

Texas and Texans
by WILL H. MAYES
Austin, Texas
"All Texans for all Texas"

"Farm Relief"
The suggestion of the Farm Relief Board to the 14 governors of cotton growing States that farmers plow up every third row of their cotton, following which the board would withhold its 1,500,000 bales from market for a year, has been pronounced the most asinine action the board has yet taken—and that is saying a great deal. Counter suggestions have been made that the board burn one-third of its holdings; that it dump its cotton in the middle of the sea; that the 1,500,000 bales be given to Germany or China if either country will agree to take the board also. Not one of the 14 governors acceded to the proposal, nor has a single newspaper or other citizen favored it. This leaves the country wondering how such a group as constitutes the Farm Relief Board could ever have been found in this country and what sort of relief may be expected from such an aggregation. It has been suggested that as the board has now relieved the farmers of about all they have, its purpose appears to have been accomplished and should resign.

Back And At 'Em
The Texas Commissioner of Agriculture probably recalling the results of a recent call of Southern States governors to meet in Austin, now suggests that the 14 governors meet again (?) and agree to have their legislatures make farmers reduce cotton acreage in their States to one-third that of 1931. With about all the Texas National Guards busy enforcing oil conservation laws in 4 counties of East Texas and the legislature holding itself in readiness for special session calls, and politicians sounding the tocsin in next year's campaigns, where would the military forces be obtained to enforce farm regulation laws and collect the penalties?

Factories Needed
While the great need of Texas is more factories, Texans should take a firm stand against being exploited under the guise of factory needs. In the past, shrewd salesmen have been organizing factory corporations with local citizens subscribing for enough stock to pay for the plants and the salesmen, or those for whom they have been working, retaining a majority of the stock. Often the second-hand machinery installed has been worthless junk. In many cases where new machinery has been used, the majority stockholders have mismanaged the business and wrecked it until local stockholders have been so discouraged as to forfeit their stock rather than pay additional stock assessments, whereupon the factories have been acquired by the exploiters and afterward conducted successfully. However eager a community may be to establish factories, it should first make certain of honest conduct of factory business in the interest of stockholders and the community generally.

Unemployment Relief
At least one city has adopted a suggestion heretofore made in this column and has decided to give its employees half-time work in order that more people may be employed. If this plan should be applied generally to both public and private employment, without decreasing the per diem pay, employees would be encouraged to acquire homes with sufficient acreage to have their own gardens, milk cows and chickens. With only half-time paid employment, the other half could be used in producing food for family use in sufficient quantities to offset salary or wage loss, and employees would have a sense of freedom that does not exist when they have no time they can call their own. The plan would largely relieve congested living conditions in the cities, for with cars and good roads suburban or country life would be possible and far more desirable, especially when giving promise of making a living at home.

Competition Lively
There are advantages in building now. All building material is cheaper than it has been for years. Contractors are more anxious for work and are willing to take less profits than formerly. There were approximately 50 bidders for the \$430,000 Federal building job at Brownsville and at other places builders have shown equal interest in securing contracts. If you plan building any time soon, you will find it to your interests to build now, as prices seem to be at their lowest and laborers most anxious for work.

Gonzales Clay Factory
A kaolin crushing plant is being constructed near Gonzales by a California concern. It will employ 25 men and the weekly payroll will ap-

proximate \$500. Shipments of products will be 10 or 12 cars weekly. The enterprise should be a decided asset to Gonzales and of advantage to its owners.

Falfurrias Land Sale
Lubbock parties have paid \$55,000 for a tract of land near Falfurrias on which there is a 20 acre citrus orchard. The orchard will be increased to 50 acres and a large chicken farm will be started. There is a noticeable increase in real estate transactions in the Falfurrias section.

Weimar Improvements
Without an oil boom or any other apparent reason than the gradual development of the surrounding country Weimar in Colorado county, reports more building in the town in the past two years than in the previous twenty years, showing that those who know Weimar have confidence in the steady progress of the place.

Gas Rate Cut
As the result of an eight months investigation of property valuations conducted by the Oklahoma Corporation Commission a gas company serving 75,000 of the 125,000 consumers in the territory has reduced the gas rate from 50 to 45 cents at a saving to consumers of \$1,500,000 annually, according to the estimate of the commission chairman. In accepting the new rate, the Corporation Commission agreed to drop investigation of company property valuations.

Boll Weevils Eat Pepper
An Alice gardener has found that boll weevils do not confine their ravages to cotton, but apparently like hot red pepper just as well and seem to thrive on it. To prove his assertion he exhibited a glass container showing the weevils feeding on the peppers.

