

EDITORIALS

A TRACTABLE SPRING SEASON.

A promised tractable spring season for Floyd county people, both wheat growers and row croppers, sensed by The Hesperian's scouts back about the time when people were laying their plans for the year has been graciously followed up by Mother Nature, who dealt out a good rain in March, another in April and that big downpour of last week.

Tractable doesn't mean nice and sweet and kindly when you refer to Mother Nature any more than it means that when you refer to people. A high-tempered woman might have her mind made up to try to get along with her husband in which case she would be tractable in spite of her somewhat ill disposition, a matter on which we touch only lightly and strictly for the purpose of illustrating the thought and not to remind any of the men of any mistakes they may have made about the time they were of marriageable age.

So, to go along with the point we started out to make, a tractable spring season is here. A high headed, snorty sort of spring to be sure, but withal one that will permit a fair to excellent crop of wheat to be harvested and row crop to go into the summer season with a good start. Some of the row croppers will be on the impatient side and will try to crowd a late season, but Dame Nature can't help that.

LOOKING FOR A BIG CROP

Talk has been for 90 days or so that the railways and the grain handling facilities of the southwest would break down when the wheat harvest hits. Too few box cars, not enough storage to handle all the grain that will hit in a mighty swoosh when the harvest comes.

We hope these forecasters turn out to be wrong about this matter of insufficient facilities, especially about box cars. We'll believe it when we see it that there are not enough combines. And the railways are storing cars in the area. Already box cars that appear to be suitable for wheat hauling are beginning to put in their appearance on plains sidings. Railways which did a magnificent job during the war may do an impossible job again this spring.

Meanwhile, however, if you have any storage, even a little, perhaps to get it ready would save having to pitch wheat out on the ground or take the price you'll be able to get on a market temporarily jammed with more grain than it can absorb.

Complete eradication of mesquite from rangeland, no matter what method is used, depends upon killing the sprout buds on the underground stem of the tree.

AT THE STARTING PLACE

While there is industry-wide unrest, strikes and rumors of strikes, and corollary talk urging that everybody must cut their coats in order to keep down inflation, it is interesting to note that "they" are unwinding the ball where it began to tighten in the first place. By which we mean out on the farm.

Certain canned products have been taking a loss on the market, certain fresh foods have been found to be in "too plentiful" supply, animals on the hoof have come to market at a lower cost to the packer, cotton and wheat are turning down with the approach of the harvest. Cheese is a bit more plentiful now and the cheese makers say two of the factors in this drop of some eight cents are a seasonal increase in milk production, and a slight decline in fluid milk consumption.

All of which spells lower prices to the farmer. However, the latter has thought prices were a bit on the high side and that he will have to take some declines in order for the national economy to get back on a more even keel. It is to be noted that our customers, farming people, are the ones who are taking the actual reductions while the others talk about it.

ROAD, BRIDGE TAX ELECTION

Reluctant as we imagine Floyd county people to be to up their tax rates there is not much of a way out if funds are provided to carry on with the county's road system.

There is no doubt the commissioners are correct in pointing out that their costs have been going up and up while their income has been remaining stationary, or almost so. Whatever economies they can effect have been looked into, we surmise, but staying inside of a budget made six months ago is going to be one of the impossibles.

Principal objection to the increase in road and bridge expense to the taxpayer is in the fact that, while the income of Floyd county people is due to be slashed the higher taxes will continue to be effective for a time after this happens, at the best. Certainly nobody wants the tax values to go up and at the same time nobody wants their roads neglected. So about the only thing left to do is to raise the tax rate for roads and bridges.

According to the Soil Conservation service, Texas leads the nation in the number of organized soil conservation districts, as well as in the amount of acreage and number of farms involved in the organizations.

