

# The Baird Star

Our Motto, "Tis Neither Birth, Nor Wealth, Nor State, But the Git-up-and-Git That Makes Men Great."

CALLAHAN COUNTY, in Central West Texas, organized 1877; area 882 square miles, pop. 11,600. Rolling prairies and wooded areas of mesquite, post oak, live oak. Soil sandy to chocolate loam. Elevation 1800 feet. Annual rainfall about 24 inches.

BAIRD, pop. 2,000. On "The Broadway of America." Has beautiful homes, modern schools, fine churches, and healthful climate — "where there ain't no poor, and there ain't no sick; where the fat get fatter, and the thin get thick."

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MARVIN HUNTER, Jr. Editor

## Six Men In City Alderman Race

Election ballots for the city election to be held April 5th are now being printed with the following names in the order they were filed with City Secretary C. L. Hord:

W. O. Wylie, Jr., Raymond Young, Tom B. Barton, J. T. Lawrence, W. L. Ray, Gilbert Hinds.

The terms of W. O. Wylie, W. L. Ray and E. L. Woodley are expiring. Mr. Woodley will not be a candidate for reelection due to the fact that he is moving to Brownwood. He has served the city faithfully as an alderman for the past seven years, and his executive ability and willingness to work for every good thing will be missed. J. T. Lawrence, owner of Holmes Drug Co., served on the city council from April 1936 until April 1946. Wylie and Ray are offering themselves for reelection after serving two or three terms. Raymond Young is well known by all our citizens, having held the office of district clerk for a number of years, being employed at City Pharmacy for several years, and for the past three years has operated Callahan Abstract Co. Tom Barton is a young businessman who has many friends in this area. He is the Humble agent and will be in charge of the new bulk station now under construction here. Being of a quiet disposition, Mr. Barton is strong in his convictions and his ability in business has been proven. Gilbert Hinds is employed at the Premier Petroleum Company's local refinery. He is chief of the Baird Volunteer Fire Department and takes an active part in lodge work and other worthwhile things for the good of the town.

Every citizen should go to the polls on April 5th and vote for their choice. There are many important steps to be taken in the city's affairs during the coming year and the city council should feel that the town is united behind their efforts for the betterment of our city.

Just

## 'Round About

As we walked up and down the street . . . Pat Johnson drove in from his Oplin home to see about selling his International pick-up . . . R. G. Gilmore, dirt contractor, was trucking a lot of gravel to town to place on driveways, and it looks like Baird folks are thinking of beautifying . . . The nearer we come to building a lake, the more people turn their thoughts to improvements . . . We understand that all legal papers for voting lake bonds are complete, but the water board of directors are taking time to consult the engineers on several minor points before going ahead . . . Conlee Pruitt reports almost 50,000 more KWs were metered by Municipal Light Plant in February this year than were metered in February 1948. City water customers have increased by 17 new connections for the year, reports City Secretary Clifton Hord . . . A brilliant electric Pontiac sign has been placed at Baird Motor company to add color to our main street at night . . . W. V. Walls reports that his aged father, I. N. Walls, is recuperating rapidly from pneumonia . . . Business men were caught off-guard when five Girl Scouts and three Brownies made the rounds to all the places of business Wednesday to personally thank them for the past favors extended to their organization. "What, you're not asking for something?" they would invariably remark. "No, we just want you to know we appreciate all you have done for us in the past," the girls would reply. One business man sat down on a goods box and exclaimed, "Now I've seen and heard everything." But no fooling, the girls do appreciate the interest of people in this community and they decided there was no better way to show their appreciation than to go around and tell them personally.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Bryant and baby, Bernie, Jr., of Fort Worth, visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bryant Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Lewis spent the weekend in Henrietta visiting with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Settle.

## School Trustee Election April 2nd

School elections will be held on Saturday April 2, and in the Baird Independent School District there will be three members elected. A large vote is expected to be polled in this election due to the district being made larger by election more than a year ago. All the qualified voters of the whole district are urged to participate in the April 2 election, which will be held at the City Hall.

Trustees whose terms expire are Irvin Corn, Temple Brashear, and Ralph Ashlock. Candidates must file with the secretary, B. L. Russell, by March 23 to have their names printed on the election ballots.

The election will be held by C. E. Andrews, Corrine Barringer and Mrs. S. I. Smith.

## MARCH IS SCHOOL CENSUS MONTH

The month of March each year is the month for taking the school census.

A. H. Pritchard, local school superintendent, asks that you see to it that your children between the ages of 6 - 17 inclusive, get enumerated during this month.

Those youngsters who will be six years of age before Sept. 1st and eligible for school for the first time, are very often overlooked. Please call the school office at 258 if you have one who has been missed, and someone will call at your house and complete the necessary information.

## A & M COLLEGE STUDENTS TEACHING HERE THIS WEEK

The Baird High School Vocational department, under the direction of E. L. Reese, has two students from Texas A. & M. College teaching here this week. They are J. W. Newton and N. E. Lewis.

Lewis and Newton are senior students from A & M, majoring in Agricultural Education to prepare them for Vocational Agriculture teaching when they graduate.

Lewis, who is teaching Soil Conservation to the first year class, is from Jayton, Texas. He is an Army veteran and will graduate from A. & M. in January, 1950.

Newton, who is teaching Farm Management and Grasses to the third year class, is from Cross Cut, Texas. He is a Navy veteran and will graduate in June, 1949.

The teaching is done to give the students an inside view of the problems of teaching Vocational Agriculture and the solutions, as well as to give the students actual teaching experience.

Both Lewis and Newton are high in their praise of the school, the teachers, and the students.

Sutphen Motor Co. delivered a new Coronet Dodge to Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Wylie, Jr., Wednesday.

Mrs. Ernest Ham and daughter, Eula Fay, and Mrs. Ethel Harville of Clyde were visitors here Monday.

## Humble Building Bulk Station

The new Humble bulk station now under construction at First and Spruce Streets in Baird, will be ready for operation in about 45 days, according to sales officials of Humble Oil & Refining Company.

The new station is being built as a central point for distribution of Humble Oil & Refining Company products throughout Callahan County, they said.

Units under construction include a steel frame, galvanized iron warehouse; two 14,000 gallon storage tanks for gasoline; two 11,000 gallon storage tanks, one for kerosene and one for Diesel oil; a truck loading rack; and fences and gravel driveways.

## FUNERAL SATURDAY FOR MRS. CONLEE

Funeral for Mrs. J. A. Conlee, 79, was held at 3 p. m. Saturday in the Clyde Baptist Church with Rev. C. S. Cox, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Clyde Cemetery by the side of her husband who died in 1944.

Mrs. Conlee, who had lived in this area since 1901, died at 8 a. m. Friday in the Callahan County Hospital. She had been ill since Dec. 3, 1948.

Mrs. Conlee was born Annie Lorene Simpson, March 10, 1870, in Mississippi. She was married to J. A. Conlee in 1885 and came with him to Texas in 1901, settling in the Eagle Cove community southwest of Clyde. In 1903 they moved nearer Clyde. Mrs. Conlee had lived there since.

She had been an active member of the Baptist Church in Clyde for many years.

Mrs. Conlee is survived by two sons, J. E. Conlee of Texas City and Otis Conlee of Clyde; six daughters, Mrs. J. C. Burleson of Del Rio, Mrs. Homer Price and Mrs. Cecil Graham of Hobbs, N. M., Mrs. A. M. Waggoner, Mrs. J. T. Waggoner, and Myrtle Conlee, all of Clyde; 22 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. Two sons preceded her in death.

## 50 PER CENT OF CALLAHAN COUNTY FHA LOANS PAID

Twelve Callahan County farmers who have taken advantage of the farm ownership loans made by the Farmers Home Administration, formerly Farm Security Administration, have repaid more than 50 per cent of the \$81,891 borrowed through the agency since its inception in 1937, according to Clarence Symes, Abilene, supervisor of the program both in Callahan and Taylor counties.

Five of the 12 original borrowers have repaid their 40-year loans in full and of the total borrowed, \$43,353.91 had been repaid, leaving an unpaid balance of only \$38,537.09, Symes said.

The seven borrowers who are still paying on their loans have paid an average of \$764.99 ahead of schedule.

## Johnson Becomes WTU Co. Manager

Allan N. Johnson has been named local manager for the West Texas Utilities Company at Baird, according to an announcement by H. D. Austin, WTU Co. district manager. Mr. Johnson, who succeeded Roland Dunwoody, assumed his new duties last Saturday. Mr. Dunwoody has received a promotion and is being transferred to the General Offices in Abilene.

"Mr. Johnson is not a newcomer to the public utility business," Austin pointed out. "He has more than fifteen years experience in utility operations."

In February, 1948, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and their two children, Jimmy and Nancy, moved from Lampasas to Baird where they purchased a home at 326 Girard Street, and Mr. Johnson was associated with the Johnson Motor Company of which his brother, Earl Johnson, deceased, was owner.

