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leged, and dangerously wounded then
with an ice pick, W. Lyle Weldon, 7 with an ice pick, w. Lyle Weldon, ?
of Houton, stabbed himself when of

## KIEEPING UP <br> WITTH TEXAS

## VARIED ENTERTAINMENT ON CARD, OLD SETTLERS AT BUFFALO GAP REUNION



Explains New Budget
Plan to City Council
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## Purchase Show Heifer.

c. M. Largent and Sons announc morton, has just been a
herd of fine Herefords

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

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 to my record, and my ideas as
islation at the next session. During the past session I was the
author of four bills, which I believe One of the most important bills was
the Wagstaff-Woodward Oil and Gas Conservation law. This measure wa
passed to prevent the waste of the wasteful practices which existed in
the East Texas the diss Texation of of the sid. By thet's nistatara
resources was stopped, the independ
ent oil operators were destruction, and nearly two million
dollars was added to the state's in-
come from the gross production tax.
While this bill was opposed by cer-
tain special interests, it had the ap-
proval of the independent operator.
 A etter from the Independent Petro
leum Association of Texas says: "
is the belief of this association that
this law is the most sound and con
structive conservation law in the Uni Another measure was the Public
School Land Sale and Leasing bill
(H.B. 358 by Wagstaff). This bill did away with the old permit system o
leasing the public school lands at ten
cents per acre, and placed these lea ses upon competitive bids. The pass-
age of this bill will result in an in-
crease in the revenue for the public
schools. A bill of importance to the cities
and towns was the Woodward-Wag
staff Water Priority bill. This bill ptavided that cities and towns situa-
ted a preference right to the use of the
waters of said streams for municipa and domestic purposes in preference porations.
Another bill of importance was the
Moore-Wagstaff
Highway
Fund Moore.Wagstaff Highway Fun
Transfer bill. This bill authorized th state treasurer to transfer $\$ 3,000$,
000.00 from the state highway fund to the general revenue fund to pay of
state warrants for Confederate pen
sions, schools and other purposes, which had not been discounted. As
result, state warrants have been paid with very little del
In addition to the
ed the following:
(a) The law which prohibits cities
and counties from issuing warrants in excess of a certain amount without a vote of the people.
(b) The budget law, which re-
quires the state, counties and cities quires the state, counties and citie
to prepare a budget showing how the
taxes are to be spent before levying the tax rate each year
(c) Truck and bus regulation
protect the highways and public.
protect the highways and public.
(d) The special appropiation (d) The special appropriation of
\$70,000.00 which authorized the rail
road commission to determine the val uation of gas utilities and gas pipe
unines, and fix reasonable rates and lines, and fix reasonable rates and
charges to be made by gas utilities. charges to be made by ges utilities.
(e) I voted for tax measures levy ing a two per cent tax on antural ghas,
and increasing the tax on sulphur and increasing the tax on sulphur
and for the tax on oleomargarine. I opposed the Race Track Gambling
bill, the state ineome tax, the intangi
ble assets tax, the tax on domestic bo assets tax, the tax on domestic
consumers of natural gas, and other
tax bills. toxs bills.
The nex
ily devoted tossion should be primar Some savings can be mado by con-
solidation of departments and bur-
enus, and by a reduction in salaries. However, at least 80 per cent of the
oxpenses of the state is in expenses of the state is incurred for
schools and highways, and I propee along the following lines:
(a) (a) The state's's expenses for high
er education have grown tre er education have grown tremendous-
ly and the state is now educating ap proximately 40,000 students at its priation for the past biennium for these institutions a mounted to $\$ 15$,-
$986,772.69$. Practically all other states require a tuition charge in their inbelieve that the time has come for
the State of Texas to pass the State of Texas to pass a law re
quiring such students to pay one-half quiring such students to pay one-half
of the actual cost of their education. The situation in regard to these standpoing. If the state continues to spend the taxpayer's money to fur-
nish education for college students nish education for college students, nominational colleges. When this oc-

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ers.

## Rural Community Correspondence

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ORDER APPROVING THE COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT
On this 11th day of July, 1932, the Commissioners' Court of
Taylor County, Texas, in regular session, compared and examined Taylor County, Texas, in regular session, compared and examined
the quarterly report of Austin Fitts, Treasurer, for the quarter the quarterly report of Austin Fitts, Treasurer, for the quarter
ending June 30th, 1932, and find the same to be correct and the respecting report:
ceds have been recived and


Balance on Hand April 1, 1932
$349,850.11$
\$323,317.25
SECURITIES OWNED BY SINKING FUND


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Morris Smith, wife and baby
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to their homes, saying goodby and
good luck until next year.


## CHUMRHES

Pictures of Young People's Assembly
To Be Shown Here


[^0]:    state colleges to take their place, with
    Increasing burdens upon the taxpay