There are 16 dairy Herd Improvement associations operating in Texas, involving 5,797 cows.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE REFUNDING BONDS

THE STATE OF TEXAS)
COUNTY OF FLOYD)
In compliance with the provisions of Chapter 152, Acts of the Regular Session of the Forty-second Legislature 1931, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that it is the intention of the Commissioners Court of Floyd County, Texas, to pass an order on the 9th day of June, 1947 authorizing the issuance of FLOYD COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE REFUNDING BONDS, in the maximum amount of \$80,000.00, for the purpose of refunding, canceling and in lieu of a like amount of Floyd County Road and Bridge Warrants.

Floyd County 14 Years Ago

(Issue of May 14, 1933)

Diplomas of graduation from Floydada High school will be given to 37 young men and women at the commencement exercises Friday night at 8:30 o'clock at the High School auditorium. It was announced this week by Superintendent A. D. Cummings.

Graduation exercises for the seventh grade of Andrews Ward school will be held this Thursday night at the auditorium of the school at 8:30 o'clock. Certificates will be given to 47 pupils.

Harley Stone, 12 year old member of the graduating class, Andrews Ward, will preach at the City Park Church of Christ. It is announced this week.

Claude V. Hall, professor of history in East Texas State Teachers College, of Commerce, and early-day Floyd County publisher, will make the principal talk at the Pioneer's Banquet in Floydada Monday night, when they assemble to celebrate the forty-third anniversary of the county's founding.

J. A. Enoch, city, suffered a broken right leg Monday afternoon about 1:30 o'clock while working on a car at his machine shop east of the square.

Programs to be given in connection with the closing of the school at Lakeview have been announced by Principal C. A. Case for Wednesday night, May 21 and Thursday night, June 1.

Homer Jones and Miss Pauline Lewis were united in marriage at Clovis, New Mexico, last Wednesday night. Carl Lewis, his sister, Marie, and Harold Allen accompanied the couple to Clovis.

Mrs. Haley Henderson and children, Joan Ann and Barbara Jean, returned to their home at Tahoka last Saturday after visiting here for a week with Mrs. Henderson's sister, Mrs. John Reagan and Mr. Reagan.

Judge E. C. Nelson, Jr., formerly on the Potter County Court-at-law bench, has opened offices in Amarillo for the general practice of law.

Stockholders of Floydada Country club will hold their annual meeting Thursday night of next week, June 1, according to notice being sent out by G. Scott King.

Rains, the first of any appreciable amount in seven weeks, fell generally over Floyd County Wednesday afternoon of this week and Saturday night and Sunday morning. The precipitation ranged around two inches over practically every community. Floydada received 2.85 inches.

Recognition services for all the rural school pupils of Floyd county who have had good records in attendance and deportment during the school year last closing will be held Monday night at 8:30 o'clock at the high school auditorium in the first all-county rally ever held for rural schools.

dated March 15 1947; said Refunding Bonds to bear interest at a rate not to exceed four (4%) per cent per annum, and to mature serially, with a maximum maturity date not later than 1953.

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Explains Delay Sending Aged People Checks

Statement issued last week by Mrs. Ada Bailey, of the Floyd County office of the State Department of Public Welfare, is explanation of the delay of some days in the out checks to qualified recipients. The statement relates:

Warrants to recipients of Old Age Assistance, Aid to the blind and dependent children were being mailed from the State Department of Public Welfare offices in Austin, Texas, Monday, May 5 and will continue as rapidly as possible according to Mrs. Ada Bailey of the local office of the State Department of Public Welfare. Mrs. Bailey stated that this means recipients will receive their warrants for a few days later than normally. This delay was occasioned by a delay in the federal congress on a deficiency appropriation making federal money available to the states. Mrs. Bailey stated that state money was available and that warrants were written in accordance with the usual procedure, but that the mailing of such warrants could not be begun until federal matching funds were received by the state. John H. Winters, executive director of the Texas State Department of Public Welfare announced that checks were being mailed to 194,042 persons on the Old Age assistance rolls who are to receive \$5,612,586 this month. This is an average Old Age assistance payment of \$28.92. 5,276 blind persons were to receive \$166,241 with an average payment of \$31.51. 13,935

families representing 35,169 children are being paid \$584,488 this month. This is an average of \$41.94 per family.

