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From The Editor's Window

BY MRS. J. S. YEAGER

The condition of former Governor Ross Sterling is said to be very critical at this writing. He has been confined to the Harris Hospital since September 18, suffering from a heart ailment.

The United States Senate recently elected the Rev. Dr. Frederick Brown Harris, pastor of the Foundry Methodist Church in Washington, D. C., as its chaplain.

The first lighthouse in the world to guide vessels at sea is said to have been erected off the coast of Egypt in 280 B. C.

It was 400 feet high and was visible for forty miles.

I has been said, and truly we believe, that youth is just about the same the entire world over.

A report coming from Tokio, Japan tells us that Japanese youngsters are much like our own children in America. Some 300 children there be-

A recent police survey of twelve the ages of nine and twelve years, showed that they are more interested in baseball than ballots and prefer comic books to biographies.

The new miracle drug, aureomycin, is reported to be one of 1948's greatest medical discoveries.

Many doctors are said to view it as the possible solution to such virus diseases as the common cold, mumps, infantile paralysis, measles and influenza. I has already been effective as the cure for virus pneumonia, spotted fever, typhus, parrot fever and various kinds of infections.

"I tell you," the old lady said firmly to the bellboy, "I will not have this small room. I am not going to pay for a closet with out a window. Just because it is from the country — etc."

"Get in, lady, get in," the bellboy said wearily, "This isn't your room. It's the elevator."

A gangster rushed into a saloon shooting right and left, yelling, "All you dirty bums get outa here."

The customers fled in a hail of bullets—all except an Englishman, who stood at the bar calmly finishing his drink.

"Well," snapped the gangster waving his smoking gun.

"Well," remarked the Englishman, "there certainly were a lot of them, weren't there?"

The highest mountain peak in South America is said to be Mount Aconcagua, an extinct volcano, which is 22,985 feet high. It is situated in the western part of Chile.

In Africa, work will soon start to widen and deepen the mouth of the Congo River. It is planned for the alteration to enable ships to sail up to the port of Matadi.

At present, owing to the tricky waterway, ships are forced to anchor in the entrance to the river, especially at night, because of the danger and uncertainty of navigation in that area.

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People Favor 1947 Labor Law

Final tabulation of Congressman Omar Bureson's questionnaire on the Taft-Hartley law to the voters of Taylor and Eastland counties are strongly in favor of the law just as it was written in 1947. First it would favor the representative standing pat on the law (2) Oppose price controls, and (3) Fight measures that would take federal jurisdiction over rights now exercised by individual states.

Bureson's report for publication, said the poll had produced 3,000 replies from qualified voters in Taylor county, and 1,220 from Eastland County.

Those questioned were most emphatic in their opposition to a federal law which would interpose to handle segregation problems. The Taylor County vote was 2,643 to 282 and Eastland County 1,069 to 110 on the question.

Are you for or against the following provisions of the Taft-Hartley law, (1) The provision which prohibits the closed shop. Taylor County for 2,170, and against 749.

Eastland County for 815 to 364 against.

(2) The provision which prohibits secondary boycotts and strikes. Taylor County for 2,271 and against 749. Eastland county for 849 against 333.

(3) Provision for cooling off periods before a strike could be called. Taylor voters were 2810 to 138 in favor, and Eastland county had 1107 for and 81 against.

(4) The provision which authorizes civil damage suits for both labor and management for breach of contract. Taylor county for 2745 against 194. Eastland county for 1077 against 103.

A number of other social questions were about the same on all of them. Mr. Truman carried the two counties by about eight to one against Dewey. Yet, he says he has a mandate to repeal the Taft-Hartley law. BAH!

RAIN AND SNOW PUTS SEASON IN GROUND

Well the blizzard we had for the past three weeks was no o bad after all as the good will over balance the damage. Very little damage has been reported to the livestock from the snow and ice. Only a few head of cattle died from the freeze. Of course, it caused hardships on the owners in trying to feed them during the bad weather.

On the other side of the ledger old timers are reporting the best season in the ground in a number of years which will save the grain crop that has been sown. However, the acreage will show considerable reduction from the 1948 crop. But the territory will likely harvest more grain than was harvested in 1948.

Besides it made considerable water. Lake Nancy, the city lake southwest of town was filled about two feet with water, which gives the city plenty of water to run far into the summer. However, we had plenty of water to have lasted for several months before this rain.

