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# The Baird Star

CALLAHAN COUNTY, in Central West Texas, organized 1877; area 882 square miles, pop. 11,600. Rolling prairies, and wooded areas of mesquite, post oak, live oak. Soil sandy to chocolate loam. Elevation 1800 feet. Annual rainfall about 24 inches.

Our Motto, "Tis Neither Birth, Nor Wealth, Nor State, But the Get-up-and-Get That Makes Men Great."

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The old year 1946 has in reality been a good one for most of Callahan county folks, but as the New Year approaches we step cautiously into 1947. These are times of great changes — the reconversion period. To dismantle the huge machine of a global war and adapt the equipment to peacetime has been a slow tiresome task. We are indeed anxious to see production of automobiles, household appliances, foods, and all that makes life comfortable and pleasant. Now with prices at pinnacle heights, and production stalled by strikes, we gaze through the haze of 1947 and wonder what it holds for Callahan county and Texas and the nation.

Then it is by faith that we go on after a victorious war to triumph over problems at home — to win the peace. We who believe in God trust in His abiding love. Knowing that: "In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy path," is a passage of scripture in which we can safely depend. As Callahan county people advance into the New Year, looking to Him, we have all the confidence that their path will lead them through green fields of prosperity and beside the calm waters of joyful living.

## Christmas In Baird Fifty Years Ago

In the building, first door north of where the Baird Star is now housed, there was held a Grand Ball on Christmas night, 1896.

The building was of frame construction, and was pretty old. The floor was anything but smooth enough for a dance hall, but Mark Pace and the writer used up more than a bushel of corn meal trying to get the floor fit for a dance. We would scatter the meal all over the floor, then sweep it all around and back and forth until it was in fair condition for that day and time.

The dance music was provided by two fiddles and one guitar. I believe the late Martin Barnhill was one of the fiddlers, and I recall well that Clint Brotherton was the guitar picker. We had programs printed, and of course, there was a Grand March, which was led by the writer and Prudence Cutbirth, to whom I was married the following May. The principal dances at that time were Waltz, Polka, Schottish, Heel and Toe Polka, Quadrille etc., and how some of those old Westerners like Mark Pace could call those Quadrilles.

On this particular occasion, when we had danced out the first half of the program (yes, we even had programs back in those days) we went down to a restaurant located just north of the present Hotel May, where by previous arrangement, we had a real Christmas feed; it then being about midnight. This feed consisted of Roast turkey and oyster dressing, cranberry sauce, giblet gravy, mashed potatoes, candied yams with marshmallows, olives, celery, and cakes galore, pineapple cake, large layer coconut cake, fruit cake, plain cake, and any kind of pie that you might call for. That was one ball, as we called it in those days, that created and aroused quite a lot of criticism from the old folks. You see, the cost was what was worrying the fathers and mothers. We had to pay \$1.00 a couple to cover the expenses of the music and programs and then it took another dollar a couple for the midnight feed, and I can still hear 'em talking. They said that there would just have to be a stop to these young people spending so much money. It was the talk of the town.

(Note) I later bought the lot and building where we had this ball and had erected the building now on the lot and moved into it in January, 1900.

I can't recall all that were present on that memorable occasion, but I do recall the following: Will Boydston, Jim Gray, Mark Pace, Sam Cutbirth, Jr., Claude Flores, Dr. C. C. Cook, Jeff McClendon.

The girls were: Prudence Cutbirth, Nellie McCoy, Emily Teeple, Sarah Turfiff, Kate Flores, Tillie Betcher, Mattie Trent, and a lot more whom I can't recall.

There were two saloons in Baird at that time, and if there was any one there that night that had even had a drink, why I can't recall it, but we must remember that in those days men were men and women were ladies, and chivalry was still in existence. But look at us now, the women and girls with cigarette lighters, and a hip flask thrown in for good measure.

So here a half a century later, I feel like offering a toast to those who have passed on, and to those who are still with us, God Bless them all. They were far above the run-of-the-mill that we see every day. Merry Christmas to all of you Baird and Callahan county people.

C. S. Boyles,  
Sweetwater, Texas.

### SOIL CONSERVATION NEWS

Mrs. W. F. Simmons of the Seranton Conservation group and Mrs. J. S. Freeman of the Cockle-burr Conservation group are constructing terraces this week. The terraces on the Simmons farm are being constructed by a contractor, Field Brothers of Cisco, while Mr. Freeman is constructing his terraces with a Moldboard plow and a "V" drag.

Mr. Simmons is cooperating with the Lower Clear Fork Soil Conservation District and Mr. Freeman is cooperating with the Central Colorado Soil Conservation District.

Attending the school of instruction for home demonstration club reporters at Callahan County courthouse Saturday were: Mrs. Earl Jobe, Putnam; Mrs. H. E. Burleson, Dudley; Mrs. N. H. Stephenson, instructor of the school, Mrs. Madge Barnes, Eula; Mrs. Charles Coats, Turkey Creek; Mrs. Clyde T. Floyd, Oplin, and Miss Loreta Allen.

## County Group To Meet at Oplin

Oplin will be host to the Development Association of Callahan county when the organization meets at the school building there Tuesday, January 7th, at 7:30 p. m. The Oplin people are taking a lot of pride in entertaining the county group, and the affair promises to be most enjoyable. President Billie Mac Jobe reports that a program of interest to all rural people of the county is being arranged, and extends an invitation to all the folks throughout the county to be present. Attendance is gradually gaining at these meetings and the Oplin affair promises to be the best yet. Keep the date in mind and take it in — January 7, at 7:30 p. m.

### WEDNESDAY CLUB

Miss Leota Alexander was hostess to the Corinne Blackburn Wednesday Club Wednesday evening. A festive air was given to the meeting by the lovely Christmas decoration of Nandina, Mistletoe, and Pyracantha, and a gift-laden Christmas tree. The soft light of the candles also added to the occasion.

Mrs. Lee Ivey told a very interesting story. Her interpretation of the negro story held every one spell-bound. Mrs. Viva Tucker gave some Christmas selections on the accordion. Next came the exchange of Christmas presents. Miss Alexander presented each one with a small Christmas sock filled with candy and nuts.

