

The Baird Star

Our Motto—"Tis Neither Birth, Nor Wealth, Nor State. But The Get-Up-And-Get That Makes Men Great."

FIFTY-THIRD YEAR

BAIRD CALLAHAN COUNTY TEXAS FRIDAY JANUARY 5, 1940

NUMBER FOUR

First National Bank of Baird Passes 55th Mile Stone

The First National Bank of Baird, oldest business institution in Baird passed its 55th milestone Tuesday, January 2.

The Bank really has its beginning in January 1883 when the late General F. W. James, associate with A. G. Wills started Baird's first bank, known as the Baird Bank. Later General James decided to branch out and with a number of Callahan county's leading business men and ranchmen organized the First National Bank of Baird and applied for a charter which was approved January 2, 1885.

The banks first officers were: F. W. James, president; A. G. Wills, cashier, W. L. Gilliland and Sam Cutbirth, vice-presidents. Judge Otis Bowyer was the bank's first depositor and served the institution as attorney for a number of years.

Present officers are: Tom Windham, president, Henry James Ace Hickman and A. R. Kelton, vice-presidents, Bob Norrell, cashier Howard E. Farmer and C. V. Jones, assistant cashiers.

Henry James begun his banking career in the First National Bank and is now President of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank in Abilene, which celebrated their 50th Anniversary Jan. 2. Mr. James has been with the bank since its organization.

Directors are: Tom Windham Ace Hickman, Henry James and Bob Norrell.

The First National Bank has had a splendid growth and is one of the oldest and strongest banking institutions in this section.

At the close of business December 30th the Bank showed loans and discounts \$161,409.66; capital stock, \$50,000.00; surplus \$14,125.00; undivided profits \$25,452.14; reserves \$6,912.00; Deposits, \$1,120,932.64.

The annual meeting of directors and stock holders of the Bank will be held Tuesday, January 9.

Miller F. Wood Died

Miller F. Woods, 73, died at the Griggs hospital Tuesday Dec. 26. Mr. Wood has been in failing health for sometime.

The body was carried overland to Bell Falls near Belton for burial. Funeral services being held Thursday, Dec. 28 at the graveside in Bell Falls cemetery.

Mr. Miller was born in Rusk county Oct. 8, 1866. He was married to Leona Thompkins at Mobile, Tyler county, Texas Jan. 6, 1908 who with four children survive. The children are: Monroe Woods, Baird; Miller F. Woods, Jr., Carroll T. Woods, and Mrs. Polly McFarland, Phoenix, Aridona. One son, Ernest, died in infancy. He is also survived by a son and daughter by a former marriage: Mrs. Nora Johnson and Kit Woods of Belton, five brothers and one sister: Joe Woods, J. H. Woods, Mandisonville; Pat Woods, Teague; W. W. Woods and R. D. Woods, Duncanville and Mrs. Polly Brown, Citrus Grove, Texas, sixteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mr. Woods and family have been living in Baird the past two years coming here from Merkel.

BAPTIST WORKERS

The Workers Conference of the Callahan Missionary Baptist Association will meet with the Clyde Baptist Church Tuesday

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The Garden Club met Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in Mrs. Blackburn's home. Roll call was answered with helpful garden suggestions.

Mrs. Blackburn gave a very interesting talk on Birds, their housing and feeding. Mrs. Stiffler gave a brief garden guide for flower growers. Mrs. Coats read two very appreciated poems. A lovely tea plate was served to eleven members.

Plans For Celebrating President's Birthday

Mrs. Sidney Foy, chairman of Callahan County for the President's Birthday Party January 31 given annually to aid in the fight against Infantile Paralysis announces this week that she is making her selections of chairmen and committee throughout the county.

Plans will soon be under way for the celebration and definite news as to the nature of each entertainment given throughout the county will be announced soon.

College Boys and Girls Home for Holidays

Baird boys and girls who are attending universities and colleges were home for Christmas. Among them were:

Bland Bounds, Jim Tom Lawrence Bill McCoy, from Texas Tech.

James Alexander, Randall Jackson, Clifton Hill, Sam Driskill, Billy Harris, Lelo Jackson Frank Stanley, Texas State University.

J. B. Pitzer, T. C. U. Fort Worth.

Edith Lewis, Hardin-Simmons university, Abilene.

Johnnie Mae and Mike Hughes A. C. C. Abilene.

Bettie and Lawrence Wheeler Wendell Jones Billie Walker and Jodena Wright, McMurry, Abilene.

Catherine James, Billie Hollingshead, Doyle Chrisman, N. T. S. T. C., Denton.

Helen Fulton, Frances Sparks Julia Elizabeth Ballard, T. S. C. W. Denton. Yvonne Loven of Dudley and Coma Lea Elliott of Moran are also students in T. S. C. W.

Richard Windham, R. L. and Berry Griggs, John Tarleton, Stephenville.

Clyde Wallace Yarbrough and Russell Chatham, A and M College.

John Faye Hays who is attending Texas Beauty School at Brownwood.

James Crutchfield, Baylor Dental College, Dallas.

S. F. Ingram Pioneer of Putnam Died

S. F. Ingram, 78, a pioneer ranchman and farmer living south of Putnam died Thursday December 28.

Funeral services were held at the Baptist Church in Putnam Friday afternoon. The rites being conducted by the pastor Rev. F. A. Hollis, assisted by Rev. J. Morris Bailey pastor of the Methodist Church.

Mr. Ingram was born Oct. 28 1861 in Missouri. He married Mary Ann McKee there in 1886 two years later coming to Texas. He settled in Van Zandt Co. and in 1891 came to Callahan Co where he has resided since. Mrs. Ingram died in March, 1929, and he married again the same year his second wife being the former Stella Awalt.

