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COUNTY OVERSUBSCRIBES COUNTY QUOTA ON RED CROSS ROLL CALL

Mrs. L. L. Blackburn, county chairman of the annual Red Cross Roll Call says that while she has not yet received reports from all points in the county she is sure that the county has enrolled more than five hundred members during the call, as reports received place the 494 members, and she has not had reports from Union, Dudley, Eula, Garniner, Enterprise, Rowden, Lone Oak, Cottonwood, Bayou, Gilliland and the west half of the Iona community.

Benefit Football Game Postponed

The benefit football game originally scheduled for Friday Dec. 4, will be played on the following Friday, Dec. 11. Tickets for the game will be on sale early part of next week. BE SURE TO GET YOURS.

ANOTHER CHAMPION COTTON PULLER

Editor Baird Star:
I see you mention a young man as the champion boll puller and wish to say that I pulled 646 pounds of bolls for Lonnie Childress on the Ed Horn place in six hours. Wasn't trying to make any record and I am just a boy too, only 57 years old. I believe I can pull or pick as much cotton as any boy within 7 years of my age from 1 day to 30. I am not bragging.
D. T. Perkins

SOCIAL NEWS

Please report all social news to the Star office. Thanks.

BRIDGE PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Foy entertained a few of their friends last Friday night, with seven tables of bridge, honoring Miss Marian Sheppard, of Dallas, who was their guest over the week-end. The party was held in the Ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Snyder. Although a cold drizzle was falling outside, big open fireplaces in each room made the house seem unusually warm and cozy. The tallies were vanity cases for the ladies and handkerchiefs for the men.

A salad course, of chicken salad, wafers, fruit cake, topped with whipped cream, and coffee was served to the following guests: Miss Marian Sheppard of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Keilty of Ft. Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Work, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Farmer, Mr. and Mrs. James Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Haynie Gilliland, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ray, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Ray, Mr. and Mrs. Woodfin Ray, Miss Doris Foy, Miss Ethelyn Clark, Mr. Hugh Ross Jr., Dr. Joe McFarlane, and Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Jackson.

P. T. A. PROGRAM

Song—Grammar School Choral Club
Reading—Miss Pressley
Authority and Discipline—Leader Mrs. Boren

P. T. A. meets Dec. 10th.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

On Wednesday afternoon from 4 to 6 Nov. 25th, Mrs. Fred Estes entertained in honor of her little daughter, Bettie Jane, the occasion being her sixth birthday. Many childish games were played after which the little guests were invited into the dining room where the birthday cake, a two tiered white and pink cake was cut and served with sandwiches, dixie cups and mints. Favors of little dolls were given to the girls and marbles to the boys.

There were twenty-five little friends present to enjoy this happy birthday with Betty Jane, who was the recipient of many pretty gifts.

FOOTBALL BOYS ENTERTAINED

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Estes and Miss Jaunita Johnson entertained the Football boys and Mr. Daniels, the coach, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Estes on Wednesday evening, November 18.

The B. H. S. colors of white and red were used in decorations in the living and dining rooms. Contests were engaged in for some time closing with a question contest in which J. B. Stringer was awarded the prize, a Teddy Bear, for answering the most questions.

Hotel Mae Under New Management

Mr. R. W. Brown and his mother of Lampasses have recently taken charge of the Hotel Mae, which was purchased some months ago by young Brown's father, who is a ranchman in the Lampasses country, and who will join his wife and son here sometime soon.

Mr. Brown informs us that he and his mother are well pleased here and later they plan to do considerable work on the hotel.

Former Residents Injured In Car Wreck

Four were injured in a head-on collision on the Waco highway late Thursday afternoon and was carried to the Boyd sanitarium at Hillsboro for first aid attention.

The accident occurred when Luddie J. Vyvial put on his brakes suddenly to avoid hitting a car in front of him and in doing so, skidded on the wet pavement into a car driven by Mrs. Addie Monroe of Teague, going in the opposite direction. The crash resulted in both cars being badly damaged and Vyvial receiving a severe laceration on his leg and forehead and being brought to the local sanitarium. Mrs. Monroe was accompanied by her two daughters and all three of them were injured in the crash, although not seriously.

Mrs. Monroe and her daughters formerly lived here and had planned to spend the past week-end with friends here.

School Teachers Visit Home Folks On Thanksgiving

A number of the teachers in the Baird Public School took advantage of the Thanksgiving holidays to visit their homes. Misses Clark, Brown, Suber and Messers Bailey and Daniels visited in Abilene; Miss Pressley spent the holidays with her sister in Ft. Worth; Miss Iverson spent Thanksgiving at her home in Marshall; Miss Rice spent Thanksgiving with her parents in Cleburne; Miss Boyd spent Thanksgiving with her parents in Throckmorton.

Mrs. L. C. Thompson Buried at Cottonwood Wednesday

Mrs. Fannie Thompson, wife of L. C. Thompson of Cottonwood died at the family home three miles north of Cottonwood Tuesday afternoon at 2:20 o'clock following an illness of ten days.

Funeral services were held at the Baptist church in Cottonwood Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock conducted by Revs. Ross Respass of Cottonwood, Joe R. Mayes and Royce Gilliland of Baird and interment made in the Cottonwood cemetery.

Mrs. Thompson, whose maiden name was Johnson, was born in Clay county Ala., on Jan. 18, 1868. She was married to Mr. L. C. Thompson on July 17, 1887 in Alabama. The family moved to the Cottonwood community from their home in Alabama in 1891, and have continued to reside in that community since that time.

Mrs. Thompson was the mother of thirteen children, four of whom died in early childhood. She is survived by her husband and nine children, five sons and four daughters, all of whom were at her bedside during her last illness. They are: Mrs. Cora Wilcox and Mrs. Maude Scott of Cottonwood; S. D. (Cos) Thompson, Bonnie Thompson and Mrs. Mellie Chatham of Baird; N. C. Thompson of Putnam; W. E. Thompson of Idalou Texas; Mrs. Ruby Frazier and Loy Thompson of Abilene; and thirty-one grand-children. She is also survived by two brothers, J. H. Johnson of Cottonwood and J. R. Johnson of Eskota. The latter named did not reach Cottonwood until yesterday.

Mrs. Thompson was an aunt of Mrs. G. M. King, Mrs. W. J. Ray, and Mrs. Pearle Rylee, of Baird, who with Mr. W. J. Ray, Mrs. Royce Gilliland and Percy King, attended the funeral.

Help Your City By Paying Your Tax

The City of Baird must meet an obligation on December 10th and the only way to carry out this necessary indebtedness and keep up its good credit, we earnestly request you to help us and come to our assistance by paying your City taxes by said date.

The administration makes this appeal in the hope that every one who possibly can will assist us and make us feel that you are behind us.

We assure you of our appreciation and thank you in advance for your help.

H. SCHWARTZ, Mayor.

Most trees thrive best in an acid soil.

Burnace Andrews With Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Co

Burnace Andrews has accepted a position as local representative of the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Co. of Greensboro, N. C., which is one of the largest insurance companies in the United States.

Mr. Andrews has his headquarters in Judge L. L. Blackburn's office and will devote his full time to this work.

Mr. Andrews is one of our most promising young men, capable and trustworthy in every respect and we trust he will have a splendid success in this work.

Mr. Andrews has been associated with the Shaw Motor Co for several years as salesman.

Schedule Of Rural School Basketball And Playground Ball

The schools of the county were divided into the following groups, for both basketball and playground ball.

Group 1

Iona, Lone Oak, Gardner, Dudley.

Group 2

Midway Fairview, Enterprise, Latham.

Group 3

Admiral, Belle Plaine, Atwell.

Group 4

Rowden, Dressy, Deer Plains.

The schools in each group shall get together and work out a plan whereby they can determine by Feb. 20, the champion teams in their group in senior boys, senior girls, junior boys, and junior girls, in basket ball.

