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AROUND TOWN

With OTTO B. GRATE

Greetings m' fans, this weeks meeting of the better snooping society is called 'order and the last one in has all the earmarks of turning respectfully on us.

Best crack of the week can be credited to Clyde White who stood quietly by while J. B. Beeson, manager of the Plaza theatre, sat atop the oil well rigged up for the showing of "Boom Town" and explained the set-up to the onlookers, then spoke up with, "I've seen a number of oil wells in my time, but this is the first one I've seen with the gusher on top of it."

Birthdays oughta come more often, especially if the celebrating of 'em means a special dinner with your reporter on the inside track of things she was last week when Wilbur Voshell made the eighteen year turn.

And who did this columnist see in town last week with the good-will trippers from the Abilene Fair but Johnnie Mae Hughes, all diked out in a spiffy ACC band uniform and making us all proud we knew her when.

Letter in the mail this week comes all the way from Washington D. C. and from a local girl there who is quite smitten with the place. Beryle Owens, who holds down a government position in the capitol city writes back that though the place awakens every drop of her American blood that the berg is really a nest of tenderfeet who think these thumb-sized cacti sold in souvenir shops is really something and haven't seen real Texas autumn leaves. Its nice to know that up in Washington Beryl still rates Texas people ace high.

Another local gal who is do'in well for herself is Lawrence Wheeler, Sophomore in McMurtry College. Lawrence made the ripple into the Sigma Lambda Kappa, a Junior literary club for Women. (Mighty good things these College letter give an explanation to their names or we ignorant people would be sand'in out a searching party for the girl). Miss Wheeler is al so a member of the Thespoans and Wah Wahtaysee.

Picture you'll be wanting to see at the Plaza next week is "All This, and Heaven Too" showing Sunday and Monday. They tell me that this adaptation of the Rachel Field novel was originally a four hour show and in order to cut it to a shorter picture and yet not lose the best parts of the story that the wirt er supervised the editing of the picture. The story is so well-known that to repeat it here would be a waste of time and when you hear that Bette Davis plays the part of the young governess you'll know that it will be packed with emotion and full fill your expectation.

An attractive little blonde who is just personality itself is the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale McCook.

Umm, its sure nice to have neighbors, especially neighbors with persimmon trees. Neighbor Haggard over our way has a tree which he raised from a seed ling and is loaded to the brim this season with fruit. This spring neighbor Pearce had current bushes bearing and if I only had some way of organizing these neighbors so that each one would have some sort of edible growing for each season I'd really have something.

Your writer-upper was awfully proud last week when Jim Roy Hatchett included him in some movies he made of the football game. Nicest part was having a fine fell'a like Jim to want a picture.

Sportlight of the week goes to Mrs. Martha Gilliland who is such a nice person to know and whose sweetness simple shows in all she does. It was Mrs. Gilliland who told me once that she knew that some of the best people on earth lived in Baird and that she knew that she didn't believe there was really bad ones here. That's a good idea to keep and knowing Mrs. Gilliland you really do believe that "some of the best people on earth" live right here.

ON THE BAIRD CAMPUS

PAE

Bairdites at the West Texas Fair parade Tuesday felt their hearts beat high when the Baird school bunch lead out in their part of the affair. Nothing can quite beat the red and white for real show.

News is popping on the Campuses this week and as usual the Home Making classes of Helen Willard furnished a good part of it. The Home Making Chapter met this week for their October session with a miscellaneous musical program as their entertainment. The program included, a song by Ivadel Mitchell Piano selections by one of the guest artists, Johnnie Lee Swinson, a song by Betty Lou Lewis, duet by Renee Russell and Laura Mae Windham, songs by another guest, Dale McCook, and group songs by the chapter, lead by Mr McCook.

The Home Making girls are al so discussing possibilities of attending the Area meeting of that organization in Sweetwater. At the present thirty five Baird girls plan to attend.

By the way the candle wick bedspread to be given away Oct 19th by the Home Economics girls is now on display in the Modern Beauty Shop window.