Great Convention of Lions at El Paso, Says Johnson
It was a great convention of Lions of District 2-T which gathered at El Paso last week, said President Ed Johnson of the Floydada club. On the trip Mr. Johnson was accompanied by Mrs. Johnson, Secretary G. E. Mayo of the local club and Mrs. Mayo.

The district is being divided so that clubs in a northwest Texas area will make up a new district henceforth.

Tax Bodies Begin Land Value Study
MATADOR, May—Three men started work Wednesday to appraise Matador property for tax purposes. Evaluations will be made on values of 1942 in order to escape present inflation prices. Every piece of business and residential property within the city limits will be appraised. In order that a more equal tax value may be reached. The three men represent three different tax collecting agencies, but will act as a board of valuation. Ben Keltz represents the city, Eugene Perkins the school and V. A. Beauchamp represents the county and state.

25 in Graduating Class at Crosbyton
CROSBYTON, May 9—Graduation exercises for 25 seniors of the class of 1947 will be held during the next week. Baccalaureate service Sunday evening, May 11, at the high school auditorium will be followed by Commencement exercises Thursday night, May 15. Five high ranking students of the class are Jacky Bemby, Wayne Houser, Irvin Himmel, James Watson and Joy Watts.

Half Minute Interviews
W. W. Brintz: "My windmill and tower took last week's whirligig all right but a half-minute puff late Sunday put them on the ground."
Webb Taylor, Quitaque: "Ten and seven-eighths inches of rain at my place last week."
Robt. McGuire: "It rained a lot more at Whiteflat than it did at Floydada."

SOUTH PLAINS COUNTIES LEAD IN GRAIN SORGHUMS
LUBBOCK, May—Nine of the ten top ranking grain sorghum producing counties in Texas for 1945 were on the South Plains, according to figures recently released by the United States Census Bureau. No. 1 county in the state was Lamb which grew 5,614,123 bushels of grain sorghum. The only county off the South Plains to break into the first ten was Nueces which raised 2,493,000 bushels and ranked ninth.

CROSBY PIONEER DIES
CROSBYTON, May 9—Funeral services for Mrs. Fannie Thatcher Wilson, a former resident of Old Emma, was held Sunday, May 4 at Eagle Lake, following her death in Houston May 3. Mrs. Wilson was the wife of Thomas Wilson, an office holder in Crosby county in former years when the court house was located at Emma. She moved from Crosby county to Eagle Lake where she lived for many years.

CROSBYTON POPULATION FIGURES SHOW INCREASE
CROSBYTON, May 9—Crosbyton's population now is approximately 2,300, judging from the number of water meters shown by the records at the city office. With 1615 the population in 1940, this would indicate an increase of nearly 700 or about 43 per cent in the seven years since the census was taken.

AT PANTEX FOR OPERATION
G. W. Reynolds left Saturday for Pantex, Texas, where he reported Monday for a scheduled operation at the Veteran's hospital. Mr. Reynolds expects to remain at the hospital for two months, depending on the seriousness of the operation.
SIY John C. Collins has been promoted to Y3 according to a letter received from him a few days ago by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Collins, sr. John is stationed in Kodiak, Alaska.
Mr. and Mrs. Lavelle Clark and family of Plainview visited Sunday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Clark.
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April Court Fines Help Co. Funds

Total fines and costs collected in criminal cases in the county court of Floyd county, during the month of April amounted to \$1562.00. After the payment of the officers' costs, 85 per cent of this amount assessed as fines is deposited with the county treasurer to the credit of the county road and bridge fund. In addition to this amount a considerable sum was collected in the justice courts of the county.