Then on March 5, there will be held at Baird a senior boys and senior girls basketball tournament, composed of the winners of the groups in the county.

The tournament for the junior boys and junior girls will be held at the track meet.

The winners in playground ball in each group shall be determined by March 12, and the final games will be played at track meet.

The schools in each group shall formulate their own plans for determining the champion in their group.

A. L. JOHNSON
Rural School Director

A recent radio program was directed to three special audiences, one far underground in Mammoth Cave, one in the air in a dirigible, and a third in a submarine out in the Pacific.

The latest architecture for bee hives is a skyscraper design, four stories high.

CHRISTMAS HEALTH SEALS NOW ON SALE

Mother of Mrs. R. D. Green Buried Here

Mrs. Sarah A. Patterson, 75, mother of Mrs. R. D. Green of Abilene, died at the home of her daughter, 1358 Highland avenue, Abilene, Monday evening at 7 o'clock following a brief illness.

Funeral services were held at the Green home at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon and the remains brought to Baird for interment in Ross cemetery beside her husband who died here some years ago when Mr. and Mrs. Green were residents of this city.

Mrs. Patterson was born March 15, 1856, in Tennessee, and at the age of two years moved to Texas. She was married a McKinney, December 31, 1875, to John Newton Patterson.

Besides Mrs. Green, six grandchildren and two great grand children survive. One sister, Miss Ida Bright of Abilene, and four brothers, D. R. Bright, Snyder; M. A. Bright, Tucson, Ariz.; W. M. Bright, Long Beach, Calif., also survive.

Mrs. Patterson was a member of the Presbyterian church for many years. Dr. E. B. Surface, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church of Abilene conducted the funeral service.

Annual Chisholm Trail Council of Boy Scouts To Be Held In Abilene, Friday Dec. 11th

J. P. Fitch, Regional Scout Executive, (Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico) will be the principal speaker at the Annual Chisholm Trail Council meeting, Hilton Hotel, Abilene, Dec. 11th, 9 A. M. throughout the day. Fitch, during the twenty-second Anniversary of Scouting February 7, to 13, 1932, will celebrate his twenty-second year in Scouting. Undoubtedly Executive Fitch is one of the outstanding Scout Leaders in America.

Several representatives from Baird will attend the annual meeting of the Chisholm Trail Council which will be presided over by President J. P. Stinson.

An unusual feature of the meeting will be the presentation of the Silver Beaver Award to two outstanding leaders of Scouting in the Chisholm Trail Council. A Special Committee met last Saturday to canvass the vote of the members of the Council for this award. Judge L. L. Blackburn of Baird was chairman of the Committee and was assisted by C. B. Tisdale of Tuscola and Thos. E. Hayden Jr., of Abilene. The winners of the Silver Beaver Award will not be announced until the evening of the Council meeting.

During the morning session the Special Finance Committee headed by Judge A. O. Strother of Winters will meet. Also the Nominating Committee. The recommendation of these Committees will be submitted to the Executive Board of the Council before noon when All Council members will meet with the Abilene Rotary Club to hear an address by J. P. Fitch.

Important features for the 1932 program will be decided upon and probably will include Annual May Jamboree dates, summer camp dates, Anniversary programs, training schools. Outlined Council co-operative program, election of officers and Executives for 1932. Winter camp 1931, December 27th to January 2nd noon.

Every citizen interested in Scouting is invited to attend the Annual Chisholm Trail Council Meeting, Abilene, December 11th, 9 A. M. throughout the entire day.

An exhibit of handicraft articles made by Scouts will be on display throughout the meeting on the mezzanine floor of the Hilton Hotel.

What is that which guides the birds these thousands of miles through rain and storms back to their nesting places? There is still a vast field of unknown forces in our world.

Miss Pauline Terrell, chairman of the Christmas Seal campaign has named the following committees to help in this work. The city has been divided into five sections with the following named ladies in charge: Mrs. E. C. Fulton, east side of the city from market st; Mrs. Luan James, north Baird; Mesdames Woodfin Ray, and Ashby White north west part of the city from Market st. and highway Mrs. Rupert Jackson Southwest part of the city. The Wednesday Club with Mrs. M. J. Holmes as chairman the Delphian Chapter with Mrs. Ashby White as chairman and the Parent-Teachers Association with Mrs. L. L. Blackburn as chairman, will assist in this work.

Baird Boy Scouts To Solicit Toys For Poor Children

Scoutmaster Hugh Ross Jr., informs us that the Baird Scout Troop will solicit old toys of any kind, which will be repaired to be given to children of the city who otherwise may not receive gifts. All who have toys which they can give for this purpose are requested to have them ready Saturday, Dec. 5th when the Boy Scouts will make a house to house canvass soliciting the toys.

In case you do not have them ready when the Scouts call, you are requested to take them to McGowen's grocery store and place them in a barrel which will be placed convenient to all. This is very kind of the scouts and all should enter into hearty co-operation with them in this work.

Sleet, Snow and Rain

We have had rain, sleet and snow, this week, but yesterday the sun came out and looks as if we will have fair weather.

The light freeze and frost have damaged late gardens some.

The continued drizzling rains for the past ten or twelve days have put a fine season in the ground, better than we have had for many years. When we have rains and snows during the winter we generally have good crops the following year.

Heavy snow is reported all over the western part of the State.

The precipitation during the past ten days was 2 1/2 inches according to information given The Star by Mr. A. C. Walker.

UNION SCHOOL NEWS

We are finishing up the second month of school and everything is going good in spite of the rain. The roads are almost impassable. Mr. Lloyd's bus was broken down last Monday evening and some of the children had to miss school.

We had a nice Thanksgiving program in the auditorium on Wednesday morning. Bro. Fox of Putnam made a very inspirational talk for us. All six of the teachers left at 3:30 State Teachers Association. Some o'clock for Amarillo to attend the 5,000 teachers of Texas braved the ice and snow to hear the Educational program. It was discussed by nationally known persons as well as outstanding educators of Texas. Miss Florence Hale, president of the National Education Association and State Rural School Supervisor, Augusta, Maine, and Dr. Willis A. Sutton retiring president of the association made addresses. All the teachers are back with new inspiration for their different lines of work.

Our Basketball boys played a game on their courts with Scranton last Friday week. They put up a hard fight but lost to the visitors. When the regular season starts we are to have games at night again. The court is already lighted.

Bro. Uzzell preached Sunday and Sunday night. Bro. Uzzell and Bro. Flowers will teach a bible school during the Christmas holidays.

The State Health Code paid our school some mighty nice compliments. Help the teachers to keep the good work going.

When a Dollar Goes Farthest

By Albert T. Reid



Uncle Sam -
HAVE WE MISSED ANYONE? YOU KNOW THERE IS NOTHING MORE IMPORTANT THAN THIS.

Did You Ever Stop To Think

(by Edson R. Waite)
Shawnee, Okla.

That it is sometimes economy to spend. When a business reaches a degree of staleness or needs pepping up to a point where profits are made, then the spending of money along certain lines is good business and good and good advertising.

A business is either progressing or slipping, and a forward step is often that of spending money. This includes advertising campaigns, the rebuilding of show windows sometimes, or the liberal use of paint where paint is needed. And maybe investment in sales people who can help put a business over.

Of course, economies are to be practiced in any business, but the pinching of dollars is not always economy.

The Herald occupies a new building. It was at a greater cost than the same building could have been built; that is, the same in size and in accommodations. But the building is made attractive by the use of a pretty face brick and terra cotta trimmings, with a center piece near the top of the building bearing the name "Herald" chiseled in white stone. It is an attractive building and elicits much favorable comment. The extra money was well invested. It is good advertising.

