

W. Edd Brown Made Foreman of Grand Jury For District Court

District Court convened Monday morning in its regular fall session. Grand jurors were empaneled for the term, with W. Edd Brown, selected as foreman of the jury for this session. Others to work with Mr. Brown are: G. C. Collins, Frank Probasco, S. M. Crawford, W. F. Ferguson, R. C. Smith, D. S. Battey, W. C. Cates, A. P. Shugart, J. W. Taylor, J. C. Crabtree, and E. E. Wells.

List of Petit Jurors For Second Week Of District Court

J. N. Newberry, L. B. Cozby, Roy Eubank, Gorce Applewhite, Ben Quebe, A. J. Randolph, A. B. Muney, H. W. Martin, W. F. Hinkle, R. C. Ross, W. R. Logan, Louis Cardinal, O. C. Bailey, Barney Wilkes, Henry Robinson, B. C. Cates, Francis Cartel, J. C. Gilliam, E. C. Durham, S. R. Jones, Fred Zimmerman, J. E. Mickey, Troy Leonard, Leo Frizzell, W. R. Childers, L. E. Crabtree, E. W. Wall, C. J. Roach, H. F. Pratt, George Finkner, H. M. Welch, J. D. Glover, D. D. Boyle, J. B. Wiggington, Claude Fawver, and Ben Dillard.

Third Week Jury List
M. H. Taylor, Easley Yeary, W. H. Nelson, D. R. Meek, R. I. Bennett, E. L. Cornelius, John A. Lloyd, C. D. Merrick, M. A. Wood, L. V. Phillips, Fred Hage, R. L. Knox, J. R. Kelley, Carl Ferguson, F. A. Graham, Austin Heard, G. D. Denison, R. B. Hatley, C. H. Rose, Emmett Willis, Leonard Merrill, C. L. McCormick, C. A. Gloyna, George Graham, Marvin Cox, W. H. Hilton, Fred Skinner, L. A. Merrill, M. C. Scheele, John Lackey, J. A. Mayhall, Dozier Dillard, W. W. Baxter, T. E. Leach, Lee Rushing, C. W. Barton.

Fourth Week Jury List
A. T. Pratt, C. V. Ford, C. A. Purnell, John Conway, John Lewis, Paul Cox, Clyde Applewhite, Frank Busby, O. G. Glassmoyer, C. F. Harris, Bill Beedy, Robin Baker, Paul Snodgrass, W. C. Wright, A. M. Battey, B. R. Lybrand, A. D. Monk, J. M. Harrison, Robert Hinsley, O. R. Go-lightly, Edd Holmes, Hershel Green, E. F. Harper, T. J. Word, Cecil Payne, E. L. Angus, T. F. Love, Menard Fields, Roy Jones, Herman King, J. R. Hinton, Paul W. Conner, Ben Brandes, C. T. Camden, Will Anderson, and J. G. Gage.

Outlook Favorable For Hog Producers Who Have Supply of Hogs And Feed

College Station.—Slaughter supplies of hogs during the coming fall and winter are expected to be somewhat smaller than those of a year earlier, according to Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports, which have been localized for Texas by E. M. Regenbrecht, swine husbandman of the Texas A. and M. Extension Service.

Regenbrecht pointed out that the relatively small supply of hogs for slaughter, plus a fairly high level of consumer demand for meats, probably will result in hog prices this fall and winter as high as those of a year ago, when the average price of hogs at Chicago was \$9.90.

"It now appears fairly certain that the 1937 corn crop will be much larger than in 1936 and at about the 1928-32 average," Regenbrecht said. "With lower corn prices and a relatively high level of hog prices in prospect, the outlook for 1937-38 is very favorable for hog feeding and hog production."

One result of the big corn crop and the small supply of hogs will be that weights of hogs marketed in 1937-38 will probably be considerably heavier than those of a year ago, according to Regenbrecht. A second result will be a larger spring pig crop in 1938 than was the case in 1937.