The following guests were served a lovely refreshment plate: Misses Loreta Allen, Florence Balch, Hazel Reynolds, Burma Warren, Mmes. Hulen Barr, N. L. Dickey, Waldine Briscoe, R. L. Elliott, Jr., Eddie Konczak, Bill Lofland, Margie Ray, Madge Scott, Viva Tucker, Nathan A. Waldrop, Terrell Williams, Lee Ivey and hostess Miss Leota Alexander.

### "SWING PARADE OF 1946" STAR-STUDDED MUSICAL

A veritable kaleidoscope of fast-moving entertainment is provided in "Swing Parade of 1946," the Monogram musical film which opens an engagement at the Plaza Theatre New Years Nite at 11:15. It qualifies strongly as a glorified vaudeville revue transferred to the screen, with "acts" variously presenting music, songs, dancing, comedy and pretty girls.

The list of those starred in the picture is long and impressive, including as it does Gale Storm, Phil Regan, The Three Stooges, Connie Boswell, Louis Jordan and his Tympany Five, with Will Osborne's Orchestra. These top-flight performers combine their talents in a gay, colorful film which never for a moment relaxes its pace.

The beauty of the versatile Miss Storm has never before been photographed to such good advantage, and she handles her assignment delightfully, singing alone and with Regan, dancing with Jack Boyle and altogether proving superlatively easy on the eyes and ears. Regan is likewise excellent as the young scion of wealth who insists on opening a night club in spite of his father's objections, and is in fine voice in the picture. The Three Stooges are vastly amusing as the bungling comedians of the story, and Connie Boswell gives stirring renditions of two songs during the action in the night club. In their sharply contrasting styles, the orchestras of Jordan and Osborne handle the musical portions of the film in fine style, and there are characteristic songs by both leaders. The dancing numbers staged by Jack Boyle, bring out an accomplished group of choristers of the type commonly known as "lookers."

Edward S. Brophy and Mary Treen head the supporting cast, which also includes Russell Hicks, Windy Cook, John Eldredge and Leon Belasco.

## Rats Will Be Killed Here In January

The poisoning of rats that took place in this city a year ago will be repeated again in January, stated Andrew Stone, who is taking the lead in the program. The rat killing proved to be very successful last year, and it is believed that if it is carried on systematically periodically, our city will be freed of rodents within a short time. The poisoning is supervised by government agents to prevent danger, and to obtain the very best results.

### STAR OUT EARLY

This issue of The Star is being published early this week and the office will remain closed until Monday, December 30th. News items turned in too late for publication in this issue will be in next week's Star.

### E. J. BARTON SERIOUSLY ILL AT HOSPITAL

Evan J. Barton, well known citizen of the Eula community, is seriously ill at Callahan county hospital. He was brought to the hospital Thursday, and as we go to press early this week his condition has not improved. His many friends anxiously await news that he is on the road to recovery.

### LEADER CLASS ENTERTAINS

The Leader Class of the Methodist church entertained their husbands and a few friends on December 13th. There was a tree all lighted and beautifully decorated by Mrs. Dan Green. Gifts were placed by the tree and numbers put on them. Mrs. V. E. Hill acted as toastmaster. Harold Wristen gave a few selections on the piano and all sang Christmas Carols. Mrs. M. C. Bell had a game for the group to play. Mmes. Bob Norrell, W. B. Swim, and W. A. Fetterly acted as old Santa. Mrs. Kelton decorated the table.

A delicious plate of turkey and dressing and all the trimmings were served to the following:

Dr. and Mrs. V. E. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Ace Hickman, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Norrell, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Swim, Mr. and Mrs. Cash, Mr. and Mrs. Rod Kelton, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Bell, Bro. and Mrs. English, Mrs. Eaton and son, Billy, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brashear, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Fetterly, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Woodley, Mrs. Ed Wristen and son Harold, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Tee Baugh, Mrs. Bob Beck, Mrs. J. M. Reynolds, Mrs. Mary Sutphen, Mrs. Dan Green, Mr. and Mrs. Gobel, Mrs. H. A. McWhorter and Mrs. Col. Dyer.

A 10-pound, 6 ounce baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Foy at Merkel on Saturday, December 21st. The baby and mother are doing just fine, reported Mr. Foy, who was spreading the good news Saturday morning.

Doug Smartt and Hop Summers made a business trip to Fort Worth and Dallas Wednesday.



In a vain effort to appear nonchalant, Dennis Morgan and Jack Carson nervously cling glasses for a convivial toast in the light-hearted moment from Warner's sparkling new comedy, "One

## Annual Cantata-Pageant Sunday

Highlighting the Christmas program in Baird was the annual Christmas cantata held at the First Methodist church Sunday night, December 22. A large audience enjoyed the cantata-pageant with music being directed by Mrs. Viva Tucker and the pageant directed by Mrs. Hugh Ross and Mrs. M. C. McGowen. The following program was arranged:

"Processional"; "Glory To God In The Highest," Mr. Dunwoody and Choir; Prayer, Mr. Hickman; "Let Us Seek Him," Choir; "Pilgrim Song," Choir; "When Will He Come," Miss Hooker and Choir; Violin Solo, Miss Hooker; "Wells Of Salvation," Mrs. Norrell and Mrs. English; "Like A Shepherd," Men's Chorus; "Joy To The World," Choir; "We Found Him," Choir; "Come Ye To Bethlehem," Choir; "O Little Town Of Bethlehem," Choir; "First Noel," Choir; "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne," May Clare Wheeler and Choir; "From The Eastern Mountains," Dunwoody - Thompson and Choir; "O Come All Ye Faithful," Mrs. English, Mrs. Shrader, Mr. Thompson and Choir.

### FORMER OPLIN MAN DIES AT LAMPASAS

Funeral services for Donald Floyd, 28, who died at 5 a. m. Wednesday at his home in Lampasas, were conducted at 3 p. m. Thursday at the Methodist church in Oplin. Burial was in the Oplin cemetery.

Floyd was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Floyd, pioneer residents of Oplin. He was reared in the area and attended Oplin schools.

Survivors include his parents, the widow, three small sons, an uncle, Charles W. Floyd, Abilene; aunt, Mrs. Ben Hardin, Abilene; paternal grandmother, Mrs. T. J. Floyd, of Ocala; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Casey of Tuscola; and sister, Mrs. F. F. Beavers of Lampasas.

