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# The Baird Star

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

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## Record Crowd Attends Old Settlers Reunion

It was estimated that between 3,000 and 4,000 attended the Old Settlers reunion held at Hickman Park Friday, which included a record number of pioneers of this county.

The program began with a colorful parade view by hundreds of spectators as the procession passed through Market Street. Bobby Estes, whose father and grandfather were pioneers of this county, took first prize in his circuit-riding preacher costume. Estes, world famous rodeo producer, and his wife rode white horses side by side in the parade, which was headed by Curley Seale and Claude Flores riding a matched pair of Estes' white show horses. Miss Seale and Mrs. Flores carried flags furnished by Estes, and the Baird parade was given the same color and distinction as has been seen in Madison Square Garden. The Girl Scout float, a covered wagon depicting the early days, won second prize, and the third prize was awarded to the Eastern Star float.

Other floats in the parade were two buggies driven by C. P. Burklow and W. T. Faircloth, a number of covered wagons, a float depicting Seay's Saloon in Baird early days, various people walking in pioneer costume that revived memories of early prospectors, etc. E. J. Hill wore the wedding suit of his grandfather. Other costumed persons were Mrs. Fred Heyser, Mrs. Myrtle Young, Mrs. Maggie Cook and many others. Music for the parade was furnished by the U. S. Recruiting sound truck.

The official opening of the 9th annual reunion was at 10 a. m., at Hickman Park, when Judge Ben L. Russell welcomed the hundreds of people gathered there. C. S. Rice of McLean, made the principal address in which he mentioned such well-known pioneer families as W. C. Asbury, Judge Austin, Bill Bob Barnhill, Will Berry, A. A. Callahan, the Crutchfields, Sam and J. B. Cutbirth, the Flores, Lark Hearne, W. L. Henry, J. S. Hart, I. N. Jackson, J. W. Jones, W. R. McDermitt, Alex McWhorter, Captain Maltby, John, Clabe and Dick Merchant, Tom Norrell, Capt. W. C. Powell, John Reeves, N. P. Rice, Ed Seay, E. G. Wager and others.

Thomas E. Hayden, district attorney, Meade Griffin and R. Q. Evans also spoke.

After a noon-day picnic lunch, old settlers elected the officers named by a nominating committee. They are R. P. Stevenson, Eula, president; W. P. Brightwell, Baird, first vice-president; Mrs. L. L. Blackburn, Baird, second vice-president and historian, and Mrs. B. L. Boydston, secretary-treasurer. The nominating committee consisting of Roy Kendrick, W. D. Boydston, H. C. Williams, was re-elected.

Meeting place of the 1948 reunion will be selected by the committee.

Ex-students of old Belle Plain College held their annual session with Claude Flores, president, in charge of the meeting, with 14 members present. The enrollment is 55, but only 10 to 20 usually attend. Flores was re-elected for another term. This was the ninth annual reunion. Present Friday were Flores, Belle Plain; Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Austin, Abilene, the former being secretary and re-elected; Adelia Cutbirth Scott, Cross Plains; Willie Flores Barnhill, Baird; Douglas Floyd, Clyde; Arthur Young, Burkett; Odor Hadley Carmacle, Baird; George Parvin, Eastland; Beulah Cutbirth Lucas, Myrtle Cutbirth Young, both of Cross Plains; Kate Flores Young, Tulsa; Ed Hearn, San Angelo; Lula Phillips Martin, Stephenville.

Introduced to the throng were Mrs. Sophie Walker Blair, Los Angeles, Calif., and J. B. Booth, Long Beach, who came the longest distance; Will Dawkins, oldest native son of Callahan county in attendance; Mrs. Jane Morgan Looper, Colorado, oldest native daughter; Mrs. J. A. Heyser, Putnam, oldest permanent resident, here since 1877; Mont Jones, Cross Plains, oldest pioneer continuously living in county; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Conner, Baird, longest time married couple; Sam H. Gilliland, oldest pioneer; Noah Smedley, Rowden, oldest Callahan county resident on ground, now 89.

In the horseshoe pitching contest, Lee Watson and V. W. Sadler won first with a score of 30. Felix Oglesby and E. F. Vantress, with 21, placed second.

