Buck Kelly, Newt Ferguson, Dave Self.

Simp Slaughter, Uncle Jim Conner, the blind broom maker, Joe Stone, Pete Hanna, Capt. Taylor, Tom Clark, Charles Lisman, Ed Deecy, Tom Keblinger, T. B. Holland, H. R. Kendrick, J. E. Scott, Worth Williams Dudleys Kaufmans, Capt. Trent, Arthur Anderson, W. I. Capps, Bill Ellis, G. O. Gresswell and mother Dave Parker, Pink and Bose Coats, J. M. Bailey, Mat and Steve Shelly, Pete and George Loper, Grandma Slaughter and family, D. S. and Will Avery, Joe and Sam Friend, Rocky Thomas, W. B. Toomey, W. H. Wallace, Blakes, Will and Henry Berry, W. M. Price, Dick Price, Met, John and Gene Rumph, J. M. Bailey, Steve Wilkinson, Capt. Trent, Gardners. Covingtons, Martins, Wyat Hanks, Isham and Ed Harris.

Oplin was started a few years later as a thriving little village, has two gins, a general store, drug store and garages and several stations.

Dudley, Denton, and Eula are also thriving villages, have good schools, churches, services stations, etc.

Rowden and Admiral are two more inland villages which have service station, store, mail routes etc. Early settlers in this section were Uncle Billy Walker, R. J. Harris, Jim Mitchell, Smartt's, H. C. Martin, W. K. Davis, Jack Clifford, Daniel Scott, M. R. Street, J. E. Eastham, Harry Height, John Brown, Clark Smith Geo. Black, J. H. Finch, Jim Beasley, Capt. Maltby, Sikes, McCoys, Smedleys, Jesse and Miss Susie Walker.

Rowden has a general store and postoffice. Cottowood, which got its name from Cottonwood Springs a few miles away, is one of the oldest communities in the county. Jules Norton was the first postmaster, the mail being brougt over from Caddo Peak by Ben Huff once or twice a week. Ted Archer carried the first regular mail on the route from Cottonwood to Putnam one day and the next day to Caddo Peak and on to Cross Plains, and back to Cottonwood.

Early residents of Cottonwood were: Dan Robinson, John Breeding, Severe, John and Dave McDonald, Mrs. L. A. Brashears, John Kelly, Charnel Hightower, Grance Randals, Green and Henry Robinson, Dr. J. H. Yonley, Judge E. E. Solomon was one of the first teachers in Cottonwood.

Hose Weaver was one of the first merchants. Dr. Broadnax, first doctor, Tom Perry, first justice fo the peace; Judge Robinson served as justice of the peace for more than thirty years.

Early residents of the Turkey Creek community were A. J. Arvin, who still lives nearby; J. C. Holly, Tom Smith, im Harris, Jim Crawford, Sam Harris, Jim Harris, John Coats, English Walker, Ed and Emet Lee, W. D. Richardson, Bill and Tom Atwood, Wm. Nessmith, Ski Potter, Bud Booth, William Evans, Mrs. Evans is living here yet and is 88 years old but does her own work raising chickens garden and milking cows.

At Caddo Peak old settlers were: B. A. Olds, Sampson Moore, Payne, E. H. Hudson. Mr. Hudson was the first county commissioner from this precinct. Andy Hudson is still living on the old place his father settled. C. J. Ogelsby opened a little store and was made postmaster and was the only man to ever hold the postoffice at Caddo Peak. The first school was taught by Miss Mary Strickland and Clark Gillit, and sons, Charlie, Walter, and Irion were early residents, also J. W. Aiken, B. A. Odell, John and Dave McDonald, Mose Jones whose oldest son Mont Jones, was the first child born in the county after it was organized. J. A. Moore, Mike Wyatt, Mrs. Henderson now lives in the home her father Henry McDonald built.

Among the early residents at Cross Plains were J. M. Coffman, John T. Gilbert, Ep Boyd, the Barrs, Jim Harlow, R. P. Odom, W. A. McGown, Dr. Robinson, Dr. Cockran, Harlows, Harpolis Baums.

Cross Plains is the next largest city in Callahan county. It is located in the oil fields of the southeast part of the county, and

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S. E. Settle Wrote History of County

S. E. SETTLE

To the late S. E. Settle, county clerk of Callahan, is due more credit perhaps than any other citizen for writing the history of Callahan county.

Mr. Settle devoted much of his spare time the last few years of his life to writing the history of the county from the county records much of this history was published in The Star a few years ago. Mr. Settle also located and made plots of a number of old grave yards in Callahan county many of them being almost forgotten.

Whatever history of the county is written in the future will probably be based on facts Mr. Settle took from the county records.

Mr. Settle wrote poetry and the following poem which was written by him several years before his death is published as a tribute to his memory.

SATISFIED

Each day ambition seeks another quest,
Just a little better than the rest;
To attain it, we are gratified,
But never satisfied.

Think of those problems of the past,
And of the noble fortunes cast,—
Of valiant souls, true and tried,
Yet they were not satisfied.

Our Fore-Fathers came from o'er the seas,
And here, sought GOD'S blessings on their knees;
Their hearts, their souls, they all allied,
Just for longings to be satisfied.

But, lest the thought I transgress,
Everything is mine to possess,
If I am truly qualified,
But yet I'm sure, I would not be satisfied.

Then alas! Why the tempest at the mast?
If I am numbered with them so vast,
By Him the Just, who for us died,—
Then I'll be SATISFIED.

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Many Printers Have Held Down Cases on The Star in the Past 50 Years

Since The Star was established fifty years ago, many printers have "held down cases" on the paper.

The late Lee Estes, Leslie Burks and Russell Allen, son of M. H. Allen, from whom W. E. Gilliland bought The Callahan Clarendon, were the first printers. Bob Palmore and Lyman Gould followed.

"Mont" Somes, a printer from Michigan, came next in 1888 and worked for about two years. Mr. Gilliland often said that "Somes" as he always called him, was the best allround printer who ever worked on The Star. Lee Estes was working at the same time and W. G. Bowlus, veteran lumberman of Baird, was then a young man who was a close friend of Somes and Estes, and stayed around the office a great deal. A strong bond of friendship grew between the three young men and Editor Gilliland, whom they called "Boss", which lasted on down through the years. Mr. Somes, who has followed the printer's trade throughout the years, being one of the first old-time printers to take up Linotype work in which he was considered the best, has recently retired, coming back to his home in Pecos from New York where he has worked for the past eight or ten years.

E. E. Wilson, Jan Byrd, Austin Hensley, Elmer Pool, Pat Garland, W. P. Conley, Frank Pulver, Marvin Bailey, Don Biggers, W. W. Williams, James H. Walker, Col. George W. Simmons, who was a most interesting character. He was highly educated, having seen much military service. He worked on The Star six years, arriving here in March 1920. His health failed and in 1927 he went to Nacogdoches to live with, Mrs. Ada Johnson, who formerly owned the Odessa News, where Mr. Simmons worked for a number of years before coming to Baird. He died there a few years later at 82 years of age.

Walter E. Arnold, a Baird boy, now living in El Paso, worked for a few months on The Star.

There were a number of old time "journeymen printers" who came through Baird at intervals and would work for a few days. Among them "Dad" Osborn, who was 82 years of age the last time he dropped in some years ago. Goldberg and "Uncle Ben" Buchanan, who was a happy hearted old fellow, who has been coming every few years for the past 40 years. "Uncle Ben" was here about two years ago on his way to Fort Worth, where he expected to spend the remainder of his life with relatives. He was then about 85 years of age. Mr. Gilliland never turned a pilgrimage printer away hungry or cold. He would always give them a meal and many times when the weather was cold he would send them to a hotel for a bed.

Jack Waite worked as an apprentice for some time in 1928, later A. J. Robinson, of Houston, worked as Linotype operator for about two years. He was followed by the late Robert Walker of Dallas. Floyd Pretz worked for two years on The Star, and is now with the Cisco Free Press. Bill Austin is now with The Star as an apprentice.

During the years members of the Gilliland family have worked on the paper. Eliza Gilliland, the present owner, and younger sister, Amy Gilliland, now Mrs. J. H. Walker of Balmorhea, began work on the paper when it was established, working evenings and Saturdays during school. They both had some experience in the work, having helped their father in the Tecumseh Banner which he published at Tecumseh in 1886. Miss John Gilliland began work later and worked on the paper for 17 years before going to work in the postal service in 1908. Miss Gilliland is now postmaster at Baird. Irene Gilliland, now Mrs. Don Carter of Dawson county, and Willie Gilliland, now Mrs. Larmer Henry of Baird, worked in the office some months. In fact every member of the Gilliland family has helped with the work in the office at some time during the past fifty years.

Haynie Gilliland began work as "office devil" when quite young and has worked since except two years spent with his uncle and aunt, Capt. and Mrs. J. W. Jones at their ranch on Clear Creek, and a year spent in the army during the World War.

Six grandsons of the founder of The Star have worked in the office beginning as "office devils". They are Richard Price of Gardena, California, who stayed with the job, making a good Linotype operator and printer, Bob Price of Baird, who is also a good printer and often drops around to help us out and get a smell of printer's ink. He helped get out this editon, Archer Price, of Arizona, who made a good printer Jones and Iley Price now of Van Horn, who worked for some time and Billie Henry of Baird who took a turn as "printer's devil" for a year or so.

"DEEP CREEK JINGLES"

By SIDNEY S. HARVILLE
The Star Staff Poet

It is great to turn back
The pages of time,
And write again as I used to,
A jingling rhyme.
I am glad of the honor
That I was given this place,
And as an old correspondent
Was reserved this space.

Many days have gone by;
Most of them glad.
But of course all through life
Some have to be sad.
But as I write for these pages
That are golden with time.
I write with a feeling
That is truly sublime.

Forty years with eagerness
Each line I have read;
Telling news of the living,
And announcing the dead.
Announcing a marriage,
Or announcing a birth
Maybe a few lines of sadness
And always some mirth.

And in writing these lines
I can think of a man
As a respecting, admiring,
Fellow citizen can.
He is good "Uncle Bill"
As we called him at times,
When our sincere affection
We told in our rhyme.

He was God fearing and honest;
Loved his family and neighbor.
All his earthly possessions
Were the fruit of his labor. --
But he and his good wife
Have gone now to rest,
And we have always been taught
That Jesus knows best.

But now, Miss Eliza
With her hand at the wheel,
Can guide "The Baird Star"
To success, we all feel:
"For 'tis neither birth
Nor wealth or state,
But the get-up-and-get
That makes men great."

There is always a feeling
Of something we lack
Of things we should have done,
When we try to look back.
But we are proud of the memory
That goes back to the past,
And of course, we are hopeful,
Through our lives it will last.

Memory is so sweet
In our own childhood joys
When we think of the days
We were carefree boys
Down on old Deep Creek
My old boyhood home,
I like to visit the old swimming hole
ming hole
And on its banks again roam.

Just to feel again the fish
As it tugs at the line.
And to hunt squirrels in the pecans
When the morning was fine.
As others write of the past
I hope that it will,
Give to you, as it has to me,
A glad feeling or thrill.

So now to the Gillilands
Of our cherished "Baird Star"
We wish you success and happiness
Where ever you are.
And to the old pioneers
And the young readers too,
May you have wealth and success
All the way through.

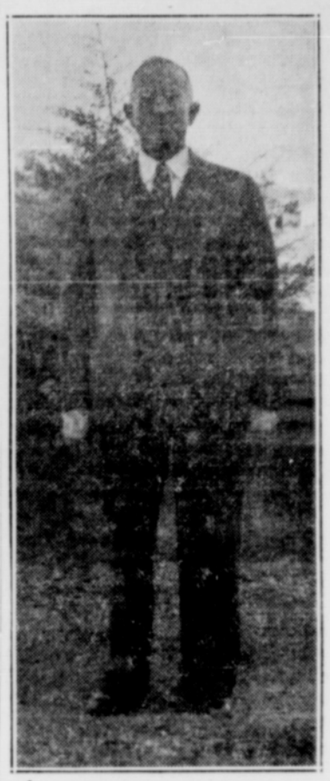
So we have all had a life
Of joy, sadness and care
May God's blessings be yours
Is forever my prayer.
Now let me sign as I used to
For some may not know it
I was the writer from Deep Creek
And "The Star's Staff Poet."

"Happy Jack"

L. J. COOK

Louis Cook as he is known best to his friends was an early day correspondent for The Star, writing under the pen name, "Rusty Rube", and "Happy Jack". His weekly letters not only gave the news of Putnam and community, but a bit of humor as well. Mr. Cook has been closely identified with the business interests of Putnam for many years and is a pioneer groceryman of that city.

"Patsy"



R. P. "Patsy" STEPHENSON

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ngratulations to the Baird in its 50th birthday and tings to all its readers.

"Patsy"

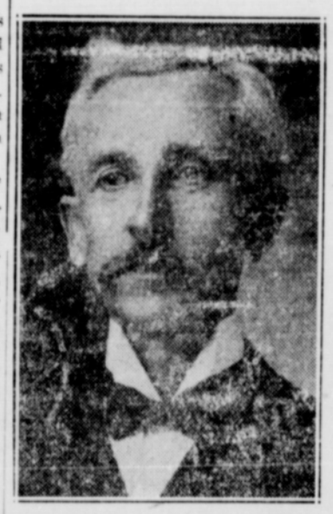
GREETINGS FROM REV. JNO. P. HARDESTY

We lived in Clyde from the year 1906-08. These were two of the most pleasant and profitable years of my ministry. As missionary of the Callahan County Association I held revival meetings in practically every community in the county. I have always appreciated the good people of Callahan and am delighted to have the privilege of extending greetings on this the fiftieth anniverary of The Baird Star.

Fraternally years,
JNO. P. HARDESTY.

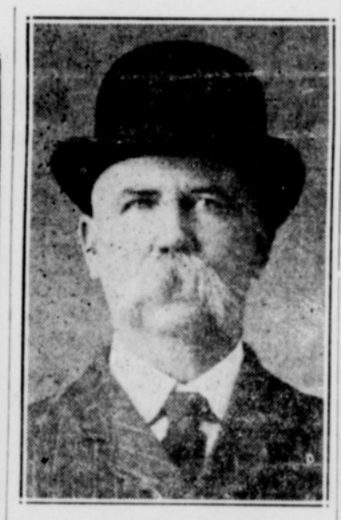
Universal Postal Union

The Universal Postal Union was organized in 1878. It followed an earlier union formed in 1874. It includes practically all nations on the globe. These countries are declared to be a single postal territory for the reciprocal exchange of correspondence.



J. F. FOY
Pioneer Merchant of Baird

MRS. BESSIE FOY SHORT
Teacher in Baird Public School



OTIS BOWYER
Pioneer Lawyer and Former County Judge

Items From The First Issue of The Baird Star, December 8, 1887

Following is a reproduction of all items and other articles of interest appearing in the first issue of The Baird Star, December 8, 1887.

SALUTATORY

We begin this week, the publication of The BAIRD WEEKLY STAR. We must honestly confess that it is with no small degree of trepidation that we enter the field of journalism. We know full well that we will have many obstacles to overcome, if we make the paper a success. That it requires money and hard unremitting toil to successfully conduct a county newspaper we are also fully advised by experience little experience we have had in the business heretofore, but if we have the support and encouragement of the people of Baird and Callahan county (and we believe we will) we will do our best to publish a paper that will be a credit to Callahan county and its people.

As to the general policy and make-up of the paper we make no promises, but will let the paper speak for itself.

W. E. GLILILAND.

The carpenters in Baird are all busy as bees.

D. J. Brandon, of Eagle Ford was in town Saturday.

Mr. Joseph Prew, the Postmaster at Eagle Cove, paid the STAR a visit last Saturday.

Rev. W. E. Burke, we regret to learn, is very low, with but little hope of recovery.

If you think the Baird merchants haven't any enterprise, just cast your eye over our columns.

Maj. D. Richardson, land agent of the T. & P. informs us that the cash receipts at his office for land sold, interest etc., one day last week, was greater than any one day since the land office was established in Baird. This shows that times are getting better. We honestly believe that the entire secion in on he eve of a veritable boom.

Mr. W. R. McDermett, our County Assessor, left for Houston, last Saturday where he goes as a delegate to the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M., which convenes December 13th.

Mr. John Baker, a cow boy, came very near "climbing up the golden stair" last Tuesday. He took an overdose of morphine, probably by mistake, but through the skillful treatment of Drs. Wilson and Fraser he was brought around all right, and went on his way rejoicing, yesterday.

Mr. F. S. Bell has procured from J. E. Ross a deed to the cemetery ground which has been duly recorded. The cemetery board, Messrs. Richardson, Foy and Yonge are now ready to sell lots there and they will have the County Judge sign the deeds. They need funds to fence the grounds and request all persons interested to secure deeds, buy lots and ornament the same.

Mr. Wm. Carmichael paid the STAR a visit last Monday.

The Methodists have secured and fitted up a parsonage for the new pastor.

Mr. Game Smart, one of Callahan's most substantial farmers, was in town Saturday.

Dr. R. G. Powell handed us three dollars, yesterday, for two subscriptions. Thanks.

Mr. G. W. Williams of Eagle Cove shipped a bunch of stock horses to Newton County, Miss., last Monday.

Several bales of cotton were on the street yesterday. Baird has established a good reputation this fall as a cotton market.

We are under many obligations to our friends for assisting us to move the Clarendon outfit. If any of them ever have a printing office to move all they have to is to whistle and we will be on hand, if in reach.

Mr. W. R. McDermott dropped in last Saturday and handed us $1.50 and requested us to send the STAR to his brother .We hope that this will become contageous, especiallythe cash part of it. Who will be next?

Mr. A. G. Wills left for Dallas Tuesday, where he intends going into the banking business. We regret to lose Mr. Wills as a citizen, but our loss is Dallas' gain. Mr. Wills is a fine business man, and we hope he will meet with success in his new field.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jones went out to Tecumseh yesterday on a visit.

Our Exchanges report fine rains and much cold weather all over the country.

To our country friends: when yo uare in town come and see us and give us the news.

Dr. Alf H. H. Tolar, of Abilene, former Editor of The Reporter, was in town today and paid THE STAR a pleasant call.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Windham of Tecumseh, were in town one day last week.

Mrs. Estes was quite sick last week, but is better, we are glad to state, at this writing.

Leslie Burke, Lee Estes and Russel Allen are the Star printers. Just drop in and see them make the Star shine.

Mr. A. G. Wills has sold his interest in the First National Bank to Capt. W. C. Powell. Mr. Wills, so we are informed, will move to Dallas.

Baird is not exactly on a boom, but our merchants all seem to be doing well. The fact of the business is, Baird has held her own better than most towns of more pretentions during the hard times.

There was a called term of the Commissioners Court last Saturday. But little business was transacted. The Windham Store and Abilene road was discontinued by petition. The court also decided to build a cistern at the Court House, see notice to contractors in this issue.

Cap. Gilliland is in town.

Ed Seay was in town this week.

John Laird returned from Chicago, Tuesday.

Tramps are rather numerous about town this week.

Mr. J. E. Thomas returned from San Saba yesterday.

Mr. J. B. Smart called at the STAR office last Saturday.

The Texas & Pacific seems to be doing a splendid business.

Rev. J. T. L. Annis of Belle Plaine called at the STAR office Monday.

Judge W. H. Cliett and J. W. Jones went to Abilene, Monday on business.

Johnnie Huffman, of Belle Plain was in town Monday. He has just returned from Devil River.

Jeff Dean has gone to railroading. Later: Since the above set up, Jeff has changed his occupation and gone into the business.

Our latch string hangs Come and see us when in You will find us on the north of the First Nat (Pack's old stand.)

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Windham in delivering so e cattle sold by the boys o on the ranch.

We have been so busy moving and fitting up our office this week that we have not had a chance to call on all the business men of Baird, and we hope that those whom we have not called on will take no exceptions as it was simply out of our power to make anything like a canvass for either locals or ads. We hope this explanation will be satisfactory.

Judge E. E. Solomon received notice last week that he had been appointed to a clerkship in the Treasury Department at Washington, at a good salary. He notified the Department of his acceptance and last Saturday he bade his many friends in Baird adieu and took the evening train for Washington City. We congratulate Judge Solomon on his appointment and hope he will have a good time at the Nation's Capitol.

Belle Plain Lodge No. 522 A. F. & A. M. will have a public procession at Baird on Dec. 27th. All Masons are cordially invited to attend. There will be a Masonic lecture by some prominent Mason, at the court house free to the public. After the lecture, there will be a supper at the Masonic Hall free to Masons and their families only.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK STRONG FINANCIAL INSTITUTION

The First National Bank of Baird is the oldest continuous existing business institution in Callahan County, beginning in January 1883, when the late General F. W. James, associated with A. G. Will, started Baird's first bank, a private concerned, which was domiciled in a small stone building on the present site of and a part of the present First National's home. The first business, however, to occupy this corner location on Market street was the dry goods store of Ed Seay which burned in the fire on Jan. 8, 1884, which destroyed almost the entire business section of Baird. Mr. Seay sold what stock was saved from the fire to J. D. Windham & Sons who operated a general mercantile business at Tecumseh, and sold the lot to General F. W. James on which he erected a building for his bank. This bank was known as "The Baird Bank", and was a great help and convenience to the town's early settlers.

General James was president of The Baird Bank and his partner, A. G. Wills, was cashier. After conducting this fiduciary institution two years, General James who was not only one of the pioneer bankers in what was then the wild and woolly frontier of the Lone Star State, but one of the most progressive, conservative and successful financiers of West Texas, decided that it was time to "branch out" and establish the institution of which he was the head, on a firmer foundation. Accordingly he associated with him some of Baird's leading business men in his proposed enterprise for financial improvement. Capital was secured, a corporation was formed and application was made to the Comptroller of the Currency for a charter for the First National Bank of Baird, Texas. The application was approved on January 2, 1885, and on this date the old Baird Bank ceased to be, the new institution commenced business and from this humble beginning has steadily increased in power and influence, and is today recognized as one of the outstanding financial institutions of West Texas.

The bank's first officers were: F. W. James, President; W. L. Gilliland, Vice-Pres.; Sam Cutbirth, 2nd. Vice-Pres.; and A. G. Wills, Cashier. Judge Otis Bowyer was the bank's first depositor and its first attorney. Some years later he related to a correspondent of the Baird Star, in an explanatory way, "From this fortunate circumstance must be ascribed the bank's luck, prosperity and prestige."

Directors were: W. L. Gilliland A. G. Wills, L. Hearn, W. C. Powell, F. W. James, Sam Cutbirth, W. C. Edwards, I. N. Jackson, J. W. Jones and Jasper McCoy.

The following is a list of the stockholders: J. W. Day, stockman, Belle Plain; J. W. Jones, stockman, Baird; J. E. Heath, lawyer of Minneapolis, Minn.; Jasper McCoy, cattle dealer, Belle Plain; C. Kenyon, dealer in sheep, Center White Creek, N. Y.; J. B. Cutbirth, stockman, Belle Plain; J. I. Huffman, farmer and cattle dealer, Belle Plain; W. J. Power, general merchandise, Belle Plain; J. L. Hammond, cattle raiser, Belle Plain; E. A. Hearn, cattle raiser, Belle Plain; Sam Cutbirth, stockman, Belle Plain; S. L. Ogle, groceries and ranch supplies, Baird; W. H. Gilliland, stockman, Baird; A. G Webb, land agent, Baird; B. R. Webb, lawyer, Baird; J. N. Olds, cattle raiser, Baird; W. C. Powell, cattle raiser, Baird; W.L. Gilliland stockman, Baird; A. G. Wills, First National Bank, Baird; W. C. Edwards, stockman, Baird; F. W. James, First National Bank, Baird; L. Hearn, stock raiser and dealer, Belle Plain; R. Hearn, stockraiser and dealer, Belle Plain; C. C. Hammond, stock raiser and dealer, Belle Plain; I. N. Jackson, County and District Clerk, Baird; J. H. Wills, Baird; C. D. Martin livestock dealer, Belle Plain; J. G. Hanna, sheep owner, Belle Plain.

In 1887, Mr. Wills retired as Cashier, and W. C. Powell took his place. The following year, 1888, W. H. Parvin became Vice President, and in 1891, J. I. McWhorter was also made a Vice President, these two replacing Messrs Gilliland and Cutbirth. In 1894 Cashier Powell's duties became so numerous that he was given an assistant, Fred Lane, who served until 1900. In 1903 Henry James became Vice-President and in 1905 Tom Thornton became Cashier, replacing Mr. Powell.

In January 1907, J. B. Stokes was elected President and on September 1st the same year, B. L. Russell became Cashier, with W. S. Hinds and C. B. Payne as his assistants. On May 4, 1909, J. B. Harmon succeeded Mr. Stokes as President, and on August 5th, of the same year, J. F. Dyer and Tom Windham were elected Directors.

In 1911 J. W. Turner was made Assistant Cashier, and in January 1912, the following were the Directors: J. F. Dyer, Henry James, B. L. Russell, W. S. Hinds and Tom Windham.

W. S. Hinds was elected Cashier of the bank in September 1912, which position he held until January 11, 1927, when he was elected active Vice-President which position he held until his death November 23, 1929.

Bob Norrell, who has been with the bank since 1908, serving as Assistant Cashier since August 1915, was elected Cashier January 11, 1927, which responsible position he has held to the present time. He is careful and conservative, but at the same time progressive and far-sighted. He is always at his post of duty, ever watchful as to the welfare of the business institution of which he is the executive officer, also the interests of the patrons of the bank, and with his genial disposition has made many personal and business friends.

In September 1912, W. A. Hinds succeeded B. L. Russell as a Director. There were no other changes in the bank's personnel until January 12, 1915, when J. B. Cutbirth was added to the bank's directorate, which position he held until his death in May 1922. He was succeeded by Ace Hickman who has held the position since.

A. R. (Rod) Kelton was elected as a Director in 1925 which position he has held to the present time. Tom Windham was eleted President August 11, 1924, succeeding J. F. Dyer, and has held the position since.

Howard E. Farmer who has been with the bank sisce 1920, was elected Assistant Cashier January 11, 1927, which position he now holds

Clifford V. Jones, who has been with the bank since 1822 was elected assistant cashier in January 1930, which position he now holds

Other faithful and trusted employees of the bank with the date of their connection are as follows: R. F. Jones, 1923; Mrs. Rubye Harp Jones, 1929; and Stafford Alexander, 1929. The late Geo. B. Scott became associated with the bank as Teller in 1920 which position he held until Janualy 1st, 1923 when he moved to Cross Plains to assume duties as cashier of The First State Bank, W. A. Everett who is now engaged in the grocery business in Putnam, Texas, was associated with the bank as Teller from 1915 to 1920.

Numerous other persons, both men and women, have spent a period of their ives in the employ of the bank in various clerical positions, later to be scattered far and wide in responsible positions in the commercial world.

When the First National Bank was established, they had a rival, the Callahan County Bank, which was organized by the late W. A. Hinds, J. N. Rushing, Joe Rushing and H. E. Jones, in the early 80's and occucpied the building where the Holmes Drug Co. is presently located. This bank was purchased by the First National Bank in 1885. Since that time three other banks have been merged with the First National. They are, The Bank of Cottonwood, The First State Bank of Oplin and the First State Bank of Baird.

The First National has been literally "root and branch" of the community itself, and its growth has been closely paralleled to the progress of the territory it serves. In its last published statement of condition on June 30th, 1937, it had deposits of $1,210,876.76; cash resources of $1,099,528.49, and total resources of $1,293,129.16, which are the highest in the bank's history.

The officers and directors are men of character and experience, and under their safe and conservative leadership, the bank has established far-reaching prestige as a strong, ably-managed institution.

T. E. Powell Pioneer Merchant, Banker

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Powell

T. E. Powell, a Kentuckian, and his wife, located in Baird in 1885. Mr. Poewll engaging in the dry goods business, which was located in a frame building which Mr. Powell built. John Rice and Tom King, pioneer carpenters of Baird, built the house which was located where the McElroy Co. is now located. Mr. Powell's business grew rapidly and he had to have larger space so he sold the building and moved into the S. L. Robinson building which is now occupied by the Jones Dry Goods and was the largest business house in Baird. Mr. Powell remained there for 21 years, doing an immense business, his trade extending for miles around. There was a force of 25 clerks to take care of the trade.

Mr. Powell went into the banking business in 1900 as president of the Home National Bank. He sold his dry goods business in 1905. In 1910 he organized a bank at Cross Plains in the old town. In 1910 the bank was moved to the new town as the Farmers National Bank.

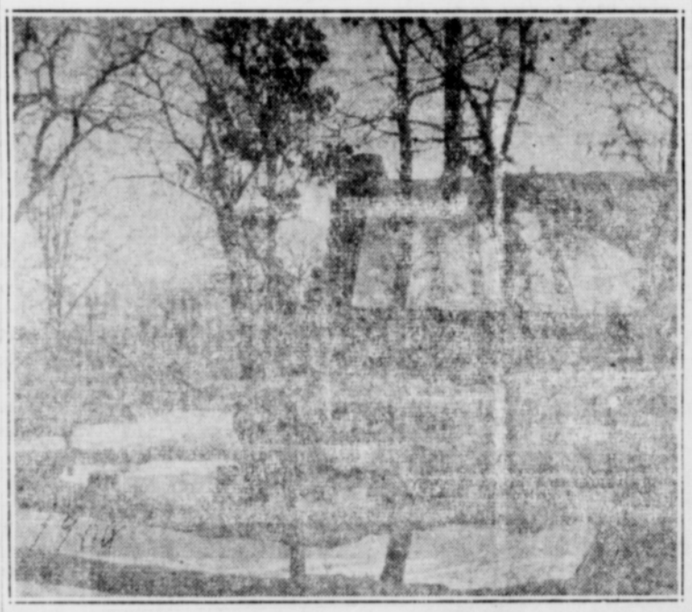
Mr. Powell also organized the Clyde National Bank in 1919 and the First National Bank at Moran. He was also interested in real estate, building a block of brick business houses in Cross Plains, also a block of brick houses in Moran in 1919. Mr. Powell was a successful business man and was interested in the upbuilding of all communities in Callahan county.

In 1921 Mr. Powell sold all banking interests and retired from business. In 1922 he again entered the banking business as president of the Home National Bank. In 1931 this bank was sold to the First National Bank and Mr. Powell retired from all business.

Mr. Powell was a progressive, far-sighted business man and a firm believer that advertising paid. So much that he advertised in every newspaper in the county from the time The Star was started until Mr. Powell retired from business there was never an issue that did not carry his advertising.

Mr. Powell has also been a subscriber for The Star from the first issue.

Belle Plain Shallow Oil Field



Flores Log Cabin

The Belle Plain shallow oil field was brought in by the Moutry Oil Co in 1926 and later sold to the Woodley Petroleum Co. ,who operates the field. C. H. Siadous is superintendent of production and I. M. Warren, field boss.

In the center of the oil field is the ruins of the old log cabin home of the late John A. and Mary Flores, surrounded by producing oil wells, owned by the Flores children. On the north side are the wells of the late Jack M. Flores, now owned by his wife, Mrs. Jack M. Flores, Sr., and two sons, Jack Flores, Jr., and Billie Claude Flores. To the south are the wells on the Claude Flores farm. To the west the A. T. Young wells owned by the Young children, and the Col. Lark Hearn oil wells, owned by the Hearn children. To the north the Rod Kelton wells and to the east, the north, the Ace Hickman wells.

Today there are more than one hundred producing wells in the Belle Plain shallow field, at a depth of less than eight hundred feet.

There six large power plants or pumping stations in the field and more than a dozen families in the employment of the Woodley Oil Co. live in the field.

The Woodley Oil Co. is now drilling a deep test on the Mrs. Jack M. Flores, Sr., lease. A rotary rig is being used. The test is to be a 4,000-foot test and perhaps deeper.

Most of the nearby acreage has been leased and the field is attracting the attention of a large number of people over the state.

The oil wells are within two blocks of the south line of the Belle Plain townsite.

In the fall of 1907 Marion Barnhill shot and killed the last deer around Belle Plain. The deer was grazing in a blackeye pea patch on the John Flores farm, now the center of the oil field, the site of the farm being marked by a grove of persimmon trees.

W. L. Henry First Blacksmith In Callahan County

W. L. Henry, a native of Scotland, was the first blacksmith to open a shop in Callahan county. He located in Belle Plain in —— He went by wagon to Fort Worth to buy his equipment, the trip requiring several days. He had to also build a kiln for burning charcoal to burn in his forge.

Mr. Henry moved to Baird in 1883 and opened a shop which he continued to operate for many years, his last shop being located where Ray Motor company is now located. Mr. Henry, who was the father of Mrs. Lee Estes and Larmer Henry of Baird, and his wife, died some years ago.

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Granite Home Comfort Range with reservoir. Years of service in this stove—$17.50. See Claude Warren, Baird Used Furniture.

Invented Road Paving

Macadamizing was new to the western country back in 1837. The paving scheme was the invention of old John Louden MacAdam, born in Ayr, Scotland, in 1756. He came to America in 1770, but returned to Scotland in 1783, where he began experiments with building roads of crushed stone. So successful was his scheme that parliament voted him 10.000 pounds for his work.

Beautiful Walnut Bed like new Come out of a $450 Suit, yours for only $17.50. See Claude Warren, Baird Used Furniture.

Aided Standard Time

Gen. W. B. Hazen is generally credited with promoting adoption of a standard time system for the United States. A native of West Hartford Vt., he died in 1887.

CLAUDE WARREN

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Beautiful Walnut Bed ____ $17.50
Book Case and Writing Desk, only $12.50
White Rotary Sewing Machine ____ $11.50
New Home Machine, guaranteed ____ $7.50
Square Dining Table, Four Chairs $10.00
Round Dining Table, Four Chairs $8.00
Home Comfort Range Stove ____ $17.50
25 Wood-Oil-Gas Stoves ____ cheap
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20 Iron Beds ____ $1.00 to $3.50
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Baird, Texas

Pioneer Days

The Oldest Institution in Callahan County
Pays Tribute to the Memory
Of Those Callahan County Pioneers Who Blazed The Trail

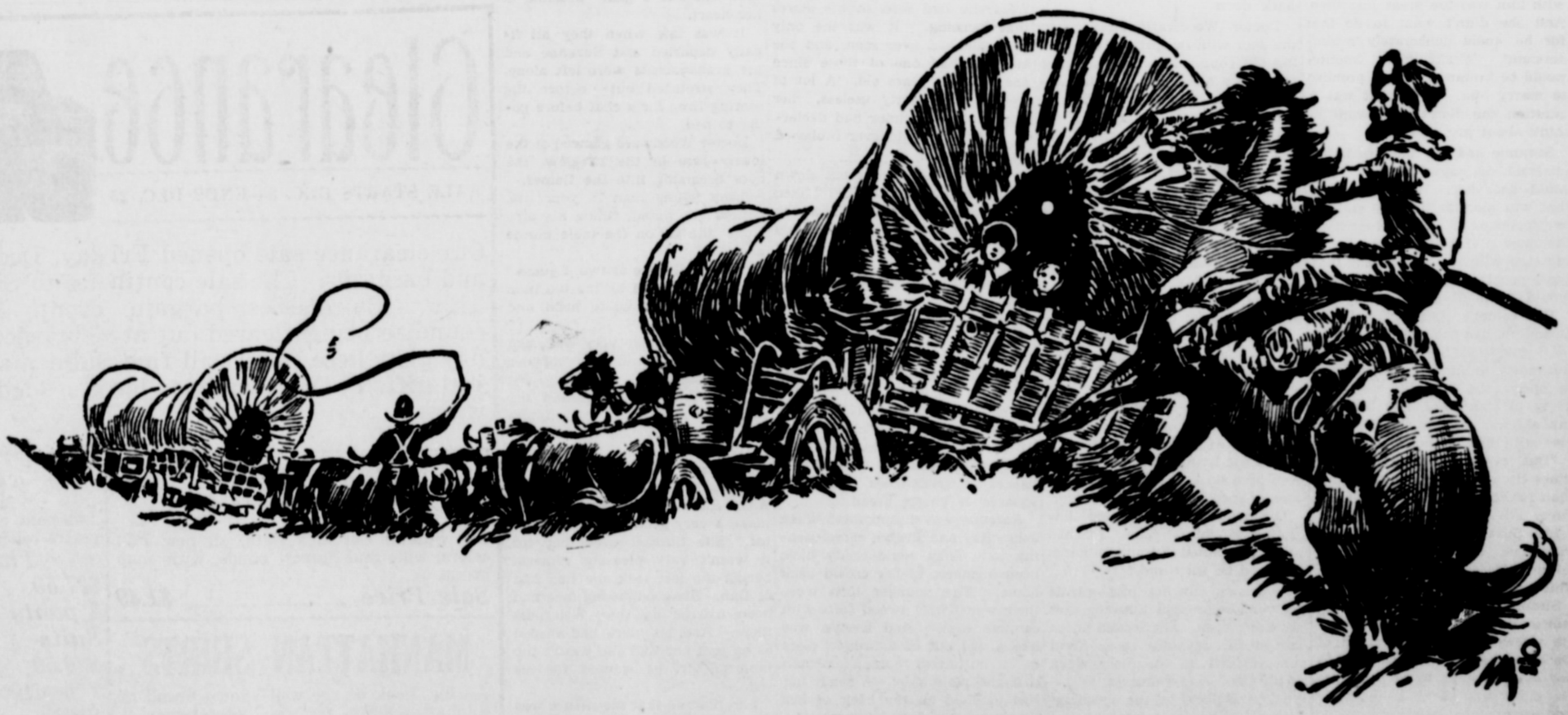
Western—Visioned they were—Men and Women whose abiding Faith in West Texas and her ultimate development made possible the establishment and continuous growth of two instituions now passing the half-century mile post:

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BAIRD
THE BAIRD STAR

THAT WE HAVE KEPT THE FAITH—The Confidence of our people through wars—drouths—through financial panics and boom days—that we are still comrades, even as in covered-wagon days, make us proud to say: "We, too, are Pioneers".

AND THE TRAIL STILL LEADS ONWARD

Though the covered wagon is now only a symbol, the spirit of our forebears spurs us to keep the pace as vanguards of a greater progress.



SO, Today—as always,—We are striving to serve you with that same natural courtesy so characteristic of the founders of this bank, realizing more than ever that the strength of a bank is determined by its history, its policy, its management and the extent of its resources. Let us take this opportunity to thank Callahan County people for their faithful cooperation through the years.

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For Remembrance

By ELISKA E. GILLILAND

Suzanne Lorimer stood beside the steps of the pullman, her traveling bag at her feet. She turned her steady blue eyes away from the train, toward the main street of the small town. They did not change expression as they took in the row of small buildings huddled close to each other, each wearing a front that had seen many years of service and very little paint.

"Why go through with it, Suzanne?" A long, lean young man swung down beside her. His eyes were mocking. "You're crazy to spend Christmas in this hole. Come on to California with us."

"Atta boy!" her cousin Lynn caroled above them, "Come on, Suzanne. Let this little town sleep on undisturbed."

A crowd of boys and girls crowded into the vestibule, adding their pleas. But the young woman was adamant.

Something stronger than her will was directing her. But she could not say that to her companions. She did not want to be laughed at and she knew her friends would shout with laughter if she were to express her true feelings just then.

In fact, she wouldn't know how to express it in words if she wanted. She was just following a hunch . . .To be honest, she was carrying out a wish that had been varying from a little girl's bright, shining dream to a vague longing, in the last few years. A feeling that had been suppressed and discarded over and over again but continued to survive. And the tiny spark had kindled to a new flame of desire this year to spend Christmas with the grandparents she had not seen in years.

She told her friends goodbye with a promise to join them by the first of the year. Then walked hurriedly away, not waiting for the train to pull out. The temptation to cling to Courtney's shoulder, to climb back on the train with him was too great just then. And she didn't want to do that for he would deliberately misunderstand. Weakening a fraction would be tantamount to a promise to marry him. And that was a question she didn't even want to think about just now.

Suzanne had the name of being unafraid of anything that life could deal her. But something that was akin to timidity stalked her footsteps as she walked down the uneven sidewalk. And keeping step with her was a fear that these people who were her people would be a disappointment.

Her father's sister, Mrs. Leslie Randolph, had thought they would be. She had been angry when Suzanne, declining her invitation to spend the holidays with her party in California, had told her that she was going to spend Christmas with her mother's people.

"But, my dear, Suzanne sometimes dreams are more satisfying than reality. If I were you, I believe, I'd retain the dream."

But Suzanne had shrugged her shoulders. Said: "Sometimes we think differently, Aunt Sylvia." And here she was.

Suzanne did not have to ask for information for a sign hung over the sidewalk at the other end of the block. John Woodward, M.D. Nor did she have to be told that the man with silver hair and a long silver grey beard sitting at the desk reading an immense book was her grandfather. She knew those steady, blue eyes well. She had seen them so many times looking out from a picture of her mother that she had found among her dad's treasures after his death.

She stood before him a tall slender girl in a rare coat of natural Eastern mink, a soft felt hat crushed over the sleek coil of dark hair. Eyes so blue they were almost black.

Her breath escaped her lips in a little gasp. She was more excited than she would want anyone to know.

"Hello, Grandfather. I'm Suzanne."

The man looked up those valient blue eyes on her face. A look that seemed to penetrate the expensive coat, the hard sofisticated shell she wore, and reached thru to her heart.

A twinkle started far back in those eyes and spread until his whole face was smiling.

"Well—so it is."

"Your grandmother's going to have a fit." Doctor Woodward told her, chuckling deep in his beard, as they bounced along in his old Ford. "Less than a week ago she told me she was a mind to write you and ask you to come home this Christmas . . . You see—You're our baby's daughter and somehow all these years that she's been gone, we've counted your our baby . . . And seems Mandy felt she just had to have you one more time."

To Suzanne's amazement tears suddenly filled her eyes. She looked away to the hills to hide them from her grandfather's penetrating gaze.

After a long silence she spoke. "I've wanted to come every year," she said without emphasis.

In her crowd sentiment and sincerity were attributes to be greeted with shouts of laughter. Love hope and faith were mere words out of the dark, moldy past. You swept along taking what you wished out of life, having all the fun you could, and letting the future take care of itself.

And to that, out of a childhood of loneliness and disappointments, with a wealthy grandmother who considered her a care rather than a pleasure, she had decided that she wasn't ever going to let anyone hurt her.

To young Doctor Dan Wright she had scornfully confided: "And there's just one way to do that—not care enough about ANYONE to let them hurt you.' '

"The craziest idea I've ever heard," he had retorted, his grey eyes searing her heart with their contempt. "Only a selfish, shallow human being could think that."

She had managed to laugh merrily. Even when he had continued: "And some day when you find someone you really love you'll realize the truth of that . . . Life's all giving and taking." And with that thrust he had walked out of her life.

Out to stay. She would have to remember that now for weeks had passed without a word from him. Resolutely she turned that page of memory. And brought her mind back to the present.

To find that they were drawing up to the curb before an old rambling home. In that instant Suzanne knew that the word house could never describe it. It was a living, breathing home from the arched gate to the ivy covered back door.

Doctor Woodward threw open the door with its spray of holly on the old copper knocker and gave Suzanne a quick shove. His mellow, voice boomed out: "Here's someone to see you, Mother."

Mrs. Woodward stood stil at the foot of the stair. She was polishing her gold rimmed glasses with a corner of her wide black and white checked apron. The smile fled abruptly from her pleasant face, taking with it the rosy color from her cheeks.

"Suzanne—My Baby."

"Why, Grandmother." There was pleased surprise in the girl's voice.

She went into the arms of her grandmother, who had sprung forward, surprisingly graceful for a woman of her age and size.

"How in the world did you know me," she asked when they were seated before the roaring fire in the living room. I haven't been here since Daddy brought me here to spend my tenth birthday."

The grandmother laughed, low ringing laughter. She reached over and patted Suzanne's hand.

"You'd be surprised."

A rooster crowing just outside her window brought Suzanne eyes fluttering open. She looked about the small, friendly room until her eyes fell on the ivory clock on the high, maple dresser.

Seven o'clock in the morning! Um-m-m, and she felt great. She wiggled her toes under the wool blankets appreciatively.

Then began to search in the back of her mind for the pleasant something that was there. And when she remembered she leaned back against the feather pillow, arms above head, eyes smiling.

"Imagine it—me—Suzanne Lorimer Christmas shoppling for poor families and getting a thrill out of the idea."

But who wouldn't get a thrill out of helping an old dear like grandmother?

Unconsciously her hand touched her cheek where a goodnight kiss had been gently placed. Her eyes grew dark and pensive.

The little old grandmother who was frankly fat and could laugh about it, had slipped in after Suzanne was in bed, and with a giggle that was charmingly girlish had planted herself on the foot of the bed.

Suzanne had welcomed her for somehow she felt strange, almost as if she was intruding in a room that spoke so eloquently of another Suzanne.