A colored man, due to have been tried last week on a charge by complaint of the illegal sale of liquor will not be tried until the June term of county court, the case having been continued by County Judge Grimes with the consent of County Attorney S. H. Milwee and defense attorney Richard F. Stovall. Sheriff Leland Hart signed the complaint. Complaint and information in the case also charge that the colored man, named James "Buddy" Jenkins, has been convicted of similar offenses three times within the past 12 months here. Sheriff Hart said that "liquor business" has been picking up in this area. He and a Liquor Control board representative, Leon Bowman, last week arrested a trucker on the Ralls highway, alleging the illegal transportation of liquor on the public highway, and also seized the truck, for which bond was posted.

Texas Has New Highway Map

AUSTIN, May—A new edition of the official State Highway Map is just off the press to aid Texas travelers in finding their way over the state's rapidly expanding road system. Color photographs of things to see and do in the Lone Star State are featured on the map to help lure tourists from other States and inspire Texans to "See Texas First." State Highway Engineer D. C. Greer announced free copies of the new map are available to the traveling public upon request. They will be distributed through the Highway Department's main offices at Austin the twenty - five district offices, and at the Department's information bureaus located at ports of entry into Texas. Progress on the postwar building program is graphically indicated on the new map which carries more than 1,100 miles of new paved road which were not shown on the former edition.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Dufur and family of Pixley, California, were in Floydada Saturday visiting with friends. While in Texas, the Dufurs are guests in the home of Mrs. Dufur's parents at Anton.

Among the week-end visitors in Floydada were Mr. and Mrs. T. E. McNutt, of Waco, and Mrs. Buck Forby of Tulla. They were guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Burrows, parents of Mrs. McNutt and Mrs. Forby.
Chas. Bollman, of Amarillo, has been in Floydada and Lockney this week on business.

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Col. W. H. Seale returned home the first of the week from Clarksville and Paris, Texas. He formerly lived in that area and was renewing acquaintances there while on a business trip.

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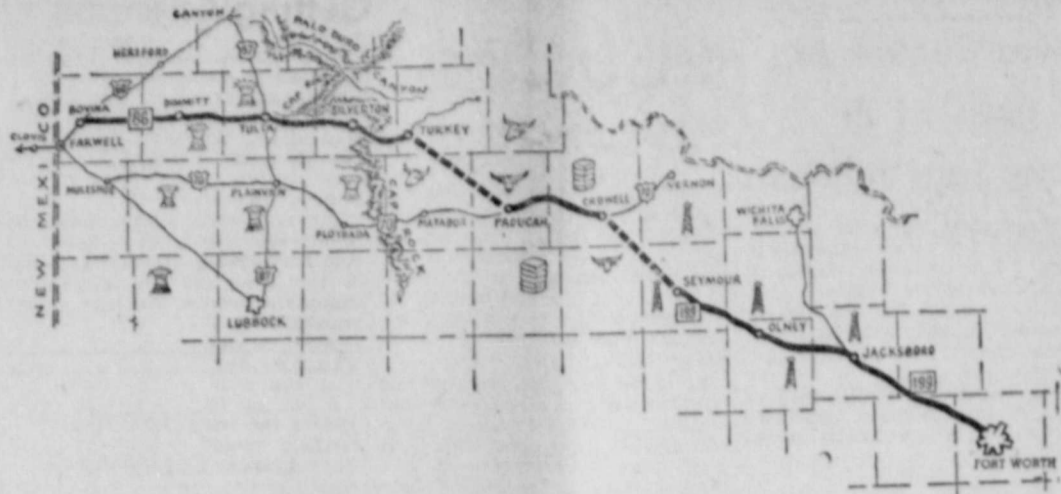
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Heavy Pressure on Labor Supply for Crops Seen