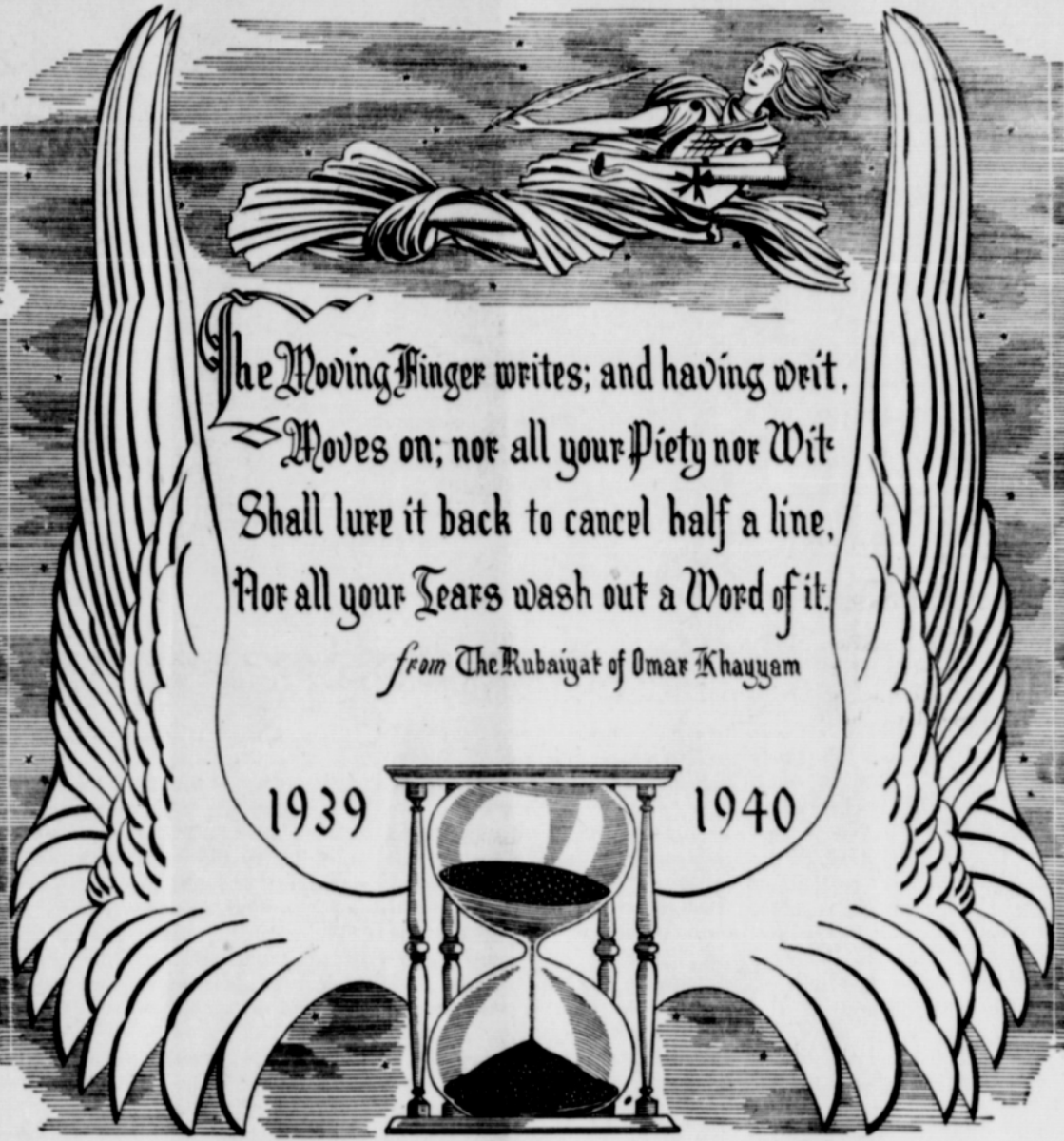
She survives as do two daughters, Mrs. Seth Morgan of Merkel and Mrs. Sam Webster of Stanton and two grandchildren. Burial was made in the Putnam cemetery.

EPISCOPAL SERVICES

Rev. Willis P. Gerhart will hold services at the Episcopal Chapel of the Lord's Prayer Sunday afternoon at 3:30 p. m.

W. C. INSTALLATION

Holly Grove will meet Monday night for the purpose of installing their newly elected officers. All members are urged to attend.



H. B. Straley Enters Race For Commissioner Prec. No. 2

H. B. Staley of Oplin announces in this issue as a candidate for County Commissioner Precinct No. 2. Mr. Staley was born and reared in the Oplin community where he has worked as clerk with several Mercantile firms and engaged in farming. He worked for three years in the road maintenance department and has had considerable experience in road building. He is an ex-serviceman, serving two years in the United States army during the World War. See his announcement in this issue.

Awards Made In Beautification Program

The beautification committee of the garden club which sponsored the Christmas Lighting Program have made the following awards:

Outdoor tree, Mrs. W. T. Payne, first; Mrs. Harold Ray, second; Mrs. Roy D. Williams, third.

Window: Mrs. B. L. Russell Jr first; Mrs. Charlie Coats, second; Mrs. C. H. Siadous, third.

Doorway: Mrs. Clyde White. General appearance of house and grounds, Mrs. L. L. Blackburn first; Mrs. Felix Mitchell, second Mrs. Clyde White, third.

MRS. BRUCE BELL IS REPORTED IMPROVING

Mrs. Bruce Bell who has been critically ill since the birth of a baby boy Wednesday, Dec. 27, is reported some better at this writing.

SNOW, RAIN AND SLEET

Snow, rain and sleet has fallen over this section the past 10 days. A heavy snow fell Christmas Day and then again Wednesday and we have had cold, damp weather since. The snow fall was around six inches.

GROCERY STORES WILL CLOSE AT SIX P. M.

The Baird Grocery Firms have agreed to close their stores at 6 p. m., effective Jan. 8, 1940.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Levi and sons, Winfield and Dickie have returned to their home in Cincinnati, Ohio, after spending Christmas with Mrs. Levi's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Schwartz

The New Year Speaks

I am the New Year, I'm God's love gift to all mankind, the rich and the poor, the high and the low, the good and the bad. I'm perfect, I'm as pure and spotless as the driven snow. I'm unstained by human hearts or human hands I'm 1940.

I bring you 366 days of precious time. How will you use it? Are you tired of an indifferent and careless life? I offer to you the Land of beginning again, where you may right all wrongs and build again a wasted life.

I bring you time to make your dearest dream come true.

I offer you another chance to make the world just a little better because you have lived in it. I bring you time to build life according to the plan of the Great Architect of the universe following his plan you will not fail. When one undertakes to live a great life man cannot interrupt him, God will not—begin now. Don't squander my priceless days, or waste my precious moments, I'm 1940.

Walter Robbins Former Resident Dead

Walter R. Robbins longtime resident of Callahan County, died at his home in Freer down in the Rio Grande Valley on Nov. 30th. Burial was made at Lyford where deceased had formerly lived.

Walter R. Robbins was born in Blue Earth, Minn. April 18, 1875. He came to Callahan county with his family in 1886 when a boy and spent his early life in the Cottonwood and Rowden communities. He was married to Lydia Purvis, June 13, 1909 at Cottonwood. The family moved to Roscoe in 1918 where they lived until 1930 when they moved to Harlingen where they lived until a few months ago when they moved to Freer.

He is survived by his wife and two sons: Larry, of Seguin and Roy of Harlingen; two daughters, Mrs. Charles Pierce and Miss Melba Robbins of San Beneto, a brother F. D. Robbins and a sister Mrs. O. H. Gillit both of Lyford and several grandchildren.

Mrs. Ernest Gillit and Mrs. Edfar Smith of Baird, are nieces of Mr. Robbins.

Clarence Nurdyke Announces For Re-election As Sheriff

Clarence Nurdyke announces as a candidate for re-election as Sheriff of Callahan county. Mr. Nurdyke is serving his first term as sheriff and has made a good officer. He is always on the job and has been diligent, performing the duties of the office carefully with fairness to all and special privileges to none. He has the confidence and good will of the citizens. See his announcement.

T & P Will Build New Lake

Purchases of 36 acres of land from Ben Halstead just below the old T and P railroad dam presages early construction of a new lake for the railroad company. Work is to start in the next few weeks, according to information received here.

The dam will comprise part of the present railroad grade and a concrete spillway just west of the deep "cut". It is understood the sewer disposal plant will be moved below the railroad bridge. At some places when filled the lake will be from 20 to 30 feet deep.

Plans and specifications have not been made public. But it is understood the railroad company is preparing to spend between \$25,000 and \$50,000 on its large water supply. The present pumping station may be elevated to put it above surface of the lake when formed.

JUDGE RUSSELL SUFFERS BROKEN CLAVICLE

Judge B. L. Russell suffered a broken clavicle in an auto accident Saturday morning when his car collided with another at a street intersection.

ENLISTS IN U. S. ARMY

Arthur A. Parisher, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Parisher of Route one Baird has recently enlisted in the United States Army and has been assigned to the 18th Infantry at Fort Benning, Georgia.

COTTON REPORT

The government cotton report gives 2521 bales of cotton ginned in Callahan County from the 1939 crop prior to Dec. 1st as compared with 1366 bales for the 1938 crop.

W. T. Wheeler Early Resident Died

W. T. Wheeler, 83, one of Callahan counties earliest settlers died Friday evening at 6:15 at his home here following an illness of some month.