A VARIETY OF NAMES

Most every color of the rainbow, two seasons, two cars and several vocations are represented in the names of the students in Texas Christian University at Ft. Worth. There are Browns, Whites, Grays, Blacks, Greens and Lavender. There are two Summers and one Winter, a Ford and a Packard, to say nothing of a Fox, a Parrott, a Crow and a Stag.

There are Knights and a King to represent royalty, as well as a Male and a Mann. A Beaver and a Bass are to be encountered around Brooks.

There are the Millers, Bakers, Porters, Weavers, Gardeners, Carpenters, Farmers and a Cook. The latter might bring home the Bacon, or he might raise Cain, Cotton or Coffee. The household side was not neglected when such names were issued as Wall, Kitchen, Floore, Glass, Hall and Chambers.

Passing beyond the House one can find a Sod and a Bush, as well as a Teagarden. As to weather, there is a Snow, a Sprinkle and a Flood. If may pick a Rose or a Peach, but they the Fellows aren't too Short they will have to be Strong and Ruff as well as Smartt.

Of course, being Wise, one could not overlook the mere Smiths, Joneses and Johnsons.

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH AMERICA

We have not seen any more intelligent or biting explanation of the economic depression from which the country seems now to be beginning to emerge than that which was written a little while ago by Miss Emily Woodward, editor of the Vienna (Ga.) News. This is what Miss Woodward said about it:

A people, for the most part accustomed to living moderately and even frugally prior to the war, have launched into an orgy of spending such as never been known in the history of man. Although endowed with a midicum of reasoning power, we have deliberately thrown discretion to the winds changing our standards of living from quiet simplicity to frenzied luxury. Equipped with sufficient mathematical knowledge to know that four from two leaves minus two, men and women with incomes of \$200.00 a month have spent at the rate of \$400.00. This has applied quite generally whether the income has been \$25.00 or \$2500.00.

Farming and other businesses are more or less demoralized, but it is not due altogether to 5 cent cotton and the tariff. It is due in part to our waste, abuse of credit, poor business management and laziness.

Before we see the end of this many of us who are now riding may be walking, but that probably would be as it should be. The men and women who honestly work their ways out of the present economic labyrinth will be those possessed of the proper intestinal stamina. For some time now, we have needed something to divide the sheep from the goats. Crooks and deadbeats have been sailing along in the vanguard of society and the church, enjoying all the privileges and often more than those who make up the ranks of honest citizenry. If the present crisis serves as a lever in the business and social realms, much will be gained. The seeming success of the dishonest during the reign of extravagance through which we have just passed, has had a bene-

DO YOU KNOW WHY --- When A Man Joins A Lodge The Photographer Works Overtime?



THOUSANDS OF W. O. W. PILGRIMS ATTEND IMPRESSIVE CEREMONIES AT NEW CHAPEL



Above is a photograph of the new Woodmen of the World Chapel at San Antonio, Texas. Inset is W. A. Fraser, president, for whom the chapel was named.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Nov. 22.—By auto, train, airplane and foot came thousands of members of the Woodmen of the World Life Insurance association from nearly every state in the Union to help celebrate the dedication of the William Alexander Fraser chapel and bird sanctuary this afternoon.

The beautiful chapel is on the grounds of the W. O. W. War Memorial hospital a short distance from San Antonio.

From early morning until late in the evening, the exceptionally large number of W. O. W. pilgrims inspected the chapel and bird sanctuary, as well as the hospital and its spacious grounds.

They were thrilled by the masterful oration of U. S. Senator Morris Sheppard, national treasurer of W. O. W., who made the principal address.

National officers of the association took part in the formal dedication of the building, as well as ministers of the Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths.

The Ninth Infantry band from Fort Sam Houston played.

An elaborate program of entertainment...

Church choir, a rumber by the San Antonio Liederkranz, a feature by the Beethoven Maennerchor and organ recitals by Ben Stanley of Omaha, Nebraska, Walter Dunham and John M. Steinfeldt.

The beautiful chimes of the Chapel lent much atmosphere to the impressive occasion.

Thousands were guests of W. O. W. at a huge barbecue of products from the farm of the W. O. W. hospital. Many members of the association came as guests of W. O. W., having won their expense to the dedication by special performance in a large membership campaign.

The chapel was named for William Alexander Fraser, president of W. O. W., because of his personal enthusiasm and long devotion to the building of a great W. O. W. center at San Antonio. Mr. Fraser began the task of raising funds to purchase the hospital grounds twenty-five years ago.

Everyone in attendance agreed that Woodmen of the World has contributed much to the welfare of Texas by the unusual architectural design and the gallery structure...

ful effect, serving to give sanction to the theory that the way to win is through shady paths.

Some Molecules have such thick and heavy shells that it is difficult to break them with a hammer.

A British laborer, digging a pipe-trench in a meadow, recently found a black pot of Roman-British days, containing about 1,000 coins of the third century A. D.

Hikers who want to study birds are advised to plan the route so as to keep the sun back of them, for when a bird faces the glare it cannot so readily detect observers.

Lighted Airways in the United States have increased from 13,400 to 15,300 miles during the past year. Intermediate landing fields from 315 to 370, beacon lights from 1,470 to 1,680 and federal airway broadcasting stations from 35 to 51.



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30x4.50-21	5.69	5.55
28x4.75-19	6.65	6.45
29x4.75-20	6.75	6.57
29x5.00-19	6.95	6.80
30x5.00-20	7.10	6.90
28x5.25-18	7.90	7.65
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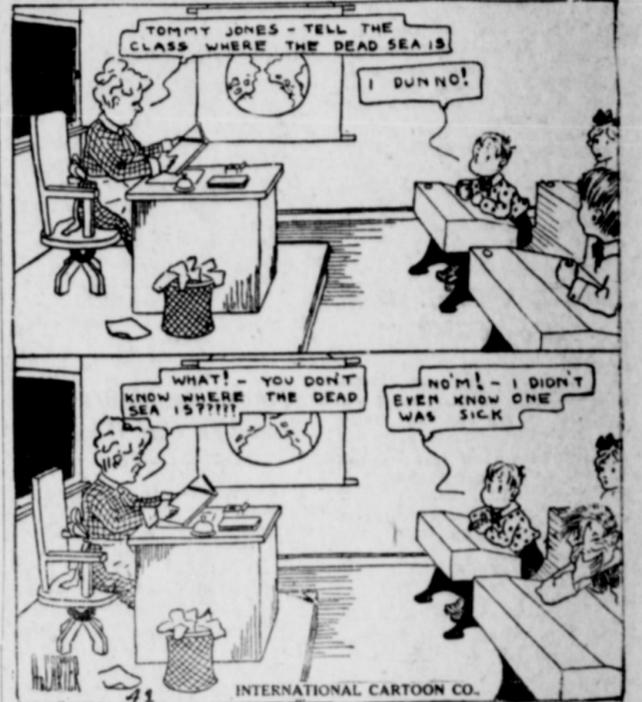
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HISTORY OF CALLAHAN COUNTY

As Compiled From The Records by S. E. Settle

ARTICLE XIII. REMINISCENCES

Mrs. Josephine Blakley of Belle Plaine has the following to say about the Early Days in Callahan:

"My husband, John G. Blakley and I came to Callahan County from Weston in Collin County, Texas, arriving in June '77, and locating at Belle Plaine. For a while we lived in the home of my father, T. J. Austin. He and his family had moved there some few months before, also coming from Collin County. He had already made preparations for going into the mercantile business there, having built a store; however, before it was completed, he arranged some seats of lumber and conducted Sunday School and preaching services at Belle Plaine.