Tobacco Experiments
The Winter Garden Experiment Station is experimenting with cigar leaf tobaccos and a San Antonio factory has agreed to use all of it of right quality that can be grown in that section. Farmers in the heavier alkaline soils of Uvalde county are successfully growing small plots of burley, pipe tobacco for their own use. A number of years ago tobacco was grown rather successfully under cloth sheds in East Texas, but the price was then too low to justify the necessary expense.

Reducing Public Expenses
Several Texas counties have reduced public expenses by cutting all salaries about 10 per cent. From the investigations made by the legislature it seems that many officials are getting fees in amounts that make salaries appear of little consequence. State, county and city-owned automobiles and traveling expense accounts are other items that should be reduced and in many cases eliminated in the interest of economical government.

Too Many Courts
With legislative committees declaring that the Texas judiciary is top-heavy and with many courts idle a great part of the time, it seems easy to get the legislature to establish a new court every time a group of lawyers request one.

Texans in Civil Service
A recent compilation shows that on a quota basis Texans are entitled to 1,788 places in the Government civil service, but that only 483 are now employed. Being out 1,305 places below the quota Texans are surrendering to employees of other States \$2,610,000 annually, but maybe it is worth that much just to be privileged to continue to live in Texas. The District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia are gobbling far more than their shares of the public pie.

Living At Home
A Copperas Cove family claims the championship in canning home-grown products for home use, having 700 cans of such products stored away for future use. That is not such a large quantity after all, but it must cause a comfortable feeling when others begin to talk about drouth relief.

Preserving Old Structure
The old water tower, built in the

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early 80's and used for many years to hold the sheet iron reservoir that stored the water supply at Columbus is to be converted into a museum and remodeled to make a unique community center. Nearly everybody who has ever gone to Columbus remembers the old stone tower on the courthouse

square almost as well as the historic oak tree under which the first district court ever held in Texas is said to have been conducted. Columbus is to be congratulated for its determination to retain the old tower despite efforts of many to have it destroyed as an "eye-sore."

Milkmaids are Obsolete



MILKMAIDS, those picturesque figures of prose and poetry, have vanished from our mundane scene. This is partly because men do the milking now, but mostly because the latest statistics reveal that more than a billion and a quarter pounds of evaporated milk were consumed in the United States last year.

Men Milk Now

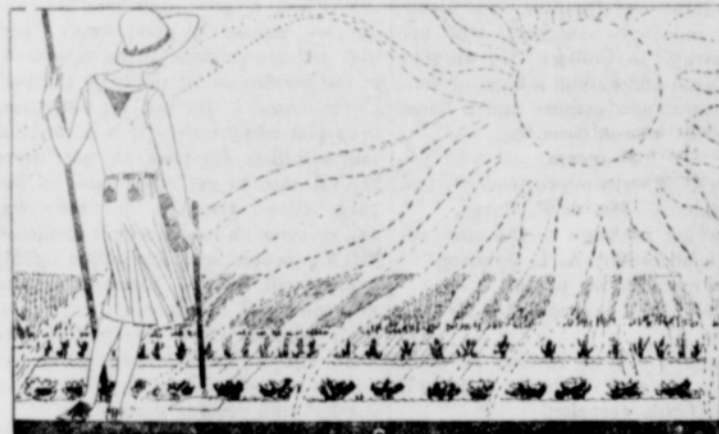
To produce this quantity of milk 600,000 cows had to work, if you call it work, twenty-four hours a day for twelve months. At the present rate of increase in consumption virtually the entire cow population of the nation may be working for condenseries a few decades from now.

In the immaculate Government inspected dairies where not only evaporated, but condensed and dried

milk are produced, men, as we have said, do the milking now, and the cow has become a pampered creature whose every physical want is promptly attended to. She is not only fed correctly, but groomed to perfection, and carefully kept in the best of health. The importance of correct feeding is due to the fact that the vitamin content of milk is directly affected by the amount of vitamins in the cow's diet, and dairymen are now feeding much more intelligently than in former years.

"While no food can be considered a perfect food," said R. Adams Dutcher, Head of the Department of Agricultural and Biological Chemistry of Pennsylvania State College, in a recent article, "milk in all its various marketable forms comes about as near to this ideal as we can hope to find in a single food product."

Sunshine Dinners



By CAROLINE B. KING

NEAT, straight rows of faint green showing across the soil in the sunniest section of the garden; curly-leaved parsley, pungent spikey onions, pale green lettuce, grass hued spinach, purple toned beet tops—all busily absorbing the warm rays of the sunshine, storing them up and turning them into minerals and salts and rich flavors so that later they may supply the family with vitamin-filled wholesome sunshine dinners.