During the year he has been a resident in Baird, Mr. Johnson has been active in civic affairs; he is a member of the Methodist Church, second vice-president of the Callahan County Club, and Scout Master of Cub Pack No. 24.

Mr. Johnson is a native of Lometa. A graduate of San Saba High School, he attended Daniel Baker College in Brownwood. In 1937 he was employed by the Texas Power and Light Company at Brownwood and two years later was transferred to San Marcos as Chief Clerk when the Lower Colorado River Authority purchased that property from the T. P. & L. Co. he was retained as manager. In July, 1946, he resigned from the LCRA to open a public accounting business in Lampasas.

Mr. Dunwoody, assistant local manager here from 1941 until 1943 and local manager from 1945 until his recent promotion, took an active part in the civic life of the city. He served as Master of the Masonic Lodge; president of the Methodist Choir, and was a member of the Callahan County Club. Mrs. Dunwoody, a teacher in the Baird schools for more than six years, and their son, Larry, moved in January to Abilene, where the Dunwoody's will make their home at 1166 Palm Street.

## EULA TO STAGE RABBIT DRIVE

There will be a rabbit drive in the Eula community March 16th and 17th. All hunters are invited to come and bring guns and ammunition. An old-fashioned basket lunch will be spread at the noon hour under the tabernacle.

Hunters will meet early in the morning at the shop, and will be directed to proceed from there by a committee composed of Aaron McKee, Rufus Miller and Abb Gardner.

Mrs. Sam I. Smith and baby of Waxahachie spent last week with Mrs. S. I. Smith here. Mr. Smith came from Waxahachie for them the past weekend.

George Morgan was a business visitor in Abilene Tuesday afternoon.

## REA Extending Line To Rowden

Kerosene lamps will soon give way to electricity in the Rowden community.

The Taylor County Electric Co-operative (REA) is now setting poles and getting ready to string lines from Belle Plain to Rowden and the immediate area to furnish light and power.

About 65 farmers will benefit from the new modern service in this immediate area. Not only they but the big Bayou school, just below the junction of State Highway 36 and U. S. 138 will be lighted.

Rowden farmers said their application for electricity with the REA had been placed about five years ago. "Now we're about to realize our dream," Claude Stephens, postmaster and owner of the lone store, said.

Service is promised about April 1st. In the meantime, linemen and hole-diggers are engaged between the junction of No. 36 and U. S. 138 toward Denton Valley. Crossed poles are being set.

## FORMER CALLAHAN COUNTY MAN TO HIGH COURT

Governor Jester announced Monday he will appoint Meade F. Griffin of Plainview to the State Supreme Court to succeed Associate Justice A. J. Folley of Amarillo.

Griffin was born in Cottonwood, Callahan County, March 17, 1894, and moved to the plains with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Griffin in 1914, and settled near Tulla. He received his B. A. degree from the University of Texas in 1915, and his law degree in 1917, leaving the university to enter the first officers training camp at Leon Springs, San Antonio.

He is serving under the Texas State Bar Association appointment on the committee on courts buildings in Austin.

The Griffins have two children, Mariellen, a student in the Plainview High School, and Fred in elementary school.

Justice Folley has submitted his resignation effective April 1, and will return to Amarillo to resume private law practice.

Griffin has been a resident of Plainview for 28 years. In 1923 he was elected county judge of Hale county. After serving two terms he was elected district attorney of the 64th Judicial District, serving for eight years and retiring voluntarily in 1934. He has practiced law in Plainview since except for the three and a half years he served with the Army during World War II.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Russell made a trip to Austin during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Peek visited Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Roach at Jal, N. M., the past weekend.

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## Dickey-Young Vows Exchanged Saturday

Before an arch of white stock and greenery, Gwen Dickey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Dickey, exchanged wedding vows with William J. Young of Abilene, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Young of Kansas City, Kansas, Saturday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Morgan. Rev. John English read the double-ring ceremony.

The bride wore an aqua dress makers suit with black accessories, and a pink cloche hat. She carried a white Bible, topped with white carnations and streamers of white satin ribbon. For something old, she wore blue sapphire ear screws, something new was her suit, something borrowed was her Bible, and something blue were satin markers placed on their favorite scriptures of the Bible.

Mrs. Tod Newton was her sister's maid of honor. She wore a dusty rose suit with navy accessories, and pink carnation corsage. Ruth Dyer was bridesmaid. She wore a navy suit with navy accessories and a pink corsage.

Ralph McAdams of Lawn was best man, and Todd Newton was groomsmen. At the reception which followed the ceremony, the tiered wedding cake stood on a table laid on an Irish lace cloth, and centered with an arrangement of white stock. Mrs. George Morgan served the cake, and Mrs. Kenneth George presided at the coffee service.

When the couple left for a short wedding trip to South Texas, the bride chose a grey street length suit with matching accessories for traveling. After their return, they will live on a ranch southeast of Abilene.

The bride is a graduate of the Baird High School where she was chosen queen her junior year. She attended McMurry College in Abilene, and John Tarleton, Stephenville. She is a member of the Junior Wednesday Club of Baird, and of the Callahan Mounted Quadrille. She has been rodeo sponsor for Baird and the Moutray Hereford Ranch since 1946, taking parts in sponsor contests. She has recently been employed by Callahan Abstract Company.

The bridegroom graduated from the Kansas City High School, and attended Kansas State College and Armed Forces Institute of the University of Wisconsin. He owns and operates an insurance agency in Abilene, and is a member of the Knights of Pythias and an active member of the Taylor County Sheriff's Posse.

Only a few relatives and close friends attended the wedding.

Miss Anna Knipp of Waxahachie spent the past weekend with Mrs. S. I. Smith.

Mrs. Mary J. Sims of San Antonio is visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sims.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker Coppinger and son, John, of Abilene, spent the weekend with Mrs. S. I. Smith.

## District Court Opened Monday

Cases to come before Judge J. R. Black in 42nd District Court are light as the term opened Monday. The case styled the State of Texas vs. Kendrick Roy Graves was tried Monday and Graves was given a 5-year suspended sentence. He had been charged with theft of an automobile from E. E. Freeman of Abilene on Highway 80, just inside Callahan county.

The divorce case of Fern Hanke vs. H. H. Hanke was opened yesterday.

Civil cases to be tried Monday, March 14 are: Don Raymond by E. R. Pierce, guardian, vs. J. A. Trowbridge; Lessie E. Clark et al. vs. Ernest H. Park et al, trespass to try title.

Tuesday, March 22: Ed Roy Pierce vs. V. E. West et al, asking for jury, plea of privilege.

Wednesday, March 23: Melton Shelton vs. Ed Davis, damage suit.

## FORMER BAIRD RESIDENT DIES IN CALIFORNIA

Burial will be in Breckenridge, Texas, cemetery for Mrs. Oma Partlow Smith, who passed away Saturday at Lemon Grove, California. Arrangements are being delayed awaiting the arrival of her son, Billy Partlow, who is in military service overseas. Known by many people of this community as Oma Partlow, she is the niece of Mrs. J. W. Brown and Mrs. Walter Boyd with whom she made her home for many years.

## CROSS PLAINS MAY GET HIGHWAY OFFICE

The State Highway Department contemplates locating a warehouse at Cross Plains, it was announced this week.

If placed there, it would mean three to five new families being located at Cross Plains.

It would provide a central point from which repair projects would draw road supplies and be an area headquarters.



Owned and Operated by Bob and Alma Vaughn

**TWO SHOWS NIGHTLY**  
Box Office Opens 7:00 P. M.  
Saturday Matinee, 1:30 P. M.  
Sunday Matinee, 2:00 P. M.  
Sat. Nite Owl Show Tickets on sale at 10:30

Thursday - Friday

LANA TURNER  
GENE KELLY

'The Three Musketeers'

Saturday

BILL ELLIOTT  
DOROTHY GULLIVER

'LONE STAR PIONEERS'

Saturday Owl Show

ROBERT MONTGOMERY  
SUSAN HAYWARD

'The SAXON CHARM'

Sunday - Monday

JEANNE CRAIN  
WILLIAM HOLDEN  
EDMUND GWENN

'APARTMENT FOR PEGGY'

Tuesday

Wednesday

LARRY PARKS  
MARGUERITE CHAPMAN  
'The Gallant Blade'

## Melvin G. Farmer, Real Old Timer of This Community, Is Retired Baird Merchant

BAIRD, March 5 — At the age three—70 years ago—Melvin G. Farmer, now a retired dry goods man of Baird, moved with his parents to a four-section ranch at Divide in Nolan County. Later Farmer became a postal clerk under the first postmaster at Cross Plains and still later came to Baird, engaged in business, became a game warden and Callahan County tax assessor.

Farmer ranks as one of the really oldtimers of the Abilene country. Though made less spry by arthritis, he keeps going, and expects to live a long time yet, he says.

His nephew, Lester Farmer, is Callahan County's present county judge. And his son, Howard Farmer, is cashier of the First National Bank of Baird.