"You don't know how happy this makes me." Mrs. Woodward spoke softly. "And how many memories it brings back. You see—" her eyes glistened with tears but a smile was behind them, "It was never too late when your mother came in for a tiny chat. We used to sit here talking until Doctor would call and say it was time for an old woman to be in bed."

"But, Grandmother," Suzanne protested gently, "I'm not a thing like —your Suzanne. Everyone tells me that I'm cold and reserved like my father. Like all the Lorimer's."

"Well now, I don't know so much about that. Look here." Mrs. Woodward took a large framed picture from the chest of drawers. A picture of a young woman with the piled curls and the tight bodice and billowy skirts of the long ago. "And now look here." She held a mirror before Suzann's face. "See the expression of your eyes, the shape of your face . . . You are like her. Very much like her.' '

"I believe you're right, Grandmother."

And a feeling of contentment invaded that restless heart. Surely, she found herhelf thinking if she looked like the mother who's memory had lingered in this home like the perfume of a lovely flower for eighteen long years, she must be like her in other ways.

Sentimental? Yes. But a grand feeling. Her heart seemed ready to burst with happiness as her grandmother tucked her in as she had that other Suzanne. And as the young Suzanne had never tucked in before. Then gently placed in a goodnight kiss on her cheek.

Suzanne went running down to breakfast her eyes dancing and soft red lips curved in a happy smile. A smile that did not vanish even though her legs and her arms grew weary before the last basket had been filled the last gift purchased.

They returned home to find her Uncle Tom and his wife there.

"Hello, youngster," he said, his face beaming a welcome.

And in that moment, Suzanne felt like a little girl, a little girl that is loved and cherished.

"We came over to go get the Christmas tree, Mother. Dad's getting the trailor ready."

Suzanne had supposed they would order one of the small fir trees she had seen in the stores that morning. It was the only kind she had ever seen, and she had ont had one of those since she was ten years old. "A lot of trouble and utterly useless, 'her grandmother Lorimer had declared. And she had never broached the idea again.

"Did you ever help cut down your own Christmas tree?" Tom Woodward asked as he saw the surprise on the lovely face of his niece. "Then you've never really had a Christmas. Just as soon as the children get here, we'll go down to Spring Gap Mountain and show you how it's done."

"By the way, Mother, he said casually, "do you have any ginger bread to take along. I always get hungry down there."

But his mother had already started toward the kitchen. And by the time the other grandchildren arrived she was back with a basket of sandwiches and great squares of ginger bread.

Suzanne was disappointed when John, Ray and Evelyn came dashing in. They could easily have been members of her crowd back home. The younger men wore their well-fitting tweed suits with careless ease. And Evelyn was like a girl out of a fashion plate in a butterball beige lambskin coat and plaid skirt. A saucy hat was perched on the back of her brown head. And somehow, Suzanne didn't want to be with people like that today. She had had enough of people who were bored with living.

But when she looked into their faces she was reassured. They were alive with excitement, and apreciation of their lot. Suzanne's laugh rang out merrily as big, six foot Ray crossed to his grandmother and peeped into the basket "Got an onion in there, Granny?" he asked as eagerly as a little boy.

The hills looked as if they too, were celebrating that afternoon: celebrating their Master's birthday. They were like a mile long flame as the cars neared the Gap. But when they were closed, Suzanne saw that they were many cedars among the flaming oaks, sumac and dogwood. They drove parallel with the mountain for a mile then started climbing, winding higher and higher, with the gaily colored trees marching beside them. The sumac and dogwood grew scarcer as they neared the summit. And the cedars grew thicker, the bright green of the young trees mingling with the dark green of the age old trees, that had been gnarled and twisted by the savage north wind but continued to flaunt their lovely color and bright berries.

On top of the mountain that stretched away a tableland, Doctor Woodward got out of the car before the others could move. Flinging wife his arms, embracing the miles of green trees with every once in a while a sumac like a brilliant jewel among them, he called: "Welcome to Santa Claus land, Suzanne."

Suzanne crept close to him, her eyes shining. But her voice was solemn. "I've never been to Santa Claus land before, Grandfather. I'm glad—glad I came."

The mountain rang with their gay talk and merry laughter as the grandfather selected the tree, a well proportioned tree about five feet high, and young John and Ray started the axe to swinging.

A chip flew through the air and hit Suzanne just over the heart.

"Gosh, I'm sorry," John called. "Did it hurt?"

"No—no, of course not," Suzanne caled back But when they were all busy, she picked up the small wedge shaped piece of cedar and placed it in her pocket, just over the place that still stung from its blow.

She looked up to find her grandfather's eyes upon her.

Apricot color spread up over her face. She said softly an odd note in her voice: "To remember all this by."

The merriment continued as they built a fire down at the spring, made coffee and ate their lunch. And even when they were back home, and putting the tree up in the corner by the fireplace in the immense living room.

They strung the electric lights and a bit of silver rope. Then Mrs. Woodward brought the long strings of cranberries she had ready and a big box of tiny cookies, little men and women, hearts and stars, and a tinsel star for the top of the tree.

There's something about home made things," she said as she handed the star to her son, Tom, that makes it different. It just wouldn't seem right without them."

A little sigh escaped Suzanne's lips. For it was that difference that was like a glad hosanna in her heart.

It was late when they all finally departed and Suzanne and her grandparents were left alone. They stretched out before the roaring fire,, for a chat before going to bed.

Doctor Woodward glanced at the lovely face in the fireglow, the eyes dreaming into the flames.

"Any young man in your life, honey?" he asked, filling his pipe from the jar on the table beside him.

"No—well—one or two, I guess."

Suzanne smiled as the old man threw back his white head and laughed.

"You can't story very well, can you, Suzanne. And now suppose you tell be about—him."

The wind moaned around the corner of the house. And in the room there was silence.

"Well," Suzanne finally said, "there isn't much to tell. There's a young doctor—or at least, there was. But really I don't think I'd make a very good wife for a doctor." She hurried over that for it wasn't very pleasant remembering the last look she had had of Dan. His goodlooking face had been marred by the bitterness there. And his voice had rasped as he told her that she wasn't the kind of girl he wanted for his wife.

She realized that the silence was growing oppressive. And glanced up, quickly to see if her grandfather was watching her.

Her own voice wah a bit harsh as she continued. "And there's another. The son of Grandmother Lorimer's closest friends. They would like very much if we were to marry."

"Um-m-m—and what does he do?"

"He plays golf and polo. And dances wonderfully well."

"One of those scions of a wealthy family then?"

Suzanne giggled.

"That's right, darling. He's from one of the oldest families in Pennsylvania. A nice boy, really."

"Maybe so. But just one more question, and I won't pry any more. Just what is this young doctor's name."

Oh, why did he keep asking about him, when all she wanted

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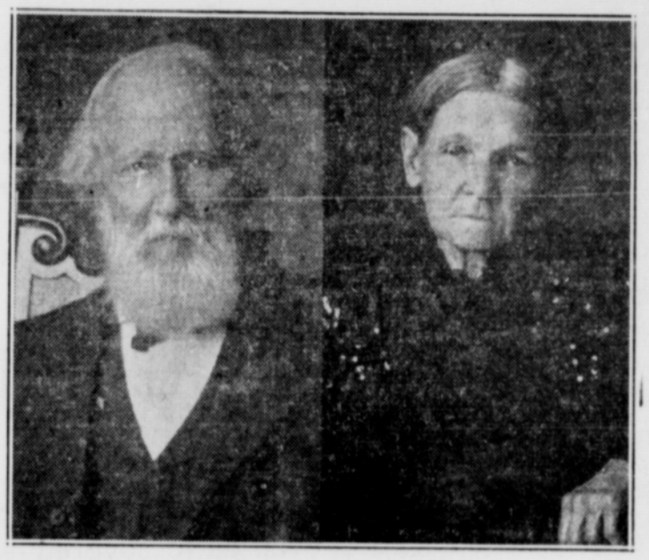
All Gloversville Makes Gloves

In Gloversville, New York, the art of making gloves is a community proposition. In one factory, where handmade gloves are manufactured exactly as they were a hundred years ago, three of the best sewers of gloves are the wife of the mayor of the town, and the captain of police and his wife. The making of one glove involves no less than 74 different steps.

"OLD TIMERS"

Reading from left to right is Wills Asbury, who served the county as hide and animal inspector, deputy sheriff and constable for many years; Lem Lambert, Henry Lambert, for many years deputy sheriff; Dan McCollister and J. W. Jones, who served Callahan county as sheriff for twenty-two years.



REV. AND MRS. T. J. AUSTIN
Rev. Austin was a pioneer minister of Belle Plain

PUTNAM

Putnam is a progressive little city of 1,000 population. Y. A. Orr, druggist there for the past 49 years, is mayor of the city.

Dr. B. F. Brittain has been a practicing physician there since 1891. Dr. J. M. Foy, deceased, was the first physician to locate in Putnam.

The first general store was established in Putnam by Dr. E. H. Taber and sons, Frank and Therrian Tabor, about 1881.

F. P. Shackelford located in Putnam in 1883, and established a general merchantile and lumber business. The Shackelford family lived in a double log house in the Mt. Zion neighborhood five miles south of Putnam and Mr. Shackelford walked into town each morning and back home at evening. The double log house was built by Mr. Tanner, the father of Mrs. J. E. Gilliland of Baird and Mrs. John Heyser who still lives in the Mt. Zion community. Mr. Shackelford died in 1926 and the business established more than 50 years ago is now owned by his son, F. P. Shackelford, Jr.

Mrs. John Heyser and Sam Jobe are the oldest residents of the Putnam community.

Other early business firms still operating is J. L. Cook Grocery, Fred Cook Garage, W. W. Everette, W. A. Everette

Other early residents were: the Surles Wagleys, Eubanks Lawson, Isenhowers, Sprawls, Clintons, Pruitts, Burmans, Siglers, Hutchisons, Edwards, Harwells, Coutler, Woods, Cunninghams, Garthers, Garretts, McDermetts, Harts, Williams, Tinsley Alvords, Merrimans, Andersons, Biggerstaffs, D. P. and T. B. Hadley, Finley, and many others. Many of the younger members of the familes of these sturdy pioneers are still living in and around Putnam.

Clearance SALE

SALE STARTS DEC. 3—ENDS DEC. 25

Our clearance sale opened Friday, December 3, with crowds and bargains. The sale continues to Saturday, December 25. This is Baird's best bargain event. Much high grade merchandise being cleared out at low prices. Save on your holiday gifts here. You will find here many useful and practical gifts. Don't wait too long. Good things can't last always.

MENS HATS

One Special Lot en's Hats, all new Fall colors, wide and narrow bands, with snap brims.
Sale Price ____ $1.49

MANHATTAN SHIRTS

—a big stock of the well known brand of Manhattan shirts for men. None better at the price, $1.95 to $2.50 values—
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Men's pajamas Manhattan brand, in a beautiful range of New Fall colors—
$1.95 to $2.50 values for ____ $1.69
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Leather Coats for Men, a Big Stock to select from. Colors Brown and Black with button and zipper fronts. Sizes—34 to 48.
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MENS SUITS

Two-pant Suits that are correctly and expertly tailored by MASTER Tailors—
Three Price Ranges:
$27.50 2 pants Suits ____ $21.45
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SILKS

One lot Printed Silks and solid colors—
Sale price, per yard ____ 49c

MENS DRESS GLOVES

$1.25 values for ____ 98c
$1.95 values for ____ $1.49
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SNUGGLE CAPES

Crapes, Ruffle-ettes, and shoulder wraps of Pure wool-worsted and Novelty yarns. A variety of colors to select from,—
Prices ____ $1.98, $1.79, $2.95

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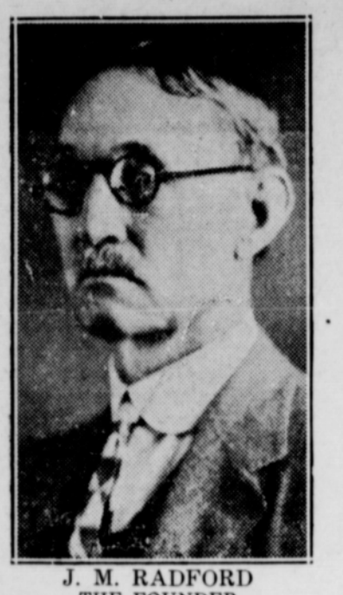

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THE FOUNDER

ONE PIONEER GREETS ANOTHER

For four years before the birth of The Baird Star in Callahan County, The J. M. Radford Grocery Company was selling groceries to Callahan County people. Our freight wagons, loaded with supplies for these sturdy pioneers, were familiar sights, plodding deep-rutted roads and dim-lit trails.

Through drouths, money panics, war—During financial security and peace—the founder of this company refused to look back. The promises of the future ever lured him onward. He was western-minded, seeing these vast grasslands developing into a great empire, enabling him to extend one small store into a mighty chain of service, stretching from the upper end of the Panhandle to Alpine—down near the Rio Grande out west of the Pecos.

AND NOW THE FUTURE IS OURS

Ours To Vision To Trust -- Ours To Build For

We take this opportunity to extend warmest congratulations to our Callahan people, celebrating the 50th Anniversary of their First newspaper. We want you to know we appreciate your constant cooperation through the year, enabling us to carry on.

OMAR RADFORD
PRESIDENT

J.M. Radford Grocery Co.

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OCTANE OIL REFINING COMPANY IS COUNTY'S LARGEST BUSINESS CONCERN

Located about five miles east of Baird on the Texas and Pacific Ry., with 24-hour service at bulk station for truck deliveries located about five miles east of Baird on high No. 80, this modern refinery with a capacity of 2,000 barrels of crude oil daily using Callahan county sweet crude has built up a reputation known all over the large territory in which Octane gasoline is supplied for its high quality and smooth operation of gasoline motors, every gallon of Octane gasoline is uniform, sweet and free of foreign matter, the high quality of Octane regular white gasoline and the cracked bronze gasoline is attested by users all over the country. About 8,000,000 gallons of the Octane high quality products, including high quality water white kerosene and Octane cleaner's naphtha through distributors handled by trucks through the bulk sales station on highway 80, local distributors being established from Fort Worth to Big Spring and from Waco to Lubbock, reaching out southwest as far as Fort Stockton and southeast to Fredericksburg and Kerrville. The annual pay roll of about $50,000.00 is distributed among some twenty employes which in turn is practically all spent in Baird, the capital of Callahan county.

When construction of the modern refinery was started in 1931 crude oil in Callahan county was selling for 25 cents per barrel, the present price of Callahan crude being $1.20 per barrel for 40 gravity.

Octane Oil Refining Company have storage for 110,000 barrels of crude oil and purchase Callahan crude oil in preference to any other crude oil, this being one of the reasons why Octane gasoline, kerosene and cleaner's naphtha is of such high quality and satisfactory in operating gasoline motors. Octane gasoline is easy to start and renders smooth operation without the clatter that develops when inferior gasoline is used. Gasoline is not different from other articles manufactured some for quality and to give the users satisfaction. Some cheapened and sold only on price that never gives the user satisfaction. From $700.00 to $1,000.00 invested in a motor car can quickly be depleted by the use of improper fuel and lubrication. The smoother a motor operates, the longer it will last without repair bills which is the objective of Octane Oil Refining Company to give the very best product that can be refined from the best sweet crude oil.

Callahan county has oil wells from its eastern border to the western border and the entire county is prospective territory for oil, many of the wells being shallow production, the deeper horizons not having been drilled to much interest is being taken in deeper oil, two deep tests wells being underway at this time. Woodley Petroleum is drilling a deep test about 4 miles south of the Octane Refinery and Phillips Petroleum Company is drilling about 8 miles southeast.

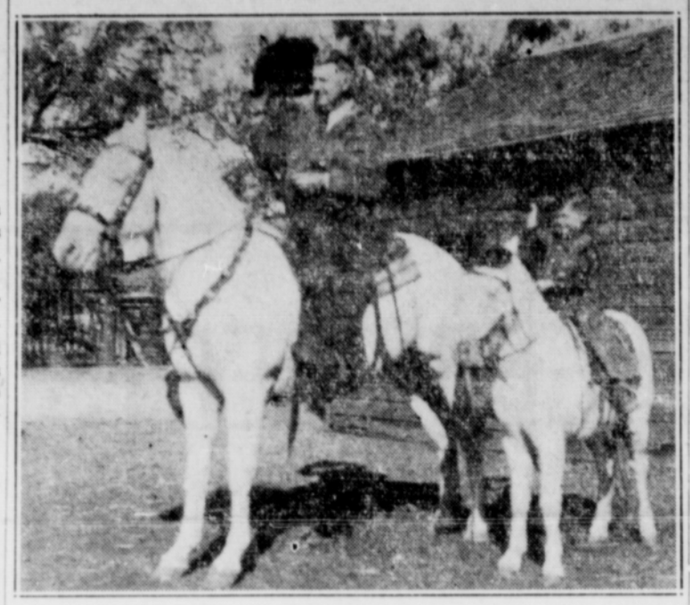
Octane Oil Refinery, being a Callahan county institution, preference is given to Callahan crude oil for its high quality.

The sale of Octane Oil Refining Co. products for 1935 were 10,372,870 gallons. Sales for 1936 were 15,234,066 gallons, an increase of 4,861,196 gallons.

Mr. E. L. Woodley of Baird is manager of the Octane Oil Refining Co. Mr. and Mrs. Woodley have recently completed a modern home in West Baird.

WANT to BUY or TRADE for Trailer. What have you?. See Claude Warren, Baird Used Furniture.

"Pals"



"Ev" Hughes, former sheriff of Callahan county and his little nephew, Bill Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Jones.

Many Correspondents Have Served On The Star Staff In Years Gone By

During the past fifty years, The Star has had many correspondents in Callahan county. Among the first was "Uncle Mack" from Eagle Cove, but we do not recall just what "Uncle Mack's" name was H. Buchen, of Tecumseh was another early day correspondent. Mr. Buchen was an Austrian and a soldier in the crack military troops of his country. He was well educated and had edited leading newspapers in Austria and Germany. Mr. Buchen later moved to Belle Plain and still later to Admiral where he ran a small store and where he died some thirty years ago. He continued to write for The Star as long as his health would permit.

Mrs. J. L. White of Baird was an early day correspondent, writing from Hubbard Creek. The late Mrs. J. J. Hendricks was also one of the first correspondents who wrote from over near Moran.

J. W. Aiken, "Juan", wrote the "Burnt Branch Locals" for many years. He had a style all his own and his weekly letters were full of interesting neighborhood news. Jack Aiken, a son, now living at Cross Plains is the only member of the Aiken family living.

Louis Cook of Putnam wrote the Putnam news for a number of years under the pen name of "Rusty Rube" and "Happy Jack." He has been engaged in the grocery business for some years and has been closely identified with the development of Putnam and surrounding country.

F. F. Suggs, living south of Clyde, is another old time correspondent who wrote under the pen name of "Aguanaldo." J. T. Respess of Cottonwood wrote for some time under the name of "Uncle Jimmie."

S. S. Harville of Oplin, former county commissioner of Precinct No. 2, who spent his boyhood on lower Deep Creek, began writing "Deep Creek Jingles" under the name of "The Star's Staff Poet" in 1909.

R. P. Stephenson, "Patsy," of Eula, has been writing the "Eula Locals," since the fall of 1902 and is the only correspondent who has continued through the years.

Miss Stella Roberts of Rowden wrote for some years under the name of "Ike and Mike." Others who have sent neighborhood news to The Star are Mrs. J. S. Yeager, Miss Eva Moore, Mrs. B. F. McCool of Putnam, Miss Eunice Hembree, Cottonwood; Mrs. A. B. Elliott of Rowden, Mrs. Gwinn of Oplin, Mrs. Sarah Magill, Tecumseh, and Mrs. Keele of Rowden Mrs. J. H. Higgins of Admiral and many others whose names we do not recall at present and we take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to all our correspondents all through the half century for their cooperation in helping to make The Star a good country weekly paper.

History of Newspapers of Callahan Co.

The Callahan County Clarendon was the first newspaper established in Callahan county, the first number being issued at Belle Plain on November 15, 1879 by Albert D. Rust and Wm. R. Lotz. It was a five column 4-page paper.

The paper was moved to Baird in 1883 when the county seat was moved from Belle Plain to Baird.

The Tecumseh Banner was the second. It was established Sept. 11, 1886 by W. E. Gilliland, who, in 1887 bought out the Clarendon andestablished The Baird Star. The last issue of the Banner being on Nov. 17, 1887.

The Cottonwood Prodigal was established by C. J. Willson in the late 80's. It was moved to Baird in 1894, later moved to Clyde where Mr. Willson sold the paper and moved to Abilene where he and Mrs. Willson died some years later. Miss Minnie Willson, their only daughter, still lives in Abilene.

The Cottonwood Fax was established June 1, 1905 by W. F. Griffin with Bob Norrell as managing editor. Next was the Cottonwood Courier, established in June, 1911 by T. L. Allison. Col. Meyers established the Times which was later moved to Baird and ran for a few months. Mr. Meyers set the type for his paper which was printed in The Star office, as Mr. Meyers had no machinery in his office.

Cross Plains has had several papers but the only ones we have any record of is the Cross Plains Herald, established in 1900 by J. C. Gaines and the Cross Plains Review, established by Belmont Shields in 1909 and is now the only paper published in Cross Plains. It is owned by the Review Publishing Co., with Jack Scott as editor.

Clyde has had several papers but we have no record of names. The Clyde News was run by C. J. Willson for a while. Others engaged in the newspaper business at different times were Joe Burkett, J. H. Burkett, W. W. Slater and W. L. Garner. The Enterprise now the only newspaper published at Clyde, was established by Geo. M. Kerr on Nov. 15, 1912 and purchased by E. F. Butler, the present owner on April 1, 1917.

Putnam has also had several newspapers to run for awhile. The first paper being established by Squire T. A. Jackson, later edited by Miss Saleta Johnson, who sold the paper to Jas. H. Walker and brother, D. C. Walker, who a few months later, sold it and the plant was moved away from Putnam. Still later J. H. Burkett owned the paper which was moved to Clyde. Earl Stephenson ran a paper there in 1910. Bonnan & Kennon later ran the paper, followed by J. H. McGaughey who established the Putnam News which is now owned and edited by Miss Mildred Yeager who has owned it for the past four years.

Baird has several papers also. The first to follow TheStar was run by a Mr. Neely for a short time. The Callahan County News was established here in 1908 by Rev. Shuffler and his son, Ralph Shuffler, now editor and owner of the Odessa News-Times, one of the best weekly papers in Texas.

Mr. Bellinger, a prominent newspaper man of Mississippi who came here for his health was associated with Ralph Shuffler in publishing The News. Mr. Bellinger died here. Later the name of the paper was changed to the Baird Bulletin and edited by C. W. Johnson. The paper was suspended about 1913 and the plant was moved to south Texas.

There are now only four newspapers in Callahan county: The Clyde Enterprise, The Cross Plains Review, The Putnam News and The Baird Star.

Railroads And Newspapers

The railroad industry has applied for permission to raise freight rates 15 per cent, because its revenues are not sufficient in these days of higher costs and wages to pay expenses and leave an adequate amount over for improvement and expansion.

In asking this permission, the railroads want to do only what most unregulated businesses have already done. For example, newspapers all over the country have been increasing their single copy prices and in some cases their monthly or annual subscription prices. Increased production costs make this necessary.

The railroads are in the same position as these papers. Everything the lines use costs more than it did a year or two ago, even as a newspaper's main source of expense, newsprint, costs more than it did. And, like the newspapers, the railroads' only source of operating income is from the sale of their services —in one case, transportation; in the other, advertising and news.

Whenever a regulated industry asks permission for rate increases, the average human reaction is to protest at once, and hope that it will be denied. But a railroad isn't any different than a newspaper or a real estate agency or a grocery store or a specialty shop. It is goverened by the same economic laws. And when outgo exceeds income, it must raise its prices or go bank rupt.

Calendar in General Use

The calendar in general use is the Gregorian, not the Julian. The Gregorian calendar came into effect in Europe in 1582, but was not adopted by England and her colonies until 1752. Prior to that the Julian calendar was in effect. It was promulgated by Julius Caesar in 45 B. C.

CONGRATULATIONS! ---GREETINGS!

TO THE BAIRD STAR–TO MISS ELIZA AND HAYNIE

For carrying on this successful enterprise which has been supplying news to Callahan County citizens for these last 50 years. Having been one of their patrons for 45 years, I find genuine pleasure in joining Callahan County people who have taken this occasion to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of our oldest news paper.

Everybody is Getting Ready For a Big Xmas

WE WANT TO SERVE YOU AND FURNISH YOU USEFUL GIFTS FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

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Tams
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IN BUSINESS IN BAIRD FOR 45 YEARS

YESTERDAY AND TODAY

By CLAUDE FLORES

December, 1874 December, 1937

In memory of the Pioneers of Belle Plain "Who made the morn of life so sweet,
The day is fragrant yet."

Among the pioneers here before Belle Plain was founded were:

Joe Crutchfield and Mollie Henderson Crutchfield and two little girls, Jessie and Ida. In the spring tame Indians would come to the Crutchfield log home on the Pecan Bayou with baskets of wild berries and try to trade them to Mrs. Crutchfield for the two little girls. Mrs. Crutchfield lives with her daughter, Mrs. Cage Heslip in Houston, Texas.

Ranche Reed and Mrs. Reed and two children were caught in a seven-foot rise on the Bayou, and swam two horses to safety and saw their log cabin and contents washed away. They found shelter at the Merchant and McCoy "74" Ranch.

Belle Plain was named for Katie Belle Magee, who was the first child born on the townsite. She was a neice of the late Kate Hill Franklin and Cliff Hill of Baird. The Cliff Hill ranch is still owned by his wife, Ida Cutbirth Hill and run by her son, Earnest Hill and wife.

"Hog" Jackson and mother and beautiful neice, Peachie Jackson, who was the belle of Belle Plain in her day. Today a rock fence stands to mark the place where their log home stood.

Wilson L. Henry and wife. Mr. Henry was the first blacksmith. He buried a pot of gold, and so far as is known has never been found. Mr. Henry was the father of Mrs. Lee Estes and Larmer Henry of Baird.

Liter Huffman and wife, raised the first orchard and sold the first peaches and irrigated vegetable garden, the garden rock fence stands today.

J. W. Power and Mrs. Power ran the first hotel, "The Power Hotel" and general store.

W. H. Parvin and wife. Mr. Parvin first postmaster, business man and banker. Mrs. Parvin a leading Methodist, who, with the Rev. J. T. Austin, a Christian minister, organized the first Union Sunday school. Mr. and Mrs. Parvin are the parents of Mrs. Mamie Parvin Hill, El Paso, and Mrs. Margie Parvin Brelsford, and George Parvin of Eastland, Texas. Hearn was a race horse promot-

Col. Lark Hearn and wife: Wealthy cattle and ranch people. Mr. Hearn was a race horse promoer and had a private race track on the Hearn estate. Mr. Hearn prophecied 20 years ago that there was oil on his estate. Today there is several producing oil wells on the estate owned by his children. Bob Hearn of Fort Worth and Miss Media Dudley was the first two to graduate in public school of Belle Plain under Professor F. W. Chatfield and Mrs. Chatfield. Miss Minnie Hearn was the first graduate in Belle Plain college under Judge I. M. Onins and Mrs. Onins. The Belle Plain college was organized under Professor F. W. Chatfield and Mrs. Chatfield, and was run in connection with the public school, until the gray stone college was built, through the untiring efforts of Rev. J. T. L. Annis and Mrs. Annis who became head of the college, followed by judge Onins and later under Dr. J. H. Yonley. The rock walls are standing today.

Some of the students today: Henry James, banker, Abilene, Texas; Jack and Dilworth Parremore, capitalist and rancher; Eunice Parremore, Kate Irvin, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Austin, Abilene, Texas; Willie Flores Barnhill, Baird, Texas; Kate Flores Young, Tulia, Texas; John and Lige Merchant, Carlsbad, N. M.; Claude Flores, Belle Plain, Texas; Arthur Young, Bayou; Lena Floyd Wooldredge, El Paso; Fannie Maitby Price, Admiral; Mr. and Mrs. Dick Merchant, parents of Cal Merchant, rancher of Clarendon, who shot a deer as it ran through Belle Plain in 1881 and hung the deer up in live oak tree in the yard of John Flores' home. The oak stands today with 14 live oaks grown up since that time.

In 1874 Harry Merchant roped a young buffalo and tied it to an oak tree where the Seale ranch stands. The original house was built by Mr. and Mrs. Parvin from Philadelphia, Penn. The house has been improved and today it is a palacial ranch home of the Misses Francis Loraine Seal and Miss Elamore Seale, who own and operate the ranch. They are the two youngest daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Seale, deceased. The ranch is famous for its good cattle and thoroughbred cow ponies that jump hurdles, flaming hoops and cars. The Seale girls come from one of Texas' early pioneer families. Their grandmother Seale swam a horse across the Brazos river and carried her three children to safety during an Indian raid, and is listed among the oustanding pioneer women of Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Russell, a rock mason built the first rock building. The Russell rock home stands today. Later it was the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Floyd. Mr. Floyd was county surveyor for 20 years. Mrs. Floyd, a good and gracious Christian woman, lives with her daughter, Miss Willie Floyd, a prominent teacher in Abilene, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Flores, 1873, Jim Flores, soldier and Indian fighter, buffalo hunter, rancher, his life history was one of the most colorful of any of the early-day frontiersmen. Jim Flores was the father of A. D. Flores of Hot Springs, N. M., and S. F. Flores of Tulia, cattleman and banker.

Capt. Jeff Maltby and Mrs. Maltby. Capt. Maltby, soldier, Indian fighter, historian, leading agriculturalist of his day. His son, Jimmie Maltby and Morgan Price and Fannie Maltby Price, live in the rock homestead today. Capt. Maltby entertained all visiting celebrities in his day.

First Doctor: Dr. Thayer and his charming wife from Boston, Mass.

Dr. S. T. Fraser and Mrs. Fraser, parents of Joe Fraser, postmaster of Colorado.

Judge Otis Bowyer and sister, Miss Bowyer, Judge F. S. Bell and sister, Miss Bell. Miss Bell is the wife of Judge Otis Bowler of Baird, Texas.

J. B. Cutbirth and Mrs. Cutbirth, wealthy land owner and rancher, Mrs. Cutbirth lives in Baird, Texas.

Mrs. Melvinie Merchant Stratton Webb, mother of Kate Stratton Hudson of San Marcus, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. French, parents of Tom French and Mrs. H. A. Warren of Baird, Texas.

Grandmother McFarlan, a bright and shining light in the Christian world. Mother of Sam and J. B. Cutbirth, Mrs. Dee Campbell, Jim, Wash and Price McFarlan.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Young, outstanding members of the Methodist church. Mr. Young, teacher, postmaster, farmer, rancher and owner of several oil wells. It was through his untiring efforts that the Methodist church was built at the Belle Plain cemetery. The church stands today a monument to his memory. Dick Young, his youngest san, lives on the old homestead and owns and runs the Young farm and ranch.

Capt. J. W. Jones and Mrs. Jones. Sheriff for 22 years, wealthy cattleman and rancher. Mr. and Mrs. Jones had no children. But was well known for their generous deeds to the young people of the neighborhood. Mr. Jones picked up Claude Flores, a barefooted lad on the street and bought him a pair of red topped, brass toed boots, and did Claude step high?; Oscar Jones and Laura Jones Windham, nephew and neice of Mr. Jones, spent their school days in the Jones home. The home, a log picket house, stands today on the John Flores estate.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruton, parents of Ben, Charley, Webb. Bruton and Mrs. Inez Bruton Williams of Belle Plain.

Editor W. E. Gilliland and Mrs. Gilliland and their illustrious family moved from Belle Plain to Baird 50 years ago to establish the Baird Star, which event we are celebrating today. His children are carrying on the work of which their father laid the foundation in the newspaper world.

Today a six-foot gray granite shaft with bronze wreath and lone star with dates to mark the place where the early-day western town of Belle Plain and the Belle Plain college stands on the main drive through the "Ghost City."

Ed Seay, married Miss Husie Merchant here. Brown Seay married Mrs. Leonie Cutbirth, here. Mrs. Brown Seay lives in Brady. Frank Collins married Alice Merchant here. Mrs. Alice Merchant Collins Tuttle lives in Minco, Okla. Ed and Brown Seay and Frank Collins were West Texas ranger, Jim Seay clerked in a store here for Ed Seay and Winn, the first general sotre in Belle Plain.

Sim McCoy and wife and niece, Miss Nora Black, who married Mr. Adams, a druggist here. Mrs. Sim McCoy lives with her daughter, Mrs. Jess Gibbs, Rowden.

Col. C. W. Merchant, wealthy cattleman and landowner and Col. Berry moved from Belle Plain and founded the city of Abilene. The Merchant rock home, the oldest residence and one of the most elaborate, is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mac Merchant, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Merchant.

Yesterday: 1874: Clabe Merchant, Mac McCoy, John Flores, Joe Crutchfield, Harry Merchant, Jim Flores, Henry Akin, George Straton, drove a herd of longhorn cattle from Pilot Point, Denton county, and located the Merchant and McCoy "74" ranch on the Pecan Bayou. Known today as the McCoy ranch and still owned by Lizzie Cutbirth McCoy of Baird, daughter of Sam and Lucy Cutbirth. Early pioneer ranchers who were known far and wide for their old southern hospitality.

Yesterday, 1876; John Merchant had the first school house and church built in Belle Plain. A one-room frame building with log foundation and rock chimney built by Mac Watters, who built the kilns and made the lime that went into the first rock houses built here. The chimney kilns stand today, a monument to the memory of Mr. Watters, who chose to spend his days here, instead of returning to Ireland, where he inherited the castle and wealth of his ancestors.

The first teacher was Mrs. Westmorland.

The first minister was Rev. J. T. Austin, who was also the first judge of Callahan county, and the father of Mrs. John Blakley, the oldest settler in Belle Plain, the mother of twelve children, all living except one. Tellar and Evelyn Blakley live with their mother and run the Blakley ranch.

Yesterday, 1879: A cavalcade of lowing cattle and yelling cowmen with a gun on each hip mounted and on foot from East Texas and crossed the Brazos river bound for Callahan county. Following in the wake of the dusty trail in ox and horse-drawn wagons, squeaking with their heavy loads of household goods with every vacant space filled in with corn followed.

Among this cavalcade moving west was John and Mary Flores, and their three children, Claude, Willie and Kate Flores, Jim Denham and Mrs. Denham, Clabe Flores and a large number of other western travelers I cannot recall. The children were looking for Indians at every turn of the trail. The only ones we saw on the trip were tame Indian guides for buffalo hunters and army posts. John Flores' family the first two years lived in a log house near the Austin hole on the bayou and from the bayou moved to the school and church building in Belle Plain which is the Flores ranch today.

Today, I traveled the same route from East Texas to Callahan county the pioneers did, in a streamlined air-conditioned train, in less than five hours.

Yesterday my ancestors followed the Indian trails through the camp of wigwams, where the city New York stands.

Today I tramped the same soil in a cavalcade of six million souls down a canyon of the tallest buildings in the world. Such a glamorous, startling scene, made ones soul bound and soar beyond the realms of eternal pierce and glory. In the shadow of the Empire State building. It is 102 stories, 1,250 feet high. It has seven miles of

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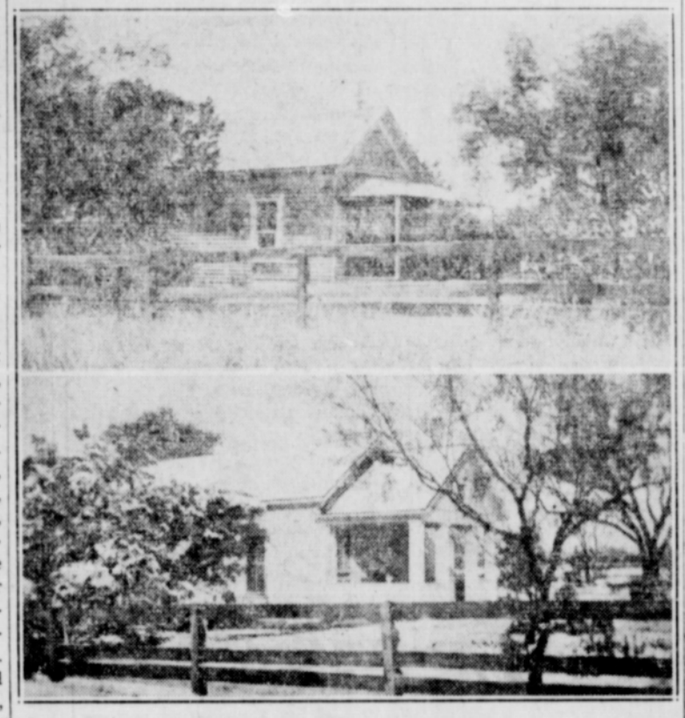

The Flores Home, Belle Plain

Top: The original house as built by John Merchant, for school and church. Bottom: The home as it stands today.

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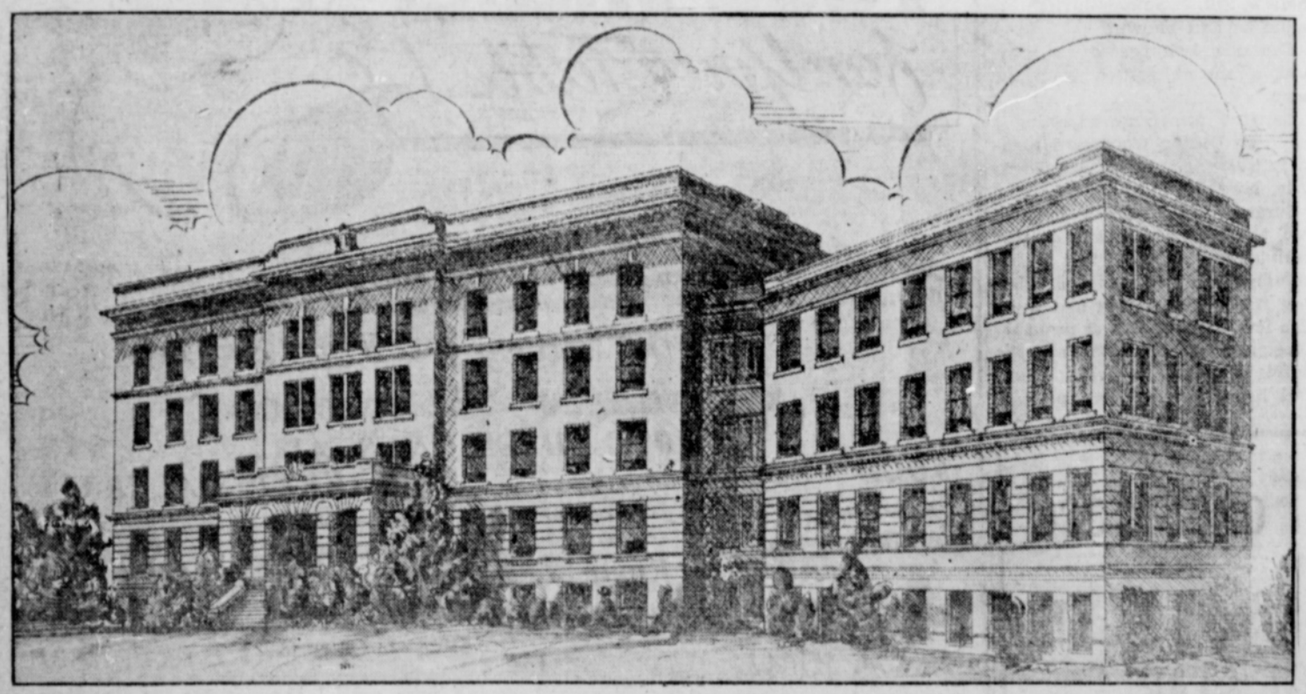

HENRICK'S MEMORIAL HOSPITAL—"The Medical Center of West Texas".

UPON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BAIRD STAR—The Oldest Newspaper in Callahan County. In this county Jack Estes spent his boyhood days. Here was his old hometown. Here his boyhood friends. Here he attended public schools and old Belle Plain college. Here he dreamed of becoming a surgeon. Here he began his practice. Here he lives in the heart of a pioneer people who bequeaths us the future to carry on the work of this skilled surgeon.

Dedicates This Space To The Memory of

Dr. J. M. Estes, Sr.

Chief of The Medical Staff at the time of his death

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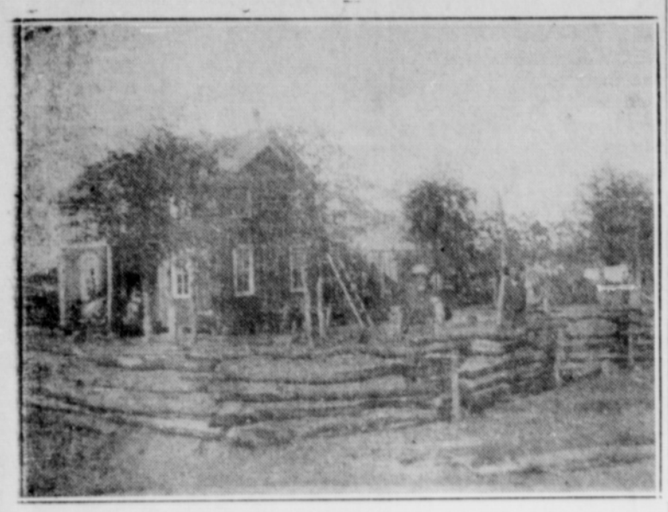
Large Modernly equipped plant—clinic—skilled staff and school of nursing.

Old Home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McDermett



The McDermett home was built near Cado Peak in the early 80's Mr. McDermett served Callahan county as Tax Assessor and later as Treasurer. Mr. and Mrs. McDermett died some years ago. Mr. McDermett is seen standing near the fence in the picture.

MR. AND MRS. J. C. McDERMETT

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McDermett were pioneers of the Caddo Peak community, Mr. McDermett coming from Stephenvile to that section in 1877. Mrs. McDermett, a native of Missouri, came in 1879. Mr. and Mrs. McDermett were married Nov. 6, 1881 and on Nov. 6 1931 celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with all their children, grandchildren, friends and relatives attending.

Mr. McDermett died January 21, 1934.

FOR REMEMBRANCE

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to do was forget that there was such a person.

"Dan Wright."

"A right plain, common sort of name, I'd say."

"And he's just that kind of man, grandfather," she retorted sharply. Then gently: "He's really fine. And he has a wonderful future. He could step right into a grand position as Doctor Sheridan's assistant, which is among the wealthiest and most influential people in the city. But he prefers to go on his own in a smaller place. He's just a small town boy."

"Well—there's a number of folks like that."

Suzanne looked up contritely, an apology on her lips, but the eyes twinkling across from her told her that he understood. Understood more, perhaps than she realized.

Christmas morning and her grandfather's mellow voice calling out the old greeting, "Christmas gift, Mandy. Ghristmas gift, Suzanne. Everybody."

Suzanne hurried into her green knit dress, ran a comb through her hair, but with her hand on the door knob, she hesitated. Young John was running down the hall, calling back, "Hurry, Suzanne—slow poke."

She walked slowly down the stairs breathing deep of the fragrant odor of cedar and pine. Inside the door she stood still taking in the scene before her. Between her beautifully arched brows a line grew and deepened.

The room with heavy curtains drawn was lighted by the colored lights on the Christmas tree, and a pine log of candles banked among the evergreens on the mantle. Their glow danced on the artificial snow and icicles, the sugar cookies.

Caroline, the negro cook, threw a fresh log on the fire, sending up a shower of sparks, made the firelight shimmer over the room, throwing a rudy pool of brightness over the upturned faces.

There was so much real happiness here; genuine affection and love from generous hearts. Hearts that knew how to give as well as receive. It brought tears to her eyes and a choking to her throat And for once in her life she was not ashamed of the tears. They were healing tears. They seemed to wash away the dross, the bitterness of the lonely, frustrated years, leaving a girl that knew what she wanted.

She wanted Dan. Doctor Dan Wright. She wanted to be a small town doctor's wife. One like the smiling faced old lady sitting in a high-back chair, beside the Christmas tree, beaming upon her children. She wanted to enjoy a life of love with Dan. Not a love that asks for things, but a sharing.

But would Dan understand? Could she ever make him realize that she was different from the shallow, selfish, luxury-loving Suzanne he had known?

The door-bell pealed abruptly. And a silence settled over the room.

Caroline was busy adjusting a shade so Doctor Woodward turned to Suzanne. "Will you see who it is, honey?"

Suzanne walked down the long hall, but her mind, her heart was straining back toward that warm, friendly room. She wished whoever it was at the door had waited a few minutes. It was probably someone after the doctor, and she didn't want him to leave now. And he would for his patients came first. He would stop anything he might be doing, anytime to go to their relief, whether it was necessary or not. She wanted to see his eyes when he opened the box she and her grandmother had given him. A box that contained a new overcoat, muffler and gloves.