Mr. Wheeler was born at Cane Gradeau Mo., March 12, 1856. He came to Texas with his parents in 1866 the family locating in Dallas. Mr. Wheeler came to Callahan county in 1879 established a ranch in the Admiral section then called Callahan City, where he was married to Miss Mina Parker, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. O. M. L. Parker, March 23, 1881. They lived on the ranch until about 1903 when they moved to Baird where they have since resided.

Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler three sons and three daughters. One son Lawrence died in 1900 when 14 years of age. Survivors are: Mrs. Wheeler, J. E. Wheeler; Mrs. R. E. Hall and Miss Mae Clair Wheeler, Baird; Mrs. G. C. Bloom, Lubbock; and James M. Wheeler, Abilene. He is also survived by ten grandchildren and one great grandchild, one brother, Ed Wheeler of Dallas, and two sisters, Mrs. Bell Rogers, Glendale, Arizona and Mrs. John Rabb of Garland. All of his children and his brother attended the funeral which was held at the Methodist Church Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m. Dr. J. T. Griswold of Clyde, former pastor, conducted the services assisted by Rev. Hamilton Wright pastor and burial was made in Ross cemetery.

Pallbearers were: F. A. Hall, Fort Worth, James Ross, Lonnie Ray, Buddy Tankersley, L. G. Barnhill, Colonel Dyer.

Relatives in addition to members of the immediate family here to attend the funeral were: Ed Wheeler, brother, T. V. Wheeler, Dallas, Bill Wheeler, Cecil Williams, Dave Rabb, E. W. Bryant Tom Wheeler, John Moss, nephews of Garland; Mr. and Mrs. Wilcott Eaton, G. C. Bloom, Jr Lubbock; Mrs. B. B. Dyer and daughter Ro Jean of Big Spring; Grandchildren living in Baird are Emma Leland, Betty Lawrence and John Emery, Mrs. Dewey Stanley granddaughters living in California could not come.

Friends from out of town attending were: Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Finley, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Boatwright, Miss Myrtle Boatwright, C. I. Powell Mrs. Francis Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Hutchison, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Turner, Charlie Jones, P. G. Hatchett, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Nitschke, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Coldwell all of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Matthis, F. A. Hall, and Mrs. E. J. Pearson of Fort Worth; Mesdames B. F. Brittain Pierce Shackelford, Louis Williams, Louie Williams, Lewis Williams and M. D. Hiest of Putnam; Gray Powell and J. Rupert Jackson, Jr., of Dallas.

JUNIOR WEDNESDAY CLUB

The Junior Wednesday Club met at the home of Miss Leota Alexander Wednesday, January 3. Mrs. Hugh Curtis was leader of the program on Marriage Relations.

The following members and guests were present: Mrs. Clark Edwards, W. O. Wylie Jr., Mrs. Roy Hamby, Mrs. Fabain Bell, Miss Beatrice Green, Mrs. Jack Ashlock, Mrs. Brassort, Miss Burma Warren, Mrs. Stafford Alexander, Mrs. Roy Cutbirth, Mrs. John Bowlin, Miss Bessie Mae Browning, Mrs. Hugh Curtis, Mrs. Bill Banks and Mrs. Donaldson.

O. E. S MEETING

Regular meeting of Callahan Chapter 242 O. E. S on Tuesday Jan. 9. All members are urged to be present. All visitors welcome.

Elizabeth Fetterly W. M. Verda James Sec'y Pro. Tem

Mr. and Mrs. Billie James of Odessa, spent Christmas with home folks.

Miss Yeager Goes To Washington As Secretary To Congressman Garrett

Miss Mildred Yeager, editor of the Putnam News, left Wednesday for Washington, D. C. where she will serve as secretary to Congressman, Clyde L. Garrett of the 17th district during the present session of congress.

Miss Yeager's father, J. S. Yeager will look after the publication of the Putnam News during her absence in addition to his duties as Mayor of Putnam.

Miss Yeager is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons university and completed business administration courses at Draughon's Business college, Abilene, and Nixon Clay Commercial college of Austin.

She established the Putnam News, a weekly newspaper in 1933, and has been publisher since that time. Miss Yeager took a leave of absence from her work to serve as secretary in the Texas legislature in 1937 and again to serve in the same capacity in the Texas legislature in 1939.

Miss Yeager is Hardin-Simmons' only woman graduate to become an editor.

Ed Odom Succumbs To Heart Attack

Simeon Edward Odom, 56, died suddenly Friday morning Dec. 29th at his ranch home 2 miles east of Albany.

Mr. Odom had been a resident of Callahan county since 1884 coming here when he was one year old with his parents the late R. P. Odom and wife, from Comanche county where he was born March 12, 1883. The family lived in the Cross Plains area for many years when Mr. Odom grew to manhood he engaged in ranching and farming in the Denton community where he resided until Jan. 1939 when he established a ranch near Albany where he has since resided.

Funeral services were held Saturday at the Methodist church at Denton. Dr. W. M. Murrell of Abilene conducted the services assisted by Rev. D. D. Dennison Albany pastor. Burial was made in the Denton cemetery.

Survivors are, his wife, the former Mrs. Nettie Smartt Miller of Clyde; a daughter, Mrs. Edith McLaughlin and granddaughter Velma Ann of Miami; 5 brothers Ralph of Snyder, Otis of Stanton, Price and Ivan of Cross Plains, and Dorse, of Denton; and three sisters, Mrs. Pitt Ramsey of Vista Calif.; Mrs. Ora Gilbert, Austin; and Mrs. Gussie Bond, Abilene.

All of the brothers and sisters were present for the rites except Ralph Odom, who is ill, and Mrs. Ramsey.

J. W. Ford Died Suddenly

J. W. Ford, well known farmer residing in the Denton Community died suddenly Thursday morning Dec. 21 while at work in his garden.

Funeral services were held the following day at the Methodist Church at Denton, the rites being conducted by Rev. Martin, the pastor. Burial was made at Dudley.

Mr. Ford is survived by his wife, five sons and four daughters. The sons are: L. L. Ford Baird; E. B. Ford, Denton; John and Bill Ford, Sumpter, N. M.; and Forrest Ford, Ranger. The daughters are: Mrs. Charles Harper, Putnam; Mrs. Preston, Doan, Clyde; Mrs. Duke Madison, Anderson; Mrs. Sam Hawkins, Rising Star.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Turpin of Borger visited Mrs. Turpin's sister Mrs. S. L. McElroy during the holidays.

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Six Months	\$1.25
Three Months	.75

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AROUND TOWN

By Otto B. Great
Hi gang What ya' know about it? Here we are starting on a new year and its the third year for Around Town although we don't celebrate the anniversary until July. Every week that this column is accepted by you readers it seems more and more miraculous to me and I am grateful to all of you for permitting these weekly romps.

By this time you all should have made and broke your resolutions, so now that that is over we can get down to business. Say have you seen Glenn and W. O. Wylie Jr.'s pet kitten? Its a fluffy little gray thing whose name is "Dopey", but don't let the name fool you, he knows all the wiles of cuddling up and how to get the petting. The Wylie home, by the way, is one of the most attractive in town and certainly the young people are among our most likeable acquaintances. Going to their home is a definite pleasure and the warmth of their friendliness is something that penetrates and makes you feel really welcome. When you make inventory for the new year and count them among your friends you can surely put down a large amount to credit.

