

Lockney Beacon

FLOYD COUNTY LEADS ALL WEST TEXAS IN VALUE OF CROPS PRODUCED. LOCKNEY IS IN THE HEART OF THE BEST FARMING SECTION OF THE PLAINS, AND IN THE GREAT SHALLOW WATER BELT

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RAILROAD HEARING NOW IN SESSION

HEARING WILL POSSIBLY CLOSE LAST OF WEEK—HOLDING NIGHT SESSIONS

Examiner Boles, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and Commissioners Gilmore and Terrel of the Texas Railroad Commission, opened the hearing of the applications of the P. & S. F., Fort Worth & Denver South Plains Ry. Co., Q. A. & P. and T. P. & G. railroads at Plainview Monday morning at 10 o'clock, and the hearing is going on at this time.

The Santa Fe was the first line to submit its claim, and had witnesses on the stand through out Monday and until Tuesday afternoon, showing that railroads would not pay in West Texas, and at the same time asking for a charter to build two lines of railroad, one from Lida to Silverton and the other from Plainview to Dimmitt.

The Santa Fe's testimony was followed by the Denver Road, and Mr. G. C. Burnham, vice president and general manager of the Burlington System, was the first witness for the Denver. Mr. Burnham told the Interstate and Texas Commissions that the Denver had thoroughly investigated the country in which they propose to build and find that the tonnage is sufficient to cause the road to pay a dividend from the time the first train was put into operation.

There were a number of witnesses put on the stand Wednesday and Thursday from Lubbock, Plainview, Lockney, Petersburg, Dimmitt and Silverton to show what the country was and what could be expected of it, and to refute certain statements made by Santa Fe witnesses.

The towns over the state had special counsels to help the Denver in the fight. Those being represented were Dallas, Fort Worth, Plainview, Lubbock, and the smaller towns along the road, Dr. Walter Splawn, former railroad commissioner, and now president of the State University of Texas, is helping in the fight for the Denver Road, in behalf of the people of West Texas. Dr. Splawn having been a member of the state commission is thoroughly acquainted with the conditions in West Texas, and knows well the needs of railroad lines throughout this country.

The Texas Panhandle & Gulf and Quanah, Acme & Pacific Railroads are also taking part in the proceedings, and a delegation from Quanah and Floydada attended the first day in behalf of the Q. A. & P., which is asking for an extension from Roaring Springs to Floydada.

The hearing will probably close by the end of the week, and night sessions are being held in order to rush it to a final end. It is the common belief of those who have been attending the hearing that the Denver will get a permit to build her lines from Carey to Dimmitt and Silverton to Lubbock, and possibly that the Quanah, Acme & Pacific will be allowed to build from Roaring Springs to Floydada, but it is very questionable about the Santa Fe Line from Lida to Silverton, and the Santa Fe Line to Dimmitt, and the Texas Panhandle & Gulf is not considered ready to ask for an application to build.

KEMP CLAIMS THEIR STOLE \$125.00 WORTH OF STUFF

Sewing Machine Repairs, Wrenches and Automobile Tools, Taken From Home in Lockney

J. S. Kemp, local machine repairman, reported to the Justice of the Peace, Wednesday morning the theft of sewing machine parts, wrenches, automobile tools and various other stuff, said to have been stole by some person or persons, said to have been stole from his home in Lockney on Tuesday night. Mr. Kemp placed the value of the stole articles at \$125.

J. M. ADAMS REMAINS TO ARRIVE ABOUT AGUSTS 1

The remains of J. M. Adams, editor of the Plainview News, who died in Tulon, France, May 10th, are scheduled to arrive at New Orleans on the 28th day of July, which will put them in Plainview about August 1st, and in all probability the funeral service will be conducted on the first Sunday in August. Mr. Adams died while on a tour around the world, from the affects of India flu, contracted while he was in that country.

TULIA MAN MURDERED LAST FRIDAY MORNING

Body Found Near Kress Friday Morning, Shot in Side and Bruise on Back of Head

J. Fred Connor, automobile dealer of Tulia, was found murdered on the state highway between Plainview and Kress, nine miles north of Plainview, early Friday morning. Connor's body was badly mutilated and had bullet holes in it, giving evidence of foul play. He was known to have been driving a Ford sedan, which has not been located. Connor's coat was found by the side of a lake south of Plainview on the same highway.

Connor had been to Baird where he had traded automobiles with Dr. A. R. Hays of that place, who formerly lived in Tulia. Connor was returning in the car he had traded from Hays and had two checks, signed by Dr. Hays, one of which was on a Tulia bank. Connor's pocketbook was found on the highway south of Plainview some 15 miles from where the body was found. The pocketbook was found by G. R. Sturdevant, deputy sheriff of Hale county, some few yards from where Connor's coat was picked up.

The coat was found by a cotton chopper. The coat had several identification marks. Connor's body had one bullet hole through it under the right arm and his head had a hole in the back of it which apparently was made by a hard blow with a blunt instrument. It is reported that Connor had been seen in Plainview and Baird riding with two young men in the car which he obtained from Hays.

A reward of \$1,000 has been offered for the arrest and conviction of the murderer or murderers. Connor is a son of N. G. Connor of Tulia, one of Tulia's founders.

Connor is survived by a wife and two children. He was reared in Tulia and was well known over the South Plains. Local officers are working on several clues, but have made no arrests.

Lubbock, July 18.—A blood spattered Ford sedan, answering the description given of the machine owned by Fred Connor, is being held at Slaton pending further investigation, according to reports reaching the sheriff's office here.

Reports in connection with the finding of this car are in conflict. One report says that the car was driven into a garage at Slaton by a young man answering the description of the alleged slayer, who later caught a south bound train there. Another report is to the effect that the car was found abandoned on the highway near that city.

Connor was last seen according to best information available at Lubbock, at sundown Thursday evening, when he stopped at Frye's Filling Station to buy gasoline for the Ford sedan in which he was traveling. J. F. Frye, life time friend of the slain man, talked with him for a few minutes at the filling station, and told officers that Connor was accompanied by a boy of about 20 years, whom he described as having blue eyes, light complexion, and weighing about 160 pounds.

It is presumed that Connor had picked up the young man on the highway between here and Baird from where he was returning, and had told of the trade in automobiles, recounting details of the difference he had gained in the deal. The case is very evidently the work of an amateur, local officials say, pointing to the apparent nervous mess of the slayer pitching the coat of the slain man to the highway, where it was later found. This, coupled with the manner in which the car was abandoned, and the general haphazard actions of the slayer are almost conclusive evidence that the murder was not plotted by a professional at the game, they claim.

MACHINERY ARRIVES FOR ICE PLANT AT FLOYDADA

Machinery for the erection of the new ten-ton ice plant of the Texas Utilities Company, to be erected in Floydada has arrived, and construction work will begin in the near, according to the company's officials.

U. D. HOWARD OPERATED ON FOR APPENDICITIS

U. D. Howard was carried to the Plainview Sanitarium Saturday for an operation for appendicitis. The operation was a success and Mr. Howard is resting well at this time.

EDGAR JACKSON SMITH FOUND HUNG

BODY FOUND HUNG IN GRANARY THURSDAY AFTERNOON IN ALCINO COMMUNITY

Edgar Jackson Smith, twelve year old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Smith, who live in the Cedar Hill or Alcino community, northeast of Lockney, was found Thursday afternoon about 5 o'clock hanging by a leather strap to an iron pipe in a granary at his home, death having resulted from being choked. His body was discovered by members of his family, and he had been dead only a few minutes.

The leather strap was tied around an iron pipe which was used as a support for the granary walls, was about the boy's neck, forming a noose from which the boy was strangled to death. Physicians were summoned but all efforts to resuscitate the boy failed.

The body was interred in the Lockney cemetery Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

CHARLES CLEMENTS WILL RUN FOR DISTRICT JUDGE

Present District Attorney Wants to Be Promoted—Has Good Record As Officer for Many Years

Charles Clements, at present serving his third term as district attorney of this district, was in Lockney Tuesday and informed the editor that he would be in the race for District Judge of this district at the July primaries in 1926.

Charlie, as he is familiarly known, has gradually climbed the ladder in the political offerings of this section. Beginning as a boy, after finishing school at the State University of Texas, he was first city attorney of Plainview, he was then advanced to the office of county attorney, where he served four years. He was next elected county judge of Hale county, and served four years as judge and ex-officio county school superintendent. He was then elected district attorney of the 64th judicial district and has served for five years in that capacity. Charlie now asks the people of the 64th judicial district to promote him to the office of district judge. He has kept the faith of the people and made good in each of the offices he has filled, although at times he has had to labor under great difficulties in order to do so. He is deserving of the peoples confidence and has never betrayed the trust they have placed in him. He will appreciate the consideration of the voters at next year's primary election, and asks for the support and influence of his many friends and acquaintances.

POTTER COUNTY WAGES WAR ON UNDESIRABLES

Amarillo, July 18.—An attempt shortly before noon by a gang of hoboes to take charge of a Santa Fe freight train between Hereford and Amarillo following closely the brutal murder of Fred Connor, prominent young Tulia business man, by suspected hi-jackers he had picked up for a ride, prompted a general Panhandle war Saturday on hoboes and other undesirable wanderers.

The call to arms was sounded by Sheriff Wiley Pollard and an appeal was made to all peace officers of the Panhandle to join in the drive. Deputies rushed to Canyon upon receipt of a message from the conductor of a train that the crew was fighting a gang of thugs, but when the train was met the hoboes had given up their fight and disbanded.

Thefts of cars here have shown a heavy increase recently or since reports of hoboes have become numerous, a local business man having his car stolen on the Canyon highway after giving a vagrant a lift.

Five Sisters Spend Sunday Together

A kind of a family reunion was held at the T. J. Gilbert home, near town, Sunday when Mrs. Gilbert's sisters, four in number visited her. The sisters were Mrs. C. D. Fowler of Lockney, Mrs. J. L. Guest of Plainview, Mrs. J. W. Hanna of Lubbock, and Mesdames L. L. Britton and R. E. Frye of Floydada. The ladies had come to Lockney for a visit with Mrs. Fowler and they all went out to the Gilbert home Sunday afternoon.

W. M. Graham of Whiteflat was in Lockney Monday on business.

REMOVE SIGNS AND POLES ON HIGHWAY

STATE HIGHWAY OFFICIAL IN FLOYD, HALE AND LAMB ISSUES WARNING

The State Highway official for the Counties of Floyd, Hale and Lamb, was in Lockney Wednesday morning and called at the Beacon office, and asked that we give the people warning that all sign boards, telephone and electric light poles must be moved off the state highways through these counties, to conform with a law that has been passed regarding same. The intention of the law to clear the roads so that there will be no obstacles to obstruct the view of the persons using the highways and so that the people will see the road markers that are placed along the roads by the state highway department. Failure to conform to this law will subject the person or persons owning signs, telephone and light lines to a fine, and the law is to be enforced. All persons now having signs, telephone and light lines are asked to remove them at once. Also the law provides for the prosecution of any persons who throw rubbish, etc., in the bar-pits along the highways of the state, and all offenders will be punished by being fined.

Sand Hill Home Demonstration Club

The Sand Hill Home Demonstration club met July 18th in the home of Mrs. W. E. Miller. There were eight members present and quite a few visitors. Our president not being present, the vice president took charge of the business session.

Miss Faulkner made a very interesting and instructive talk on pickling, brining and drying of fruits and vegetables. She gave a demonstration on drying okra and English peas. Mrs. Miller gave the pickling demonstration.