She ran the last few steps and yanked the door open so abruptly the tall, young man standing there startled.

"Dan." It was a mere whisper. Her face went deathly white.

She did not ask him in, and he seemed content for the moment just to look at her, to drink in the beauty of the glowing face. She finally put out her hand tentatively.

Dan caught that hand, a spark beginning to glow deep in his eyes, and pulled her into his arms.

With a little cry she went limp against him.

"Oh, Dan, it's like a dream come true to have you here," she whispered. "I've wanted you so."

The man held her off, looking deep into her eyes.

He asked gently:

"Enough, Suzanne, to stay here with me—always?"

"Enough to stay or go. Wherever you are, Dan," she answered, her voice ringing with the deep love and sincerity of a tried heart.

"Suzanne," Doctor Woodward's voice called from the living room, "you'd better bring that doctor of yours on in if you want to get in on this gift business." He chuckled and added, "and then, I've got a patient I want him to see before dinner."

Suzanne lifted questioning eyes to Dan's.

"I wonder how he knew?"

Dan laughed down into her face.

"He's Old Nickolas himself. He's the one who called me a night or two ago and told me I was wanted—here. And asked me to come on and be his partner.

"Oh, Dan. I'll love it here."

A few minutes later holding her gifts in her lap, surrounded by their gay wrappings, she looked up to find her grandfather smiling down at her.

His voice came low, so low no one else heard him.

"No need of a remembrance now, eh, Suzanne."

Today and Tomorrow

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elevator shafts and enough floor space to shelter a city of 80,000 people.

The famous tulip tree, the oldest living thing in New York today, and the Indians in all their war paint and feathers, are there as they were in the beginning in 1492 when Columbus siled the ocean blue.

Yesterday, 1875: John D. Merchant and Sarah Skinner Merchant, founders of Belle Plain, built a gray stone old southern Colonial home famous for its beautiful furniture and spacious grounds and warm welcome to all who passed that way.

Their only daughter, Jennie Merchant, Young Gates, a beautiful and charming woman, lives in Long Beach, Calif., and two sons in Oklahoma, leaving Sam Merchant, husband of Zudie Austin, deceased and Jack Merchant.

Today the old Merchant house is the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. Rod Kelton and is still the show place of the county, with its well kept yard and garden of shrubbery and beautiful flowers of every shade and hue.

Yesterday: Six generations of the Flores family have sat in straight back rawhide bottom, hand-made chairs and rolled their own in corn shucks and enjoyed the warmth and cheer of the old fireplace, more than 53 years ago.

Today one lone World War bachelor whose ancestors have fought in all the wars of the United States of America, sits and smokes his favorite brand of tailor-made, with memories both bitter and sweet, as the rings of smoke disappear up the old chimney.

The cavalcade down memory lane fades . . .

"Gone With the Wind" . . .

"The End of a Perfect Day." . . .

"Au Revoir
But Not Goodbye."

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Roy D. Williams
THE MAN'S STORE
Baird, Texas

Pioneer Doctors of Callahan County

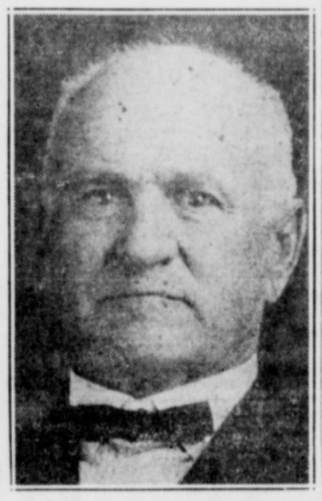
DR. AND MRS. J. D. WINDHAM

Dr. J. D. Windham who located on the Bayou below Denton, was the first doctor to locate in the county. Dr. S. T. Fraser was probably the next. Others were Dr. J. M. Foy, Dr. B. F. Brittain of Putnam; Dr. E. M. Rust, Dr. O. W. Broadnax, Dr. R. Robertson of Cottonwood; Dr. C. R. Shapard, Dr. D. C. J. M., and Gene Rumph, practiced with Dr. Windham at Tecumseh. The Doctor Rumphs were cousins of the late Dr. S. P. Rumph of Baird. Dr. R. G. Powell, Dr. T. J. Largen, Dr. Eli Thayer and Dr. C. R. Shapard were among the first doctors to locate at Belle Plain. Dr. Dave Lindley was an early-day doctor at Tecumseh.

Dr. R. G. Powell, Dr. D. J. Wilson, Dr. McCoy and Dr. S. T. Fraser were among the first doctors in Baird. Later Dr. E. R. Sartor, Dr. B. F. Brittain. Later, Dr. Tisdale, Dr. R. L. Griggs, Dr. Gus Griggs, Dr. Hayes, Dr. Langston, Drs. W. S. and G. A. Hamlett.

Dr. Jack Estes and Dr. J. M. Bailey were early doctors in Clyde. Dr. Bailey and Dr. Webster are now located at Clyde. There are perhaps many doctors who have lived in the county whose names we do not now recall.

DR. I. M. HOWARD
Pioneer Physician of Cross Plains



DR. W. S. HAMLETT
County Health Officer

The Houston Food Store

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THE BAIRD STAR

On Its FIFTIETH Anniversary

Let us extend thanks for this pioneer edition and to the ones who blazed the trail in Callahan County.

Let us take this occasion to say . . .

WE WELCOME YOU TO OUR STORE

Mr. & Mrs. J. F. Houston

MR. AND MRS. JOHN BLAKLEY

Mr. and Mrs. Blakley were pioneers of Belle Plain. Their two youngest daughters, Miss Evalyn and Josephine, now Mrs. R. B. Taylor, are shown with their parents.

PORTER J. DAVIS
Cross Plains Merchant

IKE KENDRICK
Farmer Postmaster Cross Plains

Christmas
FOOD VALUES
for Your Table!

I want to take this opportunity to thank Baird people for their generous patronage. I have been in business in Baird only a few months, but your kindness, your hospitality and your coopera tion makes it a genuine pleasure to wish

A Merry Christmas — A Happy New Year

NOTE THESE UNUSUAL
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48 LBS.
American Beauty Flour $1.69
2 two-lb. package MEAL 25c
20 lbs. MEAL 45c

3 No. 2 cans CORN
3 No. 2's SPINACH
3 No. 2's string beans 25c
3 No. 2's TOMATOES

Admiration Coffee, 3 lbs 81c
1 lb. 28c
Quick Arrow Soap Flakes 21c

Pork Sausage, ... lb., 20c
PORK CHOPS ..... lb. 25c
No. 1 Dry Salt Bacon, lb 21c
Loin or T-Bone Steak, lb. 25c
Sugar Cured BACON, lb. 28c
SLICED or STRIP—
Dry Salt Jowl, ... lb. 15c
CORN KING or BANQUET
BACON ..... lb. 35c
SPARE RIBS ..... lb. 22c
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Depend on Us for Your Christmas Candies, Fruits, Nuts, Vegetables, Cake Ingredients.

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Progressiveness and Bravery Revealed in History of County

Early History Of Callahan County

By B. C. CHRISMAN

In the year 1860, the frontier line of settlement in West Texas extended roughly from Henrietta, in Clay County, to Fort Griffin, in Shackelford County, Kerrville, in Kerr County and continuing to Del Rio in Val Verde County.

The outbreak of the Civil War caused not only a cessation of immigration to West Texas, but actuallly caused the frontier line of settlement to recede, and many people who had left their homes east of the cross timber belt were forced to return on account of indian depredations caused by the unprotected frontier during the civil war.

After the reestablishment of "home rule" at the close of the civil war and the reconstruction period, the frontier line of settlement advanced steadily in the face of Indian depredations until it reached the line of Federal Military Posts consisting of Fort Richardson, in Jack County, Fort Griffin, in Shackelford County, Fort Concho, in Tom Green County, Fort McKavatt, in Menard County and Fort Terrett in Edwards County.

Prior to the coming of the United States Troops and even before the independence of Texas was secured from Mexico, John Arrowsmith, a London printer, published a map of Texas which showed this section of the state had been explored by Le Grand in the year 1833 and was reported by Le Grand to be occupied by Comanche Indians, wild horses and buffalo.

In 1843, President Houston with the approval of Congress, renewed the Peters Colony Grant which provided for the settlement of an area extending from the Red River in Grayson County, south to Ellis County, thence westward to and including Callahan County, thence north to the Red River. Later the Texas Land and Emigration Company was organized under this grant, and although a number of surveys in the north east part of the county bear this name, we have no definite knowledge that any settlement was made in this county under that grant.

In 1866 Callahan county was practically untouched by the white man, the country teemed with wild game-buffalo by the thousand wolves that preyed upon them; wild horses, antelope, turkey and other unhunted game.

The campaign of General Mackenzie of the 4th Cavalry, who operated out of Fort Griffin from 1871 to November 1876, forever upset the dominion of the Comanche Indians on the Plains of West Texas at Palo Duro Canyon, and by the latter part of 1876 the last Indian had been driven out of Texas back to the reservation at Fort Sill.

Immediately following the expulsion of the Indians by Mackenzie, surveying parties were organized in various parts of the state, notably at Dallas, San Antonio and Fort Griffin and rushed into the territory made vacant by the Indian and filed their land certificates.

Buffalo hunters coming down from the North slaughtered the vast herds by the thousands and soon wiped them out. Streams of immigrant wagons commenced to pour in from the East and cattlemen began seeking large ranches made vacant by the Indian and buffalo. Travel in the early seventies was not the pleasure it is today, when we can glide over the Bankhead Highway to Fort Worth in four hours. There were no bridges and streams were crossed by ascending and descending steep and slippery banks. The wheels cut out deep ruts, and rocks occupied the distance between the ruts. In the rainy season the wheels would sink to the hubs and it was necessary to cut small trees and pry them out. It was necessary to bring a sufficient supply of provisions for the entire trip and an additional amount to last until log cabins could be constructed. A black coffee pot and iron skillet, a few pewter knives and forks and tin plates and cups constituted the cooking outfit.

In 1858 the Butterfield Stage Route was established and the state legislature created a group of counties extending to the one hundredth meridian, including Callahan County, the same year..

Some early land patents refer to this county as part of Travis County, and of Bexar County, and reference is made in State papers to the "crossing of the military roads from Fort Phantom Hill to Fort Grogan, and Fort Belknap to Fort Gates, at a point one and one half miles South of West Caddo Peak". As Fort Phantom Hill was established by the Federal Government in 1851 and Callahan County was created for future organization in 1858, it is quite possible that some intending settler made a visit to this county prior to the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861.

FIRST RECORD OF EARLY SETTLERS

However, the first authentic written record of the history of Callahan County is found on a tombstone, located in the Old Hart Cemetery, this stone bears the inscription: "F. L. Whitten, born Nov. 11th, '63, died Nov. 24th, '63, and J. A. Whitten, 1822 died July 23rd, 1865.

"Tradition" hands down the record of the tragic death of Mr. Whitten at the hands of a Mexican by the name of Mexia after whom the creek is named, and also the perhaps justifiable fate meted out to Mexia shortly after by the friends of Whitten. The grave of Mexia is reputed to be located on the banks of Mexia creek, some two or three miles south of "The Double Log Cabin" on the Hart place.

In 1872, Mrs. Whitten and her son, Jake, sold their improvements to the Harts, who replaced the picket cabin with large "Double Log House" typical of the well to do early day settlers.

BATTLE CREEK

There has been much conjecture among the citizens of the county as to the orgin of the name 'Battle Creek" as applied to the stream by that name in the eastern part of the county. The writer has had an extensive correspondence with Mr. M. L. Johnson, of Dallas, who is now nearing ninety years, and who recently wrote the book, "Trail Blazing", which is descriptive of the early day life of the cowboy in Callahan County on the Hittson ranch in the North Eastern part of the county.

I quote verbatim a letter received from Mr. Johnson:

"In order that the reader may fully understand this bit of Callahan County History, it will be necessary to give the contributing cause for the same. The Indians on the North were killing, scalping and stealing from the few settlers living west of a line drawn from Corpus Christi, Austin, Dallas, and Sherman. On the South the whole Mexican Republic was "sore" over the loss of Texas to Sam Houston at San Jacinto. The Mexicans were encouraged to take revenge for the loss of Texas by killing, stealing, and smuggling in the interior as well as along the border. In 1840 there were no Rangers along the frontier of Texas to protect the few citizens. No United States Government Forts had been established to protect and guard the frontier.

Something had to be done to save the country. The citizens living east of the "dead line; before mentioned, began to form "Home Guards" and scour the country for the enemy. A small band of 'Home Guards', 12 men, marched forth as far west as Callahan County with my uncle James F. Smith in command. They built a small picket hut on the west banks of the creek to sleep in. The creek, as many others in un-inhabited territory, had no name at that time. The little hut stood there for many years as a marker for the site where the fight took place. It was over twenty years after this fight that John Hittson established a cow ranch in the place where the battle occured, and by so doing, re-established the place where these brave men offered their lives for the safety of others. This battle was fought near the last years of the Republic of Texas.

The Company commanded by my uncle, as well as I can remember, was as follows: James F. Smith, Jim Kinaman, Sam Clayton, Jim Branson, Charley Batts, and a few others whose names I do not remember. The reader must understand what dangers and hard ships they had to endure in that stormy period. When they had finished the hut, they intended to go forth and try to locate the enemy, who at that time was in the vicinity. While making preparations to start, they saw 12 or 15 Indians, (as they thought) approaching from the North. They came dashing up, almost in a body, and began firing at the little hut in which the small party had taken refuge.

Several shots were exchanged and one Indian was killed and left dead near the hut. They withdrew to some distance and seemed to be holding a parley. Then they made another charge in which two of their party were wounded, one mortally, and had to be carried off by his comrades.

Charley Batts, of the little company of "Home Guards" was killed in the last charge while standing in the door of the little hut.

The Indians retreated out of sight, after the second charge, and were seen no more. The little party found they had killed a Mexican instead of an Indian when the dead man was examined and it will never be known whether they were all Mexicans or mixed band. They buried the two men side by side, about 200 yards south of where they fell.

In 1868, while I was working as a cow hand for John Hittson, my Uncle, James F. Smith of Fort Worth, came to Callahan County to see the place where the fight occured. He pointed out the very spot to me, which was about 300 feet due west from the Hittson branding pens and about 100 feet from the banks of the creek. He also gave me the particulars concerning the cause and result of the fight, showing me the brush covered graves.

This was a new developing country now and needed means of identification, so they naturally named the creek. One of the party suggested the name Batts Creek, in honor of Charley Batts who was killed at the site, while others objected to the name because it sounded too much like 'batts cave', and as there were no such caves on the creek, this name was not appropriate.

It was finally agreed to drop the 's' from Batts and add "le" making it Battle Creek, in honor of one who was killed in the battle, and it is still called Battle Creek after almost one hundred years".

HART FAMILY FIRST PERMANENT RESIDENTS

This land of rolling plains and valleys, with running streams flecked sparsely with live oaks, with abundant grass, lured prospective settlers possessed with grit and determination and a few cattle. The year 1868 marks the advent of the first permanent settlers in Callahan County. Coming that year from Palo Pinto, County were A. A. and Mrs. Caroline Hart, and children, John, Jim Early and Jesse, they settling in the Western part of the county. Mr. Hart died the same year, and Mrs. Hart and the boys moved to the Jim Ned in Coleman County, and in '72 moved back to the Northeast part of Callahan and bought the improvements of Mrs. Whitten and son, Jake In '74 Mrs. Hart and the boys replaced the picket cabin of the Whittens with the large Double Log-House. This Log-House was typical of the well to do rancher.

This Log-House became a noted frontier land mark, for many years it being the only permanent home in the far West. The head carpenter in the construction of this home was Sebe Barnes, who was killed at Round Rock with Sam Bass, July 21st, 1878.

The ranchmen and cowboys were a product of the times in which they lived- - times that tried men's souls and put manhood to the test, lives hung in the balance. How bravely they met this test and all issues, is a matter of frontier history. In this period the unwritten law of hospitality drove away all selfish thoughts, and neighbors vied with each other to show their appreciation for favors received and consequently the frontiersman learned the fundamental truth secret of human happiness, "that it is better to give than to receive."

Working with the Harts between '72 and '77 were many cow hands: J. B. Douglas, C. W. Taylor, John Heslip, Tom Hoard, George and Tom Funderburg, Nelson, Steve and Than Warren, Ky Eubanks, D. L. Dodds, Bill McDermett (who was the book-keeper), Bob Pollard, E. J. Jackson, J. L. Lawson, John and Mack Wilson and mother, Mrs. Annie E. Wilson and many others.

TOM EUBANKS KILLED BY INDIANS

In '68 we find other settlers and ranchmen pushing to the new frontier. John Eubank had established his ranch in the Southeastern part of Shackelford County, his ranching operations extending into Callahan County. Mr. Eubank and other cattlemen would work together in rounding up cattle for mutual protection against roving bands of Indians. About the year 1868, a large party of stockmen was organized for the purpose of hunting their stock jointly for mutual protection against the Indians. Mr. Eubank sent his son, Thomas, to accompany the stock hunters on their expedition.

They were to assemble at a certain place on a certain date and Mr. Eubank sent Thomas to meet the others at the appointed rendezvous.

He had to ride ten or twelve miles, and on his way he was attacked by a party of Indians. Young Eubank defended himself bravely, killing one Indian and two hores, but at last he was killed himself. A few weeks afterwards the party he intended to accompany returned from their hunt and Mr. Eubank called upon them to learn what success they had met with. He then learned for the first time, that his son had never joined the party. He at once suspected that he had been killed or captured by the Indians and immediate search was made along the road that led to the place of the rendezvous. No trace could be found of young Eubank. Months later some cowboys came across the carcasses of two horses that had been killed by six-shooter bullets. Keeping up the hunt and after a long search, their attention was drawn to some brush that appeared to have been recently piled in a shallow gulch, and beneath the brush they found a layer of stone. Digging into the grave they unearthed the body of an Indian Chief wrapped in a blanket. The body of the Chief had around him the belt that had belonged to Thomas Eubank. Not finding the body of the young man they took it for granted that he had been captured by the Indians. Mr. Eubank made every effort to ascertain whether or not his son was still living, but all to no purpose. Time rolled on and still Mr. Eubank had hope that his son might have been taken capitive and that he would yet be restored to him. He made trips to the Indian Territory and made every effort to ascertain from the Indians the fate of his son but to no avail.

Finally some cowboys were hunting stock on the same prairie where the two dead horses had been found and they came across the skelton of young Thomas Eubank.

MANY NEW SETTLERS

By 1870, the danger of Indian raids being past, other settlers established their homes in the county, G. B. Henderson, L. M. Marshall, J. M. McCanlies, Parker Preslar, Ky Eubank, D. L. Dodds, Cul Stein, Jacob and A. Y. Farmer, J. L. Lawson, Bob Pollard, Bill McDermett, a number of whom had been working previously on the Hart ranch. Spreading in fan-like fashion other settlements soon begun in other sections of the county.

In '74 Jasper McCoy established his ranch on the Bayou near the center of the county, and associated with him were Claude and John Merchant, who arrived in '76 from Denton County. With the Merchants came J. B. and Sam Cutbirth, A. W. Price and Jim McFarlane, Mose Franklin, Joseph Crutchfield, John Flores, E. C. Hill and a few others.

In '75 Dr. J. D. Windham and sons, Cal, Tod, and Tom established their ranch in the Southwest part of the county near Tecumseh Peak.

The same year Captain John Trent's family and the Andersons settled on the present Betcher place. The families of J. P. Brightwell and John T. Gilliland settled on Burnt Branch in the South part of the county. J. W. Love was the first to settle at Cottonwood Springs in '75. John Roberts, John and Jim Heyser, M. C. Jobe, the Tanners, the Clemmers, and John Hightower settled in eastern part of the County about the same date. The following year came R. J. and Mrs. Estes, W. T. and Mrs. Carter, Dr. Barrett, David, John and Sevier McDonald and Oley Petter.

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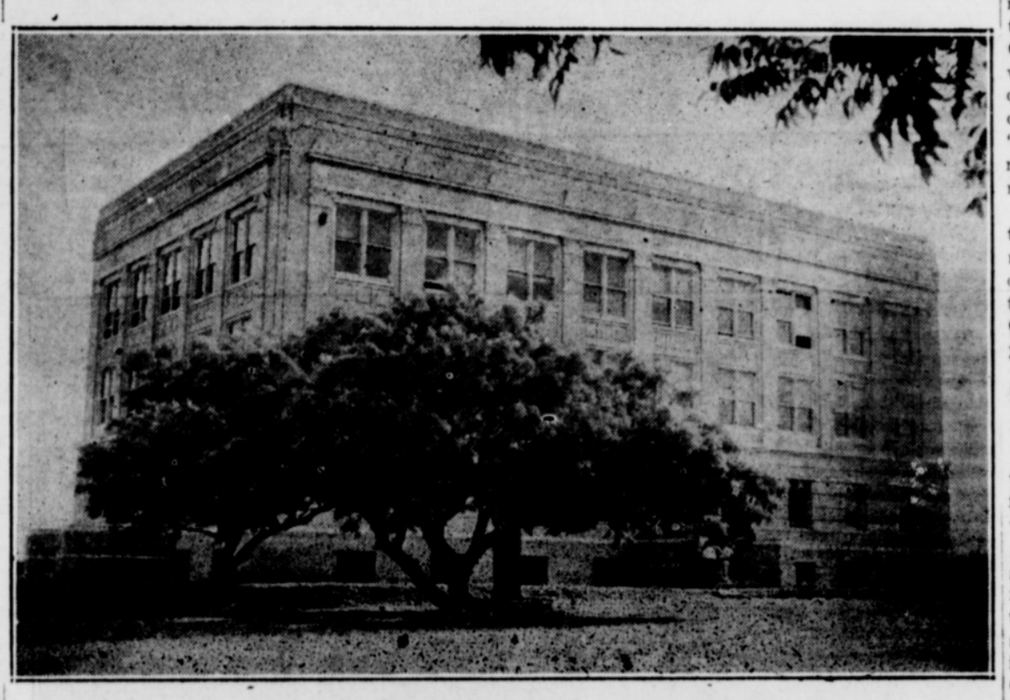
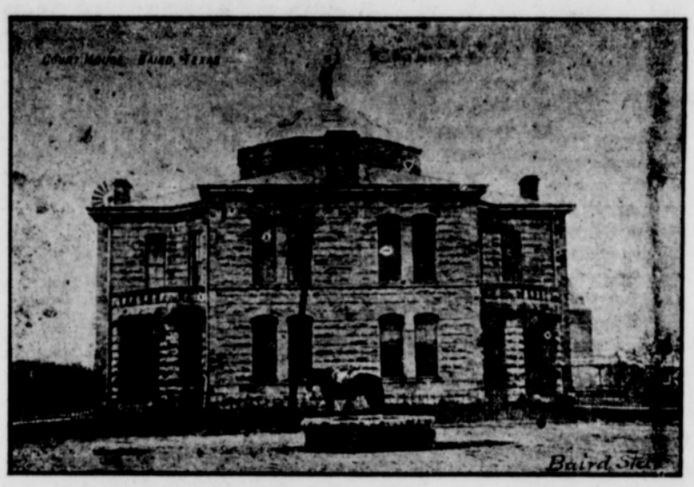
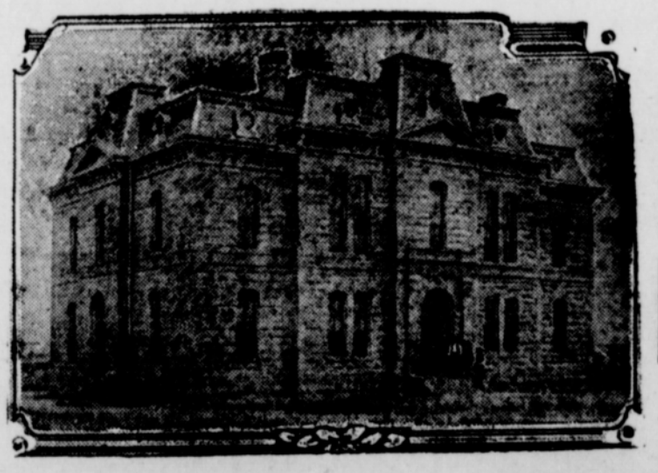
CALLAHAN COUNTY COURT HOUSES

Below is shown Callahan County's three Court Houses. The lower one was the first permanent Court House built. It was built of native stone in 1885. The group standing on the steps are: Left to right, W. E. Gilliland, founder of The Baird Star; C. Estes, county treasurer; J. E. W. Lane, deputy sheriff; E.E.Solomon, county Judge; Dan Dean, constable; A. A. Bell, county attorney and J. W. Jones, sheriff. Judge, Solomon who now lives in Breckenridge, is the only surviving member of the group.

In 1900 the first Court House was torn down and the central building erected; all the material being used in the new building. The upper building is the present Court House, which was built in 1929. The horse standing at the hitch rack in front of the middle building is "Dick", Sheriff, J. W. Jones' saddle horse.







GREETINGS FROM YOUR COUNTY OFFICIALS

I want to congratulate Miss Eliza Gilliland on the issuance of her special edition of The Baird Star, observing it's fiftieth birthday. May she edit many more editions of her paper. This issue coming so near the Christmas Season, gives us all an unusual opportunity to say howdy and merry Christmas.

L. B. Lewis
County Judge

Honor To Former County Commissioners

The Fiftieth Anniversary of The Baird Star is a fitting time to pay tribute to former County Commissioners who have nobly served our county. May we continue to serve Callahan County unselfishly and with our best efforts.

B. O. Brame
County Commissioner, Pre. No. 1

50th BIRTHDAY GREETINGS
To The Baird Star

It is, indeed, a great honor for any institution to celebrate its Golden Anniversary. I take this opportunity to join all Callahan County in extending to Miss Eliza Gilliland and to the memory of the late Col. Gilliland, founder of the paper, best wishes for another half century of service and progress.

Grover E. Clare
County Commissioner, Pre. No. 2

I take great pleasure in greeting the historical edition of The Baird Star. That the paper has served this county for five decades under the same ownership and editorship signifies an intergrity worthy of our deepest respect. May Miss Gillidand enjoy many more years of service to her native county.

Pete King
County Commissioner, Pre. No. 3

The history of Callahan County is rich and colorful. I want to thank Miss Gilliland for this special edition of The Baird Star, for it gives us an opportunity to pay tribute to the early builders of this county and to again renew our efforts for greater progress and security for our people.

And since Christmas is near and the New Year just around the corner, I am wishing each and all Happiness and Good Will.

Mrs. Will Rylee
District Clerk

This special edition of The Baird Star means much, indeed, to us who are part and parcel of the County's past. To carry on the work of these fearless pioneers who saw greatness in the simplicity of living, nobility in everyday labor and service, is our greatest concern. I take this occasion to express my gratitude and love for them.

Mrs. S. E. Settle
County Clerk

I am looking forward to reading the historical edition of The Baird Star commemorating the fiftieth birthday of the good paper. For the history of the Callahan people is my history. That I spent my boyhood days at old Admiral is one of the happiest memories of my life.

Season's greetings to all.

J. R. Black
District Attorney
42nd Judicial District

Let me express my deep appreciation for the historical edition of The Baird Star. As we read the story of our first settlers in Callahan County; let us remember the Future Is Ours—Ours to trust, to vision—to build for. Let us do our best to make the most of our wonderful inheritance.

B. H. Freeland
County Commissioner, Pre. No. 4

The Baird Star is truly a Pioneer. Fifty years ago this newspaper blazed the way in Callahan County journalism. We appreciate our home paper and join other loyal Callahan County people in extending congratulations.

C. R. Nordyke
Deputy Sheriff

COURT HOUSE FAMILY

Back row, left to right: C. R. Nordyke, deputy sheriff, and R. L. Edwards, sheriff. Second row: F. E. Mitchell, county attorney B. C. Chrisman, county superintendent; V. R. King, special collector delinquent taxes. Third row: Ross B. Jenkins, county agent; Olaf Hollingshead, tax assessor and collector; Mrs. S. E. Settle, county clerk; Mrs. Will Rylee, district clerk; Mrs. Will McCoy, county treasurer. Seated: Grover Clare, commissioner Pre. No. 2; Pete King, commissioner Pre. No. 3; Borah Brame, commissioner Pre. No. 1; B. H. Freeland, commissioner Pre. No. 4; and L. B. Lewis, county judge.

Congratulations to The Baird Star on it's Fiftieth Birthday. I also take this opportunity of wishing my many friends my heartfelt best wishes and a hope that each and everyone of us will have a full measure of the New Year's good promises.

B. C. Chrisman
Superintendent of Schools

To be fifty years old in a country as new as this section is, indeed, a great honor. May the second fifty years for The Baird Star be filled with worthy achievements for Baird and Callahan County.

G. H. Corn
Justice of The Peace

Let us all take this unusual opportunity to review the past of our county. Many changes have been wrought here in the West. Our manner of living makes us often unmindful of the sacrifices of our first settlers. But the heart of the West is still the same. In this County I hope I shall always be able to hang my hat.

F. E. Mitchell
County Attorney

There may be a better place to live than in Callahan County, but I have never wanted to try it. So count me in on the county's celebration of the fiftieth birthday of our oldest newspaper, and remember, I am wishing all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

R. L. Edwards
Sheriff

It is with pleasure I congratulate Miss Gilliland on the Fiftieth Anniversary of our oldest Callahan County newspaper, The Baird Star. etaoin etaoin etaoin

Born and reared in Callahan County this historical edition has double significance to me. -vteshrdlushrdluuuuu

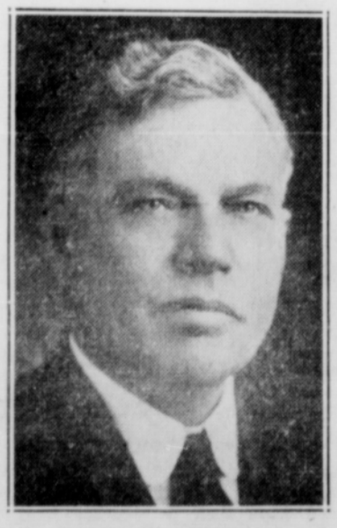
I also take this opportunity to send to my Callahan people a Christmas message of cheer —A New Year Greeting of happiness and Goodwill. May the year just ahead of us be one of achievement for Callahan County.

Mrs. Will McCoy
County Treasurer

Congratulations to The Baird Star on its Fiftieth Anniversary of service to Callahan people.

Very best wishes and the season's greetings to all.

Olaf Hollingshead
Tax Assessor and Collector



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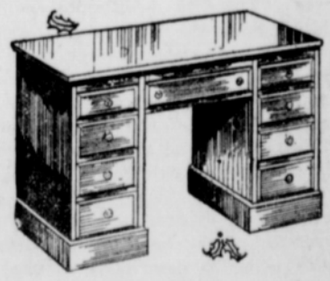
It has been a real privelege to serve Callahan people as their County Home Demonstration Agent. Their faithful cooperation through the year has made the approach of the Christmas Season one of real happiness. Let me wish all of you that cheer and peace that comes with the right observance of this holy day.

Clara Brown

The past half century was rich in achievements.

Let us set our shoulders to the wheel that the next five decades will be worthy of our pioneer forebearers.

Ross B. Jenkins
County Agent



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Home Demonstration Club Women who attended the Annual Rally Day and Clothing Contest at Baird June 3, 1937.

Home Demonstration Work Growing In County

Callahan County Home Demonstration work is carried on through 17 women clubs, with a membership of 350; 8 4-H Girl's clubs with a membership of 160; and the County Home Demonstration Council with Mrs. T. J. Dockery, chairman, Mrs. Al Young, vice-chairman, Mrs. R. Looney, Secretary, Mrs. Jim Barr, treasurer and the 17 club presidents and one elected delegate from each club. Officers for 1938 for the Council are: Mrs. Jim Barr, chairman, Mrs. G. B. Jones, vice-chairman, Mrs. R. Looney, secretary, Mrs. M. B. Sprawls, treasurer, Mrs. C. W. Whittle, reporter.

The women completed a three year clothing program June 3, with an outstanding Clothing Contest and Rally Day at the County seat, Baird. The goals for this work were: to make a dress and slip by the foundation pattern an wear these in the county contest; to learn to adopt style trends in color, line, and design to the individual; and to plan clothes for the family and to keep a complete family record of clothing expenditaure.

Sixteen of the demonstrators completed the year's goals, with the following ladies winning in the contest: Mrs: Eddie Henderson Jr., Dressy; Mrs. J. H. Bone Eula; and Mrs. R. L. Britton Lone Oak.

The other demonstration carried by the clubs is the Home Food Supply, the goals of this demonstration were to make and follow a daily meal plan for one week, planning for the production of the vegetables, to prepare mild and strong vegetables in three new ways each, to prepare two new vegetable salads during the year. Demonstrations have given on each of these phases and the completion of the year's work in this field was completed in October when each club held

MISS CLARA BROWN
Home Demonstration Agent
Callahan County

and Achievment program, this included visiting each demonstrator, hearing the stry of her accomplishments, seing her pantry, plan and records, and each club held a canning contest, the first three place winners will enter a county wide contest and the first seven place winners will be presented cash prizes from Ball Brothers.

The club women realize that all work and no play is not a good slogan so many of the clubs have sponsored socials during the few months. These have proved so popular that several of the clubs have adopted "play night as a monthly project.

The Home Demonstration work has been carried on in Callahan County for the last three years, but even in this short time the women have cooperated in such a manner and have put so much into the work that they are looking forward to future years of pleasant, educational, and profitable work in this field of work.

The 4-H clubs stepped out in July and showed their colors in the first Rally Day and Clothing Contest ever held in the county by the girls. Eighty seven took part in this and voted unanimiosly to continue the clothing work. Then a week later the Taylor and Callahan Counties had a joint 4-H Girl's Encampment, 67 from Callahan enjoyed the day of recreation and fun at Buffalo Gap.

The girls also carried the Home Food Supply Demonstration with stress being placed on leafy, green and yellow vegetables. The canning contest showed what the girls had been doing in this line of work. Loma Johnston of the Denton Club won first place in the county contest and entered a district Contest and won second place in the leafy, green, and yellow division.

The following clubs in the girls work are organized: Atwell, Admiral, Clyde, Dudley, Denton, Eula, Cottonwood, and Oplin. The adult clubs encourage the girl's club work by having a sponsor from the club membership, who takes charge in absence of the agent.

The club members throughout the county realize and appreciate that the Callahan County Commissioner's Court which consists of County Judge, Hon. L. B. Lewis, commissioners, B. O. Brame, Grover C. Clare, Pete King, and B. H. Freeland, are behind this work and appreciate the interest the women show in this type of work.

The Home Demonstration Agent Miss Clara Brown, succeeded Miss Vida Moore, who resigned in May to accept a position of District Agent.

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NEW VILLAGES

During the first months of '77 the towns of Belle Plains and Callahan City began to flourish. Residing near these towns were R. J. Harris, Ben Price, R. C. Dawkins, J. D. Mitchell, John G. Blakely, Rev. T. J. Austin, John Gabe, Sam and Jim Smartt, J. H. Tucker, C. L. Terry, Wm. H. Parvin, W. J. Powers, Ed Seay Dr. C. R. Shapard, J. J. and Erastus Payne, Jack Jones, Mose Jones and others.

In '79 another thriving settlement developed in the Southeastern part of the county with Cross Plains as the center. The first residents of this section were E. H. Brooks, Geo. Franks, the Westermans, Chas. and Wm. Neeb.

As many of the early settlers in the Cross Plains section of the County were of German descent, the town took the name of Schleicher.

EAGLE COLONY

The Eagle Colony settlement of Taylor Co. having failed in '77 several of the stranded and ill-fated families of this colony moved over into Callahan County, among them being the families of August Betcher, Fritz Gardner, H. Lilius, Philip Yost and a family of Boeckers.

Mr. Gardner, the father of George and Fritz, who live south of Eula, with Tom Russell, did most of the rock masonry on the first stores at Belle Plains, and also on the Massey Store and residence on the road west to Buffalo Gap.

Other early settlers prior to the organization of the county were: W. W. Brady, '76; Buck Hunley '77; J. Y. Gilliland '76; Burt, Gus and Craig Clemmer in '75; M. C. Jobe; Rucker Tanner and Mrs. Martha Tanner; '76; Other arrivals during the years 75 '76 were: W. N. Blair, J. J. Hayman, John H. Kelly, B. A. O' Dell, J. J. Sullivan, T. W. Keblinger, Jack Jones, Capt. B. F. Kimbrough, known as "Buffalo Hunter", Mrs. Martha Gates and husband, S. R. Dunigan, J. D. and Mrs. Tennessee Mitchell, John Boen, J. W. Merrick, Thomas McCoy, Steve and Mal Shelly, Ed and Larkin Hearn, E. H. Brooks Joseph C. Crutchfield, R. J. Estes, W. T. Carter, Sampson Moore and family, D. Y. Russell, Rev Wm. Stone. J. C. Strickland, R. C. Dawkins and wife.

It would be impossible in this short sketch to enumerate all the families who settled in the county prior to the organization in '77, but suffice it to say that they paved the way for our present civilization.

Many things we have gained and some things we have lost in the march of civilization. To the early settler generosity was a cardinal virtue carried to an extreme that would appear ludicrous in this day of sharp competition. The appeal of the sick and distressed called forth a noble response from the scatered ranchmen and cowboys, who vied with each other to bring the first relief. No one was ever called upon to solicit aid, it was sufficient to make known that a worthy object of charity had been discovered and the response was spontaneous.

LONLY GRAVE OF LITTLE GIRL

In the Heyser pasture in the Eastern part of the county there is a lonely and unmarked grave. Though none now living remembers her name, Mrs. John Heyser on whose land the grave is located, remembers the death of the little girl, and assisted in preparing her shroud. Her name she has forgotten, if she ever knew.

It was in the early seventies, before the marriage of Mrs. Heyser, that a family from Missouri came traveling through this sec tion of the state.

They camped under a small live oak tree. There the young girl became suddenly ill, and died that night. There were none to render aid whom the father knew, and so far as his knowledge of the country, there were none npon whom he could call. "But God in a mysterious way his wonders to perform", so when believing he was in a wilderness and probably miles from civilization, alone with his beloved living and dead, away from the distance came the crowing of a chicken.

Contrary to the crowing of the cock that reminded Peter of his denial of Christ, which brought chargin and remorse to that disciple, the crowing of this cock brought glad tidings to this sorrowing family that human beings were near, and in the direction from whence this sound came he walked and found sympathetic hands ready and willing to aid him in his distress. Where the cock crowed was the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Downes, where Mr. and Mrs. Rucker Tanner, parents of Mrs. Heyser, were stopping previous to their moving to this part of West Texas.

Mrs. Heyser was then a young girl. These people assisted the Missouri couple to shroud, coffin and bury their dead.

John and Jim Heyser, bachelors who had moved n a few years previously, lived near by, and they were notified.

Lumber was provided for the coffin by utilizing a new wagon bed belonging to John Heyser, and the trimming for the coffin was made from a black calico dress of Mrs. Downs.

These people assisted the strangers in burying the girl, and her grave was made under the live oak tree where they had sought shelter the previous evening. The tree is still standing to mark the last resting place of the little girl, the only mark of identification other than the sandstone slab at the head of the grave. The live oak tree has since grown to huge proportions and the branches have grown and spread over the grave, nature's protecting agency, making a canopy to shelter the lonely grave.

During the years '76, '77 and '78 a steady stream of covered wagons in many instances drawn by ox teams, marked the advent of many new settlers in Callahan County. During these years the following families settled in various parts of the county: J. H. Breeding, J. F. Barton, J. E. M. Hedley, John Day, Samuel Day, Dr. H. O. Broadnax, Dr. Eli Thayer, C. C. (Lum) Edwards, Earl Jackson, C. M. Wilcoxen, W. P. Wilcoxen, M. F. Walker and family, W. T. Wheeler, R. F. and Mrs. Kelton, Perry Klepper, Thomas J. Lovlace, T. B. Hadley, J. M. Bailey, Buck White, Tom Russell J. S. and Mrs. McClendon, Arch, Isaac, W. C. and R. J. Shaw.

W. T. Berry and family, Jack Eastham and family, J. A. Collins Asa Miller, J. C. Oglesby, L. A. Rutledge, Jim Flores, John Flores W. L. Henry, Samuel Barnhill, M. A. Barnhill, S. H. French, J. Tucker, A. H. Wagley, J. W. Paylor, W. R. Lofton, W. R. Williams W. C. Asbury, J. W. Paylor, A. W. Booth, John Bowyer, Attorney A. Lytle Gatewood, Capt. J. W. Jones, T. J. Norrell, D. Mat Thomas C. L. Terry, J. T. Nordyke, M. M. Terry C. R. Nordyke, J. E. Thomas, Attorney, Tom West, Ben Price, Capt. W. J. Maltby, H. R. Kendrick, Wm. R. Lotz, Albert D. Rust, Dr. C. H. Rust, J. C. McDermett, W. T. and W. I Babb, W. S. Meltton, J. H. Robinson, and others.

It is almost impossible, after a lapse of over fifty years to make a complete list of all the early Pioneer Citizens of the County.

However, the foregoing include most of those who came to the county prior to its organization, and through 1877, and whose children and grandchildren still make their home in the county.

Many of the veterans of San Jacinto received grants of land in this county. The following land surveys in Callahan County bear the name of veterans of the Battle of San Jancinto: Wm. M. Caper Survey, J. M. Swisher Survey, A. Montgomery Survey, John Sayers Survey, William C. Hayes Survey, A. J. Beard Survey, Maxwell Steele Survey, Geo. Hancock Survey, John Van Winkle Survey, Robery Henderson Survey, William W. Wood, Survey, Andrew Jackson McGowen Survey William A. Smith Survey, John Smith Survey, John Carter Survey, Andrew Jackson Berry, Grantee, Josiah Cook Survey, D. Millican Survey and Jacob Trask.

Located in Central West Texas on the divide between the Brazos and Colorado rivers, Callahan County was named after James Hughes Callahan, Pioneer and Indian Fighter. James Callahan came to Texas with the Georgia Battalion of Volunteers to aid the Texas patriots in their fight for independence. He was a companion of Dr, Shackelford at the Battle of Coleto under General Fannin. His life was spared at the Goliad Massacre through the intersection of Senora Alvarez, the "Angel of Goliad" and because of the fact that he was considered an expert mechanic.

Up to the year 1877, Callahan County had been annexed to various counties for judicial and administrative purposes.

CALLAHAN COUNTY ORGANIZED 1877

Officers Elected

In the summer of 1877, the citizens of the county were of the opinion that the county had reached sufficient population to stand on its own feet, so a petition was addressed to Judge Calhoun, County Judge of Eastland County, bearing the signature of 158 citizens of Callahan County, praying for an order for an election for the organization and election of officers for this county. The order was granted and Judge Calhoun set the date of the election on the 3rd of July 1877. The result of this election was for the organization of the county as a separate unit of government and on the 30th day of July, 1877 the first commissioners court of Callahan County was held at Callahan City in a small wooden building belonging to Merchant McCoy and Company, where the oath of office was given and the following county and precinct officials had their bonds approved and were inducted into office: County Judge, J. R. Brown, the bondsmen for Judge Brown were not given in the commissioners record.

County Clerk, Isaac Shaw, the bondsmen for Isaac Shaw were James Hart, J. B. Douglas, and A. Shaw.

Sheriff and Tax Collector, T. J. Norrell, the bondsmen for T. J. Norrell were W. A. Kirk and R. Kiser.

H. B. Eubank, Inspector of Animals and Hides, the bondsmen for H. B. Eubank were James Hart and E. H. Smith.

S. R. Dunigan, County Surveyor the bondsmen were Jas. H. Tucker James Hart, E. H. Smith, and Nelson Smith.

John McDonald, County Treasurer, bondsmen were S. M. McDonald and W. A. Kirk.

Tax Assesor, W. N. Blair, bondsmen were J. D. Mitchell, E. O. Watkins and W. R. Williams.

County Attorney, J. L. Porter,
Commissioner Precinct No. 1, John D. Merchant,
Commissioner Precinct No. 2, B. L. Patterson,
Commissioner Precinct No. 3, David McDonald,
Commissioner Precinct No. 4, John Trent,
Justice of Peace Precinct No. 1, E. L. Huffman,
Justice of Peace Precinct No. 2, Nelson Warren,
Justice of Peace Precinct No. 3, R. M. Black,
Constable Precinct No. 2, John Hart,
Constable Precinct No. 3, J. O. Oglesby,
Constable Precinct No. 4, James Windham.

At this meeting the bond of John E. Wray was approved, but the minutes of the court does not designate the office.