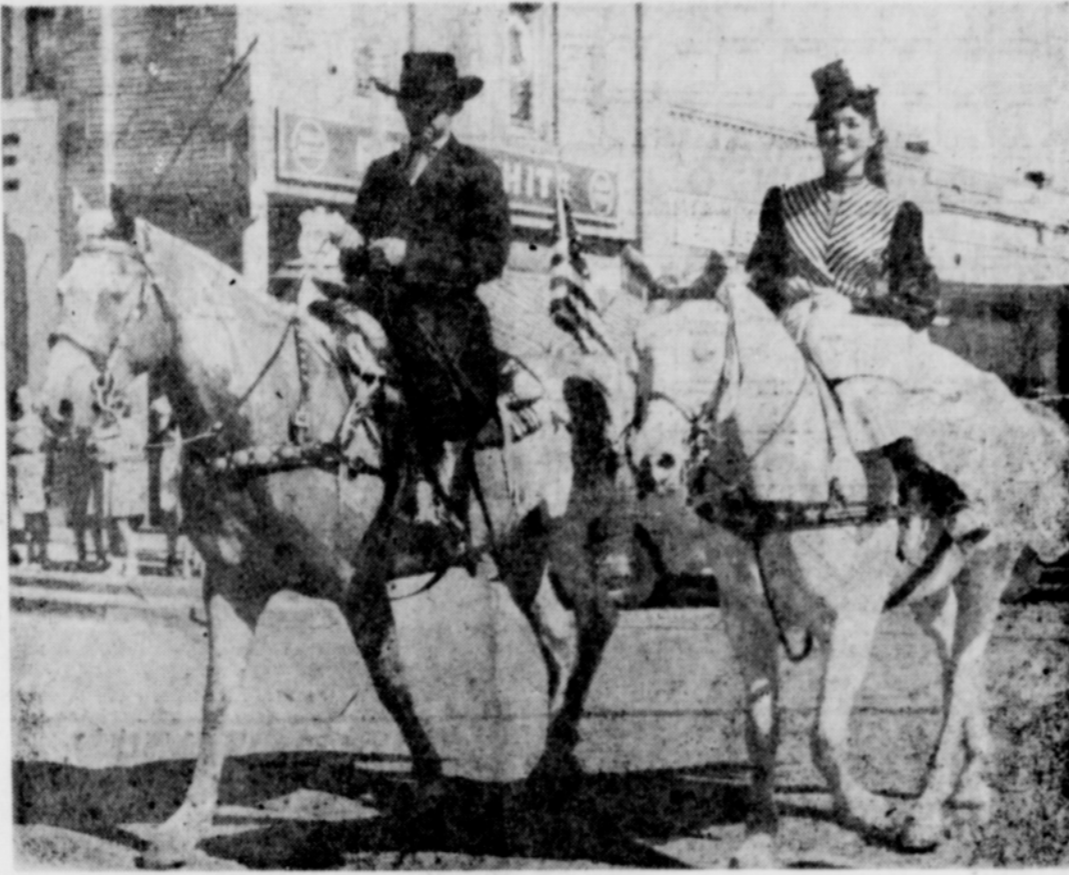
In old fiddlers contest, C. P. Houston, Eastland, won first, his young son Bryant Houston, Eastland, second, and L. M. Hubbard, Sweetwater, third.

The old fashioned party games presented in costume, under the direction of Ellen Marie Hill, assisted by Mrs. Hugh Ross, were very entertaining and carried the thoughts of many on-lookers back to the days when their young hearts thrilled when they sang the songs and swung partners to "Skip-to-m-Lou" and "Weavily Wheat."

The evening was given over to square dances, jigs, and singing of range songs. At night, the American Legion sponsored a dance. Many visited the county museum in the basement of the courthouse.

Betha Freeland and Fred Heyser were masters of ceremonies. G. C. Osborne, of Abilene, brought greetings from officials of the Taylor County Old Settlers Reunion. Jim Coffman, Dudley, lead group singing.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Estes take first prize in parade. —Courtesy Reporter-News

## Club Proposes Hiring Man To Promote Water District

BAIRD CITIZENS TALK WATER WITH T & P

Baird's water problem was presented to officials of the Texas & Pacific Railway Company in Dallas Monday when Mayor Hugh Ross, W. O. Wylie, C. W. Sutphen, B. H. Freeland, and Clifton Hord met with T & P officials, bond company representatives and engineers. The Baird men report a very pleasant meeting, and it looks now like the T & P will be of great assistance in a joint effort to work out an adequate water supply here.

The cost of a large lake with pipeline and other necessary equipment would be too great for the city of Baird alone to finance, and recently bond men suggested that the creation of a water control and improvement district would solve the water problem. Any plan would be very costly for the city.

A plan for the T & P railroad to take water from the city was presented to the railroad officials, which would afford enough revenue with a bond issue to make the proposed water project practical. T & P men looked at the plan with favor, but no direct answer could be given until their engineers went into the matter.

The water district plan thus far has been the only practical method of financing the lake, and if no other way is made to meet the crying demand for water, that plan will be carried out. Baird citizens have reached the point where the main object is to obtain water regardless of costs or procedure.

T&P ECONOMIST VISITS CITY OF BAIRD

Dr. Sidney L. Miller, nationally known economist, was accompanied by A. C. Siler, executive representative of the Texas and Pacific Railway Company, when they visited Baird Tuesday morning. They are beginning a survey of the industrial potentialities of West Texas for the T&P Railway Company and the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

The undertaking will require about a year to complete, but Dr. Miller plans at this time to spend about two weeks in West Texas to "meet the people along the railroad," before he returns to Pittsburgh, Pa., where he is professor of transportation at University of Pittsburgh. Mr. Siler and Dr. Miller spent several hours in Baird meeting local people and gathering information to go into their survey.

Mrs. Wenona Warner and son, Butchie, and Carlene Meredith left Sunday for a visit with relatives and friends in Ft. Worth and Dallas. Miss Ernestine Perry of Fort Worth, cousin of Mrs. Lucy Curtis, returned home early this week after a two weeks visit here.