We all enjoyed a good social time. We are glad to report one of our club members in the kitchen contest goes to the Short Course at A. & M. on the 25th. Mrs. W. E. Miller is the fortunate one. Floyd county has two contestants to go at this time, Miss Harris from Allmon, goes as our biscuit contestant.

Our next program will be a very interesting one, and we hope every member will try to be there. All visitors are cordially invited. Next meeting will be August 5th.

Hostess—Mrs. W. F. Glenn.
Roll call: "How can we make the club more interesting."
Leader—Mrs. A. R. Hanna.
Subject: Jellies and Preserves.
Demonstration by club members.—Reporter.

REGARDING SCHOOL TRANSFERS

August 1st is the last day on which we can legally accept transfer applications. Those who expect to transfer, and have not yet done so, please do so at once. Applications will be accepted in person, by letter or by telephone. Transfer blanks have been mailed to all trustees. If more convenient to apply to the trustees of the school you wish to patronize, the trustees will be glad to take care of same.
PRICE SCOTT, Co. Supt.

Play at Sand Hill Friday Night, July 24th

The Sand Hill P. T. C. Society will present "A Prairie Rose," a 2 1/2 hour Comedy-drama, at the Sand Hill School auditorium, Friday night, July 24th, and the same play will be presented in Lockney, Tuesday night, August 4th, at the high school auditorium. This is almost exactly the same cast that presented "Home Acres," and "Safety First."

Sunday Services at Eastside Church of Christ

10 a. m. Bible study.
Preaching 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m.
Morning subject: "Love."
Evening subject: "Keep Thy Heart"
Wanted—Your presence as an example that your children may follow. Come! help us make the church what it should be.
D. N. BARNETT, Minister.

Will Talley and family of Henrietta, Texas, were in Lockney the first of the week, visiting W. W. Angel and family. Mr. Talley is a brother of Mrs. Angel. Mr. Talley was very favorably impressed with this section of the country, and will possibly move here before long.

STATE TAX RATE IS INCREASED 2 CENTS

Confederate Pension is Given as Cause of Raise by Board; Advalorem Tax Same

Austin, July 20.—An increase of 2 cents in the state tax rate was made by the state automatic tax board late today, bringing the tax to 77 cents on the \$100 property valuation for 1925-26. The state tax was 75 cents in 1924. An amendment to the constitution increasing the Confederate pension tax from five to seven cents caused the raise and state ad valorem tax remained at 35c as well as the school tax.

"Reduction in the ad valorem taxes was impossible," said a statement issued by the board, composed of Gov. Miriam A. Ferguson, state treasurer, W. Gregory Hatcher and Comptroller S. H. Terrell.

"As shown by the certificate of the comptroller," the statement read, "the amount to be carried to the next fiscal year constituting a deficiency was \$2,968,541.85, and adding to this the appropriations made by the 39th legislature for 1925-26 of \$17,335,761.24, made a total amount to be raised for 1925-26 of \$20,304,303.09. To raise this sum, it was estimated from the report of the comptroller from all sources other than ad valorem taxes on property, there would be the sum of \$10,044,664.68. Deducting this amount it appeared from the report of the comptroller that an ad valorem tax of \$10,259,638.41 was necessary to be raised. Of this sum, it was required to be 20 per cent for collecting taxes and delinquent tax payers or \$2,051,927.68, making a total amount to be raised by ad valorem taxes, of \$12,311,566.09. It appeared from the report of the comptroller that the total valuation of all counties in the state was \$3,257,213,632. From this amount, however, was to be deducted the valuation of 12 counties, which have been exempt from state taxes by the legislature, showing valuation of \$213,169,529, leaving a net valuation of \$3,314,147,103.

The statement said the ad valorem tax should bring \$11,599,164.94 as a maximum from the May maximum rate of \$712,401.15 short of the amount required. "It therefore appears that but for the deficiency of \$2,968,541.85 accruing from the former administration" the statement said, "there would have had to be raised \$17,335,761.24 appropriated by the legislature, less \$10,044,664.68 as receipts from other sources than ad valorem taxes, or a net sum of \$7,291,096.56. And to have raised said sum it would have only required a tax rate of 22c. This administration has reduced advalorem taxes 37 per cent so far as ad valorem taxes are concerned but on account of having to pay the deficiency or debts of the previous administration, amounting as shown \$2,968,541.85 and the increase in the Confederate pension it was impossible for the board to decrease the rates of taxes at this time."

PLANT BURNS NEARLY BURNING BROTHER TO DEATH

H. B. Adams, editor of the Beacon, received a message Friday morning of last week, stating that the plant of the Desdemona Gusher, a newspaper, owned by his youngest brother, had burned down that morning, and that Claude S. Adams, the editor, had been seriously burned about the face and hands. The fire was caused by a gas explosion, and it is supposed a gas pipe had been leaking during the night and when Mr. Adams went in the next morning to light his linotype machine burner, that the explosion occurred. Mr. Adams was carried to Dublin Friday morning, to the home of his mother, and while his burn are not believed to be fatal, it will take some time for them to heal.

GOVERNOR FERGUSON'S PARDON RECORD

Following is a list of all clemency proclamations issued by Governor Ferguson to July 18th, inclusive:	
Full pardons	132
Conditional pardons	295
Paroles	30
Restorations	82
Furloughs	103
Bonds and fines remitted	12
Jail sentences remitted	12
Total	666
Revocations	5
Grand total	671

HOW TO GET RID OF LICE ON COTTON

REMEDY FOR CONTROLLING LICE GIVEN OUT BY A. & M. COLLEGE

The following letter from Mr. F. L. Thomas, chief of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station of the A. & M. College at College Station to Mr. D. P. Carter, of Baker Mercantile Co., deals with the best manner in which to control the lice on cotton and feed, and is self-explanatory. The letter follows:

"The best remedy for use in controlling lice on cotton is an application of 2 per cent nicotine dust put on with some type of dusting machine. If you have difficulty in obtaining this dust from seed dealers or other local sources I suggest that it may be prepared at home by slowly mixing 1-2 pound of liquid nicotine sulphate with 10 pounds of hydrated lime or similar proportion. Emphasis is laid on also mixing thoroughly. The beneficial results of an application of this insecticide will occur within the first five or six hours. The increase of the lice depends on conditions which are unfavorable for the development of their natural enemies. Usually increase follows when the nights are cool, but when the weather is hot and dry the enemies of the lice gain the ascendancy. Apply the dust when freshly made up and if stored keep in a tight container.

Where the infestation is heavy and long continued some damage results especially if the cotton is young. Oftentimes, however, the damage is not as great as is commonly supposed.

Yours very truly,
F. L. THOMAS, Chief.

MEMPHIS MAN KILLED BY RUNAWAY TEAM

Memphis, Texas, July 17.—A. M. Pollard, 60 years old, of this city was fatally injured here this morning when he was run down while attempting to stop a runaway team.

While driving the horses a bridle came off and the team started to run. The aged man jumped from the wagon and ran in front of the frightened horses in an effort to stop them. He was knocked down and trampled under the feet of the animals. The wagon passed over his body. He died within a few minutes after being taken to a hospital.

Mr. Pollard is survived by his wife and several children.

COUNTY'S SCHOOL FUND APPORTIONMENT \$48,244

Floyd county will receive in its depository of school funds \$48,244 from the state treasurer for the 3,446 scholastics of the county during the 1925-26 session the apportionment of \$14 per capita to be made August 1, it has been announced by State Superintendent S. M. N. Marrs.

The apportionment is to be made by the State Board of Education and the apportionment will be without supplement by the legislature. The last session refused to make an appropriation to augment the available school fund income.

School funds available will be derived from the income on the state school tax of thirty-five cents, the income from bonds and land rentals and interest and special gross receipt taxes.

There were 1,321,600 scholastics enumerated in the state last year and now being received by the state department.—Hesperian.

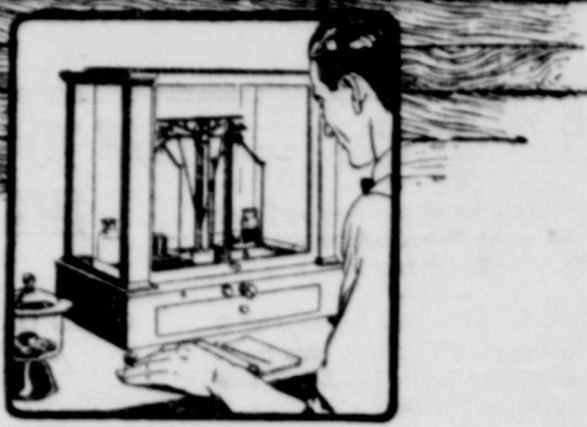
MARRIAGE LICENSES

License to marry have been granted to the following couples, from the office of the county clerk of Floyd county:

Floyd B. Teaff and Miss Leola Cox, July 10th.
Gilbert Eubank and Miss Charlaie Courtney, July 10th.
E. J. Banta and Mrs. Mary J. Applewhite, July 11th.
Wilbur Wilson and Miss Bettie Campbell, July 13th.

Baptist Church Organized in Irick Community

There has been a Missionary Baptist church organized in the Irick community, west of Lockney. Rev. G. W. Tubbs, Associational Missionary, presided at the organization of the church and the church becomes a member of the Floyd county Baptist Association. A pastor will be called for the Irick church soon, we are informed.



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All advertising matter will be run until ordered out, unless otherwise arranged. All advertising charged by the week. All bills payable first of each month.

The battle of the railroads is on this week at Plainview, and there are four contenders. One wants to really build a railroad, two will build if it is necessary to hold their own, and the other

would build if it could manage to get the money to build with. Many statements are being made in the fight that will have to be verified. For instance a Santa Fe witness stated that the Santa Fe Lines in West Texas did not pay a dividend until 1923. This may be true taking the entire lines in all of West Texas, but all of West Texas is not to be served by the new line that proposes to build. We are of the opinion that from the amount of business the Santa Fe has received, and the number of times cars have not been available, that the Lockney-Floydada branch has paid a dividend on the capital invested every year since it has been constructed. It costs the Santa Fe very little money to operate the Lockney-Floydada branch as it only requires the services of one train crew regularly and one crew each day at each of the two station on the line, yet nearly every year there are thousands of tons of