Still in the line of Home Making is the news that thirty two girls have been given credits for projects carried on during the summer. Girls to qualify for the credits are, Irma Lois Young, Luara Mae Windham, Inez Tarver Norma Lee Snow, Doris Snow, Lucille Shelton, Maxine Scher-rubble, Eddie Russell, Frankie Dell Perry, Inez Nichols, Jo Morgan, Ollivene Lindle, Golda Mae Jones, Laura Louise Hughes, Clara Mae Hughes, Ivaline Anderson, Doris Avery, Lillie Frances Bains, Dorothy Fay Benson, Mary Benson, Ben Ella Blakley, Shelda Blecker, Jo Ann Carman Eva Dean Floyd, Catherine Ford, Bobbie Sue Fowler, Kay Gillit, Ida Mae Glover, Doris Grounds, Bernella Holder, and Betty Holder.

The Dramatic Club, sponsored by Lelia Hammock has been organized with the following students as officers, President, Buck Cargal, Vice President, Betty McCoy, Secretary, Tillye Settle, Reporter, Gusolyn Hall. The Club plans to present several public entertainments, the proceeds to be applied to the curtain fund, and also to keep their part of the assembly programs on a new high knowing their energetic young sponsor who did such highly commendable work with the difficult dramatic skit, "Winter Sunset" in last year's one act play contests. It isn't hard to see where the club will attain all if its goals.

The staff for the school annual has been elected but sponsor have not been announced. Editor of the annual will be Ellen Gee Tankersley, Associate Editor, Buck Cargal, Business Manager, Bill Yarbrough, Assistant Manager, J. C. Earp, Feature Editor, Tillye Settle, Sports Editors Bill Davis and Pauline Coats, Art Editors, Gene Warren and Betty McCoy, Typist Chairman, Dorothy Christian.

In the Ward school last week Isadore Grimes seventh grade took over the chapple program arrangements and presented a time ly Pan American Program which was high-lighted by an accordion number given by Betty Gay Lidia, dressed in a native Mexican costume. To lighten the program for the younger members of the audience Miss Grimes introduced her "Donald Duck Duet of C. D. Poe and Kelly Avery who sang "School Days".

And in case you may think that this job of school teaching wears the faculty down here are some personals which should prove that the young people are far on the chipper side. Miss Ona Dell Ashton, Miss Beatrice Hickman, and Mr. Leaird Meadows were all visitors in Hamlin this week. Miss Jane Stephens and her mother visited in Wichita Falls. Ida Louise Fetterly and Susie Lee Smith attended the State Fair of Dallas over the week-end. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cow-

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en visited in Brownwood. Miss Lelia Hammock spent the Week end in Anson (and really returned in one piece). Miss Ocee McCasland and Miss Rachel Carleton visited in Abilene and Silver.



Farm Security Report Farm Finances Improving

A decrease in forced sales and bankruptcies of Texas farms during the past seven years while voluntary sales and trades have increased due largely to increased purchasing power is reported by J. S. McKnight, county supervisor for the Farm Security Administration.

Farm bankruptcies in Texas dropped from a total of 199 in the year ending June 30, 1933, to only 81 in the year ending 30, 1939. The number of forced sales dropped from 32.8 per thousand to 14.2 per thousand during the same period. Voluntary sale and trades increased from 16.8 per thousand to 28.2 per thousand.

Debts of low-income farmers in Texas were reduced \$6,103,044, through the farm debt adjustment service of the Farm Security Administration, by Voluntary agreements between debtors and creditors. The supervisor said that cash income for Texas farmers was up 80 per cent above the 1932 level, and that farm purchasing power was up 166 per cent, due to prices of things the farmer sold increasing more rapidly than the price of things the farmer had to buy.

The supervisor also pointed out that 62,916 Texas farm families received rural rehabilitation loans totaling more than \$29,787,500 and that more than 80 per cent of the installments on these loans have been paid when due; that 621 tenant farm families have been started toward land ownership by loans for farm purchase; that the Rural Electrification Administration has aided in building 17,712 miles of electric lines to serve 52,982 farm families, and the 650,000 Texas farmers participated in the 1939 AAA program representing 92 per cent of the state's crop land.