E. L. Woodley, local oil refinery official and member of the Baird city council, told members of the men's luncheon club Wednesday that "it is no trick to building a lake by creating a water district. It is a proven method of financing water projects," he stated, "and it will work in Baird. The water problem has confronted this city for over thirty years, and finally it looks like somebody is going to do something about it," he continued.

President C. W. Sutphen reported on the meeting between Baird citizens and officials of the T&P Railway Company in Dallas, stating that the T&P men were very courteous and looked with favor on the plan to build a lake that would serve the city and the railroad.

After some discussion a committee of F. E. Mitchell, Dr. M. L. Stubblefield and Marvin Hunter, was appointed to meet with the city council with the view of employing a full-time man to work on the lake project. The club felt that it would be worth while for Baird to raise up to four hundred dollars a month for several months to promote the project. The committee was authorized to obligate the club treasury for \$50 per month up to three months if the council sanctioned the idea. The city council and merchants of the town, with the assistance of other clubs, would be responsible for the expenses and the man's salary.

A film was shown by the T&P Railway Company on the subject of safety at railroad crossings.

GOLF TOURNAMENT FINALS FRIDAY NIGHT

John Conlin with a 269 and J. L. Ault with a 272 are winner and runner-up, respectively in the Men's Division, and Paul Conlin with a 276 and Jerry English with one round to play and a score of 198, appear to be winners in the Boy's Division of the Miniature Golf Tournament. The finals will be staged Friday night to determine the winner of the tournament. The winner will be awarded a lovely trophy and all others in the finals will receive sterling silver golf balls.

Lots of interest and the very best of sportsmanship has been shown during the tournament, and some good scores have been turned in. L. C. Cash and W. B. Swin crowded the winners in the Men's Division, as did Stan Loper and Darrell Young in the Boy's Division.

NOTICE

All students taking summer home project work for credit, please bring your complete written reports to the high school between 4 and 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon, August 28th. Evelyn Frazier.

CLYDE RESIDENT DIES IN MERKEL

Mrs. Lutie Eager, 74, died at Sadler Clinic, Merkel, Sunday at 9:15 p. m. She was an early day resident of Hamby, and had made her home in Clyde with her daughter, Mrs. Alfred Brown, since 1936, when her husband died.

Funeral services were held at Clyde Baptist church Tuesday at 2:30 p. m., with the pastor, Rev. Russell Clubb, assisted by Rev. Weathers of Merkel. Burial was in Hamby cemetery, under direction of Bailey funeral home of Clyde.

Mrs. Eager was born Nov. 14, 1872, in Alabama, and came to Texas as a child. She was married March 9, 1907 to E. G. Eager, and moved to Hamby in 1908. She was a member of the Baptist church.

Survivors include a son, Clyde Eager of Merkel; the daughter, Mrs. Brown; three stepsons, Lewis of Lamesa, Clint of Winters, and Ed Eager of Wichita Falls; three stepdaughters, Mrs. Floy McCormick of Albany, Mrs. Elma Henderson of Rowden, and Mrs. Rosa Carpenter of Hamby; two sisters, Mrs. R. E. Christian, and Mrs. Della Williams of Waco; and two brothers, Jack Reynolds of Waco and Clate Reynolds of Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Spicer of Holden, Mo., Mr. and Mrs. James Jackson of St. Louis, Mo., and Mrs. Faye Nichols of Portland, Oregon, visited their mother, Mrs. M. B. Nichols, the past week.

George Parvin was here from Eastland Friday to attend the Old Settlers reunion.

SCHOOL LUNCH ASSISTANCE HAS BEEN REDUCED

A letter from M. F. Thurmond, director of the school lunch program in Texas, informs A. H. Pritchard, local school superintendent, that funds for operating the school's lunch rooms over the state would be reduced almost 50 per cent. Last year the schools were reimbursed 9 cents for a type A meal with milk. This year it will be about 6 cents. Last year 7 cents was allowed for a type A meal without milk. This year it will be only 4 cents. No funds have been made available for non-food assistance this year as was true last year.

As a result of this reduction in funds, it will be necessary that the price of school lunches be raised. However, the raise will only be 5 cents more per meal. School children will still be able to obtain a good meal at school this year for 20 cents instead of 15 cents as it was last year. The lunch room will again be under the management of Mrs. J. C. Lee and will be open to students on Tuesday, September 2nd.

SENIORS ASKED TO REGISTER FRIDAY, AUG. 29

Seniors are asked to register for classes at Baird high school on Friday morning, August 29 from 9 until 12 o'clock. This is being done to allow time for proper scheduling for the seniors. All other students, both high school and grade school, will complete registration on Monday morning following general assembly of all students in the high school auditorium at 9 o'clock. The public is invited to attend this opening program of the new school year.

Teachers will meet at the high school Saturday morning at 10 o'clock for a general faculty meeting.

It is not mandatory, but it is suggested by school officials that all beginning students be vaccinated for small-pox. Go to your family physician today for your vaccination.

CACALCADE COMING HERE

Cavalcade of Scouting, a 30-minute show of Scouting skills will be at the courthouse lawn August 26, at 3 p. m. All Baird people are invited. Admission: free.

Mr. and Mrs. John Freeland of Morton were among reunion guests here Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Meredith are invited to be the guests of The Baird Star and the Plaza Theatre Sunday or Monday August 24 or 25 to see "CALCUTTA" (Present this coupon at the box office of the Plaza Theatre for admission.)