freight hauled in and hauled out of these two towns. 1923 was not the only year that there was a car shortage on the Lockney-Floydada branch and 1923 or 1924 were not the only years that big crops of wheat, cotton and maize were raised in the Lockney-Floydada country, besides the numerous cars of hogs, cattle, and other stuff that went out and the various necessities of life that were shipped in. If a Santa Fe line many miles away from this section in West Texas failed to pay a dividend, should that deficiency be charged to the Lockney-Floydada branch, and should the Santa Fe or any other road say that because some foreign railroad failed to pay that a road should not be built in a section where a road did pay, and will take care of another road. Why the crops that are raised each year along the proposed route of the Fort Worth & Denver South Plains Line, will support two railroads, and make them pay a dividend upon the capital invested. There is not a foot of tillable ground between Carey and Lubbock that will not produce crops along the side of any farming section of the state of Texas, and you will find roads down in the Central and Eastern part of the state every few miles, and they are paying dividends. The tactics used by the Santa Fe in trying to keep other railroads out of West Texas is not at all appreciated by the citizenship of this country, and the fact that the Santa Fe is seemingly trying to force the people to trade with Missouri River and California points instead of Texas points, does not meet the approval of a majority of the citizenship. A road to Fort Worth and Dallas, such as the Denver people proposes would save a lot of money to our shippers and would save many miles and much loss of time, and then it is not right for no one road to have a monopoly on this section of the country. When one road is all you have to contend with, you get just as little service as is possibly for that road to give, for they have no competition for your business, and know you are forced to put up with what ever they are willing to give you. We have had a taste of this in the mail service we are getting, we have had a taste of this in the cotton warf we expected to receive, and no doubt there are thousands of instances that could be sighted where we didn't get what we asked for. But on the other hand if this road had competition we would get any thing within reason that we asked for. And the reason why we would get it would be because they know that if they did not give it to us, the other road would have a chance to get the business we had to give out. No you need not expect anything from the hands of a person or corporation that has you by the throat with a down hill pull. This country could have supported two roads at the time the Santa Fe began operating train from Plainview to Floydada, and would have supported two roads had the Altus, Lubbock & Roswell road built, and today the country would have been far better populated, there would be possibly twice the acreage in cultivation, and twice the amount of crops gathered each year, but the little branch line of the Santa Fe has handled the proposition, has kept this part of the country from growing as it should simply because we had to go in such a roundabout way in order to come in contract with our own markets. We should have another line of railroad and the Santa Fe should appreciate the support we have given them in the past enough to tell the Commission pine-blank just what the Lockney Floydada branch has done since the day of construction. We are willing for the commission to know just what has come in over this line and just what has gone out over this line, and let them judge for themselves whether it has paid or not. And we believe that if this line gave the service that the people need and should have, it would pay a larger dividend than it now pays. There is a considerable amount of business along this line that the Santa Fe does not get on account of the service we now get. There are trucks from Lockney and Floydada to points on the Denver, and Q. A. & P., and to Lubbock, Plainview and Amarillo, that are doing a good business on account of the service we have been receiving, and there are passenger line cars that run right along side of the railroad, that are probably carrying more passengers between Plainview, Lockney and Floydada because the passenger service on this line is no good. The Lockney Chamber of Commerce asked for better service before the Denver Road announced they were going to build and get an answer that was almost an insult from a Santa Fe official, yet they are opposed to any other line coming into this district. If the Santa Fe desired to hold this section of the country, we think the best way to have done it, would have been to treat us well when they had us in their power, and gave us the service and accommodations that we were due.

COTTON AND FEED ARE GOOD

The prospects for a big cotton and feed crop in the Lockney country are

very fine at this time. The editor of the Beacon has been over several stretches of the Lockney country during the past week, and finds that the crops are in excellent shape. First we want to commend the farmers of this section for the shape they have their crops in at this time. Never before have we seen crops so clean and well cultivated as is the case in the Lockney country this year. There are few crops that are not perfectly cleaned out, and this is saying a great deal for the farmers, when you take into consideration the fact that there were an abundant crop of weeds and grass to be coped with this year.

The maize and kaffir crops are as pretty as could be hoped for, never have we looked at a more promising feed crop than the crop we have this year, and the writer has been on the Plains since 1911. The feed crop has a good chance to make better than a ton average to the acre all over this section, and the feed crop will be far larger than at an previous time because of the fact that the acreage is considerably more this year.

The cotton crop is also good, the lice have bothered the cotton some, but the dry, hot yeather of the past few days has made the lice less prolific, and they are not making much headway. If the hot weather continue for a few days longer, we believe the lice nuisance will be a thing of the past. There is plenty of moisture in the ground to care for cotton for another two weeks in most places, and while we never object to rain falling in the Plains country, we think it really best for the cotton farmer that no rain fall for a few days longer, which will give the cotton a chance to get shut of the lice. The grasshopper has done practically no damage, at least we have not heard of any damage they have done. The present prospect for the cotton crop is very good, and a big crop will no doubt be gathered here this fall.

Farmers are still stirring the soil, however, many of them have laid their crops by until it rains again. The moisture in most places is within two inches of the top of the ground, and the roots of the growing vegetation reaches several inches down. The earlier sorghums have begin to head and the earlier cotton is in bloom. Most all sorghums is more than knee high and in many fields is from waist high to more than the height of a man. Cotton is also getting good size and lots of it is more than knee high.

We are of the opinion that Floyd county is going to market more cotton and feed this year than has ever before been marketed from this county, and as both these crops will demand an excellent price this fall, we feel sure that this will be one of the most prosperous years in the history of the county.

Ma Ferguson has already broke all world records on turning loose criminals from the penitentiary, but we are of the opinion that she has just begun. When the primary is over next year and Ma finds that the Ku Klux issue has died and that she can't no longer ride such a hobby into office, and that the seat will be filled by a man in January following, we wouldn't be a bit surprised to hear that she has swung the penitentiary gates open and turned all the criminals loose to prey on the good people of the state of Texas. It is just as we predicted when we supported, Barton, Roberson and Butte, the people would get what was coming to them if Ma was elected and Jim was made dictator. It may not be a Christian to say so, but honestly, we are really glad of the way things have went down Austin way this year.

The place on the highway, 9 miles north and west of Lockney, which has been an eyesore in bad weather to the people going to and from Lockney to Plainview, has been graded up, and is now in the best shape it has been for years, and we are sure this piece of work is appreciated by the people traveling this road. The work that has been done by the state and county with the large graders lately is to be highly commended. We have the best country in the world in which to build good roads, and a little work with the right kind of tools will tell a story well worth while. Let the good work go on until we get the roads to our southwest fixed up in ship shape at least.

How would you like to spend a few days down in Central Texas just about now, where the water is bad and the mosquitoes are ripe. We sometimes think it is hot on the Plains, but when we think of the hot nights as well as days down in the state, we pat ourselves on the back for having enough gumption to come to the Plains country, where the water is pure and cold and the very hottest of weather cools off during the night.

The styles for this winter, we understand, call for long sleeves and high collar dresses for the ladies, but also call for the skirts being a little shorter. All right we still think the hosiery is beautiful, and grandpa will never go blind as long as the ladies wear knee dresses.

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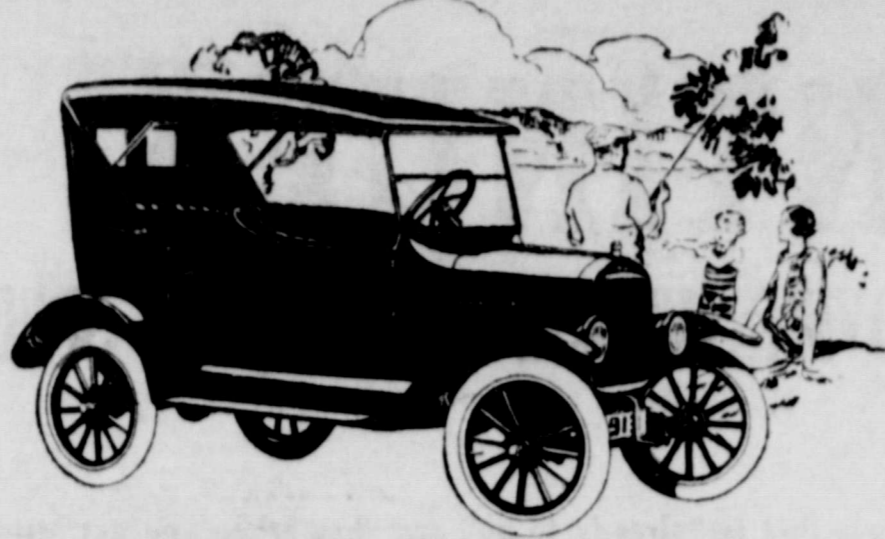
We are fixing a cooler case in the front of our store for the display of fresh Fruits and Vegetables, where they can constantly be kept on ice, and we will have at all times everything that the market affords in the vegetable and fruit line.

In our market department we have everything you need in cold and hot cooked meats for lunches.

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The fools are not quite all dead yet. Nearly every paper you pick up tells a story about some speedster who has attempted to beat a train to a crossing and he got what was coming to him. Buddy, be wise, you may beat a train to the crossing a hundred times, but if you fail one time you want try to beat any more trains.

The monkey fight in Tennessee is getting quite interesting. Of course, we know that Mr. Bryan is sincere in his fight to down the evolutionists, and we are willing to support Mr. Bryan at all times because we believe him to be the brainiest and best man in all the politician world. On the other hand if those wise young professors and great criminal lawyers want to believe they came down from monkeys let them take to it. Some times we are more than half persuaded that there are a lot of people that are descendants of some kind of a varment. Why every once in awhile we meet a fellow that favors a monkey so much, if you would give him a long tail and put him in a zoo he would be a money maker.

We just wonder how much profit that fellow or fellows who killed Fred Connor the other night figure they got out of that murder. The checks he carried were no good to the mur-

derer, the car had to be abandoned, and if Connor had any cash on him it was a very small amount, yet when the person or persons who murdered him are caught, and they will be caught, if they get out without going to the electric chair they will be lucky, and yet they received nothing worth while for taking a man's life. It is generally that way, men value life very little, and the main cause of this being true is because courts and juries fail to do their duty in murder cases, and state officials fail to do their duty when criminals are sent to the penitentiary. Men should be sent to the electric chair who willfully and wantonly take the life of another, and there are few murderers in any cases that are justified in killing. But as long as courts are so lenient, jurors are so weak kneed, and governors need the money or want to show favors, just that long will people hold the life of their fellowman cheap. In London, England, one of the world's largest cities, it is said there were only six murders last year, while in New York there were thousands, and in Texas there were also hundreds. Why is this true? Because in England when a person takes the life of another, he generally, yes, very near every time, pays for that life with his own. If in the United States and Texas a man knew it was almost cer-

tain that he would go to the electric chair if he killed another person, there would be very few murders, and life would be more valuable and people would not be so ready to shoot or cut the daylight out of the fellowman.

The tourists are moving fast and thick through this section of the state now, and every day witnesses more cars on the road. Really, isn't it wonderful how the automobile has made it so easy for people to go where they want to. We can remember only a few years back when we used to go from our home town in Central Texas to the Colorado and Concho rivers a fishing, we would start out in a covered wagon, it would take us a week to make the trip, which was about 100 miles, we would spend a week fishing, and it would take us a week to get back home. And then were the days. We would walk through the sand beds to relieve our team, we would tear all the meat off of our horses shoulders and backs, by getting them rubbed and scalded, and when we got home it would take two or three weeks to rest up and get our stock back in decent shape. But that days has gone forever. Now we crank up Lizzie drive fifty to a hundred miles, visit the folks and come back home the same evening. Why the editor of this paper never thinks the least bit about the

distance any more, we get in our boat go thirty-five miles to visit a sister lots of times after supper these summer evening, and start home about nine o'clock, getting home in an hour. But, say brother, there was something fascinating about that old covered wagon that the tin lizzie can't get into it. The nights were just a little bit pleasanter, the streams were just a little more inviting, the fish bit a little better, and grub tasted a little bit sweeter when we camped for our meals or for the night, baked our bread in an old skillet with a lid, with the coals of fire piled upon it. Then you know the roasting ears we swipped from the corn fields along the road, the rabbits and squirrels we killed and the chicken that occasionally got too far from home and did not return, were just a little bit better than that loaf of light bread, that can of corn, those pork and beans, and such things that you get from the grocery store in the little town these days. The lizzie is a fine implement for speed, but some times we think this old world is getting entirely too much speed, and people are just a whole lot more selfish, and are too much dollar crazy, to enjoy living. Some time it seems nowadays the tall people are living for is to just fill in space and that there is really no such thing as freedom and happiness, everything is so regulated and there are so many laws. They now have laws that fine you if you do, and laws that fine you if you don't. Speaking fishing, nowadays if you catch a trout under eleven inches long you got to throw him back in the creek, or get fined. Now, if you know me Pete, if I caught a 10 inch trout, that warden would have to be on the job if I threw him back in the creek, And nowadays if you go hunting you've got to be careful whether you are in the right season or not, and all such stuff as that. That reminds me that I had a letter from a Walton League of some sort the other day, regarding hunting by sportsmen. Them fellows don't know what real sport is. Why when I was a boy the best sport and the sweetest music I ever heard was

running through the creek bottoms, over the hills and through the thickets trying to keep up with a pack of old long eared hounds running a fox, bobcat, wolfe or deer, and gee, how we used to catch the coons and possums. These fellows that call hunting around a country club or golf course don't know the first thing about real sportsmanship. They are like the tin lizzie they are in such a hurry that they are all dressed up and no where to go.

