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AROUND TOWN

With OTTO B. GRATE

Its a bitter blow indeed. After all of this person's talk of unamerican activity and the need for patriotism I wake up to find that under my very roof we have a rabid communist. My dog strongly advocates strict adherence to it whenever anything edible comes on the place.

Here is an item that I'm proud to tell you about because it not only concerns a popular hobby in the town but is all about one of our most interesting people. Lawrence Bowlus, an Around Towner of good standing, finally submitted to an interview on the subject of his latest venture in to wood carving and the result is this story. Mrs. Bowlus has a collection of some 87 sets of salt and pepper shakers. She began the collection when some perky little Mexican shakers took her fancy and so has been adding sets from time to time. Watching the growth of the collection with interest her husband decided that if factories could put out such appealing gadgets then he could certainly do the same and furnish his wife with novel shakers that would go the manufactured items one better for not only would the shakers made by Mr. Bowlus be distinctive hand-made articles but would be made of genuine Texas wood, each set a valuable memento of the forests of Texas Wood has always been a favorite subject with Mr. Bowlus. He collects pieces of choice grain woods from scrap lumber and from the trees themselves as he makes his numerous trips across state and hikes into the wooded areas of his own county. Making shakers from the native wood was an easy job but with time and patience Mr. Bowlus found a reward in perfectly carved products that could be joy to have in any collection. He used some original designs and soon added forty sets to his wife's collection but so great has been the demand by followers of this hobby that the wood shakers be made available that Mr. Bowlus was pushed head first into the business before he realized what was happening. Now the window of Bowlus hardware store, where Mr. Bowlus displays his handcraft is one of the most attractive places in town. There you can see shakers made of wood from all parts of the state and county. There are boot shakers of native mesquite, shakers made from huge acorns of the oak trees in Fort Worth Forest Park, and numerous of other novel sets that bear significance not only to the hobbyist but to any one who reserves a corner of his heart for Texas, for these shakers are really a part of the state. They make splendid gifts to be sent as souvenirs too. Mr. Bowlus deserves a great deal of credit for the master craftsmanship of his work and for making the people in general more conscious of the beauty of the native wood of Texas.

While we are about the various accomplishments of our citizens, her is something I found out about Lucille Robinson. Miss Robinson has had two poems selected by the publishers of "Poets of America", a book made up of the cream of the poetry submitted to them. The poems printed are "Broken Flight", and "Strange Return" which speak highly for the talented young writer. A biography of the writer is also included in the book.

Added to the pleasant assets among the clerks of the clerks of the town, Bobby Bell, who is working in the City Pharmacy now.

Book of the week is "Window at the White Cat" from that hearty parental of the mystery writers: Mary Roberts Rinehart. You'll like this one. There is a perfect balance of humor and tragedy, baffling clues are all done up in as refreshingly clean story as you will ever find. This one is good.

Spotlight of the week goes to special friend of yours and mine, Ann Johnson who is head of the social work here in the county. According to advice received from Ann, you know, has one of the most genuinely delightful person alities you find any where and

accounts for her host of friends who find in Ann a pleasant young woman to count as part of the town and community.

ON THE BAIRD CAMPUSES

PAE

I can't think of a better note to begin this chatter on than to give you a list of the High school honorees for the third six weeks of school.

SENIORS: Clara Mae Hughes Tillye Settle, Buck Cargal Jo Esther Jones Elaine Jones Betty Ann Bounds, Bill Yarborough, Bernella Holder, Katie Lou Walker, and Betty McCoy.

JUNIORS: James Burks, Robt. Wristen, John Emery Wheeler, and Uel Livingston.

SOPHOMORES, Kay Gillit, Golda Jones, and Dorothy Young.

FRESHMEN: Dorothy Louise Jones, Nelda Rae Lee, Dorothy Smith, Maurice Lloyd, Louise Brison, Ann Hill, Foster Henderson, Raynelle Miller, and Vaughn Dell Buchanan.

Last week the Headlight Queen for the Baird school year book was chosen. The contest was held on the stage of the Plaza Theatre and judges from Cisco had the ticklish job of choosing the lovelies of fourteen of the high schools prettiest girls. After two eliminations Ellen Geen Tankersley of the blonde hair and luminous brown eyes was hailed as her royal highness, the Headlight Queen for 1941. Runners up in the contest were Edith Crawford and Betty Lou Lewis. Petite Princess of the Year Book is Betty Gay Lidia, brown eyed sweetheart from the seventh grade.

School favorites for the annual have been elected and will be: Most popular girl and boy in High School will be Bill Odom and Dorothy Chrisman. Best all-around boy is Bill Yarborough, who holds the title for the second year and that ought to set a record. Best all-around girls are Jo Ester Jones "the Basketball Star", and Tillye Settle. Betty McCoy will be honored in the annual as football sweetheart, Ruth Dyer as Carnival Queen, Ellen Gee Tankersley as Queen of the Annual and Betty Gay Lidia as Princess. The football squad has given Arthur Burlison the name of being the Bears most valuable man and to "Bullet" Cook goes best all-around athlete. These champions will be applauded in the section of the annual set aside for school favorites.