Welcome in to town to the new Vocational Agriculture teacher and his wife, Mr. Roe Curtis, who comes here from Pioneer. Baird isn't at all a hard place to make friends and strangers who come here always find that no matter who they meet its always the "right people". Starting the new year right for this columnist will include the complete extermination of one John Risinger who takes embarrassing pictures when he shouldn't ought to. This "erasure plan" will also take in the Norvell Grocery the Tom French Service station tribe, and Mr. Meltor of the Holmes Drug Co. Maybe while we are at it we can solicit orders from other people with grudges and make enough to cover expenses. May we add to those of you who may be interested that we do good work, permanent and guaranteed to please. Just tell us where you want the bodies delivered.

With all of the critics throughout the country naming the ten best pictures of the year it is but natural that we scribble a few. Your list is as authentic as mine so lets all take a crack at it. Here they are, "On Borrowed Wuthering Heights, Jessie James Time, Good By Mister Chips, The Women, The Rains Came, Bachelor Mother, The Wizard of Oz, Young Mr. Lincoln, Another Thin Man. I think that "Mr Smit goes to Washington" should be in on it, but not having seen the show its only surmise. Best discoveries of this year are Jeffery Lynn, Brenda Joyce, and Linda Darnell, and the biggest brightest happenings was the introduction of Baby Sandy. Academy award will probably go to Robert Donat as Mr. Chips or Jimmy Stewart as "Mr. Smith" from all accounts Still among the best All-round pictures is the Hardy series, Bringing this Movie talk closer at hand, the big picture of the week is Deanna Durbin's "First Love" It is definitely good entertainment following the Cinderella plot and making no bones about it. Its charm lies in its simplicity and Durbin fans will be glad to note that Deanna is growing up gracefully. This first picture doesn't shove her suddenly from a little girl to a glamorous sophisticate, but takes her the natural route and you'll love it. Its about the poor relation who with the help of the servants and an old school mistress, cap-

tures the "Prince Charming". Spotlight of the week goes to Mr. and Mrs. Royce Gilliland who are such very fine people.

Their sincerity is something we could all copy. Its always some thing to admire when you find person who says exactly the right thing at the right time, but it is even finer when they honestly mean those things.

On Baird Campuses

P A E

campuses, kiddlets, after a grand and glorious week of Holiday fun

Your school reporter wants to thank the Third-fourth grade, taught by Mrs. Roberta Warren Mays, for the lovely Christmas gift. You couldn't have given anything nicer, and the fact that it came from all of you made it even more valuable.

The Ward school welcomes as its sixth grade teacher the Rev. Floyd Embree of the Church of Christ. Mr. Embree is a favorite with the young people and should be ideal in school work. The ward school athletics will also be under his supervision, we might add.

The High School pushes out the welcome mat to Mr. Roe Curtis who will teach Vocational Agriculture. Mr. Curtis was formerly with the Pioneer school and promises to be an asset to local F. F. A. Chapter and the school in general.

By the time you read this the First Year Home Economics class will probably be well upon its way in seeing the Abilene food factories and various concerns. Miss Willard supervisor of the Home Making Chapter, plans the field trip as an aid to the young people in their course of study. The third year girls plan a trip in the near future to the Singer Sewing Machine shop for a demonstration in making slip covers for furniture. As a class project the girls are under taking the making of covers for the furniture in the Home Economics Sewing Lab.

Miss Lelia Hammock, director of Speech Arts in the High school and sponser of the Dramatic Club, announces that the Dramatic class comedy, "Clover Time" will be ready for January presentation. The proceeds in the ner future. The proceeds of the play will go into the Curtain fund. The curtain for the stage in the Auditorium has been ordered and will arrive sometime this month.

To The Citizens Of Callahan County

In announcing for the office of Sheriff of your County for a second term, I first want to thank you for the support and past favors shown me. It has been a real pleasure for me to serve as the splendid cooper ation that you have given me in fulfilling the duties of this office. I feel that I am in a better position to serve you in he future and will greatly appreciate the support and influence of every citizen of Callahan County for a second term as your Sheriff. Again allow me to thank each and every one of you for the many favors shown me and my department.

Greatly yours,
C. R. NORDYKE.

PURINA

Layena mash and Checkers, Baby Chick Startena, Cow Chow.
Sold By
MORGAN STOKES
On Highway, East Baird

Political

The following announcements for office are made subject to action of the Democratic Primary, to be held Saturday, July 27, 1940. For Sheriff:
C. R. Nordyke
For County Commissioner Pre 2:
H. B. Straley, (Oplin)

Announcement Fees

The Star announces the following fees for political announcements, this year:

Congress	\$10.00
District Judge	10.00
District Attorney	10.00
District Clerk	10.00
County Judge	10.00
County Clerk	10.00
Sheriff	10.00
Assessor-Collector	10.00
County Superintendent	10.00
County Attorney	10.00
County Treasurer	10.00
County Commissioners	10.00
J. P.—Counstable	5.00
City Marshall	5.00

Nobody's Business

By JULIAN CAPERS JR.

Newest manifestation of the insatiable appetite of the Washington bureaucratic group for power to regulate the lives and habits of their fellow citizens is the drive to enact the Neely Bill which should interest every Texas citizen. The Neely Bill already passed by the Senate, and up in the House during the forthcoming regular session of Congress, proposed to regulate the motion picture industry virtually out of business, increase the cost of seeing the movies, reduce the expenditure of the theatres for newspaper advertising, and establish another Federal dictatorship which shall say what pictures theatre-goers may see, and which ones somebody in Washington does not regard as suitable.

REFORMERS MISLED

The motion picture industry, by long trial and error, has evolved certain methods of producing and distributing its product. That these methods are efficient and satisfactory both to the industry and the great majority of patrons is self-evident, since anyone living anywhere in the United States may see almost any motion picture that is produced reasonable soon after its production, and at a low price, in a comfortable, modern equipped theatre. The citizen of the smallest town in Texas enjoys this privilege, along with the metropolitan resident. The Neely Bill, by abolishing "block booking" and "blind buying", two well established trade practices, would change all this.

"Block booking" means that a distributor sells a number of his pictures to exhibitors on contract, and "blind buying" means that production of the pictures is not necessarily completed when they are sold. The Neely Bill would prohibit an exhibitor buying more than one picture at a time, thereby multiplying by many times the selling cost. It also would prohibit for all practical purposes, the selling of any picture until it has been completed, exactly as if a law would prohibit Henry Ford from contracting to sell an automobile until it was actually off the assembly line, and the dealer could look at it.

To The Citizens Of Callahan County

I wish to announce to the citizens of Com. Pre No. 2. I am a candidate for the office of County Commissioner of Precinct No. 2. I was born and reared in the Oplin community. Served two years in the U. S. Army during the World War. I feel confident that I am qualified to discharge the duties of the office of Commissioner both as to the business and work. I have no other occupation and will devote my entire time to the service of the precinct. I solicit and will appreciate the support of the voters of Commissioners Precinct No. 2.
Respectfully,
H. B. STRALEY.

CARD OF THANKS

We sincerely thank all for the many acts of kindness and kind words of sympathy, also for the beautiful floral tokens, extended us in the death of our husband and father.
Mrs. J. W. Ford and children.