PLAINVIEW WILL PAVE 100 MORE BLOCKS AT ONCE

Plainview, July 21.—One hundred blocks of additional pavement in the residential district of Plainview will be laid beginning within the next thirty to sixty days, according to plans set in motion at a meeting of the city council Monday evening. A resolution was passed authorizing the employment of E. G. Garraway of Childress, as consulting and supervising engineer on the project, and also calling for bids on the project once it is outlined by the engineer.

The pavement program contemplated calls for the paving of Wayland Boulevard from Austin street to Wayland College, a distance of approximately seventeen blocks, and West Eleventh street from Broadway to the street on which Wayland College is located. East Sixth will be paved east from Broadway and several north and south streets between Wayland Boulevard and Eleventh. South Broadway pavement will be extended for several blocks.

Property owners on the various streets have been clamoring for pavement for several months and practically all have agreed to the program as outlined. The type of pavement favored is brick on a four inch concrete base with a sand cushion between.

H. H. Traylor and family of Malone, Texas, returned this week, after a visit of several days here with his mother, Mrs. Traylor, sister, Mrs. A. B. Brown, and brother, George Traylor. The sweetest music I ever heard was

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Hoboes in the Western part of the state are getting too numerous at this time. Men who want work generally find it, if they are willing to work and capable of working at the business they claim to follow. The most of the hoboes are not hunting work, they are merely floating over the country using various schemes to fleece the people out of their money, and get-by without having to do any real work. People should be very careful about giving such men a lift in any way. It may be alright to be polite and accommodating, but when you stop on a highway and pick up a stranger these days you are taking your own life in your own hands. There is a large class of hoboes infesting the entire country these days that will knock your head off, shot you, or kill you in some manner or other for a chance of stealing your car or robbing you of a few dollars. The hoboes are becoming very bold and don't seem to be afraid to do anything. Two attempts within the last month to take complete charge of trains have been made by hoboes, and one of these attempts was right here at home, between Hereford and Amarillo. The writer has been in a habit of giving every person a lift that has flagged him on the road, also giving assistance to people who had car trouble on the roads, but it has become very unsafe to do so any longer. This situation has not been true heretofore in the Plains country, but it is coming to a point now that a person out on the road should not pick up or help strangers, and should always be ready to defend themselves in cases of emergency. Thieves and hi-jackers, murders and yeggs should not be allowed to have the advantage of the respectable traveler, and the traveler should always be armed and ready to protect himself. After a yegg gets through with you it is always too late to call an officer. Men who are honest do not expect people to take a change of hauling them, they generally always have some mode of travel of their own and use it. Crooks should not be given a chance to do the good people any harm, and when such occurrences as the killing of Fred Connor happen, the crook should pay for it with his

own life, and there should be no delays in the courts in giving him the very limit.

Health and Home

CARE OF CONVALESCENT IN SUMMER

For those who are just recovering from a serious illness the problem of food is a serious one. The patient, though well on the road to recovery, is usually weakened by the rigors of disease and the excessive heat is wont to sap his energy. Hence, the foods that are consumed during this period should be considered carefully as to digestibility, food value, ease of assimilation, purity and sterility. These are important in any food but especially so when the consumer is not strong and healthy.

In most cases, the one who is convalescing consumes milk in large quantities. This food contains all of the elements that are essential to the body. If milk is pure and germless, it is easily digested and assimilated.

Where the milk supply is uncertain or the quality not of the best, evaporated milk should be employed. It is sterile, it is just pure milk with about sixty per cent of the water removed. Its double richness may be modified, if desired, by the addition of water or it may be used just as it is, where rich, creamy dishes are desired.

Many people make the mistake of confusing evaporated milk with condensed milk. They are not at all similar in appearance, composition or taste. They cannot be used for the same purposes; condensed milk is a combination of sugar and milk; evaporated milk has no added sugar, being pure milk of double-rich quality and food value.

Following are recipes of easily prepared dishes and foods that are well suited for the invalid and the convalescent.

Loganberry Cream.
1/4 cup evaporated milk
1/4 cup water
1/2 cup loganberry juice
2 tbsp lemon juice
Pinch salt

Put all ingredients in a Mason fruit jar and shake thoroughly. Chill and serve in glasses filled 3/4 full of ice chips. Raspberry, blackberry, and cherry juice may be used instead of the loganberry.

Iced Cocoa.
2 tsp cocoa
2 tsp sugar
1/4 cup water
Pinch salt
1/4 cup evaporated milk
milk diluted with 1/4 cup water
1/4 cup water
1/4 tsp vanilla

Mix cocoa and sugar thoroughly and add the 1/4 cup water and boil over a low flame for 15 minutes. Strain the diluted milk and add cocoa syrup and salt. Continue cooking for 15 minutes in double boiler. Add vanilla. Chill and serve with whipped ice. Top with whipped cream.

Take advantage of the Free Envelope offer before August 1st.

PLAINVIEW SANITARIUM NEWS

July 21.—Carroll Motley, the 5 year old son of J. R. Motley of this city, who was severely burned recently, is under care of physicians at the sanitarium.

J. D. Sherwood of Valley Mills, Texas, is in the sanitarium under care of physicians.

The six year old son of Rev. J. W. Shepard of Happy was in the sanitarium last Tuesday, where he had his tonsils removed.

L. D. Myers of Plainview had his tonsils removed last week.

C. A. Mann of Happy had his tonsils removed at the sanitarium last week.

Clarence Stroud of Tulia is in the sanitarium under treatment of doctors.

Mrs. E. R. Craft, underwent an operation last Wednesday, and is resting well since. The Craft family lives at Lockney.

J. A. Ragle of Olton was in the sanitarium with four of his children and had their tonsils removed last week.

Mrs. J. A. Stevenson of Gasoline had a minor operation at the Plainview Sanitarium last week, and was able to leave the following day.

W. A. Martin of Flomot, was operated on last Friday, and has been resting well since.

A. M. Carter is in the sanitarium under care of physicians. Mr. Carter lives at Runningwater.

Amelia, the daughter of J. L. Tunnell of Quitaque, is doing well since undergoing an operation for appendicitis at the Plainview Sanitarium last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wise of Quitaque are the happy parents of a fine baby girl, which arrived at the sanitarium last week. The babe only weighed 4 pounds. Mother and child are doing nicely.

Miss Pauline Gilmore, daughter of Dr. Gilmore of Turkey, underwent an operation last Saturday. The Doctor is staying with his daughter, who is doing nicely since her operation.

John G. Robinson of this city is in the sanitarium under the care of physicians.

Quay Rumph, son of Dr. Rumph of Quitaque is in the sanitarium under medical treatment.

Mrs. J. A. Hatch of this city was able to leave the sanitarium today, after an operation for appendicitis.

Ewing Johnson of Tulia is resting well since undergoing an operation on last Sunday.

Mrs. H. M. Henson of Floydada is recovering nicely from an operation a few days ago.

Ralph Lemond, son of R. A. Lemond of this city, had a tonsil operation at the sanitarium last week.

The two children of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Miller of Tulia, had their tonsils removed last week, and are doing nicely.

Mrs. Chas. Elam of Aiken, underwent a successful operation for appendicitis in the sanitarium last week.

The 16 year old daughter of G. T. Davis of Hamlin, Texas, underwent an operation for appendicitis, and is recovering rapidly.

Mrs. A. K. Price of Aiken, underwent a tonsil operation recently.

Mildred Bean of Silverton was in the sanitarium and had her tonsils removed.

Miss Ruth Golden had her tonsils removed last week.

Mrs. G. J. Colvin of Turkey is improving since an operation for appendicitis recently.

Olen Hair of Olton was able to leave the hospital after an operation a short time ago.

Leo Koger of Kress is able to leave the sanitarium after a few days under care of physicians.

The 12 year old son of J. T. Tunnell of Quitaque is able to be at home again after undergoing an operation at the sanitarium.

Elizabeth Keniston of Plainview had her tonsils removed a few days ago, and is doing nicely.

Guss Frossard of Turkey is doing nicely after an operation for appendicitis.

Mrs. J. D. O'Daniel of Tulia is recovering very fast after an operation a few days ago at the sanitarium.

Jack Skaggs is able to leave the sanitarium after an operation.

Mrs. E. I. Durham of Lockney, was brought to the Plainview Sanitarium last Saturday for an operation, from which she is recovering nicely.

Miss Annie Burson of Silverton is resting well since an operation of several days ago.

Mrs. T. B. Hawkins of Quitaque was in the sanitarium, where she had her tonsils removed last week.

Mrs. W. H. Windell of Turkey came over to the sanitarium last Sunday, where she underwent a successful operation for appendicitis.

The little 8 years old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Long is doing well since an operation for appendicitis, some days ago.

W. T. Cordell of this city had an eye operation today in the sanitarium and is resting well.

J. M. Kincaannon of Silverton, underwent an operation in the sanitarium Monday.

Mrs. J. F. Gibson of Turkey is in the Plainview Sanitarium under medical care of physicians.

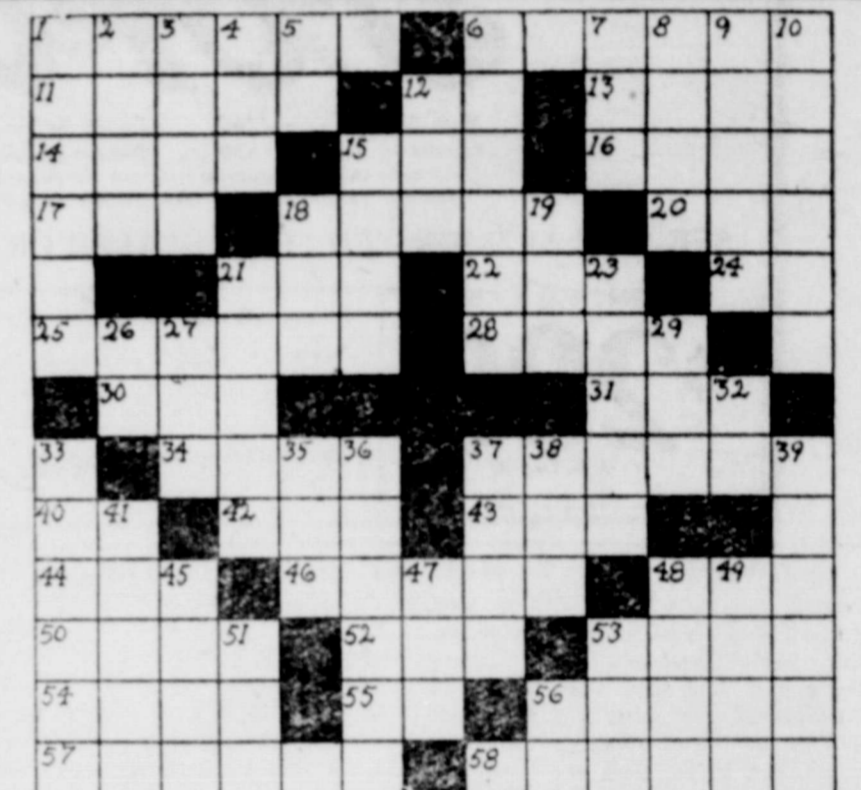
Leslie Whitehead of Silverton was in the sanitarium last Saturday for examination and treatment.