Texas has a better than average feed crop, Regenbrecht said, but the crop is not evenly distributed. In many cases, localities that have hogs have little feed, and sections that enjoyed a good feed crop have few hogs.

Mrs. John Trusty and children, of Utah, arrived Friday and will spend the winter here. The children will attend school for the term.

At the Russian Polar Base



Troop Leaders Overnight Training Course Announced By J. C. Wester

Boy Scout Leaders in the Northwest District are making plans to attend an overnight Troop Leaders Training Course that is to be conducted October 17 and 18, with leaders from Matador, Lockney and Floydada taking part, J. C. Wester, Floydada, Leadership Training Chairman, said.

Wester announced that not only men that are at present taking part in the leading of boys, but any others that were interested and especially the fathers of scouts that want to learn something that can be done to give them a better understanding of the Scout Movement.

The course will open at 2:00 Sunday afternoon and continue through the night until Monday morning. It has been planned to hold the meeting on the canyon south of Floydada. Those that will be assisting in the instruction are John Farris, Floydada, G. C. Crocker, Lockney and Paul Eubank of Matador.

Each man that attends has been extended an invitation to bring with him one member of the boy scouts as his guest. The men that complete the course will receive National Training Certificates from the local council.

Mr. Wester pointed out that the only expense for the course will be the total cost of the food divided by the number present. A good attendance is expected from each of the towns in the district.

Census Report Show Floyd County Has Ginned 631 Bales of Cotton

According to the department of commerce the census report shows that 631 bales of cotton were ginned in Floyd County from the crop of 1937 prior to October 1, as compared with 29 bales for the crop of 1936 up to the same date.

Mrs. Fannie Montague's Sister Passed Away In Pampa Monday

Mrs. Minnie Wilson Reeves, 59, pioneer West Texan, and sister of Mrs. Fannie Montague, of Floydada, died in a hospital in Pampa Monday afternoon after several months' illness. Burial was made at Plainview Wednesday afternoon.

Born in Tennessee, Mrs. Reeves, came to Texas in 1885 and moved to Briscoe county on the plains in 1897. She married Oscar Reeves, cattleman and first Briscoe county tax assessor, in 1897, and at his death moved to Plainview in 1908, where she lived until 1929. Since she had at Lubbock, Los Fresnos and Pampa with her children.

Mrs. Reeves is survived by two daughters, Mrs. R. C. Boswell, of Gasoline, and Miss Helen Reeves, Los Fresnos; two sons, Sim Reeves, Floydada, and Garnet Reeves, of Pampa; three brothers, Joe Wilson, Friona; Johnson Wilson, Knox City; Charles Wilson, South Plains; four sisters, Mrs. C. W. Gound, Weslaco; Mrs. Fannie Montague, Floydada; Mrs. Harrison McKinstry, Mrs. Ed Wimberly, Hagerman, New Mexico.

Mrs. Fannie Montague and Mrs. W. B. Wilson went to Pampa Saturday and were there at the time Mrs. Reeves passed away. Those attending the funeral from Floydada were: Mrs. Fannie Montague, sister; Mr. and Mrs. Sim Reeves and children, of South Plains; Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Garrett and children, Floydada; Mrs. W. B. Wilson, Mrs. Billy Tye, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wilson, Randolph Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Wilson, South Plains, and Charley Wilson, of South Plains.

Santa Fe System Carloadings Show Increase Over Last Year

Santa Fe System carloadings for the week ending October 9, were 25,933 cars, compared with 22,359 for the same week last year, it was announced by the company this week. The company received from connections 7,588 cars, compared with 6,959 for the same week a year ago. Total cars moved were 33,521 compared with 29,318 during the same week of 1936. The Santa Fe handled a total of 34,127 cars in the preceding week this year, it was indicated in the announcement.

Floydada and County Received General Rain Amounting to One Inch

Floydada and the county generally received approximately one inch of rain early this week, the precipitation began falling Monday night and continued through Tuesday, a slow drizzling rain, that will be beneficial to the wheat farmer.

The moisture will stop the gathering of cotton for a few days, however, it is not thought that it will damage the cotton to any great degree. Much of the wheat land needed moisture, and especially where the farmers had planted with insufficient moisture to bring their wheat up.