Old Settlers register for 9th Reunion

—Courtesy Reporter-News



B. L. and W. D. Boydston Welcome Pioneers

—Courtesy Reporter-News

The crowd stood with bowed heads for a moment in tribute to deceased pioneers, especially J. S. Hart, first president, who died a few weeks ago.

Pioneers registered for the reunion, August 15. All have been in county prior to 1897.

Ed Alexander, Baird; J. A. Allphin, Baird; Mrs. Amanda Jane Anderson, Weslaco; Mrs. E. B. Anthony, Canyon; Mrs. Tom Arledge, Baird; Mrs. Dora Armstrong, Abilene; Mrs. Annie Asbury, Baird; Jim Asbury, Baird; G. R. Austin, Snyder; Mrs. G. R. Austin, Snyder; W. I. Avery, Coleman; Mrs. C. C. Ayers, Rowden; J. F. Bailey, Dudley; Mrs. N. L. Bailey, Moran; Mrs. Mittie Balthrop, Ft. Worth; Mrs. Sarah Barclay, Baird; Mrs. Willie Flores Barnhill, Baird; Mrs. L. L. Blackburn, Baird; Mrs. Jessie Barker, Ranger; C. W. Barr, Cross Plains; S. C. Barr, Cross Plains; Joe Baum, Cross Plains; Mrs. Jennie B. Baum, Cross Plains; Mrs. Joe Baum, Cross Plains; Mrs. E. R. Beck, Baird; B. D. Bell, Haskell; Bob Berry, Baird; Harry Berry, Baird; J. R. Black, Abilene; S. A. Black, Atwell; Bob Blackley, Aspermont; J. L. Blackley, Moran; Spike Blackley, Baird; Mrs. Spike Blackley, Baird; L. A. Blackley, Baird; Mrs. J. C. Blacklock, Clyde; T. L. Booth, Haskell; B. L. Boydston, Baird; W. D. Boydston, Baird; Mrs. P. P. Bond, Abilene; Mrs. Homer Boatwright, Baird; Hemer Boatwright, Baird; Mrs. Lenora Boatwright, Baird; Mrs. Bertha Bowls, Baird; Mrs. R. E. Booth, Haskell; J. B. Booth, Long Beach Calif.; Mrs. T. L. Booth, Haskell; R. E. Booth, Haskell; C. S. Boyles, Sweetwater; Mrs. Rose Bradford, Jal, N. M.; W. P. Brightwell, Baird; Walter Bryant, Baird.

Mrs. Lena Bryant, Baird; Mrs. Ella Busby, Brownfield; Jess Burnam, Lubbock; Mrs. M. L. Burkhead, El Paso; Mrs. W. E. Caperton, Abilene; Mrs. Otha Carter, Shafter, Calif.; J. W. Coats, Cottonwood; J. H. Cox, Moran; George Crutchfield, Baird; Mrs. Alma Chatham, Cross Plains; B. C. Chrisman, Baird; Mrs. Anna Clardy, Clyde; A. W. Clemmer, Merkel; H. E.

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**MOURNING DOVES**  
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**SOUTH ZONE: Oct. 20 to Dec. 3, both days inclusive, except in Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, Zapata, Webb, Maverick, Dimmit, LaSalle, Jim Hogg, Brooks, Kenedy, and Willacy counties where mourning doves may be hunted only on Sept. 12, 14, and 16, from 4 p.m. to sunset, and from Oct. 20 to Nov. 30, from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.**

**BAG LIMIT: Not more than 10 per day and not more than 10 in possession.**

**White-winged Doves**  
 OPEN SEASON: Sept. 12, 14, and 16, inclusive.  
 SHOOTING HOURS: 4 p.m. to sunset.  
**BAG LIMIT: Not more than 10 per day and not more than 10 in possession.**

**Unlawful to take whitewings or Chachalaca south of U.S. Highway 83 in southern tip of Texas marked on the map as "Game Sanctuary."**

**No hunting permitted in game refuges and game preserves.**

**Shotguns must be permanently plugged to three shell capacity.**

**Shotguns may not be larger than 10 gauge.**

**A hunter may not have more than 10 a day of either or both species (Whitewings or mourning doves) in the aggregate.**

**White-winged Dove**  
 SHOOTING HOURS: 4 p.m. to sunset.  
**BAG LIMIT: Not more than 10 per day and not more than 10 in possession.**

**GAME SANCTUARY**

Texas Game, Fish and Oyster Commission.

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Mrs. I. N. Jackson, Abilene; Will H. Jobe, Sweetwater; W. S. Jobe, Putnam; Louis G. Jobe, Abilene; Mont Jones, Cross Plains; M. L. Jones, Cross Plains; Brice Jones, Baird; Mrs. Brice Jones, Baird; Mrs. George Jones, Baird; Walter Johnson, Bronte; Roy Kendrick, Clyde; C. A. Kent, Cross Plains; Mrs. C. A. Kent, Cross Plains; Mrs. Nettie Kerschner, Dallas; Mrs. W. A. Kile, Baird; Mrs. Ida King, Baird; Mrs. Ed Lambert, Baird; Miss Jeffie Lambert, Baird; Mrs. Chassie Coffman Langston, Cisco; Mrs. Maria Leach, Baird; Mrs. J. C. Lee, Baird; Mrs. Minnie Lincoff, Dallas; W. T. Lindley, Abilene; Mrs. Ida Lincoff, Baird; Mrs. Nettie Robinson Long, Abilene; Mrs. Jane Morgan Looper, Los Animos, Colo.; L. D. Looper, Los Animos, Colo.; Mrs. Beulah Cutbirth Lucas, Cross Plains; L. A.