Mr. Farmer moved to Baird Sept. 1, 1898, and went to work for the late T. E. Powell in the drygoods business. The store was located where the Jones Dry Goods store is now. He was manager for a succession of dry goods stores for about 50 years, having worked for Powell, Wristen & Johnson, and B. L. Boydston, an early day Abilene area merchant, and retired about two years ago while still with Jones Co.

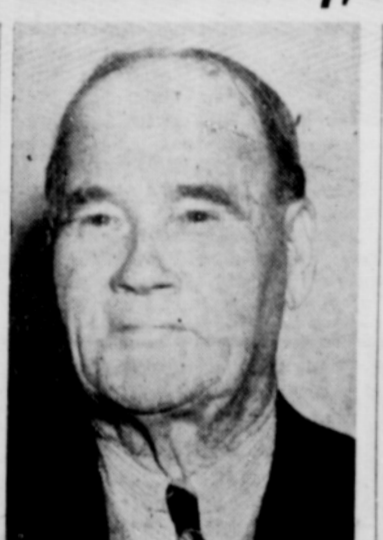
However, he had a rather eventful career before he came to Baird. Born in Bosque Coun-

ty, Texas, between Clifton and Meridian, April 2, 1875, he was the son of W. B. Farmer who died in Abilene in 1928. His mother came from Missouri and his father from Arkansas. After living for a time on the Nolan County ranch, his father and mother sold out and moved to Callahan County in June 1882, purchasing land near Cross Plains, particularly the old Stanfield place, now owned by Mrs. John Barr.

He attended school at Cross Plains and Cottonwood, his tutor being the celebrated early-day Professor Yonzey, who taught also at old Belle Plain. The elder Farmer owned three farms about Cross Plains for a time, one of 320 acres and another of 80.

Melvin Farmer worked at the old J. M. Coffman general merchandise store at Cross Plains. Coffman was reputed to have been the first postmaster and on Saturdays—the busy days—Farmer was a postal clerk. He worked there for about five years. Then came on to Baird.

From 1919 to 1922, after leaving the dry goods business, he was a car inspector for the Texas & Pacific railroad here. The entire shop force "struck" and lost. Farmer never returned to railroading. He was Callahan County tax assessor from 1915 to 1919.



M. G. Farmer

In 1927 and 1928 he became state game warden for about ten counties in this area with headquarters in Abilene. His area ranged from Howard County on the west to Claremont on the north. He was succeeded by Tom St. John, Abilene, still game warden.

Then he turned his hand to selling Ford cars for Shaw Brothers in Abilene for a spell. But it was soon back to the dry goods business. In 1929 he returned to Jones Brothers, where he re-

mained until his retirement two years ago.

Mr. Farmer has two sisters living: Mrs. Ida Thurman, wife of a San Angelo doctor; and Mrs. Percy Jones, Cleburne. His four brothers are E. C. Farmer, Austin; R. H. Farmer, Brownwood; O. B. Farmer, Ash Fork, Ariz.; U. L. Farmer, Springville, Ariz. He was married Feb. 26, 1902. His wife, the former Tillie Betcher, was born at old Colony, south of Abilene, Oct. 12, 1878—before there was an Abilene. She died March 2, 1938. Her brothers, Otto and Henry Betcher, live at Dudley, and another brother, Albert, at Oplin.

Mr. Farmer's children are Howard Farmer, banker at Baird; F. C. (Fred) Farmer of Iraan, owner of a dry goods concern; and Mrs. M. V. Turner of Austin, whose husband is head of the Austin Chemical Co. He has one grandchild.

He has been seriously ill but once. He returned from a purchasing trip from St. Louis with a severe case of small-pox. It was in 1906 or 1907. Nine cases of small-pox ensued in Baird, and five of the cases died.

The hardest years he recalls were 1886-87, when the federal government shipped in carloads of corn, flour and provisions for many who were destitute in this area.

Generally, Farmer thinks it rained more years ago. Many springs gushed from the Baird hills and streams in this area flowed all winter and up into the summer. "They don't flow now except in wet weather," he added. Baird "in the good old days" drew trade from as far north as Albany and from as far south as Burkett. "We've handled as many as 12,000 bales of cotton through Baird a year."

People were honest back in the early days, he said. Old timers accommodated neighbors, demanded no notes—"their word was accepted." His father, he quoted, sold cattle to a neighbor and declined a note—"you're honest and what'd I want with a note?" he quoted his father as telling the neighbor.

Mr. Farmer belongs to the Blue Lodge, the Woodmen of the World, Modern Woodmen, has been on the equalization board, a member of the Methodist Church 40 years, and was secretary-treasurer of the local church when it was built.

"My hobby? Football and baseball. I never miss a game." Incidentally Farmer played short-stop on crack teams here for years and was offered a spot with a Texas league team back early in the century.—Hamilton Wright, Abilene Reporter-News.



**Eula Episodes**

Mrs. R. G. Edwards Elevating Educations for the Enjoyable Enlightenment of Everybody Everywhere.

Margie Atwood, of Dallas, spent the weekend in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Atwood.

Mrs. N. H. Odell is working at the store this week so that when Marie Ferguson quits on the 12th she will be able to make a first class saleslady.

Mrs. Joe Bentley spent the weekend in the home of her parents at Copperas Cove.

Mrs. Willie Williams and children of Abilene were Sunday guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Baulch. Bro. K. M. Kerriek, pastor of the Baptist Church received world last Thursday of the serious illness of his mother in Tennessee. He expected to leave for her bedside early Monday if she had not improved since the last report.

The Eula outside baseball team will sponsor an old-time box supper March 31, at the gym, announces A. G. Black, sponsor.

Mrs. Evelyn Scott demonstrated making shag rugs at a meeting Monday with the Eula Junior and Senior 4-H Clubs. There were thirteen present in the Senior meeting and the president, Maxine Tarrant, presented Mrs. Scott with an electric lamp from her group. There were 22 members present at the Junior meeting with their sponsor, Mrs. R. G. Edwards. Plans were made to attend 4-H Club Rally Day at Baird, March 12 at 2 p. m. Every 4-H girl in the county is invited and urged to attend.

Office ruled forms. The Star.

**Oplin Observations**

Joreta Gwin Odds and Ends Opportunely Offered in Open Order.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stevens of Johnson City, Kansas, were honored with a miscellaneous shower at the school house Saturday night. Mrs. Stevens is the former Lola Mae Poindexter, daughter of Mrs. Amelia Poindexter of Oplin.

Mrs. W. R. Johnson, Mrs. Zack McIntyre and Paul Ray attended the funeral of Clois Sanford at Tuscola Saturday afternoon. Sanford was killed in action in 1945.

Mrs. Mary Roberson of Abilene and Mrs. Marjorie May and children of Lawn visited their mother, Mrs. Bryson, who is ill, and Mr. Bryson.

Joe Slaughter was taken to the Callahan County Hospital Saturday for a few days medical treatment.

Mrs. Opal Green and daughter, Wanda Jean, of Woodward, Okla., visited her mother, Mrs. Amelia Poindexter and other relatives here.

Mrs. C. P. Carroll visited relatives here recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest McIntyre and Sandra, and Mrs. Henry Settle and Linda, of Big Lake, visited Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Harville and Mr. and Mrs. Clint McIntyre over the weekend.

Clyde Floyd was carried to the Callahan County Hospital Sunday for observation.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Atwood and Reba, of Wylie, and James of Bayou, visited Mrs. W. T. Breeding and Buddie, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Crawford and family and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Turner were among those who attended the funeral of Gayle Edwards in Dudley Sunday.

**Cottonwood Chips**

Hazel I. Respass Community Chatter Carefully Collected For Your Consideration.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Graham of Brackenridge visited Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Graham last week.

Durwood Varner and son, Tommy, of Chicago, Mrs. Frank Sullivan of Zephyr, Mrs. R. F. Arvin, Mrs. Russell Warren and son of Baird, visited with Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Varner last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie McGriffin are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McGriffin in San Angelo this week.

Clay Robbins of Borger visited his brother, K. B. Robbins and family Sunday.

Mrs. E. T. Nanney of Marble Falls visited her brothers, J. A. J. B., and S. A. Moore last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brock and little son, Freddie, Mr. and Mrs. Burley Lequire from Chattanooga, Tenn., who visited Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Brock of Cross Plains over the weekend, attended preaching services at the Methodist Church Sunday.

G. H. Clifton was carried to the Gorman Hospital Sunday and operated Monday morning. All of his children were at the hospital.

Miss Patsy Respass of Hardin-Simmons University, of Abilene, attended church here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gilbert of Ranger visited Mrs. S. E. Archer Sunday afternoon.

S. A. Moore is on the sick list this week. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. C. R. Myrick and son, Danny, and Mrs. A. J. Breeding made a trip to Brownwood on Monday.

Mrs. Paul Graham and Mrs. Wendell Jones of Lubbock were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Chrisman and Mr. and Mrs. J. Brice Jones. Mary June Jones, who had spent the past two weeks with her grandparents here, accompanied her mother home.