FLOYDADA WHIRLWINDS TO PLAY LOCKNEY LONGHORNS FRIDAY AFTERNOON 2:30

Floydada Whirlwinds will meet the Lockney Longhorns on Lockney's grounds Friday afternoon at 2:30. The school will dismiss Friday afternoon so that all the students may attend the game, Superintendent A. D. Cummings has announced.

This will be a conference game and so far neither team has been defeated in a conference game this year.

On October 29th, the Flomot team will play Floydada on Westerfield. The game will be played at night.

DR. C. M. THACKER HOME FROM VETERANS HOSPITAL OF MEXICO

Dr. C. M. Thacker, who has spent the past ten days in the Veterans Hospital at Albuquerque, New Mexico, receiving treatment arrived home Wednesday afternoon. He was met in Clovis by his wife, and Miss Louise Hyatt, who accompanied him home.

Dr. Thacker is reported improved and is back in his office today—Thursday.

Gilliam Announces Finance Campaign For Boy Scouts Oct. 18

J. C. Gilliam, finance chairman of the Floydada Boy Scout movement has announced that there will be a Boy Scout finance campaign held here Monday, October 18. The purpose of the drive is to create a fund for use by the local scouts in buying the necessary equipment for the operation of a scout troop.

Gilliam pointed out that the men who are at present sustaining club members will not be asked to contribute but will be expected to continue their membership. The co-operation of every business and professional man in Floydada is asked in connection with the drive.

Sportsmen Should Find It Easy to Land In Jail By Lawbreaking

Austia.—A sportsman so inclined wouldn't have much trouble landing in jail in Texas.

In addition to the general laws applicable to the entire state, there are 545 applications of special county laws on game, fish and trapping, according to a compilation made by J. G. Burr, director of research of the Texas Game, Fish and Oyster commission.

"That doesn't mean there are 545 separate county laws; one special law may be applicable to several counties. But the applications are the same as laws, so that there are 545 ways of getting in jail, not including the general laws," Burr explained.

There are 212 applications of local laws affecting game, including 20 on squirrels, 20 on quails, 64 on turkeys, 121 on deer and nine on doves, Burr said. A total of 218 applications of local laws affect fresh water fishing, two affect the taking of oysters, and 91 govern trapping.

Virtually all of the state's special county laws have been passed since 1925, Burr said. In that year there were no special game laws, and only seven relating to fish. Most of the present special laws have been passed since 1930. The last regular and special sessions of the legislature contributed 47 special county laws relating to game and fish and one general trapping law.

Many of the special laws provide closed seasons for various species. Four counties have closed seasons on doves, 15 on quails, 45 on wild turkeys, 54 on deer and 57 on fox.

The game commission, under present statutes, does not have power to regulate open seasons on any species except ducks and geese.

Old Age Assistance Faces Discontinuance Due to Lack of Grants

Discontinuance of old age assistance after October, or a proration resulting in a sharp reduction in grants, was forecast this week by the Texas Board of Control in an official communication addressed to State Representative Harry N. Graves.

The official statement indicated the possibility that payments to the needy aged might not be made in November, December, January and probably, in February. Cause of the crisis, as explained by the members of the Board of Control, which is the Old Age Assistance Commission, is that all, or nearly all, of the present available state assistance funds will have to be used to take care of \$1,627,000 owed a Dallas bank and due not later than January 1.

Better Grades Cotton Holds Much Interest For Farmers And Others

This year's cotton prices is causing farmers to have considerable more interest in producing better grade of cotton. The Aiken, Lockney and Floydada one variety cotton block has also caused farmers of Floyd County to really see that a one variety cotton in a community will net more money to the producers.