Plans for track meet, by the way, are still moving along rapidly. Lelia Hammock, director of the One Act plays has a number of plays under study and will probably begin practice on one this week.

In the mean time if you miss your school reporter, now mind I say if I don't go so far as to say you will, you might search the school for the pieces and grill Coach White and Superintendent South for the grusome details. But let it go on record that this writer-uper thinks that the Baird Girls Basketball team is the best we've had in history, that they walloped the socks off the Cross Plains squad and that has been the county's top-team for a good many seasons.

I still think the gals did a darned neat job the other night against Bayou if they did go under by a matter of one point I may not be a qualified judge but if I were to make a guess I'd say that Bayou had its best foot out the night of the games, but if those girls were Boyou's "B" team then they'er a chinch for State Honors

Land Bank Now Owned Entirely By Texas Farmers

For the second time since its organization in 1917, Texas largest bank, the Federal Land Bank of Houston, is owned entirely by the farmers and ranchmen of Texas. According to advice received from Sterling C. Evans president of the bank, all government-owned stock has been retired and all of the

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capital stock of the cooperative credit institution is in the hands of those who its facilities.

Originally capitalized by the congress, the Federal Land bank of Houston was established in 1917 to provide farmers and ranchers in Texas with a source of long-term amortized, low-cost farm mortgage loans made through national farm loans associations. Wise management of the cooperative credit system coupled with members favorable repayment record made it possible to retire the capitol stock invested in the Federal Land bank of Houston by the federal treasury,

it was explained. This marks the second time that national farm loan associations have owned all of the capital stock of the Federal Land Bank of Houston. The first time was in 1932. To enable the bank to meet emergency demands in 1932, the capital stock of the bank was increased by treasury subscriptions.

A growing appreciation on the part of the farmers of the advantages offered by land bank loans is indicated by the fact that the volume of land bank loans closed increased nearly two and a half million dollars in 1940 over 1939, and the volume of commissioner

loans increased almost two million dollars. At the end of December, there was outstanding \$189,289,645 in land bank loans and \$45,095,002 in commissioner loans, or a total of \$234,385,547 in land mortgage loans to Texas farmers and ranchers.

Carl Springer Joins Abilene Law Firm

Carl P. Springer, prominent, Eastland attorney is a member of the law firm of McMahon, Springer and Smartt, of Abilene. This firm succeeds that of Davidson, Mahon and Smartt, T. P. Davidson, the former senior member of the firm died in 1938. The business has been continued by T. J. McMahon and Hudson Smartt.

Carl P. Springer, the new member of the firm, is one of the best-known members of the West Texas bar. He has been practicing law at Eastland 22 years, the past 18 as a member of the firm of Turner, Seabery and Springer. The three-all artillery officers, formed the partnership when they left the army following the World war. Springer's coming separates the trio of friends for the first time since then.

A native of Haskell, now 47 years of age, Springer attended Piedmont college, Demarest, Ga. and the University of Texas law school. He was admitted to the bar before the court of civil appeals in Amarillo in 1915. He is a son of A. W. Springer of Aspermont, who is now 86, a native Texan whose career as an Indian guide, Texas ranger and frontier cattleman is one of the most colorful of any West Texan now living.

Before going to the army Springer was appointed county of Kent

county and resigned that post to enlist. He was a second lieutenant in the 65th field artillery when discharged at Camp Carney, Calif. He received his commission at Camp Jackson, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Springer have a foster daughter, Clarine March well known singer who is doing her second year of study in the Juilliard School of Music, New York City. She is a former pupil of Lola Gibson Deaton of the Hardin-Simmons university faculty. Mrs. Springer is the former Mildred Foy, daughter of Mrs. H. F. For and the late H. F. Foy of Baird. She is a graduate of Hardin Simmons university and one of the holders of the coveted Olsen medal for scholarship.

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B. H. FREELAND
County Judge

ZION

Mr. E. L. Pierson of Callahan county, outlined AAA program to the members of the Zion Hill Home Demonstration Club and their families at a meeting held at the club house Jan 27 at 7:30.

Mr. Pierson urged that the farmers cooperate with the AAA committee. After refreshment of pie and coffee were served Mrs. Frank Estes of Baird exhibited both her colonial and foreign collections of dolls.

Miss Clara Brown County Home Demonstration Agent, was a guest Members and their families present were:

Mrs. J. A. Heyser, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Shrader, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Sprawles; Mr. W. S. Jobe; Mr. E. V. Ramsey, Mr. and Mrs. S. Bentley, Mrs. R. B. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bentley, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Heyser Miss Luvada Standridge, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Johnson, Mrs. J. H. Johnson, Mrs. M. Johnson, Mr. Mrs. Frank Estes of Baird and Mrs. E. L. Pierson of Baird.

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