Fresh green vegetables that ripen above the soil and have spent the whole of their growing period drinking in the sun's beneficent rays are teeming with every vital quality the body requires, and the modern housewife aware of the beneficial effects of the sunshine not only sees to it that her table is generously supplied with these best of all foods, but that as many of them as she can manage are grown in her own garden plot.

Planting a garden is a fascinating undertaking, and it is surprising how easily many of the most useful of the sunshine vegetables will grow in a very small space. Follow the directions that accompany the seeds, keep the soil about the young plants free from weeds, water occasionally and the garden will surprise and thrill you.

And here-are some new and very tempting ways for preparing sunshine vegetables for sunshine dinners.

Spinach Nests make a delicious main dish for dinner or supper.

Cook two quarts of well washed spinach in just as little water as possible for ten minutes. Drain and chop fine and season well with pepper, salt and a dash of mace. Butter individual casseroles or custard cups, place a border of the spinach in each one, forming the nests, break an egg into each nest, season nicely, drop a bit of butter in the center, pour in one or two teaspoonsful of cream and cover with grated cheese. Bake until the egg is set. Serve in the baking dishes.

Green Onions in Cream Sauce is an unusual dish and a very delicate one. Trim neatly and seal a bunch of fresh green onion or scallions. Drain and place over the fire in freshly boiling salted water and cook ten minutes. Drain and season nicely with pepper, salt and paprika. Serve on strips of buttered toast and pour over a white sauce made in the usual way.

Piquant Lettuce is an appetizer as well as a sunshine dish. Separate into leaves and wash a head of tender lettuce. Dry well, then set aside. Meantime fry three or four slices of bacon cut in small pieces to a crisp brown, add one-fourth cupful of hot water, three tablespoonsful sharp vinegar and a generous dash of salt, pepper and paprika. Stir all together, bring once to the boiling point and pour over the lettuce, tossing it well with a fork. Serve immediately.

Beet tops, turnip tops, Swiss Chard, chicory are all sunshine vegetables that add their own healthful qualities to a sunshine dinner.

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A dramatic critic says that he always prefers a play which has a happy ending. With some plays we've seen any sort of ending would be a happy one.—London Opinion.

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The Teachers New Duty

Critical conditions of these times present difficulties of a new variety as school days approach again. Strained circumstances in countless families will be reflected in school rooms. Many sacrifices will be silently and heroically made to enable some children to continue their schooling. Young minds may not be over-receptive to text book knowledge nor best conditioned to retain learning when the wolf waits like a grotesque monster at the front door at home and when the desperation of apparently hopeless circumstances has engulfed a cheerless household like a cold shroud. There'll be those with gnawing hunger, sick bodies, poor clothing and with visions in their mind of that unhappy home they lift that morning. These conditions, and others, will present some delicate problems to teachers everywhere. It is a situation they must face with new energy if they are to cope with an unparalleled condition. It will demand a sympathetic attitude if these children receive the full benefit of their school year; it will require deft handling to prevent them embarrassment, some common sense to curtail student expenses in carrying out certain school work, and no little tact to remove from their minds any feeling of inferiority. It will require full appreciation of some of the sacrifices being made to send them to school.

A school teacher, this year, will be called upon for considerably more than the bare book knowledge represented by his or her certificate.

—Noland Co. News.

GRIGGS HOSPITAL NEWS

P. T. Piper of DeLeon was brought to the hospital last Friday suffering with severe burns about the head and hands sustained when his truck caught fire. Mr. Piper had picked up a man on the highway who put his suitcase in the back of the truck. In some way the suitcase caught fire and set fire to the truck. The owner of the suit case had his hands slightly burned also.

Miss Minnie Baker, night nurse at the hospital was a patient last Friday having her tonsils removed.

Miss Julia Cook was a patient last Friday for a tonsil operation.

Dorothy Ray, age 9, and Lena Ray, age 7, daughters of P. M. Ray of Seranton, were patients Saturday for tonsil operations.

Miss Ruby Brown of Merkel, a sister of Mrs. I. E. Warren, was a patient Saturday for a tonsil operation.

Miss Nell Smith of Eula was a patient Tuesday for a tonsil operation.

Floyd Elliott, 8 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Elliott was a patient Wednesday for adjustment of a fractured elbow joint sustained in a fall from a horse.

Pauline Allen of Pioneer was a patient Sunday for a tonsil operation.

Mrs. M. E. Parish entered the hospital last Friday preparatory for an operation.