### CLYDE FOOTBALL TEAM HONORED AT BANQUET

The high school pep squad of Clyde High School honored the football team at banquet at the school. The banquet was under the direction of Mrs. Martina Maywald, pep squad leader.

Miniature goal posts, in gold and black, school colors, decorated the center table, which featured an arrangement of gold chrysanthemums and nandina berries. Plate favors were miniature footballs with Bulldogs written across them. Placecards were footballs with a cut-out player bearing a pennant inscribed, District Champions 1946.

At the speakers table were Grady Barr, Virginia South, Richard Moon, Marian Newton, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Paylor, Coach and Mrs. V. R. Leverett, Supt. and Mrs. Bailey Johnson, Dick Haur and Jean Eaton. Superintendent Johnson presented the district trophy to the team.

## Xmas Party For Courthouse Group

A Christmas party was held at the U. S. O. December 17, for county officials, recently elected county officials, employees of the courthouse and a few friends.

The group enjoyed games directed by Mrs. T. W. Briscoe; Mrs. Vada Bennett and Billie Mac Jobe. Mrs. Viva Tucker and Billie Mac Jobe entertained the group with several accordion selections, after which Christmas carols were sung. Mrs. Bennett and Miss Leota Alexander passed out gifts from the beautifully decorated Christmas tree.

Mrs. Briscoe, Mrs. Bennett, Miss Alexander and Miss Hazel Reynolds served fruit cake and coffee to approximately fifty guests.

### SCOUTERS MEET IN BAIRD

Scouters of the Troops of Callahan County met on Monday night, December 2, at the T & P Cafe in Baird.

At the meeting the Scouters voted to officially organize the Callahan District of Chisholm Trail Council of Boy Scouts of America, it was announced by the Executive Officer of the Council, A nominating committee composed of C. W. Sutphen of Baird as chairman and George Morgan of Baird and Ted Callaway of Clyde nominated the following district officers: District Chairman, Ralph Ashlock, Baird; Vice-chairman, Jack Scott, Cross Plains; Vice-chairman, Ted Callaway of Clyde. The scouters approved the nomination and elected them to these positions.

Those present at the meeting were: B. O. Brame, J. T. Brashear, W. B. Jones, W. W. Lofland, L. L. Blackburn, J. E. Bullock, B. C. Chrisman, J. G. Hallmark, George Morgan, C. W. Sutphen, A. H. Pritchard and Nathan A. Waldrop, all of Baird. C. L. Walker, E. B. Collins, Ted Callaway, Clyde; Dale Hewley, Coleman and Paul M. Ireland, Abilene.

### MORGAN NEW HOME SCENE OF PARTY

Among the most delightful parties of this Christmas season was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Morgan, Thursday evening, December 12th. The new home was beautifully decorated in the Christmas motif with a silvery Christmas tree situated at the large front window. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan greeted guests at the door as they arrived and made them feel perfectly welcome.

After visiting together the guests formed a line at the dining room table where, in the dim light, eggnog and fruit cake were served with toasted nuts and other dainty edibles. While a number of guests played Kitty, others danced and enjoyed the party to the fullest extent.

Among the guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Temple Brashear, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Russell, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Dickey, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Daniel, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Corn, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Wagner, of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Browning, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ashlock, Miss Joan Dickey, Miss Gwen Dickey, Miss Billie Joyce Browning, Billy Bob Johnson, Georges Ricks, and James Morgan.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodfin Ray and daughters, Betty Sue and Donna Lou, are spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. Ray's mothers, Mrs. W. J. Ray. The Rays are moving to Corpus Christi from El Paso after the holidays.

We enjoyed a visit with Rev. John R. Boone of Oplin Saturday when he called by The Star office and became a subscriber to The Baird Star.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Walls of the Denton Valley community are glad to hear the good news about their new son, John Terry. The boy is now two weeks old.

## Clyde Fireman Hold Party

The Clyde Volunteer Fire Department observed its annual Christmas stag party at Houston's Cafe Thursday night by feasting on turkey and all the trimmings. Jim Houston, cafe owner, extended a warm welcome to the firemen and passed out cigars after they finished the dinner. P. L. Poole, president of the firemen, acted as master of ceremonies. The exchange of gifts was the highlight of the occasion with two Santa Clauses passing out the gifts. The Santas were John Bailey and Ted Callaway. The stags were entertained with music furnished by a string band composed of Hiram Cook, Pink Tatum, Buck Tucker and Silas Tucker.

Among those who attended were: P. L. Poole, H. E. Swafford, John Bailey, Pete Bouchette, Slick Hollis, Claude Appleton, Wallace Caperton, Roy Young, Ed Freeman, Ted Callaway, Sugs Callahan, Doug Hart, Clint Brannon, Ed Houston and Lynn Ault.

### EIGHTH GRADE HOLD CHRISTMAS PARTY

Eighth grade pupils of the local grammar school were honored with a Christmas party at the U. S. O. Wednesday evening, Dec. 18. The hall was decorated with mistletoe, fern, ivy and a beautifully decorated Christmas tree. A silver tree with Christmas bells centered the white laid service table, which held the punch bowl imbedded in ivy and a large white cake with Christmas decorations.

Mrs. B. H. Freeland pinned corsages on the guests and she and Mrs. J. J. Durham directed the group in several games.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Dunwoody and J. J. Durham had charge of bingo, giving Christmas packages as prizes. Mr. Dunwoody led the group in singing Christmas carols and Roy Bryant and John H. Shrader helped Santa deliver the Christmas gifts.

Miss Isadore Grimes and Mrs. Roy Bryant served punch and cake to the following: Fay Strickland, Katie Robbins, Tom Glover, Franklin Freeland, Cecil Stroepe, Oneal Faircloth, Jim Stallings, Naoma Poindexter, Wanda Floyd, Dorothy Williams, M. L. Sampson, Glynna Tarver, Ora Keyes, Dolores Hunter, Bobby Bryant, Larry Dunwoody, Jackie Benson, James Durham, Donald Munson, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Dunwoody, Roy Bryant and Mrs. J. J. Durham, Mrs. B. H. Freeland, and Mr. and Mrs. John H. Shrader.