Through the cooperation of ginners, farmers, buyers and the Extension Service Floyd County is being rated as one of the best one variety counties in West Texas. In the past week the county agricultural agent of Dickens county, Mr. Grady Lane had his cotton improvement committee in Floyd County investigating and studying our many one variety projects. Last week Mr. Donald Turner, county agent of Lamb county brought a group of his cotton farmers to study the cotton situation in Floyd County. Some very gratifying work has been accomplished along these lines and there will be no doubt a big demand for pure cotton seed next year and the farmer must produce so as to produce high germinating seed that he must pull only dry open bolls and it would be much better if this cotton was picked. It must also be remembered that we are setting our own standards for a new undertaking and the success of our undertaking depends entirely upon what kind of seed we offer for sale and what kind of cotton we offer the market.

These items may seem useless as far as being compensated for our time and money the first two or three seasons but if we produce and offer for sale a quality product there is no doubt that we will be justly compensated in the long run.

B. F. BREDTHAUER,
County Agent.

Trench Silos Continue To Prove Worthwhile To Texas Farmers

College Station.—Enthusiastic reports come to county agricultural agents in Northwest Texas from farmers and ranchmen who have been convinced of the value of trench silos in their farm and ranch programs.

There are approximately 120 silos already in Haze county, and several more are now being dug. Hegari, came, kaffir and milo will be used to fill the silos, but the crops are a little later than usual so most of them will be filled during October and November. There are five silage cutters in the county, and each operator states that he has been asked to cut more than he can possibly get around to during silage cutting time.

Much more interest is being shown by the farmers of Lubbock county this year in building trench silos than in any other year. This is attributed mainly to the excellent feed crops in that section. A trench silo demonstration was held on B. V. Powell's farm in Becton community in September by the assistant agricultural agent and there were eleven farmers present. The silo holds approximately 50 tons and is the smallest in the community. There are 28 silos either dug or in the process of being dug in the county. One of these belongs to C. L. Reiger in the Slide community and will hold about 275 tons when the digging is completed.

Silage made of short maize and sweet sorghum together with \$1.50 worth of cottonseed meal changed a \$17.50 calf into a \$57.70 yearling. Wade Davis, the owner of this calf, states that trench silos are actually worth all that they have been claimed to be to him.

Strip of Paving Opened On Highway 18—Road Is Topped From Spur

Highway 18 from Spur east to the Kent county line is now open for traffic, following completion of the tipping contract this week, states a dispatch from there.

The road, 11.5 miles, has been under construction for the past several months. It is one of the first of the completed gaps in highway No. 18 from Spur to Stamford.

Drainage and bridge contracts have been let on the highway in Kent and Stonewall counties and plans are under way to complete the road from Spur to Stamford within the next year. Some of the road in Kent county will be open to the public within the next few weeks.

Gilliam
A. O. THOMAS
Department of A. O. Thomas as manager of the Southwestern Telephone Company here, has announced by J. B. Patterson Worth, division superintendent of the company. Thomas succeeded Riddle, district manager since 1935, who died in a heart attack.

James Ayres
Bride Of John Harmon Jenkins, Jr.
The wedding ceremony was performed at 2 o'clock Sunday morning at the home of Mrs. Jean Ayres and John Jenkins, Jr., of Clovis, New Mexico.

The bride was escorted by John E. Eldridge, pastor of the Methodist Church, was the officiating minister. Only the bride's mother, and aunt, Mrs. J. Jenkins, of Pueblo, Colorado, groom's mother, Mrs. John Jenkins, Sr., son and wife, Mrs. J. D. Jenkins, of Lubbock, were present.

The bride was attired in a soft blue dress and wore a corsage of pink and white roses. In keeping with an old custom for the bride to wear a new and old, she carried a handkerchief made by her mother and a gift to her mother.

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For Sister
S. D. Greer Held At Ballinger Saturday
Mrs. S. D. Greer, of Ballinger, Texas, was held at the Ballinger Prison for several days after her home on Friday after having suffered a paralytic stroke a few days before her death.

AGENCY
Mrs. C. T. Weber, of Denburo, is visiting Mrs. W. Weber, Mrs. Bob Smith, this morning, they arrived last Friday.