"A few families had already located in the community, before we came, and the town was getting started, which soon grew into a typical West Texas trading point. Of course, it was mainly a cowmen's town, for nearly everybody was engaged in the cattle business. Some of the first settlers at Belle Plaine and the community were: E. L. Huffman and family, wife E. J.; J. M. Polk and wife, Mary R., who operated a dry goods store in a tent; W. L. Henry and wife E. J. Mrs. Lee Estes and Larmer Henry are their children; W. J. Westmoreland and wife, S. A. They were the first teachers at Belle Plaine; Mrs. Hannah Gates, whose husband died in May '77, he being buried on their farm, now the Belle Plaine cemetery on Mr. A. T. Young's place. His grave is the first in this cemetery Nelson M. Smith and wife, Eliza, who lived in a log house with a half story above, built prior to our coming; William H. Parvin and wife, Charlotte F. and their children, who lived in the upper story of the Smith home, until he could have lumber hauled out from Ft. Worth. Then he built a log house and lean-to, now enclosed in the Seales' girls ranch house. John Carille & family, who lived about a quarter southeast of Rod Kelton's home, now; then, however, Kelton's home was John D. Merchant's and wife, Sarah A's home; Jasper McCoy who lived on his "74 Ranch"; Larkin Hearne and family, who lived on the Cap. Gilliland place, now; W. R. Williams and family, wife, Lucy, lived then near the Jack Eastham place, now; Joseph C. Crutchfield and family wife Mollie; James P. Flores and family; Frank Phillips and wife, Lizzie; Tom Russell, a bachelor; John Rembert Brown, who was the first County Judge; S. E. Chittum and wife; John Newman and family; Earl Jackson, known as "Hog Jackson, his mother-in-law, Mrs. Martha Roberts, her son Johnnie Johnson, and Mr. Jackson's daughter, Miss Peachie; Dr. Eli Thayer, Jr., and wife; Dr. C. R. Shapard, then a bachelor; J. B. Hill and family, wife, Catharine Jones. Mrs. Kate Franklin and Mrs. Emma McFarlane, who now live at Baird, are their children, and Rr. Cliff Hill was their son; Clabe W. Merchant and family, wife M. F.; Of course there were some others, who perhaps came in just a little later. But these were among the first, or those in 1877.

"Some of the first merchants at Belle Plaine were: T. J. Austin, Seay & McMinn, W. T. Berry & Company, Merchant & McCoy, Merchant & Parvin, John M. Polk Dry Goods, West & Allen, Hutchison & Allen, W. L. Henry, a Black-smith, and later on many others.

"The first hotel was run by John and Nathan P. Rice, brothers. It was a picket lok building, with a dirt floor, and a stove in the center, with beds around the wall. It was rather primitive, but it served in that day. The next hotel was run by W. J. Powers and wife; it was two or three rooms, and porch, one story, and was constructed of lumber. Mrs. W. G. Bowlus of Baird is a daughter of John Rice.

"In the early days, Belle Plaine was a hustling little city, and there were many freighters going through to market, great loads of Ox-wagons carrying Buffalo hides as high as they could be stacked. Freighters would sell us nice Buffalo steaks and roasts, as they went along, and I want to say, that there never was any finer tasting meat than Buffalo steaks—but bear meat was not so good, a little too wild and strong. Mr. Blakley used to go out West and kill lots of Buffaloes and bring back the meat for the winter. Also, Belle Plaine got a little 'rollicky' sometimes from all over the county the people would come on Saturdays, and stay in town until late in the night. Orten considerable trouble would come up and some times some shooting would take place, frightening everybody pretty badly, especially the women folks.

"Yes; about the County Seat elec-

tion between Callahan City and Belle Plaine? I remember it quite well. The election was held October 13, '77 and we had a big barbecue and celebration that day. The men furnished the beef and the wimen supplied the cakes, pies, bread, salads, etc. We brought all of the dishes in the community, and spread dinner in the lower story of the Merchant & McCoy Store Building.—There were two long tables improvised of planks. We gave them dinner, supper and breakfast for those who remained over for the 'all-night dance' in the upper story. My mother, Mrs. T. J. Austin, baked seven large loaves of light bread in a Dutch Oven, for the occasion, and one corn meal loaf for Mr. John Merchant; Mrs. Lizzie Phillips and I cooked five big cakes and twenty-five pies. Everybody in the community brought in their dinner and joined in the big celebration on that election day. A tall flag pole, with a large American flag, was placed there to designate Belle Plaine as the center of the county, and a proper location for the County Seat, to add its influence in carrying the election. Belle Plaine was selected as the Permanent County Seat on this celebration day.

"In those days nearly everybody

lived in log houses, especially at first, as building material had to be freighted from Ft. Worth or Dallas, by ox and mule wagons, and the cost was so much that most of us could not afford better homes. But gradually we got comfortably situated and prospered so that houses of lumber soon came to be a custom.

"Some two or three years ago an old cap and ball six-shooter was found in the Seales pasture, and placed on exhibition at the Griggs Drug Store in Baird, and I am told that there was much speculation as to whom it may have at one time belonged. My brother, Bud Austin, when a boy about 18 years of age, used to carry such a gun with him when he rode

the range, also he carried a Bowie knife, and one day he left home for his usual trip, and late in the day another cow-boy found a stray horse, with a saddle on it. The horse was very badly slashed and cut, apparently having fallen. The ranchman took it over to Belle Plaine for investigation, and got up a posse to go in search for its rider. They found Bud lying on a rock, nearly unconscious; where he had very likely been thrown by the horse. After that unfortunate accident, he was never seen with the gun or knife, and our family has always supposed that he lost these weapons that day. So it may be that the old Pistol above mentioned belonged to my brother, and some time,

perhaps, the old Bowie knife may yet be found."

"Uncle John and Mrs. Blakley have lived in the Belle Plaine community continuously, rearing a large family. They have lived on the same farm for more than fifty years. Mr Blakley is now quite feeble, but Mrs. Blakley is hale and hearty and readily recalls with great pleasure the many interesting incidents and happenings of the early days of the faithful pioneers of our county. All her true neighbors, whose good deeds and many hospitalities, she cheerfully remembers.

Some kinds of cat-fish swim on their backs.

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With this issue The Baird Star enters upon the 45th year of its existence. In the forty-four years which have passed by, The Star has endeavored in every way to help in every cause that was for the good of Baird and Callahan county. The late W. E. Gilliland, who established The Star was among the early residents of the county and had an abounding faith in this section and put forth every effort possible for the upbuilding of the city and it is our purpose to continue the work begun by him. The past few years have been rather hard years for us as well as many others but we hope that the worst is behind us and that the future will bring better times for us all.

We sincerely appreciate the patronage and co-operation of the people of Baird and Callahan county and in the beginning of a new year—the 45th year—we pledge anew our faith in the future of Baird and Callahan county. We will give you a good paper, as we have in gone by years and we want the co-operation and support of the citizens of Baird and the county.

Sincerely,
Eliza Gilliland,
Haynie Gilliland.

THE HIGH COST OF BAD ROADS

An article in the November issue of the Bureau Farmer vividly shows the predicament of the average farmer in the matter of roads. The article says: "Of 6,300,000 farmers in the United States, there are 2,747,732 farms on unimproved dirt roads, or almost one-half of the farmers in this country are served by roads no better than those of the ox cart days."

"An additional 1,998,704 farms are located on dirt roads that are ranked as improved, and that means roads age, but nevertheless, during the rainy that have some grading, some drainage are for the most part impassable. Not more than 500,000 farms are located on paved highways and less than 1,000,000 on gravel roads." The article is illustrated by pictures and by statistics demonstrating the high cost of unimproved roads to the farmer.

There is little excuse for such a condition as this. Good secondary roads do not necessarily mean expensive roads—as has now been proved in many western states that are using asphaltic processes to provide mudless and dustless, farm-to-market roads, as well as large mileages of through highways. Every state owes its farmers roads that can be depended upon to afford sure, safe and inexpensive transport at all seasons of the year.