L. M. Gunn of Flomot, is resting well since an operation for appendicitis.

Miss Ora Turner of Turkey, is in the sanitarium where she underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Bennie Saar of Las Vegas, New Mexico, had an operation in the sanitarium today.

U. B. Howard of Lockney underwent an operation for appendicitis the



- Horizontal.
- 1—Given to jesting
 - 4—Protective bar on an auto
 - 11—Love inordinately
 - 12—Sun grid
 - 13—Part of a roof
 - 14—Blood
 - 15—In good condition
 - 16—Small song bird
 - 17—Decorative vase
 - 18—Apartments
 - 20—Conjunction
 - 21—Fish eggs
 - 22—Consume
 - 24—Telurianum (abbr.)
 - 25—Revolutionary hero, first name
 - 26—Colored
 - 28—Water barrier
 - 31—Mark on a playing card
 - 34—To incline slightly
 - 37—Pertaining to one of the members to a marriage
 - 40—Belonging to
 - 42—Black, viscous material
 - 43—Conducted
 - 44—Affirmative
 - 46—Challenged
 - 48—Snake
 - 50—Horse food
 - 52—Despicable man
 - 53—Incline
 - 54—Employ
 - 55—Printing measure
 - 56—To scrape
 - 57—Scatters
 - 58—Manager of a publication
- Vertical.
- 1—Tigerlike animal
 - 2—Smell
 - 4—Native metal
 - 5—Point of compass
 - 6—Swatted
 - 8—Kind of rubber
 - 9—Happening
 - 10—To deliver
 - 12—Long, narrow thist
 - 13—Hasten away
 - 15—In behalf of
 - 19—To utter
 - 21—To send money
 - 23—Lukewarm
 - 24—Boy's name
 - 27—Large tub
 - 28—Accomplished
 - 32—Father
 - 35—Boy
 - 37—Gave forth blood
 - 38—One of primary colors
 - 39—Conductor
 - 41—Sumptuous repast
 - 45—Sterling (abbr.)
 - 47—Male sheep
 - 48—To whip
 - 51—Point of compass
 - 53—Prefix meaning three
 - 56—Grand (abbr.)
- 3—Cereal
7—Cat's cry
13—Happy
36—Indications
49—Preposition

Solution will appear in next issue.

21st, and is resting well at this time.

Elder Barnett Accepts Call From Church of Christ

Elder D. N. Barnett of Macon, Mississippi, has accepted the call of the Church of Christ, Meeting at the College auditorium in Lockney, and is now pastor of that church. Rev. Barnett is an able Bible scholar and a good speaker. Mrs. Barnett will move to Lockney from Macon, Miss., about September 1st.

Clara and Othel Gunn Entertained Busy Bee Club

Misses Clara and Othel Gunn entertained the Busy Bee Club Tuesday afternoon. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served to Glenna Collins, Floy Sparks, Alice and Anice Stewart, Lollene Angel, Gene Dyer, Pauline Brunson, Estelle Byars, Mildred Carter, Charlie Wofford, Gertrude Collier, Opal Lee Wofford.

We were very glad to have Margaret Collier as a new member, and we are always glad to have others join the Busy Bees. The next meeting will be at the home of Gene Dyer.—Reporter.

Answer to Our Last Puzzle

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- I. Fig Leaf
- II. Fig Leaves
- III. Skins of Animals
- IV. Home Spun Jeans
- V. Schloss Bros. Clothes

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THE BIG SALE CONTINUES UNTIL AUGUST 1st

Personal Mention

Mrs. Ben Watson left Tuesday for Amarillo for a few days visit.

A. B. Brown spent the latter part of the week, returned home this week, after a week's absence.

E. G. Snapka was down from Silverton, visiting his family over Sunday.

Charlie Heardston of Plainview has accepted a position with the Beacon office.

Carter E. Thompson of Post has accepted a position as barber in Brooks' Barber shop.

A. R. Meriwether and Artie Baker went to Fort Worth and Cleburne on business Tuesday.

Dewey Floyd went to Amarillo on Tuesday to be with his wife, who is in a sanitarium in that city.

B. E. Akins has been here the past week from Gunter, Texas, where he and his family recently moved.

Miss Tracy of Pauls Valley, Okla., has been here for several days visiting her sister, Mrs. Dud Usery.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Fowler of Muleshoe spent Sunday here visiting the Fowler and Webster families.

Rev. and Mrs. C. J. McCarty and family attended the Baptist encampment at Ceta Canyon the past week.

Miss Olene Hale, and brother, John, of Sentinel, Okla., are visiting in Lockney the guests of Miss Pope Walker.

Mrs. C. J. White and children of

Lorenzo were here Sunday visiting Mrs. White's mother, Mrs. C. D. Fowler.

Miss Lauream Christian spent Sunday visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Christian, south of Sand Hill.

Mrs. Laura Martin of Spring Lake, Lamb county, is here this week visiting her brother, L. A. Cooper, and family.

E. E. Dyer and family and A. A. Suites and family spent from Friday to Sunday on an outing on Tule Canyon.

Miss Letha Cox has returned home from Plainview, where she has been attending a summer school for several weeks.

Miss Mabel Reeves has gone to Canyon to enter the West Texas State Teachers College for the last quarter of the summer session.

Grady Brewster was in Amarillo Saturday and Sunday visiting his wife, who is at the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Dewey Floyd.

Mrs. G. J. Stapleton and children, John and Ruth, have gone to Wichita, Kansas, for a visit with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Arch Connor.

Artie Baker, A. R. Meriwether, H. P. Coleman, J. B. Downs and H. B. Adams attended a railroad meeting at Petersburg last Thursday night.

F. H. Selden and wife of Plainview, and J. C. Patton of Amarillo, Linotype machinist, were in Lockney Wednesday afternoon visiting and business.

Burton Thornton and family, D. F. McDuffee and family and J. H. Hohaus and family and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Langford spent last Sunday at Silver Lake on an outing.

Lee Wilson and family of Santa Fe, New Mexico, have been here the past two weeks, visiting the parents of Mr. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Wilson, near Lockney.

Mrs. Chas. Elam of the Aiken community was carried to the sanitarium at Plainview, by Dr. S. M. Henry of Lockney, last Saturday for an operation for appendicitis.

Quite a crowd of Lockney folk have been in attendance at the joint session of the Interstate Commerce Commission and the Texas Railroad Commission at Plainview the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Reeves and family and Rev. and Mrs. Y. F. Walker and family and Miss Pauline Mitchell of Plainview, spent last week attending the encampment at Ceta Canyon.

Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Elliott and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Winfield and children of Amarillo, spent Sunday visiting their son and brother, Howard Elliott and family west of Lockney.

Mrs. A. J. Crager has gone to Altus, Okla., for the benefit of her health. She has been suffering with rheumatism for some time and it is thought advisable to seek a lower climate for her.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Light of Altus, Okla., were here Sunday visiting their daughter, Mrs. Grady Crager, while en route to Elephant Butte Dam and Hot Springs, New Mexico, on an outing of some time.

Mrs. Lois Durham of the Alamo community, was carried to Plainview Saturday, by Dr. S. M. Henry for an operation for appendicitis. At last report she was resting well, following a successful operation.

W. S. Pace and family of Stanley, New Mexico, have moved back to Lockney to make their home, after an absence of some time. Mr. and

Mrs. Pace are the parents of Harvey Pace of Lockney, and are well known here.

W. P. Bradshaw and wife of McGregor, Texas, are here visiting Mrs. Bradshaw's sisters, Mrs. A. B. Blount and F. E. Brown, and other relatives. Mr. Bradshaw states that as far as crops are concerned that his section of the country is in very bad condition this year, and that practically no crops will be gathered.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hagood of Altus, Okla., who have been here for some time visiting Mrs. Hagood's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Crager, returned to their home Tuesday. They were accompanied by Mrs. A. J. Crager and daughter, Mrs. John C. Tucker. Mrs. Crager, who has been in bad health for some weeks went to that place to spend some time, as it is in a lower altitude.

Swine Production of Big Importance

Necessary Feeds Should Be Considered First.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

In utilizing farm wastes and in converting the concentrates raised on the farm into a marketable product, the hog is by far the most valuable farm animal, points out the bureau of animal industry, United States Department of Agriculture, in its new Farmers' Bulletin 1437, Swine Production. All regions of the United States may be considered suitable for raising hogs. The feeds used to grow and fatten hogs can be produced to a greater or less extent in practically every part of the country. Without the hog, profits in the big cattle-fattening industry of the Central West would be jeopardized.

The feeds necessary to grow and fatten hogs should be given first consideration when the question of location of a farm for hog raising is being contemplated. Feeds can be produced more abundantly in some localities than in others. Other factors, such as markets, climate and quality of soil also should be studied. It is best to start with but a few sows. As the herd increases in number a careful study of the farm should be made to determine what crops it will produce most successfully and how and to what extent hogs fit into the general plan for that particular farm.

It is always advisable to use pure bred animals in founding a herd. Much time and money are lost by starting with low-grade sows and building up the quality of the herd by the use of pure bred boars.

Copies of the bulletin may be had free, as long as the supply lasts, from the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Apple Scab Is Cause of Large Losses of Fruit

That apple scab is one of the most serious apple diseases in Pennsylvania is a fact recognized by growers throughout the state, says a new bulletin, "Comparison of materials used in spraying and dusting for apple scab control in Pennsylvania," just issued by the agricultural experiment station of the Pennsylvania state college.

Figures of the plant disease survey of the United States Department of Agriculture show a reduction in yield due to scab, of 15 per cent in Pennsylvania as an average for the four years, 1919-1922, the bulletin further states. This means an average reduction of over two million bushels of apples per year in this state for the same four years. Apple scab is caused by a parasitic fungus which lives during the winter on the dead leaves under the trees.

While it has long been known that certain sprays, if applied at the proper time and in the proper manner, would serve to protect the leaves and fruit against infection by this fungus, the most efficient and practical materials and the best time to use them present a problem upon which the station has been working for six years.

During this time experiments have been conducted in 26 commercial orchards in Adams county, as well as in the experiment station orchards in Centre county, and one orchard each in Franklin and Chester counties. Eighteen different materials were applied on nine varieties involving over two hundred separate plots and 111 different combinations as to material and time of application.

The results of the various sprays and dusts are given in the bulletin so that growers interested in the control of apple scab may easily get the latest information on this vital subject.

FARM NOTES

Forest fire protection costs little and saves much.

Weeds are weeds and should be treated as such.

Sweet corn needs the germination test fully as much as field corn, this spring.

Plant sound seed in a well prepared seed bed to be assured of a good crop stand.

Pumping water by hand is all right when a man needs exercise and has plenty of time.

Texas Items

The commissioners court of Washington county has fixed the tax rate for this year at \$1.68 on the \$100 valuation, a reduction of 2c from the rate of last year.

The first train on the Santa Fe's extension from Doud to the New Mexico line across Bailey and Hockley counties, in Texas, will enter Leveland, August 6, it was announced this week.

Acting on the advice of County Agent H. C. Robinson, DeWitt County farmers are planting grain sorghums, sudan, sweet sorghums, cow peas, etc., to lessen the burden of feed cost inflicted by the drought.

Work of shelling the Alvin-Friendswood highway is well under way at the present time and when completed will close a gap in the chain of hard surfaced roads in that section that has long been needed.

A bond issue for a \$20,000 rural high school was carried in an election recently held in the newly consolidated school district comprising Sparks, Little River and Academy districts, south of Temple. The school will be built immediately.