COLLEGE STATION, April.—With a record cotton crop already planted and up in the Rio Grande Valley and with growers in both South and West Texas scheduling big increases, pressure on the available labor supply probably will be as heavy as it was during the war years in the opinion of Cesar Hohn, state farm labor supervisor for the Tex-

as A. and M. College Extension Service. But this year an estimated 10 to 15 per cent more Latin American workers and a few more Negro workers will be following the cotton crop thus helping to ease the situation, he believes. Valley farmers have taken out permits for planting 480,167 acres of cotton permits are self imposed by vote of growers in pink bollworm areas, compared with 296,000 acres planted last year; Gulf Coast farmers have planted about 20 per cent more; and, always depending on moisture conditions, West Texas growers are expected to increase their acreage considerably. For the state as a whole, the U. S. Department of Agriculture is asking 8,000,000 acres of cotton compared with an estimated 6,400,000 acres planted last year, but it is doubtful that the

Far-Reaching Highway Improvement Plans for West Texas



Sketch shows proposed improvements and extension of State Highway No. 199 from Seymour (its present terminus) northwestward through Crowell, Paducah, Turkey, Quitaque, Silverton, Tulla, and Dimmitt to Bovina on U. S. Highway 40, just east of the Texas-New Mexico border. Heavy line from Fort Worth to Seymour indicates present State Highway 199. Broken line shows sections between Seymour and Crowell and between Paducah and Turkey which lack construction, and when completed, will shorten the distance into Fort Worth westward from Crowell along U. S. 70 through Paducah, Matador, Floydada, Plainview and points west by 17 miles, and by 32 miles from Turkey, Quitaque, Silverton, Tulla, Dimmitt, Canyon and Amarillo.

goal will be met. Faced with this production and labor situation, the Extension farm labor program, with four years of experience in shooting for maximum utilization of available labor, has set in motion the 1947 program which is designed to have labor on hand when it is needed, to eliminate lost motion spent in useless travel to jobless areas, and to encourage workers to remain on a job until it is finished, and thus helping both grower and worker. Among steps being taken: If all goes well with the Valley crop, every available worker will be needed for picking cotton there, as migrants living in the Valley are being urged to remain there for the picking season which will get underway in late June, and, in addition, when additional labor is needed in the Valley, as in other areas, migrants will be routed there from other sections. As the crop matures in the Gulf Coast section in early August, workers will be directed to that section as needed, and from there they will fan out over the state to other areas particularly West Texas, which uses large numbers of migratory workers. County agents report labor need to the state office at College Station, and already the system of weekly reports to the counties, stating labor needs and giving the state farm labor picture, is enabling the agents and farm fieldmen to direct the workers to jobs in both cotton and vegetable fields. Anticipated state needs will be taken care of first before workers are directed to out-of-state cotton areas which might request help. Sugar beet workers, who annually make the long trek to the beet areas in northern states, are being routed in an orderly manner to avoid surpluses in some areas and deficient supplies in others. Texas fieldmen will be stationed in each of the beet areas to carry on a continuous educational and training program and to bridge the language and other gaps between workers and growers. They will try to see to it that migrants don't run out of work during slack periods and go to other work opportunities before the job is done, a situation which has occurred at times in the past and has resulted in additional recruiting of Texas labor by beet companies and consequent shortages of labor here. With a larger force of fieldmen and since both growers and workers are familiar with workings of the vote of growers in pink bollworm program, Hohn predicts that the farm labor program this year will operate more smoothly than ever before and that all labor needs can be met.

BLOOMING FENCES Curving ribbons of blooming roses crossing the countryside may within a few years come to be a pleasing feature of the June landscape for airplane travelers and motorists says the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The blossoms will be on rose hedges often used for fences. The curves will come from the fact that hedges will be planted on the contour—on the level—and not in straight lines dividing fields into rectangular plots, says the Soil Conservation Service. Multiflora rose, a thick growing thorny shrub that grows to a height of six or eight feet, is proving an excellent hedge plant in the Northeast and the Midwest, the conservationist say. Once planted and well established it does not require pruning as do many other hedge plants. The desirability of hedges in place of fences is being urged by the USCS on several grounds, and the multiflora rose seems to qualify on most counts. Hedges planted on the contour are convenient in marking the contour permanently. They also provide a permanent living check to catch soil that might otherwise wash across such a line. After a rose hedge has grown for three or four years it will hold livestock. In addition to its natural beauty and effectiveness as a fence, a good hedge of this type is valuable in providing both feed and cover for wildlife. Birds, beneficial insects, and small animals thrive in hedges. The rose fruits or "hips" provide feed for the birds and animals. In England, during the war, rose hips were widely used in jelly making for their vitamin C value. Other shrubs and small trees are providing their value in contour farm hedges, supplying nuts and fruits for home use.