Alvin Eastham of Abilene was operated on yesterday for a ruptured appendix.

Mrs. C. L. McCleary underwent an operation yesterday morning for appendicitis.

ASPHALTING HIGHWAY NO. 23
Asphalt is being put down on the Moran-Cisco highway, No. 23. Contractors are making nearly a mile a day, and will complete the job in another two weeks. Some trouble was experienced in getting started with the work last week, but they are going along nicely now. The Callahan county strip has been completed and the work is going well into Eastland county by this time. Moran News.

MIDWAY

"Pot Pourri"
Items of interest for and of the
Midway community

Cotton is opening nicely, with promise of half a bale and more to the acre.
People are busy canning peas and saving all foods.
We are glad to have the Latimere family from Albany move into this community.
Miss Thelma Griffin will go to Stephenville Wednesday to enter John Tarleton. May Griffin will go to Clyde school.
J. G. Malphurs, Clyde, Church of Christ minister preached to a large crowd here last Sunday.
May Hart, Odis Conlee and Vernon Strickland spent the day with Mary Davis Brewster, Sunday.
Miss Mittie Jones teacher in Geo. M. Hunt school, Lubbock Texas, returned there after visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Jones, of Clyde.
Bro. Mayes, of Baird, will begin a meeting at the schoolhouse, Sunday.
S. E. Webb is building a fine dirt tank on his farm, preparatory to the badly needed rain.

ADMIRAL

Romeo

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Davis and daughter, Eddie Louise, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jones at Rowden, Sunday.
Mrs. Frank Vaughn of Abilene was a guest of Miss Jennie Harris, Saturday night and Sunday.
Miss Susie Walker of Baird is visiting relatives and friends here.
Mrs. Eddie Newberry and sister of Abilene were guests of Mrs. J. A. Walker, Saturday night.
T. B. Harris of Panhandle Texas is visiting his father, R. J. Harris.
Mr. and Mrs. Gobels of Turkey Creek were visitors here Sunday.
Albert Derryberry of Enterprise, was the guest of Connie Brown Saturday night and Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Walker and daughter, Christine, of Denton, spent Saturday with Mrs. J. A. Walker.
Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Bradford and daughter, Mona Bess are moving to Baird this week.
R. J. Harris and daughter, Miss Jennie and T. B. Harris were guests of J. R. Harris and family of Clyde Tuesday.
Mr. and Mrs. Boutwell of Deep Creek, spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. R. J. Walker.

PUTNAM NEWS

By Sallie Ann

The following attended the Eastland County Rebekah and I. O. O. F. Association, held at Ranger last Thursday: Mesdames Fred Short, Tex Herring, E. P. Whitaker, Joe Green, Janie Moore, C. C. King, J. B. Brandon, John Cook and C. C. Russell, Misses Ora Clinton and Betty Mobley.
Mrs. Beauford visited in Putnam with her mother Mrs. L. B. Moore.
Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Buchanan have moved back in Putnam. They have been living out on the lease north of Putnam.
Mrs. Hattie Lawson and son, Eugene moved to Mineral Wells, where Mrs. Lawson intends to put Eugene in school.
The Senior B. Y. P. U. entertained the young people of putnam with a watermelon feast at Mrs. G. T. Scott's home, Monday night.
Rev. Fox, Pastor of the M. E. Church, returned Tuesday after being away in a month's revival meeting.
Mr. and Mrs. McIntosh of Ft. Worth have moved to Putnam, their son acting as Depot Agent.
Mr. Jim Cribbs left last week for Nacogdoches, Texas, where he intends to work.
J. W. Hale and family spent part of last week visiting Mr. Hale's parents at Esteylene, Texas.
Mr. J. O. Kirkpatrick returned last week from a two week's visit with his folks in Greenville, Texas.
Mr. and Mrs. Archie Kelley of Haskell were visiting Archie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kelley, last week.
Mrs. Mabel Carrico and Mrs. Jack Brandon were Gorman visitors last week.
Rev. Fox, Mrs. Fox and daughter, Laura Mae, and Mrs. Fred Farmer were Abilene visitors, Tuesday.
Mr. Shields Heyser of Wichita Falls was in Putnam last week.
Misses Lillian and Edwina Wingo were visiting their parents in Roscoe Texas, last week.
Mr. Albert Kojack of Ft. Worth was in Putnam Wednesday.
Miss Eula Mae Heasley and Mr. Roy Denny were united in marriage last Tuesday morning at 9:30. Rev. Fox performing the ceremony. They will make their home in Decatur, Texas.
Mrs. J. P. Wingo and family returned Wednesday from a few days visit in New Mexico, they also visited the Carlsbad Cavern.
Eura Butler and Geo. Cathey of Stanton were visiting relatives in Putnam last week.
Mrs. Anthony, Mrs. Wagley and Charlene Sprawls of Tula, Texas, were in Putnam last week.
Mrs. Ella Cathey returned home Thursday after a long visit with her children in Stanton.
Mrs. S. M. Kill is visiting her daughter in New Castle, this week.
Mr. Cathey McCool returned home Thursday from Sasnton where he has been working all the summer.
Misses Jessie Tatom, Shirley Cunningham, Elsie Kelley, Wilma Pruet, and Mr. Truett Little, Charlie Miller and Mr. Dewitt Kelley left Saturday for Brownwood where they all intend to attend Howard Payne College.
Miss Laura Mae Fox left Friday for Abilene where she intends to attend McMurray College.
Mr. Carl Brock of Abilene was a Putnam visitor Sunday.
Mr. W. P. Everett spent last week-end in Abilene.
Mrs. Mae Coffee of Cottonwood, who has been sick at her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Everett, returned to her home last Tuesday.
Mr. and Mrs. Vensson of Abilene, were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Everett, Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Waddell and son, Clinton, were Dallas visitors last week.
Mrs. J. H. Bartine and grandchildren moved to Ballinger, Saturday. We