In line with its general policy of improving its roadbeds in Texas wherever and whenever feasible, the Missouri-Kansas-Texas railroad is now engaged in laying 32 miles of 90-pound rail on the San Antonio division between Temple and Granger.

Value of exports handled through the port of Houston for the fiscal year, ending June 30, increased \$263,258, \$71, or 147 per cent, over the preceding year, according to the annual report just compiled by W. E. Baker, deputy collector of customs.

The State Master Plumbers Association and the Texas Laundry Owners Association have notified Fred Herndon, convention and publicity secretary of the chamber of commerce of San Antonio that they would hold their 1926 conventions in San Antonio.

Twenty-one Texas concerns, one New York and one Oklahoma concern have received contracts for groceries for 18 eleemosynary institutions by the board of control for three months' supplies, with the privilege of taking out a six months' estimate in the quarter.

Three allotments of road building aid were granted this week by the highway commission Galveston County received the \$471,000 necessary to complete paving its Galveston-Houston highway. Houston County was allotted \$37,500 and Uvalde County \$3900.

The taxable values in Brazoria county this year will be \$20,500,000, a loss of \$1,000,000 from last year. The principal part of this reduction is due to the slump in the oil fields at West Columbia and Damon. The tax rate was reduced from \$5c to \$4c on the \$100 valuation.

Green peas in Henderson County are being marketed several weeks earlier than usual and one-half the crop of the county will be marketed during July. The pea crop in Henderson County this year will amount to 65 carloads which at present prices should bring the growers \$70,000.

A strange malady affecting sheep in the San Angelo section of West Texas has stockmen and veterinarians guessing. It appears to be a type of the "croop" causing the sheep's legs to stiffen and their backs to arch. They stumble and fall and are unable to go to feed and water. Losses so far have not been heavy. The outbreaks have been sporadic and widely scattered, occurring in Tom Green, McCulloch and neighboring counties.

Bonds for the city of Dallas, aggregating \$1,000,000 and bearing 4 1/2 per cent interest and maturing serially, received approval of the attorney general's department. The bonds are \$1,000,000 school; \$300,000 sanitary sewer; \$350,000 parks; \$150,000 street improvement; \$100,000 storm sewer; \$100,000 garbage incinerator.

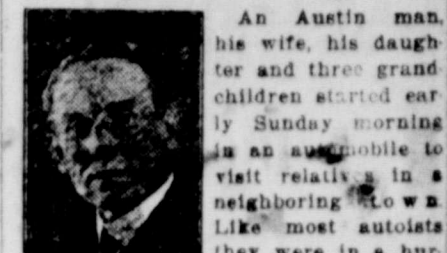
Four million pounds of figs will be produced in Galveston County this year, representing an increase of 100 per cent over 1924. It was estimated this week by E. N. Holmgren, county farm demonstration agent, after a careful survey of the orchards. The production of the gulf coast area as a whole will be approximately three times as large as it was last year, due to increased acreage in bearing orchards and the fact that the older orchards produce more from year to year.

Advisability of establishing a fish hatchery at Kerrville on the Guadalupe river is being considered by Turner Hubby, state game, fish and oyster commissioner.

Airplane mapping of Texas streams by United States army aviators has saved the State of Texas much money and has located reservoir sites with an exactness of detail not possible under any other scheme, said A. H. Dunlap, member of the state board of water engineers. The United States geological survey is co-operating with the board in locating reservoir sites and in determining and mapping the water resources of the state. Half the cost is borne by the state and half by the federal government.

THE PASSING DAY

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Careless Auto Driving.

An Austin man, his wife, his daughter and three grandchildren started early Sunday morning in an automobile to visit relatives in a neighboring town. Like most autoists they were in a hurry, and though their car was small and light, they rushed past others on the road. Suddenly there was a blow out, the light car swerved and pitched headlong over a bridge. The wife and daughter are dead, the driver and two grandchildren are in an Austin hospital and relatives are mourning because of the hurry of the party to get to the end of their journey, for which, after all, there need not have been any haste. The Sunday night before, near Austin, a party of five young people attempted to pass another car with their car, turning their car over and killing one of their party. These are not unusual stories—such things are almost constantly happening somewhere—and they are given only to add the statement that all this rush to get somewhere is sheer madness.

Why So Much Speed?

In both the cases mentioned, and in nearly every other case, the parties need not have been in a hurry. In one they were going for an all-day visit and had the whole day for a short trip, in the other they were nearing home after an outing, with no need to hurry. Just because an automobile can be made to go fifty miles an hour, it does not follow that its utmost speed must be developed on a drive. There is really little pleasure in a drive at a speed exceeding twenty miles an hour, for when going more rapidly most of the beauty of the scenery is lost. Most of us waste time every day—much of it—and seldom think of hurrying until we start somewhere, when we suddenly become almost crazy to annihilate distance. Something drastic is going to have to be done to compel people to use common sense in driving.

Celebrating July Fourth.

But for the World War, interest in celebrating the fourth of July as a national holiday would almost have ceased before now. In fact before that war it had become difficult to get crowds together for such a celebration. The Revolutionary War is too far in the past to arouse much enthusiasm even from the most patriotic citizens. Only the political orators seemed to care a great deal for the day and their oratory did not enthuse the masses. While July 4 has no direct or immediate connection with the World War, it seems a good time to celebrate and to renew the spirit of defense that is a bit hard to keep alive, even with the world's greatest conflict only a few years behind. July 4 has come to be known as Defense Day, a day in which we as a people get together to keep reminded that we need to be ready to defend our country so long as other countries are prepared to attack us. Some of us are hoping that we may live to see the day recognized as Peace Day throughout the whole world.

Auto Bus Transportation.

There is such a decided increase in auto bus transportation that a demand is being created for union bus stations at connecting points and in many places such stations are being operated. Some modern hotels are providing for direct passage of auto buses into the hotel buildings in order that passengers may alight near the hotel office. Bus lines are becoming financially responsible and some are carrying or contemplating accident insurance for their passengers. Railroads are coming to recognize the inroads upon their business and some are paralleling their short distance lines with bus transportation. It is stated that a passenger can go from Brownsville, Tex., to Denver, Colorado, by bus in about the same time as by rail and at about the same cost and can sleep in a hotel every night while en route. Whether that can be done now or not, it will soon be done and the railroads are going to have to meet this new and powerful competition.

The Pullman Car Surcharge.

Railroads are putting on summer excursions rates to many points that make one think of the old times when it did not take a fortune to get anywhere if only he watched for a chance to get special rates. But about the time that he thinks he can afford to travel he finds that the sleeper fare is all out of proportion to the railroad rate, and that he must still pay the old war-time emergency surcharge on a sleeper ticket. The railroad commission or whatever body has authority to regulate railroad traffic sees it to the pullman car surcharge is removed, for it is an onerous burden on the traveling public. To the traveler the Pullman fare seems high enough without a fifty per cent additional tax.

The Comforts of Home.

Years must be a very uncomfortable place if it hasn't got more comforts than most of the resorts and things when out on vacation. The greatest advantage from a summer vacation is that it brings a person to at least a temporary adaptation of the ordinary comforts of home, however humble it may be.

Caddy Get the Edge

The 1925 has little advantages. One of the best is the new caddy out of gold.—Dutch Herald

LOANS

CITY PROPERTY, FARMS AND RANCHES

H. W. SADLER

PLAINVIEW, TEXAS

THEIR NAME WAS LEGION!

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SYNOPSIS

CHAPTER I.—Bart Rogers, whose father is speechless through paralysis, calls to pay an installment on a mortgage at the office of Leon Barrows, a lawyer, who tells the young man that when he lent the older Rogers money to rehabilitate his property he had taken no mortgage, but had accepted only notes which were made over to a person he could not name.

CHAPTER II.—The town election is won by Tom Jordan, who has defeated "Bull" Franniston, a early bully, for mayor. Jordan offers Bart the job as marshal. "Bull" Franniston hates Bart because of the latter's interference some time before, when Franniston was mistreating his daughter, Anita. Oil is struck on property adjacent to Bart's, but after hurrying home to tell his father, he finds the latter dead, supposedly from a paralytic stroke.

CHAPTER III.—Old Jim, Anita's father's bodyguard, tells Bart that he should marry Anita to save her from the sinister power which her father wields over her destiny. Jim alludes to a mysterious force which Franniston is able to exercise under his control, and begs Bart to use discretion in his relations with "Bull" Franniston and his daughter. Franniston receives the oil rights on Bart's land. Bart has been offered the job of marshal by his friend Jordan, and learns that "Bull" Franniston is going to force Anita to associate with the riff-raff that have flocked to the town.

"Very well. I'll count on that." Then he turned into the crowded street, leaving Bart Rogers alone, once more with his grief and his conjectures. The motley collection of human riffraff that flocks to every oil boom town was present in full force below in the street.

But up in his room, Bart Rogers watched dusk and then night come with hardly a thought of the milling throngs so near. He had left word at the desk that he was not to be disturbed by any one save a messenger from the office of Leon Barrows, even that afternoon as the one dilapidated carriage followed the hearse to the cemetery, a man had scrambled out from the sidewalk with an offer for his land.

Not that Bart Rogers did not care to sell, either. Right now, however, he did not want to discuss the sale of land, or to bicker over prices. His thoughts were on a different thing, on the loneliness of a mound he had left behind that afternoon.

An hour he watched the money man in a vacant, detached manner, at last to rise at the sound of a knock on the door. Old Jim was there looking querulously up at him, but this time he did not enter.

"Lawyer Barrows sent me for you." "Certainly." Bart reached for his hat and joined him. Slowly they descended to the street, then forced their way to the broad, wooden staircase which led to the office of the attorney. There Old Jim tugged at his arm, and when Bart turned toward him, asked guardedly:

"What is it? What does he want you for?" "I don't know. He told me this afternoon that he would want to see me tonight. He said he had some things to talk over with me."

"Is it about money? There was a sharp insistence in the older man's voice."

"I don't know. I suppose so—about what my father left and that sort of thing. It all has to be settled up and—"

CHAPTER IV

Argument

"You know Franniston, don't you, Rogers?" Barrows asked. "This, according to the legal phraseology," he continued in his usual sarcastic tones, "is the last will and testament of"

Franklin Rogers, recently deceased. I intend to probate it at Mannington tomorrow. Therefore, I thought that I'd better read it to you two interested gentlemen tonight."

"Just a minute!" Rogers rose heatedly. "I object to this man being here."

"Go ahead and object, if it will do you any good. I put up the money for you and your father. I'm here, and I'm going to stay here. I'm interested in this will, and I'm going to hear it read."

Barrows, meanwhile, had turned a cold eye upon the younger man. "To my son, Barton Rogers," continued the blinding words of the attorney, ignoring Bart's protest, "I give, devise and bequeath all my real and personal belongings with such exceptions as shall be noted below, all moneys, goods, chattels and effects, and the sole right and title to 100 acres of land comprising the northwest quarter of Section 63, Township 8, Range 74, to have and to hold, and with all rights and concessions to do with as he will, except as follows:

"To my good friend, Egbert Franniston, in recognition of his unflinching friendship—"

"That's a lie!" shouted Bart. "I won't believe it!"

"—in recognition of his unflinching friendship and his support in time of need," went on Barrows, "I give, devise and bequeath all oil and mineral rights underlying the surface of the land comprised in the northwest quarter of Section 63, Township 8, Range 74, the same being the identical section, township and range mentioned in the previous paragraph of this document. Upon acceptance of this bequest, with the right to experiment in search of such mineral and oil deposits, and the free use of such land as shall be necessary for such investigations, the rental of any needed land for pipeage, derricks, wells, mines, shafts and other equipment in case of the discovery and production of any oil or mineral, said rental to be the amount Bart Rogers not to exceed \$2,500 per year, payable at the end of each calendar year, and with the agreement and understanding that all oil and minerals which shall be taken from the ground or beneath the ground upon the previously described land, shall be the sole right and property of said Egbert Franniston. It is agreed and understood that any and all debts incurred by the said Barton Rogers before the death of the testator, at this time owing to the said Egbert Franniston, including notes, deeds, chattel mortgages or any other paper of indebtedness, shall be declared by the said Egbert Franniston to be null, void and canceled, and without recourse in law."