### E. W. HENDRICK BURLISON AIDE

Appointment of E. W. Hendrick of Mineral Wells as his secretary has been announced by Omar Burleson, congressman-elect from the 17th district, who takes office January 1.

Hendrick, a navy veteran who received his discharge in April, is currently a student in the college of business administration, University of Texas, and is to receive his degree in January.

A student at Abilene Christian college in 1938-39, Hendrick transferred to the state university in 1939, leaving in 1940 to become associated with a private tax complication office in Wichita Falls. He was an enlisted man during his naval service.

Mrs. Hendrick, formerly Mary Jane Jones of Hamlin and Anson, will remain in Mineral Wells until suitable living quarters can be located in Washington.

Burleson said he and his wife will leave Friday of this week for Washington. They will have to arrange living quarters after arriving in the capital.

A. T. Vestal, who was in a serious condition following a stroke, Dec. 12, is improving. This report came to us as we went to press early this week.

Mrs. T. W. Briscoe has accepted a position with Steel Co., and will move to Austin in February.

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## CAN IT HAPPEN HERE?

More than a hundred guests perished in the Atlanta hotel fire to prove that "fire-proof" holsters are unsafe and that death is the imminent companion of those who happen to be present when the furnishings catch fire.

That some of the victims died in an effort to escape heat and smoke by jumping from windows does not entirely establish that panic was the main cause of fatalities. Only accurate information as to the heat, smoke and flame in a room can tell us whether an individual takes a chance on a miraculous landing in order to have the fractional chance to survive.

The amazing truth about so-called "fire-proof" buildings is that they offer little safety to inmates, regardless of how well the structure resists the ravages of heat flame. Carpets, furniture, draperies and paint fumes provide ample fuel as overheated areas burst into flame. Apparently, inside stairs, intended for use in case of fire, are nothing more than huge chimneys to give drafts to the fire without offering escape to persons stranded above expanding flames.

There is nothing to be gained by bemoaning the fate of the victims in Atlanta but every city in the nation, including Baird should heed the lesson by an awakened interest in public regulations designed to prevent a similar catastrophe. There should be renewed support of the efforts of officials to enforce building regulations and prompt condemnation of every attempt on the part of any person to "get by" such provisions.

Of course, all of us know the basic reason for apathy. It is the eternal tendency to believe that such disasters cannot happen here. We are prone to believe that an unseen, intangible factor of safety exists, despite the chances taken that there will be no fire.

## HOW CAN WE DEMONSTRATE?

Mr. William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, says that our free enterprise system must "demonstrate its superiority over nationalism of industry and all forms of socialism if it is to be publicly supported and maintained" and warns that, if this does not happen, the free enterprise system will be supplanted by "experimental forms of collective and government ownership." This will be inevitable if capital uses industry for "purposes of exploitation and oppression."

This is an interesting statement and probably expresses the truth, but what the average American wants to know at the present time is how can industry or management get the cooperation of labor in a combined effort to demonstrate the superiority of the free enterprise system?

Certainly, it must be apparent to far-sighted labor leaders that some method must be evolved to avoid a multiplicity of strikes which, regardless of their causes, prevents our economic system from functioning, much less demonstrating its superiority over nationalism and socialism.

## A WHALE OF A JOB

Nobody knows how much hamburger can be made from a side of beef, but now that whale-burger steak has made its appearance beside the greater task of determining how much whale-burger can be made from a whale.

In London recently menus offered customers the opportunity to try whale-burger steaks, which were made from an experimental consignment of ten tons of whale meat, brought from the Antarctic. Newspaper reports, which we do not guarantee, said that those who ate it claimed that it tasted like chopped steak without any flavor of fish.

It seems that the meat was served in the form of chopped steak with sauce. We understand that there are hearty meat eaters who delight in hamburgers, considering them something of a gastronomical treat. By all means, if possible, they should try whale-burger, which, after all, should contain as much ham as a hamburger.

## 2,000,000 BASEBALL BATS

The death of J. A. Hillerich, of Louisville, Kentucky, calls attention to an example that seems to confirm the famous "best mouse trap theory."

Mr. Hillerich was a member of a firm that made the baseball bats for a nation. He turned out the first "plugger" in 1884 and it was such an instant success that his father's wood-working shop was devoted exclusively to the production of baseball bats.

Subsequently, he conceived the idea of making a bat for every player and putting his name on it. Sold to the stars of the national pastime, the bats were eagerly purchased by their admirers on the sandlots. The result was that the company turned out more than 2,000,000 bats a year and always had on hand 5,000,000 sticks of forty-inch ash, seasoning in its yards.

## THE RETURN IS IMPORTANT

Practically every leader of business who attempts to analyze the future economic prospects of the nation stresses the fact that the Government is taking a large sum from every family and advances the theory that if the Government reduces its expenses, the amount will be saved.

While there is need for economy in Federal expenditures, and in the fiscal policies of some of the States, it would be a mistake to assume that all the money that a taxpayer sends to the Government is given away without return.

Dr. Ralph Robey, chief economist of the National Association of Manufacturers, estimates that the Government takes about \$27 a week per family, as compared with \$8 per family in 1929 and \$11 per family in 1939. Obviously, a large part of the increase can be attributed to the expenses of World War II and the expenditures that are being made, even today in connection with that struggle.

The question for the people of the nation to determine, in connection with what the Government gets, is whether the Government gives an adequate return. Certainly, everybody will agree that useless governmental spending should be abolished, but it is somewhat difficult to secure unanimity in regard to particular expenditures.

## SMALL NEWSPAPERS WORRIED

Small newspapers have been somewhat concerned in the newsprint industry, where paper mills are being steadily purchased by large publishing houses, with the result that independent publishers have difficulty in securing necessary newsprint.

The matter engages the attention of Senator William Langer, of North Dakota, who says he will request a congressional investigation into the possibility that some collusion exists between the large paper mills and big publishers, with the result that there is discrimination against the independent publisher.

While we are without facts to support the charge of discrimination, there seems to be reason for the investigation. Obviously, if independent publishers cannot secure newsprint, they cannot continue their publications. The value of local, or county, newspapers to the Republic is immense, and they should not be put out of business because they do not have the capital to meet the purchasing policy of large-scale publishers.