Cheryl Sue Sims spent several days in Cisco with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Carrioco.



Miss Irene Mauldin

Miss Irene Mauldin, writer of Rowden Round-Up, turned in more new and renewal subscriptions to The Baird Star during the annual holiday subscription drive recently closed than any other county correspondent. Miss Mauldin is a popular young lady of the Rowden community and her column of news is read by a large audience each week.

**County H. D. Agent's Column**  
Evelyn Wieland Scott

**4-H RALLY TO BE HELD ON MARCH 12**

In observance of National 4-H Club Week March 5-13, 4-H Girls from Callahan County will meet at a 4-H Rally in Baird, county courthouse at 2 p. m. Saturday, March 12. A program is being planned to include awarding of pins to outstanding 4-H Girls, membership pins to girls who completed and turned in records of their work, as well as some good entertainment. All 4-H girl leaders, parents and friends are invited to attend.

The theme of National 4-H Club Week will be "Better Living for a Better World". 4-H girls will be carrying this theme throughout their year's work.

**Leadership Training On Dress Forms**

Mrs. Evelyn W. Scott, Acting Co. Home Dem. Agent, has announced that leadership training meeting on making and using dress forms will be held on March 14 at 10 A. M., in Baird at 429 1/2 West 7th. Two clothing leaders from each club will attend this training and take the demonstration back to their clubs at one of their regular meetings in April.

The Callahan County Home Demonstration Council will meet at 2 P. M. the same day, March 14, in the county courtroom.

**TRICKS WITH TREES**

Trees can be grown without irrigation in any county in Texas. That goes for shade trees, windbreaks and ornamentals, says Sadie Hatfield, extension landscape gardening specialist of Texas A. & M. College.

But she admits there's a trick to it. The secret of success is in properly collecting and storing rain water in the soil for the trees to use. Terraces and contours should be constructed so as to collect and hold the moisture which falls throughout the year. And the terraces may be built any time you can get around to it.

Soil is the most natural, the easiest and the best place to keep water from growing trees in the Panhandle, the plains, and in all the drier regions of Texas, says Miss Hatfield.

She goes on to say it is true that three or four acres of soil may be needed to produce one acre of trees, because it's necessary to take rainwater from nearby soil in order to give a tree, or a group of trees, as much as two or three times the annual rainfall of a semi-arid region.

That's where terracing and contouring come into the picture. These practices, long recommended by county agricultural agents, can bring about a diversion of water in almost any area selected for trees.

Among the trees which are being grown successfully - and have been grown for more than 10 years - by landscape garden

demonstrators in the Panhandle and on the plains are black walnut, red cedar, osage orange or bois d'arc, green ash, desert willow, hackberry and honey locust, says Miss Hatfield.

Also grown in these and the drier regions of the state are the jujube, mulberry, Russian olive, salt cedar, wild plum and Chinese elm.

There's a trick to it, but trees can be grown in any Texas county.

**SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT NEWS**

Soil Conservation farmers throughout Texas and Oklahoma areas that are under threat of spring blowing are taking advantage of excellent moisture conditions to list and chisel farm lands to reduce the blow threat.

Report to Louis P. Merrill, regional Soil Conservation Service head, show that thousands of farmers in the western portions of the two states are getting their land in condition to resist blowing and making plans to get good plant cover on it as quickly as possible.

Field men of the Soil Conservation Service had reported to the regional director that 4,613,200 acres of Texas and Oklahoma lands are still without enough plant cover to prevent wind erosion when drying winds come with sufficient force.

More than 3,000,000 of these unprotected acres are in Texas -- 2,873,000 in Plains area and nearly 200,000 acres in the Sandy Cross Timbers.

Oklahoma's total in acres without sufficient protection is 1,561,000 with 1,131,700 acres in Plains land and 429,000 in Cross Timbers sandy land.

The field reports to Merrill say that the soil surface in many areas is puffed and powdery as a result of the alternate freezing and thawing of recent weeks.

"Such lands are in a far more precarious condition than they were in last fall when we had so much wind erosion," Merrill said.

Field headquarters of SCS are encouraging use of emergency measures to prevent immediate blowing and are helping operators in starting long range programs that will furnish continuing protection against the wind. The emergency measures include listing, chiseling, or deep plowing. The longer term program includes the use of crops that will provide good wind resistant stubble or residue, such as grain sorghums, the use of strips or blocks of such crops with a clean-tilled crop such as cotton or peanuts, and at all times the practice of leaving plant residue intact until there is moisture in the soil to produce a new crop. Crop rotations are also important in keeping the soil in a wind-resistant condition.

Recent rains and snow have increased the depth of soil moisture from zero at some points to from 18 to 60 inch depths over the entire plains area of Texas and Oklahoma.

This gives new life to wheat in the dry areas, assuring the success of that crop generally. It further guarantees the opportunity for a long time conservation program when spring planting time comes.

In some areas where wind erosion has been especially severe, landowners are working hard to get the badly damaged areas in permanent grass cover.

Tours and visits to areas and farms on which blowing has been controlled by soil conservation measures have been extremely convincing to operators who have seen their unprotected fields hummocked and blown out in recent months, Merrill said.

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Among out of town relatives attending the funeral of Gayle Edwards at Dudley Sunday were: Mrs. Guy Edwards, Fresno, Cal.; Mr. and Mrs. Perry Rains, Stanton; Mr. and Mrs. Walker Boyd, Comanche; Mrs. Alma Gary, Cross Plains; Mrs. Grace Ford and children, Hawley; Mr. and Mrs. Hildon Collins, Stephenville; Mrs. Cora Edwards, Stanton; Mr. and Mrs. Leston Edwards of New Mexico.

Mrs. Agnes Worsham of Lubbock is recovering from appendectomy at Callahan County Hospital Monday night. She and Mr. Worsham arrived at the home of her mother, Mrs. Sallie Eastham, Sunday afternoon from Ft. Worth. Mrs. Bess Johnson of Monahans is at her sister's bedside.

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Mrs. and Mr. A. R. Dallas visited Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Jones at Admiral Sunday afternoon.

The editor enjoyed a visit with Alton E. Hornsby at the Star office when he was in town Friday.

Mrs. W. B. Jones and son, Bill, made a trip to Denton Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Mitchell of Odessa visited Judge and Mrs. F. E. Mitchell Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. H. L. Broadfoot of Clyde was a business visitor here Monday.

Sybil Ann Elder, student at the University of Texas, visited her grandmother, Mrs. Cora Work, and other relatives the past weekend.

C. D. Leon of Dallas and Ed Fleming of Graham were Baird visitors Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pyeatt and sons of Abilene visited Mrs. Pyeatt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pierce in Clyde last weekend.

Dean Pierce of San Angelo visited his parents in Clyde last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Smith and Mrs. Haynie Gilliland visited Haynie Gilliland at Legion on Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pierce of Clyde made a business trip to Dallas last week. They returned home by San Angelo where they visited their daughter, Mrs. H. E. Stephens and family, and their son Dean Pierce. They also attended Gene Autry's World Championship in San Angelo.

Mrs. C. D. Leon and daughter, Sandra, of Dallas, visited Dr. and Mrs. M. C. McGowen Wednesday and Thursday of last week, and Mrs. Leon's mother, Mrs. H. C. McGowen visited Mrs. John McGowen.

Jimmy Webster of Dallas visited his mother, Mrs. R. A. Webster, the past weekend.

**County Agent's Column**  
Oliver F. Werst

**Remember Your Pecan Trees**

Care and management of a pecan grove is not complete without pecan insect control. When the right variety of pecan trees are growing in good soil, it is possible to harvest more pecans practically every year when a crop is set, if the insects are controlled. It is possible to control pecan insects if the growers have good equipment for spraying and follow good recommendations.

The insect to fight this time of the year is obscure scale. This is a small insect that is covered with a circular waxy scale. The outside of the scale is ashy gray with a distinct black spot in the middle. They will be found on the bark but will not be seen moving around over the tree. They feed on the juices by injecting a small needle-like beak through the bark. Many times large limbs and occasionally the entire tree will be killed. They do not feed on the leaves or pecans.

Obscure scale is difficult to control because it is well protected. Best control can be obtained by thoroughly spraying the trees during the winter or dormant season with 3% dormant oil. (Caution: Do not spray trees with this oil if the leaves are present).

The 3% dormant oil spray will also aid in the control of the pecan phylloxera or gall stones. Soon after the trees leaf out in the spring, little green balls may be found on the leaves and twigs. If the balls or galls are cut open many small white wingless gnat-like insects will be found inside. These insects are the pecan phylloxera. Only pecan and related plants such as walnut and hickory are attacked. Heavy infestations on the leaves and twigs will lower the pecan yields. Usually certain trees in the orchard will be infested every year.