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NORWEGIAN MINISTER ARRIVES



Bela Fabjan, exiled former member of the Hungarian Parliament, who changed in New York that the alleged confession of Joseph Cardinal Mindezeny was spurious in at least one regard. (ACME)

Earl Johnson Funeral Held at Baird Thursday Before A Host Of Friends

Earl Johnson, 52 died in the Hendricks Memorial hospital at 10:00 a.m. Monday morning where he had been taken on Thursday before suffering from a heart attack. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. John English, pastor of the Methodist Church, assisted by Rev. Hamilton Wright, the roving reporter for the Abilene Reporter News, writing the Road Runner column.

Mr. Johnson was the Ford dealer in Baird entering the business about 1935 and continuing active until his death he last week.

Mr. Johnson will be missed as he had been very active ever since coming to Baird in 1935. He was active in City and civic affairs, having served on the city council for several years been in the front in trying to give Baird an adequate water supply, having spent considerable time in this work. Besides a number of other enterprises that of Baird.

He was born February 22, 1896, in Lampassas county. During World War I, he served as an aerial gunner with the Marine Corps, spending two years in France.

The survivors are his wife, two sons, Billy Bob, serving with the Navy and stationed at San Diego, Calif., and Stanley, a senior in the Baird High School; and the father, R. W. Johnson of San Saba; two sisters, Mrs. H.W. Foster of Sterling City, and Mrs. Harry Porter, of Lampassas; four brothers, Curtis, of San Saba Dan of New Orleans, A. N. of Baird Glenn of Denver, Colo. and Lee of Phoenix, Arizona.

Pallbearers were, Jack Ashlock, George Morgan, Curti-

Sutphen, W. L. Ray, and Hugh Ross all of Baird, and Bernice Andrews of Abilene.

Burial was in an Abilene cemetery under the direction of Wylie Funeral home.

H. D. Work Carried On In Big Way

Expansion was carried on in a big way during 1948 and expected to reach more people in 1949 than was reached in the past year in Callahan County. The members of girls 4-H clubs was increased from eight to ten and three clubs were divided in to junior and senior groups and one club was disbanded due to school consolidations.

During the year, the number of women's clubs was increased from eight to ten with combined enrollment of 170 women. One club was organized at a demonstration given by leaders in an unorganized community. Women in another unorganized community requested a H. D. club.

The county home demonstration council held ten regular meetings, an annual with an average attendance of 25 council officers and members and visitors. A special Christmas luncheon and party was held with the Commissioners as well as 85 women attending. The council sponsored and financed a landscape exhibit in a local store window during National Home Demonstration week. The annual county encampment was held at Lake Brownwood in August.

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Representative Jobe Appointed On Two Committees

Billy Mac Jobe, representative elected from the 107th electoral district of Callahan and Eastland Counties, in the November election has taken up his duties in the law making body at Austin.

He has been appointed to positions on two committees, the State Affairs Committee and labor committee. This is good for a young man, being his first session and probably the youngest man in the Texas Legislature.

City Reduces Debt On New Lake

It is reported that the City council paid off a considerable sum of their indebtedness against the new lake the past week. The city only has a current debt of about \$400 at the present time. And has a lake that has sufficient water to run the city if it rains any at all and be no water in the other towns. As a number of towns were dry before the recent rain and snow.

This lake was built with local capital and the people will not be paying interest on a large sum of money borrowed from the government. We would have taken a loan from the government if it could have been secured at one time, but building it with local capital was much better.

Bruce Wilbanks Is Recovering From Severe Burns

Bruce Wilbanks, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilbanks, was recovering in a Cisco hospital Thursday from first and second degree burns received late Saturday at the home of his parents in a gasoline explosion between Putnam and Moran.

The explosion occurred when Bruce was repairing a gasoline line under the family automobile. A gasoline lantern was used to furnish light for the pipe and fumes from the leaking line became ignited, catching young Wilbanks' clothing afire. He was badly burned about the face and arms.

The quick thinking of a younger brother, Harold, saved Bruce from more severe burns. He smothered the flames with a rug and ran more than a mile to obtain a neighbor's car to bring the injured youth to a hospital.

After the explosion Bruce drove the burning car from the garage which is attached to the house and saved both the house and garage. The car, a 1948 Plymouth, was almost a total loss.