McCool, Ft. Worth; W. E. McCollum, Clyde; N. I. McCollum, Haskell; Mrs. N. I. McCollum, Haskell; Mrs. W. C. McDaniel, Hawley; Mrs. J. C. McDermitt, Cross Plains; Mrs. Robert McDonald, Leesburg, Va.; Mrs. Effie McMillan, Moran; J. Frank McGee, Hobbrownville; O. R. McNelly, Moran; G. N. McNelly, Lubbock; Mrs. Joe McGowen, Baird; Mrs. Jack Maddox, Holtville, Calif.; Mrs. Lida Phillips Martin, Stephenville; A. P. Martin, Tulla; W. E. Melton, Austin; Mrs. W. E. Melton, Austin; Mrs. C. M. Mills, Baird; Willie Mitchell, Ranger; Mrs. J. R. Montgomery, Hawley; J. H. Moore, Cross Plains; Davis Montgomery, Cross Plains; Mrs. Jeffie Morgan, Baird; J. Q. Morrison, Baird; J. M. Morrisett, Abilene.

Mrs. Clover Irion Murphy, Eastland; Mrs. Mattie Nixon, Albany; Otis Odom, Clyde; Mrs. Otis Odom, Clyde; F. A. Oglesby, Cross Plains; Mrs. G. C. Osborne, Abilene; George Parwin, Eastland; R. W. Phillips, Penwell; Ben A. Pierce, Cross Plains; Mrs. Ben Pierce, Cross Plains; Mrs. Helen Pierce, Houston; D. W. Pool, Clyde; Miss Mary Prew, Clyde; L. M. Purvis, Atwell; Oscar Pyeatt, Clyde; Mrs. Ruby Ramsey, Putnam; T. L. Ramsey, Putnam; Dr. H. H. Ramsey, Abilene; Mrs. H. H. Ramsey, Abilene; Dr. W. V. Ramsey, Abilene; W. A. Ramsey, Putnam; Mrs. W. A. Ramsey, Putnam; Agnes Prew Ready, Clyde; J. R. Reed, Baird; C. S. Rice, McLean; Mrs. C. S. Rice, McLean; John Robertson, Abilene; Mrs. Lora Robinson, Baird; Mrs. Ella Brooks Royall, Moran; J. C. Rucker, Roswell, N. M.; B. L. Russell, Sr., Baird; Mrs. B. L. Russell, Sr., Baird; Mrs. Eva Rylee, Abilene; Mrs. R. O.

Guion; Willie Wood, Cross Plains; Mrs. M. Wristen, Baird; Sam Wristen, Baird; D. Young, Baird; Mrs. Al Young, Abilene; A. E. Young, Baird; Mrs. Myrtle Cutbirth Young, Cross Plains; Arthur Young, Burkett; Mrs. W. C. Young, Tulla; Dick Young, Baird.

Fisher and Carol Ann of Fort Worth; Oscar Fisher of Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Connell and Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Franke, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Tyler and children, all of Cross Plains; Mr. and Mrs. Robbie Stephens and children of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Seth Drury, Inez and Arnold Turpin, Mrs. Ben Williams and son Carroll of Graham; Margie Horton of New Orleans, Louisiana.

**DRURY FAMILY REUNION**  
 The Drury family reunion was held Sunday, August 10th, at the Cross Plains park. A wonderful basket dinner was spread at noon. The afternoon was spent in talking and picture taking. Two brothers and six sisters were together, including other relatives and a host of friends.

The Drury children present were: Willis Drury and wife of Healdton, Okla., Frank Drury and family of Hereford, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hooks, Tulock, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Duncan of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Berry of Baird, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Riggs of Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Stephens of Cross Plains, Mrs. Minnie Hodges of Healdton, Okla.

Friends and visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Dee Bull, Coleman; Bob Bull of Novice; John Bull of Healdton, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Odis Odom of Oplin; Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Odom and grandson of Cross Plains; Mr. and Mrs. Merriman, Coleman; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Fisher of Breckenridge; Mrs. Heyser and Gladys Riggs of Putnam; Mr. and Mrs. Will Fortune, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Riggs, Mrs. Jim Miller and grandson of Cross Plains; Mrs. Claude Miller and daughter of Albany and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Berry of Baird.