It was the joker in the will! The thing which gave Bart Rogers everything—yet nothing!

"Let me read that again!" came huskily from Bart.

"In case you don't understand that—"

"I understand the words," came somewhat thickly.

"But not the meaning? It's simple enough. Just this: Franniston takes all oil on that land and cancels the debts you owe him. It was a bargain which seemed to be all on the side of your father. Franniston here will tell you that I said that very thing to him the day the will was signed—all three of us were up here in this office. Your father thought this would be the last place in the world where oil would be discovered, and told us so. I thought the same thing. Franniston thought differently. He said that he was willing to take the gamble and would lend your father up to \$10,000 for it. That you didn't get the money is—"

"I'm willing to pay up the rest to show that I'm on the square," Franniston was lighting his cigar. Bart Rogers turned on him.

"Are you?" he jeered. "A wonderful philanthropist, with millions in sight?"

"In a safety deposit vault at the bank."

Then don't stand here arguing with us as to whether there was any trickery about this will. If you have any doubt just go out and see if you can scare up a different will. Incidentally—the words were burning with sarcasm—"you might look in that safety deposit box. You might find a copy of this document there—where your father put it for safekeeping! In the meantime, get out of my office."

For a long moment Bart Rogers stood trembling like a muscled tiger before the spring. His hands were clenched, his eyes narrow and glaring; slowly down his chin trickled a thin flow of blood from a tear in his lower lip where teeth had set, unnoticed, upon it. His arms raised slowly and the fists clenched. Then, suddenly they dropped and Bart Rogers rushed from the room.

Dodging the crowds on the thronged sidewalks, Bart hurried to the town's one lively stable and rented a horse. Five minutes later, he was thudding across the flat, toward Mannington, twenty miles away.

At last the dimly lighted office of the sheriff loomed to view and Bart saw a man dozing in a chair. Rogers awakened him.

"I'm Bart Rogers," he began, "son of the man who made a will you witnessed some time ago. Did or did not that will give any oil rights to a man named 'Bull' Franniston?"

The sheriff rose and stretched. "Think they did," came his announcement in an offhand manner. "Ain't you got a copy of your own?"

"I—I suppose so," Bart Rogers, suddenly tired, suddenly cognizant of defeat, turned toward the door. "Yes—yes, I guess I've got a copy of it." He went out into the night then, and to the return from what he now saw had been a hopeless and foolish quest.

Bart Rogers turned his thoughts to the safety-deposit box. If that paper were present, it could mean but one thing—

That his father, Franklin Rogers, actually had made his will with the provisions as declared to Bart in the office of Leon Barrows that night. It would be prima facie evidence that his father had willingly and knowingly signed away to a man whom Bart hated the thing that would make "Bull" Franniston a millionaire, and Bart Rogers a pensioner, a hanger-on for the rentals of a flowing gold mine that, by the right of work, of struggle, of privation, yes, even suffering, should have been his. It would end all thought of trickery, for it would mean that Franklin Rogers had known what he was signing, and that he had deliberately and knowingly saved the copy of a document that was to rob his son of millions. What would that safety box yield?

CHAPTER V

Disappointment

The next morning Bart entered the bank and asked to see his father's safety-deposit box.

"Oh, it's all right, I guess," the bank clerk shrugged his shoulders. "Your name's on there in your father's writing—and I know you're young Rogers, but I guess I'd better go along with you. We have to be pretty careful when some one is going through a dead man's effects."

They went within the big door then and to the fitting of the pass and master keys to the little bronze box. The tiny compartment swung open and the clerk brought forth the drawer, placing it on the counter. Hastily Bart seized the packets of papers and began their perusal.

A deed to the 100 acres which he had called home. An insurance policy which had been allowed to lapse. A canceled mortgage, representing the saving of the farm from its first load of debt. Then—a folded paper which caused Bart Rogers' heart to thump. He brought it forth and read it, line after line—the final blow. It was the will.

"Guess that was about the last trip your father made in here—about a year ago—the day he put that will in the box," came from one side, and Bart looked down into the features of the clerk, forgotten for the moment.

"Yes," Rogers turned toward him rather curiously. The clerk bobbed his head.

"He showed it to me that day—he thought it was a great joke."

And played the fool and he let him go ahead, that he never liked him, anyway."

"He didn't say what the deal was?" Rogers was like a man hearing his death sentence.

"No, he didn't—except that it was something about some kind of rights."

Bart Rogers did not answer. He replaced the document in the box, and turned his key in unison with the one in the hands of the clerk. Then, silently, admitting defeat, he walked slowly out of the bank.

He had dreamed vaguely of finding another will in the safety box, or perhaps some explanation of the document which had been read to him the night before. But there had been nothing of the sort. Instead, the unassailable proof of the genuineness of the document had come to him from the lips of the clerk, recounting the incident of his father's last visit, and the fact that he had boasted of bettering a man he did not like.

"Well, there's at least that consolation!" he murmured, as he stood on the bank steps, watching the erection of a tent dance hall across the street.

Then slowly, as if in realization of his defeat, Bart Rogers pulled the breath into his lungs and straightened, like a man about to face a sentence.

"If Dad figured things that way—it'll have to go," he mused. "He thought he was making a good bargain—and made a bad one. That's all there—"

There he stopped shortly, and turned in response to a dig in the ribs which threatened to keep on going. Again it came, even before he could look up into the features of the tall, gangly person who towered above him, and who continued the punching jabs, even as he asked his questions.

"A lantern-jawed person he was, inches more than six feet in height, while about his twinkling gray eyes there seemed a thousand wrinkles. Yet he was young."

"Buddy!" he was announcing, "where's the American Legion? Where's it at? Huh? Tarko's m' name, Bud Tarko. Just came in on that special with the rest of the tin-horn sports, gamblers, loose women and what-not. Got a Legion post here, Buddy? Where a good man like myself could get a wash-up and some grub?"

"Why—" Bart had hesitated. The elongated Bud Tarko went gently on. "Have to pardon my parley-voo. Can't help it. Went A. W. O. L. the day before I was to shove off in the packet for home and they sent me back up into the army of occupation. Since then I've been all over."

"What outfit are you from?" One word had brought to the serious features of Bart Rogers the resemblance of a grin. Bud Tarko swung his arms.

"What'd you like to have me from?" he queried. "Since the time that M. P. dogged me back up the harbor at Brest I've been in everything that ever looked like an outfit."

"I know. But your original outfit?"

"Oh, that?" Bud Tarko untingled himself to his full height and beamed genially down upon Rogers. "The real one, huh? Read 'em and weep—the Fifth Marines, brother."

Bart Rogers put forth a hand. "Same division, friend," came quietly.

"Huh? The Second? Stand back there and let me take a look at you. Yep. Maybe it's so. Look like a good man. What are you from?"

"Ninth infantry."

"Ninth, huh? Vaux—that right? Jaunty? Huh? Thicoourt? Blanc Mont? Say, don't I know 'em? Slip 'er, Buddy! What's your name?"

"Rogers, Bart Rogers."

"Weren't a second look?" Bud Tarko asked it with something of suspicion.

"No. Why?"

"Just afraid, that's all. You sorta look like one."

"Sergeant's the best I could do."

"Then everything's high, wide and handsome. Slip me your mitt. And now"—he rubbed mournfully at a lengthy stomach—"where's that Legion outfit? Where does the Legion keep its employment office? I just came in on that special." He nodded down the street.

"Queer-looking outfit," asserted Bart, noticing the vanguard of a motley mob.

"Queer?" Bud Tarko jabbed him in the ribs. "Worse'n that, Buddy. Guess I was the only honest man on the train. Say, who's Franniston here?"

"Franniston?" Rogers asked the question with a sudden interest. "He's a sort of land agent and politician. Ran for mayor at the election a few days ago and got beat. Why?"

"Everybody on it seemed to think that if he could hook up with Franniston, everything'd be gray. Guess I'll start looking for him myself, if you won't jar loose with any info about that Legion post."

"I forgot that." Then Bart shook his head. "But I can't help you. There isn't any Legion post in town."

"No Legion post?" The human fence rail doubled again and a long finger poked Bart Rogers in the chest. "Do you mean to stand there and tell me that there ain't a Legion post in this town? If there ain't, why isn't there?"

"Because there aren't enough veterans to support one," answered Bart.

"Well, where can I eat?" asked the lengthy Tarko.

Bart pointed up the street; then, as Bud Tarko strung himself out along the sidewalk toward the restaurant, Rogers watched after him with interest. There was something likable about the elongated, freckled man, something wholesome, something worthwhile and companionable.

Bart then moved slowly down the sidewalk, brushing past men with heavy satchels; others with canvas bags on their shoulders; women in

loud raiment. A hazy idea was in his mind—he had sought to the last moment to doubt the word of "Bull" Franniston and of Lawyer Leon Barrows. He had failed, and through some sense of justice, he felt that it was necessary to tell them so.

With this thought he made his way up the broad, wooden staircase to the office of Leon Barrows, there to knock upon the door and await an answer in vain. Evidently the attorney already had departed for Mannington to probate the will and somewhat unwillingly, Bart turned down the street toward the ramshackle, two-story building which housed the office of "Bull" Franniston.

He mounted the stairway, only to halt as he circled the banister and started toward the grimy door of the little office. Voices were coming from within—the voices of two men, "Bull" and Old Jim. The voice of the latter was pleading.

"Bull," he was saying, "you're going too far. I've stood to see you beat her, I've stood to see you mistreat her, I've stood for pretty near everything in the world, figuring that the worst you could do would be better than what would happen if I'd ever force you to come out in the open and lay your cards on the table. But—"

"Wait just a minute, Jim!" the rumbling voice of the other man had cut in, anseringly. "You're always talking about what I've got up my sleeve. Have I ever told you that I knew anything about you? Or what—"

"No, but you know that I know it—you don't have to tell me that the name of Leon Barrows is a fake name; Or that what you're always so careful to keep locked up in that safe isn't what—I think it is!"

"You'd better be quiet, Jim," answered Franniston.

There was a queer, implied threat in the voice—and one which met with instant response.

"I—I didn't mean it, 'Bull.'" The old pleading had returned. "But, G—d, 'Bull'—just think how it would be if you were in my shoes! Think how you'd suffer if you saw some one throwing her directly in the path of gamblers and the sort of women that are flooding in here now!"

CHAPTER VI

The New Marshal

It was seven days later that Bart Rogers stopped short as he left the tiny building which had served for years as Bellaine's combination city hall, jail and "police department." He had just received the administration of his oath of office, and Bart Rogers could not evade the realization of the toughness of his job.

From a village of hundreds, Bellaine had metamorphosed to a mushroom of thousands. Canvas dance halls and "soft drink" emporiums, where the "soft thing" served was three-day-old "mountain dew," were on nearly every street corner. Kalsomined women leered and smirked in the crowds of the street—the world had turned new and raw and unwholesome with the influx of a nation's offal, swooping down upon a place that oil had turned into a new frontier and where the mob, by its strength, might rule.

Pitted against this was the feverish activity of another set of boomers—the legitimate followers of the gusher; men in corduroy clothing and high topped boots, who went about their business in a quiet, orderly, determined manner; men who seemed never to see the smiles of the women, or the beckoning banners of the soft-drink parlors.