OFFICERS

TOM WINDHAM, President
HENRY JAMES, Vice-President
ACE HICKMAN, Vice-President
A. R. KELTON, Vice-President
BOB NORRELL, Cashier
HOWARD E. FARMER, Asst. Cashier
C. V. JONES, Asst. Cashier

REPORT OF CONDITION OF

The First National Bank of Baird, Texas

AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS DECEMBER 30, 1939

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$161,409.66
State Warrants and	
Other Securities	50,468.66
Banking House and Fixtures	6,810.00
Other Real Estate	4,421.09
Stock In Federal Reserve Bank	1,900.00
Other Assets	613.55
CASH:	
U. S. Bonds and	
U. S. Obligations	\$456,208.38
State of Texas and	
Other Bonds	68,396.92
Bills of Exchange	20,433.35
Cash and Due	
From Banks	446,760.17
TOTAL	\$1,217,421.78

LIABILITIES

Capital	\$50,000.00
Surplus	14,125.00
Undivided Profits	25,452.14
Reserves	6,912.00
DEPOSITS	1,120,932.64



TOTAL \$1,217,421.78

The Above Statement is Correct.

BOB NORRELL, Cashier.

TO ALL CONCERNED:

The City Administration desires to express their thanks and appreciation to all for their cooperation during the entire year, and especially during the last few days guarding against fires.

We hope each enjoyed a Merry Christmas, and in conclusion, we who serve you hope you find blessings in the New Year.

May good health, prosperity, and all good things be yours.

Faithfully,

H. Schwartz, Mayor
J. T. Lawrence
Earl M. Johnson
Hugh W. Ross, Jr.
C. W. Sutphen
B. F. Russell, Alderman
R. L. Elliott, Jr.
City Secretary

The Baptist Church

A. A. DAVIS, Pastor

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of the new year, At the Close of the Sunday School Hour the yearly awards will be given to those who have attended Sunday School every Sunday of 1939. There will be 35 such awards made and certificates given. Let us begin this year as we should by being in attendance upon the services of the church.

Sunday Night we will observe the Lord's supper. Let the entire membership of the Church take note of this special service.

Sunday Morning we will observe Family Day at the preaching hour. A nice Bible will be presented to the largest family present and seated as a body. We hope for a large crowd at this service, make your plans now to attend.

Notice Farmers

J. S. McKnight, Rural Supervisor of the Farm Security Administration, announces that most of the old borrows needing loans for 1940 crop operations have been serviced and the organization is now in position to make loans to new applicants who are eligible or the type loan we make.

The first instructional meeting will be held in the District Court room at Baird, Texas, Saturday morning, January 6th at 9 o'clock. Those interested should attend this meeting, as the program will be explained at that time.

If you have attended an instructional meeting and describe your application to be taken, you will please call at our office in Baird and we will set a definite date to take your application.

Another instructional meeting will be held Saturday Jan. 13th beginning at 9 A. M.

CARD OF THANKS

We want to thank our friends for the many acts of kindness and sympathy shown us in the long illness and death of our husband and father and we thank you for the beautiful flowers you have helped us to bear our sorrow. May God bless each of you is our prayer.
Mrs. W. T. Wheeler, and family.

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The fitting tribute to one whom you have loved is a monument of permanence and grace; a stone that will go down through the years marking the last resting place of one whose name you respect and honor.



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Personal

Mrs. Lee Estes spent the holidays with relatives in Pasadena.

Miss Josie Boyd spent the holidays with her father and family at De Leon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wardlow of Kermitt, spent Christmas with Mrs. Wardlow's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Mullican.

Claude Flores visited his niece Mrs. Charles Renaud and family in Fort Worth during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lambert of Houston spent Christmas with Mr. Lambert's mother Mrs. Henry Lambert and family.

Leonard Evans of Sherman, visited his grandmother Mrs. Henry Lambert and family several days the past week.

Joe Y. Fraser, postmaster and E. J. Moeser, assistant postmaster of Colorado City visited friends in Baird New Years day.

Miss Lula Mae Asbury returned to her home in Monahan Sunday after a weeks visit with Miss Helen Fulton and relatives here.

Alex Ogilby and children Bertha Joyce and Alex III of Odessa spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Bowls.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Brock and daughter Laverne of Eliasville, spent Sunday with Mrs. E. G. Sutphen.

Mrs. J. H. McGowen of Quannah, visited relatives here and at Cross Plains during the holidays.

Miss Beverly Leache of Dallas spent Christmas with her mother Mrs. E. H. Leache and grand parents, Judge and Mrs. Otis Bowyer.

Misses Aurelia and Mary Bowyer of Fort Worth and Otis Bowyer Jr. of Dallas spent the Christmas with their parents, Judge and Mrs. Bowyer.

Mrs. J. J. Taif and daughter, Mrs. Rufus Brown left Tuesday for a visit in New Orleans and Corpus Christi.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bearden spent Christmas with Mrs. Bearden's parents Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Holmes in Austin.

Miss Dora Warren of Turpin Okla., visited her aunt Mrs. Mary Warren and family during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodfin Ray and little daughters Betty Sue and Donna Lou of El Paso visited Mr. Ray's mother, Mrs. W. J. Ray and family during the holidays.

Miss Carrie Reaves Boulder Colo. and Henry Nash of Honolulu, a student in the Colorado State University were guests of Miss Reaves' sister, Mrs. Ace Hickman and family Christmas day.

C. F. Lambert, who recently enlisted in the artillery corp stationed at Fort Crockett, Alveston, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lambert during the holidays.

Clarence Pretz is visiting relatives in Dallas Clarence who recently received his discharge from the navy will enter the University of Texas where he will take a pre-med course Clarence was attached to the hospital staff during the four years he served in the navy.

Mrs. Georgia Lusby returned Wednesday from Grapevine where she visited her son Wendell Fraser during the holiday She also visited her brother Dr. Ben Gregory in San Antonio. Dr. Gregory is recovering from a major operation which he underwent a few days before Christmas.

Mrs. Joe McGowen has returned from Dallas where she was called Saturday before Christmas to care for her grand children while their parents Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Collins attended the bedside of Mr. Collins mother Mrs. C. H. Collins of Paris, who died Sunday and was buried Tuesday.

Sadler to Speak



Jerry Sadler, member of the Texas Railroad Commission, will be the principal speaker at the two-dollar "Old Hickory" Dinner to be held at the Lamar Hotel in Houston, Saturday, January 6, which is sponsored by the Andrew Jackson Democrats of Texas.

J. T. (Thad) Scott of Houston, general chairman of the sponsors committee, said that his group had selected Mr. Sadler as the principal speaker because "he is the one man in political life in Texas who closest resembles those things which made Old Hickory Jackson, the outstanding leader of the plain people's Democracy of our Nation."

Mrs. S. L. Stokes and son Sam and a boy friend and Mrs. Herman Harper of McAllister, Oklahoma visited Mrs. Stokes and Mrs. Harper' parents Mr and Mrs W.D. Boydston during the holidays.

Neal Stanley of Big Springs who came down to visit his parents Mr. and Mr. F. E. Stanley last week was taken suddenly ill with an attack of appendicitis, and was operated at the Griggs Hospital. He is doing nicely and has been moved to the home of his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Lesley Seper who have been visiting their daughter Mrs. Sam A. Cooksey and family left Sunday for Houston where they will make their home. Miss Lois Stanford, daughter of Mrs. Cooksey accompanied them.

FOR SALE—Twenty Pure Bred Black Minorca Hens at 50 cents each. If interested, see or write me at once. Mrs. Virgil Hughes, Baird, Texas, St. Rt. 2.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Austin and daughter Frances returned yesterday from Hattiesburg, Miss., where they spent the holidays. Bill Austin who has been working there for the past three months returned home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Sutphen and children of Anderson; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sutphen of Ballinger, spent Christmas with their mother, Mrs. E. G. Sutphen.

Mrs. Ray Hickman, of Slaton. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bell of Big Spring and Mrs. Louise O'Brien, of Houston, were called here the first of the week, by the illness of Mrs. Bruce Bell, who is now improving.