Farmers themselves have helped run the program, the supervisor said, the Farm Security Administration committees in this county being:

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pattern of the key and another machine began cutting the design into the blank key. In three minutes, the duplicate had been completed.

Tom Martin, humorous, "Sage of the Sagebrush", backed Irvin Cobb, Kentucky humorist, out of a debate on politics. If it had been held, that debate might not have been a laughing matter, at that.

Speaking of speaking, this columnist has been a little in demand here lately. Clubs and student groups in Temple, Breckenridge, Ranger, Weatherford, and Fort Worth seem to have been interested in an informal talk on Hollywood, based on observations while serving as technical advisor on the Texas oil picture, "Boom Town."

Eastners are looking for "local color" when they come to Texas so Manager Henry Love of Hotel Texas in Fort Worth "where the West begins" has fixed up a Pioneer Suite, suggesting ranch life. Beds and chairs are made of highly polished wood that apparently was carved with crude tools; the mirror frame is a huge, wooden horse shoe; the stand of the reading lamp is an ancient shotgun; a little table is supported by a big wagon-wheel hub, and cattle brands have been burned into the frames of pictures showing life on the range. A long dining table is flanked with benches. Eastern executives are delighted and marvel that the ranch theme of furnishings is combined with the most modern luxuries.

Somebody, speaking of the towns skinflint, asked, "How much is he worth?" and my Grandpa answered, "He aint worth a durn cent but he's got a hundred thousand dollars".

Men have many conceptions of happiness. Nat Floyd, now on an English language newspaper in China, used to say in his Fort Worth Star-Telegram days, "I would like to have enough that I could throw away a razor blade after using it just once." My own idea of happiness would be to buy an alarm clock, set it for 7 a. m. and, next morning when the bell started ringing, throw the durn thing out the window, turn over and go back to sleep.

Lone Star Gas Gas System

The gas industry's responsibility in the national defense program, ways to improve customer service, and preparations for meeting the peak demands for winter fuel were studied by more than 400 Lone Star Gas System foremen, managers and other key men who have just completed their annual conference in Dallas, according to W. J. Deakins, manager of the Abilene district, who attended the meeting.

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CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS have departments devoted to the interest and announcements of the Churches and Schools over the trade territory.

Most of the farmers of this territory already subscribe to The Star, but there are others we would like to have on our list. Lots of interesting news will be happening during the rest of the year and you will want to be in on it. No matter how many other papers you may take, there is none of them that give you the news of your home community, like your county newspaper.

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REGISTRATION—

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stant a questionnaire which must be returned within five days, this blank requires full information on the individuals physical, economic and occupational status, and on the basis of answers given, each man will be classified. The board will determine which men should be classified as ready for training and which should be given deferment.

Registration cards will be given. Registration cards will be shuffled and numbered serially in readiness for the national lottery in Washington to determine the order in which the men will be called to service. The local board will then post the list of numbers showing each man the place he occupies in line.

A registrant may claim deferment because he has a wife and children; because he is working in a vital national defense industry; or because of physical or mental ailment. In some cases, the board may summon a man for an interview to determine his status.

Those classed as ready for service will be given physical examinations by a local physician appointed for that purpose.

Although married men are not automatically placed in a deferred class, as was originally contemplated, it is thought that they probably will be skipped over in the first call to give the local draft board more time to determine whether they have dependents which entitle them to longtime deferments. Persons dissatisfied with actions of the local board may make appeal to a regional board through a Government Appeal Agent.

Military officials have pointed out that no stigma will be attached to a man who claims deferment and he will not be branded as a "slacker".

Effort will be made to take these men who can best be spared from civil life and who are best able to serve, it is said.

College students who have registered for 1940-41 terms may be classified as ready for training, but they will not be required to report for training until July 1, 1941.