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regret very much to see them move away.
Mrs. Mary Thompson returned Wednesday from Los Angeles, Calif., where she has been visiting her sister. She reports that she likes California very much.
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Butler and son Stanley, were Putnam visitors Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Cap Mayes and son, Welborn, of Sedwick, were Putnam visitors Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. John Benedict of Stumble Camp moved to Cisco, Monday.
J. W. and James Brandon are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Brandon, this week.
Bro. Don H. Morris will hold his regular services at the Church of Christ next Sunday.

Texas has underlying it enough bituminous coal to supply 10 million tons a year for 800 years, not to mention 20 billion tons of lignite, according to the Texas University Bureau of Economic Geology. It is conserving its other fuels—coal, lignite, wood—by using natural gas of which it has numerous fields, the largest of which is estimated by geologists to have in reserve 8,000 billion cubic feet yet untouched.

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HISTORY OF CALLAHAN COUNTY

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Article No. IX. SOME FIRST EVENTS

The first Civil Case was filed in the County Court, August 5th, 1877, a suit on "writing obligation for \$500.00 payable in fat or merchantable cattle at the current prices of the country." The citation and attachment writ were both issued by the County Judge, summoning the defendant to appear at the Court House in Callahan City for trial. The point of interest as to this appears that at the time the County Clerk was not charged with the issuance of Court citations in Civil cases, as is now the law.

The first Criminal case was filed Sept. 5th, 1877 in the Justice Court of Precinct No.3, before R. M. Black, J. P., the citation summoning defendant to appear at "the School House near Dave McDonald's place" for trial the charge alleged being for "Theft of a cow of the probable value of \$10.00". A Transcript of the testimony is now on file among the papers of the case, and apparently the jury verdict was adverse to the defendant, as the case was appealed to the County Court, which rendered its verdict as follows: "We the Jury find the defendant not guilty." (Signed) by Jas H. Parrish, Foreman of the Jury.

Another Criminal Case about this time was for "Theft of a mare", and the verdict was: "Defendant not guilty". This was a District Court Case.

The first Probate Case was filed Sept. 22nd, 1877, being styled "No.1, Estate of W. R. Williams, Deceased." Mrs. Lucy Williams was Temporary Administratrix of the estate. The petition alleges that the deceased met his death at Belle Plaine that fall, leaving his widow and some small children, making administration necessary.

The above papers, with several others, are now filed in the same envelopes in which they were placed nearly 54 years ago. In fact, they are in the same "Cigar Boxes" which were used, perhaps at that time, for filing Court documents.

The first school mentioned in the Commissioners' Court Records is referred to as: "August 14, 1877. Ordered by the Court that the Justice Court Precinct No.3 be held on the 2nd Saturday of each month at the Caddo Peak School House". R. M. Black was Justice of the Peace, and C. J. Oglesby, Constable. This is very likely the school referred to above as "near Dave McDonald's place".

The following order of the Commissioners' Court is unique and singular, there being no other order just like it: "July 2, 1878. Ordered 3, That M. Talbot be allowed the sum of \$10.00 for services in organizing the County in 1877". This item was allowed and paid by the Court just one day short of a year after the County was organized by election, and he is the only person referred to who received pay for such services, in the organization of the county. Several interviews with the pioneer settlers have not given any information as to who Mr. Talbot was, or what particular services he rendered.