Victor Krogul of Freeport, Ill. is visiting his cousin Cooney New bauen and other relatives. Mr. Krogul is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Krogul early day residents of Baird where he was born and spent his boyhood days. Mr. Krogul is a successful business man in Freeport, where he has been engaged in the meat business for a number of years. He will be here several days.

Miss Katy Nichols spent Christmas with her sister Mrs. James Jackson in Indianapolis, Ind., where they were joined by another sister, Faye Nichols a senior in the Colorado A and M College at Fort Collins Colo., Miss Katy will spend sometime with her sister.

Edward Woodley and Miss Mary Lynn Woodley of New York; Mr. and Mrs. James Woodley and son James Jr., of Cotton Valley, La. were guests of their parents Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Woodley during the holidays. Mrs. J. R. Parten of Houston another daughter arrived Wednesday for a few days visit Miss Mary Lynn Woodley left yesterday by plane for her home in New York leaving the Abilene airport at 4:15.

BOOK WANTED, Will pay \$15.00 fine copy "Cattle Industry of Texas and Adjacent Territory." Printed 1895. Described condition fully. H. Sender, 4315 Warwick, Kansas City Mo. 2-3t

Methodist Church

HAMILTON WRIGHT, Pastor

Wachnight was duly observed A continous service from 8 till 12.01 a. m. January 1, attended at initial stage by around 200 and at the close by about 75, cemented a new friendship and church association among our people. Mrs. McGowen's primary department and Mrs. Hill's young people took up the first hour to delectation and meriment of the audience. Then followed an hour of intermission during which Mrs. Ace Hickman and her Sunday-school class served refreshments of cake, chocolate and coffee to the entire congregation. Then an hour was allotted to the laymen with Ace Hickman, chairman of the board of stewards, presiding. An open meeting of the board was a feature. Laymen and lay women spoke briefly their sentiments. As the moment for the Old Year to die the congregation clasped hands in a large circle and sang Auld Lang Syne and Bless Be the Tie. Without ostentation, no whistles and no honking of car horns, our people filed away to their homes hearts aflutted with hope for the New Year.

Sunday morning Dr Frank L. Turner president of McMurry college preached. It was a great sermon on Growing in Grace. At the close a freewill collection for maintenance of the college was taken. It amounted to about \$53. Remember Sunday School Sunday Much repair has been done on the church especially auditorium and basement. The kitchen and Ace Hickman's basement Sunday school room have been treated to coats of white paint. T. E. Powell was superintendent in lieu of Hugh Ross Sunday, the latter sick. Steaming coffee Sunday before class at the Ace Hickman room. You men come and attend.

Sunday morning the pastor preaches on "Daily Dying." At evening service at 7:15 an evangelistic sermon. Junior and League meet at 6:30. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening 7:00, subject is study of fifth chapter of Hebrews.

Our people Christmas week gave \$63.85 to the orphanage at Waco.

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Mr and Mrs. J. C. Taylor and children, of Olney, Mr and Mrs. Pat Bounds of Breckenridge, Mr. and Mrs. Connie Brown and little son of Admiral and Blan Bounds of Texas Tech spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bounds.

E. M. Harris of Dallas, William Harris State University, at Austin, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn of San Angelo spent Christmas with their mother, Mrs. Murry Harris. Ford Allen a grandson of Fort Worth also spent the holidays with Mrs. Harris.

Miss Christene Settle head of the English department in Ballinger public school and Miss Helen Settle head of the Home Economics department in the public school at Broussard, La. have returned to their school work after spending the holidays, with their mother, Mrs. S. E. Settle.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Jackson spent Christmas with Mrs. Jackson's mother Mrs. Naomie Smith who lives north of Jacksonboro. Their daughter Miss Crystal Jackson of Fort Worth accompanied them on this trip. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson also visited relatives in Cisco during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Clay and son Alfred and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Smallwood of Snyder spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Clay at the Boatwright ranch Mr. and Mrs. Clay, Mr. and Mrs. Smallwood went to East Texas for a visit leaving Alfred with his brother and wife for a longer visit. He returned home Sunday.

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60,000 PEACH trees to sold at LESS than HALF price. Visit WOLFE'S NURSERY this week and get your share of trees sold as low as two cents a tree. Trees from one to four feet high Such selected peach varieties as these are listed in the BARGAIN lot; Fair Beauty, Elberta, South Haven, Halehaven, Frank, Hobson, Wheeler, Early Elberta and Mayflower. Plum varieties included the Bruce, Burket and Munson, AND these bargain prices are good only in bundles of ten trees.

These trees were slightly scarred early in August and we'd rather not list them in the first class grade. See these trees and be convinced. Drive to the Nursery this week and get your share of good healthy trees before they are sold.

Our first class grade stock includes apples, Apricots, Pears, Plums, Peaches, Grapes, Figs, Berries, Persimmons, Walnuts, PECANS, Shade Trees, Roses, Flowering Shrubs and Ornaments. This stock is also reasonably priced.

Invite your friends and neighbors for a pleasant drive to WOLFE'S NURSERY. We will be glad to show you through the HOUSE THAT TIME BUILT. While you see this interesting house, your orders will be neatly packed so they will not scratch the car and you can take home an ORCHARD.

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CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all for the kindness and sympathy shown us in the death of our loved one, S. E. Odom. Also for the beautiful floral offering. We sincerely appreciate every kindness.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Nettie Odom
Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McLaughlin

WANTED—A Second-Hand Gas Cook Stove. See me at my home, second block south of Ward school Mrs. S. D. Hill.

FOR SALE—One Piano, One Iron Wheel Wagon. I also do Water Well Drilling. W. B. Varner, Cottonwood, Texas.

Wylie Service Station

I wish to announce to my friends and the public generally that I have taken charge of the Texaco Station formerly run by George W. Crutchfield where I will continue to sell Texaco products and Diamond Tires. I will appreciate a share of your patronage. Drive in for quick and courteous service.

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THE FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM delivered on the porch Morning, Evening and Sunday. See, R. B. COOPER, Agent.

Change of Reward Notice

By request from various citizens over the county I have decided to off re and will pay a reward of \$250.00 to any one who will bring to me first hand information and facts that will result in the arrest and conviction of any person stealing any of the following livestock in Callahan County, Texas: Horse Stock, Mules, Cattle, Sheep, Goats and Hogs.

No Peace Officer of Callahan County, Texas will be entitled to receive such reward.

C. R. NORDYKE
Sheriff, Callahan County, Texas

HEALTH HINTS

One preventing disease, diphtheria, has been responsible for 1,279 deaths in Texas during the past four years, according to the records of the Texas State Department of Health. The Majority of these deaths were among children less than four years old, were all preventable had these children been properly immunized prior to contracting the disease.

Prevention of diphtheria in children is a simple matter of inoculation with toxoid. If your child is six months old or more take him to your family physician and have diphtheria toxoid administered. The technique of inoculation causes the child no discomfort. In approximately 90 per cent of children receiving toxoid will be established a life time immunity to the disease.

To be sure that this immunity has been established in your child, six months after the first dose of toxoid, he should be taken to the physician to be Schick tested to determine his positive immunity against diphtheria. The test consists of injecting a few drops of diphth toxoid between the spaces of the skin. If the child is immune no reaction will be noted. If not, there will appear some redness at the site of injection in three or four days.

Increased education of the general public on the important of diphtheria inoculation has resulted in decreased death rates from diphtheria. Year by year mortality from diphtheria is decreasing, as witness the fact that Texas 457 children died from diphtheria in 1935; 351 in 1936; 238 in 1937; and 233 in 1939.