NEW LAW LIMITING COTTON PLANTING, A PLAIN VIOLATION OF RIGHTS OF PERSONAL LIBERTY

In order to raise the price of cotton, laws have been passed limiting the number of acres a farmer can plant on his own land in that staple, which laws are in plain violation of the right of private property and personal liberty.

Martial law is being invoked upon the slightest occasion, and is fast becoming the normal way of administering justice, subordinating the civil to the military authorities.

The Governor of Texas has declared martial law, the last resort among a free people, to increase the price of oil, and the Governor of Arkansas called out the militia to keep two Baptist preachers from fighting.

The Federal Government makes the sale of intoxicating liquors illegal and yet collects and income tax from its sale, and sends people to the penitentiary for selling it.

Honest toilers are excluded from our shores under the delusion that the happiness and prosperity of the American people are thereby advanced. How much more effective it would be

if Congress would pass laws regulating the number of babies, who could be brought into this "Vale of Tears" and laws to chloroform all the old people, cripples and mental defectives, reserving enough of the mental defectives from which to recruit future legislators and high officers of state. After the passage of such laws, martial law could be declared to enforce them.

Every established principle of government and political economy has been and is being totally disregarded. This may result in some temporary good, but will eventually lead to disaster.

By the way, Mr. Editor, what about my old and very close friend, the consumer. He and I are in the same boat and there seems to be a disposition to let us starve, and sink the boat "without a trace."

OTIS BOWYER

PUTNAM NEWS

by Sallie Ann

This correspondence was received too late for publication last week.

Misses Elsie Kelley, Shirley Cunningham and Jessie Tatom, students of Howard Payne College of Brownwood, were week-end visitors in Putnam with their parents.

Mrs. Archie Kelley and Miss Ada Hurst were Cisco visitors last Tuesday.

Mrs. Fred Cook and little daughter Jaunita Fredalyn, returned to their home last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Vinson of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Odom of Sweetwater were visitors in Putnam last week, visiting Mrs. Vinson and Mrs. Odom's mother, Mrs. Grace Miller.

Mrs. M. Kennedy and Miss Willie Kennedy, were business visitors in Cisco last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hudson and little daughter, Betty, of Merkel, are visiting Mrs. Hudson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Teague.

Miss Willie Kennedy was a Cross Plains visitor Friday night and Saturday with Miss Mary Massa.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Mercer of the Cottonwood community were Putnam visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Jenkins and son, Louis, spent the week-end with Mrs. Jenkin's mother, Mrs. W. J. Biggerstaff.

Mr. Bob Steward is confined to his home having been sick for a week.

The Women's Study Club was hostess to the Wednesday Club of Baird on Wednesday, Nov. 18th in the home of Mrs. B. F. Brittain. The Wednesday Club presented one of the most interesting and instructive programs it has been the privilege of the Women's Club to hear for quite a while. "What's Wronk With the United States" was a subject most ably handled by Mrs. White and her own originality held the interest of the audience throughout. Mrs. Jackson then brought a very concise and instructive criticism of "Politics and the Press". "The Hills of Home," by Oscar J. Fox, so beautifully sung by Mrs. Shaw with Mrs. George as accompanist gave variety to the program. The concluding number "The Passion for Law Making" was cleverly written by one who certainly knew her subject the author being Mrs. Settles and was read by Mrs. Hill. The Club was also favored by reports given by Mrs. Brightwell, a delegate to the State Convention at Lubbock.

Mr. M. L. Cook of Dallas visited in Putnam through the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Cook.

Miss Katherine Wilhite, who has been visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Biggerstaff, returned to her home in Mineola last Monday to attend the wedding of her sister, Elizabeth Wilhite, who was married on Saturday to Mr. Dan Hizer. Elizabeth has often visited Putnam with her uncle and aunt where she made lots of friends. They will make their home in Mineola. Her many friends wish for them every happiness throughout life.

The Woman's Study Club met Monday, Nov. 23, with Mrs. E. P. Whitaker as hostess. The following program was rendered: The subject for the afternoon was; Student, Poet and Housebreaker. Roll Call, A verse of poetry from Francois Villon. Francois Villon, Facts, by Mrs. Fred Short. Francois Villon, Fiction, by Mrs. Wylie Clinton. Francois Villon, Poems, by Mrs. W. H. Norred. Discussion. Meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. E. C. Waddell on Dec. 14. Mr. Gerald Kennedy of Cisco visited in Putnam with his grand parents Mr. and Mrs. M. Kennedy, over the week-end. Miss Lois Reese entertained the Night Hawk Bridge Club in the home of Mrs. E. H. Williams on Thursday night, Nov. 19th. A very enjoyable evening was spent playing bridge. Member present were: Mesdames A. J. Frazier, L. B. Williams, W. A. Wallace, R. D. Williams, E. H. Williams Frank Cunningham, Misses Lura Boyd, Francis McIntosh, Willie Kennedy, Rena Ball, Lois Kennedy and Lois Reese.

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Mr. Tom Kelley who has been working in East Texas is home again.

Mrs. Tom Wingo and son of Roscoe are Putnam visitors this week.

Mrs. Robert Williams and Miss Bertha Buchanan were Cisco visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Gaskins were Cisco visitors last Friday.

Mrs. I. G. Mobley and Mabel Carrico were Gorman visitors part of last week.

Mrs. Mina Cook and son, F. Y., were Baird visitors last week.

Mrs. N. J. Sandlin, Vella Sandlin, Benson Sandlin and Thelma Everett were Baird visitors last week.

Mr. Vernon Sandlin, who is working at McCamey visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Sandlin thru the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Crayton Sandlin and family of Brownwood were week-end visitors in Putnam.

Miss Artie Cook is visiting in Cross Plains this week.

EULA

Patsie

Well, how is the Star force?

We are real wet out here. We have plenty of rain and small grain sure is growing. We are having a warm winter and we need some cold wetherer so we can kill these hogs, most of us are needing some fresh meat.

We are already to begin plowing just as soon as the ground gets dry enough. We have a deep season now and we have a chance for a good crop in 1932 and here is hoping we get a good price for it.

Everett Jones, who is attending

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Nunnally Stephenson visited home folks Friday and Saturday.

Joe Gibson of Young county, spent a few days in Eula. We are always glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Gibson and son with us.

Worked a few hours the other day in Baird, with my good friends R. D. Williams of Putnam and Jeff Clark of Cross Plains.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Kelton and son Norris, spent a few hours with Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Stephenson, Friday evening.

Judge J. H. Carpenter of Baird was out at his ranch home this week-end D. A. Farrar made a business trip to Abilene, Saturday.

Best wishes to all The Star readers

Patsie.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Oplin, Texas

Dear Old Santa Claus:

Gee, but I hope I'll get a look at you this year. Last year when you came I was fast asleep.

I won't ask for much this year, as I've heard so much about that terrible thing called "Depression".

I want an overcoat size 4, a tool chest and real large rubber ball, so my dog, Monkey and I can play ball. And please don't forget to leave some candy, nuts and fruits, lying around by my tree, which you will find right by the fireplace.

Thanking you a million times Dear Old Santa,

Your tiny friend,

Randall Shaw.

Putnam, Texas

Nov. 27, 1931.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a dump truck and a little car and some candy, apples, oranges and nuts.

Douglass Kelley

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a doll cradle and some doll clothes and some emdy, apples, oranges, and nuts

Goldie Kelley

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a doll bed and some doll clothes and some apples, oranges, candy and nuts.

Dorothy June Kelley

CARD OF THANKS

We wish through the columns of The Baird Star to sincerely thank our friends and neighbors for the many kindnesses shown us in the illness and death of our wife and mother, Mrs. Fannie Thompson. Words fail us when we try to say just how sincerely we appreciate these kindnesses and memory will ever hold them dear.