The first Finance Committee was composed of: "Oct. 7, 1878. Ordered 2nd, That John Trent, Wm. H. Parvin, J. W. Goodwin, J. E. M. Hedley, J. E. Thomas be and are hereby appointed a Committee to investigate the financial condition of the County." These citizens audited the various officers' books, and determined the conditions of the County's finances.

The first Session of the District Court convened at Belle Plaine on May 5th, 1879. Hon. J. R. Fleming was District Judge, Hon. J. M. Moore District Attorney, and J. E. M. Hedley, District Clerk. Callahan County was then in the 12th Judicial District of Texas, and Judge Flemming perhaps lived at Albany in Shackelford County.

The first Jury Commissioners were: J. D. Windham, (Dr.), T. J. Austin, and J. L. Riddle.

The first Grand Jurors were: J. B. Hill, Foreman, Thos. Taylor, Thos. Johnson, R. B. Brown, W. C. Payne, J. J. Bell, W. B. Chittum, Zeb Porter, J. F. Barton, B. L. Bellamy, Jasper McCoy and John Heyser. None are now living but the wives of two of them live in the County—Mrs. Bettie Barton at Tecumseh and Mrs. Sicily Heyser at Putnam.

The first Petit Jurors were: May 9th, 1879, P. H. Hill (Pharrar Hill), J. H. Breeding, John Smartt, C. L. Terry, Samuel Barnhill, Joseph C. Crutchfield, T. J. Walls, W. L. Henry C. M. Wilcoxon, C. Windham, J. W. Newman. The riding bailiffs were J. L. Windham, James P. Flores, and John G. Blakley.

Of the above named citizens only three are now living: "Uncle" Joe Crutchfield, who lives in Baird; "Uncle" John Blakley, who lives on his ranch in Belle Plaine community; and "Uncle" James Flores, who lives at Amarillo Texas. The wives of three of them however are now living in the County: Mrs. Nancy Jane Breeding, who lives with her son, Hugh Breeding in the Cottonwood Community, and Mrs. Flora Smartt, who lives at Cross Plains and Mrs. Alice Windham, now Mrs. R. M. Grantham, who lives at Dudley.

The first Railroad, The Texas & Pacific, reached the County in 1881 stations being Bremen (now Putnam) Baird and Clyde. The first Depot at Baird was a small wooden structure with a separate building of the same material for a ware house; at Clyde, the Depot was also wood, about 10 feet square, later being replaced by a Box-Car, which served for many years with Mrs. W. K. Kuykendall as operator and agent. This unique old relic is now used as a warehouse by P. C. Steen in connection with his Hardware Store. Baird was formerly known by its Post Office of Vickery. A few buildings were located just east of the present Depot, down near the Round-House. The Old Adams Hotel was moved up near the Depot and I believe was later the Sigal Hotel.

The first marriage license was issued to Thomas J. Funderburg and Catherine Williams August 15th 1877 by Isaac Shaw, County Clerk, and the ceremony was performed by J. R. Brown, County Judge. The second marriage license was issued to John F. Roberts and Elmira D. Mayman, August 24th, '77. The ceremony being performed also by Judge Brown, and the third license was issued the same day to William Lofton and T. F. Payne, the ceremony being performed by R. M. Black, Justice of the Peace No.3.

Minutes February 12th, 1879
"Present and presiding, Hon. J. R. Brown, County Judge, Commissioners D. L. Dodds, Jno. Newman (J. W. Jones and J. D. Mitchell, other members), J. W. Wills, Special Deputy Sheriff, and J. E. M. Hedley, Deputy Clerk".

At this time the court appointed the following Road Overseers to serve until the first regular meeting in 1880 naming the hands to work under them.

Precinct No. 1, Belle Plaine north to Mayhair (perhaps Mexia) Creek—Jas H. Parrish, Overseer, and hands as follows: W. J. Power, Pendleton, J. E. M. Hedley, Henry Brainard, W. H. Parvin, J. G. Blakley, Jno. W. Newman, J. W. Wills, Powell & Employees, Jas. H. Parrish, Alf. Manning, Manning, Manning, Montgomery, A. Jackson, Marshall's, Moore, and authority to summon all others for road work.