Pecan phylloxera cannot be controlled after the ball is formed on the leaves or twigs. They can be controlled, however, if the trees are sprayed during the dormant season with 3% dormant oil as recommended for obscure scale, because most of the phylloxera over-winter on the pecan tree. A second spray will be necessary in the spring when the leaves are about 1-3 grown. For the second spray use 1 pint of black leaf 40, 3 or 4 pounds of soap in 100 gallons of water. One quart of summer oil can be substituted for the soap.

As the year progresses other articles will be written on pecan nut casebearers, aphids, mites, and other insects that might attack pecan trees. Anyone desiring to have a bulletin on pecan insects and their control may get a bulletin from the county agent by writing or coming to the office.

**Attention Cotton Farmers**

Don't forget to get your cotton poison material early this year. From all indications there will be a large acreage of cotton planted this year. Many people will be trying to get poison. The recommended poison to use this year for thrips, aphids, flea hoppers or boll weevils alone or in combination is the 3-5-40 mixture. This is 3% gamma benzene hexachloride - 5% DDT - 40% sulphur. 20% chlorinated camphene with 40% sulphur is also a good dust.

Early season dusting is a good investment to insure early fruiting in areas where flea hoppers, aphids, and boll weevils and thrips do damage. The first dusting should be made soon after the cotton has been "chopped or plowed"; and the last dusting of the Early Season Control Program should be made before the crop started blooming. Poisoning cotton after the blooms appear should be followed with caution.

Tests that were run by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in 1946 and 1947 show that cotton dusted with the 3-5-40 mixture made on the average

of 511 pounds more seed cotton per acre than the untreated cotton. Cotton dusted with the 20% chlorinated camphene - 40% sulphur mixture made 473 pounds more seed cotton per acre than untreated cotton. Cotton dusted with Calcium arsenate made 316 pounds more seed cotton per acre than untreated cotton. So no matter what you use it will increase the amount of seed cotton per acre to dust.

If insects are allowed to start damage before action is taken, control is more difficult and costly, to say nothing of the cotton lost. So kill 'em before they get started.

Harvey Black of Putnam entered Hendrick Memorial Hospital at Abilene, for surgery on his arm which was broken on Oct. 15 in a car accident. Other injuries sustained were a broken left shoulder, broken right arm in the wrist, and several teeth knocked loose.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Terry and baby, H. B. III, visited Mrs. Terry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Tarrant, Route 2 Clyde, Saturday and Sunday.

**Tecumseh Topics**

Mrs. Dolph Hodges  
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Among relatives and friends at T&P depot in Abilene Thursday to accompany the body of Gayle Edwards to Elliott's Funeral Home were: Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Crawford, Mrs. O. Lovan, Mrs. Callie Windham, Mr. and Mrs. L. Hayhurst, Mr. and Mrs. Finley Corn, Dudley; Mrs. Buck Barnard, Mr. and Mrs. Allen, Kerby Myers, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Turner, Oplin; Mrs. Hampton and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Armor were unable to attend the funeral in Brady, Friday, Feb. 25th, of Mr. Armor's uncle, Mr. Draper.

Mr. Armor's brother, Otto Armor of San Angelo, is still ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Hodges recently had the pleasure of renewing acquaintance with Mrs. Jim Walls of Wichita Falls, when they attended the wedding of her sister, Mrs. Maudie Mayfield and Frank Carpenter, Feb. 20th.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Hayhurst and family and Mr. and Mrs. L. L.

Atchley attended the singing at Potosi Sunday, Feb. 25th.

Dan Burrows, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rube Burrows, is reported recovering nicely after two weeks hospitalization.

Mrs. Hazel Crawford has recovered from a light case of flu.

Felix Crawford is on the sick list.

Mrs. J. A. Brashear and Mrs. M. C. McGowen attended the funeral of T. F. Mayfield at Bruceville Friday. Mr. Mayfield was the father of Mrs. Carl Lamb of Cisco, former resident of Baird.

Mrs. Wesley Patton and Mrs. Paul Shanks spent Tuesday and Wednesday of last week visiting in Big Spring and Stanton. Little Terry Shanks of Stanton returned with them for a few days visit in the Shanks home.

Mrs. Hall of Sidney spent the past two weeks with her daughter, Mrs. J. V. Thompson and family.

Mrs. J. T. Lawrence left Sunday for Dallas to attend the Gift Show this week, and to visit her sister, Mrs. Ralph Buckingham at Gainesville.

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You need lots of water. It takes about 200 barrels of water to grow one bushel of corn. That's around 625,000 gallons for every 100 bushels. And most other growing plants also require large amounts of moisture. . . . You can't control the amount of rainfall you get. But you can conserve it, so that every drop does the best possible job of making grass or crops for you.

As farmers and ranchers in every state well know, water has a "split personality." It can



be your ally, or a devastating foe. Lashing rains can erode away inches of fertile topsoil in a short time. But it takes nature 300 to 1,000 years to rebuild each lost inch. That's why the control of water is so important in a good land management program. Considerable progress in erosion control has been made in the past ten years. But we've still got a long way to go! Hundreds of millions of productive acres are endangered by erosion and gullying. They're washing away! Only good land management can save our soil and keep America strong. It will pay you—and all of us—to make that water walk downhill.

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5. Ky-31 Fescue—High-yielding, supplies longer grazing, especially good for southern and southeastern states.
6. Russian Wild Rye, Blackwell Strain of Switchgrass, Hays Buffalo Grass, Yellow Bluestem and Sweet Sudan are other new or improved grasses for adapted areas.

Grasses usually give higher yields and better quality forage when grown in association with an adapted legume.

*Martha Logan's Recipe for*  
**BEEF PLATE WITH HORSERADISH SAUCE**

(Yield: 3 to 4 Servings)

1 1/2 pounds beef plate floured	1/2 cup sliced onions
2 tablespoons shortening	1/2 cup chopped celery or celery leaves
1 teaspoon salt	1 1/2 cups water

Cut meat into serving pieces and dip in flour. Melt shortening in heavy kettle. Brown meat well on both sides. Add salt, onions, celery, and water. Cover and cook 3 hours. Serve with Horseradish Sauce.

**HORSERADISH SAUCE**—Melt 2 tbsp. butter or margarine in a saucepan, blend in 2 tbsp. flour, mixing well. Slowly add 1 cup milk, stirring until well mixed, and thick and smooth. Add 1 tsp. salt, 3 tbsp. lemon juice, 1 tbsp. sugar, 1/2 cup horseradish. Cook over low heat until thoroughly heated.

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**Clyde Comments**  
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The members of the sophomore class of Clyde High School were entertained by Francis Weathers, in the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Weathers last week. Games were played after which refreshments were served to the following: S. I. Freeman, class sponsor, Mrs. Freeman, Lynn Tedford, Catharine Barr, Bailey Rogers, Charlie Burks, Rilla Terry, Vinora Freeman, Jimmy Williams, J. W. Henson, Tommy Tucker, Mary Kendrick, Robert Collins, Allen Jones, Nell Corly, Jerry Calloway, Loueda McGoagh, Paul Dugan, and Raynell Rudel. A fine time was had by all.

Dick Ham, formerly of Clyde and who is now attending Hardin-Simmons University of Abilene, was one of 28 men who received numerals for performing with the 1948 freshman football eleven. The Cowboy freshmen team waded through a five game schedule undefeated and untied, bowling over three junior colleges and two freshmen opponents.

Marjorie Tarrant, who is attending Draughtons' Business College in Abilene, is among the high ranking students whose names appear on the honor roll this month.

Mrs. Ted Calloway, Worthy Matron of Clyde Chapter of Eastern Star, attended the school of instruction held for this district at Brownwood last week. She served as Warder at the school and attended a luncheon honoring the State Grand officers, at which the Worthy Grand Matron of the State of Texas, Mrs. Esther Baldwin, of Wichita Falls, was the principal speaker. Miss Cora Posey, former Grand Matron and Grand Secretary of the State for many years, of Indian Creek, also spoke.

T-Sgt. J. B. Connel recently returned from Guam and is visiting his mother, Mrs. Oscar Connel and other relatives here. After a 45 day furlough he will report to Carswell Field, Ft. Worth for new assignment. While on overseas duty, Sgt. Connel saw Japan, the Philippines, Okinawa, Iwo Jima, Saipan and Guam.

Pvt. J. H. Pierce has returned from Fort Belvoir, Virginia and visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pierce. Pvt. Pierce is to report to Seattle, Wash. March 15th.

Henry Calloway and family of Cisco, spent last weekend with his brother, Ted Calloway and family.

Tommy Dunn, of Grand Prairie, is spending the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. (Happy) Dunn.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Carter and son, of Ft. Worth, spent last weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Freeman and family.

Mrs. M. W. Caperton spent Thursday in the home of her daughter, Mrs. O. H. Cowley and family of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Church have as their guests this week, Mrs. Church's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. White, of Waxahatchie.

**Rowden Round-Up**  
Irene Mauldin  
Community Activities Reliably  
Reported by The Star Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Odell and family of Admiral spent Friday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Odell.

Mrs. Effie Holloway spent Thursday night with her sisters, Sis and Mas, in Cottonwood.