Young men, old men, they hurried about, their clothing and shoes spashed with oil from their visits to the discovery well; all intent upon their work, all seeking to cram a lifetime into 24 hours that they, too, might be the persons to aid in a new flow of the black liquid, the first to carry the news of another gusher.

Already just outside the village limits, the first of a forest of derricks had appeared, while, under hard-working, shouting foremen, the work of installing machinery and the preparations for drilling were hurriedly under way. Whistles tooted from steaming boilers. Sledges clanged against steel. The prophecy of a bedlam had come true.

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To Make Your Jellies "Jell"

The days of guesswork and wasted fruit are past. There are probably more failures in jelly-making from adding too much sugar than for any other reason. Knowing the quantity of pectin helps to determine the amount of sugar to be added. The following is a simple household test for pectin. Add 1 T of cooked fruit juice that has cooled to room temperature to 1 T. of either grain or denatured alcohol; mix thoroughly and let it stand at least 30 minutes. If there is a large amount of pectin it will precipitate in a solid mass or clot and it is usually safe to add a cupful of sugar to each cup of juice in making jelly. If the pectin does not collect in this manner, the amount of sugar should be decreased. If a jelly-mass forms but breaks in small clots or masses there is less pectin present and only 3-4 cupful of sugar should be combined with 1 cup of fruit juice. If the pectin forms small blobs, but not a jelly-like mass, concentrate the juice by boiling it down until it gives a satisfactory pectin test. Use alcohol for the test only, not in the jelly.

The use of pectin as a foundation in jelly-making gives a variety of jellies that would otherwise be impossible. The fruit juice used in combination with the pectin should always be a cooked, strained juice. Pectin can be extracted from the inner white skin of oranges or lemons or from tart apples. Inferior apples may be used. Save your orange skins, scrape out the white pulp and store it in a clean glass jar until you have a sufficient amount to make it worth while to extract the pectin. A cloudy jelly may be due to having cooked the fruit too long before straining off the juice or to not having used sufficient care in straining the juice. A soft jelly or a sirupy mass may result because more sugar has been used than the fruit juice required or because boiling after the addition of sugar was not continued long enough to drive off excessive water. Jelly is tough or stringy because too small an amount of sugar was used for the quantity of fruit juice taken or because the boiling was continued after the jellying point had been reached. One may add the sugar to the juice just after it begins to boil. Add a little at a time, stirring thoroughly until the sugar is dissolved. By adding the sugar as soon as the juice begins to boil, the danger of crystals forming is lessened. Boil rapidly and avoid destroying the pectin and to keep the jelly bright and clear.

Fill up your jelly glasses this year by trying some of the following:

Rhubarb Jelly

1 cup apple pectin.
2 cups Rhubarb juice.
2 1-2 cups sugar.
Select tender red rhubarb stalks, wash, but do not peel them, cut into small pieces and add just enough water to keep the rhubarb from sticking, simmer gently, cook the rhubarb until soft, then strain through the jelly bag, combine the rhubarb juice and apple pectin, bring to boiling point, skim, add the sugar gradually and cook rapidly until the jelly point is reached. Pour into hot, sterilized jelly glasses. This makes a jelly that is very delicate in color and flavor.

Apple Jelly

Wash the apples and remove the stems and the dark spots, cut into fourths, but do not core or pare. Add just enough water to cover the apples and cook until the fruit is soft and crushed. Drain through a jelly bag. The pulp that remains may be put through a colander with more fruit for flavoring and used for jams. For the jelly measure the juice for 20 minutes (for a large amount) remove the scum, and add the heated sugar. Boil about 5 minutes or until the jelly test shows the mixture will jell, pour into hot sterilized glasses, and seal when cold.

Quince Jelly

Follow recipe for apple jelly, using quinces in place of apples, removing seeds from fruit. Quince parings are often used for jelly, the better part of the fruit being used for canning.

Grape Jelly

2 cups apple pectin.
2 cups grape juice.
2 cups sugar.
Combine the pectin and grape juice (a bottled grape juice can be used) and bring to boiling point. Skim, add the sugar gradually, and cook rapidly till the jellying stage is reached. Pour into hot, sterilized jelly glasses. Wild grapes make the best jelly.

Crab Apple Jelly

Follow recipe for apple jelly, leaving apples whole instead of cutting in quarters.

PRESERVES

A preserved fruit is one which has been cooked in cane sugar syrup until it is clear, tender and transparent. It should keep its form and plumpness and be crisp, rather than tough or soft. When finished the cells of the fruit should be filled with the flaved syrup in place of the fruit juice. Try some of the following and add to your supply of preserves for this year's use:

Pear Chips

8 lbs. Pears.
1-4 lb canton ginger.
4 lbs. sugar.
4 lemons.

Wipe pears, remove stems, quarter and core; then cut in small pieces. Add sugar and ginger, and let stand overnight. In the morning add lemons, cut in small pieces, rejecting seeds, and cook slowly for three hours. Put into stone jar or glass containers.

Raspberry and Current Preserves

6 lbs. currants.
8 quarts raspberries.
6 lbs. sugar.

Pick over, wash and drain currents. Put into preserving kettle, adding a few at a time, and mash, cook one hour, strain through double thickness of cheese cloth. Return to kettle, add sugar, heat to boiling point and cook slowly 20 minutes. Add one quart raspberries when syrup again reaches boiling point, skim out raspberries, put in jar, and repeat until raspberries are used. Fill jars to overflowing with syrup and screw on tops. Blackberries or strawberries may be used in the same way.

Yellow Tomato Preserves

4 lbs. fruit. 1-4 oz. ginger.
6 lbs. sugar. 1-2 lemon.
2 quarts water. 1-2 oz. cinnamon.

Boil together water, sugar, lemon and spices for 15 minutes, add fruit, gradually and cook gently until the fruit becomes bright and clear, stirring occasionally and being careful not to allow it to burn. If a thermometer is used, cook to 222° F, pour into trays, stand over night, pack the tomatoes cold and strain the syrup over them. Since preserves contain so much sugar which acts as a preservative it is only necessary to process against molds. This may be accomplished by placing the filled jars in a water bath, heating it to a temperature of 180° or 190° F, and holding that temperature for about 30 minutes. This method preserves a better texture and flavor in the fruit that can be retained when processing is done at a higher temperature. Process pint jars for 20 minutes at 180° F.

Small green or red tomatoes may be preserved whole by this same method.

Sun-Cooked Preserves

Cherries, currents, raspberries or strawberries alone, or a combination of 2-3 currents and 1-3 raspberries, may be cooked by this method. Dampness is a great foe to successful sun cookery. The berries should be washed, capped, stemmed, drained and measured. Allow an equal weight of sugar for fruit. For each 2 lbs. of berries measure 1-4 cupful of berry juice and heat with the sugar. Cook and pour over the whole berries in shallow trays. Stand in the sun for 2 or 4 days, bringing indoors each night. Allow the fruit to remain in

the sun until it is well plumped and the syrup has thickened almost to a jelly. If the sun fails to shine, keep the preserves in a cool oven.

DRYING FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Equally as great care should be given to the selection and preparation of fruits and vegetables for drying as for canning.

To secure a fine quality of dried products much depends upon having the fruit and vegetables absolutely fresh, young, tender and perfectly clean. Wash all products and clean well. If steel knives are used in paring and cutting, have them clean and bright, so as not to discolor the vegetables.

After vegetables are prepared properly they are then blanched—fruits are not blanched. The blanch gives a more thorough cleaning, removes the strong odor and flavor from certain kinds of vegetables, and softens and loosens the fiber. This allows the moisture in the vegetables to evaporate more quickly and uniformly.

It also quickly coagulates the aluminum matter in the vegetables, which helps to hold the natural flavors. Blanching consists of plunging the vegetables into boiling water for a short time. Use a wire basket or cheese bag for this. After blanching the required number of minutes, drain well and remove surface moisture from vegetables by placing between two towels or by exposing to the sun and air for a few minutes.

Fruits and vegetables may be dried in an oven in trays or racks over the kitchen stove, or in a specially constructed drier or in the open by the sun—the method, however, taking a much longer length of time. It is important to protect drying fruits and vegetables from the rain, dew, dust and insects. The time required for drying vegetables varies; however, it can easily be determined by a little experience. The material should be stirred or turned several times during the drying in order to secure a uniform product.

Why not try drying some of the fruits and vegetables that might go to waste otherwise. Try some dried English peas, okra or corn for this winter's use.

Dried Corn

Plant some variety of corn suitable for table use. When well filled out, but not too hard, boil the corn on the cob, in water which is slightly salted, about six minutes or until the milk in the grain is thick. Do not have it too done. Drain off all water, cut the corn from the cob, and dry as quickly as possible in the hot sun or on board or papers near a stove.

Since flies are so fond of green corn, a screened sunny porch is a good place to dry it. Iron roofing covered by wire screening and placed in the sun and wind makes a clean, hot drying place for corn, okra and fruits. Naturally the corn dried quickly near a stove will be whiter than that dried more slowly by the outdoor method.

When the stove is used, the corn can be dried without first boiling it.

When the corn is dry enough not to stick or mildew, put into thin cloth sacks and place in the sun every day until thoroughly dried out. It can be closed up in tin cans or jars when the weather gets cool. To serve this dried corn wash and soak over night to swell. Then cook as you would any fresh green corn or canned corn.

Dried Okra

Select young tender pods of okra, wash, blanch for 3 minutes in boiling soda water, (1-teaspoon soda to 1 gallon of water) and dry either in the hot sun or near the stove. Young tender pods not more than one and one-half inches long, may be dried whole. Larger pods should be cut into 1-4 inch slices. Okra is sometimes strung on a string and hung over the stove to dry. Do not leave pods exposed to flies and dust. As soon as the okra is dry, heat it in an oven for a few minutes and put in small sacks. Place sacks in sun occasionally. Dried okra is fine in soups.

Dried Peas

Shell the peas and blanch in boiling water for 3 to 5 minutes. Remove surface moisture, spread in a single layer on trays or racks and placed near a stove on in the hot sun. Dry in oven for 10 or 15 minutes and then finish drying in sun. When dried in the sun it should be heated in the oven to kill insect eggs before storing. Store in jars or sacks. Sun occasionally.

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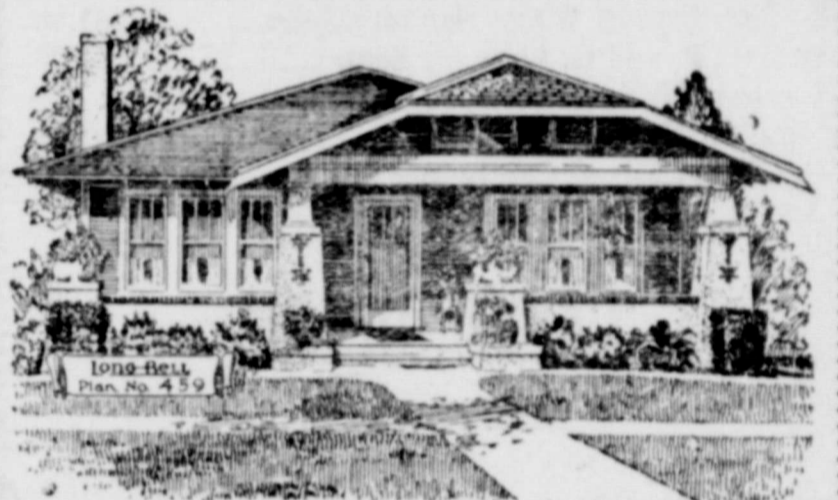
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