Precinct No.2, Belle Plaine and Albany Road—H. B. Eubank, Overseer and hands as follows: Donahu, John Hart, B. L. Patterson, Barkley, A. McLaury, Pat Woodring, Carr Woodring, James Hart, Early Hart, Jesse Hart, G. W. Hooker, W. B. Dodds, E. J. Dodds, N. H. and W. N. Warren, Little, Jas. Eubank, George Phillips, Abe Phillips, John Jenkins, Thos. Jenkins, Hardwock, Harry Smith, Scott, Williams, Jacob Farmer, John Brown, McCoombs, Jas Dale, Bill Jackson, F. McLaury.

Precinct No. 3, "Belle Plaine and Eastland Road"—W. D. Richardson, overseer and hands as follows: E. S. Seay, W. T. Berry, J. T. Moore, J. M. Polk, N. P. Rice, Thos. Russell, J. D. Merchant, M. L. Jones, Sam Barnhill, Howard Allen, I. N. Thompson, Morgan Thompson, Clayton, Robt Bluford, M. M. Terry, Martin Potts, Jno. Matthews, Jones, F. A. McDonald L. D. Dunagan, C. R. Shapard, Robt. Sexton, B. F. Williams, Thos. Smith, John Waldrop, McClosky, John and M. L. Wilson.

Precinct No.4, "Belle Plaine and Eastland Road"—Plott, Overseer and hands as follows: "All hands East of the divide between Brushy and Battle Creeks and north of a line running east to the County line including Jas. Tanner and south of a line running east to County line including Peter Henderson.

Precinct No.5, "Belle Plaine and Brownwood Road"—T. J. Walls, Overseer and hands as follows: J. W. Goodwin, W. L. Henry, Geo. C. Allen, Z. R. Porter, E. B. Smith, Eli Trayer Jr., W. H. Riddle, Jas. Armstrong, Jas. McWaters, G. Clawson, George Weeks Weeks No.2, W. P. Wilcoxon, Guest, Lacy, Geo. Ellington, Hines, Martin, Taylor.

Precinct No. 6, "Brownwood and Belle Plaine Road"—S. E. Ruark, Overseer and hands as follows: Sam Harris, J. C. Crawford, Benj. Heath Jr., Charles Heath, E. Robertson, Goodrich, Jones, Dishman, J. H. F. Reed, Perkins, E. and W. Strickland, J. N. Oulds, John Smith, Edward Lee, J. H. Harris, Thos. Smith, W. R. Sawyer Ransie Jones, Attwoods, Jas. Flannigan, A. J. Hanson, Jacob Hayman, John Hayman, A. W. Potter, Nesmith, C. J. Oglesby, Jas. and A. Pinkston, Wm. Ratcliff John Roberts.

Product No. 7, "Brownwood and Belle Plaine Road"—B. A. Odell, Overseer, and hands as follows: J. G. David, S. McDonel, R. M. Black, O. F. Petterson, Julie Hegler, Mose Johnson, John and Robert Ford, Oliver Haywood, J. C. Motley, Dick Nordyke, Dockery (2), Brooks, Elliott (2), John

Smith, Rotan, E. C. Nichols, William Ruch, W. P. Yarborough, Sparks, Nance, J. H. Green, Johnson, Halmes, Cruise, Chas. and Dude McDermitt, Davis, Andy Leonard, Bert and John Payne, Jas Lofton, Henry Hyatt, Jas. Sullivan.

Precinct No. 8, "Belle Plaine and Sipe Springs Road"—R. J. Harris, Overseer, and hands as follows: W. H. Cliett, R. L. Vickery, S. H. French, A Brockley, David McGee, Harry C. Merchant, English, J. R. Hill, Elbert Hill, George Hill, C. W. Martin, Jas.

Walker, Labouve Walker, Price.

Precinct No. 9, "Belle Plaine and Sipe Springs Road"—Gabe Smartt, Overseer, and hands as follows"—Thomas Hadley, Jack Esom (Eastham), Josh Hill, Esom, Chas. Neil, John and Sam Smartt, R. M. Dawkins Frank Burnett, T. J. Funderburg, J. F. Blair, E. O. Watkins, Thos. Criswell, Malone, Spence Clark, George Clark, John Clark, Jas. Garvin, Bill Funderburg, Ben Funderburg, Garvin, Jas. Heyser, Dock Bell, John Heyser, Thomas Thompson, Aaron Mantooth,

R. Tanner Jr., Davis, C. H. Scott, A. H. Weaver, Vanderpool.

Precinct No. 10, "Belle Plaine and Buffalo Gap Road"—Daniel W. Cowen Overseer and hands as follows: J. C. Crutchfield, U. Mart Smith, W. J. Westmoreland, Wm. Fisher, A. Levi Jas. P. Flores, Boone, Marion Blakley Lark Hearne, Ed Hearne, W. A. Austin, Bud Austin, Clabe, W. Merchant, Jasper McCoy, Thompson, G. C. Laird Wm. Palmore, R. E. Williams.