Mrs. McGowen, of California, who has been visiting with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Stephens, has returned to her home. Gerald Stephens went with her.

A large crowd attended the singing at the Baptist Church, Sunday afternoon.

Sunday visitors in the home of Mrs. Mattie Gibbs and Raymond were: Mrs. R. L. Darby, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kline and girls, Jean Mauldin and Dean Gibbs.

Frank and G. W. Parker, of Abilene, visited in the Bayou school Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Harless, of Lubbock, spent Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. Gene Mauldin and family.

Mrs. Joyce Odom and girls had dinner with Mrs. Billie Rose on Saturday.

Miss Donna Odell of Admiral spent Thursday night with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Thornton went to Buffalo Gap Saturday to spend the day with his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Thornton.

Bonnie Munselle spent Saturday night and Sunday with Irene Mauldin.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stephens and Donald visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Mauldin a while Saturday night.

Granville Gibbs, of Abilene, visited his mother, Mrs. Leila Gibbs Saturday.

The Bayou Junior girls basketball team won consolation in the North Park tournament.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Steele visited Mr. and Mrs. Homer Walker Saturday afternoon.

Reuben Sanders and family of Abilene spent Friday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Sanders.

R. L. Smedley spent Sunday night with Roland Dee and Don Mauldin.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Elliott and Pauline spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Smedley.

Mrs. Jimmie Smedley and Jimmy Reid spent the weekend at Eula with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Grayson Miller.

Mrs. Walter Jones and Mrs. Gene Mauldin visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Odell Thursday afternoon.

**Dudley Dabble**  
Norma Wolfe  
Delectable Deeds Delineated  
To Dazzle and Delight

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Windham were entertained in the home of friends with a forty-two party. Mrs. Windham is the former Ila Belle Coffman of Dudley.

Visiting in the home of Mrs. Elbert Crawford of Dudley and Mrs. Melvin Betcher, Baird, is their mother, Mrs. Guy Edwards of Fresno, Calif. Mrs. Edwards is here to attend the reburial of her son, Pvt. Gayle Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Windham Friday night.

Well, I guess Don had a pleasant surprise this week. Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Jones brought home a new Chevrolet.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Kimbrough and family have moved back to Abilene. I really don't know who hated which worse, they, having to go, or us, having for them to leave. We are all sorry to see them leave. Already we miss them, and really wish they were back.

The reburial of Pvt. Gayle Edwards was held at the Dudley Baptist Church and cemetery. Surviving Pvt. Edwards are his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Edwards; five sisters, Mrs. Johnny Oban, Beverly Edwards, Mrs. Melvin Betcher, Mrs. Elbert Crawford and Mrs. L. J. Freer; his wife, the former Betty Jo Hampton. Mrs. Elbert Crawford, Mrs. Finley Coughran, Mrs. C. H. Betcher, Mrs. Melvin Betcher, Mrs. Earl Turner, Mrs. Olivena Lovan, Mrs. Callie Windham and Mrs. Wesley Coughran were at Abilene Thursday afternoon to meet the body of Pvt. Edwards.

Leroy, young son of Glenn Betcher has returned home to his father, after visiting in Oregon.

**TEEN GOSSIP**  
The Denton High School students were entertained with a skating party at the Arcadia Roller Rink at Abilene. Teachers with the group were Mrs. Vinita McKenzie, English teacher, and Mrs. Opal Mitchell, fifth and sixth grade teacher. Also attending were the bus driver and wife, Mr. and Mrs. "Heel" Bailey and daughter Lavina, and Mr. McKenzie, Betty and Mina. Students attending were: Comer Ogle, Von Farmer, Edd Farmer, Bibby Kimbrough, T. M. Allen, Benny King, Freddie Kemper, Thurman Atchley, R. T. Baker, J. W. Willoughby, Kenneth Shipman, Olaf Johnston, Carrol Edwards, Robert Armor, and R. G. Farmer of Eula. Girls were: Pat Whitley, Ann Gotcher, Ruth Connel, Violet Davis, Faye Scott, Audrey Shipman, Barbara Breeding, Hattie and Janice Lelew. Willadene Mitchell and yours truly. A wonderful time was had by all who attended. The top hit of the evening was a skating exhibition held by a 93-year-old man who claims to hold a medal for being the world's oldest skater. The medal was said to be awarded in 1938.

Janice Lelew was the Friday night guest of Barbara Breeding, while Hattie was my Friday guest.

Visiting in the Wolfe home Friday afternoon were Hattie Lelew and Faye Scott.

The Junior-Senior play "Mis Adventure" is scheduled to be portrayed for your enjoyment on either the fourth or fifty of April.

**MRS. MORRIS EDWARDS HOSTS H. D. CLUB**  
Texas Independence Day theme was carried out by the hostess, Mrs. Morris Edwards, when the Eula Home Demonstration Club met with her on Mar. 2nd. She was assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Harry Howard, of Abilene.

Mrs. E. E. Harrison presided for the business session. The program for the afternoon was "Marketing and the Care of Eggs," by Mrs. L. T. Harris, marketing chairman. Roll call was answered by giving "Helping Hints and Stain Removal," by Mrs. M. L. Logan, Mrs. P. B. Loving, Mrs. A. L. Barnes, Mrs. Weldon Edwards, Mrs. L. T. Harris, Mrs. Dixon Favor, Mrs. Rufus Miller, Miss Willie Mae Bourland, Mrs. Reo Jolly, Mrs. E. E. Harrison, Mrs. Clyde Johnston, Mrs. Tom Stoker, Mrs. Evan Barton and Mrs. Harry Howard.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Weldon Edwards, March 16.

Mrs. Joe McGowen, accompanied Mrs. Mattie McGoethlin to Ft. Worth Wednesday, enroute to Dallas to visit her daughter, Mrs. Louise Collins and family a few days.

**ALEXANDER-EARLE WEDDING AT DODSON, MARCH 5th**

In a candlelight service read in the Church of Christ in Dodson, Betty Jean Alexander, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Alexander of Dodson, became the bride of Ellis W. Earle, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Earle of Clyde. Van Bonneau, minister of the church, officiated.

The couple stood before an altar banked with greenery and flanked by baskets of white gladioluses and stock, and by cathedral tapers in branched candelabras.

Music was provided by the church choir, which sang "I Love You Truly," "Indian Love Call," and the traditional "Bridal Chorus," and recessional.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of off-white slipper satin, designed with a fitted bodice, scalloped neckline, and waist line accented with a peplum. The full skirt fell into a train, and she wore a finger-tip veil of illusion. Her only jewelry was a single strand of pearls, a gift from the bridegroom, and she carried a nosegay of red roses atop a white Bible.

Mrs. Thomas A. Moore of Aspermont, sister of the bridegroom, was matron of honor, and bridesmaids were Barbara Baumgardner of Wellington and Mrs. Newell Burk of Lubbock.

They wore gowns of taffeta with matching mitts and headdresses and carried bouquets of pink carnations. Mrs. Moore wore pink taffeta, Mrs. Burk wore blue, and Miss Baumgardner wore yellow. Flower girls were Faye Pope of Wellington and Zenith Swift of Dodson.

Doyle McGough of Peacock was best man, and groomsmen were Rufus Earle of Clyde, and Ruel Alexander of Dodson.

The bride is a graduate of Wellington High School and is attending Texas Technological College in Lubbock. She is a member of Phi Gamma Nu sorority. The bridegroom graduated from Peacock High School and is also a student at Texas Tech. He served with the Army Air Force during World War II.

After a wedding trip to points in North Texas and Oklahoma, the couple will return to Lubbock to live until they complete their college work.

James H. Pierce of the U. S. Army, who has just completed the enlisted construction equipment mechanics course of Ft. Belvoir, Virginia, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pierce in Clyde. He is on his way to Seattle, Wash., where he expects to go overseas again. James spent 3 years and 8 months in the Navy during World War II, and he volunteered for the Army last September.

Mrs. Donald Melton and daughters, Yvonne and Sharon of Coleman, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Lawrence Saturday.

Rev. and Mrs. John T. Allen and children, of Hondo, visited Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gilliland last week. Mr. Gilliland is recovering from major surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bennett of Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Parrott and son, Tim, of Valera, visited their grandfather, B. H. Bennett, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill White of El Paso were visiting friends here Friday and Saturday.

**HEALTH FACTS**

Austin — Contrary to the popular belief that pyorrhea is always incurable, this is only true in the most advanced cases, according to Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer. His advice to persons who even suspect the presence of pyorrhea is to seek an early diagnosis from their dentist so that proper treatment can be instituted while the disease is still curable.

"Early detection and proper treatment of pyorrhea represent the formula for a successful cure. This means that the dentist must have an opportunity to discover the presence of the disease at the earliest possible moment. Since the symptoms are often so vague that the patient is unaware of having pyorrhea," Dr. Cox said, "regular visits to the family dentist are extremely important in the control of this disease."