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TOO MUCH TALK (An Editorial)

Recently in my opinion, there has been too much talk about the common man. It has been drilled into us that this is the century of the common man. The idea seems to be that the common man has come into his own at last. Thus we are in danger of developing a cult of common man, which means a cult of mediocrity. But there is at least one hopeful sign; I have never been able to find out who this common man is. In fact, most Americans and especially women, will get mad and fight if you try calling them common.

This is hopeful because it shows that most people are holding fast to an essential fact in American life. We believe in equal opportunity for all, but we know that this includes the opportunity to rise to leadership, in other words to be uncommon.

Let us remember that the great human advances have not been brought about by mediocre men and women. They were brought about by distinctly uncommon people with vital sparks of leadership. Many of the great leaders were, it is true, of humble origin but that alone was not their greatness.

It is a curious fact that when a common doctor, if your car breaks down you want an uncommon good mechanic; when we get into war we want dreadfully an uncommon admiral and an uncommon general.

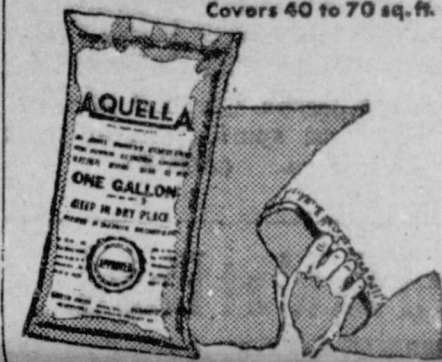
I have never met a father and mother who did not want their children to grow to be uncommon men and women. May it always be so. For the future of America, rest not in mediocrity,

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When EKKLESIA is used in relation to God's people, it refers to people who have been called out of sin into Christ, Jn. 15:19. The Jews were God's people by fleshly birth. The Jews rejected Christ, their Savior, Jn. 1:12. He therefore turned to those (Jew or Gentile) who would believe in him.

A knowledge of Matt., Mk., Luke, and John is a basis for a belief in Christ that motivates

the believer to want to lay aside evil and attain the standard as lived and taught by Christ. The penitent believer is Baptized for the remission of sins; and as one from the dead, he is raised to walk in a newness of life. Rom. 10:17 v. 9-10; Acts 2:38, Rom. 6:3-4.

In trying to accommodate the community, the Church of Christ has changed Sunday evening services to 6:15 P. M. We have also changed mid-week services to Thursday night at 7 P. M. At this service outstanding speakers will be our guests. Come visit us.

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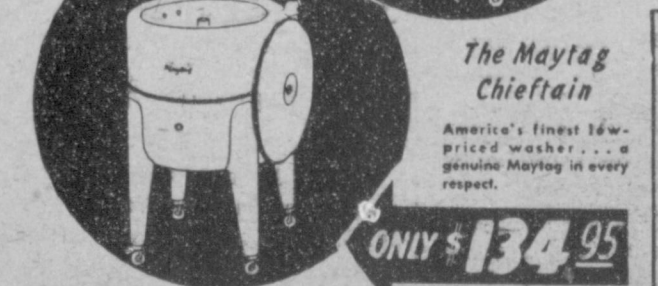
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Speaker Rayburn Meets a Texan



● Linda Brown of San Antonio, March of Dimes Poster Girl makes herself at home on the desk of Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn in the Capitol at Washington. She greeted the Speaker after opening the 1949 Fight Infantile Paralysis drive during a call on President Truman in the White House. Linda is holding the Speaker's pipe and his pencil.

Oil Well Service Company Plans Expansion Program

Lane-Wells Buys Tract On Highway 80 Near Cisco

Announcement was made today of the purchase of a building site by an oil well servicing company and with the announcement came the bright hopes of adding to the ever expanding industrial picture for Cisco. The industrial committee of the Cisco Chamber of Commerce, in making the report, said that the new industry was just one of many that were contemplating making Cisco their permanent home.

The tract of land, located one half mile west of the City limits and measuring 600 feet along the new U. S. Highway 80 and extending 300 feet back was purchased by the Lane-Wells Company for the purpose of erecting two buildings at a cost of some \$12,000, to house their warehouse, offices and equipment. The company is engaged in oil field servicing and plans to make Cisco its headquarters for this area.