Precinct No. 11, "Belle Plaine and Buffalo Gap Road"—J. M. Bailey,

Overseer, and hands as follows: A. R. Strother and Bro., Thos. W. Kelling, H. R. Kendricks, J. E. Scott, H. Windham, Cal Windham, Thos. Windham.

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Danger of Coal Shortage. The destruction by the German army of the mines of northern France had forced the importation from England of a large proportion of the coal needed for various purposes in both France and Italy. Lack of cross-channel tonnage had produced a serious situation, and the danger of coal shortage during the approaching winter gave us much concern...



General Pershing inspecting Poilus.

that was entirely unsuitable for this sort of work through lack of experience. Moreover, it was urgent that the combat troops should be sent inland to receive their battle instruction. The French, although short themselves, had loaned us a few prisoners and also some women as laborers to help out...

CHAPTER XVI

Having learned that, despite my recommendations, little or no attention was being given at home to the importance of teaching our men the use of the rifle, it seemed necessary again to emphasize my views, especially after further knowledge of its neglect in allied armies.

Americans Retain Jurisdiction. My diary notes the following: Chaumont, Wednesday, Sept. 23, 1917.—The French agree that we should retain exclusive jurisdiction over American soldiers in France.

been to take a more active part and was soon to have the opportunity.

This division had been billeted in the training area since July 15 and had begun to show the excellent effects of the system of training we had prescribed. At the maneuver which I attended the officers handled their units with considerable skill...

Paris, Wednesday, Oct. 10, 1917. —Spent Sunday at Gondrecourt. First division field meet, with General Harbord, General Raguenau and Representative Medill McCormick. We lunched with Bullard.

A group of major generals are over on tour of inspection. The staff department heads who became brigadier generals at that time were: James G. Harbord, chief of staff; Benjamin Alford, adjutant general...

Officers Visit Battlefields. In accordance with my recommendation, division commanders from the states were being sent over to visit the battlefields, armies and schools in order to become acquainted with conditions and to experience the atmosphere of war...

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CHAPTER XVII. Marshal Joseph Joffre, upon my invitation, arrived at Chaumont October 15, 1917, to see our First division.

The French military officials were anxious to show their respect and it was arranged to have both an American and a French guard of honor drawn up to salute him upon his arrival at my residence.

After an interesting evening with the marshal and his staff as our guests we left the next morning by motor car for Treveray, accompanied by Generals Raguenau and Alford, Colonels De Chambrun and McCoy and Captain Boyd.

The troops of the division were drawn up in line ready to receive us and presented a much better appearance than at the review by President Poincare. The men were especially keen to be inspected by a marshal of France and their pride was clearly evident by their perfect lines as they swung by in the march past.

One incident occurred that was not on the program. On the way to the field for the ceremony a well-groomed mule that happened to be running loose pricked up his ears, looked us over and decided to trot along with us. One of my staff wagered that this wise animal knew what was going on and would be present to see the march past.

Review Other Units. I gave a luncheon at Neufchateau for the marshal's party and my own and the senior officers of the First division. After that we saw the training conducted by the First corps school and visited the American and French billets at the village of St. Bin, where the One Hundred and First regiment, Twenty-sixth division, and the French Sixty-ninth passed in review in excellent form.

It was rather late when we started and darkness overtook us while passing on foot through the lines. The

trumpets of each regiment sounded as we approached, and with the lights from our automobiles close behind illuminating the trees that bordered the highway and the faces that peered through the shadows to catch a glimpse of the marshal the scene suggested some legendary painting.

Finally we halted and the troops, including the French One Hundred and Fifty-first Infantry, which had made a remarkable record at Verdun, marched past us. As the regiments came out of the darkness into the spotlight of our autos they made a picture never to be forgotten.

Denies False Cable Rumor. Returning to Paris October 19, I learned that a dispatch from Berlin to the New York Times represented me as having said that the German lines were impregnable.

In every reference to our future operations I had strongly maintained that it was not only possible to break the German lines but that it would be done. The very system of training that we were persistently following was based on the determination to force the Germans out of their trenches and beat them in the open.

Yet without question there were not a few among our allies and probably some in our own army who thought the task impossible, supporting their view by citing the failures of the previous three years, especially that of the spring of 1917. It was none the less a surprise, however, when a report came directly to me that such views had actually been expressed in the presence of civilian visitors by officers of rank in our army.

In the next installment General Pershing tells of rebuking officers for defeatist talk.



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