At the next meeting of the court on the 13th day of August an order was passed designating B. L. Patterson and J. R. Brown County Judge, to settle with Eastland County. It appears that whatever settlement was made with Eastland County was satisfactory to the members of the court, for at the next meeting of the court, arrangements were made with Eastland County to turn over the tax rolls to Callahan County, with the agreement that Callahan County pay Eastland County out of the first $500.00 collected in this county the pro rata part due

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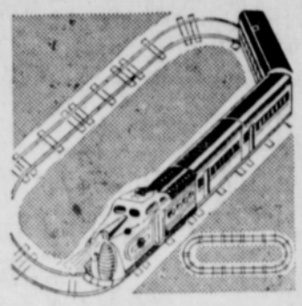

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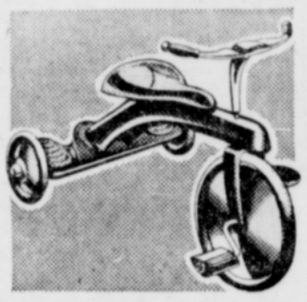

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Eastland. It appears that the Assessor of Eastland County had al ready made some assesments in the County and was due his commission on the assesments.

At the August meeting Jasper McCoy, John Gilliland and James Tucker were recommended to the Governor for the purpose of appraising the value of each alternate section of rail-road land in the county for the benefit of the common schools.

Jasper McCoy, Benjamine Heath and Erasmus Payne were recommended to the Governor as disinterested parties to apraise the value of the Deaf and Dumb and Lunatic Asylum Land situated in this county.

Other matters protecting the interest of the county were ordered by the Commissioners Court as Samuell L. Chalk was employed by the Commissioners Court to re-establish the county line, particularly adjacent to the counties of Shackelford and Eastland, with instructions to run such lines 30 miles in each direction, the surveying to begin on December the 11th and to be completed by December the 30th, 1877. Mr. Chalk was paid $150.00 for doing this work. As surveyed by Mr. Chalk, the county contains an a rea of 854 square miles.

It appears that immediately after the organization of the county a rivalry developed between Belle Plains and Callahan City.

CALLAHAN CITY FIRST COUNTY SEAT

Callahan City had served as county seat until in the fall of 1877 and in the early part of the fall, a spirited campaign of rivalry was had between the two embryo cities as nominees for the permanent county seat. An election was held on October the 13th and resulted in favor of Belle Plains by 51 votes. Belle Plains put on a big clebration as a result of the favorable election returns. An all day barbecue was climaxed with an all night dance. Belle Plains had been located by John and Clabe Merchant probably in April or May before, and as the contour of the surrounding country was in the shape of a bell, old timers attribute the name to this fact.

Immediately after the election, the local authorities put on a sale of lots, both business and residence, and the young city began to flourish.

It was soon discovered that insufficient time had elapsed between the posting of the notices of election and the date of election. To correct this error and to prevent any litigation over the election, the Commissioners court at its meeting on October the 31st appointed James B. Douglas, a cowboy from the Hart Ranch, as messenger to make the trip to Austin and bring back the Governor's election proclamation "by hand" in order that the election might be held. The following letter of introduction was given Mr. Douglas to be presented to the Governor:

Governor Hubbard:

Sir:

Your proclamation issued September the 4th ordering election for permanent location of county seat for Callahan County reached me the 24th inst. after night fall by telegram from Sec. of State.

I learn that you issued the 2nd proclamation on ordering election on 12th of November which has not reached me. By an order of the Hon. Commissioners Court of Callahan County in session to-day, Mr. J. B. Douglas visits you to ask of you an order for an election for location of county seat. We do this in view of the fact that under the present mail facilities we will not be able to get your order in time to make the election legal.

Very respectfully,
J. R. Brown, County Judge Callahan County.

Mr. Douglas made the horseback journey of over 400 miles in record time, and the second election was held in early December and resulted again in favor of Belle Plains. Mr. Douglas was paid $75.00 for making the trip to Austin to secure the proclamation.

BELLE PLAIN CHOSEN AS COUNTY SEAT

After being permanently selected as the county seat, Belle Plain grew rapidly and the following merchants opened their place of business: Merchant and McCoy, General Merchandise; W. T. Berry, General Store; McMinn and Seay, Dry Goods; T. J. Austin, Carriage and Cabinet Maker an a Gun Smith; J. M. Polk, Dry Goods Wilson L. Henry, Blacksmith and Gun Smith; West and Allen; W. J. and Mrs. Power, Hotel; Parvin and Power General Merchandise; B. L. Bellamy, Drug Store; S. J. McWater's, Lime Kiln; S. E. Chittum's Saloon; Thomas Russell Contractor; The "Upper Story" of Merchant and McCoy was used as a courthouse and the first District Court convened here in May 1879, with Hon. J. R. Fleming as Judge, Hon. J. M. Moore as District Attorney and J. E. M. Hedley as District Clerk.

The following lawyers looked after the interest of their clients in the courts of the county at this date: J. E. Thomas, W. H. Cliett, J. L. Porter, E. E. Solomon, G. W. Perryman and John Bowyer.

The health of the county was looked after by the following doctors: C. R. Shapard, Eli Thayer, T. J. Largen and J. W. McGee.

Early ministers of the county were: Rev: T. J. Austin, and Rev. R. M. Black, resident, and itinerant ministers were Rev. J. C. Strickland, Rev. Charnel C. Hightower, Rev. Wm. Stone, W. C. Sparks and Rev. W. B. Bloys.

The first post master in the county was probably Wm. H. Parvin, of Belle Plain.

CALLAHAN COUNTY CLARENDON FIRST NEWSPAPER

The first newspaper to be published in the county was "The Callahan County Clarendon" Belle Plains, Lotz and Rust, Publishers, established November 15, 1879.

Mr. W. E. Gilliland established he "Tecumseh Banner" one of he first newspapers published in he county, at Tecumsed Post Office.

Subsequently this paper was noved to Baird where Mr. Gilliland established the "Baird Star" which he continuously edited and published until his death at Baird in Jan. 1929, being succed in his work by his daughter, Miss Eliza, and his son Haynie, who at this time operate the "Baird Star".

The reader should remember hat along with the growth of Belle Plains other villages were springing up in the county. A few miles to the east, Callahan City had its beginning with J. H. Tucker as the first merchant his store being constructed of pickets, dirt floor and a roof covering of wagon sheets and being about 12 feet square.

About 10 miles to the east was Cottonwood Springs, which began in the later part of '77 near the home of J. W. Love, who had come there a year or two previous to that date. Dr. H. O. Broadnax built the first store-a small log-house, in which he lived, kept his office and supply of drugs.

This section being a fine farming section as well as stock raising, a good town of several stores soon sprang up and kept pace with the rapid growth of the settlement around it.

In the southeastern part of the county, in '79 the families of Charles and William Neeb, R. P. Derrington, Emsley Roberts and a few others settled near the homestead of Mose Jones and E. H. Brooks who had come to the county in the early seventies. As many of them were of German nationality, having come from Comal County, a town was laid out and given the name of Schleicher. Later it was changed to Cross Plains, from the fact that it was located near the cross ings of the roads leading to the plains.

The first merchant and postmaster at Cross Plains was Geo. Franks. Soon came J. M. Coffman John T. Gilbert and other merchants.

Each town had it quota of saloons, which was usual and custo mary in the early days of Texas.

The early merchants received their supplies from freighters, hauling it from Palo Pinto, Weatherford, Sipe Springs, Commanche and Fort Worth. The towns of Putnam, Baird and Clyde did not develop until after the coming of the railroad.

After the danger of the Indian was over, in the early seventies, a western extension of the Chisholm Trail and known in history as the Western Dodge Cattle Trail came up from the south by different routes and all converged upon Fort Griffin in Shackelford County, the last supply point at that time for north bound herds this side of the Kansas line.

In 1878 C. F. Doan established a store on the Red River in Wilbarger County and was known as Doan's Crossing to the cattle drivers.

Herds from the Concho country passed through Buffalo Gap in Taylor County. Those from the San Antonio-Uvalde Region came by the way of the Cow Gap in McCulloch County uniting with those from the middle Colorado and followed the route up the Pecan Bayou divide through Cross Plains and Belle Plains north to Fort Griffin.

Naturally the early settlers of

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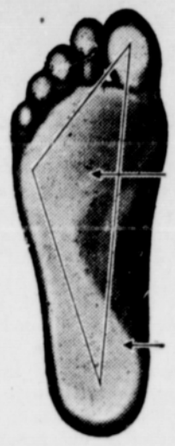

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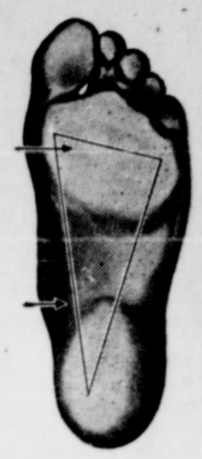

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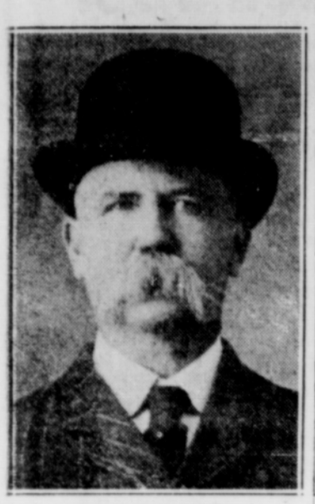

JUDGE OTIS BOWYER

On the first day of November, 1882, having graduated in law at Columbian College, Washington. D. C., and been admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, I set sail for Texas, and, in about four days, landed at Abilene, where I tarried at the home of my brother, John Bowyer, for two weeks, then came to Belle Plain, the County Seat of Callahan County, at that time, and began the practice of law.

Judge J. R. Fleming, of Albany, was District Judge, John M. Moore of Cisco, was District Attorney, Judge F. S. Bell was County Attorney, Judge W. H. Cliett was County Judge. Judge I. N. Jackson was district and County Clerk. John W. Jones was Sheriff and tax collector. William E. Gilliland, afterwards editor and publisher of the Baird Star, was an office deputy, and issued my first occupation tax receipt. Admitted to the bar before B. R. Webb, acting as special District Judge, I. N. Jackson, Clerk, issued my license to practice law, on November 20th, 1882. Another deputy, I call to mind was C. Estes, father of our late, lamented fellow townsman, Lee Estes, and always a true friend.

The contrast between Washington City and Belle Plain was very great, and, for a short time it seemed that I must give up, but all the people of the village and of Callahan County received me with open arms and such kindness and friendliness, that it was not long before I would not have gone back, if I could.

Coming as I did, dressed in the tip of style, I was a source of much amusement. Occasionally some one would sit on my derby and pretend an accident.

The population consisted of about 350, and was very much like one family. No social distinction whatsoever. It was a very happy little community. There were no separate congregations. All worshipped in one stone church building. Parson T. J. Austin, as good a man as ever lived, was the standby for a preacher. Others came in from time to time. He was a thoughtful man and naturally of a philosophic mind. He called himself a Campbellite. He had his patented chart, pointing the road to Heaven, and to Hell, on the order of Pilgrim's Progress.

There was an excellent school, presided over by Professor Chatfield and his charming wife and Miss Ada Carleton, people of education and refinement, giving the young people advantages, such as very few frontier villages had.

We had some laughable spelling bees. Given the word "certify," one old gentleman announced that he was never certain whether it was 'sir,' or 'sur.'

W. J. Powers and his good wife and Miss Lizzie Otto conducted a small but comfortable hotel.

There never was any other man like "Jim" Green, who carried on a drug store. Dr. R. G. Powell had arrived in the previous July and begun his professional career.

Dr. Frazier and his family had come earlier.

Thos. H. Floyd, a surveyor and his family, were there and his wife and daughters now live in Abilene.

Judge E. E. Solomon, came in February, 1883, and in later years, was our efficient County Judge and postmaster at Baird.

W. H. Parvin was a business man and postmaster and resided in Belle Plain with his family.

As I write, the names and faces of some of the citizens come back to me. Such as Dunagan, Duckett, Sexton, Yourey. Cochran, the surveyor, Joe Crutchfield, John Flores, Jim Flores, Claude Flores, son of John, still lives on the old home place and George Crutchfield, son of Joe, lives in Baird now. John Blakley, who married 'Parson' Austin's daughter, with his family, lived nearby.

Immediately in the village and around it dwelt some prosperous cowmen. Just on the outskirts, John Merchant, always full of fun, resided with his family in a comfortable stone house, still standing. As an illustration of his pranks, there was a very pious lady dwelling in the village, who, in public, called her husband "sugarlump," and sugarlump had the bad habit of dissolving in alcohol, when he got off with the boys, so one night, about 11 o'clock, John carried sugarlump home in a state of dissolution, knocked at the door and handed him in to the wife and said "Mrs. . . . here is your sugarlump," and said, "yes, a damned sweet sugarlump he is too."

There was strong-minded, vigorous Larke Hearn, who always insisted that oil existed just where it has been found. He brought up his family in Belle Plain. His sister was the wife of Parson Austin.

There was gentle, mild-mannered Mr. John Day, who lost a fortune in sheep in two or three severely cold nights and his son-in-law, Sam Driskell and his attractive daughter, Miss Betty, who afterwards married Sam Driskell.

Not far off was free-hearted Sam Cutbirth and his brother, J. B. and his half-brother, M. Farland and their venerable mother. Sam Cutbirth had two unusually handsome unmarried daughters, who afterwards became Mrs. J. B. Seay and Mrs. Cliff Hill respectively. Another married Jasper McCoy and were living on their ranch on the Bayou. Mrs. Hill and Mrs. McCoy, widows, now still living, among us here in Baird, and Mrs. J. B. Seay, also with her fine lawyer son, Bryan a widow, is living in Houston Seay.

Fine looking, frolicsome Andy Young, who was a cousin of Sam Houston and much the same size, came in from his ranch occasionally. His Civil War experience, as he told it, was laughable. The day he entered the Confederate service the Federals attacked and routed the Confederates and captured him, plying him with liquor, which he liked pretty well, they dressed him up in a full Federal uniform. In the meantime, the Confederates rallied and routed the Federals and captured Andy. So, according to his story, he served in both armies, was whipped and captured twice in twenty-four hours.

Among the young ladies of that day aside from those already mentioned. were Miss Kate Hill, who married Mose Franklin and lived and died in Baird. Miss Sudie Austin, daughter of Parson Austin, Misses Sue and Media Dudley and the Misses Floyd.

The last term of the District Court, held at Belle Plain, was presided over by Judge T. B. Wheeler, who succeeded Judge Fleming, and whom everybody liked and his wife, who accompanied him, was a most attractive woman.

In the meantime an election had been held and the county seat removed to Baird.

The T. & P. Ry., having failed to come through Belle Plain, many people had already removed to Abilene and Baird.

J. C. Calhoun, afterwards our District Judge and State Senator, had succeeded John M. Moore as District Attorney, and prosecuted Mr. Ivey, who, accompanied by Clay Man, shot and killed a young man named Williford, about a half mile south of Baird. None of the parties were citizens of Callahan county. This was the first case that saw trial. The first tragedy took place at Cottonwood. Jones and Franks shot each other to death about Christmas, 1882.

Law and order had been pretty well established in Callahan county, nevertheless, but not without a struggle. Soon after the organization of the county, John Bowyer became County Attorney and backed up by the lawabiding element, and John W. Jones, then and long afterwards Sheriff of the county, and after some desperate physical encounters on his part, John Bowyer made it plain that he was not afraid and the law was going to be enforced.

John W. Jones was a man of education and good family. His father was a physician in Mississippi and his father's brother was a graduate of West Point. He himelf had been a Confederate soldier. Passed through the bloody battle of Shiloh and was an officer in the Texas Rangers after the Civil War.

The wives of John W. Jones, and Wm. E. Gilliland were daughters of Dr. J. D. Windham, one of the prominent stock men of the county.

Oscar Jones, nephew of the Sheriff, was then a school boy attending Professor Chatfield's school who became a rich cowman, grew old and is dead, as are most of the people mentioned. Their descendants are scattered, know little of early Belle Plain and care less. The village has vanished utterly. It was beautifully situated. Because of engineering difficulties and financial interests the T. & P. Ry. Co. passed it by. After the election the Court and County records were removed to Baird and the lawyers and County officers soon followed. Six months, then, in the passage of time, seemed as much as two or three years do now.

While in Belle Plain, I met J. P. Brightwell, then assesor. A. very intelligent man, who had come out from my old home state on account of his health, and in his youth, had attended William & Mary College.

McKinley's Favorite Hymn

President McKinley's favorite hymn was "Lead, Kindly Light." It was sung at the funeral service in Canton and also at the services held at the Capitol in Washington. The hymn, "Nearer My God to Thee," was played by the Marine Band at the services at the Capitol.

The Giant's Causeway

The Giant's Causeway is a line of three perpendicular cliffs on the northeastern coast of Ireland. According to legend they were built by giants. The three cliffs are formed of vertical basalt columns and called the Little Causeway, the Middle Causeway and the Grand Causeway. The last has a width of nearly 120 feet and extends about 500 feet into the sea.

Trent and Anderson Families Settle In Callahan County In 1875

THE TRENT HOME

In fall of 1875 Major T. G. Anderson and his son, Arthur G. Anderson, of Jefferson, Texas; Capt. James A. Anderson, brother of T. G. Anderson and his two young sons, Jack T. Anderson and Jim A Anderson and Squire Brown of Memphis, Tenn. came to Callahan county to locate a homestead for Maj. Anderson's son-in-law, Capt. John Trent, of Memphis, Tenn., and to buy a place for himself.

They located in a beautiful cove which they named Eagle Cove, on Pecan Bayou in the Southwest part of the county.

Major Anderson filed on the place that Mr. A. A. Hart and family lived on in 1869 and selected a site a mile down the Bayou for Capt. Trent. After making the locations the older brothers and Jim Anderson returned to their homes.

The two younger boys, Arthur and Jack Anderson, cousins, looked after the construction of a house for Capt. Trent's family. This was the second substantial log house with doors, wooden floors and glass windows, to be built in the county, the Hart house in the Northeast part of the county being the first, it having been built a year or two earlier.

On Christmas, 1875, the family of Capt. Trent arrived in Dallas and Christmas afternoon loaded their household goods in a wagon and started for their new home in Callahan county which they reached late in the evening of January 6th. In Mineola they were joined by Miss Cora Anderson. Miss Anderson spent the winter with the Trents and then moved to the old Hart place, which her father had bought and kept house for her brother, Arthur Anderson, until her marriage to Mr. W. I. Capps in 1878. Mrs. Capps now lives in Baird.

Capt. Trent was active in the affairs of his community. The first Episcopal services in this section of the state were held in the Trent home by Bishop Garrett. And as memorial was erected in the spot a few years ago by the Episcopal church. Capt. Trent often conducted funeral services in his neighborhood when no minister could be reached. He served as trustee for the first public school taught in Eagle Cove in 1881 taught by Miss Mary Anderson. He served as the first county commissioner of Precinct No. 2 and helped organize the county in 1877. Active in the organization of the Farmers Alliance in the 80's served on the relief committee during the drought of 1886-87.

Capt. Trent moved to Baird in 1895 and operated a dairy for some time, later going into the inurance business which he later sold to the late Martin Barnhill. He organized Camp Albert Sidney Johnston, Confederate Camp which he served as commander until failing health forced him to retire. He died in Baird, February 16, 1910.

Mrs. Trent moved to San Diego, Calif., soon after her husband's death where she made her home until her death in 1935. Six children of their eleven children survive:

Mrs. Fred Lane, San Diego, Calif.; Mrs. J. W. Duffus, El Paso, Texas; Mrs. B. O. Jones, Big Spring, Texas; John L. Trent, Fort Stockton, Texas; Mrs. L. L. Blackburn, Baird, Texas; Harral R. Trent, Clint, Texas.

Four children died in infancy and Wylie J. Trent died in 1926.

Capt. J. A. Anderson lived on a ranch in edge of Taylor county; J. A. Anderson, Jr., lived in Eagle Cove; J. W. Anderson lived in edge of Taylor county; Mrs. Daniel Anderson lived in Eagle Cove; W. W. Anderson lived in Eagle Cove.

All except Capt. J. A. Anderson and J. A. Anderson, Jr., moved to Abilene in early 80's.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Harral (Mrs. Harral, daughter of Major Anderson, bought old Hart place from her father and lived there many years.

Dogs Long on Sea

Dogs have been on the sea almost as long as men. The Vikings took their sturdy Elkhounds on European invasions and even to America, where they became the ancestors of the modern husky. On the Mayflower came a mastiff and cocker spaniel.

Invisible Ray Times Speeders

Police in Cheshire, England, have been experimenting with speed traps worked by invisible ray. Motorists unconsciously run into and out of the traps, and the time they take to cover an eighth of a mile and longer distances are recorded.

Christ of the Andes

Although there is no trace of the inscription on the monument known as the Christ of the Andes, says a writer in the Philadelphia Inquirer, there is a tradition that the following inscription was originally carved in the stone: "Sooner shall these mountains crumble to dust than Argentines and Chileans break the peace which at the feet of Christ the Redeemer they have sworn to maintain." The statue was erected on the boundary line between Chile and Argentina, in Upsallata Pass, to commemorate the peaceful settlement of a boundary dispute in 1902. The dedication ceremonies took place March 13, 1904.

First Cartoon of Uncle Sam

First cartoon of Uncle Sam was drawn by F. Bellew and appeared on March 13, 1852, in "The Lantern," a comic weekly published in New York City. The cartoon showed him as clean - shaven. He wore striped trousers and a top hat. Cartoonist Thomas Nast, who really brought Uncle Sam to wide notice in the 60's and 70's, added the goatee and the vest with stars.

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Surveying Party On Pecan Bayou

Left to right: Andy Young, Dan McCollister, W. O. Spencer, M. R. Haley, Lem Lambert, J. Y. Gilliland. Mr. Spencer is the only surviving member of the group.

Quincy Loven Builds Beautiful Home On Banks Of Bayou

New pages to the glamorous history of Callahan County are being added to by a builder whose course is as certain as any of the pioneers who have gone before. This modern builder is Quincy Loven of the Denton community. He was reared on a small ranch situated on the banks of the Bayou about four miles north of Oplin. His home today is about one mile west of site of the old J. D. Windham ranch that was one of the first ranches established in Callahan County. The late Dr. J. D. Windham was the great-grandfather of Mrs. Quincy Loven.

When Mr. Loven was approaching manhood he was not content to stay on the ranch but journeyed to the West and tried his hand at mining in the mines of Arizona. In 1915 he decided to return to the old homestead where a portion of that land was his by inheritance. With but a small block of 155 acres as his share he started to growing grain, cattle and cotton. He early erected a little one-room shanty for his own use and for the next eleven years he made it his home. For the next 17 years he remained a bachelor but during these years he had a dream someday he would marry the lady of his love and build for her a home, modern and beautiful in every detail.

Fortune smiled on Mr. Loven in a number of ways but mostly by giving him a strong physical body, a will to do and an ambition to surpass. He lived hard and thereby was able to invest his money in the lands that would come up for sale adjoining his small tract.

In 1930 he set out an acre of Burkett pecans, spacing them so that as soon as he had accumulated sufficient wealth, he could build in their midst his dream home. In 1929 he built the first permanent building which was a large iron covered barn and sheep shed. This barn has 10 graineries with a storage capacity of 25,000 bushels and also has a loft that will store 3,000 bushels of hay forage. In all, it covers 11,200 square feet of floor space. When it was built he hired an orchestra from Abilene, recently from New York, and staged an all night barn dance.

When grain began dropping in price in 1930, Mr. Loven reasoned that if he sold it he would have no profit from his labor and he would be mining his soil interests, therefore, he stored his grain —wheat, oats and barley in this barn year by year until the price should justify its sale. He was forced to hold it until 1934 when the price level rose so that he sold 3,000 bushels of wheat at $1.00, 16,000 bushels of oats at 53 cents and 5,000 bushels of barley at 80 cents. The total sales from his grain netted him $15,480, which was applied in the construction of $18,000 worth of improvements including a home, barn shop, sheep shed, implement house and irrigation plant. The shop houses three tractors, a truck and fuel oils. The large implement shed houses his thresher, power binder and other ranch and farm tools.

In 1933 he built a storm cellar of cement and steel which he filled with fruits and vegetables that he had canned himself during bachelor days. Later he built a wash house and equipped it with the most modern washing machinery.

In February, 1933, he was married to Miss Olvena Windham. Together in 1934 they constructed one of the most beautiful farm homes to be found in all West Texas. It is built of native stone with an asbestos roof. The roof weighs five and one-half tons. The home has five rooms and a bath; a side portico, a service porch and a large front porch that rests on arched pillars. This home is unique in that every piece of furniture and equipment was bought new. Nothing was brought over from the little shanty (still t be found at the rear of the building) except the cook stove that had been bought a year before the completion of the building. The furniture was special built at the factry. All the floors are hardwood and highly polished. They are covered with special American-Oriental rugs designed to harmonize with the furnishings of each room. All furniture is of solid oak, maple or walnut construction. No veneers are used. The dining room is of solid oak while the breakfast set is solid maple.

The kitchen has an inlaid linoleum covering. The whole north side of the room contains built-in cabinets. The work table and drain board reaches the entire length of the room. It is done in white and grey. The stove is old fashioned wood or coal type with hot water tank attached.

The bedrooms are furnished in solid walnut furniture with full length mirror doors to the closets.

The living room is covered by a special rug, 12x18, of a deep shade of turkey red. In the north end is a fire place ornamented by solid brass andirons and in the back of it is a trap that lets the ashes fall outside the house, thus eliminating any danger of dropping any on the floor while cleaning. Deep cushioned chairs and a divan in the opposite end flanked by floor lamps make a real place to rest. A beautiful solid mahogany secretary, being filled with covered volumes of the National Geographic and other books, adds balance to the room. On the mantlestands an 8-day clock that matches the other furniture. A solid walnut hand carved coffee table and two pictures in blue constitute the other furnishings in the room.

The house is indirectly lighted throughout with automatic Delco system.

The bathroom is of white and black tile and has the latest recess tub. There is also a hot and cold shower. The bathroom fixtures were purchased while the Lovens attended the Chicago Exposition in 1934. Running water is provided by being pumped from everlasting wells to a storage tank situated on a hill overlooking the home.

Mr. Loven has made use of the county Extension agents at every move in the development of his home. He was the first petitioner in 1933 to ask that the county employ a county agent. He has used the agent in terracing 440 acres of farm land. The agent's skill was used in surveying and making grade measurements for a road that serves both as a road and a terrace that leeds across a stretch of fertile bottom land. Under county agent supervision were some 200 pecan trees budded to imprve paper shells. Pipe lines were laid to irrigate every pecan tree in the grove that surrounds the home. During the heat of the summer one thousand barrels of water per week are used on the trees and lawn. A four acre irrigation system was laid out and a selection of suitable fruits for his new orchard was made. The yard was underlaid with four inch tile and landscaped with the agent's advice. Mrs. Loven has used the agent in selecting and culling her poultry flock. Mr. Loven watches the bulletin board in the Extension office for any new ideas that are fresh from the press.

Mr. Loven has cooperated with the AAA Programs since the beginning and credits a great part of the realization of his plans to advanced prices occasioned by their workings. He cooperated in the cotton plow-up of 1933, then in the wheat programs of 1934-35-36. In 1936 he entered the Soil Conservation Program and planted the first sudan ever grown on his farm. He planted 70 acres to this crop which he said provided the best sheep pasture he had ever known. He was able to pasture some 800 sheep, 50 head of cattle, and 5 work animals for the greater part of six months from this pasture which helped his grass land for winter pasturing.

From an early beginning hard work, far-sightedness and perserverance have enabled him to buy 1,400 acres of the finest grass and farm lands in the southwest portion of Callahan County. Nothing but the best is good enough for this hardy builder. This farmer, who believed in taking the most advanced methods that science is able to offer and apply them to his needs, has planned and worked so that at the early age of 38 he has most of everything that it takes to make for happiness and security.

As Little Santa Claus Canary Was a Success

WITH Christmas so near and no money for a gift for Nedda Langley, his sweetheart and inspiration for composing, and now this cold rainy day, Carl Woods felt very low spirited.

Then he saw the little bird outside the window. He opened the window—the bird flew in and perched on the piano where it seemed quite at home. Standing by the piano wondering what to do with his visitor, Carl let his fingers wander over the keys. "Tweet tweet" the bird said and then began to sing lustily. Intensely interested, Carl continued playing and as long as he played the bird sang.

Suddenly realizing he was playing something he had never heard before, Carl began making note of what he had been playing. Growing chilled, he arose to close the window he had left open. To his surprise, the bird was gone, nor could it be found in the room. He couldn't remember when he had last heard it singing. Where could it be?

Looking across the court of the apartment building he noticed in the window opposite, a bird cage, and a canary was hopping around on the window sill. Although the window was closed now, it must have been open earlier and the bird had taken advantage of its freedom.

Whether it was the same bird that had visited Carl, he and Nedda always felt it was and called it "Little Santa Claus" for it had brought happiness and prosperity, for Carl's composition was accepted and an advance payment made.—Blanche Tanner Dillin.

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CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

IF YOUR Christmas tree is a balsam—and that is the loveliest kind of all, both for appearance and for fragrance—then when you first light it a cheerful old superstition urges a glance at your shadow on the wall—if you dare. Should it appear headless you will not live to see another Christmas. Then, later, when the tree is burned, another tradition suggests keeping a partly burned stick to ward off lightning.

CHARM OF CHRISTMAS

THE chief charm of Christmas is its simplicity. It is a festival that appeals to everyone, because everyone can understand it. A genuine fellowship pervades our common life—a fellowship whose source is our common share in the gift of the world's greatest Life which was given to the whole world.

Paint Brightens Toys

In the basement or the attic many of us will find old toys the children have discarded. Christmas is almost here and much joy can be brought into the lives of less fortunate youngsters if we get out these toys, give them a coat of gayly colored enamel and distribute them ourselves or turn them over to a social agency to be handed out to needy youngsters on St. Nick's day.

In England's Wassail Bowls

Brewed in England's Yuletide wassail bowls are baked apples, hot ale seasoned with spice, orange juice and rind and whipped eggs.

Plan Christmas Dinner

Plan to prepare as much of the meal as possible on the day prior to Christmas so that the housewife can enjoy the day with her family.

Divide Spans Five States

The Continental Divide runs through New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho and Montana.

The Birth of Christ

The time draws near the birth of Christ;
The moon is hid; the night is still;
The Christmas bells from hill to hill
Answer each other in the mist.
—Tennyson.

Noel, Name of Two Towns

Noel, the French for Christmas, is the name of towns in Virginia and Missouri.

"The Feast of Lights"

"The Feast of Lights" is one of the oldest names of Christmas.

Smelt for Christmas Feast

Smelt are an essential of the Italian Christmas eve meal.

Bacon for Couples

The prior and convent at Dunmow, England, was obliged, for many years, by its charter, to give a flitch of bacon to any man who, coming with his wife, should affirm, both of them, that they had been married a year and neither at any time regretted marrying.

Early Ohio Bank Failures

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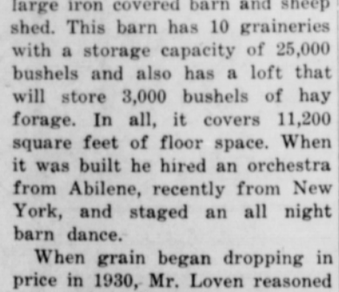

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Callahan History—

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the County were principally engaged in cattle raising, as the idea was prevalent at that time and especially prior to 1885, that all territory west of the Brazos was not suited to farming. As early as 1865, Sam Newcomb, a school teacher at Fort Davis passed through this section of the state and recorded in his diary the following: "Agriculture is not, and doubtless never will be followed here, owing to the long droughts."

As late as 1885 the Taylor County News in an editorial had the following item: "The idea that this part of the state will ever be an agricultural country is a great joke of huge proportions."

Although the prevailing belief that this section of the state was not adapted to farming did not restrict immigration, and the rapid settlement of the county, it did in many cases cause the early settler to hestitate before abandoning stock for agriculture.

By 1880 there were several families residing in the vicinity of Putnam. The settlement at that time was known as Catclaw. It bore that name for a short time until the coming of the railroad and the name was changed to Breman. Within less than a year, the postal authorities discovered that they had made a mistake in assighning the name Brenam, on account of a town in south Texas of similar sounding name. Therefore for the third time a name was given to the town by the post office department, Putnam, we suppose in honor of the Revolutionary Hero.

The first settler at Catclaw was Dr. J. M. Foy. He remained for only one year and was succeeded by Dr. Nelms, who was succeeded by Br. B. F. Brittain who is still the practicing physician at Putnam.

The town was first built along the railroad, both north and south side.

The first store in Putnam was located on the south side of the railroad about where the Shackelford Lumber Yard is now located. This business was conducted by C. C. Scarbrough, and was established in the year 1880.

Clay and Tabor established at about the same time a store on the north side, near the place where the well is located on the square.

The first post office was located in the Clay and Tabor building and Theron Tabor, brother of Mrs. Bearden of Baird, acted as first postmaster.

A few years later, the following business houses had been erected at Putnam. J. J. Sigler, General Store; Conner and Surles; Y. A. Orr, Druggist; Dick Gurney, Dry Goods; "The Chili Joint" run by Walter Marshall. All these stores were located on the north side of the track.

On the south side was the store of F. P. Shackelford and the blacksmith shop, which was run by Mr. Pyeatt, who now resides in Clyde.

& P. RY. BUILDS INTO COUNTY

year 1880 was an eventful year in the history of Callahan County on account of the construction of the Texas and Pacific railroad from Fort Worth to El Paso and the resulting impetus given to the settlement of the country. Stations were located at Bremon (Putnam) Baird and Clyde.

Merchants and citizens of Belle Plains and Buffalo Gap brought every possible influence to bear upon the railroad official as an inducement for the road to be built through these towns, and for a while there was a feeling of assurance of the success of their efforts. The residents of these towns, many of whom had built large rock houses in anticipation of the coming of the railroad, were sorely disappointed when they were appraised that the road would go some ten miles to the north.

The coming of the railroad marked the beginning of the end of Belle Plains and today the silent walls of the rock buildings stand out as sentinals and serve as monuments to the memory of the glorious past of Belle Plains.

CAPTAIN MALTBY

Callahan County became the adopted home of Captain Jeff Maltby, famous as a Captain of Company E. Texas Rangers, Frontier Battalion.

Coming to Texas in 1850, as an employ of the United States Government, he became intinately connected with the construction of various Forts in West Texas, especially, Fort Worth, Belknap, Phantom Hill and Chadbourne. After a long ranger service, he established permanent residence in Callahan County, and devoted himself to horticulture, farming and stock raising. He was a man of commanding personal appearance and was an able and eloquent speaker, and was known far and wide for his intrepid bravery and numerous fights with the Indians. He died in 1907 and is buried at Belle Plains.

COURTHOUSES

Belle Plains continued as county seat until Jan. 16th, 1883 when an election was held resulting in favor of removal to Baird. A wooden courthouse costing $150.-00 was used first at Baird as temporary quarters.

The same year the Commissioners Court let a contract of $31,000 for the erection of a courthouse, and for some reason another in lieu of this was let for $26,000 and the building, which was constructed of rock, was soon completed.

This building served until 1900 when it was torn down and another built of its material, which was used until 1929, when a bond election provided $150,000 for the construction of the present commodious and modern courthouse.

For the first two years, the county had no jail, and the writer in persuing old minutes of the Commissioners Court has found various accounts allowed to the Sheriff and Deputies covering the expense of transporting prisoners to the Shackelford County jail. The first jail in the county was built in Belle Plains in 1879, at a cost of $6,500.00. It was a two story structure consisting of one main iron cell, with entrance lobby and inspection room, with sheriff's living quarters.

In 1883 this jail was moved to Baird and reconstructed at a cost of $2,253.00. This jail still stands north west of the courthouse and is used by the State Highway Department as a store room.

The present jail was constructed in 1898, a two story brick and the writer has observed that most of the prisoners who are placed in the bastile are non residents of the county.

BELLE PLAINS COLLEGE

To Callahan County belongs the distinction of having the second oldest college in West Texas. (The oldest being the Weatherford College at Weatherford). In 1858 the Belle Plains College was established and sponsored by the West Texas Conference of the Methodist Church under the leadership of presiding Elder Rev. J. T. L. Annis, then of the Belle Plains District. A beautiful three story administration building of stone material was provided, which included about fifteen class rooms. Judge I. M. Onins was the first president and Prof. J. H. Yonlee, Ph. D. served as one of the instructors. Dr. Yonlee taught in the county as a private instructor for a number of years after the college was discontinued, and is buried at Cottonwood. Many other outstanding instructors served on the faculty of this institution, the music department having the reputation of being the most outstanding in the Southwest. At one time the enrollment at Belle Plains College was more than three hundred.

The first public schools of the county were run on the community plan. There were no districts lines of demarcation between the various communities.

One of the first schools in the county was taught near the Eastland and Callahan County line, east of Cross Plains. This school was taught in the early seventies.

In 1877, Prof. and Mrs. W. J. Westmoreland taught a school at Belle Plains. This was possibly the first school to be taught in Callahan County. Mrs. Westmoreland died at Belle Plains and is buried in the Belle Plains cemetery.

In 1878, Prof H. C. Hoard taught a school at Hart's Ranch He had an enrollment of around 14 pupils. Mr. Hoard later moved to Sweetwater and established a law office at that place.

Another early school was located a few hundred yards east of the Snively Corner south of Clyde. This was known as the Kiser Creek School. It was constructed of logs and in addition to it's use as a school house, it was also used for religious services and as a justice of the Peace Court. R. J. Estes was Justice of Peace and J. W. Merrick, Constable.

Rev. Dan Logsdon and Rev. George Ely held regular preaching appointments at this school house.

Another school was established in the Eastham community near Belle Plains probably in the year 1878.

Perhaps in the year 1880, the Dooley school was established south of the present site of Dressy. Judge B. L. Russell at one time served as Principal of the Dooley school. This school was later discontinued and the present Dressy district created.

At present nine full four year high schools serve the educational needs of the children of Callahan County, making it possible for practically all children in the county to be served by high school, either in its own district or by bus transportation to a neighboring school.

The present school year twenty two school buses serve daily over eight hundred school children of the county. The citizenship of the county have always stood solidly behind their schools, as evidenced by the fact that practically all school districts of the county levy and collect the constitutional limit of taxation. Baird, Putnam, Clyde and Cross Plains are fully accredited schools that will compare favorably with schools located in towns of equal size in any part of the state.

Eula is a four year high school with a faculty of eight teachers and an enrollment of approximately 250 scholastics. This district has recently completed a commodius building and auditorium.

Denton with an enrollment of 160 furnishes four years of high school work for the pupils residing in the district. This district has recently completed a commodius community house and gymnasium.

Oplin located in the Southwest part of the county maintains an excellent school with an efficient corps of teachers. The district enrollment of this school is around 200 scholastics, and four years of high school work is provided in this district.

The recently consolidated school of Bayou, south of Baird is at present erecting a beautiful brick building to take the place of the four one teacher schools and one two teacher school that have served this territory in the past. Five teachers will compose the faculty and four full years of high school work will be provided.

Cottonwood, one of the oldest schools in the county, provides four years of high school work, with an enrellment, including the transfer of the Caddo Peak district, of over 125 scholastics.:

Dressy, Deer Plains, Belle Plain Atwell, Admiral, Turkey Creek, Cedar Bluff, Dudley and Lanham maintain schools of from seven to ten grades for the children of their districts with efficient teachers in each district. In a number of instances, buses are operated in districts in order to provide for the high school students residing in the district, transporting them to affiliated schools and making it possible for them to have the advantage of the accredited school.

Dr. John Collier, pioneer educator of Texas, for a number of years operated the Baird College, located in the Western edge of Baird.

This college was attended by students from various parts of the county and state and met the educational needs of the time.

Only Survivin Widow of Veterans of San Jacinto Lives in Co.

Callahan county has the honor of being the home of the last surviving widow in Texas, and perhaps America, of a veteran of the Battle of San Jancinto, the wife of Andrew Jackson Berry, who settled in this county in 1881. Mr. Berry died in 1899 and is buried in Ross Cemetery at Baird.

Mrs. Berry now resides on her farm south of Baird and is in her 84th year. Mrs. Berry was accorded signal honors at the Dallas Centennial last year, being the guest of the Centennial on a day set apart in her honor. The entire citizenship of the county honors Mrs. Berry because of her Christian character and the patriotic sentiment attached to her name and that of her illustrious husband.

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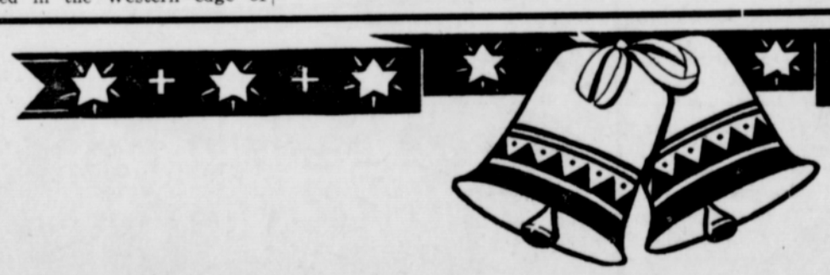

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Callahan County Women's Study Clubs Very Progressive

The Womens Study Clubs of Callahan co. are doing a splendid work in promoting intellectual and social advancement. The Wednesday club of Baird is the oldest study club in the county, being organized thirty-two years ago. There are eight other clubs in the county and all are doing splendid work in educational and civic lines.

BAIRD WEDNESDAY CLUB

February 24, 1905 a group met in little Presbyterian church, now used as manse, to organize a literary club. Those present were Mesdames F. S. Bell, Fred Lane, John Woods, Oris Phillips, J. C. Gray, L. L. Blackburn, Miss Maude Simmons and a few others.

Miss Simmons was elected president. The membership has been maintained at 20 active members. The club joined the state general federation in 1916.

The subject, as stated in the constitution, was for "intellectual and social advancements and cooperation in community service." The club has kept this objective before it through the years and has worked toward its fulfillment.

One of the first civic projects undertaken soon after the organization was the founding of a library. This library was first housed in a back room of Capt. John Trent's office. Later L. L. Blackburn bought the building and he allowed it to occupy the same room until he needed it. It was then moved to an upstairs office in what was then the Home National Bank. Finally, when this space was needed by the bank, as no suitable place could be found for it the club donated all the books to the Baird public schools. There were over 1,000 volumes of fiction, history and reference books. Many of them were classics and there were a great many of the best books for children.

The library was kept open each Tuesday and Saturday afternoon, club members serving as hostesses.

While this was the outstanding work of the club other civic projects were not neglected. For many years a substantial donation in equipment was made to the school beginning with the erection of what is now the Ward school in 1910. One donation of $100.00 was made toward the purchase of additional school ground. The club also erected the first two drinking fountains the school had, helped for seating of auditorium, paid half of expense of installing electric lights, gave unabridged Webster's dictionary with stand and donated series of maps to each room in high school and helped in numerous other ways.

During the World War the club took a leading part in all patriotic activities, donating liberally to the the Red Cross and Canteen funds, buying Liberty bonds and Thrift stamps.

In 1932 called a meeting of representatives of the four study clubs of the county and the county federation was organized.

The club organized and sponsors the Junior Wednesday club which is doing splendid work.

Their social service committee does much in supplying the necessary clothing for many school children each year.

Within the past year the club has secured commodius space in the basement of the court house for a public library. They have partitioned it off and furnished it comfortably. All books are free to the public with the exception of the most recent fiction. Members of the club, assisted by the Junior Wednesday club members, serve as librarians. At present there is a W. P. A. librarian.

Club members have headed many other civic organizations and committees, one as County Chairman of Red Cross chapter for many years. Another as County Chairman of Highway Beautification program during the Centennial.

Mrs. W. P. Brightwell is now serving her first year as president.

Mrs. L. L. Blackburn is the only charter member of the club now holding membership which she has held continuously since the club was organized and much credit is due her for the long and faithful service she has given the club.

PUTNAM JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB

The Putnam Junior Woman's Club organized December 3, 1935. Mrs. Loren Everett being elected President, Miss Artie Cook recording Secretary and Mrs. John Cook Sponsor. The club began with a membership of nine which increased to twelve by the beginning of the club year of 1936. "Texas" was the first course of study.

During the club year of 1936 37 the club sponsored an Amateur Hour and the Red Cross membership drive which was very satisfactory.

Mrs. Bill Clinton is the present President. The membership including the sponsor is thirteen, three charter members and five new members coming in in September. Five having moved from town. The course of study for the year is Diversified Study. The club has been asked to sponsor the Red Cross Drive again this year, which willl be done.

Due to difficulty in retaining membership the club has been badly handicapped in accomplishing anything in a civic way. Plans are being made for some worthwhile enterprise for the very near future.

PUTNAM WOMEN'S STUDY CLUB

A meeting of a group of women of Putnam was called at the home of Mrs. W. Clinton July 10 1928 for the purpose of organizing a Study Club Mrs. R. Q. Lee C. H. Fee and J. F. Butts of Cisco were present to assist with the organization Mrs. Wylie Clinton was elected as the first presi dent.