You can help the Texas Department of Health attain a goal of not one death a year from diphtheria, and protect your loved one by seeing that they are immunized a once.

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Texas Warm Springs

Gonzales, Dec. 14- With construction now under way on the first unit of a Texas warm spring center for cripple children, school children the state over are being asked to contribute ten cents each toward the construction of other units on the 40 acre location ten miles north of Gonzales.

State Superintendent L. A. Woods in a letter to all city and that school children be given county superintendents urged opportunity to have a part in building the center, which is sponsored by the Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation, chartered organization.

"The warm springs located near Gonzales are a God-given instrumentality for the treatment of cripple children. Supt. Woods said. "It is fitting that we as citizens use the Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation as a facility for the treatment of crippled children. The need is evident when it is considered there are between fifteen and twenty thousand crippled children in Texas."

I can conceive of no greater service that could be rendered to the children now attending our public schools that to teach them of their obligations under a representative democratic government, nor can I think of any more tangible manner in which this lesson could be taught than by requesting of them contributing toward the support and maintenance of the Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation.

Construction on the first unit, consisting of dormitories for 16 crippled children, nurses quarters pools and other facilities for treatment, is now being carried on through a National Youth Administration project. This first unit, to cost \$28,000, fits into the Foundation masters plan for development and is carried out with funds already on hand. Contributions from school children will be used to construct other units of the master plan; which when completed will care for more than a hundred children at all time.

The Foundation was organized in 1937 to sponsor the building of a Texas warm springs convalescent and rehabilitation center for crippled children on the 40 acre location secured for the purpose ten miles north of Gonzales. The Foundation tract, on which there is an abundance of flowing warm water, adjoins beautiful 360-acre Palmetto State Park, which may be utilized as a recreation area for the children.

The Foundation is governed by a board of 38 men and women, and has the written commendation of President's Roosevelt and the endorsement of both houses of the Texas Legislature and that of many prominent state and national officials and organizations. Foundation officers and direct or are as follows:

Ross Boothe, Gonzales, president
Rev. Dave Buckley, Port Lavaca, vice president; Mrs. Hilmar Weinert, Seguin, Vice Pres. Dr. James R. Bost, Houston, Vic.Pres. Harold Michelson, Treasure: Jack Blackwell, Executive secretary: Nat Frazier, Del Rio; Albert Taylor, Edinburg; Louis F. Ball, Huntsville ;P. W. Kitrell, Houston; Dr. John Z. Gaston, Houston; Durell Miller, Youkoum; Dr. James T. Tadlock, Denton; A. D. Magruder, Bay City; Dr. Ernest E. Miller, Beeville; M. B. Holleman, Brenham; Jake R. Levy, Victoria; Max Starcke; Mrs. J. K. Baretta, San Antonio; Willard Simpson, San Antonio; Dr. G. Van Amber Brown, McAllen; Frank C. Allen, Corpus Christi; Rev. George West Diehl, Corpus Christi; Dr. S. E. Thompson, Kerrville; Ed S. Dussel Laredo; J. R. Scott, Falfurrias; Miller Ainsworth, Luling; Sam Fore, Floresville; Dr. L. L. Edwards, San Marcos; J. C. Melchor, Port Lavaca; G. B. Robertson, Gonzales. S. H. Burhard, Gonzales M. S. Spooeco, Gonzales; Hnery Reese, Gonzales; Joseph Grant Gonzales Dr. George Holmes, Gonzales ;Frank Boehm, Gonzales Glenn Burgess, Littlefield.

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EUROPEAN WAR



MARS GOES TO WORK—French poils puzzles over street sign in captured German village.

Hitler Still Grabbing

- MARCH 12—German troops mass near border of Slovakia. 13—Czechoslovakia submits to Hitler's demands for further break-up of the Czech state.

- APRIL 4—Poland joins British in war alliance. 17—Germany pushes drive to take Danzig. French fleet guards Gibraltar.

- MAY 7—Nazis plan plebiscite in Danzig. 9—Pope invites five powers to Vatican parley to settle Polish-German dispute.

- JUNE 1—Hitler pledges Germany will support Jugo-Slavia's border. 20—German troops move to encircle Poland.

- JULY 6—Warsaw reports 5,000 Polish families in East Prussia are forced to move away from border.

- AUGUST 13—Germany and Italy establish policy on Danzig; Polish attitude called unbearable. 18—Germany takes military possession of Slovakia.

- 21—Germany announces nonaggression pact with Russia. 22—German troops massed near Polish corridor.

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- OCTOBER 1—Britain calls 250,000 more troops. Hitler makes peace proposals to Britain and France; seeks armistice.

- 3—Hitler sets aside area in Poland for Germans to be transplanted from other countries. 10—French premier spurns Hitler's peace terms.

- 13—Britain refuses peace based on Nazi conquests. 14—British battleship Royal Oak sunk by sub, 786 lost.

- 17—German planes raid Scapa Flow, Iron Duke, training ship damaged. 23—British report three U-boats sunk. Germans capture American ship City of Flint and take it to Soviet port.

- 26—American ship City of Flint, turned over to Germany by Russia, sails from Russia. Germans claim 115 foreign ships sunk since war began.

- Five freighters sunk by Germans. Soviet demands raise new crisis in Finland.

- NOVEMBER 3—Norway frees City of Flint and inter-feres German prize crew. Finland defies Soviet threat; ready to fight.

- 21—Germany charges Munich man with beer cellar explosion; arrests two British agents. Britain declares unrestricted blockade of Germany in reprisal for illegal mine warfare; forbids neutral nations to trade with Germany.

- 22—British destroyer sunk, 40 missing. Nazi bombers raid Shetlands, no damage done. French report torpedo boat sank two ships.

- 23—Eight more vessels sunk; total for six days 23. France and Britain claim 20 air victories in three days on western front. Exiled Polish government begins functioning in France.

- 24—Bulgaria permits British to establish propaganda center in Sofia. French repulse German attack east of Moselle river.

- 25—Berlin claims bombers hit four British warships; London denies. Six nations protest British ban on German trade.

- 26—Two hundred eighty-seven die in sinking of Polish liner Pilsudski and a British armed ship. Germans fight back British planes attempting to raid Kiel canal.

- 27—British fights for a new Europe, Chamberlain says. Danish guns kill four Russian soldiers. Soviet charges.

- 27—Russia demands Finns remove soldiers from border. Finland offers to negotiate border issue; Russia threatens war.

- 28—Russia denounces nonaggression pact with Finland; Finland declares Russian reports of border attacks false. Germany claims British cruiser sunk by submarine; Britain denies.

- 29—Russian troops invade Finland after breaking diplomatic relations; Finns stunned by break. Russians claim 10-mile advance into Finland; bomb Helsinki; declare Finns attacked first. Finnish cabinet resigns after declaring war on Russia.

- DECEMBER 1—Finns disable Russian cruiser with 500 aboard. Russian capture Finnish port. New cabinet takes over Finnish government.

- 2—Finnish rebel regime cedes territory to Russians. Russian Finnish government orders evacuation of all southern towns. Sweden tightens its defenses.

- 3—British planes attack German naval base and score hits on German warships. Finns shatter Red troops in Arctic battle.

- 4—League of nations summoned to hear Finnish appeal for aid. Britain puts blockade against German exports into effect.

- 4—German pocket battleship sinks British steamer Doric Star in South Atlantic. Finnish flyers inflict heavy casualties on Soviet troop concentration.

- 5—Finns repulse Russian army of 200,000 on three fronts. Russians to blockade Finnish coast; warn shipping.