Sincerely,

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PERSONALS

A. C. Klipper of Clyde was a pleasant visitor at The Star office, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Beasley and little daughter of Admiral were in Baird Saturday.

Richard Thompson, is reported seriously ill with pneumonia at his home in Cottonwood.

Mrs. Velma Pope of Moran, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Norrell, last week-end.

Davis Owen, was in from the Owen Ranch on the Bayou, yesterday. Mr. Owen was enroute to Ft. Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Sargent have returned from a visit with friends and relatives in Ft. Worth and Sherman.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Melton were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hatcher at their ranch, Wednesday night.

Howard Davis left Wednesday for Red Barn, where he will visit his brother, J. C. Davis for some time will possibly spend the winter there.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Boren visited their daughters, Misses Elizabeth, Ruth and Marjorie in Austin during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Miss Elsie Marie Hudson a senior in Baird High School spent Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hudson at novice.

Miss Mary Lois Singleton a senior in Baird High School, visited in Georgetown during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Mrs. J. C. Lee has returned to her home in Ft. Worth after spending Thanksgiving with her daughter, Mrs. Harold Ray, and other relatives in Baird.

B. F. McCaw, living on Rt. 1, northwest of Baird was in Baird Monday. Came in to pay his subscription with some of those nice sweet potatoes he raised this year.

Mrs. George Proctor and little daughters, Jolene and Jeanene, of Wichita Falls and Mrs. Fred Farmer and little daughters, Dorothy and Billie Jean, of Eula, spent Thanksgiving with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Davis.

R. E. Bounds and Homer Simons representatives of the Baird Masonic bodies are attending the annual session of the Masonic Grand Lodge at Waco this week. They are expected home this evening.

Mrs. R. M. Harris and children, Russell Jr., Julian and Carrol, of Dallas, spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Harris, mother, Mrs. Frank Johnson, Russell also spent a few days with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Jones, in Big Spring.

Sheriff R. L. Edwards and Frank Buckels of Baird, and Fred Farmer of Eula, returned Sunday from a five day deer hunt on the Caldwell Ranch in the Davis mountains, but they brought no deer back with them. The story goes that they got in range of a

Bargain Day Subscriptions

Our bargain days are now on and the subscription price of The Baird Star has been reduced to \$1.00 in the county and \$1.50 outside. We also accept back due subscriptions at these reduced rates.

We have not pushed collections on subscriptions the past few years as we should perhaps, but times were so hard and money scarce we wanted to be as lenient as possible, but the time has come when we must collect on subscriptions as we have obligations to meet, that can't be put off longer. We are sending out statements and we trust that all will make an effort to pay up promptly. None of the accounts are large, only \$1.00 to \$3.00 but putting all these together makes some \$1,500.00 or more due on subscriptions which mean a great deal to us right now. We have made these bargain rates to make it easier on our subscribers and we trust we will have your co-operation in this matter, thus enabling us to pay our taxes, insurance and other obligations.

Sincerely,
Eliza Gilliland
Editor, Baird Star

N. B.—We are offering some splendid clubbing rates in connection with The Star. See ad on last page.

bunch of these fleet footed animals and Sheriff Edwards shot down a fine buck, and thinking that he was dead ran on to get another shot and when he returned to the place where he had left the deer, he found that it was gone,—just played possum—until the hunting party was a safe distance away perhaps and then made a hurried retreat to his haunts in the mountains.

Virgil Wagley who lives in the Hart community, on Deep Creek, had both legs broken, while working with a truck on November 19th. He is in the Payne & Carter hospital at Eastland.

Tom Price, Pat Austin, Mrs. Wade Harding, and little son, Richard returned last Thursday from Van Horn where they spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Price. The boys spent several days hunting in the mountains but had no luck. Mrs. Bob Price accompanied them home.

Mrs. E. C. Fulton informs us that her sister Mrs. W. D. Chisenhall of Long Beach, Calif., formerly Miss Mattie Scott, who recently underwent an operation is recovering nicely and is now at her home, having left the hospital Sunday.

Misses Verna Mae Edwards and Donna McGowan, students in Simmons University at Abilene, J. Rupert Jackson, State University, and other students who are away at college, whose names we did not get, were at home for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Mrs. W. O. Maltby and little daughter, Billie Mae, of Admiral, were pleasant callers at The Star office last Saturday. Mrs. Maltby renewed her subscription to The Star and took advantage of our clubbing rate to renew her subscription to the Abilene Morning News.

Evan Barton of Eula was in Baird yesterday. W. B. Barton who has been visiting his mother, Mrs. W. P. Barton and his brother, came in with him and boarded the train for Gladewater where he is now located, although his family is still at Pampa. Mr. Barton is recovering from a recent illness caused from infection in his foot and spent some weeks in the hospital at Gladewater.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to all our friends and neighbors, who were so kind and thoughtful of us in the illness and death of our husband and brother, Enoch Bruton, and we will ever remember you with grateful hearts.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Enoch Bruton
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Wednesday
Prayer Meeting 7:15 P. M.

With Baird Baptist

Well the Baird Baptist are a pretty good bunch as was demonstrated Sunday night over at the Methodist Church. We just believe in doing our part and treating the other fellow right. We greatly enjoyed the visit and service with our neighbors.

Next Sunday morning I will preach on the first chapter of Revelation. I invite all to read it and come hear the discussion. Sunday night sermon will be taken from the 28th chapter of Isaiah, this is another great passage and is indeed thought provoking, read it friend and come lets study it together.

Next Tuesday, Dec. 8, is the date of our next workers meeting and the place is Potosi. I am insisting upon our people all over the association to be there. Lets all go to see the Potosi saints and so many of us that they will have their hands full taking care of us for the day.

Joe. R. Mayes

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SATURDAY, DEC. 12

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Texas and Texans

by WILL H. MAYES
Austin, Texas

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The Austin American gives a few of the reasons why Texans are thankful: Fifty million containers will be filled with meat, vegetables and fruit in 1931 by Texas farmers, with millions left over from last year. Twice as many hives and hogs have been canned as ever before. Range conditions are first class. Land is in fine shape for winter crops. Cattle, horses, sheep, goats, hogs, poultry are in prime condition. Granaries are overflowing, barns are well filled, haystacks are seen everywhere. Farmers are going in strong for dairying. Poultry shows are crowded. The turkey market is good. Farm houses and barns are being painted. Farmers are showing interest in State and local affairs, in naming officials, in reducing expenses of government, in living within their means, and much as possible, from the products of their farms. All these things assure prosperity.

Banks Reorganizing

More than a dozen closed banks have been reopened in Texas in the past month and more will be opened soon. Most of these should never have been closed and would not have been but for idle and unfounded rumors. The closing of any bank creates to a certain extent, distrust in other banks, and people become panicky and rush to the banks for their money. If the closing of Texas banks results in closer supervision of the banking business in the future, the lesson will be worth all that is has cost the bankers. Many banks have been too eager and too reckless in making large profits for their stockholders. Twenty to twenty-five per cent dividends have been earned by many, and in many cases this has been at the expense of that safety that should characterize all banking. No country can prosper whose banks do business on unsound methods. What the people want, and what the National and State banking laws should guarantee is close enough supervision of all banks to protect alike the interests of stockholders and depositors.

Make It Official

Texas will have a Centennial celebration of some kind in 1936. Dallas is claiming it, because it now has the most successful State fair in the country and has at least the beginning of a State Centennial plant. The last legislature endorsed the Centennial movement "in principle" by submitting a constitutional amendment to the people to allow appropriations of State funds for its support. It also provided for a committee to make a close study of the entire question of Centennial celebrations and report its recommendations to the legislature for further action. That committee may or may not recommend that the Centennial be held at Dallas. It may not recommend State support of the movement, but at least the committee should be created and should be allowed to function, and as early as possible. If it does not, a dozen places may soon be forming local companies to hold Texas Centennial celebrations, none of which would likely do credit to the greatness of Texas. Texas needs a united effort for a movement that can be made to reflect the real greatness of the State. Why the delay on the part of the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House in carrying out the instructions of the legislature? Official State action is needed if the Centennial is to be a success and any delay unnecessarily imperils that success.