One building measuring 40 x 70 feet will house the shop and the offices while the other which will measure 30 x 30 feet will serve as a magazine or warehouse. They will house two perforating machines and a logging unit along with cars and trucks used in the operations. Company officials hope to have the buildings ready for use within 90 days. When the buildings are complete the company plans to employ at least 10 men, it was reported. C. T. Ritchy has been placed in charge of the opera-



DIGGING OUT ALONG THE SIERRAS

Beneath a mass of swirling snow a Southern Pacific work train which includes three locomotives driving a huge rotary plow, appears to be winning its battle with the snow drifts on the western slopes of the Sierras. (NEA)

tions as local manager. Working with him now are four men, Fred Plumlee, Raymond Stone, J. F. Hubbard and Hilbert King. The first three are married and their families are living in Cisco. The real estate transactions were handled by Surles Realty Co. Surveying operations were in

progress and actual construction will begin as soon as the titles have been cleared.

The company has been operating out of Cisco for several months and are now located in the Carroll building on Ave. D.

Other oilfield service companies serving the area out of Cisco are Halliburton Oil Well Cementing Co. managed by Jeff Gregory, Johnston Oil Field Service Co., managed by L. O. Welch and McCulloch Tool Co. managed by R. R. Smith. McCulloch plans to expand their service soon. The Bethlehem Supply Co., has added to the growth of Cisco by opening a supply store in Cisco to serve the area. Charlie Pigg is in charge of the store here.

Funeral Services For Retired Farmer Held In Scranton

Funeral services for Thomas Presley Ledbetter, 61, retired farmer, who had lived in East-

land County for many years, and in Cisco for the past five years were held Monday at the Methodist Church in Scranton. Mr. Ledbetter died February 6 after an illness of six months.

Rev. James McDermott of Dallas and Rev. S. R. Grace of Scranton had charge of the services at the church and the cemetery.

He was born in Gainesville, Arkansas, on June 19, 1887, and moved to the Scranton community a few years later. He was married to Miss Eula Mae Cribb in Cisco in 1908.

He is survived by his wife four sons and two daughters. The sons are A. L. Ledbetter and W. F. Ledbetter of Scranton; C. L. Ledbetter of Midland. The daughters are Mrs. H. H. Everett of Price and Mrs. A. T. Boren of Big Spring. He had eleven grandchildren.

Also surviving are one brother, W. P. Ledbetter of Scranton; and three sisters, Mrs. J. D. Spralls of Scranton, Mrs. Elaird Eastus of Chattanooga, Oklahoma, and Mrs. O. E. Murry of Corpus Christi.

Judge Frost Is Speaker At Lions Club Luncheon

Judge Cyrus B. Frost, Eastland attorney, addressed the Cisco Lions Club on the subject of "Government" as the feature of the regular weekly luncheon meeting at noon today at the College Cafeteria.

Pointing out that there are four forms of government—monarchy, aristocracy, democracy and dictatorship—in the world today, Judge Frost discussed the relative merits of each.

He dealt principally with democracies, as exemplified by the United States, and the dictatorships. "Russia, where 13 men hold 200,000,000 people in virtual slavery, is an outstanding example of the dictatorships," Judge Frost said.

He complimented Congressman Omar Burleson of this district for his recent move to obtain the views of the people of his district on questions of the day.

Judge Frost warned that the greatest threat to democracy in the United States is the ever-increasing cost of government. He predicted that the gains of communism would not be halted unless governmental expenses are controlled.

Lion Clyde Karkalyts was in charge of the program.

The club voted to invite members of the Rotary Club to attend their luncheon next Wednesday when Dick West, Cisco newspaper writer for the Dallas News, will be the guest speaker.

Lion Burford Jordan was initiated as a new member. The club will hold a ladies night dinner Monday night at the Victor Hotel Coffee Shop.

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Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Weeks are enjoying a visit from their son in Lacy and Fay Weeks and husband from El Paso.

Fredalyn Cook, who is attending Hardin Simmons University at Abilene, was home over the week end visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Overton of Sweetwater were here the past weekend visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Butler.

W. J. Shirley was in from the farm south of Putnam Saturday afternoon and said he had been walking to town for several days on account of the mud, but was

able to come to town in the pickup for the first time in several days.

He said he had about 30 acres in wheat that was sown in the dust and was coming up and looking good.

Mr. and Mrs. Mac Estes of Abilene spent the weekend visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Maynard.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cooper of Indianapolis, Indiana, cousin of Mr. Odom, was passing through Putnam the past week and stopped in to see Mr. Odom who he had not seen in 23 years.