'DUEL IN THE SUN' COMING TO PALACE MAY 25 TO 28 David O. Selznick's "Duel in the Sun" will be Palace theatre's month-end attraction covering the four-day period Sunday, May 25 to Thursday, May 28, Jack Deakins, manager, has announced.

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Witness Account of Explosion at Texas City Given

Following are excerpts taken from a letter written by Riley Harrell of Texas City, formerly of Wolfe City, telling of his experiences in the Texas City explosions. The letter was written to Mr. Harrell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Harrell and was published in the Wolfe City Sun, and a copy brought to The Hesperian office this week by C. W. Payne, formerly of Hunt county.

Wednesday morning, April 16, just before 8 o'clock, I noticed a fire on the docks, about a mile from the middle of town. There are always fires here, but they make black smoke, and this one was different. The smoke was an orange brown, almost the color of blood. Later the fire alarm was turned in.

Flame A Mile High
A little after nine I walked out of the bank. Just at that instant I saw flame go a mile high in the air with debris of iron and steel going ahead of the flame.

Without waiting for the concussion to hit, for I knew it was coming, I fell flat on the sidewalk. Almost immediately it hit and the front of the bank which I had just walked out of went out. The side-

walk under me seemed to just roll. The report was not one which I think of as an explosion. It was not a thunderous roar, or a muffled sound, or a puff, or anything that anyone can describe. It sounded as if a ten thousand pound hammer had hit an Anvil of like size.

Then I heard glass falling and I began to try to crawl under my car to keep from getting hit by flying objects. A few seconds later, steel began falling, and it almost rained steel, most of one inch steel plate from the ship. People came out screaming and pandemonium seemed to have broken loose.

Next day searchers took the dead and wounded from the blast area by trucks. One truck carried 43 bodies. Many have not been found and will never be found. They were simply blown to bits.

Like An Atomic Bomb

No one can tell you the force of the explosion. Nothing short of an atomic bomb could be worse. To give you an idea, there were seven million pounds of high explosives on the first ship that blew up. That is the equivalent of a seventy-car freight train loaded fully with explosives. The second ship had about two million pounds of explosives. Steel plate one inch thick was torn into small pieces, many of them the size of your hand and thrown high into the air, then a few minutes later came raining down. Cars parked near the explosion were rolled into a pile. An oil barge was hurled out of the bay and cast upon dry land 600 feet from the water.

So far as we know, only one child was killed in the school. It looked

as if God in His infinite wisdom had decided to 'take 600 or more immediately, but that He did not want any of the little children, but leave them for the next generation.

As A Farm Woman Thinks

(By Nellie Witt Spikes)

From poem, "Ducks" . . . by Frederick William Harvey.

When God had finished the stars and whirl of colored suns He turned His mind from big things to fashion little ones.

Beautiful tiny things (like daises) He made, and then

He made the comical ones in case the minds of men

Should stiffen and become

Dull, humorless and grim;

And so forgetful of their Maker by As to take themselves - quiet seriously.

Caterpillars and cats are lively and excellent puns;

All God's jokes are good - even the practical ones!

And as for ducks, I think God must have smiled a bit

Seeing those bright eyes blink on the day He fashioned it.

And He's probably laughing still at the sound that came out of his bill!