Farm Food Supply

The extension department of A. & M. College claims that the food requirements of a farm family of five can be supplied from a quarter acre garden, two dairy cows, 60 pullets, a half acre home orchard, a brood sow and a few sheep and calves. Two cows are needed to freshen at different seasons. Three hundred baby chicks should be hatched from which may be expected 200 birds, half cockerels and half pullets. A home canning outfit is essential. These items represent \$600 a year in food values. Anything raised on the farm above that can be used for other expense items, such as clothing, equipment, taxes, insurance, bank account. If you are a farmer and have no better working plan, why not try this one?

Texas Turkey Market

The Texas turkey crop has reached vast proportions. From many towns from 15 to 40 cars have already been shipped and it is estimated that not more than half the fall supply has been marketed. A car of turkeys represents from \$3,50 to \$4,000 paid to the farmers. Besides the car ship-

ments many are sent out by express and by trucks. Large numbers are sold on foot to local markets and for home use. The growers always reserve a few of the choicest for their own tables and for breeding for the next season. In recent years prudent housewives double their sale value by canning the birds of second grade. The Texas farm without turkeys and chickens is one whose owners are careless as to their own interests.

Japan Buys Much Cotton

Nearly 2,000,000 bales of Texas cotton have been bought for shipment to Japan. Some see in this preparation on the part of that government for a long war. Others think that Japan, knowing that the investment is a good one, is merely taking advantage of present low prices. Despite all roseate promises of politicians in framing cotton acreage reduction laws, the price of cotton has not been perceptibly increased since the reduction agitation began. Cotton is low and will continue low until the surplus is visibly reduced almost to the extent of being wiped out.

Heavy Truck Shipments

Reports from Llano are that two trucks from St. Louis have been loaded with 90,000 pounds of pecans and have gone back over the highways of Texas and other states. Shipments of these proportions are ruining highways of this country and destroying the business of the railroads. The regulation of freight transportation by truck is of vast importance to the people who build and maintain the roads, as well as to those who own and operate railway lines built at their own and not at State expense. There is something wrong with the governmental machinery that is inadequate to protect government property.

Laredo Oil District

While the East Texas oil district admittedly is now the largest in the country in production and appears to be susceptible of almost unlimited development and the West Texas oil area seems to have no bounds, these are by no means the only oil fields in Texas. From Amarillo to Laredo there appears to be an almost unbroken oil territory. The Laredo district of four counties has produced 30,000,000 barrels of oil over a period of ten years and is still going strong with a daily output now of 15,781 barrels a month, which is above the East Texas allowable. The average output per well in the Laredo district though, is small, being only 16.1 barrels per well, which assures wide distribution of operating and royalty incomes.

Potash Refining Methods

Dr. E. P. Schoch, well known chemist of the University of Texas, announces that after years of experimentation he has discovered a new method of refining the huge potash deposits of West Texas by a process commercially practicable. Processes heretofore in use have been too expensive. By the new method the potassium sulphate not only is obtained more cheaply, but the residue is rendered valuable. Texas potash deposits are said to be among the largest and most valuable in the world. The potassium sulphate is highly valued, as is also the residue, which is 90 per cent gypsum.

Slaughter Of Bucks

Over 600 deer were killed in Kerr county the first three days of the deer and turkey hunting season. The number of wild turkeys bagged in the same period was estimated at 350. The hunters are largely from the cities of Texas and others States attracted to the hill country by reports of the large number of deer. Most of them own or acquire hunters' rights to privately owned lands.

rights to privately owned lands.

Tax Collections Large

Despite the fact that by paying one half the State and county taxes by Nov. 30 the other half may be deferred until June 30, tax collectors of most Texas counties report collections larger than at the same period last year, showing that the people have more money with which to pay.

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by Bill Edwards

Texas oil industry directly supports 528,000 Texans, according to figures of the North Texas Oil and Gas Association, and indirectly maintains many thousands more. Oil contributes more largely to Texas' gross income than any other one commodity excepting cotton alone, and is responsible for nearly two-thirds of the manufacturing output of the State.

Texas has 98,396 foreign born white citizens and 4,185,185 native born white citizens, including 327,897 native born of foreign parentage. Its population includes 683,681 Mexicans, 854,964 Negroes and 2,579 miscellaneous colored. Of the foreign-born white population, Germans lead with 25,913 German-born and 127,449 born of German-born population, total Germanic population of 153,362.

Texas on Jan. 1, 1931, was using 638,936 telephone connections of which 178,534 were furnished by the independent companies and 459,396 by the Bell company.

Texas has six industrially developed counties which produce annually nearly two-thirds of the total manufactured products of the State—\$996,332,360 out of \$1,449,801,916. It has two counties each producing more than \$200,000,000 worth annually. Four more than \$100,000,000, four more than \$20,000,000, three over \$10,000,000, five over \$5,000,000 these eighteen counties producing more than four-fifths of the State's total.

Plans are complete for the city-county hospital at Houston. Costing \$1,500,000 and nine stories in height it will accommodate 300 patients and will have modern accessory to make their hospitalization as comfortable as possible. Work started Nov. 10 on the \$80,000 postoffice at Georgetown. Texas concerns land the contracts for 110 tons of structural steel, and 324 tons of concrete bars to be used in the \$750,000 Federal building at Wichita Falls. Austin is to sell \$475,000 bonds this month, \$75,000 of which is for parks and playgrounds, \$100,000 for a public market, \$150,000 for a central fire station and \$150,000 for a public library.

San Antonio, also opening bids this month for \$2,450,000 bonds, will finance a most ambitious improvement program, including \$150,000 for bridges, \$400,000 for sanitary sewers, \$100,000 for street widening and openings and \$500,000 for paving, \$300,000 for fire and police department improvements, \$450,000 for parks and river improvement and \$40,000 for storm sewer extensions.

Ft. Worth arranges with the railroads for construction of three new viaducts, eliminating two grade crossings and replacing present structure on one, at a cost of \$500,000.

Prediction is made that within the next four years there will be left hardly a mile of unpaved road in the State highway system of more than 18,000 miles. The prediction is based on the results accomplished within the past four years. Seven years ago there was hardly a hundred mile stretch of paved road in the State. Today the traveler can cross the State over half a dozen different routes and encounter only a few unpaved stretches, and many of them on the more important highways are being rapidly eliminated.

Plans for sixteen projects in eight-

een counties and covering miles of highway were recently approved. Plans were ordered drawn for other projects. Allotment of \$275,000 ad-

Incorporated cities and towns along some of the highways have been responsible for some of the roughest gaps in the paving, the State built roads coming to the city limits and there meeting unpaved stretches across the town. These gaps, too, are being eliminated. Weatherford is now paving Ft. Worth Street, carrying State No. 1. Dimmitt votes bonds for paving State No. 86 across town.

Excellent returns from the 1931 crop, plus the need to cut cotton acreage, will cause a 1,000 per cent increase in the Pecos County cantaloupe crop in 1932.

Texas is not the big-ranch country it once was, but it has eight counties with more than 50,000 head of cattle each. Victoria (81,546) leads, followed by Brewster (80,428) and Kennedy (72,880).

Texas is producing 92,400,000 pounds of peanuts this year, according to the State Department of Agriculture. It is the largest crop in ten years.

Texas has 842,001 persons gainfully employed on its 495,489 farms, considerably more than one-third of the 2,207,118 persons employed in various industries. Farm operators including owners and tenants were 448,697; managers and foremen 4,490; farm laborers (paid) 198,760; and farm laborers (unpaid) 149,246.