The object of the organization is to awaken in its members a keener interest in Study and to assist in civic improvements and Community activities.

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CLYDE STUDY CLUB

The idea of a study Club in Clyde was first conceived by Mrs. E. G. Hampton, Mrs. Austin Bouchette, and Mrs. Nettie Miller. These women with others had permanent plans for the organization of a Club.

November 2, 1933, was the date of the first meeting at which time a large number of prospective members were present with a delegation from the Delphian club of Baird consisting of Mrs. C. B. Snyder, Jr., Mrs. W. P. Brightwell, Mrs. Raymond Tyson, Mrs. Haynie Gilliland, and Mrs. James E. Ross, for the purpose of effecting the organization of the Club.

The meeting was in the home of Mrs. Nettie Miller. Mrs. Paul Wright acted as temporary Chairman and Mrs. L. M. Green as temporary Secretary. The Constitution and By-Laws were decided upon and officers were elected at this meeting.

The Club applied for and wa duly federated immediately after its organization in 1933.

The invitation to join the County Institute which meets twice yearly was gladly accepted.

CROSS PLAINS JUNIOR STUDY CLUB

The Cross Plains Junior Study Club was organized February 23, 1933 and federated in 1934. The object of the club is the pursuit of study as a means of intellectual and general improvement and for the promotion of good fellowship.

The club is limited to fifteen active members and a sponsor from the Wednesday Study Club. The club meets every other Tuesday at 4:00 p. m

The charter members of this club were as follows: Misses Margaret Wagner, Lucille Burkett, Pauline Carmichael, Sera Chapman, Edwina Anderson, Ava Walker, Elizabeth Tyson. Mmes. Curtis Burkett, Edwin Baum, Henry Wittmer, Fred Burgin, Glen Livesay, Stanley Clark, Elliott Bryant and Jack Scott.

The club is governed by five committees: Executive Committee yearbook committee, Social Committee, Civic Improvement Committee and Ways and Means Committee.

The club opens its year's work with a breakfast for the members and an address by the president It began its work in 1933-34 by studying "Artists and their Works In 1934-35 the course of study was "Texas" and Texas Heroes. in 1935-36. "Travelogue of the United States", in 1936-37. "Guest Lovers and Literature," and in 1937-38 "Modern Topics".

As a member of the Federated Clubs of Texas it observes the following days:
Health Day, Bible Day, Women's Day, and International Relations Day. Besides these it holds an annual Silver Tea and a special day for guests.

The club lists the following accomplishments as its outstanding contributions. On October 10, 1934 it participated in the Baird Study Club Social. In the fall of 1934 it contributed five dollars toward the furnishing of a bedroom in the Federation Building in Austin In the months of February and March of 1935 the club sponsored a bridge and forty two tournment and food sale, respectively. It civic improvement for 1935 was a donation of shrubbery for the beautification of the cemetry. The Junior Study Club tied for first place in the district meeting held in Abilene in 1935.

The Club's civic improvement program for 1936 included a donation of ten dollars to the Tennis Court Fund of the Cross Plains High School, and shrubbery for the front of the Home Economics Building of the High School. To help raise funds for the years work, the club sponsored a runmage sale and an amatuer night. On October 10, 1936 the club was hosts to the Callahan County club Institute with Mrs. Violet S. Greenhill, as guest speaker, from the Child Welfare Board in Austin, Texas. The club sent delegates to the District Federation meeting in Brady in April, 1937. A donation was given to the Perry Cunningham Student Loan Fund. The year of 1937 closed with a City Wide Clean Up Campaign with full cooperation from the Mayor and City Council.

The club has begun another profitable year with high hope of greater accomplishments.

Motto: There is no frigate like a book, to carry one leagues away Nor proncing charger like a page of poetry.

Colors: Orchid and Green. Flower Lilac.

CROSS PLAINS WEDNESDAY STUDY CLUB

The Wednesday Study Club of Cross Plains was organized and federated during the Autumn of 1931. "An earnest purpose finds time or makes it", was chosen as the club motto. Charter members were: Mrs. C. C. Armstrong Mrs. E. J. Benton, Mrs. Tom Bryant, Mrs. Fred Cutbirth Mrs. R. S. Gains Miss Enid Givathmey, Miss Eliose Haley, Mrs. Chas F. Hemphill, Mrs. Tom Holden, Mrs. S. R. Jackson, Miss Ethel Manning, Miss Anna Mae McConathy, Mrs. Arthur Mitchell, Mrs. Ross Newton, Mrs. J. E. Pittman, Mrs. Jim Settle, Mrs. J. P. Smith, Mrs. Bill Wagner, Mrs. Waldo Wilbern, and Mrs. Nat Williams.

The first year was a busy year The Club sponsored a city wide clean up drive. Every year the club chooses a major project, which is supplemented by minor activities. Aiding the local schools in various activities was undertaken during the first year. Hedges and other shrubbery were set out on the school ground, and the club assisted in a Hallow'een Carnival the purpose of which was to raise funds for the local schoool In following years the cllub has rendered a great service to the schools. Books have been purchased and placed in the High School Library, Art exhibits have been sponsored and pictures purchased and placed in both the High School and the Elementary School, and an expensive dictionary was presented to the Elementery School. In addition to the foregoing list the club has aided in various other activities, such as, stunt night which was held in order to raise money to add to the athletic fund. The club has taken a leading part in all community and civic affairs. The city Cemetery has been beautified, Red Cross drives have been assisted, and the club furnished funds toward paying a nurse, who assisted in preventing the spread of Typhoid in the vicinity of the city. Besides being a contributor to the Permanent Headquarters Fund the club has always responded to calls from the Texas Federation, such as, The Penny art Fund. The Music Scholarship Fund, Womans Day Programs, etc.

Texas was the title of the course of study for the first year, and then followed The United States and Her Possesions for the year 1932-33; Art, Literature and Music was the titlle for the 1933-34 cllub year and then came Fiction for 1934-33; Art and Religion for 1935-36, Famous Women and Opera for 1936-37, and for the present year Literature and Self Improvement is the title of the course of study. All special days have been observed and the club has never failed to have an appointed meeting.

In 1933 The Wednesday Study Club sponsored the organization of the Junior Study Club. Mrs. Nat Williams served as first sponsor of the Junior Study Club. Mrs Fred Cutbirth is the present ponsor.

Mrs. Nat Williams was the first President of the Wednesday Study Club. Her administration embraced the years 1931-33. She was followed by Mrs. R. S. Gaines, who served during the years 1933 to 1935. Mrs. Bill Wagner was President during the years 1935-1937, and she recently resigned the Vice-President in order to become Club Counselor. The present staff of officers consists of: Mrs. Chas. T. Hemphill, President Miss Ethel Manning, Vice-President Mrs. Fred Cutbirth, Recording Secretary Mrs. Walter Ramsey Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Arthur Mitchell, Treasurer

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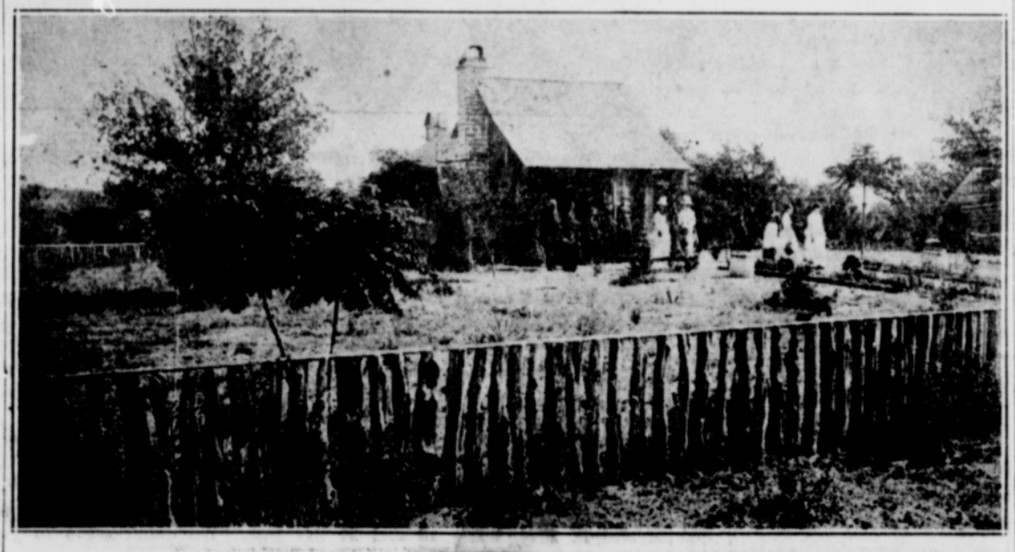
Capt. Jeff Maltby Home In Spring Gap Mountains



This was the first home Capt. Maltby built in Callahan county. Later an addition built of native stone was built at the rear of the building where Jimmie Maltby and his sister, Mrs. Morgan Price and family now live. Reading from left to right the persons in the picture are: Capt. Maltby, Billy Brick and Jimmie Maltby, Miss Mollie Maltby, Mrs. Morgan Price, Mollie and Emma Bowden, Grandmother Barton, Mrs. Maltby, Miss Johnnie Whitaker and Pearl Tabor.

Early Days In Cottonwood

The above picture was made in Cottonwood more than thirty years ago. Reading from left to right back row: Walter Norton, O. D. Hailey, Fred Griffin, Alex Hutchison, E. C. Fulton, F. T. Scott, George Harris, Clark W. Gillit, Henry Robinson. Front row: Clarence Ramsey, O. H. Gillit, Dave Carter, W. J. Thomason, Dr. Quilla Griffin, Dr. J. H. Yonley.

Callahan Cowmen's Barbecue at McCoy Ranch, 1895

Many old time cowmen of Callahan county and their families were present at the barbecue. Among them, families of J. Price McFarlane, J. I. and Alex McCoy, Sam and J. B. McWhorter, Gen. F. W. James, Cutbirth, Grandma McFarlane, Jim and Dr. I N Underwood, Andy Young, Willis Asbury, Frank Alvord, Col. Lark Hearn, S. L. Driskill, Brown Seay, E. C. Hill, J. Y. Gilliland, John Flores, C. C. Seale, Joe Crutchfield. Mrs. Brightwell Windhams, Blakleys, Biggerstaffs,

Among Callahan County Pioneers

REV. GEO. B. ELY

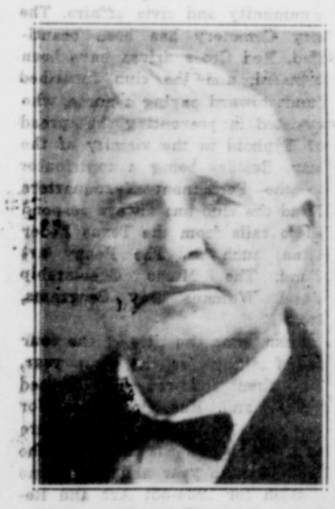
Rev. Geo. B. Ely of Clyde, who was 97 years of age in September 25th, is perhaps the oldest citizen in point of years living in Callahan county. He was born in Marion county, Arkansas, September 25, 1940. He had all arrangements made for attending school at Fayettville, Ark., when the Civil war broke out and destroyed all his hopes for a higher education, but he continued his studies at home and thus fitted himself for the ministry. He was the oldest of eleven children and helped his mother provide for them after the loss of their father in the war. He was fife drummer and a member of his general's body guard.

Mr. and Mrs. Ely lived on the Arkansas and Texas frontiers where they endured the many hardships of pioneer life. He was an Indian scout.

He has been a Baptist minister for more than seventy years. His preaching was also pioneer work among people unable to build a church house. They held services in homes and under brush arbors. H ewas a farmer, doctor, preacher, merchant, thus helping to administer to the needs of the people of his community.

Rev. Ely lived in this section long before the Texas and Pacific railroad was built and was a member of the company which transferred the last of the Indians from the reservation to the Indian Territory, Now Oklahoma. Soon after th building of th T & P railroad Mr. Ely moved his family to Clyde and lived in the cot which joins his present home. He was the first pastor of the Clyde Baptist church and preached his last sermon in this church on his 93rd birthday. He is very active for his age and goes to town several times each day.

MISS MILDRED YEAGER
Editor Putnam News



J. S. YEAGER
Ass't Editor Putnam News

Mr Yeager is a native of Alabama and came to Eastland county in 1890. He entered the newspaper business in Cisco in 1904 and retired a year later to accept a position with the Cisco Oil Mill. The Yeager family moved to Callahan county in 1906. Elected county commissioner in 1914, and resigned in 1918 to accept a position as superintendent of an engineering company.

He was again elected county commissioner of precinct three in 1920, serving until 1925. Mr. Yeager was elected president of the West Texas Ginners Association in 1922, and resigned and was elected president of the State Ginners Association in 1925.

Mr. Yeager is now associated with his daughter, Miss Mildred Yeager, in the publication of the Putnam News.

Capt. W. J. Maltby, Texas Ranger

Capt. W. J. Maltby and family was among the early residents of Callahan County coming here in 1876 from Burnet county, and building a home in the Spring Gap mountains Capt. Maltby, however, had brought his horses and cattle here about two years before and had built a lob cabin where he and his cowboys ranched until the family came.

Mrs. Morgan Price, the former Fannie Maltby, and Jimmie Maltby, who live in the old place, are the only surviving members of the Maltby family.

Capt. Maltby had rather a colorful career as an Indian fighter while he was living in Burnett county and being a member of the Texas Rangers force, he was placed in command of Company E of the famous "Frontier Battalion", consisting of five complies of Texas Rangers organized by Gov. Coke in 1874 to protect the people against the ever increasing Indian raids. The company numbered 75 men. The company's headquarters were at Brownwood, and they were to protect the people from Camp Colorado to Fort Phantom Hill. In Capt. Maltby's memories or reminiscences "Frontie: Life in Texas" he states that a scouting expedition of his rangers once found Old Big Foot, an Indian chief, with a few of his wiley redskins in the roughs of Callahan county near West Caddo Peak and that one of the redskins was killed.

Capt. Maltby settled down to ranching in 1876 and spent the remaining years of his life on his ranch. He took a great interest in farming especially in grape culture and fruit growing, developing one of the first model farms in this section. His exhibits took many prizes at state fairs.

J. W. MERRICK

J. W. Merrick, living a few miles south of Clyde on the same ranch he established in 1877, is one of Callahan county's best loved pioneer families, Mrs. Merrick was a sister of Bob and Sol Estes, early residents of that section. Mr. Merrick came from Lampassas county in 1877 with J. B. Cutbirth, who moved his cattle here and began ranching with his brother, Sam Cutbirth, on Deadman creek in the northwest part of Callahan county.

Mr. Merrick bought the remnant of J. B. Cutbirth's cattle in Lampassas county and went back after the herd. He was accompanied back by his brother-in-law, John McCombs. He ran his cattle in the 7-Heart Ranch. Mr. Merrick is now 85 years of age and Mrs. Merrick is 80.

"Apple Pie Order"

One of our expressions, "apple pie order," comes from the custom of early English cooks in adorning their apple pies with a neat row of scallops. In those days "order" meant "row," so anything that was neatly done was in "apple pie order."

Dickens Danced at Night

Charles Dickens liked to have his children dance and especially delighted in the polka step. Often he would practice it gravely in a corner by himself. One winter night he awoke with the horror that he had forgotten the step and leaping out of bed diligently rehearsed its "one, two, three, one, two, three," until he felt secure in the knowledge of the wonderful step.

Severe Winter in Ohio

In 1799 Ohio experienced what can literally be called a severe winter. Practically everything froze solid. Animals dropped in their tracks, wild turkeys dropped from their roosts, corn, to cite one foodstuff, rocketed to $200 per bushel, and the scattered settlers became sick from living off the frozen animals.

Silver Ore Is Mineral

Silver ore is a mineral, not a metal; generally speaking, metals are not found in mines but have to be smelted from their ores.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Dawkins and Sons

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Mr. Dawkins and sons, Tom, Will, Monroe, and John Dawkins, made at the old Dawkins home.

The true pioneer type—The Empire Builders, were faithfully portrayed in Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Dawkins. Quiet and calm, but absolutely fearless—always with a bright face to the future and happy in the hope that better things were always ahead.

Mr. Dawkins was born in Georgia, but at an early age moved to Alabama, where Mrs. Dawkins was born and reared. They were mrried in 1874, being 19 and 21 years of age, repectively, set out for Texas and the unknown. They spent one year in Bell county. In November 27, 1876, they arrived in Callahan county, taking up some land east of what is now Admiral, where they spent the rest of their lives.

Their success brought well nigh on to 100 families to Texas from their old home community in Alabama. Some of them were of the type that could stick it out, but most of them returned to the old home.

Asked on one occasion, during long drouths and hard times, if they ever think of "going back", their terse and almost defiant reply was, "We didn't come to go back".

The Old Seasoned Oak and Hickory breed of Americans that stood up under fire and lasted today the strain—always striving to make America, Texas, and Callahan county a better place in which to live.

Their first home was of log pickets, 10 by 18 feet, dirt floors, and the roof was of wagon sheets.. Wild game was in abundance, bear, deer, antelopes, turkey etc.

The nearest railroad was Ft. Worth and wheat and corn was hauled by their own ox wagons to Comanche to be ground into flour and meal.

They had four sons and two daughters, in the order named: Tom, Bill, Monroe, Emma, John and Belle.

Mr. Dawkins was born December 30, 1852, and died 53 years later on July 14, 1906. Mrs. Dawkins was born June 20, 1854, and died 81 years later on May 26, 1935. They are buried at Admiral.

A Memorial Window of beautiful cathedral glass adorns the Admiral Baptist church—a quiet inspiration from the lives of these two noble souls.

They arrived in Texas with the grand sum of $63.10, which they considered ample, and with their fighting spirit, they pressed on. They had their share of happiness, of hardships, troubles and heartbreaks. Their first crop gave great promise, but was killed by a hard freeze on June 10, 1877. "They didnt come to go back".

JOHN W. DAY

John W. Day moved with his family from Austin, Texas, to Belle Plain, Callahan county, Texas, in March 1880. He was a pioneer stockman, having trailed cattle from Texas to Kansas over the old Chisholm trail, on one trip taking his family with him.

Mr. Day bought and improved a home and ranch in Callahan county in the early days, also gave the land, and helped finance, the building of the Belle Plain College. He died at Baird and is buried with several members of his family in the Belle Plain cemetery.

There are only two surviving members of the family, Mrs. S. L. Driskill of Fort Worth, and Mrs. B. F. Austin of Abilene.

Redeeming Damaged Bills

The Redemption Office of the U. S. Treasury has to listen to the woes of people with parts of torn bills. Three-fifths of a torn bill is redeemable at face value, two-fifths at half value. However, if there is satisfactory proof that the other part of the bill has been completely destroyed, the Treasury will redeem even a fragment.

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Superintendent

CONGRATULATIONS and THANKS

Let me offer congratulations to The BAIRD STAR on her 50th anniversary and thank my patrons for their liberal patronage during my 40 years in Baird.

E. C. FULTON

FULTON'S BARBER SHOP

Five Generations of Cutbirth Family

This picture representing five generations of the Cutbirth family was made more than thirty years ago, They are Grandma McFarlane, Sam Cutbirth, Mrs. Jasper McCoy, Mrs. Nellie McCoy Mills, and her son, Rob Cochran.

MRS. JASPER McCOY

Mrs McCoy is the eldest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cutbirth, who came to Callahan county from Denton county in 1876. She was married to Mr. McCoy in 1880. The following notice of the wedding was published in the Callahan County Clarendon, published at Belle Plain, which was the first wedding to be published in the paper which was established November 15, 1879, and was the first newspaper published in the county:

Married

McCoy—Cutbirth. On the 17th of January, 1880, at the residence of the bride's parents, in the Hubbard Timbers, Callahan county, by Frank Parrot Esqr., Mr. Jasper McCoy to Miss Lizzie Cutbirth. All of this county.

The compliments of the bride, accompanied by a nice piece of the wedding cake were received and fully appreciated by the Clarendon Force.

We extend to Japer and hi fair young bride our heartfelt congratulations and very best wishes for their future welfare and happiness, and if we had 'em to spare should certainly throw after them a whole wagon load of slippers, etc. Both parties to this union are well known here and have hosts of friends who will all join with us in hoping that their union will result in much happiness, &c., and may they be as

Two souls with but a single thought,
Two hearts that beat as one.

Mr. and Mrs. McCoy established their home at the McCoy ranch in the Bayou which Mrs. McCoy still owns. Mr. McCoy, who died some years ago, was a pioneer of the county, he and his brother Sim McCoy, coming here in 1874 with John and Claibe Merchant, twin brothers from Decatur county. The McCoy brothers were cousins of the Merchants, who reared the McCoy brothers, whose parents died when they were small.

As a young man, Mr. McCoy drove many cattle from Denton county to Kansas and many believe he was the blazier of the famous McCoy trail through Fort Worth west.

H. A. McWHORTER CAME TO COUNTY IN 1877

H. A. McWhorter has been ranching in Callahan county many years. He came here in 1877 from Hood county to join his brother, Iley McWhorter, who came in 1875. They ranched for a while in Mitchell county, returning to Callahan county. During the drouth in 1885-6 in company with Bill Windham and Brown Seay, he went with the Cutbirth, Mrs. Rebecca, and J. Y. Gilliland cattle to the Van Horn canyon, south of Van Horn. In the latter part of 1886 they drove the cattle back and shipped to Oklahoma. He was married to Miss Rosa Lambert daughter of W. L. Lambert in 1893, and they went to Greer count, returning to Callahan county in 1896 and bought the W. H. Gilliland ranch on the Bayou which he has since operated.

Iley McWhorter owned the ranch now owned by Mrs. J. O. Hall, where he ranched for many years, his ranch being one of the best improved ranches of the time. Mr. McWhorter and wife, who was Fannie Gilliland, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John T. Gilliland, died some years ago.

JOHN SMARTT FAMILY

The Smartt family, John, Gabe, George, Sam, and Billie Smartt, Tennesseeians were among the early resident of the Admiral community locating there in 1876.

John Smartt established a home three miles east of Admiral where he lived continuously until his death some years ago. The first home was a small log house, and later a plank house was built which has been standing the past 45 years. N. W. Smartt, a son, with his family now live in the old home where he was born. Tom Smartt, the eldest some of Mr. and Mrs. John Smartt, was one of the first white children born in the county after it was organized July 3, 1877, he being born July 10, 1877. Tom Smartt spent his 60th birthday at the old home this summer.

All the brothers are dead, also Mrs. John Smartt.

T. J. Norrell, First Sheriff of Callahan Co.

This picture will turn back the pages of time and bring back many memories of yesteryear when "Uncle Tom" Norrell, tax asssessor of Callahan county for twenty-two yars, was a familiar figure as he traveled over the county in the cart drawn by "Nigger Baby" his faithful black blazed face horse, in the discharge of his official duties.

The ancestors of Mr. Norrell came from Cork Ireland to this county before the revolutionary war, some of whom were in that war, helping to set up the republic, his father immigrated from South Carolina to Mississippi in the early 1800's and he was born near Brandon, Miss., October 11, 1838.

He came to Texas as a young man spent four years in the Confederate service, was once captured and carried as a prisoner to Rock Island, Illinois. He lost his right arm at the seige at Atlanta, Ga. After the war he returned to Texas, worked on cattle ranches and was on the Trail for seven years. He assisted in organizing Callahan county in 1877, being the county's first sheriff. He was elected tax assessor in 1888, and held that office for twenty-two years.

"Uncle Tom" was well known for his genial good nature, kindly wit, generosity, and his intense humanitarianism. He died June 18, 1922 and is buried in the family plot with his wife and other members of his family in the Cottonwood cemetery.

Too Many!

Too many champions of the poor "bottom dog" are only out to make him "top dog," not to make him a new man.

Power of Lime

Theoretically, 100 pounds of finely ground limestone, 56 pounds of freshly burned lime, 74 pounds of hydrated lime, and 90 pounds of air-slaked lime have equal acid neutralizing power.

Traveling Sidewalk

A traveling sidewalk is a system consisting of movable, parallel, continuous platforms to carry passengers from one point to another. They were first practically tested at the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1893 and since then successfully installed in Berlin. The sidewalk built for the Paris Exposition in 1900 was three miles long.

Concentration

Concentration fixes your thoughts on one thing. By doing the thing now you will be better able to do the next thing next. Slip on the first, and you will skid on the second.

Earliest Use of Sponges

Earliest known use for sponges was for padding armor. The Greeks fastened them inside their shin guards and helmets. The Greeks also used bath sponges and so did the Romans. The latter also used them for mops and paintbrushes.

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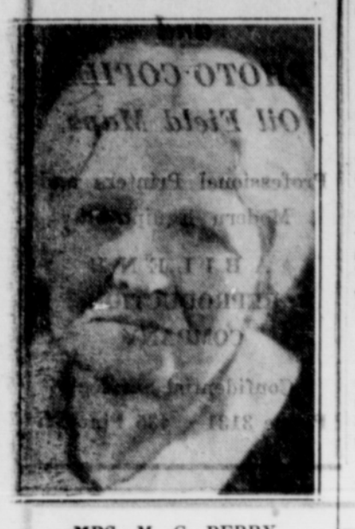

MRS. M. C. BERRY

Mrs M. C. Berry, who lives on her farm a few miles south of Baird is the only surviving widow of the heroes of the Battle of San Jacinto, fought in 1836. She is the widow of Capt. A. J. Berry who a s a 16 year old boy took part in the battle and was present when Santa Anna surrendered to Gen. Sam Houston.

Mrs. Berry, who was 84 in August 29th last, has been shown numerous honors, among them during the Centennial last year, when she was an honor guest at the Centennial where she was given military honors. She was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Wylie Gains of Abilene and son, Harry Berry, and wife, of Clyde.

Harry Berry has the musket used by his father in the battle of San Jacinto which is a unique relic being about 5 feet long, the barrel being 3 feet 8inches, octagonal shape, and about one and one-half inches thick, carrying a ball of about 9-16th inches. It has an inset container in t h e stock for holding tallow and rags for use in holding the ball in tamping light against the powder. The gun was made by Capt. Jack Berry and his father, who were gunsmiths.

Lewis' Health Spot Shop

OPEN IN ABILENE DURING 1937 FINDS FAVOR WITH WEST TEXAS PEOPLE

One of Abilene's newer business firms is the Lewis' Health Spot Shop, located at 1125 North Second street and under the management o f Mr. Raymond Lewis. Really it is far more than a business organization for it has to do with people's health, comfort and general efficiency, vitally so. For foot ease—foot comfort is just as essential to good dispositions and clear thinking, says Mr. Lewis, as any other phase of physical health.

No longer are tired, aching feet necessary, for in the past decade doctors and shoe fitters have worked hand in hand to insure the public better health. Not only teaching people to care f o r healthy feet and correct foot maladies, but to educate them up to properly built and properly fitted shoes, is the specific service offered by the Lewis' Health Spot Shop, and the response of West Texas people to this service has been most gratifying.

Mr. Lewis comes to Abilene unusually well trained to fit shoes for your health. But do not get the idea the models recommended and sold in the shop are out of style numbers, seemingly built for old people and invalids. Here you will be shown modish shoes for every occasion, yet built to restore and keep perfect health for your feet.

Without doubt, Mr. Lewis has a message for West Texas people for one is always welcome to discuss shoe needs and f o o t troubles with him whether merchandise is bought or not. The personnel of the shop is professional and friendly, eager to get better acquainted in this section and learn the people's needs.

Flogging in England

In England flogging probably reached its heyday after the monasteries, where the poor had been sure of free meals, were abolished. This led to a great increase in vagrancy. The punishment was whipping. In many places the law provided that a vagrant be carried to some market town "and there tied to the end of a cart, naked, and beaten with whips throughout such market town till the body shall be bloody." Queen Elizabeth changed the law so offenders were stripped only to the waist. She also substituted the whipping post for the cart.

Body Calcium

The bones and teeth contain 9.2 per cent of the body calcium.

week in October and the second week in April, the day of the week is decided by the hostess club. There are now nine clubs in the organization.

Meaning of Letters F. a. d.

The letters F. a. d. stand for the Italian words fra (pronounced, frah-tay), brother, and (pronounced, ah-day-lay), daughter.

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Baptist Church

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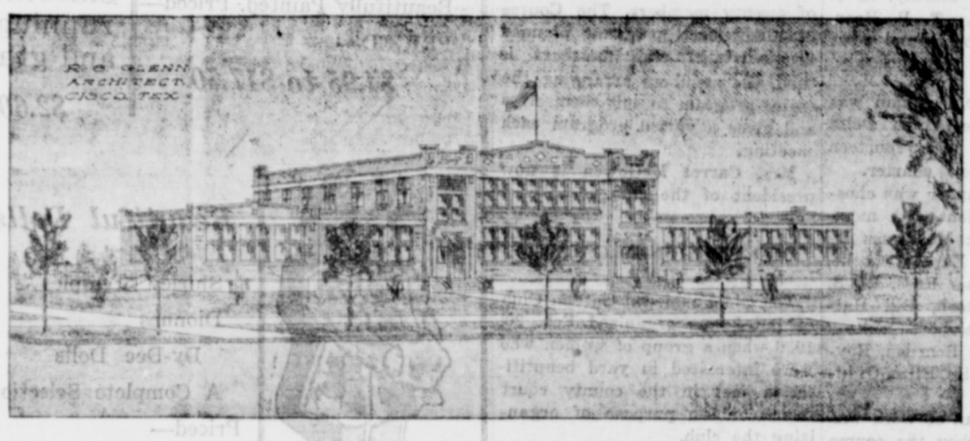

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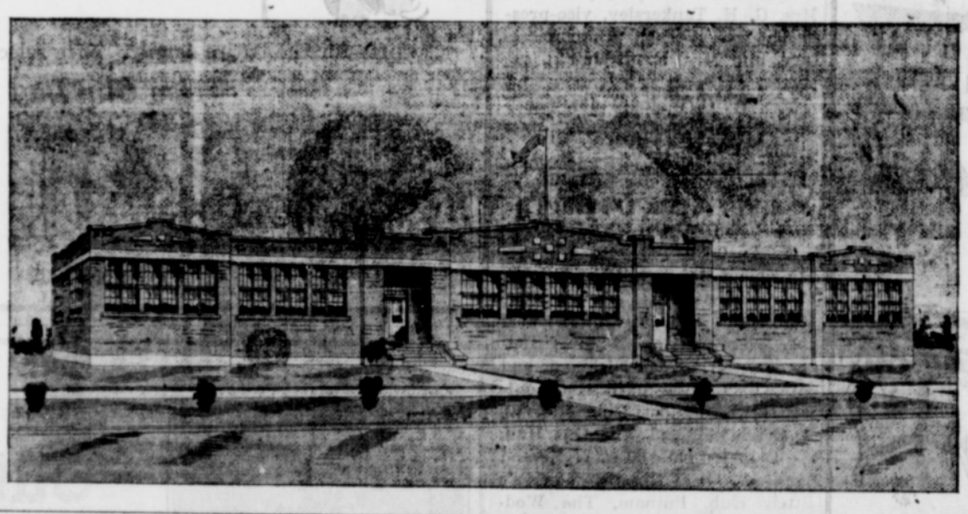
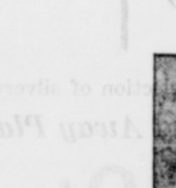


Carbon Black Used

Carbon black, made by burning natural gas, is used mainly in toughening rubber.

Denecholes

Deneholes are ancient, well-like shafts of uncertain origin, found in Kent and Essex, England, and in the French valley of the Somme. Probably they were sunk to get at chalk and flint which lie beneath the surface of the earth.



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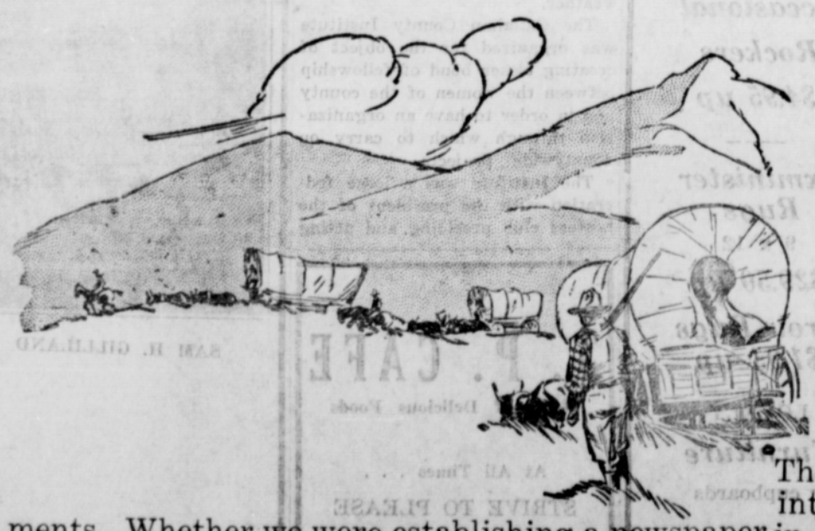

We Blazed the Trail Together in Callahan County

The Baird Star and the B. L. Boydstun mercantile interests view the past 50 years as ones of achievements. Whether we were establishing a newspaper in a far-flung Western village or freighting supplies to a sturdy pioneer people, our interest was a common one, the development of Callahan County. Yes, the trail has been rather long—sometimes dimly lit—often beset with droughts—panic—war and discouragement but the true pioneer spirit—the faithful cooperation of Callahan Couny people has made it rich in memories.

LET US TAKE THIS FESTIVE OCCASION TO SAY TO ALL—HOWDY COMRADES

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Four Generations of Brightwell Family

Four generations are shown in this picture. Mrs. M. A. Brightwell, 85, right, her daughter, Mrs. W. O. Spencer; Mrs. Spencer's son, Vernon Spencer, and his little daughter, Frances Ann.

Mrs. Brightwell is the eldest daughter of John T. and Rebecca Gilliland, early residents of the county. The first house built was a picket house in Burnt Ranch north of where Mrs. Brightwell lives, later built in the place on the bayou, now owned by Mrs. Ludie Owens. The house was a double log house, but in later years an upper story was added and the walls weatherboarded outside and cealed inside. Mr. and Mrs. Brightwell established the home where the family now live, later. The first school was taught in Mrs. Brightwell's home by Mrs. Parks. The students were Mrs. Brightwell's three children, W. P. Brightwell, Mrs. W. O. Spencer and Mrs. George Baum and Tom and Arthur Young, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Young, who lived on the Bayou a few miles south of the Gilliland ranch. Mr. Young and son, Tom, died many years ago. Mrs. Young and son, Arthur, still live in the ranch and Will Young, a younger son, lives nearby.

There were no church buildings and services were held in the Gilliland home in the winter, and under brush arbors in the summer. Rev. B. F. McClelland, a Presbyterian minister, of Brownwood, Rev. Bloyes, and "Grandpa" Childers were among those who conducted these services. In 1882 Mrs. Gilliland and her neighbors built a small house nn a beautifull pecan grove in the banks of the bayou which was used for years as a church and school house.

Mrs. Brightwell who was the eldest member of her family is the only surviving one and considering her advanced age enjoys fairly good health

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Harris Came to County in 1876

In Novemeber 1876 R. J. Harris with his wife and foor small children came to Callahan county from Mississippi, settling in the hills of Spring Gap mountains near the place what is now known as the Admiral community; they remained there only a few months, however, as water was a big factor in establishing a camp site, and he found a place to dig a well about three miles down the creek from the first camp, moving near this well and establishing the home on which he lived until hi death in 1935.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris lived in a tent for several months until they could build a house of logs, later they hauled lumber from Forth Worth, Texas, to build a three-room house, which is now a part of the residence on the Harris farm.

There was a small store located at Callahan City, about tow miles from their camp, where they could buy groceries and other necessities and Belle Plain was a small village five mies distant where dry goods and ranch supplies could be bought. The nearest Post Office was Thorpe Springs, a place about miles distant, and the few colonists took their turnsin going there for household supplies that could not be found in the small local stores, and bringing the mail for every one in the community.

Mr. Harris was present at the organization on the county in 1877, but did not take part in the organization as he had not ived in the county six months and could not cast a vote. Mr. and Mrs. Harris were always cooperative in the development of the country, assisting in every way possible in establishing schools, churche, road and other improvements for the progress of civilization and citizenship. The land for the first stores in the little village of Admiral was donated by them, as also, was part of the land on which the church now stands.

The home estabilshed by them in 1876, which grew from a small camp to a stock farm of 800 acres is now owned by their two youngest children who were born there, T. B Harris of Panhandle, Texas, and Jennie Harris of Baird.

Mrs. Harris died March 23, 1913, at the age of 69 years and Mr. Harris died November 4, 1935, at the age of 89 years.

MR. AND MRS. ED COPPINS AND FAMILY

Mrs. Mattie Coppins Moon, a resident of Baird for 33 years, now iving in Fort Worth, gives the following history of her family, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Coppins.

"It was in 1869 that my father nd mother, my young sister and nyself left Hudson, Michigan, for Texas to recover his health in a and where you could live under a tree the year round. We came by rail part of the way then took a steamboat on the Mississippi river, passed into the Gulf of Mexico to New Orleans. From there we came in a hack drawn by horses to Lewisville, Denton county, where my father had friends. The people lived in small log cabins scarcely large enough for them, but you were made welcome to what they had which mostly was corn bread made with water baked in an "oven" on a fireplace, bacon and black coffee. The first stove we saw in Texas was in a hotel in Denton.

My father was a stone mason by trade and built many chimneys there. My Mother brought the first sewing machine to Lewisville, one of Elias How's machines, the first sewing machine invented. She did lots of sewing, making garments of all kinds as it was impossible to buy clothes ready made. She also did fancy stitching on boots and shoes for the shoemaker there.

Later we moved to Forestberg in a wagon drawn by oxen. There were many wild turkeys and prairie chickens there.

We moved later to Jacksboro, where we lived for four years. From there we moved to Mobeetie, at the urging of stockmen who wanted father to handle ranch supplies. We left Jacksboro following cow trails for days We met a Mr. Gunter with his wife and daughter who were enroute to their ranch in that section. His cowboys were driving several hundred head of cattle.

We had trouble crossing the Pease river near Vernon on account of quicksand. A heavy wagon of supplies drawn by three spans of mules started first and after getting almost safe on the far banks, the team turned back into the streams which was bank full and stuck in the quicksand. Eight cowboys treading the sand unloaded the supplies carrying them on their shoulders to the bank then took the wagon bed off and floated it across then the wheels were pulled out. That was early in the morning, and by 3 o'clock in the afternoon we were all safely across. The cook at the chuck wagon had hot biscuits, veal and coffee ready and we sure devoured the eats.

Me met many wagons loaded with buffalo hides, the wagons being drawn by oxen.

Arriving at Mobeetie, father found that all freight for Mobeetie had to be hauled by wagon from Dodge City, Kansas, the nearest railroad point so he decided that he would turn back. We came back across the corner of what was then called the Indian nation, where we saw many Indians at Dones' Store, where they exchanged hides for food and clothes.

We arrived in Baird on July 1, 1881. There were no houses to rent, so we with about 50 other families, camped a short distance northwest of the old jail. Mother put her stove under a tree and was kept busy baking light bread, and none was ever so good.

Father built a grocery and feed store, with four living rooms in the rear, on the lot where the Barnhill building is now located, just south of the Quality Cafe. Later father traded the store to Terry and son, Jeff, for sheep and for three years ran a sheep ranch three miles south of Putnam on Brushy creek. He returned to Baird and again went into the grocery business where he remained for several years.

Father and mother moved to Fort Worth where both died and were brought back to Baird which had been their home for so long, and were buried beside their only son, Karl, who died in early childhood.

I lived in Baird for nearly 33 years, and still have many dear friends there who have shared my joys and sorrows of life."

Mattie Coppins Moon
3330 Ave. J., Ft. Worth, Texas.

Jud Tunkins Says:

Jud Tunkins says you gotta be careful what you say and if you take enough time to find out what you are talkin' 'bout, maybe you won't say it at all.

Habits of Beavers

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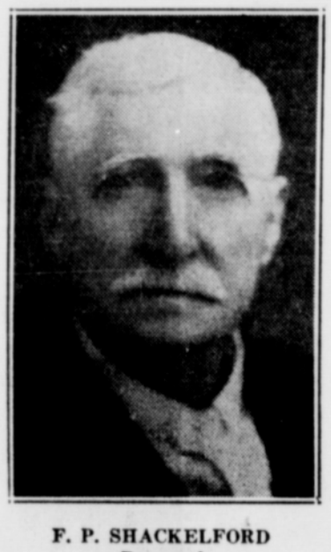

F. P. SHACKELFORD
Deceased
First Mayor of Putnam

The town of Putnam was established in the late 70's, and was first called Catclaw, later Breman, and when a postoffice was applied for, the name was changed to Putnam, the town being named for a pioneer ranchman, John Putnam.

The city was incorporated in 1922. F. P. Shackelford, pioneer merchant, was elected mayor, who served two terms. He was succeeded by Y. A. Orr, a pioneer druggist, who is the present incumbent.

The first general mercantile business was established by E. H. Taber and two sons, Frank and Therrian Taber, about 1881.

The first bank, the Farmers State Bank was established about 1905 The late W. C. Lasley as cashier and the late Leslie Biggerstaff as assistant cashier.

About 1910 a Townsite Company was organized by Judge B. L. Russell of Baird, J. H. Surles of Putnam and a number of others to promote the sale of Putnam mineral water and build a health resort. They succeeded in building the Mission Hotel, one of the best in West Texas at that time.

About 1920 the first oil wells were discovered in the Putnam area and Putnam has had the biggest shallow oil play of any place in the state. The town began to grow and now has a population of 1,000.

In 1924 the city voted bonds to build a water system and last year completed one of the most modern public school buildings in the state. The building is equipped with the latest sound systems, something very few public schools have.

The town is still growing. All churches are represented.

Reading left to right: J. T. McMurry, deceased; Ray Jackson, deceased; Pete King, present commissioner, Precinct No. 3; George F. McCool, deceased; L. J. Cook, present proprietor.

Congratulations Baird Star on your Fiftieth Birthday; may you continue to twinkle brightly in the newspaper realm and may your radiance never be dimmed.

L. J. Cook

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THE PUTNAM NEWS
Greets Miss Eliza Gilliland
On The Fiftieth Anniversary
of The Baird Star

The Putnam News wishes to extend congratulations to Miss Eliza Gilliland publisher of The Baird Star, on the occasion of The Star's fiftieth anniversary.

Miss Gilliland is one of Texas' outstanding women and is most highly appreciated in Callahan county, where she has assisted with the paper since it was founded by her father, the late Col. W. E. Gilliland. Born to serve the many, Miss Gilliland has always met her friends with an unusual smile and has invariably manifested her sweet personality in a spirit of helpfulness to the world.

We wish to say congratulations to The Baird Star and Callahan county, for having Miss Gilliland these years in charge of the good publication now celebrating its fiftieth birthday. May Miss Eliza publish many more papers.

MILDRED YEAGER, Editor
The Putnam News

From One Horse Plows to John Deere Tractors---

What seven other words could more fully summarize the development of farming in West Texas during the past 50 years?

We have traveled the road together this past half century. That we still have your confidence is our gretest asset. Depend on us for your needs in the future as we build for a greater Callahan county.

F. P. Shackelford

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GOODFELLOWS MAKE PLANS FOR GIVING CHRISTMAS CHEER

The Goodfellows met in the county court room Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock to elect officers and make plans for the Christmas campaign.

Ralph Ashlock, president, presided at the meeting.

The following committees and personnel were appointed:

Solicitation committee: Mrs. L. L. Blackburn, Miss Naomi Lydia, C. R. Nordyke, Olaf Hollingshead.

Gift Disposition committee: Rev. Joe R. Mayes, pastor of the Baptist church; Rev. Hamilton Wright, pastor of the Methodist church; Rev. Jack King pastor of the Church of Christ, R. L. Elliott, Hugh Smith, Judge L. B. Lewis, with Nat Williams, superintendent of Baird public schools, as chairman.

Buying committee: Mrs. L. L. Blackburn, Mrs. Ace Hickman.

Santa Claus committee: Rev's Joe Mayes, Hamilton Wright, Jack King.

Receptacles will be placed in cafes, drug stores and elsewhere for collection of incidental giving. Old toys will be solicited, collected at Baird Star office and county library, and repainted and repaired for distribution. Ace Hickman is chairman of the re-painting committee. Packing of presents will be done by the Federated clubs.

Miss Jean Powell was re-elected secretary-treasurer of the Baird Goodfellows.

Baby Boy Dies From Pneumonia

Bernie Joseph, baby boy of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Austin, died Tuesday morning following a week's illness with pneumonia.

Funeral services were held at the Baptist church at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, Rev. Joe R. Mayes conducting the rites. Burial was made in Ross cemetery. Wylie funeral home were in charge of funeral arrangements.

The baby was 10 months and 8 days of age.