The treatment of pyorrhea is not an involved procedure. In the average early case one of the main therapeutic features is the proper hygienic care of teeth and gums as outlined by any reputable dentist. Carelessness regarding mouth hygiene is usually the basic cause for the condition.

The family dentist can usually remove the cause of the trouble, Dr. Cox said, and when this has been done, intelligent routine care of the mouth by the patient will help to effect fairly quick cure in the majority of early cases.

Ellis Adams of Ft. Worth made a business trip here last week.

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**MRS. IRVIN CORN IS HOSTESS TO W. S. C. S.**

The W.S.C.S. of the Methodist Church met March 7th in the home of Mrs. Irvin Corn, with Mrs. J. V. Thompson as co-hostess. Mmes. Stubblefield, Hickman, Hill and English led the discussion on The Bible Study. Prayer was led by Mrs. Baulch. Those present for the social hours were: Mmes. Brice Jones, W. A. Fetterly, O. B. Jarrett, C. P. Gobie, V. E. Hill, Ace Hickman, John English, Jack Stevens, M. L. Stubblefield, Bob Norrell, Miss Betsy Hickman and the hostess.

**SURPRISE SHOWER FOR MRS. WENDELL JONES**

Mrs. Wendell Jones of Lubbock, was honored with a surprise shower at the home of Mrs. J. Brice Jones Saturday afternoon. Hostesses were Mmes. Jack Sims, Bill Bragg and George Crutchfield, Jr. Mrs. Hubert Ross entertained with a selection of readings. Delicious refreshments were served to fifteen guests.

**MRS. MCGOWEN HOSTESS TO DELPHIAN CLUB**

Mrs. M. C. McGowen entertained the Delphian Club in her home February 2nd. Fourteen members and two guests, Mrs. Willard Kelton and Mrs. E. J. Hill, were present.

Club Counselor, Mrs. Edwin Reese, announced March 7th as Friendship Day. Mrs. W. P. Brightwell reported the receiving of two letters, one from a family in Greece and one from Holland, thanking her for bundles she had sent to them. Mrs. M. L. Stubblefield reported sending a box of clothing for the club to a European family.

The Delphian Club voted to donate one dollar to purchase flower and garden seed to be sent to CARE to replace seeds that will be used where they are needed most in foreign countries. The club also voted to donate to the Virginia Brightwell Music Fund; The Latin-American Scholarship Fund; The Flisk Loan Fund; The Penny Fund, and the Penny Music Fund.

The January meeting was combined with the February meeting, and the election of officers for the ensuing year, along with the programs made a full afternoon. Mrs. Faye White gave a discussion on "Our General Federation," Mrs. M. D. Bell - "Woman's Clubs in All Lands," discussing a club in China particularly, and Mrs. Edwin Reese "Happy Birthday to Me," a story of a child's birthday in Guatemala. After the meeting a brief social period followed.

The next meeting will be on March 22nd, which will be the Texas Day program, in the home of Mrs. E. L. Reese.

**ADMIRAL CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. EASTHAM**

The Admiral H. D. Club met in the home of Mrs. Ethel Eastham, March 4th. The roll call was answered by giving stain removing hints.

Maurine Eubanks was elected T.H.D.A. chairman; Mrs. Arthur Beasley, marketing chairman; Mrs. Buddie Smith and Maurine Eubanks to attend the clothing training meeting to be held at Baird on March 14th.

Refreshments were served to the following members: Mrs. Claxton Jones and Vicky Lou, Mrs. George Eubanks, Mrs. Arthur Beasley, Mrs. Buddie Smith and hostess, Mrs. Ethel Eastham. The club adjourned to meet in the home of Mrs. George Eubanks on March 18th.

**PONTIAC NO. 3,000,000 COMES OFF LINE**



The three millionth Pontiac, a cream-colored convertible sedan, was produced this week by Pontiac Motor Division of General Motors. Harry J. Klingler, general manager of Pontiac for the last 15 years, drove the history-making model off the production line. With him, standing, is L. W. Ward, general salesmanager. The city of Pontiac made the occasion a civic celebration.

**Can Our Community Benefit From Voc. Agricultural Program?**  
N. E. Lewis

This can be answered and is being answered every day in every Agricultural Community in the United States. Agriculture is the basis of economical stability, and the future of our agriculture rests completely on our farm youth population of today.

By this same line of reasoning, does not the future of Baird and the surrounding community rely entirely on its farm youth, the boys of Vocational Agriculture, who are learning the best practices to be used on farms and ranches for the continued growth and prosperity of the community?

You are perhaps wondering what the boys are doing and learning in this phase of their education. I will answer this question by using as an illustration one class period of the Vocational Agriculture 1 boys. Tuesday of this week, in their study of soil conservation, the Vocational Agriculture 1 boys made a field trip to study some soil conservation practices and their effects.

This trip was made under the direction of Mr. D. C. Cox, well known throughout Texas for his work in the Soil Conservation Service. The farm visited was owned by Mr. C. H. Siadous and is located a few miles west of Baird on highway 80. Mr. Cox and Mr. Siadous pointed out the benefits of rye and vetch as a soil conserving crop, then asked the boys for questions. Through these questions some interesting facts were brought out. One was, that the first year Mr. Siadous planted rye and vetch, he harvested a very profitable crop of vetch seed. Second, and more important was the fact that Mr. Siadous has since turned under every crop in his orchard without harvesting it, because the value returned to the land in the form of organic matter, and the ability to hold moisture is equally as profitable. Last year in the dry season, moisture could be reached at a depth of three or four inches in the or-

chard where the rye and vetch had been turned under, where as, in the field, just across the fence where no rye or vetch had been turned under, moisture was practically unavailable; and as far as plants were concerned it was totally unavailable.

This example of what the boys are doing in Vocational Agriculture covered only one period out of a week of five. Multiply this by the number of class periods spent in the study of practical agriculture and you begin to have some idea of the importance of the training these boys are getting.

**MISS HOOKER HOSTESS TO JUNIOR WEDNESDAY CLUB**

Sue Hooker was hostess to the Junior Wednesday Club Monday night. Mrs. Richard Windham presided at the business session. Roll call was answered by naming safe and entertaining toys for children.

The program topic was "Child Care." Mrs. Carl Yarbrough spoke on "Safety Training of the Pre-School Child." Mrs. Russell Warren discussed "Proper Approaches to Childhood Fears," and Betsy Hickman gave points on "The Prevention of Children's diseases."

Refreshments, carrying out St. Patrick's Day motif, were served to Mmes. Winifred Scott, Gilmer Hughes, H. L. Ferguson, Carl Yarbrough, Frankie Crow, Russell Warren, Bill Bragg, Burl Varner, Richard Windham, Arnold Coleleasure, and Misses Ruth Dyer, Evelyn Frazier, Betsy Hickman, Sue Hooker.

The next meeting will be on March 21 with Mrs. Carl Yarbrough.

**P. T. A. MEETING**

All members of the P.T.A. are asked to attend a meeting on Thursday afternoon.

**T.B. ASSOCIATION TO MEET WEDNESDAY**

Callahan County T.B. Association will meet at 3 p. m. Wednesday, March 16, at the library. All people interested are urged to attend.

**EIGHTEEN PRESENT WHEN BROWNIE TROOP MEETS**

Eighteen members of the local Brownie Troop of the Girl Scouts met March 2 at 2:30 p. m. Mrs. Morgan Stokes, assistant Troop leader, was in charge of activities.

The beginning of a new month saw many plans for troop projects which will include further work in glass painting and decorating of planters for house ivy.

Those present were: Janis Joy Abernathy, Louanna Mae Ault, Nancy Lee Bryant, Melba Ann Bryant, Janice Brown, Jo Ann Gary, LaFonda Glegorn, Beverly Anne Konczak, Jeanette McPherson, Betty Pritchard, Mary Ross, Martha Faye Payne, Charlene Pendergrass, Artie Mae Stokes, Barbara Snyder, Linda Gayle West and Billy Ruth Walls.

**MRS. GIBBINS HOSTESS TO ENTERPRISE CLUB**

The Enterprise Club met in the home of Mrs. C. H. Gibbins, March 4th, with Mrs. P. H. Patton, president, presiding.

The five marketing recommendations were read by Mrs. R. E. Hansen. Mrs. Paul Shanks talked on how to keep and grade eggs for market, and especially, caring for eggs to sell to the hatcheries.

Mrs. J. W. Patton attended a meeting in Ballinger, where plans were formulated for the district meeting to be held in April.

Mrs. Gibbins and Mrs. J. C. Meadows were hostess to: Mmes. Sam Sherill, J. W. Patton, Ben Nunn, A. L. Powers, C. B. Collins, Roy Pringle and Jerry. O. J. Witte, Will Young, J. A. Coffey, Paul Shanks, Arnel Powers and Esther, R. E. Hansen, Leon Kendrick, J. C. Meadows, C. H. Gibbins, J. H. Patton, and Ray Young.