Texas industries expend annually for fuels for power and for electric energy \$41,489,860, according to the 1930 Census Bureau figures.

Texas furnished almost one-fourth of all the carload vegetable shipments of the United States in 1930—7,364 out of a total of 31,127. California with 6,141 carloads was in second place.

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ROADS FOR SAFETY

The road is an important factor in the highway safety problem.

Narrow, one-lane highways, and those of inferior construction, are a menace to the driver. A false sense of economy has often, in the past, led states and counties to build roads far below the reasonable standard or safety.

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In the future, it is safe to say, the most pronounced road progress will be made in the territories to which main roads do not penetrate. It is here that the farmer is cut off from his market several months each year by dangerous, impassable, unimproved roads. It is here that full-width, moderate-cost, year-round highways are essential to the progress of a small town or a countryside. And so low have construction costs become both because of modern developments in surfacing materials and building technique, and because of the drop in commodity prices, that there is hardly a territory which cannot afford to build the good and safe roads it needs.

SAVING OUR COUNTRY FROM TAX DESTRUCTION

Tax reduction must be accomplished. No other problem, except employment, so vitally affects every citizen. It strikes rich and poor alike, the small business and the large one. It is directly related to the business depression in that it discourages industrial activity and investment of capital. High taxes are the great enemy of progress of all kinds.

Leading foreign nations of the world are staggering under intolerable tax burdens. That alone is a powerful argument to try and keep this government from being submerged by a similar burden of public debt. If we are to remain the economic leader of the world we must have a government that is run efficiently and at the lowest possible cost. Otherwise, we will sink to the common level of other debt-ridden nations.

It is true, but true, to say that there is but one way to lower taxes—for government to spend less money. The creation of new forms of taxation, of special or class taxes, solves nothing. It should be the duty of government, local, state, and national, to aid the general economic recovery by adopting stringent economies and tax reduction programs.

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At El Paso in a meeting of county Judges and county Commissioners October 31, they passed a resolution to ask Governor Sterling to call another special session. I wonder if such things continue if it won't hike taxation more.

They tell us "Oh" we will put an additional tax on gasoline. Wonderful! don't they know we will pay the advance on gasoline.

There is some thing that don't click just as it should. Could Governor Long be correct in his statement that our legislators were bought as so much corn in a bag?

It is a known fact that the majority of State Senators and part of the House members are paid attorneys for Railroads, Oilmen, and others interested in legislation that will be helpful to them. I say give them a two years vacation and let them dig their own fish bait.

D. Preston Rawling,
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A THOUGHT FOR THE FARMER

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Mr. and Mrs. Jim Handy of El Paso, spent Thanksgiving week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Joy and other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Whitehead have moved back here from Amarillo and are staying at the home of her father Mrs. George Coats, for the present. Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Reed, Parker Coppinger and Leo Thompson of Abilene, Grady's Thompson of Baird, spent their Thanksgiving holidays with homefolks here.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Renfro of Cross Plains spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McElroy. Norman Coffee of John Tarleton College spent his Thanksgiving vacation at home.

A community meeting was held at the school house, Thanksgiving day and an all day program rendered.

A very interesting literary program by the school, basket dinner by the patrons of both communities, devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Ross Respass.

Several good games of basketball were played despite the inclemency of the weather and quite a large crowd was in attendance.

Professor Fowler of Admiral and his basketball teams were guests of our school and we enjoyed having them with us.

Mrs. Pink Norrell of Breckenridge spent Thanksgiving with homefolks.

Arvin Peavy of Sabano spent last week end with his grandfather, Mr. Ott Peavy.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Moody returned from Abilene where Mr. Moody has been working in the gin. Mrs. Moody visited him and other relatives there the past week. The gin season being about over he will not return.

Owing to the disagreeable weather very few from this Sunday School attended the fifth Sunday, Sunday School Rally held at Dressy.

GRIGGS HOSPITAL NEWS

Cole Boutwell of Putnam who underwent an operation for appendicitis some ten days ago has been removed to the home of his aunt, Mrs. F. M. Dunlap.

John Aiken, who has been working on the highway at Trent, has gone to the home of his father, Jack Aiken, in Cross Plains after spending some eight days in the hospital for treatment.

Melba Moffett of Clyde was a tonsillectomy patient last Friday.

Mrs. J. R. Cunningham of Cottonwood, who underwent an appendix operation last week is doing nicely and was removed to the home of Mrs. Bennett.

Evalyn, the four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Steakley of Oplin, who had her arm fractured between elbow and shoulder in a fall from a car was in Sunday for X-ray which shows arm in good condition.

Mrs. Ollie Merrill and Mrs. Fulton who have been me cal patients for some weeks, are improving.

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE

The State of Texas, County of Callahan.

Whereas, by virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the District Court of Callahan County, Texas, on the 30th day of November, A. D. 1931, wherein E. H. Shipley is Plaintiff, and C. W. Dudley and Lewis Masten are Defendants on a judgment rendered in said court against said Defendant and in favor of said Plaintiff, for the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Eighty One & 34/100 Dollars, with interest thereon at the rate of 8 per cent per annum, from date of judgment together with all costs of suit; I have levied upon and will on the 5th day of January, A. D. 1932, between the hours of ten o'clock a. m. and four p. m. at the Court House door of said County, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of C. W. Dudley and Lewis Masten in and to the following described property, levied upon, to-wit:

The Southeast one-fourth of the Southeast one-fourth of B. B. B. & C. R. R. Co. land Survey No. 51, Callahan County, Texas.

The above sale to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for \$2,581.34 in favor of Plaintiff, together with all costs of suit and sale, and the proceeds to be applied to the satisfaction thereof.

R. L. EDWARDS, Sheriff,
1-3t Callahan County, Texas.

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of Taylor County, 104th Judicial District of Texas, on a judgment rendered in said Court on the 3rd day of November, 1931, in cause No. 1257-B, in favor of plaintiff, W. J. Behrens and against the defendants, W. T. Harris and Edgar Lincecum, jointly and severally for the sum of \$6,996.53 with interest thereon from the third day of November, 1931 at the rate of 10% per annum and costs of suit, and foreclosing vendor's lien against all defendants, namely, W. T. Harris and wife Annie M. Harris and Edgar Lincecum and against all rights, titles and interests of each of them in and to the following described land and premises (except one-half interest in the oil, gas and minerals in and under said land reserved by said Edgar Lincecum in the hereinafter mentioned deed), I did on the 2nd day of December 1931, levy upon the following described land and premises situated in Callahan County, Texas, including all rights, titles and interests of each of the defendants,

W. T. Harris and wife Annie M. Harris and Edgar Lincecum (except said one-half interest in said oil, gas and minerals), to-wit:

All of the West half of the G. W. Denton Survey No. 370, containing 320 acres of land, more or less except said one-half interest in the oil, gas and minerals in and under said land reserved by said Edgar Lincecum in deed from him and his wife Ida Lincecum to said W. T. Harris, dated January 9, 1929, recorded in Callahan County, Texas, Deed Record, Volume 127 page 561.

Said land is now known as the W. T. Harris place and as the old Edgar Lincecum place and is situated about 25 miles in a S. W. direction from Baird, Texas, in the Southern part of Callahan County, Texas.

And on the 5th day of January, 1932, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on said day, at the Court House door of said Callahan County, Texas, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction for cash said land and premises and all rights, title and interests of said W. T. Harris and wife Annie M. Harris and Edgar Lincecum in and to the same (except said one-half of said oil, gas and minerals reserved as stated by said Edgar Lincecum).

Dated at Baird, Texas, this 2nd day of December 1931.

R. L. EDWARDS, Sheriff,
1-3t Callahan County, Texas.

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