Survivors are the parents and three sisters, Martha Gladys, Peggy Marie and Jeanette, also the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Austin of Baird, and the following named uncles and aunts Mrs. Jack Gilstrap, J. G. Austin, Bill and Bob Austin, Miss Margarite and Frances Austin, Baird L. D. Austin, Abilene; P. D. Austin, San Angelo; Mrs. Claude Lowry, Abilene; Mrs. Aubrey Brown, Cisco. All were present for the funeral. Other relatives here were Mrs. L. D. Austin and children, Abilene; Mrs. P. D. Austin and children, San Angelo; Claude Lowry andchildren, Abilene.

Mrs. H. J. Lambert Celebrates 81st Birthday

Sunday, December 5, was Mrs. H. J. Lambert's 81st birthday, and she was given a pleasant suprise in the afternoon when old friends and neighbors began coming in, but the greatest surprise came when Little Dorothy Estes entered the living room bearing a beautiful birthday cake and greeted her with "Happy Birthday, Mrs. Lambert". Miss Eliska Gilliland and Miss Jeffe Lambert followed rolling along a table on which stood a beautiful Christmas tree laden with lovely gifts for the honoree.

Those sharing this pleasant surprise with Mrs. Lambert were, Mrs. J. B. Cutbirth, Mrs. John Asbury, Mrs. Andrew Jackson, Mrs. J. Y. Gilliland, Mrs. J. E. Gilliland, Mrs. Alex McWhorter, Mrs. W. G. Bowlus, Mrs. Mary Warren, Mrs. Lee Estes, Mrs. Ben Halsted, Mrs. Oscar Black, Mrs. J. W. Hays, Mrs. Sarah Barclay, Mrs. Cecil West, Mrs. Ed Lambert. Mrs. Robt. L. Estes, Misses Eliza Gilliland, Jeffe Lambert, Patty and Dorothy Estes, and little Sarah Ann West.

Sandwiches, cake and hot chocolate was served.

Railroad Overpass Seems Possible

A federal project which is believed will be confirmed soon, will insure a concrete overpass over the Texas & Pacific railroad in southeast Baird on Highway No. 191 to replace an old wooden structure which has been in use for many years, according to Judge L. B. Lewis.

The project is jointly participated in by the federal government and the Texas & Pacific railroad. It will cost approximately $15,000, $5,000 of which will be the railway's part.

Woodmen Circle to Elect Officers

Holly Grove No. 570, Woodmen Circle will meet in regular session Monday night, December 13, at 7:15 o'clock. The annual election of officers will be held at this meeting and all members are urged to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Spencer of Burnt Branch left on the Sunshine Special Monday for a few days visit with their daughter, Mrs. Deer and family at Gladewater.

MRS. JASPER M'COY DIES FOLLOWING SHORT ILLNESS

Mrs. Jasper McCoy, 76, pioneer resident of Callahan county, died at St. Joseph hospital, Fort Worth at 10:30 Wednesday night, following major surgery.

The body was brought back home on the Sunshine Special Thursday evening. Funeral services will be held at the Methodist church at 2 p. m. today, and burial made at Belle Plain in the family lot where her husband, Jasper McCoy, her only son, Will McCoy, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cutbirth and other relatives are buried.

Mary E. Cutbirth was born in Denton county at Pilot Point. In 1878 with her parents, she moved to Callahan county, where they established ranching interests. A few years later, she was married to Jasper McCoy, who had come west from Denton county in 1873. He had settled in Callahan county with his cousin, the late C. W. Merchant. In 1881, when the cousins dissolved partnership, Merchant moved on west to the Abilene area and was one of the founders of the city; while McCoy remained in Callahan county as a rancher.

Mrs. McCoy, until a few weeks ago, had apparently been in the best of health. However, medical examination revealed that she must undergo serious surgery, and Monday she went to Fort Worth, accompanied by members of her family, who were with her at the time of her death.

Mrs. McCoy is survived by four daughters Mrs. C. M. Mills, Baird Mrs. H. H. Gregory, Fort Worth; Mrs. W. R. Ely, Abilene; Mrs. Press Morris, Coleman; thirteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She is also survived by four sisters and four brothers, Mrs. Cliff Hill, Baird; Mrs. J. B. Seay, Houston; Sam Cutbirth, Brownwood; W. J. Cutbirth, Big Lake; Bob and Clive Cutbirth, her two youger sisters, live in California.

Jeffe McAdams Prominent Cross Plains Man, Died

Jeffe McAdams, 58, prominent banker and business man of Cross Plains, died suddenly Saturday afternoon at Rising Star. Physicians gave cause of his death as a heart attack.

Mr. McAdams was president of the Citizens State Bank at Cross Plains, president of the Cross Plains chamber of commerce, head of the McAdams Motor company and the local agent for the Texas company. In connection with his Texas company agency, he has an office in Rising Star, and he was completing his work there preparatory to returning home when he died.

He came to Rising Star about ten years ago, from Brownwood. He has been connected with the Texas company for thirty years. He was a Mason, a member of the Presbyterian church and prominent in many civic movements.

Survivors are his wife, one son, Joe B., and three daughters, Betsie, Martha Nan and Jeffe Ruth, all of Cross Plains. Marthat Nan, a student in John Tarleton college at Stephenville.

Funeral was held from the Presbyterian church at 3 p. m. Monday, and burial was made in the Cross Plains cemetery.

DIED

Mrs. Della Buford of De Leon, died December 2nd from an attack of pneumonia. Mrs. Buford is survived by two children, Miss Ethel and Tommie Guye, who will go to California with their father, James E. Buford, who is a son of Mrs. T. C. Moon of Baird.

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M. E. Church Stewards Plan Year's Work

The stewards of the Methodist church held their first meeting of the new conference year under the administrationof the new pastor, Rev. Hamilton Wright.

Wm. A. Fetterley was elected chairman and W. O. Wylie Jr., secretary-treasurer.

The board decided to increase the salary of the pastor twenty-five percent over last year's.

The board consists of J. Brice Jones, retiring chairman; A. R. Kelton, J. E. Alexander, Ace Hickman, J. H. Grimes, Bob Norrell, Dr. V. E. Hill, L. R. Hughes, Joe M. Glover, Hugh Ross, Jr., Ben L. Rusell, Jr., Nat Williams, Olaf Hollingshead, Howard E. Farmer, W. A. Fetterley and W. O. Wylie.

B. T. U. Meeting

The East Zone of Callahan county B. T. U. will meet next Sunday Dec. 12 at 2:30 to 4:00 p. m. with the Cross Plains Baptist church.

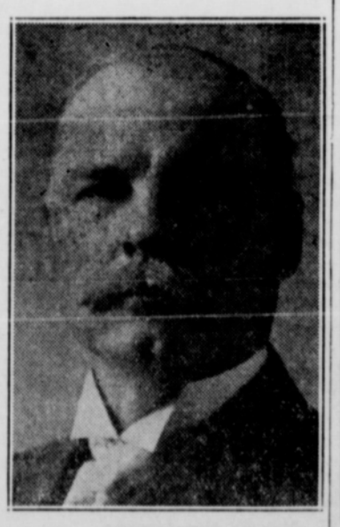
The Cross Plains B. T. U. will render the program. All B. T. U. in East Zone, Atwell, Scranton, Putnam, Admiral, Cottonwood, Dressy and Cross Plains are expected to be present. Any visitors will be welcome.—J. E. Henkel, Pres. E. Zone.

MARRIED

Ervin Pruitt, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Pruitt of Baird, and Miss Essie Mae Burton, daughter of Mr. C. E. Burton of Perry, Ark., were married at the Methodist parsonage Wednesday evening, December 8th, with Rev. Hamilton Wright, pastor, officiating.

Mrs. W. C. Pruitt and Mrs. China Allphin, mother and sister of the groom, accompanied the couple, who will make their home here where Mr. Pruitt has a position with the T & P railway company.

Baird High School Building



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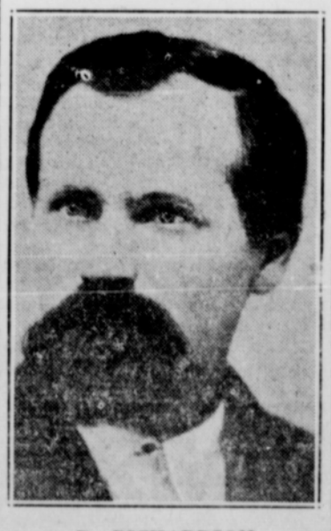


D. RICHARDSON
Second Mayor of Baird.

VICTOR B. GILBERT
Former County Judge and Member of Legislature.

Funeral Rites Held At Cross Plains For A. Ogelvy

Alex Ogelvy, 74, a pioneer resident of Cross Plains, died at his home in that city Thursday morning, December 2. Mr. Ogelvy had been in failing health for some years.

Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church Friday afternoon, rites being conducted by the pastor, Rev. S. P. Collins, assisted by Rev. Floyd Thrash, pastor of the Methodist church.

Interment was made in Cross Plains cemetery.

Mr. Ogelvy is survived by his wife, four daughters and three sons. The daughters are: Mrs. Walter Reeder of Sinton; Mrs. Winifred Haley, Baird; Mrs. Tom Price, Albany; Miss Hazel Ogelvy, Cross Plains. The sons are: Ed Ogelvy, Eureka Kans.; Bill Ogelvy, Round Rock, and Alex Ogelvy, Jr., of Odessa. He is also survived by one brother, Tom Ogelvy of San Angelo, and a sister, who lives in Scotland.

Alexander Ogelvy was born January 8, 1863, in Arder, Scotland. He came to America early in life and had been a resident of Callahan county a great many years.

Mr. Ogelvy was a member of the first Presbyterian church ever organized in the world. It was located in his native Scotland.

Mrs. A. T. Vestal has returned from Kilgore where she was called last week by the illness of her little granddaughter, Dorothy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Vestal. The little girl was seriously ill with pneumonia, but was considered out of danger when Mrs. Vestal left for home.

Mrs. Mary Ann Price Fatally Injured in Fall

Mrs. Mary Ann Price, 86, who has made her home with her sister, Mrs. Alice Grantham at Dudley for several years, died in an Abilene hospital Saturday, where she was carried a short time after she fell and critically injured herself. Complications from the fall resulted in her death a few hours later.

The body was carried to Fort Worth, the home of the deceased for forty years, for burial. The funeral services being held at the Gause-Ware chapel at 2 p. m. Monday. Rev. Gilbert Wilson conducted the funeral rites. Burial was made in Mt. Olivet cemetery beside her husband, who died some years ago with Keystone chapel, O. E. S. conducting the burial services.

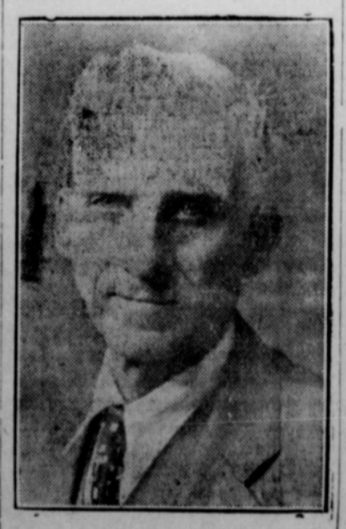
Survivors are two sons, J. C. Price of Fort Worth and George W. Price of Athens, Tenn.; a sister, Mrs. Alice Grantham of Dudley; a brother, T. M. Smith of Tahoka; seven grandchildren, Mrs. C. E. Gillham, D. E Pipkin and L. M. Pipkin, all of Fort Worth; Charles Price and Miss Lillie Price of Austin; Mrs. Mary Brandon, Irving, and Mrs. Lillie Griffith, Dallas.

Mrs. Price was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Smith, who settled in the Eagle Cove community in the 1870's.

GOVERNMENT COTTON REPORT

The government cotton report sent us by J. H. Shrader, special agent, gives a total of 3,900 bales of cotton ginned in Callahan county from the 1937 crop prior to November 14, as compared with 4,666 bales of the 1936 crop.

NAT WILLIAMS
Supt. Baird Public Schools



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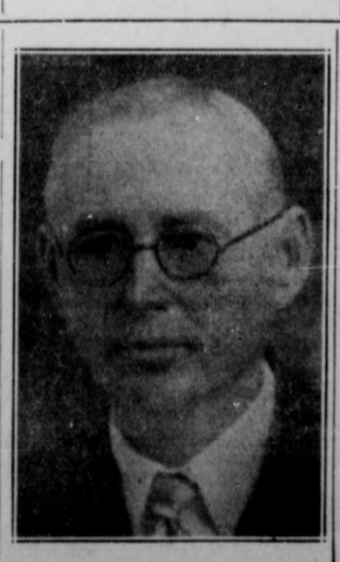

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Former Supt. Baird Public Schools.

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Rector Episcopal Chapel of The Lord's Prayer.

News Review of Current Events

ROPER HITS TAX SETUP

Says Profits Levy Has Not Fulfilled Expectations . . . Building Boom Plan Is Offered Congress by President

Japan is pushing her conquest of China not only in the Yangtze valley but also, and especially, in the northern provinces. Here is seen a Japanese tank unit rumbling along the road to Taiyuan.

Edward W. Pickard
SUMMARIZES THE WORLD'S WEEK
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Tax Setup Needs Revision

DANIEL C. ROPER, secretary of commerce, says the entire tax structure of the United States should be revised. He was speaking at a banquet of the Business Advisory council in Chicago, and his statements appeared to meet with general approval.

Sec. Roper

"A general revision is necessary to simplify determination of tax liability, to distribute the burden of taxation more equitably, and to broaden the base of taxation to include a larger percentage of our earning population," Secretary Roper said.

He asserted that the undistributed profits tax had not entirely fulfilled its proponents' expectations that it would "bring about a higher velocity of money through larger and more widespread distribution of corporate earnings."

Mr. Roper expressed confidence that a "constructive approach will be found to the solution of the utilities dilemma and that significant results will be forthcoming."

That this confidence has a sound basis was indicated by two announcements made the same day by prominent utility executives.

Floyd L. Carlisle, chairman of the Consolidated Edison company, told the New York state public service commission that his company plans a $25,000,000 expansion program. The development came during hearings concerning a proposed $30,000,000 bond issue.

Back from submitting to the President a formula for better understanding between utilities and the administration, Wendell L. Willkie, president of Commonwealth and Southern corporation, proposed a general truce between business and the Roosevelt administration. Willkie's company has been involved in some of the bitterest controversies with Washington.

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Building Boom Wanted

REVISION of the existing housing law in order to facilitate a building boom was asked by President Roosevelt in a special message to congress. He said such legislation would ease the flow of credit and open great reservoirs of idle capital to fight the business slump. The responsibility for the success of such a program he placed squarely on labor and industry.

Specifically, the President recommended changes in the housing act which would:

1. Reduce from 5½ per cent to 5 per cent the interest and service charges permitted by the Federal Housing administration on loans made by private institutions.

2. Authorize the housing administrator to fix the mortgage insurance premium charge as low as ½ of 1 per cent on the diminishing balance of the insured mortgage instead of on the original face amount, and to ¼ of 1 per cent on the diminishing balance of an insured mortgage where the estimated value of the property does not exceed $6,000 and where the mortgage is insured prior to July 1, 1939.

3. Increase the insurable limit from 80 to 90 per cent in cases where the appraised value of the property does not exceed $6,000.

4. Facilitate the construction and financing of groups of houses for rent, or for rent with options to purchase, through blanket mortgages.

5. Clarify and simplify provisions for the construction of large scale rental properties through facilitating their financing.

6. Grant national mortgage associations "explicit authority to make loans on large-scale properties that are subject to special regulation by the federal housing administrator."

7. Remove the July 1, 1939, limitation on the $2,000,000,000 permitted to be outstanding in mortgages, with congress eventually limiting the insurance of mortgages prior to the beginning of construction of individual projects.

8. Permit insurance for repair and modernization loans as provided previous to April 1 of this year when this provision of the housing act expired.

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Civil Service Plan Hit

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S proposal that a single administrator be substituted for the three-man civil service executive board was severely criticized by the Brookings institution as tending to "invite encroachment of politics rather than to repel it."

The institution report, drafted by Lewis Meriam, questioned the feasibility of the plan and doubted whether it would achieve the President's purpose of taking the civil service commission out of politics.

Religious and political affiliations would present difficulties in selection of a single administrator, the report pointed out, adding that the proposed plan would represent too much centralization of power in an individual.

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For Corporation Control

SENATORS O'Mahoney of Wyoming and Borah of Idaho introduced a new federal licensing bill for all corporations engaged in interstate commerce. It is designed by its authors and other senate "liberals" as an answer to the administration's demand for revision of the anti-trust laws to curb monopolies.

Senator O'Mahoney

The Borah-O'Mahoney scheme is designed not only to eliminate monopolistic practices but to abolish child labor, prohibit discrimination against women employees, guarantee collective bargaining, serve as a basis for further legislation dictating the wages and hours of labor, and regulate the financial policies of corporations.

The measure would require the immediate licensing of all corporations doing business in interstate commerce and would direct the federal trade commission to submit recommendations for a federal incorporation law. Under existing statutes corporations are created only by the states.

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Farmers' Grain Corp. Quits

A RESOLUTION calling for dissolution of the far-flung farm marketing agency — the Farmers' National Grain corporation—will be put up to stockholders at a special meeting next January 24, J. O. McClintock, vice president, announced.

According to the proposal, marketing operations now conducted by the national group would become the independent functions of the individual state groups, probably centered around the 11 regional offices of the association.

The federal government has furnished most of the money to finance the corporation activities over the last eight years and will be the principal loser through the dissolution of the corporation.

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Helps Anti-Red Pact

ITALY formally recognized the government of Manchukuo, puppet state set up by Japan, and Tokyo was delighted. It was expected that Manchukuo would now join in the Italian-German-Japanese pact against communism, and its geographical location would make such action of considerable importance.

what Irvin S. Cobb thinks about:

How to Be Fair.

SANTA MONICA, CALIF.—Every time the heirs to an undivided estate start litigating, I think of a decision which had in it more wisdom, more common sense and more fairness than even King Solomon's inspired justice.

I can't remember whether 'twas a ruler upon the throne or a judge upon the bench who handed down this ruling. But two brothers fell out over a proper division of their father's possessions. Accordingly, they carried the dispute to a higher court of the land.

Irvin S. Cobb

So his majesty, or his worship, or his honor, as the case may have been, said:

"Let the older brother apportion the property into what he regards as two equal shares—and then let the younger brother have first choice of the shares."

But, of course, the lawyers couldn't have favored the plan. It was too beautifully simple to suit any lawyer in any age. The American Bar association would just naturally despise it.

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Cemetery Salesmen.

I RECEIVED a letter from one of our plushiest cemeteries. We have some of the plushiest cemeteries on earth; it's a positive pleasure to be dead out here.

I was urged to invest in a highly desirable lot, for only a few thousand smackers; or buy a perfectly lovely crypt—slightly more expensive, but most luxurious.

Through some private whim or pique, I failed to answer this tempting communication. Today I received an appealing follow-up letter. I gather that, if I neglect this splendid opportunity, I'll live to regret it. Or maybe I won't.

Such thoughtful attention merits response. I'm replying as follows:

"Dear gents: Space in a graveyard is the last thing I shall require. When that time comes, somebody else will do the shopping. Trusting these few lines may find you the same, yours gratefully."

But if a representative calls in person—as he will—I'm a gone gosling. Those slick talkers always do get me. You just ought to see my collection of oil stocks. Now, there's something that does need burying.

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Making Juleps.

SOME disputatious soul seeks to reopen the ancient debate over the proper recipe for mint julep. I decline the invitation. Since the Dred Scot decision nothing has stirred up as much bitter controversy south of the Ohio river.

North of the Ohio river doesn't count. The Yankee conception of a julep is calculated to make a host of sleeping Kentucky brigadiers rise up from their respective Bourbon casks and start giving the rebel hiss.

Naturally, the only perfect julep is the Paducah julep. Just drop in next summer and sample the real product on its native heath—not at a saloon, where the bartender is likely to have heretical ideas, such as using preserved fruits and even putting the sugar syrup in first, which amounts to downright crime but in the private home.

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Western Superiority.

IN BORNEO, tigers slay such an incredible host of natives that the yearly mortality is proportionately almost one-tenth as great as the average number of persons who will be wiped out in traffic fatalities on American highways during any given 12 months.

In India, owing to the refusal of those benighted Hindus to destroy any living creature, 20,000 inhabitants annually are killed by venomous serpents, whereas, in this country, in 1936, we spent only 15 billions for crime, or 18 times as much as we spent on national defense, yet managed to let many poisonous human snakes go free to build up murder statistics.

In Japan, geisha girls are governmentally licensed and protected, which is indeed an affront to the principles of an enlightened people who patronize so-called world's fairs that are dependent on unabashed nudity for popular favor, and shows dependent on foul lines and nasty situations.

IRVIN S. COBB.

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Marriage Customs in Japan

The Japanese live more as members of families than individuals. That is to say, every Japanese is under the moral obligation to perpetuate the family line inherited from his ancestors. The only son must take a wife; he cannot "become a husband", in other words, he takes his wife to his home and she shares with him the name of his ancestors. The only daughter, on the other hand, must take a husband to the home of her fathers and share with him her family name.

SEEN and HEARD around the NATIONAL CAPITAL

By Carter Field

FAMOUS WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT

Washington.—Sen. William Gibbs McAdoo is having plenty of trouble trying to drum up support for his bill which would exempt American coastwise ships from payment of Panama canal tolls. In the first place, the Treasury department is opposed to the plan, because it does not want to give up the revenue. The Treasury is having enough trouble with congress because that body wants to cut taxes in various directions, and is very reluctant to impose any new ones to replace them.

But that is only part of the opposition. There are still a good many senators and representatives who remember when Mr. McAdoo was lobbying on this Panama canal tolls question, but lobbying on the other side!

One of the first big fights of Woodrow Wilson was to repeal the exemption of American coastwise ships from these tolls. President Wilson held first that the exemption violated the spirit, if not the letter, of the Hay-Pauncefoote treaty with Great Britain. But he also held that this granting of exemption to our coastwise shipping was bad economics.

So bitter did the fight become, involving all the then very strong anti-British feeling in this country, that it left scars which were still ugly when Wilson entered on his last fight—to ram the Versailles treaty through the senate. So high did feeling run that on at least one occasion only the bulk of Sen. Henry F. Ashhurst of Arizona, thrust suddenly between two quarreling senators, prevented fisticuffs right on the senate floor.

Resented Opposition

Wilson, to the day of his death, never forgave any senator or representative who opposed him on this Panama canal tolls issue. He never made any allowance for political expediency. For instance, it was clear at the time that no senator from any of the Pacific coast states could go along with him and hope to survive at the next election. Yet Wilson never forgave Sen. George E. Chamberlain of Oregon, nor Sen. Francis G. Newlands of Nevada, for voting as their own states demanded.

He was the more convinced of the rightness of his cause because most of the Republicans on the senate foreign relations committee, including Elihu Root and Theodore E. Burton, went along with him. He was the more sensitive because the platform on which he had been elected, barely a year before the fight started, pledged the Democratic party specifically to continuance of this canal tolls exemption.

The issue has never quite died. The platform on which Warren G. Harding was elected in 1920 promised that the exemption would be restored, though no move to carry out this promise was ever made.

Opponents of the exemption point out that it would apply only to coastwise ships, never to overseas shipping. As coastwise shipping is barred to foreign ships, there is no question involved of encouraging American shipping except on the possibility that the exemption would permit the coast to coast ships to haul some freight which now goes by rail. This last argument rouses no enthusiasm in the administration today because of the eagerness to do everything possible to help the railroads in order to stimulate buying by the railroads.

But Mr. McAdoo is now a senator from California, and hence sees the problem through California glasses. Whereas his devotion to Woodrow Wilson is no greater than when he wirelessed from a liner his pair against senate approval of the World court, another Wilson issue.

Anti-Lynching Bill

Pressure for the anti-lynching bill is not based purely on humanitarian motives, nor is it just politics. Similarly, resistance to the measure is not based purely on the idea that only this form of brutal lawlessness is the proper preventative for certain types of crime.

Underneath the surface there is a real struggle of far-reaching extent, which has nothing to do with lynching, per se, nor even with the crime situation.

To the South the proposal, which has been a constant threat for 30 years, is but another form of the so-called force bill back toward the end of the last century. The force bill would have put supervision of elections in the individual states in the hands of the federal government. Southerners were sure that it would mean federal troops at their polling places on election day, for the ostensible purpose of making it possible for every negro to vote, and with the concealed purpose, they feared, of providing Republican majorities by bayonets.

The South beat the force bill by a filibuster, lead by Sen. Arthur Pue Gorman of Maryland. The proposal was never seriously made again.

Most of the agitation for the anti-lynching bill, which originated in the Republican party (Rep. Leonidas C. Dyer, St. Louis Republican, was the sponsor of the bill for many sessions) comes from politicians anxious to curry favor with the Negro voters in their districts or states. Whether it really pays dividends in votes is a moot question. Actually Mr. Dyer was almost defeated by a negro Democratic opponent despite his prominence in this cause. And the Republican negro, Oscar De Priest, was defeated by a Democratic negro in Chicago, who still holds the seat.

To Cut State Powers

But interested also in the drive are a group which believes the best interests of the country will be served by extending federal powers and decreasing state powers. This group has a splendid object lesson for its argument in the activities of the G-men. They point to the achievements of these federal men, and to the gains made in the war on automobile thefts since transporting a stolen car across a state line would bring the federal detective agencies into play.

There is a good deal to be said on both sides, but the fact remains that while the South is still strongly Democratic, and follows the New Deal in somewhat laggardly fashion because of its party regularity, it is still unconvinced on the old states' rights issue. It wants to retain state rights and powers, though of course it wants its full share, and a little bit more if it can get it, of federal spending.

So the South views the anti-lynching bill with suspicion. Many of the Southerners fighting it in the senate and house would be tickled to death to have G-men go after the leaders of lynching mobs—if they were sure it would stop right there. This does not mean that there are not some Southerners remaining who believe lynching is occasionally necessary.

Strange Maneuver

A pork-barrel log-rolling hill in reverse is the strange maneuver which—just possibly—may send the present congress down in history as upsetting every tradition of political legislative bodies.

The possibility of such an extraordinary proceeding is occasioned by the tremendous public demand for revamping the tax legislation, so that a green light may be given business and the return of prosperity. It is complicated by the fact that for every dollar of lightened tax burden on the corporations another dollar must be imposed in some other form of taxation—unless that dollar is saved by restricted spending.

Prediction expert Emil Hurja said to some friends a few weeks back that congress would surprise everybody by simply refusing to grant the administration appropriations of anything like the volume of the last few years. The former ace lieutenant of James A. Farley was greeted with smiles when he made this assertion. The smiles may still have been justified, but there is beginning to be a possibility that congress will actually do a job of budget slashing which will bring very deep pain to Harry L. Hopkins and Harold L. Ickes, to mention just two of the officials most in danger from the pruning knife.

Sen. Pat Harrison, chairman of the senate finance committee, shocked his colleagues considerably the other day by stating that if the strong senate bloc advocating repeal of the undistributed corporation earnings tax succeeded it would be necessary either to impose a sales tax or go after incomes so small that they are now exempt.

Harrison hastened to add that he had always opposed a sales tax and still did. His main point was that it might be possible to modify, but not to repeal the undistributed earnings tax. For the same reason—that the Treasury could not spare the revenue—he opposed repeal of the capital stock tax.

Needs the Money

The point is that the Treasury not only needs all existing revenue, it needs more if the budget is to be balanced. Whereas politics as well as consideration for the small income families makes taxing them any more highly objectionable, especially if the tax is to be direct so that they can see it.

Which confronts congress with the only alternative, as its leaders now view the situation—to cut expenditures to the bone.

This would be all very well if it were not that each individual senator and representative wants to keep the money flowing from the Treasury to his particular state or district. That is the traditional basis for log-rolling. Senator A wants an appropriation for his state, but to get it he has to agree to vote for similar appropriations for the states of Senators B, C and D. Otherwise these senators would not vote for his appropriation.

So that the only way expenditures can really be cut effectively is for this process to be reversed—for Senator A to say to his colleagues: "I will agree to cut the appropriations for my state if you will agree to cut them in yours."

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WHO'S NEWS THIS WEEK...

By Lemuel F. Parton

NEW YORK.—The young count of Paris, "invited" to leave Switzerland on suspicion of hatching a plot against the French government, was a sort of assistant pretender to the French throne for several years, but, in 1934, his father, the Duc de Guise, knocked off and made his son a full time pretender.

Monarchists Try Coup in France

A descendant of Louis XIII in the Bourbon-Orleans line, the count has been busy on his own build-up since then. The Swiss, before giving him the gate, looked into the doings of Les Cagoulards, (the Hooded Ones) who, at this distance, appear to be French Kluxers, trying to restore the monarchy.

Fully identified, the pretender is Henri Robert Ferdinand Marie Louis Philippe, count of Paris. When his father abdicated his shadow kingdom, the count took the reins of the monarchist movement from the angry and virulent Leon Daudet and established his own publication, "Le Courrier Royal."

It was an interesting departure from Daudet's serial hymn of hate in his "L'Action Francaise." The take-off was a plea for "social justice," which was to be achieved by the corporative state.

There was much cooing and clucking for the enchantment of French workingmen who were to gain liberty and bouillabaisse from a king and a late model hob-nailed state.

Pretenders Try Wooing Working Men

Both the count and the old Duc de Guise are bookworms and they have built up a grand and glittering word facade, behind which they operate. The count's tactics parallel pretty closely the general early-day conspiracy rubric of the German Nazis.

Until 1926, Philippe of Orleans had been the pretender. When he died, the Duc de Guise became pretender and hence the family had to live in Belgium, under an ancient French law which makes a hang-nail king live elsewhere.

Thirty-one years old, the count is a slight, dapper personage with a hesitant little blond moustache, and looks as if he might be Fred Astaire's dancing partner.

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HEBER J. GRANT, celebrating his eighty-first birthday, puts in a word for his campaign to get all the Mormons off the repief rolls. The president of the Church of the Latter Day Saints has organized and led this unique campaign and Utah is a stand-out among the states as a non-money-moocher in the federal family.

Grant Gets Mormons Off Relief Rolls

They worked out a land and industry rehabilitation scheme all their own and they insist their own land and resources will be sufficient to keep the wolf from their mountain gateway.

Mr. Grant's father, Jebediah M. Grant, drove a covered wagon in the historic Mormon hegira across the plains. Fifty-three years ago, Heber J. Grant was made an apostle of the church, and has been president since 1908.

Austere, bearded, abstemious, he rules by simple mandates and old-fashioned aphorisms—"purity, punctuality and perseverance," he says are the guide-posts to the road to success. When he was a boy, his handwriting was a scandal to the elders. He lashed himself into furious concentration on Spencerian penmanship and is today Utah's greatest master of curleycues.

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REUBEN MAMOULIAN passed quietly through New York, en route back to Hollywood. The Armenian picure director of many famous American films climbs trees for a pastime, collects coins and reads detective stories.

Ace Director of Armenia Climbs Trees

He was born in a house with walls eight feet thick in Tiflis in the Russian Caucasus. His father sent him to a Moscow law school, to become a criminal lawyer, but he played hookey and spent his time around the Moscow art theater. Dodging bullets and climbing through barbed wire, he fled the revolution.

In London, he got a toe-hold in the theater, helping produce amateur plays. The late George Eastman took him to Rochester to help on showmanship angles of certain operatic productions. His direction of "Applause" in 1928, when he had never touched a camera, marked his get-away as a producer. He pioneered color and saved "Becky Sharp" in 1935, when many millions were freighted on the film.

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GET READY FOR WINTER DRIVING

No section of our population is more dependent upon the automobile as a means of transportation than the residents of the smaller communities and rural districts.

Yet each Fall, many car owners cause themselves a great deal of trouble and expense by neglecting one or all of the simple yet necessary steps to assure proper operation of the car in Winter weather.

A minimum Winter protection program should cover:

1. Complete change to correct grade of lubricants for motor, transmission and differential.
2. Motor tuned up, including adjusting of carburetor, valves, distributor, sparkplugs, generator and all electrical equipment.
3. Drain and flush cooling system. Refill with suitable anti-freeze solution.

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HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONS

Hot Luncheon Sandwiches.—Spread bread lightly with butter, add a slice of cheese, a slice of tomato and one or two half slices of bacon. Place on a pan in a hot oven, three to four inches beneath the broiler heat and cook until the bacon is done to taste and the cheese melted.

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Knitting Hint.—What a nuisance it is when knitting a sleeve to have to go back to the beginning and count decreases. Try putting a snap fastener through every decrease row you knit, then decreases can be seen at a glance.

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Removing Tar Stains. — Tar stains can be removed from carpets by spreading a thick paste of turpentine and fullers' earth over the affected spot. Leave on for several hours, then brush off.

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Pudding From Stale Bread.—Rub the stale bread into crumbs and then soak a breakfast cupful of them in half a pint of milk. Mix in one ounce of sugar, one ounce of cocoa powder, a beaten egg and a few drops of vanilla. Bake in a buttered dish until set.

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Pianos and Lamps.—Keep your piano keys white by giving them an occasional rub with a paste made from powdered chalk and benzine. Silk lampshades may be made like new by a gentle brushing with a toothbrush dipped in soap suds, followed by clear, warm water. For parchment shades, use an ordinary rubber eraser.

Watch Your Kidneys!

Help Them Cleanse the Blood of Harmful Body Waste

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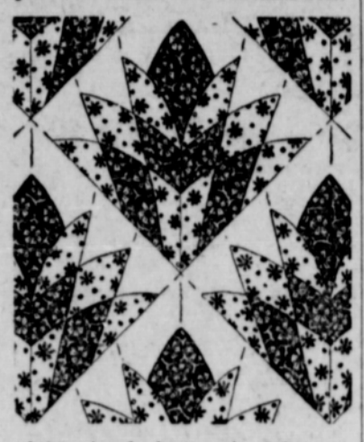

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"Quotations"

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We see things not as they are, but as we are.—*H. M. Tomlinson.*

A poor life this if, full of care, we have no time to stand and stare. —*William H. Davies.*

Being happily married is merely the development of the art of living to its superlative degree.—*William Lyon Phelps.*

Thus each extreme to equal danger tends; plenty as well as want, can sep'rate friends.—*A. Cowley.*

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CATTLE KINGDOM

By ALAN LEMAY

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CHAPTER XI—Continued
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Too much long riding alone—especially when it was mixed up with the night riders' long rope—could do queer things to a man whose head wasn't too strong in the first place. Lon Magoon, half outlaw, half sneak-thief, all coyote, might have turned at last into something which must be destroyed at sight, without hesitation.

Then he walked to the dead horse and roughly verified the angle of the shot; then turned and began to climb the canyon slope.

"Billy, come back! You can't—"

"You stay down," he ordered her savagely. "Or by God, I'll tie you down with my pigging-string!"

It would have been easy then to walk into gunfire, easy to shoot it out with an ambushed man. Always keeping his eye on Marian's position, he searched those upper slopes, backward, forward, and quartering. But what happened to him was the one hardest thing of all—to find the broken country empty and silent, with nothing in it to fight or trail.

In the end he could only go back to the girl with no result to show, and no assurance as to what was ahead. He would not have been surprised, when he turned his back on that emptiness, if a gun had spoken from a place where no one was, and brought him down.

"No catchum," he told Marian. She had not stayed under cover, but was sitting on a rock, a little apart from her dead horse. No use quarreling with her over that; she had already proved to him that he couldn't control anything she chose to do. He put himself between her and the rim. "It's a long walk back," he said morosely. "That's my fault. I'm not used to this stuff, or I wouldn't have lost my pony. When I saw your horse drop—I lost my head, I guess."

"Because it was I," she said with an unexpected, deep-striking clarity.

"We'd better get going, I think."

"We can't go on? And get—"

"That must have been the man we were after, that killed your horse."

She drew a deep breath, and stood up. For a moment she looked all about her, upward at the high, towering rims. Then suddenly he saw her sway.

He stepped forward in time to steady her with his hands on her arms. And now he found that she was trembling violently. Her face was white, making her eyes look enormous, and very dark. "Billy—I'm afraid—" She sat down on the rock again, as if her knees would not hold her up.

"No more danger, child. It's all over, and he's gone."

"But who could it be? Why should he want to—hurt me?"

"I—I don't know that. I can't imagine any living thing wanting to hurt you. I swear, by la Madre de Dios!—he'll pay for it if I live to find him. Now don't you be afraid any more. It's all over, for now."

The tears began to roll down her face, and she hid them with her hands. Quickly he looked about him, checking the throw of the land. Then he lifted her up and led her to a pocket gully at the foot of the precipitous north slope. When he had made sure that searching lead could not reach them here, he got the blanket from her dead pony, and spread it for her to rest upon; and gathered bits of dead brush to build a tiny fire. "Striking fire kind of seems like setting up a mark," he apologized. "But you're plenty safe if you stay close under the rock split. Now you take it easy. We'll rest here an hour or so; then we'll go back."

Marion drew up her knees, and hid her eyes against them. One of her hands reached out to him uncertainly, and he took it. Her fingers were moist and cold, with a tremor in them; he warmed them between his hands, noticing how huge his hands were made to look by her slim fingers.

Presently she looked up, shook her head sharply, and drew away her hand. "I'm all right now. Did you ever see such silliness?"

"Rest easy. We've got lots of time."

The dusk had closed more rapidly at the last, and little light was left in the sky; but a moon was rising behind a high point of rocks, silhouetting a crag that looked like a horse's head.

He noticed how huge it looked, as moons do when they are low to the earth. The horse-head crag had a 400-foot profile, but it looked little against the moon, which was made to look bigger than a mountain, bigger than a range.

"You know," he said, "it's funny how badly things work out; never the way you want them to be. Many and many a night, lying out in the hills, watching my fire—like this—I've thought about how it would be, if you were there. How I'd get you to like these hills, and the coyotes talking, and the smell of smoke in your hair—you know, foolish stuff."

"I do love the hills," she said.

He shook his head. "This isn't it. This isn't right. You ought to be able to lie by your fire and smell pine timber. And that crick out there ought to have water running in it. You sit and listen to running water, and pretty soon you get to hear voices in it; sometimes you lie awake for hours trying to get what they say. But what's more to the point, there's likewise trout in the water. There ought to be a nice pan of trout frying, here on the fire."

"You fit with things like that, you know. As if you were made out of them."

He said, "A half hour's rest in the rocks, with a long, long walk ahead—this is about as close as people get to the way they want things, I suppose."

"It's my fault, Billy. If I hadn't been so stubborn you wouldn't have lost your horse; you'd have gone on through."

"Shucks, now!"

She was silent, and they sat looking into the fire. The smell of autumn was cool and clean in the air, across the dry sage; and the red-gold moon faintly mellowed the chill of darkness on the gaunt hills, so that they sat here in unreality, as if in a dream.

"Some places," he said, "they call that a harvest moon; the Indians call it the hunting moon, and they used to make smoke-medicines by it."

"What do you call it?"

"Well—sometimes we call it a coyote moon. Because it puts a

"Well, You See—" She Met His Eyes Again—"I Win."

kind of singing craze on the coyotes. They gather around on hill tops, seems like, and sing their hearts out, as if it drove them wild crazy, some way. Listen."

Far off, so faint a whisper that it seemed half imagined, they could hear now a queer high crooning, full of an interwoven yapping and trilling, like nothing else on earth.

"It sounds," Marian said, "as if there were 40 or 50 of them—sitting somewhere on a mountain in a ring."

"Two," he told her. "They pair off this time of year."

"Two," she repeated. "Then that's why there's something more than moon madness in that singing."

He knew that they should be starting the long return, but he could not bring himself to say so. The thing that had brought them together again—the disaster to Horse Dunn and the 94—had nearly run its course. And he knew that it was a good thing for him that it had. Already he had lived under the same roof with Marian too long for his own good. He no longer had any hope that he could forget her; she would always be in the back of his mind some place, waiting to come real and close to him in his dreams.

He supposed he would have to learn to live with those dreams. To sit with her now, far out and alone beside the little fire was itself an unreal and precious thing, now that he no longer fought against it. A quiet peace had come upon this place; or something as near peace as he ever knew any more. She was very near to him, so near that though their shoulders did not touch, it seemed to him that he could feel her warmth; and her hair, with the firelight in it, was a warm smoky mist, shot with gold, clouding his eyes.

They sat for a long time listening to the faint coyote song and the little popping of the fire. Once, as they sat quiet, he heard far off a thing he did not understand. It was so distant and so muffled that he could not at once decide whether it could have been the fall of a rock from a high place, or had been the report of a gun far away up the canyon, smothered by close walls and the drift of the air. He glanced at Marian to see if she had noticed it, and saw that she had not.

Marian looked at him, the firelight pooling long shadows under the lashes of her steady eyes. "I just thought of something."

"What was it?"

"This—isn't it kind of funny?—this is exactly the situation we were speaking of the other day."

He was puzzled. "When was this?"

"In Inspiration."

For a moment he didn't get it. Then it came back to him in a rush—the blast of sun upon the dusty street, the atmosphere of silent, waiting hostility, the groups of spurred and booted men in doorways, watching without seeming to watch; and he had stood talking to Marian across the door of a car, not thinking about what was ahead.

"'If you and I were set afoot,'" she quoted, "'some place far off in the mountains at night, with only one blanket between us—'"

He was resting perfectly still on one elbow, looking at the fire; but he could feel her eyes, so near his face, watching him under her lashes. And behind her eyes he supposed she was laughing at him.

"I was right," she said. "You didn't know it then, but you can see it now. You see—it seems a good deal different, now that we're really here."

"Does it?" he said without expression. He got up with a sort of stiff, slow leisure, for the little fire was burning low. He went beyond the fire, squatted on one heel beside it, and fed it pieces of stick.

"You see, I know you, Billy. Sometimes I think I know you better than I know myself." Her eyes wavered and drifted out toward the low young stars. "I can remember when I was afraid of you. If we had been out here then—two years ago—I would have wanted nothing so much as to get back among other people. That's all gone, now."

He looked at her. She had never seemed more lovely, more human, more elementally desirable than she looked now, a tired girl in cow-country work clothes, slim and lazy, relaxed by the little fire as if she had never known any other resting place in her life. Her face was quiet, almost grave; but though her eyes looked drowsy there was a little gleam in them that did not come from the flame in front: a small provocative glimmer of fire within, which he had seen in her eyes only two or three times in his life—and never before the last two or three days.

Their eyes met and held, his steady and masked within, hers seeming to laugh at him a little, half veiled by her lashes.

"I said," she reminded him, "that if we were—in a situation like this, there wouldn't be anything for me to worry about, nothing at all. And you said, if I thought that I was a fool. Well, you see—" she met his eyes again—"I win."

Still her eyes held, and he could not understand why hers did not drop. "I can't believe, hardly," he said, "that you have any idea what sort of thing you're talking about."

She smiled. "You think I don't? That's because western men are certainly the most conventional people in the world."

Suddenly he angered. He had not brought her here of his own will, nor set them afoot, nor wished to rest here with her. He would not even have been on her range, or within a day's ride of it, if her interests had not drawn him in and held him. She had made her decisions in regard to him long ago, and to change them he had spent his every resource without any effect. And now, at the last—it amused her to torment him. It seemed to him that there was a capricious she-devil in that girl—perhaps in all women, given opportunity.

"You see, I know you," she was saying again.

The masks behind his eyes dropped away, and though his face hardly changed his eyes reddened, seeming to smoke with an angry fire that came up behind. She herself had lighted that fire, long ago. It was a fire that had driven him relentlessly, making him rich; it could have made him work for her all her life—or it could break him again, and drive him up and down the world. Suddenly he did not know whether he loved or hated this girl.

"I'll give you the same answer I gave you in Inspiration," he said, his words almost inaudible, even against the stillness of the night. "If you think that, you're a little fool."

Still she met his eyes, so long, so steadily, so knowingly that he wondered for an instant what was happening, was going to happen, there under the coyote moon.

Then he saw her face change, so that she was suddenly pale, and the unreadable light in her eyes went out, and she was like a little girl. Abruptly she pressed her face hard into her hands.

He made his voice as hard and cold as the rocks that hung over them. "Now what?"

She answered in a muffled voice. "I was wrong—I am afraid. I—I fail every one . . . " She lifted her head and glanced about her, as if she were seeing this place for the first time. A black shape lay beside the empty dust of the stream, like a great black bottle overturned—the carcass of Marian's dead horse. Suddenly the girl turned sideways, and dropped her head in her arms upon the blanket. She began to cry, terribly, silently except for the choke of her breath.

He sat down against a rock and waited. The gaunt, dead rock-hills leaned over them sadly cold and silent, blackened by the twisted ghost shapes of the parched brush. And the coyote moon was pale and old, no longer golden, but greenish, like phosphorus rubbed on a dead and frozen face.

Once she said, "But it's your fault, too—that I fail—your fault as much as my own."