Other relatives were Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Duncan and Tommie of Andrews; Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Duncan and Duane of Baird; Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Garrett and Coral Kay of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Claude Stephens and sons, Donald and Gerald of Rowden; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stephens and Lynn of Stephenville; Mrs. O. J. Nowlin and Mr. and Mrs. Dub Teague, Duane and Barbara Sue, of Ft. Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Coy Smith and boys of DeLeon; Mr. and Mrs. John Smith and Larry of Comanche; Mrs. Rex McGinnis, Jerry and Steve of DeLeon; Mr. and Mrs. Willis

Recent visitors in the home of Mrs. W. G. Bowls were her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Rice of McLean, her sisters, Mrs. Laura Stratton and grandson B. L. Decker, of McLean, and Mrs. Otha Carter of Shafter, California, the following children and grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Bowls, Jr., of Fort Worth, Mrs. Errol Haley and daughter, Mrs. Harold Bailey of Big Spring, Mrs. Hal Ramsey of Corpus Christi, and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil West and family of Crane, and Alex Ogilby III, of Odessa.

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**Midway Musings**  
Miscellaneous Melange and Minor Mention of Men and Women.  
By Mrs W. B. Tarver

(Held over from last week)  
The Methodist revival is being well attended with Rev. Egger of Clyde preaching. A good number of Clyde people were in our midst Sunday night for services. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Steen, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Klepper, Mr. and Mrs. Lofton, Rev. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Dix were among

those visiting. Dinner was spread at the church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Griffin of Rotan are in the Joel Griffin home at present, but contemplate moving to Abilene soon where Bill is employed by Thorn-ton.

Mrs. Jerry Malin and daughters, Jo Ann and Patty, of Amarillo are visiting Mrs. Malin's mother, Mrs. S. E. Webb, Sr., and other relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Selin Canada are the proud parents of a son Kenneth Dwaine, born the 8th.

Wyndell Batley has just returned from a trip in Arkansas, and reports he plans moving in the near future to Searcy, Ark. Foy Tarver returned from a harvest trip in the Dakotas last Saturday.

Earl Johnson, of Baird, is having the house on his recently purchased farm here completely redone, also an electric pump installed on the deep water well.

W. T. Faircloth, Sr., has been helping a daughter, Mrs. Stillman, get located in her new

home in Baird.

W. T. Faircloth, Jr., was painfully shook and bruised in a car wreck west of Abilene last week. Mrs. Frank Frazier of Virginia is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. O. Faircloth. Joe Tarver is up after several weeks illness. Glynna Tarver is improving.

Jchnny Rogers is home from Tullia after visiting relatives there.

Edmund Webb and D.nald made a trip to Maria last week, moving Mr. and Mrs. Sam Webb's household goods here. Sam is employed in Baird.

**Oplin Observations**  
Odds and Ends Opportunely Offered in Opea Order.  
By Joreta Gwin

Mrs. Henry Settle and Mrs. Randall McNeise and son, Buster, of Big Lake, spent the past week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Harville and Mr. and Mrs. Clint McIntyre.

Mrs. Jat Johnson and daughter, Kay, are spending a few days in Gatesville with Mrs. Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Washburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Betcher, Jr., and children spent the past week in New Mexico with Mrs. Betcher's folks.

Betty Mae Millorn of Eula is spending a few days with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Gwin.

Mr. and Mrs. John McIntyre of Sweetwater visited here over the week-end.

Mrs. Annie Slough of Abilene attended the Church of Christ revival over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallas Johnson and family spent the weekend in Brownwood visiting Mrs. Johnson's mother, Mrs. Boyd, who accompanied them home for a few days visit.

Mrs. Ernestine Windham of Lampasas visited Mrs. J. H. Straley on Sunday. She was en route to New Mexico to visit her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Wright.

**VETERAN'S NEWS**

Army Engineers have been given the "green light" on construction of new Veterans Administration hospitals at Big Spring, Texas, and Shreveport, La., VA announced this week.

It is expected that the engineers will advertise for bids on the hospitals within sixty days.

Meanwhile, by order of General Omar Bradley, VA's new hospital construction program was being considerable revised because of the mounting costs of building.

In order to build the hospitals with the money originally appropriated by Congress, it will be necessary to eliminate all features not essential to good medical treatment for veterans, Bradley said.

It is expected that major modifications in plans for hospitals at Bonham and Dallas, Texas; New Orleans, La., and Mound Bayou and Tupelo, Miss., will be made.

Plans for hospitals at Houston and El Paso will not be affected by the order.

Desirable but unessential features such as theatres, office space and doctors and nurse quarters are being eliminated from plans to cut the cost of the new hospital construction program.

A record enrollment of nearly 100,000 World War II veterans in Southwestern colleges and universities this fall is anticipated by the Veterans Administration and educators.

VA officials expect about a 15 per cent increase in the number of veterans attending college under the GI Bill as compared to last spring's enrollment of 85,000 in the higher institutions of learning in Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi.

Veterans entering school for the first time should obtain their certificates of eligibility from the proper VA regional office. Others who plan to change schools or courses of study this fall must obtain prior approval from VA.

Veterans enrolled in school prior to this fall and not planning to change courses or transfer to another school many continue their education without contacting the Veterans Administration.

W. H. Dawkins of Abilene, who is said to be the first settler of this county, attended the reunion here Friday.

Captain Sam H. Gilliland came over from Coleman to attend the Old Settlers reunion Friday. He is a brother to the late W. E. Gilliland, founder of The Baird Star, and came to Callahan county in 1883. He worked with cattle through this section for some years and is one of the few old time cowboys of the early days still living.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hart were here from Fort Worth to attend the reunion, August 15. Mrs. Hart was a Cutbirth and was married to Mr. Hart thirty-five years ago on August 15, 1912.