## TO THE CREDIT OF CAPITALISM

There is truth in the statement made in Buenos Aires by Ambassador George S. Messersmith that capitalism has given Americans "conditions more favorable than those found in the great mass of any people in any country of the world."

This is a fact that should not be overlooked in discussions relating to the economic organization of a country, but it should not be forgotten that what has happened in this country in the past is not a sufficient guarantee that there will not arise, in the world, some revised form of economy that will give greater benefits to people as a mass.

It is also important for the American people to realize that capitalism, despite its development in the United States, is not without faults which must be corrected if the American system is to win its struggle against conflicting ideologies. We have no idea that communism can best capitalism unless the people who believe in capitalism, which include business interests as well as consumers, permit abuses to develop and increase to the extent that capitalism becomes solely associated with the benefits of so-called capitalists.

## NEVER AGAIN

The people of the United States are almost unanimous in the belief that the aggressive designs of the Japanese Government precipitated the war between the two nations in the Pacific and they are still conscious of the danger to this country after the successful surprise attack upon Pearl Harbor.

The nation as a whole remembers the dark days of the early warfare against Japan and especially the costly attacks upon islands bastions, the capture of which was necessary for the successful prosecution of the war against the enemy.

With these thoughts in mind, it is extremely unlikely that public opinion will approve any policy in regard to the islands captured from the enemy that contains the possibility that in another war the nation will have to purchase possession with the blood of its fighting men.

Consequently, the United States voted against the proposal in the United Nations that powers administering areas as trustees do not have the right to establish military bases without the approval of the Security Council. Obviously, since unanimous action is required on the Council, Soviet Russia could object to all fortifications except her own.

## BIG JOB FOR THE SOUTH

Governor James M. McCord, of Tennessee, urges the Southern States to put into effect vocational training programs in order to provide job opportunities for the farm laborers who will soon be displaced by perfection of the mechanical cotton picker and the sugar-cane harvester.

The Governor calls attention to an economic peril which looms for millions of farm workers in the Southern States. Obviously, if mechanization comes to the cotton fields and to sugar-cane fields, the displacement of human labor will precipitate an economic crisis.

## Putnam Putterings

Pertinent Pointers Purposely Prepared to Please and Perplex People.

By Miss La Verne Rutherford

Mrs. Mollie Springer returned to her home in Putnam Saturday after spending several weeks with relatives in Wickett.

Kenneth Gaskins of Ft. Worth spent his vacation with friends and relatives in Putnam.

Mrs. Mack Estes of Abilene spent Sunday in the Maynard home.

Mrs. Ray Steed of Kennard is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Weeks.

Mrs. Dave Hargrove spent Monday visiting with her sister, Mrs. Earlie Hurst and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Robertson, Wesley and Janelle of Clair-ette, spent the weekend in Putnam visiting with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bruce, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Brazil spent Saturday shopping in Abilene.

## Rowden Round-Up

Community Activities Reliably Recorded by The Star Reporter.

By Dorris McClain

Miss Lorene Sargent visited Dorris McClain Friday night.

Leonard Swafford of Ja. N. M., is visiting his mother, Mrs. Lillie Swafford. Another son, Leon, is also visiting her.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bruce of Putnam were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. McClain.

Patsy Crow is ill with a throat ailment.

At the May tournament, the Bayou girls team defeated Buffalo and Williams and were then defeated by Zephyr. The boys team were defeated by Brooksmith and Rising Star.

The Bayou school will be dismissed Friday afternoon for the Christmas holidays. Studies will be resumed December 30th.

Horris Bains, Douglas Gibbs, and Oscar Jones visited the Bayou school Tuesday.

## Oplin Observations

Odds and Ends Opportunely Offered in Open Order.

By Joretta Gwin

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Gwin celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary Sunday with open house, from 2 to 5 p. m. Ninety-one guests attended. Mrs. Edd

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Kirkindoll presided at the register and Mrs. Joe Warren pinned small corsages of chrysanthemums on each guest. In the dining room Mrs. Ray Floyd, Mrs. Tommie Windham, Jr. and Mrs. Clara Jones served refreshments of punch and cake. A telephone call of congratulations was received from Mrs. Barney Slough of Houston. All the children were present except Mrs. W. H. Watson of Kermit, who was ill. Joe Warren, brother of Mrs. Gwin, was the only guest present who attended the wedding fifty years ago.

A Christmas program will be given at the High School gym December 19th.

The Oplin school will dismiss the 20th and take up again on the 30th.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Warren of Baird spent the weekend with Lucien Warren.

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**Notice of Hearing on Petition To Issue Bonds by Road District Number One of Callahan County, Texas.**

THE STATE OF TEXAS: COUNTY OF CALLAHAN: TO THE RESIDENT QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1 OF CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS, WHO OWN TAXABLE PROPERTY IN SAID DISTRICT AND WHO HAVE DULY RENDERED THE SAME FOR TAXATION:

TAKE NOTICE that a hearing will be had at the Courthouse in the City of Baird on a petition to the Commissioners' Court on the proposition of issuing the Bonds of said Road District No. 1 of Callahan County, Texas, in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$150,000.00) Dollars, as more particularly set out in an order fixing the hearing as follows:

"AN ORDER FIXING THE TIME AND PLACE OF HEARING ON THE PETITION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS BY ROAD DISTRICT NUMBER ONE

**OF CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS.**

WHEREAS, there came on to be considered the petition of W. O. Wylie, Jr., and 170 other persons, representing themselves to be resident, qualified electors of Road District No. 1 of Callahan County, Texas, who own taxable property in said District and who have duly rendered the same for taxation, praying that this Court order an election in Road District No. 1 of Callahan County, Texas, to determine:

Whether or not the bonds of said Road District No. 1 of Callahan County, Texas, shall be issued in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$150,000.00) Dollars, bearing interest at a rate not to exceed 3% per annum, payable semi-annually, and maturing at such time as may be fixed by the Commissioners' Court, serially or otherwise, in not to exceed 22 years from the date thereof, for the purpose of the construction, maintenance and operation of macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turn-

pikes or in aid thereof throughout Road District No. 1 of Callahan County, Texas; and whether or not taxes shall be levied annually on all taxable property in Road District Number One sufficient to pay the annual interest on said bonds and provide a sinking fund sufficient to pay the bonds at their maturity; and

WHEREAS, it appears to the Court and is so adjudged that said petition is signed by at least fifty of the qualified electors who own taxable property in Road District No. 1 of Callahan County, Texas, and who have duly rendered the same for taxation; and

WHEREAS, Road District No. 1 of Callahan County, Texas, has heretofore been legally created by order of the Commissioners' Court on the 14th day of November, 1917;

BE IT ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS:

1. That a hearing shall be had by this Court at the Courthouse in the City of Baird, Texas, on said petition on the 27th day of December, 1946, which date is not less than fifteen days nor more than thirty days from the date of this order.