His answer was perfectly honest. "I don't know what you mean."

CHAPTER XII

It was impossible for him to sit waiting for her weeping to stop, while her slim body shook convulsively with her effort to suppress it, and her breath jerked uncontrollably in her throat. Her tumbled hair made her seem a child; he had never seen her look so small, so fragilely made. And he thought he had never in his life seen anything so pitifully in need of comforting.

He swore under his breath and got to his feet.

For a few moments he stood over her, watching the movement of the firelight in her hair. He could hardly prevent himself from touching her; almost he stooped and picked her up in his arms. But he was telling himself that that was the last thing she wanted.

He walked out a little way into the dark, and stood listening to the night silence. He was still worrying about the distant muffled sound of concussion which he had heard. It seemed to him now that what he had heard was unquestionably the sound of a gun—perhaps a gun fired near the forgotten miner's shanty at the upper end of the gulch; but what he could not imagine was who could have fired it. He had assumed that it was Lon Magoon who had killed Marian's pony; but now he saw that something was wrong. If Magoon had fired upon Marian Dunn and killed her horse he would not have gone to the cabin at the head of the gulch, but would have put long country between himself and them. Therefore two men, not one, must be prowling these hills. He thought of Coffee's theory that there had been a third man at Short Crick—and was worse puzzled than before.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Mustangs of Texas Face Last Round-Up; Was Ideal Mount of Ranching Industry

It's the last round-up for the mustang of the western range country.

Thoroughbred stock is fast replacing the tough, nimble-footed horse which was the pioneer's staunchest ally in creating a ranch empire.

Sharply changed conditions have minimized the importance of the horse in the modern live stock industry, with the result that the mustang — the Southwest's distinctive breed of horse—is no longer in great demand.

The vast ranches which once stretched for miles across the plains, unfenced and with indefinite boundaries, have given way to compact units, the largest seldom more than a few thousand acres.

These smaller ranches, writes a Del Rio, Texas, correspondent in the Cleveland Plain Dealer, with new methods of stock raising, and the free use of motor vehicles, have less need of the durable mustang which was found to be so inexpensive.

Racing, with its constant call for blooded stock, has had a strong influence on breeding in the last few years.

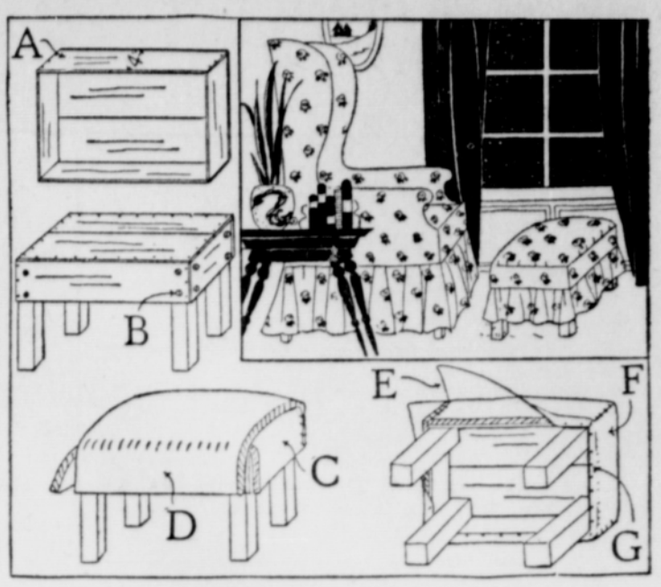
It may be significant that horses in Texas today are valued at considerably more than all the millions of cattle or sheep in this stock-raising state.

Cattlemen are concentrating on thoroughbred stables, breeding fine horses for racing, polo and show purposes. The mustang, a decidedly "cheap" horse in contrast with the spirited animal required for these sports, may eventually suffer the fate of the buffalo, say some stockmen.

Light and fast on his feet, equipped by nature to pick his way over the rockiest hills and through brushy tangles, the mustang was the ideal mount in the early days of the ranching industry.

HOW TO SEW

by Ruth Wyeth Spears



Make This Attractive Ottoman.

GET a wooden box from the grocer. It should be about as long as the width of the chair with which the ottoman is to be used. The depth of the sides should be four inches as shown here at A.

The legs should be made of two by two's or you may have a set of nicely turned legs from an old table or other piece of furniture that may be cut down to the right length. Fasten in place with long screws through the corners of the box as shown here at B.

About half a bat of cotton will be needed. Put five or six layers of the cotton on the top, cutting the first layer about four inches smaller all around than the top of the box. Place it in the center. Cut the next layer a little bigger and the others still bigger until the last one is the same size as the top. Now, cut a layer of cotton to go over the top and down over the ends as at C and another to go over the top and down the sides as at D.

Cut a piece of heavy muslin to fasten tightly over the cotton. Cut the corners of the muslin as at E. Sew with heavy thread as at F and then tack as at G.

To make the cover, stretch the top tightly over the muslin and sew it along the sides through the muslin, then make a straight four-inch band to go all around and add the ruffle to it.

Every Homemaker should have a copy of Mrs. Spears' new book, SEWING. Forty-eight pages of step-by-step directions for making slipcovers and dressing tables; restoring and upholstering chairs, couches; making curtains for every type of room and purpose. Making lampshades, rugs, ottomans and other useful articles for the home. Readers wishing a copy should send name and address, enclosing 25 cents, to Mrs. Spears, 210 South Desplaines St., Chicago, Illinois.

Read to Consider

Read not to contradict and confute, nor to believe and take for granted, nor to find talk and discourse, but to weigh and consider.—Bacon.

HERE'S WHAT **COLD CATCHERS** SHOULD KNOW

THIS *specialized* medication—Vicks Va-tro-nol—is expressly designed for the nose and upper throat, where most colds begin—and grow. Used in time—at the first sneeze or sniffle or irritation in the nose—it helps to *prevent* many colds, or to throw off head colds in their early stages. Even when your head is all clogged up from a cold, Va-tro-nol brings comforting relief—lets you *breathe* again!

VICKS VA-TRO-NOL
Keep it Handy . . . Use it Early

A Resolution

Shall we make a new rule of life from tonight; always to try to be a little kinder than is necessary?—James M. Barrie.

Perfect Virtues

Industry, economy, honesty and kindness form a quartette of virtues that will never be improved upon.—James Oliver.

CHEW LONG BILL NAVY TOBACCO 5¢ PLUG

LIFE'S LIKE THAT *By Fred Neher*

"Looks like the scrub team's in a huddle."

Greetings To The Old Home Town

GREETINGS

Melbrun S. Long
Judge of the 42nd Judicial Court
Abilene, Texas

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Vaughn

Abilene, Texas
. . . extend heartiest Congratulations to The Baird Star on this, its 50th Anniversity.

GREETINGS TO THE OLD HOME PAPER
Otis Bowyer, Jr.
Attorney-at-Law
1507 First National Bank Building
Phone 2-2066 Dallas, Texas

GREETINGS FROM . . .
Dr. David S. Ramsey
Dentist
Medical Arts Bldg. — Phone 3054
Abilene, Texas

We wish to thank Miss Eliza and Haynie Gilliland for this historical edition of The Baird Star. Let us join all Callahan in paying tribute to these sturdy pioneers.

Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Jackson

All our memories of Callahan county and her good people are happy ones. We hope that Miss Eliza may long continue to serve her people that hold her in such high esteem.

Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Ramsey
430 Victoria, Abilene, Texas

TO THE OLD HOME TOWN . . .
THE BAIRD STAR
Just a word of Congratulations and commendation on your Fifty years of loyal service to Callahan County and West Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Powell
Abilene, Texas

CONGRATULATIONS FROM—
Dr. J. M. Estes Jr., M. D.
Physician and Surgeon
Office 312—Mim's Bldg.
Phone 7221 Abilene, Texas

Dr. Bob Estes
Dentist
Mim's Bldg, Abilene

We wish you many more years of splendid service and happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Jones
801 Scurry Street
Big Spring, Texas

Among our choicest possessions are the dimmed pages of the very first issue of The Baird Star. And now after passing fifty years we still value the old home paper as it reaches us at our present location. May Cousin Eliza long continue to edit The Star that brings us news of old friends and neighbors.

Mrs. J. Gilliland
Miss Willie Gilliland
626 Chestnut
Abilene, Texas

GREETINGS . . .

Homer Shanks
30 Years of Service
Penny Building, Abilene, Texas

"Our Main Street"—Baird in the Late 80's

In greeting The Baird Star on her fiftieth anniversary, I wish to pay tribute to those early settlers of Callahan county who blazed the trail for the substantial progress that has been ours through the years. To Miss Eliza and her family I send congratulations on this, a worthwhile occasion.

Henry James
President Farmers and Merchants
Abilene, Texas

GREETINGS TO THE OLD HOME TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Austin

Mr. and Mrs. Harold D. Austin
Abilene, Texas

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BAIRD STAR ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

L. L. Blackburn
Lawyer
Baird, Texas

CALLAHAN HOTEL
Sends Congratulations to The Baird Star and Seasons Greeting to West Texas Railroad Men

Etta Butts, Mgr.
Baird, Texas

It is a pleasure to add our Congratulations with the others on this page to The Baird Star and to Miss Eliza Gilliland.

Mrs. C. C. Edwards
Mrs. Baylor Crawford
Abilene, Texas

I shall enjoy and deeply appreciate the fiftieth anniversary edition of The Baird Star, for it will recall the story of a pioneer people who set high standards for us to follow.

W. V. Ramsey
Physician and Surgeon
Medical Arts Building
Abilene, Texas

That I am given this opportunity to greet my old home county and the home paper, The Baird Star, gives me genuine pleasure. May Miss Eliza live to celebrate many more birthdays of the paper founded by her father, the late Colonel Gilliland, in the days when West Texas journalism was in the making.

Carl Mahan
Abilene, Texas

There may be better people than Callahan County folks, but we have never met them. We take this opportunity to congratulate Miss Eliza on her splendid edition and to be remembered by all our old neighbors and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Hatchett
1742 Merchant
Abilene, Texas

Such a fitting occasion for a special edition of The Baird Star. That the paper is still edited by the same family after passing of a half-century tells much. Let me here pay tribute to its founder, the late Colonel Gilliland whose personality is so pleasantly and vividly remembered by the Texas Press.

John Knott
Dallas News
Dallas, Texas

GREETINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BAIRD STAR
On the occasion of this, its fiftieth anniversity

W. B. Irvin
Supt. Lubbock Public Schools
Lubbock, Texas

THANKS FOR TRADE, EVERYBODY
I have been serving chili in Baird for 31 years. I began August 23, 1906, about three o'clock in the afternoon, and I am still serving it.

Uncle T's Chili
T. B. Emmons Baird, Texas

Rich in happy memories are the years spent in Callahan county. That we have a part in observing the fiftieth anniversary of her first newspaper makes us proud to say, we too, are from Callahan county.

R. E. Kuykendall
Mrs. Ellen Kuykendall
Abilene, Texas

All my memories of Callahan county are such that prompt me to send her people the heartiest greets on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of The Baird Star. Let me here pay tribute to its founder, the late Colonel Gilliland.

E. L. Harwell
Lawyer
Mim's Building Abilene, Texas

I am happy that it has been possible for Miss Eliza to celebrate the half century mile post of The Baird Star, owned and edited by the Gilliland family since its establishment. It is pleasant, indeed, to be able to join old boyhood friends in saying "Happy Birthday" Miss Eliza.

Raymond Foy
Dallas News
Dallas, Texas

Of course I want to be remembered in the Memorial Edition of The Baird Star. It is more than appropriate that your enterprising mind has evolved this unique idea. The paper is the only method we exes have in keeping in touch with the vanishing and fleeting days of our youth and the many friends associated with those days. Please give me space to say that I am always mindful of Callahan County friends.

Victor B. Gilbert
1109 Electric Building
Fort Worth, Texas

Otis Bowyer
Attorney-at-Law
Office in Odd Fellows Building
Baird, Texas

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BAIRD STAR
On Its Golden Anniversary

Ralph R. St. John
Abilene, Texas

A SALUTE TO THE BAIRD STAR
. . . and congratulations on a half-century of Progress.

R. F. St. John
Abilene, Texas

Res. Phone 5339 Office Phone 3023
GREETINGS . . .

R. W. Varner, M. D.
Physician and Surgeon
Medical Arts Building
Abilene —:— Texas

SEASONS GREETINGS To All Callahan County People

Tom B. Hadley
15 Years' Practice in Baird
Since August 15, 1922
Office: Three blocks east of Court House on Bankhead Highway—Phone 89.

CONGRATULATIONS . . .
Upon the 50th Anniversary of The Baird Star, serving the best county and the finest people on earth. May the genius and spirit of Col. E. Gilliland always guide it.

W. R. Ely
Lawyer
Alexander Bldg.
Abilene, Texas

It is with genuine pleasure I send greetings to Miss Eliza, celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of a newspaper founded and still owned by her family. For in doing so I recall many happy memories of my boyhood spent in Callahan county.

M. T. Ramsey
Dentist
Abilene, Texas

We send warmest greetings to Miss Eliza on the happy occasion of the 50th anniversary of The Baird Star founded by her family fifty years ago We still read the old home paper and are always glad to have news of our old neighbors and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Joeris
and family
642 Sycamore, Abilene, Texas

My parents came to Callahan county in October, 1883. As early settlers they did their bit to develop a virgin country. So, it is with pride and no little sentiment I greet the old home town and the old home paper, The Baird Star, founded by the late Col. Gilliland, and now edited by his daughter, Miss Eliza Gilliland. I also take this happy occasion to say howdy to Callahan County people, the best people on earth.

Dallas Scarborough
Attorney at Law
Alexander Building
Abilene, Texas

Heartfelt greetings to Miss Eliza Gilliland and the family who founded The Star. . . .Always a happy memory since earliest boyhood.

Winfield S. James
Abilene, Texas

Assessor-Collector Of County Taxes Announces Dates

County Tax Assessor-Collector, Olaf Hollingshead, announces that he will be at the following places on the following dates for the purpose of collecting 1937 taxes for the benefit of those who desire to pay at that time:

Clyde—Monday, December 13, Haneys office.

Denton—Tuesday morning, December 14, at the store.

Oplin—Tuesday afternoon, December 14, at Jonhson's Store.

Putnam—Wednesday, December 15, at Cooks garage.

Cottonwood—Thursday, December 16,6 at Coffey's Store.

Atwell—Friday morning, Dec-17, at the store.

Dressy—Friday afternoon at the store, December 17.

Cross Plains—Saturday, December 18, at Bond Bros. Store.

Dudley—Monday morning, December 20, at store.

Eula—Monday afternoon, December 20, at the store.

Rowden—Tuesday morning, December 21, at the store.

Admiral—Tuesday afternoon, December 21, at the store.

January 31, 1938, is the last day for payment of 1937 taxes without penalty. z

Electrolux Sales Winners Enjoy Trip to Indiana

Sam H. Gilliland, local dealer for the Electrolux, and Cahal Clinton, local salesman, have returned from Evansville, Ind., where they spent several days the past week as part of a delegation of more than 200 salesmen who were prize winners in the recent summer refrigerator selling campaign conducted by Servel Electrolux distributors in the Southwest.

The entire group came from cities and towns from Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Mississippi. These men represent the most successful of Servel Electrolux retail salesmen in the Southwest.

The trip to Evansville was an award made by the distributors and dealers to winning salesmen who participated in the selling drive.

The main event of the visit was an all-day inspection of the 42-acre Servel Electrolux factory at Evansville which is outstanding among refrigerators plants for up-to-date production methods, equipment, and management. The visitors were able to see the workings of the plant in all its details. They saw the new 1938 refrigerator built from start to finish along the assembly line.

The delegation was conducted by Seward Abbott, regional sales manager for Servel in the Southwest. His headquarters are at Dallas, Texas.

The states represented were Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi. The visitors are members of the sales forces of the following distributors for Servel: Hales-Mullaly, Inc., Oklahoma City; The Schoellkopf Co., Dallas; United Appliacne Co., Fort Worth Straus-Frank Co., Houston; The A. Baldwin Co., New Orleans; The Johnson Corp., Shreveport; Thad L. Fowler, Hattiesburg, Miss., and the Davis Plumbing Co., Jackson, Miss.

WHEN YOU BUY TREES

The Wolfe's Nursery of Stephenville is growing trees in West Texas for West Texas. If you are in the market for Nursery stock of any kind it will pay you to visit our Nursery before buying. No Nursery growsb etter trees, none sell for less. You can save the agents' and dealers' commissions by buying direct. Visitors welcome week days, Sunday afternoons. Forty page catalogue in colors free.

JOE Y. FRASER
Former Resident, Now Postmaster at Colorado.

J. R. BLACK
Dist. Attorney 42nd District.

MELBURN S. LONG
District Judge 42nd District.

Don't forget the little girl or boy in Baird who will not get a Christmas gift if you do not remember them in the Goodfellows' gift boxes. One will be found at The Star office and at the Court House and County Library.

With Baird Baptists

We had a real nice day last Sunday, the largest attendance for a long time and it so encouraged us that we are going in for more next Sunday.

We will have all of our regular services and that includes our Midway service in the afternoon, we are inviting all to attend these services and urging that the invitation be accepted.

Next Tuesday is the time for our monthly workers meeting. We meet this time at Potosi, a good program has been arranged and you will find it in this issue of The Star, let's all go over and see just how fine a time we can have with those good Potosi people.

Next Sunday morning I am preaching on the Second Coming of Christ and I give it as my opinion that every one of us need to study this great old question a lot more than we do, Come right in and we will see what the Lord has said to us about it in His book.

Yours truly,
Joe R. Mayes.

Christmas Specials

POST TOASTIES		10c
MAXWELL HOUSE COFFEE		29c
LIGHT CRUST FLOUR,	48 lbs.	$1 89
CORN MEAL	5 lbs.	13c
JONATHAN APPLES	Doz.	10c
GRAPEFRUIT, large	3 for	10c
CRANBERRIES	Lb.	15c
PEANUTS, Jumbo	2 lbs.	35c
PECANS	Paper Shells	

Successors to E. M. Wristen

THE NEW NAME CHOSEN FOR THE STORE IS:

TIP TOP GROCERY & MARKET

For which $2.50 in trade is awarded to
MRS. TOM LIVINGSTON

Dr. R. G. Powell

Dr. Powell, whose memory as a kind-hearted doctor and benefactor, is cherished by many, was a former mayor of Baird and a member of the legislature.

Mayor and Mrs. H. Schwartz

Mr. Schwartz is now serving his tenth year as mayor. This picture was made some years ago, when Mr. Schwartz was Grand Master of the I. O. O. F. Grand Lodge.

Mineral Springs in France

There are 1,300 mineral springs in France. Among the most famous of these are Vichy, Vittel, Bagnoles-de-L'Orne, Luchon, Plombieres, Aix-les-Bains and Chatel-Guyon.

Mrs. Cayle E. Hall, who has been visiting her parents, Mayor and Mrs. H. Schwartz for the past five weeks left Tuesday evening on the Sunshine Special for her home in Long Beach, California.

GREETING THE OLD HOME TOWN

J. R. Harris, T. B. Harris, and Miss Jennie Harris send GREETINGS to The Baird Star in Memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Harris, of the Admiral community, who came to Callahan County in 1877.

GREETING THE OLD HOME TOWN

We are so happy to join the Gilliland family in celebrating the Fiftieth Anniversary of The Baird Star. shrdlu shrdlu shrdlu shrdlu shrdlu shrdlu

MR. AND MRS. E. L. FINLEY
Abilene, Texas

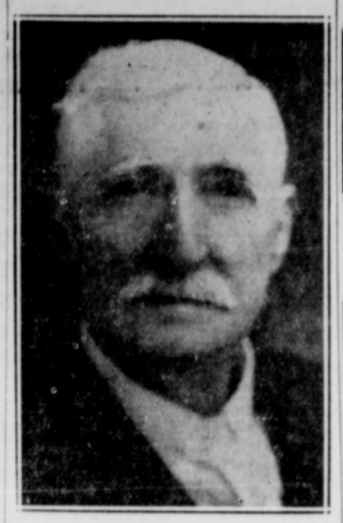
PORTRAITS OF DISTINCTION

By

THURMAN'S STUDIO

Abilene, Texas

The people of Callahan County are here extended a cordial invitation to visit us when in Abilene.



F. P. SHACKELFORD
Pioneer Merchant of Putnam.

L. L. BLACKBURN
Pioneer Lawyer

DR. S. P. RUMPH
Deceased, Pioneer Doctor of Callahan County.

Mrs. George Baum and son Leo Jim Burnt Branch were in Baird Tuesday.

SPECIAL PRICES On PERMANENTS
ALL WORK GUARANTEED
Call 102 for appointment
Mrs. Grimes and Miss Frances McElroy

R. M. Pyeatt

Fourteen years in the Grocery business in Clyde, Texas

CONGRATULATES The Baird Star for its many years of service to Callahan County. Having been born and reared in the county, it means much to me. When in Clyde visit us. We have one of the best equipped Meat Market and Grocery Stores in West Texas.

At this time, I want to Thank the people of Clyde and Callahan county for the nice business you have given me all these years, and wish you a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

R. M. Pyeatt

Clyde, Texas

DANCE

AT

Charlie's Place

THE PRETTIEST

Night Club

IN WEST TEXAS

Beautiful music, delicious food —barbecued chicken, Italian spaghetti. . . .

We extend a cordial welcome to Callahan County to enjoy our beautiful place.

18-PIECE ORCHESTRA
Playing for
Christmas Festivities

Special Music and DANCE

—on the best floor west of Ft. Worth. South of Abilene on The Potosi Road

Ask Me Another
A General Quiz

1. What is the only walled city in America?
2. Why is the sky blue?
3. What land lies closest to 0 degress latitude and 0 degrees longitude?
4. What was Aaron Burr's conspiracy supposed to have been?
5. What harbor has two tides a day?

Answers

1. Quebec.
2. Because the particles of dust which are floating in the upper atmosphere reflect only the blue waves of light.
3. The British Gold Coast colony is nearest.
4. To form a new empire in the Southwest out of Mexican or Louisiana territory.
5. The harbor of Southampton, England.

Gives Easier, Quicker Ironing
Coleman SELF HEATING Iron

A gift that brings the joy of *better, easier ironing* in a third less time over old methods! Heats itself. Easily regulated. Operates with ordinary untreated gasoline for 1½ an hour or less. Glides over clothes with little effort. Genuine instant lighting. Handsome blue porcelain enameled body matches cool blue handle. See this ideal work-saving gift for Mother or Sister at your dealer's.

FREE FOLDERS—Send a postcard now!

THE COLEMAN LAMP AND STOVE CO.
Dept. WU-322, Wichita, Kans.; Chicago, Ill.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Los Angeles, Calif. (7822)

The Best Day

Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year.—R. W. Emerson.

COLLECT TWICE THE COST OF THIS CAKE!

—if JEWEL doesn't give results as fine as any shortening, regardless of price!

Free recipe for TIP-TOP CAKE at your grocer's . . . where you buy JEWEL Shortening

Self-Love

In jealousy there is more self-love than love. — La Rochefoucauld.

LOOK FOR "St. Joseph's" PROTECTED PACKAGE Wrapped in Cellophane
St. Joseph
GENUINE PURE ASPIRIN

Man the Captain

Each man makes his own shipwreck.—Lucanus.

CLIP THIS AD! Worth $7.50

Take it to any radio dealer! See the new 1938 farm radios. Choose the radio you like best, and ask your dealer how you can save $7.50 on the purchase of a new battery radio equipped with a genuine Wincharger.

Wincharger turns FREE WIND POWER into electricity, brings "big-city" reception to farm homes. Eliminates "B" batteries. Ends expensive recharging. Provides plenty of free electricity to run your radio as much as you want for less than 50c a year power operating cost.

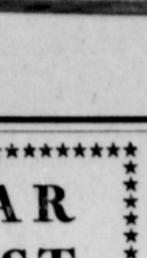
See Any Radio Dealer!

WINCHARGER CORPORATION
Sioux City, Iowa

STAR DUST
Movie • Radio
★★★ By VIRGINIA VALE ★★★

HALF of Hollywood is diligently searching for giddy comedies, the sort that have made Carole Lombard and Irene Dunne outstanding stars. The rest of the film colony figure that the public is going to be fed up on loony antics soon, and are getting ready to delve into very serious film biographies.

Garbo still wants to do a comedy, but has turned down four stories that the studio has submitted to her. Kay Francis is all set to launch into a laugh epic. Tyrone Power and Loretta Young have started work on "Her Masterpiece," hoping that it will be as entertaining as their current "Second Honeymoon."


Kay Francis

In the biographical division, there is the life of Clara Barton in which Irene Dunne will star, the life of Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone, in which Tyrone Power will be featured, and the life of George Sand, woman novelist, which will star the dainty Annabella.

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In the latest radio poll Charlie McCarthy, to no one's surprise, is voted the most popular radio star, and by a wide margin, too. The great hit of the ventriloquist's dummy and the growing appeal of Betty Lou, that imaginary character on the Vallee hour, has set radio sponsors to looking for novelties. And the next one to bid for your approval will be a talking parrot. Sketches are all written for the bird, but the feathery star itself has not been located. It seems that all the tryouts have been a failure.

—★—

It takes a long time to score success in radio, motion pictures, and on the stage, so it is a good idea to start at the age of eleven as Joy Hodges did. She is almost twenty-one now and can point with pride to the months when she sang on the radio with Ted Fio Rito's and Ozzie Nelson's orchestras. You will see her on the screen in Universal's "Merry Go Round of 1938" and she is playing the lead with George Cohan in the outstanding Broadway hit of the year, "I'd Rather Be Right," which spoofs the New Deal in amiable fashion. She supported herself all through her four years at Des Moines high school by singing at revival meetings and on the radio.

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When you see Carole Lombard in "Nothing Sacred," and Barbara Stanwyck in "Breakfast for Two," you may assume that a course in boxing is a necessary part of every screen actress' training. Barbara puts on gloves and goes after Herbert Marshall for all she is worth, pummeling and swinging until you begin to fear that Marshall will have to play masked bandit roles the rest of his life. Carole doesn't stop for gloves or any such niceties. She just goes into a slap-happy routine with Fredric March with no holds barred.

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The M-G-M radio hour, improving every week, is going to be even better, because it has been decided to concentrate more on comedy. Ted Healy, who hasn't had a chance really to distinguish himself in their pictures, has walked off with all the honors in their radio shows. All inquiries about audience reaction bring a request for more Healy specialties. You will be getting them from now on. Soon R. K. O. will launch a radio hour with Milton Berle as master of ceremonies—probably late at night so that it won't interfere with your going to the theater to see their pictures.

Milton Berle

—★—

ODDS AND ENDS—Grand National has ambitious plans to star Tex Ritter, Ken Maynard and Ruth Mix in one big super-Western . . . When you hear a dog barking in the radio serial, "Pepper Young's Family," it isn't a sound-effects man at work. It is the well-trained pet of Jean Sothern, regular member of the cast . . . Charlie Farrell, encouraged by the great comeback of his former partner, Janet Gaynor, is going to try a comeback too, with Paramount . . . Eleanor Holm had to swim alongside two alligators in "Tarzan's Revenge." Two rifle marksmen stood by just in case . . . Latest actor to want Olivia de Havilland to play opposite him in a Broadway stage play is Brian Aherne, but she still says "No" . . . Voting will begin soon for best screen performance of the year and Charles Boyer is likely to win for his portrayal of Napoleon in "Conquest" . . . Meanwhile several radio sponsors have voted Nadine Conner, currently subbing for Jeanette MacDonald Sunday nights, the best woman singer on the air.

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Floyd Gibbons' ADVENTURERS' CLUB

HEADLINES FROM THE LIVES OF PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELF!

"The Babe in the Blazing House"

By FLOYD GIBBONS
Famous Headline Hunter

HELLO, EVERYBODY:

These adventures provide a cross-section of life, and if they didn't show its grimmer side occasionally, they wouldn't show a faithful picture. That's why I chose for today a story I found unusually gripping because it demonstrates so clearly how close we may be at any time to tragedy. Mary Ann Grob of New York City, who tells today's adventure, was only a child of nine when it happened, and this, for me, added particular poignancy to the tale.

Imagine running back into a blazing house to rescue your eight months old baby brother only to find the smoke so dense you couldn't see what you were doing.

That's what happened to Mary. The time was the fall of 1921, around September, and at that time Mary's father and mother and Mary's three brothers lived in Thayer, a small mining town in the lower part of West Virginia.

Left in Care of the Children.

Thayer is in a valley, situated between two large hills. To get out of the valley, Mary tells us, you had to ride on a sort of incline. It was a box-shaped affair, the car, let up and down the side of a hill by means of a cable.

On this fateful morning Mary's mother and dad had to go to town, where mother was going to have her teeth fixed. Before she left she called Mary, who was the eldest child, aside and warned her to watch the three younger children, her brothers, while her parents were away. Mary had occasion later, as you will see, to recall that warning.

Of the three John was the oldest brother, then came six-year-old Pete, and last of all little Eddie, who could show only a scant eight months. Mary had her hands full keeping them all out of mischief, and when night began to fall she began to glance nervously out the window, wondering why mother and dad didn't come. The younger children grew

Groped Her Way Through Smoke-Filled Halls.

frightened with the approach of darkness, and, at their urging, not to mention her own uneasiness, Mary finally bolted all the doors and windows.

To set the scene for this story it is necessary to explain that next to the house they had a little wash-house, where Mary's dad used to wash when he came home from work. This afternoon the stove was lighted, but with the children locked inside the house there was no one to tend it or check the dampers.

And so it came to pass that as the children sat huddled in the darkness, queer red shadows, ghostly and lengthening, began to dance on the walls of the children's room. Alarmed, the children began to whimper, and at length, unable to stand the strain any longer, Mary went to the window and looked out to see what was causing the strange play of lights on the wall. Then she understood—the wash-house was on fire!

Eddie, the Baby, Was Missing.

Remember, this was no grown-up. This was a nine-year-old child with the care and responsibility of three younger brothers on her little shoulders. And now, as the fire spread to the main house, igniting the old, dry wood like tinder, the children fled from the blazing wall into the open air, Mary as scared as any.

This will explain, perhaps, how it happened that on looking around, they discovered that eight-months-old Eddie was missing.

Mary, who was frantic by this time, berated John for leaving the baby behind, as she had understood he had taken Eddie from his crib while she was looking after getting Pete out. But John protested that he had thought Mary was taking Eddie, and so hadn't bothered to go after him.

Meanwhile, inside the burning house, little Eddie lay asleep in his crib. The thought of her beloved little brother in that blazing inferno was too much for Mary. With no sager heads to dissuade her, she rushed back inside the burning house, groped her way through dark, smoke-filled halls to the room where the baby lay asleep.

By this time, Mary says, the smoke was getting so thick that she could hardly see. Reaching the bedroom she found herself in the center of a dense, rolling fog, choking her, blinding her so that she could not see her hand before her face. Heat seared her eyeballs, tore at her air-famished lungs. But the nine-year-old girl had made a promise—a promise to a mother who trusted her to care for the younger ones. Mary could hear her mother's last words echoing in her ears as she groped her way to where she thought the crib should be. "Look after them while I'm gone, Mary. I'm trusting you."

Heroic Rescue by Mary.

The flames were searing hot now, but Mary had but one thought: She must get Eddie out. In the black pall she stumbled against something—"the crib"—she thought. Hurriedly she reached down, grabbed what she thought to be Eddie and almost delirious now with the desire to escape from those hungry flames she rushed out of the house into the open air.

Outside, safe under the open sky again, she thought of the bundle in her arms. In the smoke-suffused house, Mary says herself, "I did not know for sure whether I had him or not." Now, obsessed by a horrible premonition of possible disaster she dared not put into words, she forced herself to look down.

When you contemplate how easy it would be for a nearly hysterical child of Mary's age to mistake her precious burden in a fog of rolling smoke, you will understand how close is the line between happiness and tragedy. For had Mary's eyes met, not what they did see, but something else, this story would not have the happy ending it now has. Yes, it was Eddie, crying for all he was worth. And was Mary glad? You answer that one. I'll just go on to add that when Mary's mother and dad got home all that was left of the house was the standing chimney.

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"I Shall Not Pass This Way"

The quotation, "I shall not pass this way again," is called "Life" and is as follows: "I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again." The author is unknown. General proof lies with Stephen Grellet as author, although it is not found in his writings. The same idea is found in "The Spectator," by Addison. Canon Jepson has positively claimed it for Emerson and it has been attributed to Edward Courtenay, due to the resemblance to the Earl's epitaph.

Early Golf

There is considerable evidence to support the theory that the game of golf originated in Holland as far back as 1300 A. D. Certain it is that "kolf" was played in Holland at the beginning of the Fifteenth century in the streets, church squares and church yards in the summer, and on the ice in the winter. This is definitely proved by old "Delft" tiles which date back to that period and show "kolfers" during the upswing and at the address of the ball. Further evidence of the Dutch origin of the game is quite apparent in its nomenclature. Such words as "siymie," "dormie," and "putt" can all be traced directly to the Dutch.

Overweight Children

By DR. JAMES W. BARTON
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THERE was a time when the fatter the baby the healthier he was supposed to be, and prize winning babies were always the very plump kind. However when physicians and nurses were appointed as judges, very fat babies were no longer prize winners.

A very fat baby often means a very fat child, and a very fat child means that there will not be much play, or exercise, and the eating of all kinds of food at all hours of the day.

Dr. Barton

In addition to this overweight the youngster may have a protruding abdomen which makes him or her appear even heavier, much to its own and its parents' embarrassment.

It is true that in a number of these cases there may be some gland defect—thyroid in the neck, pituitary lying on the floor of the skull—and it is only fair to these youngsters that this point be considered in the treatment to reduce weight.

Dr. P. Mallam, in Clinical Journal, London, states that he is "convinced that dieting is the keynote to treatment in almost all cases of obesity (overweight) in children, but before prescribing a system of diet a careful family history and knowledge of conditions under which the child is being reared must be obtained. Obesity beginning in childhood often gives rise to endocrine (ductless gland) trouble later on, and when a strong tendency to obesity is found in the family, one would always be prepared to face a more difficult task than when there is not this family tendency. But even where there is the family tendency to overweight a cure, permanent and complete, can be obtained in the majority of cases by simple measures."

Fluids Make Weight.

Dr. Mallam doesn't hesitate to point out that fluids—water, tea, milk—are really weight producing foods, and must be watched as "the question of fluid intake is of considerable importance. If these children are instructed to drink early in the morning and then try not to drink at all during the day, this is often a great help in reducing weight."

Appetite is largely a question of satisfying the feeling of hunger, and these children must be schooled to eat slowly. Salt and sugar should be cut down to the lowest possible amount.

Many children appear even fatter than they are because of protruding abdomen, sway back, round shoulders, or other defects in posture, therefore exercises to develop the abdominal muscles—trying to touch the toes with knees kept straight—and exercises to take the bend or "sway" out of the small of the back—hanging on rings or a horizontal bar—should be given under competent instruction and in a class if possible.

For a while, at least, the use of an abdominal support or belt is advised by Dr. Mallam, as there is no doubt that if the youngster is thus supported he will play longer and so grow stronger.

If a child loses weight consistently under treatment (as this is his growing age) the treatment is being overdone. If one treats an overweight child of ten years and at twelve the child weighs the same, one should realize that a great deal has been achieved.

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Insulin Shock.

One of the recent "cures" that is being discussed favorably and unfavorably by the medical profession is the "insulin cure for dementia praecox"—the persistent dream state; the condition in which the patient has worked out a system of living that satisfies him but which renders him unfit to earn a living or take his place in family or business life.

The treatment consists in giving the patient a "shock" by injecting insulin, after which many patients have apparently become normal in mind. The results in some of the cases reported have been "amazing."

However, as this ailment causes much unhappiness in families because it often affects "the brightest and the best" it would be greatly regretted if the report of this treatment brought false hopes to many.

For this reason, a warning to patients, families, and physicians is given in a recent editorial of the Journal of the American Medical Association:

"It is hoped and may prove to be a fact, that the so-called insulin shock treatment for dementia praecox will find a useful place among the forms of treatment, but its exact value has not yet been determined and it can be definitely stated that it is not by any means a cure for all cases of dementia praecox."

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Favorite Recipe of the Week

Pumpkin Custard a Real Treat.

TREAT the family to a pumpkin custard as a change from the usual pie. Canned pumpkin is suggested because it is already cooked, mashed and ready to use, which saves considerable time and energy. Bake the custard in a basin, not too large or too deep. A good size would be one which holds a quart.

When it comes time to serve the custard, unmold it onto a chop platter and around the custard arrange prunes which have been pitted and stuffed lightly with shredded American cheese. Mounds of whipped cream placed between the prunes would be a good idea. A little prune juice poured over the top of the custard and cream will add flavor and a pleasing appearance. The canned prunes are convenient to use.

If you have no favorite recipe try the following:

Pumpkin Custard.

2 cups canned pumpkin
¾ cup sugar, part brown
1 teaspoon cinnamon
¼ teaspoon cloves
½ teaspoon ginger
¼ teaspoon nutmeg
1 teaspoon salt
3 eggs
2¼ cups milk

Beat pumpkin thoroughly with dry ingredients. Beat eggs slightly, add to milk and combine with pumpkin mixture. Pour into baking pan, set in a pan of water (½ inch deep on pan), and bake for about 45 minutes in a moderate oven (375 degrees), or until a knife comes out clean when inserted in the center. Chill before serving, unmold onto chop platter, and garnish.

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Shall I Wear a Hat With Afternoon Dress?

DEAR Mrs. Post: We seldom wear formal clothes in our simple community, which fact I contend is no reason why the ladies here may not go to evening parties wearing afternoon dresses and no hats. Don't you agree with me? There are several new residents who have been turning up on such occasions with hats on.

Answer: The general rule is if you wear an afternoon dress (meaning a dress not suitable for general wear on the street) in the evening, then you should go without a hat, but if you are wearing a street dress, then you should wear a hat. But whether the hats you describe are bad form or not depends entirely upon their type. In other words, if they are an indoor type of hat, they are quite as suitable to wear with afternoon dresses as to go without. In fact, they are decidedly a fashion of the moment.

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If You Cannot Dance and Talk, Leave Floor

DO YOU think it good manners for a couple to practically stop dancing on a crowded dance floor in order to carry on a conversation in which they are obviously very much interested?

Answer: If two people can not manage to dance and talk both at the same time, then I certainly think they should find a place off the floor somewhere to finish their conversation.

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Week-End Invitation

DEAR Mrs. Post: I am just twenty-one and live with a woman who is not a relative and also not very broad-minded about this modern age. I'm always living in fear that I am going to suggest doing something wrong to displease her. A friend has asked me to go to New York with him over a week-end. His older brother will be with us on the train and I am to stay with his married aunt, who has invited me personally. May I go and will I place my foster-mother under any obligation in accepting this invitation? I believe in this case that is the one point that will annoy her especially.

Answer: If you have received a DEFINITE invitation from his aunt and your foster-mother does not disapprove of this man (or of his aunt) I can see no impropriety in your going to stay with her. Your acceptance of the invitation will not put your foster-mother under any obligation whatsoever.

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Wearing Diamonds

DEAR Mrs. Post: My husband has given me a diamond bracelet, which is simple in design but very beautiful. What I would like to know is on what occasions is it suitable for me to wear this bracelet. My husband would like me to wear it even to church, while I feel that perhaps it is intended only to ornament evening clothes, which unfortunately I seldom wear.

Answer: Again the vagaries of fashion! At the present moment those who have diamond bracelets wear them at practically all times, although the ones that are broad and composed of big stones are really only suitable on formal occasions, either in the afternoon or evening.

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Seek Local Custom

DEAR Mrs. Post: Should the ladies pouring at a formal tea wear hats? Common sense seems to be the basis of your etiquette, and in my humble judgment hats at this time do not sound sensible.

Answer: This question is best decided by the arbitrary custom of each community. In New York, for example, a deputy hostess always wears a hat unless she is a house visitor, and even in this case she is likely as not to wear one. Neither dress or hat for a deputy hostess should be too tailored.

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Shower at Home

DEAR Mrs. Post: My sister's friends have asked me to give a shower party for her at my house, since I have better space for having parties. The shower is being given because a baby is expected soon. Since they have asked me to give it, do you still think it would be unsuitable for a member of her family to do this?

Answer: If the two or three who proposed this party will send out the invitations on their cards, the fact that the party will be in your house is not important.

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Flower for Groom

DEAR Mrs. Post: I am giving a party for a young bride and groom, and am sending the girl a corsage to wear at the party. Do men wear boutonnieres on such occasions and do you think it would be nice for me to send the groom something too for his lapel?

Answer: It would be very nice to send him a flower to match hers, or else a white or red carnation.

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Telling St. Nick

Their Lucky Christmas

by Luella B. Lyons

JACK and Ellen Dyson couldn't find a thing for which they could be thankful and merry this Christmas—Jack out of work and Ellen with so little in the house left for meals. But to make matters worse, shortly after Jack left, Ellen missed the emerald setting out of her ring. She hadn't worn it for a long time but it had been her greatest consolation—if the "worst came to worst"—it could be sold. And with it gone!

"Five presents here and they aren't from the five and ten, either,

Jack and Ellen Joined Hands and Danced About in Their Joy.

Jack! I know, you took my emerald to buy these, didn't you?" Ellen cried out, something she wouldn't have said had her nerves and patience not been frayed to the thin edge.

"You honestly think that of me, Ellen? If that's the way you feel, all right, think what you please!"

Neither of them realized that they were hardly accountable for their mutual lack of understanding. Tears fairly blinded Ellen as she went out to bring in the little red hen, the last member of their little flock. She kept thinking that at least this, her last offering to the holiday dinner, was honest.

Then suddenly she caught sight of the familiar emerald—there in the little red hen's insides was hidden the gem she had thought poor Jack had taken. It took but a moment or two to wash up, snatch up the emerald and dash into the workroom where she went to her knees before her husband.

"Forgive? Why, Ellen dear, it certainly did look bad for me, no wonder. If I'd not been a stubborn fool I'd have gone on and explained myself. You see, darling, on the street today I found a packet of bonds and when I returned them to their owner, he gave me twenty dollars as a reward and after he found out I was unemployed, he offered me a beginner's job in his office!"

Even an old grouch would have had to grin had he seen Jack and Ellen then join hands and dance about in their joy for a merry, lucky Christmas!

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Custom of Burning Yule Log From Scandinavians

THE Christmas custom of burning the Yule log originated among the ancient Scandinavians. During the period of winter solstice, they kindled great bonfires honoring the god Thor. This was at the feast of Juul. The Saxons and the Goths also celebrated a winter festival which they called Jul, and so we derive our expression of "Yuletide," for the Christmas season.

In the time of the feudal lords, the cutting down and bringing in of the huge Yule log, or "clog" as it was then called, was a ceremony of great importance. One old writer tells us that the Yule clog "was to be lighted with a brand of the last year's log, which had been carefully laid aside for the purpose, and music was to be played during the ceremony of lighting."

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Lesson for December 12

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

LESSON TEXT—I John 1:1-7; Revelation 21:1-7.

GOLDEN TEXT—Our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.—I John 1:3.

PRIMARY TOPIC—The Heavenly Home.

JUNIOR TOPIC—God's Great Family.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Comradeship with Christ.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Daily Fellowship with Christ and Christians.

Fellowship—the word is rich in meaning, even as it concerns the ordinary relationships of life. It speaks of the association of man with man in a common enterprise, a sharing of problems and of victories—a partnership. Such relationships are very real and helpful. They lead to friendships which bind the hearts of men together in noble purpose and in tender consideration.

It is, however, a long step forward when we add the prefix "Christian" to "fellowship." For by so doing we not only bring men into the most glorious partnership with each other but we do two other very important things: (1) we limit those eligible to this fellowship to those who are followers of the Lord Jesus Christ; and (2) we broaden the fellowship beyond the association of men with each other, and bring them into the circle with Christ. What a high and noble fellowship! Do you belong? Christ says, "I am the door: by me if any man enter in he shall be saved" (John 10:9).

Our Scripture selections for today are from two books of the Bible. Both speak of an eternal Christian fellowship but the first stresses its present expression in a life of holiness and the other its future of blessed communion.

I. Christian Fellowship—Now (I John 1:1-7).

The First Epistle of John presents fellowship with God as depending on three things "which form in their combination a very beautiful picture of truth . . . God is light (1:5), hence fellowship with God depends on our walking in the light. God is righteous (2:29), hence fellowship with God depends on our doing righteousness. God is love (4:7, 8), hence fellowship with God depends on our possessing and manifesting love" (James M. Gray).

Every clause and phrase of the passage before us is so full of spiritual truth that it should have our full time but we must limit ourselves to pointing out one outstanding fact; namely, that Christian fellowship is made possible because we have a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He it is who reveals the Father—the One in whom there is "no darkness at all" (v. 5). If we follow him we must "walk in the light as he is in the light" (v. 7). This allows for no dark corners, no crookedness in word or act, no backbiting nor evilspeaking.