V. W. Heard and wife of Big Spring and his sister, Mrs. A. J. Northington of Abilene were here for the Old Settlers reunion. Mr. Heard lived in Callahan county 18 years, but left here in 1933. His sister and her husband left here in 1935. Mr. Northington was then employed in B. L. Boydston's market.

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**BANKING'S BIGGEST BOOM DUE**

WASHINGTON — American banking's biggest boom in history may be just over the horizon.

Federal Reserve System experts believe that business loans, banking's dollar-wise mainstay, this fall probably will top the all-time peak reached last spring. During the week ended April 9, these loans reached a record high of \$12,269,000,000. Then there was a mild decline for several weeks until early June. Since then there has been an almost constant weekly increase in commercial, industrial and agricultural credits.

During the week ended July 30 they reached \$11,967,000,000, which was \$3,051,000,000 above the figure reported for the same period last year. The Federal Reserve analyst sees an excellent chance of the total exceeding the April mark by late September or early October.

Their forecasts are based mainly on three factors—prices, production and decreasing reserves. They explain that:

With the outlook for a continuing high price level, prospective borrowers are going ahead on loan making rather than waiting longer for prices to decline. Construction is noted here.

Since more goods are available than at any time since the war,

merchants are increasing their inventories and borrowing to do so.

But with prices at record levels, the borrower requires considerably more money to acquire a given unit inventory than in the past. The ratio of loans to production is below normal.

Meanwhile, industry is gradually using up its war-accumulated reserves in replacements, expansions and other activities and can be expected to begin borrowing more heavily soon.

Who is getting the money? Today, Federal Reserve estimates, about one-third of the business loans are going to the retail trade. Retail loans traditionally show a fall increase as Christmas approaches.

The latest Federal Reserve survey of where business loans were going included these main figures: Retail, 40 per cent; wholesale, 13; manufacturing and mining, 17; service establishments, 12.3; public utilities, 5.6; construction, 6.4.

**WEST TEXAS FAIR OPENS IN ABILENE SEPT. 15**

ABILENE — The 23rd annual West Texas Fair and Sheriff's Posse Rodeo will be held at the West Texas Fair Grounds, September 15 - 20, with rodeo performances each evening at 8:00 p. m. and afternoon performances at 2:00 p. m. on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.

The 1947 Fair will be officially opened at 10:00 a. m. September 15, with a colorful parade, led by the Hardin-Simmons world famed Cowboy Band. One of the feature attractions of the parade will be the giant animal balloons, which were featured in New York. More than thirty beautiful floats have already been entered, and several col-

lege and high school bands will be on hand to add music and color in the event. Mounted rodeo performers, quarterhorses and flashing palominos will be in the parade.

Cutting horse contests, quarterhorse races and specialty acts will be held on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons.

Bill Hames shows will be on the midway with the very latest rides and shows to entertain both young and old.

The exhibition buildings have been remodeled and enlarged to take care of the hundreds of exhibits which will be on display during the six days. These will include manufacturers, retailers, community agriculture exhibits, automobiles, farm machinery, road machinery and others.

The livestock show this year includes registered Herefords, Jerseys, sheep and goats, quarterhorses, swine, poultry and rabbits.

**County Agriculture Agent's Column**  
By A. R. Grote, Jr.

**PEAS, VETCH AND RYE MAKE GRAZING**

Farmers in Cottonwood and Admiral communities should be very interested in Weldon Gary's success with grazing peas and vetch and rye pastures.

Mr. Gary planted 4 acres of rye and vetch in the early part of October 1946 and ran 14 calves on these 4 acres from February until the day he combined it.

In addition to these 14 calves on the patch he ran 12 head of steers part time. These steers also had access to a field of Austrian Winter Peas. These 12 head cost \$300. They ran on the peas and vetch pasture from February to April 30, were fed additional supplement of cottonseed meal and peanut hay and were sold in the first of May for \$1100.

Even after the 26 head of cattle had been grazing on these four acres, Mr. Gary said he harvested 200 lbs. of vetch and rye seed from the field.

On another 2½ acre plot of vetch and rye, which he grazed up to the middle of April, he reaped 671 pounds of vetch seed.

That's 268 lbs. of vetch seed per acre and one of the highest yields made in the county this year.

**CHECKS APPLE ORCHARDS**

Mr. Paul Gregg, Assistant Extension Entomologist, visited in the county Thursday, August 14, to check on apple aphids. As the apple growers in the county remember the DDT spraying demonstration given at J. F. Browning's orchard last April 18, with Paul Gregg as principal speaker, he cautioned that new apple insects may appear with the use of DDT. This year Mr. Browning sprayed to control aphids, an insect that had not bothered his trees heretofore. We found aphids in Mr. Shanks' orchard where considerable damage was visible.

Those orchardists that followed the DDT spraying schedule as recommended last April should make a close check on their trees for aphids. Aphids can be controlled with a 2 or 3% mineral oil emulsion (summer oil spray).

Both Mr. Shanks and Mr. Browning have received desirable control of the coding moth using the DDT spraying recommendations.