Sam Maynard, who is employed at the White Grocery cutting meat, was out the back of the building during the time every

thing was iced over helping R. B. Cunningham dig the ice from under his car with a grubbing hoe and his foot slipped and he fell on the hoe handle and broke two of his ribs.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Clinton of Eastland spent the weekend visiting the homes of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Clinton, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. H. Lowry, their parents.

Tom Simmons, a son of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Simmons who is in the Air Corps, stopped over the weekend to visit with his parents. He is enroute to March Field, Calif., where he will take up his duties at a lieutenant in the Air Corps.

Mrs. Lena Kelley of Fort Worth, after a visit with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ramsey and friends, has returned to her home.

Victor Gilbert, en route home to El Paso from San Diego where he visited Mr. and Mrs. Albert

Clements and Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Clements and who recently stopped for a visit with Mary and Wilda Shackelford Thomason of Glendale, Calif. All the above mentioned are former Putnam people.

Grandmother Rogers has been confined to her home from an injured hip sustained during the bad weather.

Mrs. John Cook has returned to her home after spending several days in the county hospital at Baird. Her condition has improved considerably from her stay and treatment in the hospital.

Mrs. Virgil Pinnell of Sweetwater, enroute home to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oin Elliott of near Pubelo, stopped in Putnam Saturday afternoon and visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Yeager.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewes of the Atwelo community were in Putnam one day last week and while

here Mrs. Hewes extended her subscription to the News for another year. Thanks.

Mrs. Ed Buford and son John Conlin and wife and little daughter were Putnam visitors Sunday.

L. J. Cook has been taken to hospital days in the county hospital and is reported to be on the road to recovery and will likely return soon.

Mrs. S. M. Eubank left Friday morning to visit with her daughter and husband in Fort Worth for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. George Henry moved from the G. S. Pruet ranch north of Putnam and are now at home in the Sterling Abernathy house in the south part of town.

Mary Guyton made a business trip to Cisco Thursday evening looking after business interests.

The City of Putnam was without water the past week on account of serious cold weather and pipes freezing up all over town but they have the pump going again and most everyone has plenty of water again.

Vella Sandlin was home one day last week from Cisco where she has been employed for the past several weeks.

The writer has been thinking of those mud boats that they had in Ranger in 1919 and thinking it would be necessary for Putnam to build some if we have much more snow and rain as was more and deeper mud in Putnam from the rain and snow than anytime in the past thirty years.

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January Storms Cause \$7,500,000 Damage To Bell Telephone System

Damage totaling more than \$7,500,000 was suffered by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in recurring ice and sleet storms which struck parts of Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas in January, the company reported.

The first major storm occurred during the week of January 10, in a region extending from near El Paso northward across Texas and Oklahoma into southern Kansas and across Missouri from Joplin to Hannibal. The second severe blow hit the week of January 24 and embraced an area from south of Dallas and Fort Worth into Oklahoma, northwest Arkansas, and southwest Missouri.

Ice was the major cause of the damage. Rain and sleet froze to telephone poles and lines until sheer weight of ice caused wires to snap and poles to topple. Wind also caused heavy damage to ice-laden poles and wires.

The first storm disaster isolated 180 communities from long

distance telephone service by knocking out 2,600 long distance circuits. In addition, at one time about 20,000 telephones were out of service. Nearly 10,000 telephone poles and 16,000 cross-arms on long distance lines were broken or toppled by the storm.

Most service had been restored when the second blow struck two weeks later. All but 200 long distance circuits had been restored to service, for example, and most of the 10,000 poles replaced.

Texas and Oklahoma suffered most heavily in the second storm disaster. There were 2,200 long distance circuits and 33,000 telephones out of service at one time during the several days of intense damage. About 13,000 poles and 17,000 crossarms on long distance lines were broken

or down at the storm's peak and some 170 towns were cut off from long distance service.

Southwestern Bell rushed repair crews into the storm areas while sleet and freezing rain were still falling, shifting all that could be spared from regular work in areas not affected. In addition, crews were sent to help in emergency repairs by The Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company, Illinois Bell Telephone Company, and the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, each, like Southwestern Bell, a member of the Bell Telephone System.

trying—there was bitter cold, snow, rain, or sleet during much of the month. Some sections of pole line had to be repaired several times as new ice formed and undid the work of emergency repairs.

While most service put out by the last storm has since been restored, some repairs to telephone plant have been temporary and company officials said telephone crews would be working for many months to replace storm-damaged plant.