2. The Clerk of said Court shall forthwith issue a notice of time and place of hearing which notice shall inform all persons concerned of the time and place of hearing and of their right to appear at such hearing and contend for or protest the ordering of such bond election.

3. Said notice shall state the amount of bonds proposed to be issued and shall describe the District by its number and shall describe the boundaries thereof as contained in the order establishing the District.

4. The Clerk shall execute said notice, posting true copies thereof at three public places within said Road District No. 1 of Callahan County, Texas, and one at the Courthouse door of the County. Said notice shall be posted at least ten days prior to the date of hearing. Said notice shall also be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the District if a newspaper is published therein, one time, and at least five days prior to such hearing. If no newspaper is published in such District then such notice shall be published in some newspaper in the County if there be one. The duties herein imposed on the Clerk may be performed by the Clerk in person or by a deputy.

5. Said hearing shall be conducted under the provisions of Chapter 16, Acts of the First Called Session of the Thirty Ninth Legislature.

6. The metes and bounds of the Road District No. 1 of Callahan County, Texas, as created by the Commissioners' Court on the 14th day of November, 1917, are as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING on the West boundary lines of Callahan County, at the S.W. Corner of the Anthony Bates Survey No. 9, (Abst. No. 12) for the N.W. Cor-

ner of this district. Thence with the S. boundary line of said Anthony Bates survey to the most Northerly N.E. corner of Section No. 29, S.P. Ry. Co. lands, in Block No. 8, at the point on the W. Boundary line of Sur. No. 80 B.B.B. & C. Ry. Co. land, (Abst. No. 1182) Thence S. to the S.W. Cor. of said Sec. No. 80, Thence E. with the S. boundary line of said Secs. No. 80, (Abst. No. 1182) and Secs. No. 57, (Abst. No. 61) 56, (Abst. No. 1241) B.B.B. & C. Ry. Co., Surs. to the S.E. Corner of said Section No. 56; Thence N. with the E. Boundary line of said Section 56 (Abst. No. 944) to the N.E. corner of Sec. No. 56 (Abst. No. 944) B.B. & C. Ry. Co. lands; Thence E. with the N. boundary line of Sur. No. 56 (Abst. No. 944) the N. boundary lines of Sec. No. 57, (Abst. No. 32), Sec. 70, 71, 84, 85, 98, 99, 114 and 115 of the B.B.B. & C. Ry. Co. lands to the N.E. corner of said Sur. No. 115, B.B.B. & C. Ry. Co. lands; Thence S. with the E. boundary lines of Sur. No. 115 and 116, B.B.B. & C. lands to the S.E. corner of said Sur. No. 116; Thence E. with the N. boundary lines of Sur. No. 138, 143 of said B.B.B. & C. Ry. Co. Survey to the N.E. Corner of Survey 143; Thence E. across the J. Pointevent Sur. and Sur. No. 1 T. & N. O. Ry. Co. lands, to the center of W. B. lines of Sur. No. 63, B.O.H. lands; Thence E. with the center lines of said Sur. No. 63, 64, 65, B.O. H. lands and the center lines of Sections Nos. 7 and 8 D. & D.

Asy. lands; Thence E. with the S. line of Sur. No. 133, University lands to the S.W. corner T.E. & L. Sur. No. 2041; Thence E. with S.B. lines Sur. No. 2041, to the S.E. corner of same; Thence S. to the S.W. corner Survey No. 2972, T.E. & L. Co. lands; Thence E. with the S.B. line of said Surs. Nos. 2972, and 2299 T.E. & L. Co. lands to the S.E. cor. of Sur. No. 2299; Thence S. with the E.B. lines of T.E. & L. Co. Sur. No. 2298 to the S.E. Cor. of same;