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

**4-H ROUND-UP, SEPT. 4-5**

The State 4-H Club Round-Up, the biggest event of the year for Texas 4-H Clubbers, has been set for September 4-5 on the campus at Texas A. & M. College.

J. W. Potts and Lorene Stevens, state 4-H Club leaders of the Texas Extension Service, have announced that each county may send to the Round-Up two 4-H boys, two 4-H girls, one woman club leader and one man club leader.

The 1946 Round-Up, first of that type program held in Texas, was planned by and for 4-H'ers, who ran the whole show for the three days of entertainment and instruction at Texas A. & M. Plans in the making now call for a similar program, with maximum participation scheduled for the youngsters.

Potts and Miss Stevens explain that in addition to the county attendance quota, 4-H members who are taking part in the state dress revue, rifle matches, or who are on any other part of the scheduled program will attend the get-together. All boys and girls, however, must be at least 14 years of age to make the Round-Up trip.

**PLENTIFUL FRYERS**

Chicken dinners can be on the family menu often now. They're plentiful and priced reasonably.

The wholesale price of fryers is now below the last OPA ceiling. In fact, they are back to 1926 price levels.

Fryers are popular because they are adaptable. Served hot or cold, country fried or French fried, the plentiful young birds fill the menu bill.

Very plump fryers weighing not over 2½ pounds are tops for broiling, and the heavier fryers, weighing around 3½ pounds lend themselves best to roasting, braising or fricasseing.

However, the housewife prepares them, fryers are excellent eating and they are a good buy, says Miss Wieland.

M. G. Farmer was back in Baird for the reunion after spending the past three months taking medical treatments in San Angelo and Austin. He has spent 63 years in Callahan county and was glad to be back for the big gathering of old friends. He plans to go to Lake Brownwood for an extended visit.

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**"CALCUTTA" FULFILLS DESIRE FOR ACTION**

Two movie directors, John Farrow and George Cukor, met recently at a Hollywood party and Cukor was inquiring about Farrow's latest picture, Paramount's "Calcutta," which arrives Aug. 24 at the Plaza Theatre.

"In the first reel, we have an airplane crash, a free-for-all fight, a murder, and a girl sings a sexy number in a night club," said Farrow.

"That's all you need to know," grinned Cukor. "You're in."

Such violence is the rule in today's pictures, although Farrow has perhaps more than his share of it in "Calcutta." Its star is Alan Ladd, who has packed a gun and flailed his fists in eight of his nine Paramount pictures. In this one, he and William Bendix are pilots flying cargo over the "hump" from India to Chungking, and the story gives them the opportunity to participate in one gang fight and several individual battles.

Farrow sees a couple of reasons for the trend that finds fistfights featured in many films today.

"We have out-grown the drawing room period of early talking pictures," Farrow says. "When the movies learned to talk, they moved into the parlor and concentrated on wordy dramas."

"Now pictures are going back to action. 'Calcutta' for example is sheer adventure stuff, with a murder mystery as an added attraction."

Hollywood's practice of catering to the public's desires is also a factor in the trend, Farrow claims.

"Unfortunately, the world has grown accustomed to violence," the director states. "That's one reason the fans get a kick out of seeing people slug each other around the screen."

In "Calcutta" Ladd and Bendix play a pair of devil-may-care pilots who return from a trip over the "hump" to find their best friend had been strangled with an Oriental noose. The film goes on to thrillingly depict their bruising, but successful efforts to nail the killers.

Among attendants at the Old Settlers reunion Friday was Mrs. Lula Phillips Martin of Stephenville, who many years ago was the milliner at B. L. Boydston's store.

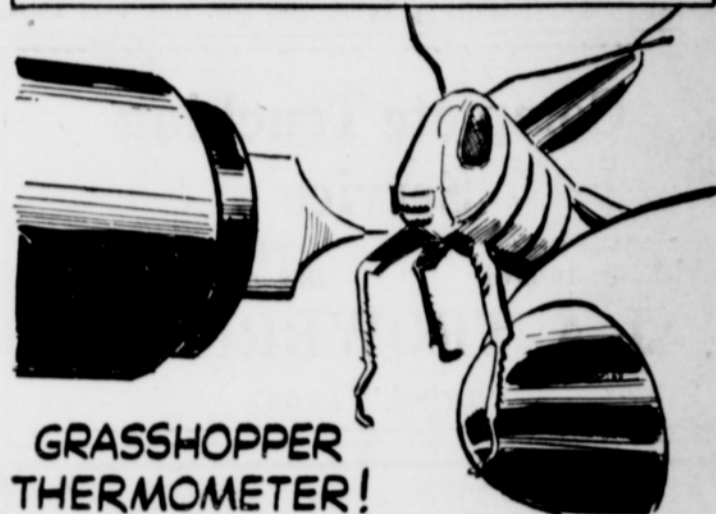
W. T. Lindley of Abilene, came to Callahan county in 1877 from Lytle Cove. He was present at the reunion here Friday.

Will Avery of Coleman attended the 9th annual reunion of Callahan county old settlers Friday.

Reports are that Tom Odom caught a 31-pound catfish at the Bayou last week. Fishermen, don't rush.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy W. James spent last week visiting relative and friends in Baird, Abilene and Goree.

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