- 6—British fighting planes beat off German raids. Finns repel offensive on Karelian Isthmus.

- 10—Finns report Russian attacks repelled on all fronts. League of nations requests Russia to cease hostilities against Finland.

- 12—Russia rejects league of nations proposal to mediate conflict with Finland. German liner Bremen runs British blockade to home port.

- 13—British ships disable and chase German raider Graf Spee into South American port. Russia expelled from league of nations.

- 14—Uruguay gives Graf Spee 72 hours to make repairs. Finns coat artillery sinks Russian destroyer.

- 16—Germans scuttle Graf Spee outside Montevideo harbor rather than risk fight with British ships waiting outside. Huge Red forces storm Finns' mountain positions.

- 18—Germans claim 34 out of 44 British planes shot down in battle over Heligoland. British claim sinking of German cruiser and damage to two others.

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- OCTOBER 1—Britain calls 250,000 more troops. Hitler makes peace proposals to Britain and France; seeks armistice.

- 3—Hitler sets aside area in Poland for Germans to be transplanted from other countries. 10—French premier spurns Hitler's peace terms.

- 13—Britain refuses peace based on Nazi conquests. 14—British battleship Royal Oak sunk by sub, 786 lost.

- MAY 6—King and queen of Great Britain declare unrestricted blockade of Germany in reprisal for illegal mine warfare; forbids neutral nations to trade with Germany.

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- 14—Bill setting up dictatorship over industry introduced in British parliament. 15—Border war develops between Japan and Russia in Manchukuo.

- JUNE 10—Bombs in mail in England injure seven persons. 14—Japan presents Britain with new demands as troops tighten blockade at Tientsin.

- 20—British women and children flee Tientsin to escape Japanese economic blockade. 22—King and queen given tremendous reception on their return to England.

- 26—Soviets repulse Jap air attack on Mongol border; shoot down 23 planes. Japs report shooting down 88 Soviet planes in battle over Outer Mongolia.

- JULY 13—France jails two newspaper executives charged with receiving pay from Germany. 14—Danzig political police purge city of Poles.

- 24—Chamberlain promises Britain will stay out of Japan's way in China. Japan orders tanker river closed to foreign shipping.

- 26—Four bombings in England blamed on Irish Republican army. 27—British offers to mediate Japanese-Chinese war.

- 28—Spain executes 53 persons for communism in slaying of civil guard officer. 29—Sudden German food shortage rouses public.

- SEPTEMBER 26—French cabinet decree ends Communist party in France. 27—Bulgaria seeks trade pact with Russia.

- 28—Constantine Arghesanu appointed premier of Rumania. 29—Delegates of 21 republics at an Inter-American neutrality conference fixed safety zone around two Americas.

- OCTOBER 3—Japanese admit loss of 18,000 men in fighting Russians. 5—Chinese halt Japanese drive in Huai river region; report 10,300 slain.

- 10—Soviet returns Vilna to Lithuania. 11—Britain and Russia sign trade agreement. 12—Pope Pius in encyclical assails dictators.

- 20—Thousands arrested as Czechs and Nazis battle in Prague. 21—Slovak week wrecks shops and newspapers in Bratislava, Hungary.

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- 25—Fritz Kuhn, Nazi bund leader, indicted in New York on theft charges. 26—Van Cleeve Clipper returns from Europe.

- JUNE 1—Senate passes bill lifting long term interest on federal debt limit above \$30,000,000,000. 2—Contract for 24 warships costing \$330,000,000 awarded by navy department.

- 3—Former Judge Manton found guilty of bribery. 4—House rejects plan to make Hyde Park home to a memorial to President Roosevelt.

- 7—King George and Queen Elizabeth of Great Britain enter United States at Niagara Falls; officially welcomed by Roosevelt. 8—King and queen of Great Britain welcomed to Washington by President Roosevelt; attend state dinner.

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- 15—House passes tax bill of 1,844 millions; retains nuisance taxes, but revises the 1847-1858 visit. 16—Senate committee boosts pork barrel bill from \$83,448,100, as passed by the house.

- 22—House restores 37 millions previously cut from army appropriation bill. Farm bill boosted 223 millions by the house.

- 25—Fraud barred at Louisiana university. Gov. Leche steps down and Lieut. Gov. Leche is sworn in Louisiana. \$600,000 fraud laid to President Smith of the Louisiana university.

- 28—\$10 million to relief bill and passes it. 29—House hands administration defeat of neutrality bill; endorses embargo on arms shipments.

- SENATE lets Roosevelt's money rule die by preventing legislation to extend House passes neutrality bill barring arms shipments. 31—Senate adopts conference report on reviving President's money powers.

- 7—Buckner given two years in prison on Philippine railway bond charges. 10—President gives Paul V. McNulty of Indiana head of the newly created Federal Security administration.

- 13—Senate votes to fix payroll tax at 1 per cent until 1943. 14—President signs bill giving war department authority to curtail equipment from spies.

- 20—House passes bill to curb bureaucracy. 21—House committee shelves President's \$800,000,000 housing program. Nation-wide lottery swindle using name of Will Rogers exposed.

- 25—One killed, seven shot in battle over nonunion labor at Boonville, Ind. 26—United States scraps trade treaty with Japan.

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- 21—Proportion of civil service employees reduced under President Roosevelt. 22—U. S. court upholds wage-hour law in Montgomery Ward case. Supreme court voids cities' ban on handbills.

- 24—President suggests special taxes for half billion increase in defense appropriations. 26—President summons budget director to discuss departmental cuts.

- 27—Morgenthau declares next congress must lift legal debt limit. 28—Chrysler company and C. I. O. agree on basis of peace after auto plants are tied up 53 days.

- 29—Jury finds German-American bund leader Fritz Kuhn guilty for forgery and theft charges. 30—Roosevelt sends sharp note to Russia asking that bombing of cities stop.

- DECEMBER 2—Curtiss plants speed building of war planes. 3—Winnie Ruth Judd, insane slayer, again escapes from prison in Arizona.

- 5—Fritz Kuhn, bund leader, sentenced to prison for two and a half years. 6—Toward trend seen in several lines of business.

- 8—Secretary Hull protests British blockade. 9—Roosevelt orders a special naval district in Caribbean. 11—RFC grants \$10,000,000 loan to Finland.

- U. S. Supreme court bars evidence gained by wire tapping. 13—Twelve naval captains promoted to rear admirals. 14—ICC approves trainload rail rate reduction.

- 18—Garrett announces candidacy for Democratic presidential nomination. 19—Garrett announces candidacy for Democratic presidential nomination.

- DISASTERS 1—Elmer Layden of Notre Dame chosen head coach of all-star football team. 14—Chicago White Sox play first night game in Comiskey park.

- 22—Lou Ambers regains lightweight title in 15-round bout with Armstrong. 23—Roscoe Turner wins Thompson trophy air race third time.

- 15—Tony Galento stops Nova in 14 rounds. 16—Bobby Riggs, Alice Marble win U. S. net titles. 17—Yankees clinch American league pennant.

- 20—Joe Louis knocks out Bob Pastor in 11 rounds. 26—Cincinnati Reds win National league pennant.

- OCTOBER 8—Yankees win world's baseball series in four straight games. 17—Bucky Walters, Cincinnati pitcher, voted most valuable player in National league.

- 24—Joe DiMaggio wins American league most valuable player award. 25—Eddie Anderson awarded plaque as football coach of year.

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- 25—Thirty thousand killed, 50,000 injured by earthquake in Chile; towns wiped out in disaster. 26—Japanese submarine sunk in collision.

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- 25—Airliner crashes