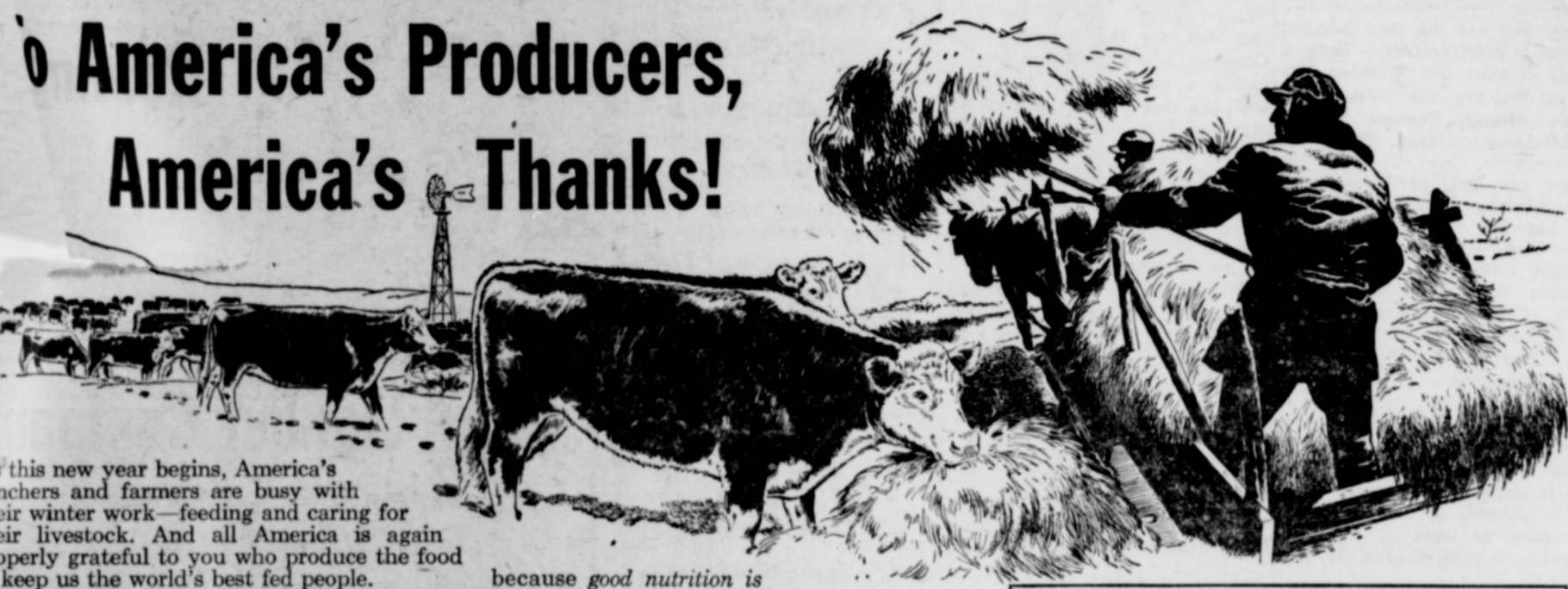
Thence, E. with the S.B. lines of Survey Nos. 2272, 2280, 2288, 3151, T.E. & L. Co. lands to the S.E. Corner of said Survey No. 3151; Thence S. with the E.B. lines of Sur. No. 3152, T.E. & L. Co. lands to the S.E. corner of same; Thence, E. with the N.B. Lines of Surveys Nos. 3158, 3166, and 3171, T.E. & L. Co. lands to a point on the E. boundary line of Callahan County; Thence S. with E. boundary line of Callahan County to the S. boundary line of Survey No. 129, H. & T.C. Ry. Co. lands; Thence W. with the N.B. lines of Sur. No. 128, H. & T. Ry. Co. lands to the N.W. corner of the M. Cherry Sur. (Abst. No. 110); Thence W. with the N.B. line of Sur. Nos. 21, 19, and 18, B.O.H. lands and N.B. lines of Sur. Nos. 315, 316, 317, S.P. Ry. Co. lands, and N.B. lines of Surveys Nos. 36, 37, 38 and 39, of the D & D Asylum lands to the N.W. corner of said Survey No. 39; Thence N. to the middle W. line Survey No. 32, D & D A. lands; Thence West to the N.E. corner of Sur. No. 148, B.B.B. Ry. Co.; Thence W. with the N.B. lines of surveys Nos. 148, 130 and 125, to the N.W. corner of said Survey No. 125, B.B.B. & C. Ry. Co. lands; Thence S. with the W.B. lines of Sur. No. 125 to the S.E. corner of the Thomas Ashur Sur.; Thence W. with S.B. lines of said Ashur Sur. to the S.W. corner of the W. Gattlin Sur.; Thence

N. to the N.E. corner of the J. D. Gibbs Sur.; Thence W. with the N.B. lines of the said Gibbs Survey, to the N.E. corner of Surveys Nos. 1, B.B.B. & C. Ry. Co. lands, continuing West with the N.B. lines of said Surveys Nos. 1, 4, 9, 14 and 19, to N.W. corner of said Survey No. 19, B.B.B. & C. Ry. Co. lands; Thence N. with the W.B. lines of Survey No. 20, to the center of the W.B. lines of Sur. No. 21, B.B.B. & C. Ry. Co. lands; Thence W. with the center lines of Surveys Nos. 22, and 31, to the W.B. lines of surveys Nos. 31, B.B.B. & C. Ry. Co. lands; Thence N. to the N.W. cor. of said Survey No. 31; Thence W. across Sur. No. 35 S.P. Ry. land to the N.E. corner of Survey No. 13, S.P. Ry. Co. lands (Block 8); Thence W. with the N.B. lines of said Section No. 13, and the N.B. lines of surveys Nos. 32 and 31, Lunatic Asylum lands, to the intersection of the W.B. lines of Callahan County; Thence N. with the W. boundary line of Callahan County to the place of beginning.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 11 day of December, 1946.  
J. L. Farmer, County Judge, Callahan County, Texas.  
ATTEST:  
Leslie Bryant, County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk, Commissioners' Court, Callahan County, Texas.

Mrs. Kate Crawford, Clyde, Rt. 1, wrote the following when she renewed her subscription recently: "Allow me to compliment you on the improvement of the paper the past year. Best wishes for a very happy Christmas and New Year."  
Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Clay and sons, Robert and Charles, Big Spring, arrived Saturday to visit Mrs. Clay's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Boatwright, through the holiday season.

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But this big country consumes about 50,000,000 pounds of meat every day. So when you figure it out, this reserve supply in commercial storage is only enough to last 12 days.  
Yes, some meat is frozen during months of peak production and stored until months of low production. But practically all of the beef, veal and lamb that is in storage is the kind preferred for meat loaves, sausage, prepared meats—not the kind that goes over the butcher's block as steaks, roasts, chops, etc. Also, the amount frozen is relatively small, as it has never exceeded 1.9% of the annual beef production, 9/10 of 1% of the lamb, less than 6% of the pork.

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Dr. Schultz is the father of three children. As a scientist he knew growing children needed the body-building proteins of meat. As a father he knew the trouble of scraping and straining meats for the baby and dicing meat for the older children. An idea was born: perhaps Swift & Company could discover a way to prepare canned meats suitable for babies. A research project was undertaken. The scientists went to work! The research took more than two years. The Swift people consulted with leading doctors, child specialists. They agreed that special meats for babies would be a good thing. Many methods of preparing various kinds of meats were tried. Hundreds of feeding tests were made by families with small children. Finally, six kinds of meat were approved by the doctors, nutritionists, mothers, and the babies themselves. Placed on the market in test cities, these products won immediate acceptance. They are now being sold in many cities, and facilities for their manufacture are being expanded.  
These new products—strained and diced meats for babies—create a big new market for meats. There are millions of baby appetites to satisfy.