Going Home Via U. S. Navy



In the post-war repatriation of exiled Korean civilians and Japanese troops to their homelands, U. S. Navy LST's made seven trips to accomplish that mission of mercy. Photo shows crew members of USS LST 1069 watching Korean civilians as they prepare to board the vessel prior to the last trip. (Official Navy Photograph)



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HOFFMAN ASKS MORE FOREIGN AID



At a joint session in Washington, the House and Senate Foreign Relations committees heard foreign aid chief Paul G. Hoffman ask for help to assure the world 'peace and stability' in the form of a multi-billion dollar extension of the Marshall Plan. Left right: Chairman Tom Connally of Senate Committee; Chairman Sol Bloom of the House Group; Hoffman; Secretary of State Dean Acheson, and ECA's Roving Ambassador Averell Hoffman (NEA)

Boy Scout Court Of Honor Is Well Attended Tuesday Night; 34 Merit Badges And 7 Awards Presented

Already headlong in the observance of Boy Scout Week in Cisco, approximately 60 persons attended the First Presbyterian Church Troop Court of Honor held in the basement of the church Tuesday night.

from Brownwood, Comanche Trail Council headquarters, presided over the candle light ceremony, and presented scout badges to seven scouts, which included four tenderfoot, one star

and two first class ranks. A number of merit badges, believed the largest at one time to be passed out to scouts, were divided between four scouts. They were Freddy Smith, 6; Vandell Weathers, 11; Skip Porter, 9; and Bill Mitchum with 6 making a total of 34 merit badges.

Scouts receiving badges for higher degrees in Scouting were Freddy Hayes, Jimmie Kleiner Blair Paul and Buddy Wright tenderfoot; Fred Smith and Vandell Weathers, first class; and Skip Porter, star.

Immediately following the services, Earnest Hitson, former Scoutmaster of Troop 101 and now committeeman, spoke briefly before the audience of parents and scouts. Rev. Stuart McRohre, pastor of the First Pres



BUSINESS, BIG AND LITTLE!
By GEORGE S. BENSON
President of Harding College
Searcy, Arkansas

Looking Ahead

YOU CANNOT create a make-believe feud out of the mystical question of Big Business vs. Small Business. It won't hold up, this attempt to make "bad business" out of business that's big. We need many of them small, but we also want some of them big. I recall Emerson's fabled quarrel of the mountain and the squirrel, in which the squirrel made the point: "If I cannot carry forests on my back, neither can you crack a nut." Both big and little enterprises belong in America's system.

Out of the desire of people for goods and for services, our business exists. Private business, generally, is taken for granted. Yet, many unthinking people consider "Big Business" a certain bogeyman. They fail to see that big business is simply a lot of people doing things together that they could not do separately. Service is **SOMETIMES**, we Essential act as if we expected the government to whittle all big industry down to size. Yet, what would our fate have been after Pearl Harbor, without large and well-equipped industries? In war, we relied upon our bigness. And big industry was well-supported by thousands of small firms. Now, in peacetime, America looks to a well-financed and managed industrial community for continued prosperity and plentiful jobs.

owners of the tools have entrusted to it. If a business does these things, it may expect to grow and be of even greater service to its public. In America, any kind of business must merit public approval or fold up.

Pulling Together BIG INDUSTRY can do some of the big jobs better. Suppose you had to depend upon a one-man workshop for your automobile. Experts say it would cost you \$50,000 to have your car built that way. Instead, large companies manage the mass production of thousands of parts (some of which are made by small firms), so that an assembly line rolls out the cars. This requires millions of dollars of capital, and thousands of workers.

However, many needs are best served by small business. The big fellow and the little fellow can be partners in industrial activity. Then each one, big or small, profits from the efforts of the other. Here, we'll find parts used by big firms being made by small ones. There, we'll find the material of a large producer being fabricated by a small mill. Each is a customer of the other.

It is because all of us have worked, and traded together, that living standards in America are the highest in the world. Many of our biggest businesses form the base of this pyramid of prosperity, making it possible for many small businesses to grow and develop. When our enterprises, big and little, have prospered, everybody has shared in the rewards. What system could bring us more?

Have you heard Dr. Benson and the radio drama, "Land of the Free"? Check your local station for time.

byterian Church who has been instrumental for the progress of the boy scout movement in the city, expressed appreciation for the impressive work the scouts and leaders accomplished and concluded his talk with an appeal for Ciscoans to accept Scouting.