Let us open the hidden recesses of the heart to the light of God and put every evil thing under the "blood of Jesus Christ which cleanseth us from all sin" (v. 7).

II. Christian Fellowship—for Eternity (Rev. 21:1-7).

Our present communion with God and with one another is most precious—but how often it is marred by sin and disturbed by the wickedness that surrounds us in the world. We look forward to that day when we who are the followers of Christ shall be delivered not only from the penalty and the power of sin, but also from its very presence.

While we have no pleasure in the destruction of the sinner and would plead with him to turn to Christ, we are assured by Scripture that a time will come when every one who has rebelled against God will have been judged and taken away to follow their leader Satan in eternal punishment for sin.

There will be "a new heaven and a new earth" from which every evil thing has been taken away, in which all has been renewed in righteousness. Then will come the glorious consummation of all things when God shall come to "dwell with them and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them and be their God" (v. 3).

That communion shall never be disturbed by the falling of any tear. There will be no mourning, no crying, no pain (v. 4). Little wonder that these words have been the comfort of God's people in their darkest hours. They are not the futile words of human solace. They come from the eternal God.

Three questions have intrigued the curiosity of man: (1) Where did I come from? (2) why am I here? and (3) where am I going? The Christian is the only one who has a satisfying solution for the problem of the origin of all things, "In the beginning God"; a reason for the existence of all thing, "To me to live is Christ"; and a satisfactory consummation of all things, "And God himself shall be with them." It is a great thing to know Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.

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Allies of Marriage

Hope makes marriage beautiful, happiness preserves it, and misfortune strengthens it.

To find the best craftsman, select the one who isn't afraid to praise the others.

A fool is useful. He serves as a horrible example.

Planned Apologies

It is the premeditated apologies that are the most painful for both.

There would be fewer axes ground if the grinders had to turn the crank.

A great many Europeans are not celebrities until they visit America.

A "colorless life" is mighty nice when you're tired of excitement.

We believe in suppressing vanity, especially that of the rooster, when he crows at three o'clock in the morning.

You May Get Your Reward

When you know a man has a disposition like a mule don't talk about him behind his back.

A he-man is recognized by the fact that he doesn't talk about it. He simply is one.

Many who love the sea wish no other contact with it except through the eye.

MAGIC CARPET

It doesn't matter what you're thinking of buying—a bar-pin or a baby grand, a new suit for Junior or a set of dining-room furniture—the best place to start your shopping tour is in an easy-chair, with an open newspaper.

The turn of a page will carry you as swiftly as the magic carpet of the Arabian Nights, from one end of the shopping district to the other. You can rely on modern advertising as a guide to good values, you can compare prices and styles, fabrics and finishes, just as though you were standing in a store.

Make a habit of reading the advertisements in this paper every week. They can save you time, energy and money.

Chas Rathmell, World War Veteran Died Saturday

Charles Rathmell, 43, world war veteran, died early Saturday morning at his home in Abilene, his death coming suddenly.

Funeral services were held at oclock Sunday afternoon at the home of his mother, Mrs. Jacob Rathmell, 933 Meander street.

Rev. J. H. Hamblen, pastor of the First Methodist church and Rev. Willis P. Gerhart, Episcopal rector, conducted the service. Immediately following the funeral service the cortege went to Coleman where burial was made in the family lot. Mr. Rathmell's father, Jacob Rathmell, Coleman county pioneer, who died Dec. 7, 1932, and a younger sister Nanny Rathmell, who died in February 1920, are buried there.

Mr. Rathmell, World war veteran and for 25 years connected with drilling or lumber operations in Texas and Oklahoma oil fields, died at 4:30 a. m. Saturday at his home, 1342 Orange street. Although in ill health, he had been able to go about his work and Friday had done his full tour as a driller on the Barnett Oil company well on the Mims ranch in Coke county. He returned about 1 p. m. His wife awakened at 4:30, and before she could summon a doctor he was dead. She is the former Velda Kennedy, to whom he was married in Henrietta, Oklahoma.

Four children also survive. They are Mary Ella, Betty Nan, Charles, Jr., and James Kennedy Rathmell, two months of age.

Other survivors are his mother, four brothers, Barney Rathmell of Novice, John Rathmell of Zapata, William Rahtmell of Anthony, N. M., and Kate Rathmell of Abilene.

WEDDING ANNOUNCED

George (Toodie) Lambert and Miss Billie Griggs surprised their friends by going quietly over to Anson, where they were married on November 7th. Rev. C. C. Armstrong officiating.

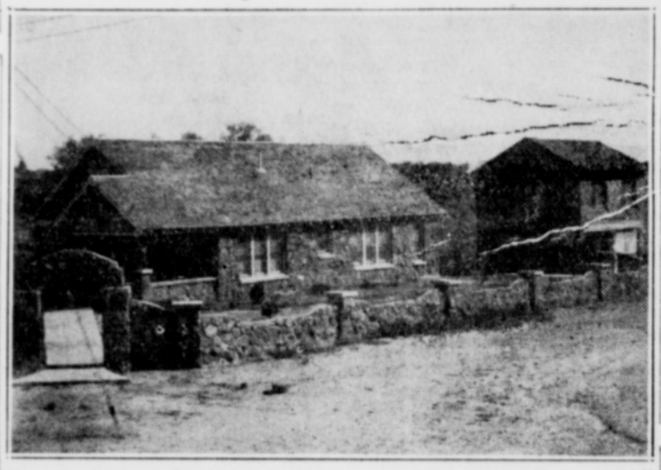
Mrs. Lambert is the eldest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Griggs. Mr. Lambert, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lambert. Both were born and reared in Baird and have many friends here who wish them many years of happiness.

They will make their home here where Mr. Lambert has a position with the Price Ice Co.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Scott and family

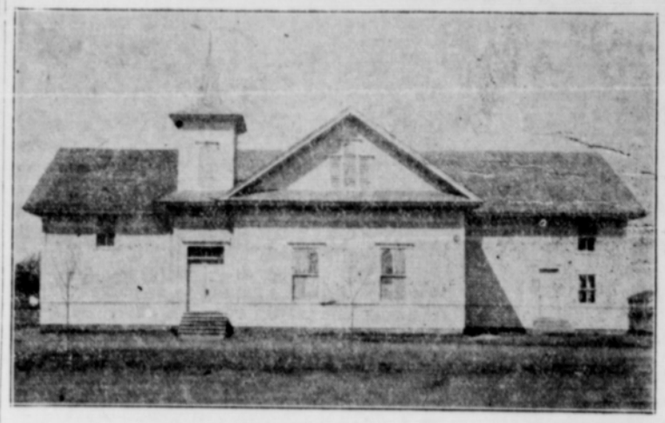
The Scott family moved to Baird in 1880, where Mr. Scott operated a grocery store which was burned in the big fire January 8, 1884, The family then moved to the ranch near Admiral where they lived for six years, returning to Baird Mr. Scott ran a livery stable for some year. The children are Dollie, now Mrs. E. C. Fulton, Baird; Jim Scott, Mattie, now Mrs. W. D. Chisenhall, both living in Long Beach, California, and Will Scott; Mr. and Mrs. Scott, and son, Will, died some years ago.

G. M. King Residence



J. U. Jernigan, Nightwatchman and His Faithful Companion "Tex".

Baptist Church, Clyde



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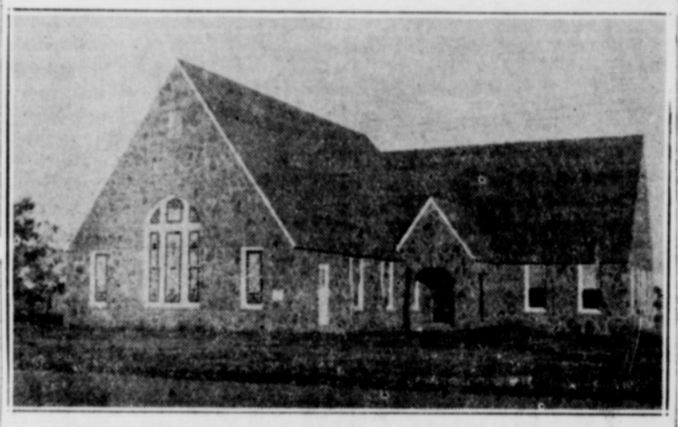

Griggs Hospital News

J. T. Kalisky of Big Spring, T & P railroad trainman, who was operated for ruptured appendix Tuesday night, is resting fairly well.

Mrs. W. J. Ray of Baird was a patient for treatment of fractured foot which was put in a cast.

Lee Pool of Eula, who underwent major surgery Thursday of last week, is seriously ill.

Pat Austin Jr., is improving.

Doris Odom Jr., is a patient suffering from flu.

Don Watts was a patient Saturday, suffering from fractured forearm.

Clyde Blair, surgical patient, is improving.

Lester Smedley of Rowden, medical patient, was able to leave hospital Tuesday.

Jannie, baby boy of Scott Bryant, pneumonia patient, is improving.

Mrs. Dupree Bryant and baby boy left the hospital Sunday.

Mrs. Lewis Williams and baby girl left the hospital Friday.

Pall Suniga, and Manuel Arguman , section hands on the T & P railroad, were hurt Thursday morning when their handcar jumped the track. Argumanz was sent to the company hosiptal at Marshall.

Rev. Cal C. Wright, former pastor of the Methodist church here, spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Ace Hickman. Bro. Wright who is now presiding elder of the Vernon district was enroute home from Cross Plains where he was looking after some business interests.

Mrs. Georgia Lusby left yesterday for Grapevine to visit her son Wendell Fraser, and family. She will remain there for the Christmas holidays.

Walter Martin editor of the Artesia Advocate, Artesia, New Mexico, visited his sister, Mrs. Sophie Hill the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Williams and little son, James, from the Bayou were in Baird Monday.

Mrs. Don C. Carter, son and daughter, Don Jr., and Miss Haynie of Welch, Texas, are visiting Mrs. Carter's sisters, Miss Eliza, John and Eliska Gilliland.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tollett, Joe Tollett and mother have returned from California, where they spent several months.

Miss Vida Moore, of College Station, spent Tuesday in Baird, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Haynie Gilliland.

Miss Ada Lea Powell of Washington, D. C., arrived Friday for a month visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Powell, and family.

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The First Home of The Baird Star

W. E. Gilliland, Bob Palmore, S. .C Pack are shown in front of the best blocks on Market street W. R. Lotz, Lyman Gould, and The Star office. This is one of today.

Home of The Star for 45 Years

W. E. Gilliland and daughters, Eliza Gilliland and Mrs. Amy Walker, are shown in the picture.

Windham's Store at Tecumseh

The men shown in this picture left to right: Bill Stewart, W. E. Gilliland, and Dr. C. R. Shapard. The dog is 'Bob' the family dog. The store house has long since been torn down.

W. E. Gilliland and Brother, Sam H. Gilliland

Birds Are Fidgety

Birds are highly organized, nervously, that is why their motions impress a human observer as fidgety in the extreme, but really they are not so. The bird is simply twitching as part of its life program. Many of its motions are of the jerky sort, owing to the construction and pull of the muscles, and not because it is particularly sensitive.

Tribute to Wesley

John Wesley, founder of Methodism, like so many others, was bitterly and coarsely assailed in his lifetime. But there were compensations. Once, a differing bishop, at table, refused to sit above him, saying, "Mr. Wesley, ma, I be found sitting at your feet in another world!"

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BY JULIAN CAPERS, JR.

AUSTIN—The attention of Texans were turned anxiously this week toward Washington, where the house and senate prepared to begin work on farm legislation. With the low price of cotton affecting adversely the prosperity of the nation's largest producer of fleecy staple, and with Texans, including Reps. Rayburn, Jones, Poage, Sumners, Senator Tom Connally, and Vice President John Garner, taking a leading part in the drama of farm relief legislation that is in the making, hope was high that some political panacea may be found for an intolerable economic situation.

Crop restriction, soil conservation, subsidy, tariff readjustment, domestic allotment, processing taxes—each plan has its adherents—and the harried congress is considering them all.

Would Probate Production

With the virtue of being new, at least, was the latest suggestion, offered to the House Agriculture committee, by Ernest O. Thompson, Texas railroad commissioner, who journeyed to Washington at the invitation of Marvin Jones. He suggested that the proper application of prorated production—the method which brought the Texas oil business out of the doldroms of huge overproduction and ten-cent oil into steady reasonable prosperity—might be applied to the cotton production situation. He told how consumer demand for oil is estimated in advance by the Federal Bureau of Mines, and production allowables are fixed by the various producing states, by cooperation through the Oil States' Compact Commission. He suggested such a plan might be used to control cotton, prorating production of domestic requirements among the producing states, exporting the surplus at a world market price, and using tariff revenue to compensate farmers when home markets fail. Export of the surplus at low world prices he belives, would go far toward regaining the lost export markets on a competitive price basis.

Oil Shutdown

Meanwhile, a mild furore developed over conditions in the production of Texas other and greatest "crop"—crude oil. With the 24,000th well completed in the giant East Texas field, and with a state law prohibiting the railroad commission from reducing any well below the marginal minimum of 20 barrels daily, the commission took cognizance of recent alarming drops in pressure in East Texas, and also of a seasonal slump in market demand, and ordered a shutdown of East Texas for four consecutive Sundays, in order to make pressure tests. The first weekly shutdown passed off quietly, with no reported violations, despite protests against the restriction from various chambers of commerce and others in the East Texas field. Rail Commissioner Lon Smith, at outs with the majority of the commission, as usual, demanded the commission permit East Texas operators to make up the back allowable, resulting from the shutdown, but was quieted effectively when his colleagues pointed to a ruling by the Attorney General holding the commission cannot permit such a makeup. Continued drilling in East Texas evenually will bring on a crisis, in which Texas will either have to demand the margin allowable law, or disregard the Federal estimate of consumer demand for oil, unless demand for oil should take a sudden and unexpected upturn.

Government Costs Up

The state, during the fiscal year ended August 31, took in $192,078,728, and spent $186,386,244, a study by R. S. Calvert, statistician for Comptroller George Sheppard showed this week. But the general revenue fund is some 15,000,000 in the "red" because most of the state's income is ear-marked for special funds, such as schools, roads, unemployment compensation, old age pensions, etc. Of the state's income, significant contributions were made by the gasoline tax, which accounted for 26.32 cents of each dollar; gross receipts taxes 12.71 cents; advalorem property taxes 11.68 cents; cigarette taxes 4.18 cente; liquor taxes 2.44 cents; beer tax 1.14; automobile licenses 4.73 cents; Federal, county and other aid produced 4.76 cents.

Highway building and maintenance and school maintenance continued to lead the list of government expenditures, roads accounting for 36.75 cents of each dollar spent and schools 20.96 cents. Pensions stepped into third place with $20,519,716, or 14.17 cents out of each dollar spent. Excluding non-revenue items, the state took in $154,120,274 and for governmental costs a total of $144,770,274 during the fiscal year. Incidentally, the cost of the legislature rose from $325,146 in 1936 to $958,109 in 1937.

New Session Outlook

"I'm not going to call another session until I am assured that something will be done. The only way is to get a definite commitment from those who apparently have more influence than I have," said Gov. Allred, commenting on a report that the County Judges Association would ask for another session to raise social security program revenue

Nobody, of course, can assure the Governor what the legislature is going to do in advance. The politicsos here are freely offering odds that the Governor will change his mind again, and call another special session not later than March.

Notes

W. E. James of Austin, veteran former assistant superintendent of education, who was "fired" on Christmas Eve without advance notice by Supt. Wood, is the first state candidate to announce formally with a platform. He will seek to replace his former chief, who is serving his third term, and will seek a fourth. Wood is conceded to have built up one of the strongest political machines in Texas, and odds are against anybody defeating it. . . . Dr. C. M. Rosser, of Dallas, a Democratic leader in Texas for 40 years, and close friend of William Jennings Bryan, has written a life of the Great Commoner which will interest Texans of a previous generation. Titled "The Crusading Commoner," Dr. Rosser's work reflects his years of intimate personal association with Bryan. . . . Thirteen oceolots, a striped bobcat, many game birds and other small game constituted the bag of Governor Allred and Gov. Ammons of Colorado on their Mexican hunting trip. . . . Senators Will Pace, Frank Rawlings, Allan Shivers and Frank Scofield, revenue collector, all bagged deer on a trip to the Schreiner ranch and two other senatorial hunting groups reported limit bags on their trips to Medina county.

Acid Aids Cotton Crop

Sulphuric acid, used to delint cotton seed, makes the seed plant easier, germinate quicker and produce stronger plants.

Crawford Famliy Among Old Timers

T. E. Crawford and sister, Mrs. Mammie Crawford of Denton are the only surviving children of J. W. Crawford, who was one of the mail carriers in the county, carrying the mail on horse back from Belle Plain to Eagle Cove, which was then loctated at the Old Mat Thomas home near where Dudley is now located, and later carried the mail from Baird to Eagle Cove and on to Tecumseh. Felix and his brother, Ed, carried the mail most of the time.

HISTORY OF BAIRD

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city.

Baird has now a population of 2,000 people. The main street is paved, and most all of the main thoroughfares are graveled and kept in good condition. The city owns one of the finest water systems in West Texas, the water coming from eight wells on a 100-acre tract owned by the city. This land is in the timber belt, three and one-half miles northwest of the city and the water comes from pure sand. A new well shortly to be under construction, which will be large in capacity.

This water system and equipment is valued at $165,000.00. The wells are of the highest sanitary design and are pumped by electric motors and are remote controlled and an independent unit within itself.

The city is well protected by a volunteer fire department, with all modern equipment valued at $17,000. There are 29 active members of the fire department, someone being on duty zat all hours day and night.

Bora Brame is chief of the department. C. D. Jones is Fire Marshall. A nice City Hall houses the fire department and city offices.

The Baird volunteer fire department was organized in the early 1900's. J. H. Walker, deceased, was the first chief of the fire department.

H. Schwartz is serving his tenth year as mayor. He also served as mayor for six years some years ago. City councilmen are: W. L. Bowlus, S. L. McElroy, Earl Hall, T. P. Bearden, and J. T. Lawrence. R. L. Elliott is city secretary and marshall.

The city has a splendid public school system. The grammar school building was built in 1910, and the high school building in 1928. A high rock fence has recently been built around the foot ball field and work is underway on a modern gymnasium. Nat Williams is superintendent of the Baird public school. Hugh Smith principal of the grammar school. R. F. Mayfield is president of the board of trustees. B. L. Russell, secretary, Roy Williams, O. L. Yarbrough, Colonel Dyer and Irwin Corn being other members of the board.

The Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, Episcopalian, Christian and Catholic churches have nice buildings.

The Masonic, Eastern Star, I. OOF, K. of P., WOW, W. C., Rebekahs, and Pythian Sisters, fraternal organizations are represented here.

Baird has long been a freight division on the T. and P railroad and some twelve years ago the Bankhead highway was built through the county and all public roads in the county are in good condition.

The city is supplied with electricity by the West Texas Utilities Co., with C. F. Elliott, as local manager and the Lone Star Gas Co. with W. B. Cooper as local manager.

Early day lawyers were Otis Bowyer, who is still engaged in practice of law here. F. S. Bell, A. A. Bell, W. H. Cliett, B. R. Webb, J. E. Thomas, E. E. Solomon, Judge B. L. Russell, John W. Woods, L. L. Blackburn, W. R. Ely, J. R. Black, T. E. Mitchell, F. S. Russell.

A number of new residences have been built in Baird the past year from native rock which is a beautiful material. Among the new buildings is the G. M. King home, which we have a nice view in this issue; Virgil Jones, Loyd Hughes, Mrs. C. V. Cowan, the Taeff home, and two rent houses built by Jim Allphin.

The First National Bank, established on January 2, 1885, is the oldest business institution in Callahan.

Rev's J. B. Seay, J. T. L. Annis, T. J. Austin, Rev. Logsden Carter, B. F. McClelland, Grandpa Childers were among the early preachers in this section.

Temperatures in Hemispheres

The earth is nearest the sun when it is winter in the Northern Hemisphere and summer in the Southern Hemisphere. The difference in distance is such a small fraction of the total distance that there is no significant difference in the corresponding seasons in the two hemispheres.

On and Off

"If you's gineter be a weather prophet," said Uncle Eben, "you'll git mo' credit in de community if you reads out de favorable predictions an' lets de bad news alone."

No Thoroughbred Horses

Although we call many horses thoroughbred, there really are no such animals, asserts a writer in Pearson's London Weekly. They are all mixtures of various breeds, but they may legally be registered as "thoroughbreds" if their pedigrees contain five uncontaminated crosses The pedigrees of some horses contain twenty to twenty-five purebred generations—but, strictly speaking, even this does not make the horse 100 per cent thoroughbred.

Oysters Are Tested

Oysters must pass two examinations before they are ready for the market; the oyster beds must meet certain standards of purity; and the oyster itself must pass a "purity" test after it is taken from the shell.

Bacon for Couples

The prior and convent at Dunmow, England, was obliged, for many years, by its charter, to give a flitch of bacon to any man who, coming with his wife, should affirm, both of them, that they had been married a year and neither at any time regretted marrying.

EARLY RESIDENTS

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is a progressive city. Rev. S. P. Collins is mayor of the city.

Clyde is in the heart of the fruit and vegetable growing district and is a thriving little town. J. L. McCannon was the first mayor. John W. Robbins is now mayor.

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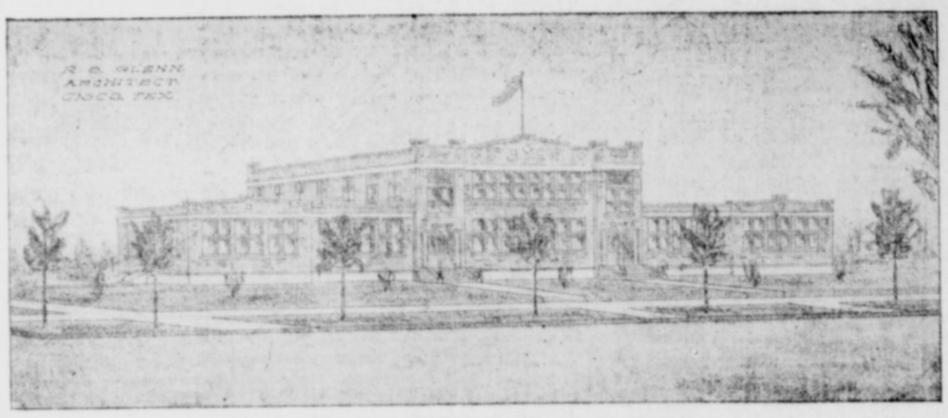

Cross Plains High School Building

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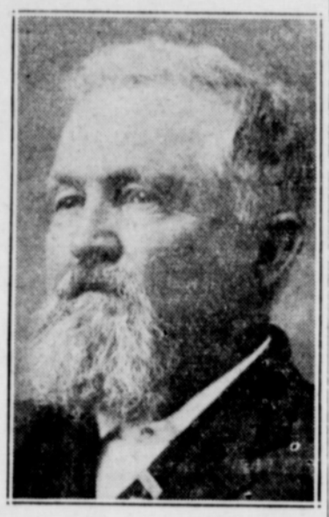
Gilliland-Windham Families

The above picture was made on the McCoy Ranch Sunday, June 27, 1937, at the second annual reunion of the tw ofamilies. The following named members of the two families and friends were present:

Mrs. M. A. Brightwell, 86, the oldest member of the families Sam H. Gilliland, Coleman; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Windham, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Windham and children, Laura Mae and Wanda Joe Mrs. John Jordan, Robert and Billy Ray Williams, Miss Elsie Straley, Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Windham and little daughter Paula Hammons, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Spencer and little daughter Frances Ann, Mrs. George Baum and sons Leo and Leonard, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Brightwell, Mrs. J. E. Gilliland, Mrs. M. J. Gilliland Mrs. J. Y. Gilliland, Mrs. Verda James and daughter, Miss Catherine, Dr. and Mrs. V. E. Hill and son Lewis, Mrs. Linwood Hays, Breckenridge; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gilliland and children Jackie and Marylin, Perry Gilliland, Virginia Gilliland, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Estes and little daughters Patty and Dorothy, Mrs. Larmer Henry and daughter Miss Lorraine, Billie Henry, Lee D. Kingston and children, Jackie Louise and Patty Frances of Balmorhea; Mrs. Jennie Gilliland and daughter, Miss Willie of Abilene, Miss Eliza, John and Eliska Gilliland, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest McIntyre, Tuscola; Dr. and Mrs. Homer Bowden, Mrs. T. M. Windham, Mrs. James Phillips and daughter, Miss Amalee, all of Byrd, Brown county; Mr and Mrs. B. L. Boydstun, Mrs. Homer Driskill, Joe Y. Fraser, Colorado, George Simons, Jr., Okmulgee, Okla., A. L. Osborne and children Jack, Patsy and Clifton, Abilene; Wade Gholson, Coleman, Mrs. Henry Lambert, Miss Jeffe Lambert, Mrs. Gertie Sprawls, Mrs. Willie Barnhill, Miss Dorothy Barnhill, Miss Bernice Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Dorse Odom and sons Billy Dorse and Tommy, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hill and children Ellen Marie, Marjorie Ann, Catherine Earnestine and E. J. Jr., Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Henderson and little granddaughter Patsy Ann Collins, Mrs. Cliff Hill, Mrs. Chas. McDermett, Mrs. H. E. Coburn and children, Charles Kieth and Miss Patty Sue Coburn, Harold Barclay, Mrs. J. R. McFarlane, Mrs. Price McFarlane Mr. and Mrs. Rod Kelton, Dr. A. Chickane, Capt. J. Lester, Looney, Dr. Ruth Palmer.

MISS JOHN GILLILAND
Postmaster, Baird

MRS. J. W. JONES



CAPT. J. W. JONES
Sheriff of Callahan County for 22 Years.

MR. AND MRS. W. E. GILLILAND
Last Picture Made a Few Months Before Mr. Gilliland's Death

The Old Prouty Press

The Baird Star was printed on this press for thirty-nine years.

ABOUT TOWN

With OTTO B. GREAT

All set for the Around Town trip? No, this isn't a new style hat I'm sporting (or should it be supporting) it's my head. Yeah, I know it's awfully large, but that's cause Im getting a few lines in the big birthday edition.

The first place of importance to stop is the Plaza Theatre for "Stella Dallas' coming Sunday and Monday. Thursday and Friday ushers in "Heidi", the newest Temple picture and the best one to date. There's one song "In our Little Wooden Shoes" that will win your applause, but if that fails, the goat milking sequence will certainly get you on Miss Temple's side, and if that fails, well, Dr. Grate pronounces our case as hopeless. Coming Sunday and Monday week will be "You Can't Have Everything" one of the best musicals of the year.

Have you noticed the Christmas lights (Nitwit, what a question)? They make a real fairyland of main street and send you home humming a Christmas Carol.

One more thing before we close, and I hope dou don't mind if I go serious on you, but it's just got to come out. I'm thankful today on the anniversary of The Baird Star, that I'm getting my training in journalism from such person as your Editor, that in the years to come, I may be able to keep my writings clean and honest as she has taught me, and never stoop to things that make "yelloe journalism" and "cheap talk". The highest praise these ears want to hear is a simple Let it go, it doesn't need to be heared," from the boss lady after she reads my column, for that means it has her "OK" and that's about as good a rating it's possible to get.

UNCLE JIM

Here's a biography you've been waiting for, your friend and mine, Mr. Jim Williams, pardon me, Uncle Jim Williams (that is what the town knows him by, and the name he requests to be used). He came to Callahan county in the year of 1878, with Phil Scott, who was bringing a herd of cattle from Hill county, the J-R cattle. For the first few years he made his home on Deep Creek, and in 1882 moved to Baird. It was in that year that he drove a wagon to Navarro county and moved his brother, Bob Williams, and his family to Baird.

Though Uncle Jim has been in Baird a number of years, there is one thing that stands out in his memory as though it happened yesterday—the burning of the town.

It was the eighth day of January, 1884, and Bella Golden's opera troop was due in town for night performance. It was a typical raw West Texas day, the dark gray of the January sky seemed an omen of the grim future, but no one had time for omens or dark thoughts, not with an opera coming to town. The troop of actors and actresses rented Dudley's grain store where the Holmes Drug Company now stands) and built a roaring fire to unpack by. No one knows, perhaps the filmsy costumes were too near the fire, but any rate the building caught on fire, and from there the hungry flames spread. devouring all in their [illegible] Uncle Jim among them, tried to save as much as they could from the stores. Glass showcases were pulled to the center of the street, but the heat fromthe buildings melted the glass like so much celluoid. There was a bucket brigade but it did little good, and by night fall the town was reduced to ashes.

The town was reduced to ashes, but not the pioncer spirit that put it there in the first place. They lost little time in rebuilding the place. Never looking back, always with an eye to the future, they replaced what the fire took away.

What a wonderful thing that was. Like old Chicago, Baird met her doom, but out of the charred andcrumbled ruins arose a better, stronger town to live and shelter the children and grandchildren of those first citizens who worked so valiantly to preserve her. It's a challenge to the citizens of today to carry on, that Baird may continue to thrive, to prove that those who worked to rebuild her in '84 may know that their work wasn't in vain.

That's a pretty fair note to lose on, for after all, one reason for these biographies of Uncle Jim and the rest is to remind the people of today of the spirit that built the town—the spirit unconquerable even by fire.

NOTICE

ONE Registered Black and Tan Fox and Coon Dog for Sale, $20. I paid $35.00 for this dog. Must be sacrificed at once. This dog has papers on him. L. R. Hughes, Baird Tourist Camp.

Fruits-Vegetables for Xmas Health

What could be more appreciated than a basket of fresh fruit for Christmas. Remember some less fortunate family with a basket of healthful goodies, —fresh from southern gardens and orchards.

A Few Week-Eend Specials—

Large Seedless California ORANGES, doz. ------20c
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Make Your Christmas Table Smile with New Vegetables

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Serve plenty of . . . . .

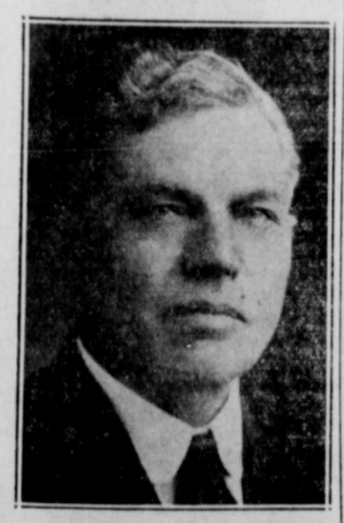
GRAPEFRUITS, LEMONS, ORANGES, and Other CITRUS FRUITS and Avoid Christmas Colds

CITY FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

WEST OF BANK ON HIGHWAY 80
TOM SOUTHT, Prop. BAIRD TEXAS

Judge Russell Serves West Texas for Half Century

By ESTHER L. NELSON



JUDGE B. L. RUSSELL

No historical edition of The Baird Star would be complete without the story of Judge B. L. Russell of Baird, who has been part and parcel of practically every progress movement in Callahan county since 1887.

Born in Lee county, Mississippi, October 25, 1864, Judge Russell is decidedly southern, both in manner and sentiments, yet possessing that broad outlook that makes him decidedly American. He came to Texas as a boy and immediately began to be interested in the development of this virgin country. Though living in Cross Plains at two different times, he has been a citizen of Baird for forty years. He was married in 1891 to Miss Katie Surles who has been equally interested in the growth of this section as her husband.

Judge Russell is perhaps best known as the founder of the Russell-Surles Abstract Company, a Callahan county enterprise since 1887, yet his services to Callahan county and to Texas have been many and varied.

Like many other successful men, Judge Russell began his career as a teacher, serving Cross Plains both in private and public school work. As a student in the Texas University Law School, he enjoyed as his law professors, the noted Ex Governor O. M. Roberts, and the brilliant J. Gould.

It would be hard to chronicle all this man's services to this section. He has, in his long eventful life, served as both County Attorney and County Judge of Callahan County, as member of the 37th and 38th Texas legislature, member of the local school board and a member of the Draft Board during the world war.

Though prominent in both local and state affairs, known for five decades for public service, it is just Judge Russell, the man, that best appeals to Callahan county people.—Years of experiences—no doubt both bitter and sweet—have not dimmed the light in his eye, the love in his heart for humanity. Possessing the dignity of a king, the simplicity of a pioneer settler, he walks as an everyday comrade, yet as if wearing a plume.

Judge Russell is proud to be a keeper of records. To this fact is attributed no little part in the unusual service of the Russell-Surles Abstract Company founded, as before stated, by him in 1887. It was in 1915 the name of the company was changed to its present one and while Mr. Surles is no longer connected with the enterprise, it still bears his name. Now associated with Judge Russell in the abstract company is his nephew, B. F. Russell, coming into the firm in 1929. B. F. Russell was born in Sipes Spring, Texas, December 3, 1889. He finished Law school at Texas University and is a world war veteran and served two terms as county attorney of Callahan county.

THOS. L. BLANTON
Who Served the 17th Congressional District for 20 Years.

Births

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Wylie of Breckenridge on November 21, a son who has been named Thomas Forrest. Mrs. Wylie is the former Aubray Forrest of Baird.

Successful Efforts

Efforts are always successes. It is a greater thing to try without succeeding than to succeed without trying.

New Holiday Goods Just Arrived

ALL REDUCED

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Suits
Hats
Hose
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Shirts
Scarfs
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A Sign in the Sky Was A Christmas Time Cross

"WELL, Ratty, we'll be handing ourselves a grand present by this time tomorrow."

"Yah, I don't hanker after the job. Somebody in this home-town of mine might get wise to me."

"Scared? You been away ten years doing time. You're out now, and free. No one ain't going to see you. You can lift plenty from that house you been telling about. You know every inch of it, by your say."

"Sure I do. I lived in it for nearly twenty years."

The man beside him in the speeding car whistled. "Never knew that."

"You keep your trap shut, Slinky."

Clouds swept across the moon, now revealing it round and bright, now hiding it.

"Stormy," said Slinky, "all the better for us."

They entered a broad village street. Elms lined either side.

"Right pretty, ain't it?" snarled Slinky. "But too neighborly for my blood."

"Hey," cried Ratty stopping the car. "Look at the moon shining up there behind the church steeple!"

A cross of light streamed from four corners. "Nothing but moon-dogs."

"Shut up, you. I'm telling you something. I'm not robbing the house I was born in. I'm tough . . . but not that tough."

"You crawling dirty rat!"

"And I'm going to church on Christmas morning like I used to with my, my," he hesitated, "with my folks. We got decent clothes. I'm going. That there," he pointed at the streaming light, "well, for just a minute I felt like I used to feel when I lived here as a boy. I'm going, and so are you. We can say Merry Christmas then, for once, without faking it. That cross," his voice was husky, "shows me up for just what I am . . . a rat. You and me, Slinky, are going to be decent tomorrow." — Martha Banning Thomas.

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Through the Clouds and in Time for Christmas

THE plane, "The Betsy Lee," had climbed to 10,000 feet. The man at the controls peered through the misted glass at the dense bank of clouds ahead. He had already encountered one squall, and there was a coating of ice on the wings.

Should he turn back, and take the train that would get him home too late for Christmas? Then he thought how disappointed Lucy and the kids would be. Christmas without Daddy. He squared his jaw and muttered: "Bill Parker, you're no quitter; Betsy, we are going through!" He grasped the stick with a steady hand as the bank of clouds loomed closer, and plunged into them.

The wind tore at the plane, causing it to zigzag crazily and it took all the strength of Bill's iron muscles to prevent a tailspin. Rain and hail fell in torrents, with an occasional flash of lightning piercing the inky darkness.

"What a storm to fight!" If he could climb high enough he might get above it. The roar of the engine answered, as he opened up the throttle, and the plane began to climb. Twenty thousand feet, the instruments registered. The storm was still with him. Five thousand more—he felt dizzy and numb. Then a lull as the plane roared into a calm, moon-silvered night.

Bill pounded his numb hands. "We're going through, Betsy, old girl, but it was close to 'Another plane crashed' headline. We missed the front page but we'll soon be home."—Jocile Webb Pearson.

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NO CHRISTMAS COAT

Snake—Mrs. Bunny asked her husband for a new coat for Christmas.

Leopard—What did he say?

Snake—That she had no business shedding her old one.

1,000-Year-Old Play

Hampshire mummers still perform a play which is said to be 1,000 years old and for which there is no written script. The mummers are farm laborers who wear costumes made of colored wallpaper. They give the play at Christmas time.—Pearson's London Weekly.

Christmas Cheer

"What some folks call Christmas cheer," said Uncle Eben, "is only de expensive form of nuffin' but consid trouble."

I AM a happy little tree. I stand beside the front entrance of a white cottage on a quiet street. Each Christmas time I bloom out in beautiful colored lights, and all who pass share my beauty and catch something of the joy of Christmas.

But I was not always happy like this. Once I lived in a great forest, surrounded by trees so tall I could only catch a glimpse of the blue sky above me, and I felt very small and lonely. I, too, wanted to be tall; to look out on the big world like the others and feel the sun shining through my branches. I would stretch out my limbs as far as I could, and send my roots deeper into the earth, but my progress was so slow I grew discouraged.

One day I saw a man and a boy coming through the forest. The man carried something over his shoulder and they seemed to be looking for something. Then the boy saw me and cried: "Look, father, there is just the tree we want." He ran over to me and fairly hugged me in his eagerness. The man looked me over. "Fine," he said. But when he began digging with the thing he had carried on his shoulder I began to tremble. I felt my roots snap one by one and soon I lay a tumbled heap on the ground. Life seemed over for me.

Next I was tied to a funny looking thing on wheels, that sputtered and growled when the man and boy climbed in and we started off down a twisty little road that wound through the forest, then out on a big shining highway until we came to a wide driveway that led through a sloping lawn to a white cottage.

Here I was untied and put into a large earthen jar filled with sand and carried into the house, and set in a corner of a big room beside a sunny window. Oh, the joy of having the sun on my branches. I began to feel less scared and to look about me.

In a big mirror opposite I could watch the man as he fastened me upright. Then he put a string of lights from my top to my toe, whistling softly as he worked. Then

Two Little Faces Pressed Against the Window Pane.

I heard a door open and a rush of feet—a little boy and a girl dashed into the room crying: "Mamma, come quick, and see our Christmas tree." They clapped their hands and danced about me. Soon the mother came with a box filled with shining lovely things and my plain green dress was covered with sparkling jewels. I hardly dared look in the mirror for I remembered I was only a humble tree after all, and what I saw could not be me at all; but the great silver star on my topmost branch made me feel very happy. I seemed to draw courage from just looking at it.

After a time I was left to myself. I was glad, as I needed to rest up a bit and get used to my strange surroundings. It grew dark outside and snow was falling, but inside my star shone and a quiet peace came over me.

Then once more the doors opened and a merry group of people came in. This time there were Father and Grandfather and Grandmother, too; and Mother leading the little boy and girl. Everyone was saying how lovely I was; but I did not want them to look at me. I wanted them to see two little faces outside pressed against the window pane. The boy saw them first. "Look, Daddy, Mamma!" he shouted and pointed to the window. "There are two children out there. Bring them in, Daddy; give them some of our Christmas." And the little girl clapped her hands and cried: "Oh, do, Daddy, it's cold out there!"

When they were brought in looking rather scared, but glad, I was so happy I almost shook my baubles off. Then Mother made music on a big box with shining keys and everyone sang Christmas carols. Then Father told the old story of the Shepherds and the Star that led to the Christ Child. Then a jolly man with a red coat and a pack on his back gave everyone presents, including the little strangers. There were candies and nuts, plenty for all, and such a babble of happy voices. I felt the thrill of it myself and the big star glowed in sympathy.

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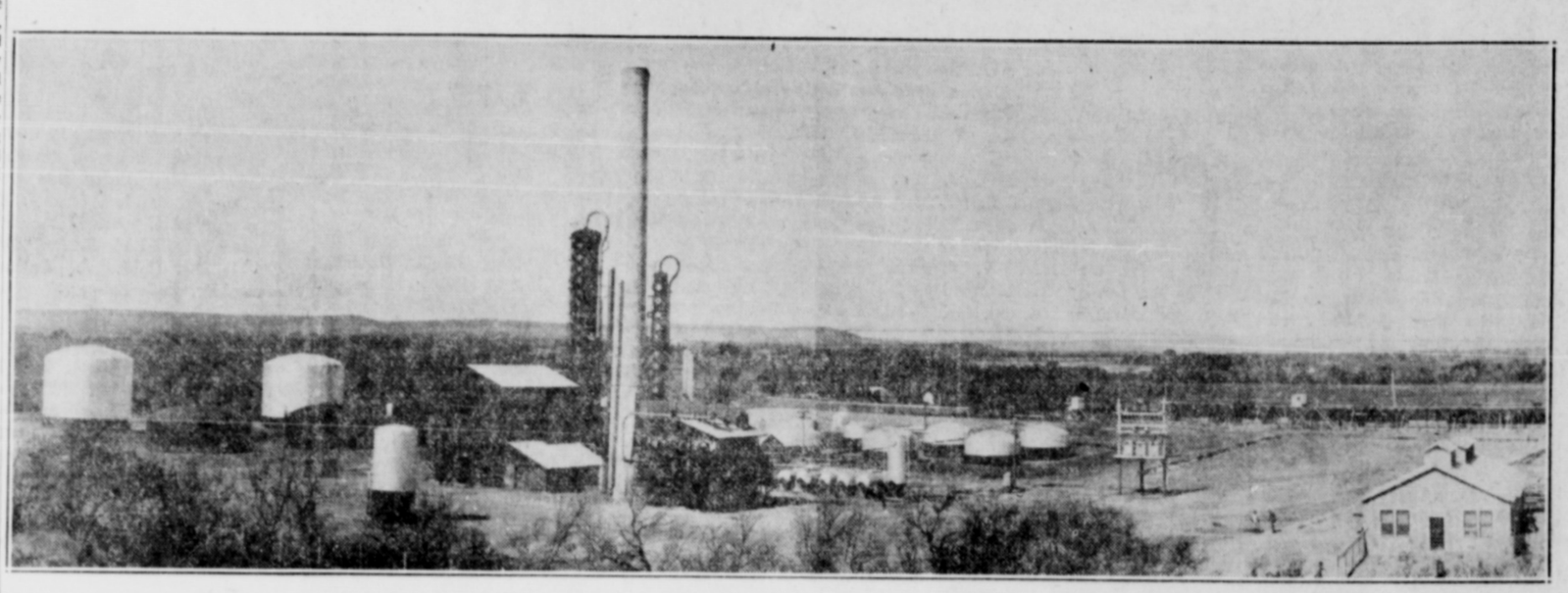

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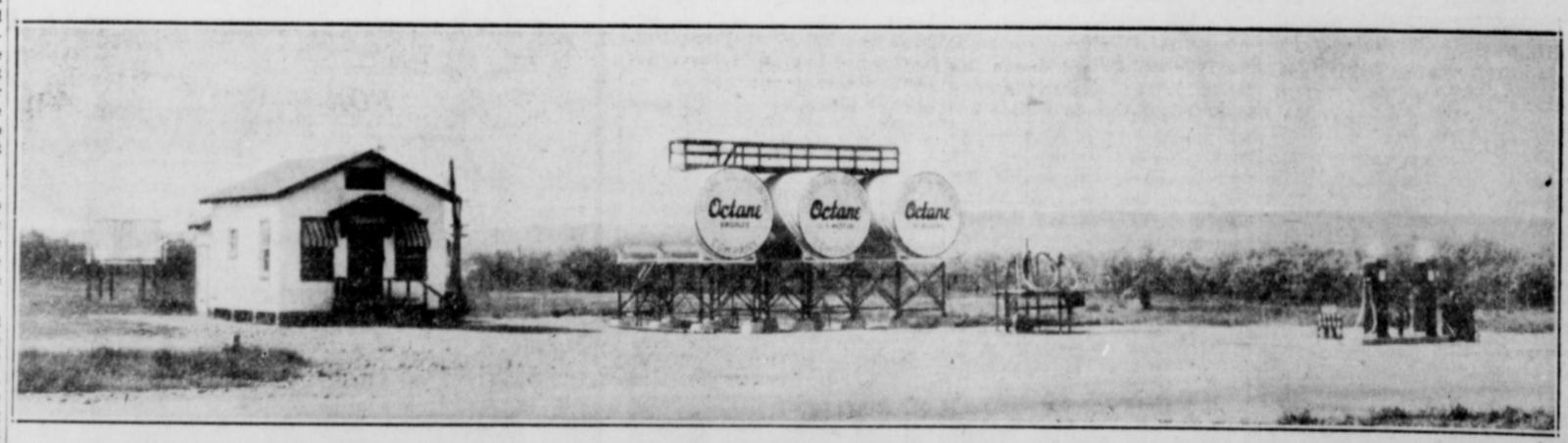

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