**OUR CITY COUSIN**  
City Cousin, fresh from town, Says the wether gets him down.

**Martha Logan's Recipe for Navy Bean Soup**

1 pint dried navy beans	1/2 tablespoon salt
2 quarts water	1/2 teaspoon pepper
1 cup sliced onion	1/4 teaspoon dry mustard
1 cup diced celery	2 tablespoons flour
3 tablespoons butter	4 frankfurters

Soak beans in water for several hours or overnight. Drain, add water. Fry onion and celery in butter. Add to beans, simmer 3 to 4 hours or until beans are soft, adding more water as water cooks away. When tender, save out 1 cup beans. Rub other beans through sieve. Reheat to boiling point. Add seasonings and flour mixed with 1/4 cup water. Garnish with hot sliced frankfurters and whole beans. Yield: 4 servings.

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In selling, the meat packer must also follow the market trends established by those who buy the meats. He stands the risk that meat demand will fall off and prices decline between the day he buys the livestock and the day he sells the meat—also the risk of accidents and delays in transit which can wash out his profit.  
An average profit of less than 2% on sales is a small return for taking these substantial business risks.  
F.M. Simpson, Agricultural Research Department

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-in-

'DIARY OF A CHAMBER-MAID'

Misses Ann and Ernestine Hill arrived home from T. S. C. W. Denton, Thursday to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hill.

Miss Wanda Jo Windham, student at T. S. C. W. is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Windham.

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Ray are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ray, College Station, and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Eatherly and children, Ray and Kay.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Norman, Electra, will spend Christmas with Mrs. W. J. Ray.

Miss Vonnie Foller arrived from T. S. C. W., Denton, during the weekend to spend the holiday season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Rutherford.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Hallmark of Greenville, arrived Friday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Dean Howe, Eula, and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Hallmark during the Christmas season.

## CLASSIFIED

IF You want to sell your farm or house in Baird, call me at once. I have inquiries from buyers every day.—B. H. Freeland.

FOR SALE — 4 column x 10 inch gas casting box, type high and shell cast. Good condition. Immediate delivery, \$25 in our shop. The Baird Star. Baird, Tex.

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FOR SALE—160 Acres, 60 acres in cultivation, good 4 room house with bath, lights, butane gas, 3 acres pecan trees, small peach orchard, \$35.00 per acre. Possession at once.

Several 3 room houses for sale in Clyde.

850 acre ranch for sale.—T. W. Holmes, Clyde, Texas. tfn

Take your car troubles to Sutphen Motor Co., Baird, for prompt and efficient service. tf.

If you want action on the sale of your farm or ranch, list it with me. Plenty buyers are ready. T. W. Holmes, Clyde, Texas. tf

Take your car troubles to Sutphen Motor Co., Baird, for prompt and efficient service. tf.

Have in stock any Maytag washing machine part you may want. J. T. Loper Laundry. tfn.

FOR SALE — 1 5-ft. Servel gas refrigerator. Sam Gilliland.

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Good stock trailer for sale. Perry Hughes. tfn.

FOR SALE — Modern 4-room and bath, two bedrooms, living room, kitchen, automatic hot water heater, large fenced back yard, large garage, plenty shrubs. 75x140 lot. By owner. White Auto Store, Baird.

Will trade my 9-room home in Baird for a farm, 20 acres up. B. H. Freeland. tfn.

WANTED TO BUY — Second-hand washing machines, any make. Loper Laundry. tfn.

Christmas gifts for the entire family - living room suites, dining room suites, lamps. Baird Furniture.

HOUSE FOR SALE — 3-rooms and bath, built in cabinets and hot water heater. Double garage. 4 blocks school. Could easily be moved. \$1,000 cash. Ray Wilbanks, phone L3, Putnam. 3tp.

FOR SALE — Upright piano, in fine condition. Priced to sell. Baird Furniture.

FOR SALE — Nice 5-room house with all modern conveniences, located on hill, northeast Baird. Immediate possession. B. H. Freeland. tfn.

FOR SALE — House, 5 rms, bath and hall, two lots, front east, tile garage and wash house, cow shed, chicken house, nice shrubbery, pecan trees, 2 blocks east business district. \$4,000 cash. C. G. Hodges. tfn.

ELLA RAINES AND ROD CAMERON CO-STARRED

"The Runaround," the new Universal drama-comedy, comes to the Plaza Theatre Owl Show Saturday Night. It is the exciting story of a cross-country woman hunt, conducted by a hard-boiled private detective to whom nothing is sacred but the almighty dollar. His regeneration and the methods used to bring it about by Penelope, the girl he thinks he is selling out, makes up one of the most amusing stories to come to the screen since "It Happened One Night."

Brilliantly directed by Charles Lamont, "The Runaround" co-stars Ella Raines and Rod Cameron together for the first time.

The role of Penelope is a natural for the talents of skyrocketing Ella Raines, who won such critical acclaim for her performances in "The Suspect" and "Uncle Harry." She is the perfect foil for the stalwart Rod Cameron, who proves that he can handle a short, blunt automatic with the same aplomb he recently displayed with the cowboy's six-shooter in "Frontier Gal."

Mr. Cameron manages to be as likeable as he is conscienceless in his role of Eddie Kildane, "the private eye." The part is a tribute to his versatility.

Broderick Crawford and Frank McHugh contribute excellent character portrayals. They are more than ably supported by George Cleveland, Nana Bryant, Jane and Joan Fulton.

Mrs. J. C. Lee left Thursday for St. Louis, Mo., where she will visit her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Jackson, during the holidays.

FOR SALE — Maytag gasoline washing machine motor in good condition, \$15. Mrs. C. V. Nixon. 4tp.

FOR SALE — Several hundred Burkett pecan trees, home grown; Carman grape vines, bearing size. Cherry Lane Orchards, East end No. 1st., Clyde, Texas. 4tp.

FOR SALE — 5 room frame house, fairly good condition. Can be moved. Also John Deere fertilizer distributor for John Deere tractor. See Will Appleton, Route 1, Baird. 3tp. tfn.

FOR SALE — W. C. Allis Chalmers tractor and equipment. A. C. Parrish, Cottonwood. 2tp.

FOR SALE — Home-made quilts, well made. Presbyterian ladies. See them at Ebert home. tfn.

FOR SALE — Oliver 70 tractor, 3 row lister, two-row planter, and cultivator. In good condition. J. M. Glover, Baird. 3tp.

FOR SALE — 1935 Std. Chevrolet coach, good condition. Good tires, body and motor. W. A. Chrisman. tfn.

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