**Mr. and Mrs. Barker
Hosts to Friendship
Bridge Club Members**

Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Barker were hosts to the Friendship Bridge Club Friday evening at 7:30. Dinner was served after which games of bridge were enjoyed. Mrs. J. C. Gilliam and Thurmon Bishop won high score for the evening.

Miss Ann Brown, of Dallas, sister of Mrs. A. E. Guthrie, was a guest of the club.

Members present were: Messrs. and Mesdames Walton Hale, J. C. Gilliam, A. E. Guthrie, L. T. Bishop; Mrs. A. B. Keim, and Mrs. J. A. Arwine, and Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Barker.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Bishop will entertain the club Friday evening, October 22, at 7:30.

**Mrs. L. D. Britton
Hostess to Thursday Con-
tract Bridge Club**

Mrs. L. D. Britton was hostess Thursday night to the Thursday Contract Bridge Club, at her home on west California street. Guests of the club were: Mrs. Bill Daily and Miss Katherine Snodgrass. Mrs. Clinton Fyffe won high score of the members and Miss Katherine Snodgrass for the guests.

Members present were: Mesdames Clinton Fyffe, B. L. Lloyd, Ernest Carter, Winfred Cooper, Fred Nabors, J. B. Claiborne, Bill Fowler, Bill Cauley, Arthur Stewart, Miss Ruth Jenkins, and the hostess, Mrs. Britton.

Mrs. Clinton Fyffe will entertain the club Thursday evening, October the 21st.

Mrs. S. L. Rushing and Mrs. D. D. Shipley left this week for Florida where they will visit with relatives for several days.

W. H. Henderson returned home Friday night from Dallas where he attended the National Convention of Insurance Agencies.

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Spinach	Three Cans, For	.25
Yams	East Texas, 10 Pounds	.24
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Compound	Four Pound Carton	.45

First Railway Mail Was Begun During Civil War

The railway mail service came into existence during the Civil War. As early as 1838 congress approved an act making every railroad in the United States a post route, and prior to that time many railroads had demonstrated their worth as speedy mail carriers.

The first use made of the facilities of the railroad was slight and generally consisted of a compartment in the end of the baggage car, which was padlocked after the mail was stowed away and opened after the run had been finished. Later a larger portion of the baggage car was given over to the postal authorities, who fitted it with enough facilities for the distribution of local way mail.

This was not an American invention at all but had been copied from similar systems in use in France, England, and even in Canada. Although credit for the system which in use has often been attributed to George B. Armstrong, who was assistant postmaster in Chicago in 1864, that is not proper, for W. A. Davis, a clerk in the St. Joseph, Mo., office actually conceived the idea in 1862, according to a writer in the Chicago Tribune.

Davis suggested that the complete sorting of mail on the train between Quincy and St. Joseph would allow the overland mail to set out several hours earlier than was the case were the sorting done at St. Joseph. He received permission to try out the experiment on this line and there are complete documents in the files of the Post Office department and of the Burlington railroad to show that it was successful.

Brilliant Dunes Sumach Recalls Indian Legend

According to the Indian legends which flourish in the region of the Michigan coast, one of the tribes was driven by a forest fire from its hunting ground to the shores of Lake Michigan, where the sand hills gave them refuge from the flames, recalls a writer in the Chicago Daily News.

Everything in the path of the flames had been destroyed and the ordinarily plentiful wild life had fled or been annihilated. Surveying the blackened countryside, the Indians felt they were doomed to starvation, but one Indian brave volunteered to go in search of meat. He departed, leaving his sweatshirt, who vowed to keep a signal fire burning constantly on the highest dune until his return.

Her lover never returned. The Indian maid pined away slowly but never failed to climb to the top of the highest dune to keep her signal fire lighted. One day she failed to return to the camp the tribe had built in the near-by valley.

Her brothers made their way to the top of the dune and found she had died there. They found, too, that in the dead ashes of the signal fire what appeared to be a flame was growing. The living flame continued to grow and to spread until it covered all the dunes, and thus the sumach came into being—and still covers the Michigan dunes with flame in autumn.