Our two white ducks are the happiest things on the farm this rainy weather. They hunt up puddle after puddle, pulling long wriggling worms from the mud. Triangular and queer they leave their curious track everywhere. Ever so often

some one of the family decides to kill the ducks, "they would make such good eating," they say, but Margaret Nell begins to cry and beg for "her" ducks.

Joe Ellis raised the ducks and Donald was the pet. He brought them down here to save their lives after they got grown and Margaret Nell has taken them over. So I suppose they will continue to make holes in the lawn, muddy up the back yard after the rain and waddle around at will.

Of all things, not to know one's own grand child! But that did happen to me last Sunday at Cone. I saw Wilma and Joe come in, decided Paul had stayed at home to keep Billy. After we were dismissed I saw Lora Nell Hartley with a fine looking little child. I stopped to pet it and hurried on to speak to someone, then when I went outside to the car, there was Paul, and Wilma was bringing Billy out of the church. And was I embarrassed! Billy did not seem to care, even if his own grandmother had not noticed who he was, but loved me just the same.

I have been sitting still today with a bit of crochet in my hand but I have been thinking of how much I enjoyed the short trip to the Davis

Mountains at the Baptist encampment. The evergreen oaks, which I have looked up in the "Forest Trees of Texas" and found to be Emory Oak, grow three or four or half a dozen together, as if planned to shelter a little white cottage from the sun. I liked to walk around and read the names, Marfa, Odessa and many others which have been built for the preachers of that town.

Happy Smith drove his father's car and helped install the butane cookstove and refrigerator. He told us that there were two things a man could not do, one was to stretch a log chain and the other to back a burro. We enjoyed his cowboy humor very much, and hope when we get to go back, he will be in the bunch that is along.

Mr. McNew is the man who tends the place all through the year. He told us he helped move a house from Emma to Crosbyton and remembered many early day citizens of Crosbyton. Mr. McNew has picked up pretty rocks and he gave me several odd shaped ones. He has a good collection of arrowheads. His grandson had a pet blacktail deer and we all had fun with it.

I am sure I would have made a good prospector with my pick and pack and burro altho I never had much success getting a burro to go forward, he always wanted to stand still. But my uncle Felix thrilled me with a prospector's lure of something in them there hills as he showed me how to pan for metal. He had a cowhorn cut lengthwise then he pounded up his rock and began washing and washing for metal. At last he showed me a tiny streak of red, trailing behind the rest. "That is quicksilver, the dark grayish color next might be iron," he said. "The heavier metals always trail behind the rest." Felix gave me several pieces of ore for my collection and I certainly enjoyed his fine collection.

When my friends bring me rocks from their vacations this summer, I am hoping they will bring me small bits of ore.

MOTHERS DAY VISITORS

Visiting in the home of Mrs. Lula Moore on Mother's day were her daughters and family. Mr. and Mrs. Flavil Hodge and family of Lakeview, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cole of Lubbock and Mrs. Norvell Rainier and children of Floydada. Also present for the day was Mr. Cole's mother, Mrs. L. D. Ballard, of Denton, Texas.

Miss Betty Yearwood, student at WTSC in Canyon, visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Yearwood, over the week-end.

Durwood Gearhart of Amarillo was in Floydada this week visiting with relatives.

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City Park Church Announcements

Regular Bible Study at 10 o'clock following by the message "Treasures In Heaven" at 11 o'clock will be held Sunday morning at the City Park Church of Christ, according to Elder J. Loyd Rice.

Mr. Rice's subject Sunday evening at 8 o'clock will be "A Message of Hope."

Writing fluids, Hesperian

SEEKS AIR CARRIER RIGHTS FOR MAIL AND FREIGHT

Washington, D. C., May 10—The Santa Fe System's decision to seek aggressively the authority to carry freight and mail by aircraft was stated today in hearing before the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce committee by Fred G. Gurley, president of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway company.

Miss Maurine Medien of WTSC in Canyon, Texas, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Medien.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Davis are here visiting with Mrs. Davis's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. L. Shipman, enroute to their home in Paris, Texas, from California.

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