**ABILENE WOMAN SPEAKS HERE ON MISSIONS**

Mrs. A. E. Suggs, president of the Abilene Presbyterian, spoke on the subject of Missions and During the Lenten Season, when she made an official visit with the Baird Presbyterian Missionary Society Monday, March 7th. Mrs. Suggs was accompanied by Rev. and Mrs. S. T. Travis. Mrs. Travis gave a report on the Amsterdam meeting in Holland. Refreshments were enjoyed during the social hour.

**WORKERS CONFERENCE TO MEET AT COTTONWOOD**

Callahan County Baptist Workers Conference will have an all-day meeting at Cottonwood Baptist Church March 17th. Theme of the meeting will be "The Church and Its Agents," with J. W. Partin delivering the sermon, "The Church" at 11:40 a. m. The conference will open with a song service at 10 a. m.

**OPLIN 4-H CLUB MEETS**

Oplin 4-H Club met March 3 at the Oplin school, with fourteen present. After ten minutes of recreation, Mrs. Evelyn Scott told the group how to make a shaggy rug.

Kathleen Beaver, Reporter.

Warrant Officer Morris Cooke, Mrs. Cooke and children, Mary Louise and Rodger, of Waco, were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Cooke.

**CARD OF THANKS**

I wish to thank everyone who was so kind to my baby and me while we were in the hospital. Special thanks to Dr. Griggs, Dr. Varner, Mrs. Green and the nurses. I appreciate the lovely shower given me and the beautiful flowers and cards sent. May God bless each and every one of you.

MRS. ROY BRYANT.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to express our appreciation for the beautiful flowers, the words of sympathy, and the many acts of kindness during our mother's illness and death. May God's richest blessings be yours.

THE CONLEE FAMILY.

**CARD OF THANKS**

I wish to express my sincere thanks for the many kindnesses shown me while I was in the hospital recently. The beautiful flowers and the many cards did a lot to help me get well quicker. I especially want to publicly thank the doctors, nurses and hospital staff for the very close attention they gave me. Every kind word and each deed will long be remembered.

MRS. O. B. POOL.

**CARD OF THANKS**

To our many friends whose sympathetic understanding, kindly words, and thoughtful deeds meant so much to us at the funeral services of our son and brother, we express our heartfelt appreciation.

For the food brought in and the beautiful floral offerings sent by our friends and neighbors, we are grateful. Mr. and Mrs. Guy Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Butcher.

**Mesquites Rob Callahan County of More Beef Than Rustlers of Olden Times Ever Did**

By BOB ANDERSON

College Station, Mar. 7.—Rustlers worry few Texas ranchers today because stern justice through the years has made it unhealthy. Even so robbers are present on every Callahan county pasture today, stealing more pounds of beef than rustlers ever did. Their name is Mesquite and they deserve a hanging.

The slow, steady encroachment of brush on range once prairie is due to a number of factors. The most important cause is overgrazing, which bares the ground and provides easy entrance for the mesquite seed. The seed sprouts and grows rapidly because the sparse grass provides little competition for water and nutrient. Other reasons include its greater drought resistance, lack of grazing by stock, and long life.

It is cold comfort to say that mesquite is not completely bad, and that bean production is always heaviest in a drought year. No wise ranch manager wants to make his long range plans dependent on mesquite beans. Good perennial native range grasses are much more reliable.

Among the injurious effects of mesquite are: its competition with grass for water and nutrient; 20 per cent lower nutrient value of grass growing in the shade; the difficulties of working stock, and increased erosion due to decreased ground cover. Mesquite trees use 1700 pounds of water to make a pound of above ground dry matter, but grasses uses only about 40 lbs.

Experiments indicate that carrying capacity is increased up to 100 per cent in pastures where mesquite is eradicated.

The reason mesquite is so hard to kill is the presence of a bud zone just below the ground at the base of the trunk. This bud area must be killed for permanent eradication. Cutting of the

trunk above the bud zone results in a bushy sprout that in time is worse than the original tree if nothing is done to kill the buds.

Many methods are employed to kill mesquite. The kerosene method is one of the most widely used, and probably the most economical for most farmers. It requires no expensive equipment and is safe to use, but the percentage of kills varies somewhat. Many methods of application have been used with varying results. Diesel fuel is often substituted for kerosene where it is cheaper. One fairly successful method of application is to pour a pint to a quart, depending on the size of the tree, around the base of the tree. To be effective, the kerosene must reach the bud zone. Anything that makes this more complete increases the chances for a good kill. A small basin is often dug at the base of the trunk to retain and direct the fluid. The best time of the year is when the ground is dry, but it may be done at any time. A good kill is usually secured if the kerosene is applied when the ground has cracked away from the trunk in late summer.

Eradication is practical for many farm pastures, but considerable lowering of costs must come about if eradication is to be done economically on a big scale. It does have a place during slack seasons for a profitable employment of a farmer's time.

Even after complete eradication, the battle is far from over, for a reinvasion will occur unless proper grazing and management follows.

Harold Lynn Stephen of San Angelo visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pierce in Clyde last week.

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Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Rogers, Jr., of Abilene, visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Earp, and brother Saturday night. Other guests in the Earp home were Mr. and Mrs. James Page and little son of Ranger.

Mrs. Bill Wylie of Colorado City spent the past weekend with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hill.

Mrs. Glenn Boyd and O. O. Mobley visited Mr. Boyd in McCamey the past weekend.



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**BABY CHICKS** — Thousands hatching each Monday and Thursday. Better book your order now. ABTEX poultry feeds. Brooders and other supplies. STAR HATCHERY, Baird. tfn.

**FOUND** — Pair of boy's new shoes in box, found in Blanton Freeland's car. Call 193 or see Blanton Freeland. 1tc.

**NOTICE** — Will the boys who stole my mail box from the post, please return same to its rightful place. No further action will be taken unless this notice is ignored. Otto Schaffrina. 1tp.

**FOR SALE** — One 1 H.P. Johnston jet pump and motor at cost. Mrs. Earl Johnson. tfn.

Baby Sitting, day or night. Mrs. Della Farrar, phone 172. 2tp.

**FOR SALE** — 1941 International pick-up. Pat Johnson, Opalin, Texas. 4tp.

**LOST** — Tarp near Rowden on Highway 36, Sunday afternoon. C. Z. Anderson. tfn.

**LOST** — Brown Pekinese, black face, and answers to name of Ming Toy. J. V. (Smitty) Smith. 2tp.

Elderly lady wants companion. See Ernest Ham, Clyde, Rt. 2. 2tp.

**FOR SALE** — Battery raised fryers, Luther Maner, 438 Walnut St., Baird. 2tp.

**FOR SALE** — A good saddle, bridle, breast strap, and spurs. \$100 cash. W. H. Parks. 2tc.

**LOST** — Snatch block lost off my truck between my home and courthouse Thursday of last week. Finder please return to Geo. W. Kelley. 1tp.

**WANTED TO BUY** — Team of work horses. O. W. Best, Baird, Rt. 1. Across road east of Midway school. 1tp.

**FOR SALE** — 250 gal. Butane or Propane tank, upper-ground. Priced to sell. Elle Grothe, inquire at Hughes Service Station. 1tp.

**FOR SALE** — '28 Ford, \$300. See Jake Williams at Sutphen Motor Co. tfn.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Coats and sons, J. L. and Loran, and Mrs. Lee A. Coats, all of Portales, N. M.; Evadena Ellis and Chester Branch of this place, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ellis at Admiral Sunday.

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OXYDOL, large box	29c
CORN, Cream Style, No. 2 can, 2 for	19c
SPINACH, Del Monte, No. 2 can, 2 for	29c
TOMATO JUICE, Del Monte, 46 oz. can	29c
TEXAS ORANGES, 8 lb. bag	39c
CARROTS, two large bunches	9c
OLEO, Meadowlake colored squares, lb.	41c
CHEESE, Armour's, 2 lb. box	79c
BACON, sliced, cello squares, lb.	33c
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BACON, Market Sliced, lb.	45c
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CABBAGE PLANT, Early Jersey Wakefield, bunch	15c
FLOUR, Gold Chain, 10 lbs.	79c
FLOUR, Gladiola, 25 lbs.	\$1.79
SYRUP, East Texas Sorghum, gallon	\$1.10
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BEANS, White Great Northern, lb.	10c
MILK, Carnation, tall cans, 2 for	25c
VIENNA SAUSAGE, 2 cans	25c
GRAPEFRUIT JUICE, No. 2 can	10c
HONEY, Burselson's 5 lb. bucket, extra	89c
REX JELLY, 5 lb. jar	69c
CATSUP, Old Time, 14 oz. bottle	15c
COMPOUND, Mrs. Tuckers, 3 lbs.	69c
DUZ or RINSO, reg. size, pkg.	10c

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FISH, Boneless Perch (You'll like 'em) lb.	38c
BACON, Armours Star, slab sliced, lb.	49c
BACON, Sugar Cured Squares, sliced, lb.	33c
PIG LIVER, home killed, lb.	29c
SAUSAGE, Armour's Pure Pork, 1 lb. rolls	39c

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