A short scout sermon and a short motion picture of the council's camp in San Saba County will climax Scout Week in Cisco, it was learned. The ceremonies will take place in the chapel of the First Presbyterian Church at the Sunday evening hour.

A special appeal to the public to attend the event was made today by scout executives here.

ENROUTE HERE
A huge white truck, loaded with 3,300 pounds of lettuce to a firm here, overturned when it collided with a tiny Austin passenger car just west of Baird Monday.

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S. M. Shelton, Former Ciscoan, Dies Friday In Abilene; Funeral Sunday

Cisco relatives were notified late Friday night of the death of S. M. Shelton, 64, prominent citizen of Abilene and president of the Shelton Motor Company, who died earlier at the home of a daughter. Mrs. Gerald W. Her-

ron, also of Abilene, after suffering a heart attack downtown last week.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Laughter - North Funeral Home Chapel at 2 p. m.

Sunday. Burial will be in Abilene's Greenwood cemetery.

Mr. Shelton, whose mother Mrs. Ida Shelton, lives here, moved to Abilene in 1907. Before that time, he was a traveling salesman for a drug company for two years, and then became an employee of the Sherwin-Williams Paint Company for six years before going into the auto business in 1915.

A member of the St. Paul

formerly chairman of the board of stewards, Shelton had been active in many civic programs

He was a member of the Abilene Lions Club, former president of the Chamber of Commerce, and was active in getting West Texas Utilities Co. to establish headquarters in Abilene.

Shelton was a dealer in Packard and Crosley cars, and was president of the company. A former trustee of McMurry College, he was chairman of the building committee when the school was founded in the early 1920s.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelton lived at 1724 North 5th Street. They have one daughter, Mrs. Herron.

Other survivors include five sisters, Mrs. F. L. Yoder and Mrs. Bess Wilson, San Antonio, Mrs. Harry L. Edwards of Houston, Mrs. E. L. Graham and Mrs. R. W. Mancill of Cisco; five brothers, E. B. Shelton, W. E. Shelton and W. L. Shelton of Fort Worth, C. C. Shelton of San Antonio and Jim M. Shelton of Abilene.

SNOWBOUND SHEEP GET CHOW VIA WEASEL



A snow weasel of the 2151st Rescue Unit, Lowry Air Base, Denver, Colorado, delivers feed to sheep at a ranch 30 miles northwest of Chadron, Neb. This unit is part Army and Air Force rescue groups which have been delivering food and fuel to Western ranchers stranded by blizzards—some of them for as long as 30 days. (ACME)

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Judge Charles B. Coombes, prominent West Texas attorney, will be the principal speaker at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet to be held at the dining room of the New Victor Hotel at 7:30 p. m., January 17, it was announced by the program committee Tuesday. Judge Coombes, who now lives in Stamford was a Cisco citizen for several years before moving to that City.

The committee congratulated itself on obtaining Judge Coombes for the annual affair since he is one of the most sought after speakers in this section of the state. He is an able speaker and is adept at bringing in the right amount of humor in-

to his talk. Officials were high in their praise for the man who will add much to the banquet which is dedicated to the industry and business in the town.

Fred Heyser, stock farmer of the Zion Hill community was in town Saturday afternoon and stated he thought we had the best season in the ground the county ever had. And he thought it was the worst spell he ever saw when the snow and ice was on the ground to feed cattle. He said he was out one day last week loading some feed for his cattle and had just about completed the load and walked around to the other side of the truck and fell, breaking three

Denton Man Killed By Power Line

Roy D. Stinchcomb, age 43 a carpenter from the Denton Community in Callahan county, was electrocuted in Abilene Thurs-

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Stinchcomb's wife, who went to aid him suffered a heart attack. She was under the doctor's treatment Thursday night at Clyde in Callahan County.

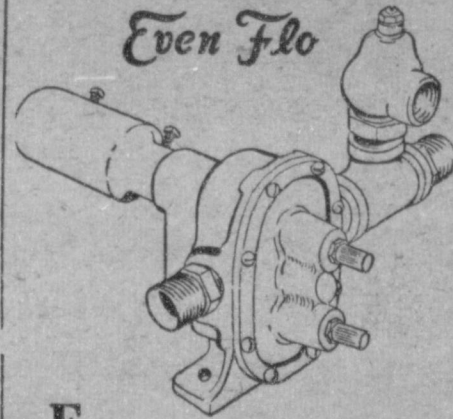
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