Royal Dreams Typified by Palms

The desire of every man to be a king is typified by Rio de Janeiro's great number of royal palms. Dom Joao, king at the beginning of the Nineteenth century, had planted the first seed of the royal palm himself and ruled that the tree was to be exclusively his. To preserve his monopoly he ordered every seed from it gathered up and burned, but the residents of Rio who wanted to imitate royalty bribed his slaves to sell the seeds. As a result royal palms soon sprang up everywhere.

Only Dickens Statue

A statue of Charles Dickens and little Nell, one of his famous characters, is in Clark park, at Forty-third street and Baltimore avenue, in West Philadelphia. It is the only one ever made of the novelist, says a writer in the Philadelphia Inquirer, because his son discovered a clause in his will asking "never on any account to make me the subject of any monument, memorial or testimonial whatever." The work is by F. Edwin Elwell. It was exhibited at the World's Columbian exposition, where it received a gold medal.

Deep-Red Rubies From Siam

Many of the best rubies have been found in Siam in the provinces of Krat and Chantaboon, where are located the principal ruby mines of that country. The stones are usually found in detrital matter about 20 feet below the surface. The ruby-bearing gravel is less than a foot in thickness and lies between a clay bed and a heavy covering of coarse sand. The usual color of the Siam rubies is dark red, running almost to a blackish shade of red.

Ill Luck Followed Ship

The Great Eastern or Leviathan, as she was originally called, the English steamer, built in 1875, at the time the largest steamship afloat, encountered nothing but ill luck from the time she was launched, commercially a great failure. When broken up in 1888, the cause of her bad luck, according to sailor superstition, came to light in the discovery of a human skeleton wedged between her inner and outer skins.

Continuity of Wedding Ring and Eternal Love

When the bridegroom places the wedding ring on his chosen one's finger and says, "With this ring I thee wed," he little realizes the history that lies behind the simple wedding band.

Long before the ring became a symbol of matrimony, it had a mystic significance with the ancients, states a writer in the Washington Star. The circular continuity of the ring was accepted as a type of eternity and hence of the stability of affection. Often the rings were inscribed with loving wishes.

Coming up to the Middle ages, the ring often was used at solemn betrothal ceremonies. Frequently lovers who were about to separate for long periods of time demonstrated their lasting affection by going through the ring ceremony.

Even greater significance to the custom was given by the invention of the linked ring. Made with a double and often a triple link which turned upon a pivot, it could be turned into one solid ring. It was customary to break these rings apart at the betrothal. This solemn ceremony was done in front of a witness. The prospective bride and her bridegroom each kept a ring while the witness was given the central one of the trio. When the marriage contract was fulfilled at the altar the three parts of the ring were again united and the ring used at the ceremony.

A custom that has survived in a revised way to the modern day was the habit of engraving simple sentiments in the nuptial hoop. Rhymes to rival Oden Nash were inscribed in many Sixteenth and Seventeenth century wedding rings.

"Our contract was Heaven's act," "In thee, my choice, I do rejoice," and "God Above, Encrease Our Love," express the medieval version of the couple's happy sentiments.

Infants React to Sound More Than to the Light

Every child when born is both deaf and dumb. From such an inauspicious beginning the normal child's auditory powers begin to function, and are closely related to the development of voice and speech, observes a writer in the Washington Post.

Hearing begins from the first day, occurring when the baby's cries force air through the Eustachian tubes of the mouth to the middle ears. This filling with air of the middle ears causes them to respond to vibrations of sound against the eardrums.

Once the sense of hearing is developed, it is very acute and remains so, unless the ear is attacked by disease or is injured. For instance, infants react more definitely to sound than to light. A strong light may only cause a sleeping baby to turn in order to avoid it. But a loud noise will awaken the baby, and perhaps frighten it or throw it into convulsions. Therefore, quiet is imperative for the small child during its rest.

Practically all babies are born with normal ears and prospects of good hearing. A small number, because of hereditary weaknesses, or other prenatal cause, may be born with defective hearing and speech organs. Determination of this lies solely with the family doctor or an ear specialist.

Red River Colored by Clay

The Red river of the North (there's a Red river in Texas and Oklahoma) is often colored by the clay through which it runs. Hence the name. Rising in Minnesota, it flows 350 miles almost straight north into Lake Winnipeg. In spring the headwaters thaw while farther north it is still frozen solidly. Floods result. Before railroads came the river connected Canada with the Mississippi river. Small steamers went up it to Lake Traverse and thence down the Minnesota river to the Mississippi.

Frigid Finger Reaches Low

New Zealand breaks the rule that glaciers usually stop near the lower limits of perpetual snow, above the timber line. Some of its rivers of ice wind over wooded slopes to end only among tree ferns and other sub-tropical vegetation. Fox glacier reaches down to 670 feet above sea level. Its surface is rough with patches of rock debris and with the sharp ridges of great crevasses.

Kipling's Autographs

The late Rudyard Kipling once was asked by his grocer to pay his bills by check. Mr. Kipling did so, then noticed the checks never came back from the bank. He investigated, found the butcher was selling the checks as autographs. Since the author rarely autographed anything, his name on a check was worth more than the check itself!

First Lamp Patent in 1798

In 1798 the first lamp patent was issued to John Love, of South Carolina, for a tallow lamp. The earliest patented lamp known is the nursery lamp made by William Howe, of Boston, dated 1812. The second earliest example appeared nearly two decades later, in 1831, and the patent was issued to John W. Schulz and William Trull. Between the granting of these two patents twenty others had been issued.

HOUSE VOTES ADDED TAXES ON NATURAL RESOURCES OF STATE

Austin, October 13.—The House today whittled the \$10,000,000 general tax bill to an estimated natural resources and public utilities impost more than approximately 25 per cent.

A proposed tax on admissions to picture shows charging more than 40 cents was overwhelmingly killed with Rep. Clarence E. Farmer of Fort Worth attributing the result to "the measly little passes you have in your pockets."

Speaker Robert W. Calvert personally pointed the way to a break in the deadlock between the high and low taxers, urging that approximately 25 per cent raises be accepted "so we can get some sort of a bill to the Senate."

The House quickly followed his suggestion. It voted to hike the tax on sulphur from \$1.03 to \$1.25 a ton, oil from 2 3/4 per cent to 3 1/4 of value with small stripper wells exempted from the increase and natural gas from 3 1/4 to 3 3/4 per cent of value.

Levies on the other industries hit by the bill were raised correspondingly. The new tax on carbon black would be 5-48 cent per pound unless the product was selling for more than 4 cents a pound in which event it would be 3 3/4 per cent of value. The cement tax was boosted to 1 1/2 cents per hundred pounds. The gross receipts tax on telephone companies would be graduated from 1 7/8 to 2 1/2 per cent and that on other utilities except telegraph companies from 8 to 1 1/2 per cent.

SHARP CLASHES LIKELY OVER FARM PROGRAM AT SPECIAL SESSION

Washington, October 13.—Sharp clashes over new farm legislation are in store at the special session of Congress called by President Roosevelt for November 15. Storm signals were set today by the National Grange, which prepared to oppose vigorously any attempt to impose marketing quotas on farm produce, or to control production on "family-sized" farms.

Another farmers' organization, the American Farm Bureau Federation, stood out as a probable champion of administration control proposals and an ally of Secretary Wallace in urging speedy enactment.

President Edward A. O'Neal pointed the federation toward the fray when, in the closing days of the last session, he chided advocates of delay for "denying assistance to the people until they are in distress."

One of the chief questions affecting the outlook for a new farm bill is whether House and Senate agriculture committees will have a measure ready early in the special session.

Chairman Smith of the Senate committee, who opposed "premature" action at the last session, and Senator Pope recently have been leading sub-committees into the major crop belts with a view to finding out "what the farmer, himself, wants."

Writing a bill has been started, meanwhile, by Chairman Jones, Amarillo, of the House committee.

Mrs. Jess Brown and Miss Louise Hyatt spent the week end in Lubbock visiting relatives and friends.



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