Recruits will go to camp for 12 months training. Their pay will be \$21 per month for the first four months and \$30 per month for the next eight (8) months. After training is completed, the men will be placed on reserve lists for ten years, or until they are 45 whichever is soonest.

Join The Marines

A communication received today from Major J. C. O'Leary, the Officer in charge of U. S. Marine Corps recruiting in Texas stressed the fact that young men within the age group of 21 and 35 will be required to register for military training on October 16th. He said, "The conscription bill provides that young men between the ages of 21 and 35 will be required to register for military training, and those called will be deprived of their opportunity to choose the branch of military service in which they would rather serve. Therefore all those who rather enlist in the U. S. Marines should submit their application for enlistment as soon as possible. The Marine Corps has been authorized another increase in strength, and this increase will be met in a very short time. The Southern Recruiting Division alone is enlisting more than 1000 men per month. Young men living in Texas who desire to serve their country in the ranks of the Marine Corps, should write or call at any one of the recruiting stations located in Dallas, Austin, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio, immediately. By applying now they may be sure of being accepted

and enlisted before all the vacancies are filled, and before they are required to register for service in the Army, provided they are qualified for enlistment. Many of the young men now enlisting in the Marines frankly state that they are doing so because they prefer enlisting now in the service of their choice.

Major O'Leary said that the present recruiting drive was started in June, to build the Corps up to strength of 34,000 enlisted men, and that the goal of 34,000 was reached at the end of September; however, intensive recruiting will remain in effect until the new goal of 38,600 has been reached, which will probably be by the end of this month. He went on to describe the many benefits to be derived from service in the Marines, laying particular emphasis on the opportunity to get a better education or to learn a trade, the many promotions that will be made as a result of the expansion of the Corps, and the fact that the conscription bill also provides that the pay of the four lower ranks of the Marine Corps, from Private to Sergeant, will be raised.

Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Billy W. James of Odessa visited relatives here Sunday.

Miss Catherine James of NTCW Denton, spent the weekend with her grandmother Mrs. M. J. Gilliland and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Johnson of Oplin, were in Baird Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rob Cochran of Atlanta Ga., are visiting Mr. Cochran's mother and sister, Mrs. C. M. Mills and Mrs. Ralph Ashlock.

Truman and Truitt Black, of Randolph Field, where they recently enlisted in the Air Corps visited their aunt Mrs. Oscar Black yesterday.

Mrs. Tom Windham, and daughters: Mrs. John Jordan and Mrs. Chas Straley, Mrs. Louise Noble and little daughter Shirley Marie returned Wednesday form a visit with Mrs. O. P. Jones and daughter, Mrs. Hal C. Peck in Midland.

Mrs. W. K. Boatwright and Miss Bernice McCombs left Tuesday for their home in Mission. They were accompanied home by Mr. and Mrs. Homer Boatwright and Mrs. Lenora Boatwright.

W. D. Evans of Austin visited his daughter, Mrs. Thurman Allman, last Sunday. J. C. Evans wife and baby accompanied Mr. Evans. It has been ten years since Mrs. Allman had seen her father and brother.

Mrs. J. W. Maddox and mother the Sunshine Special, yesterday evening for Holtville California, where they will join Mrs. Maddox in their new home, Miss Dottie Wilson, of Fort Worth, Mrs. L. W. Jensen and family, Cisco, Mr. and Mrs. Chas Robinson Abilene: were here to see their mother and sister off to their new home. Mrs. Wilson has been a resident of Callahan Co. for more than 60 years.

John A. Iverson who is serving in the United States navy at San Diego is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Mullican, John has just completed two months training and four months instruction in radio work and will be assigned as radio operator on a ship upon his return to San Diego. He had a ten days leave and will leave today for Wink. He was accompanied to Baird by his aunt Mrs. Eva Whalem and also visited his sister, Miss Alice Iverson a nurse in Masonic Hospital, El Paso.

Sheriff C. R. Nordyke and W. O. Wylie Jr. returned Saturday night from Klamath Falls Ore, where Sheriff Nordyke went after Richard Patoux, wanted on a charge of burglary here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Allman have returned from a visit with Mrs. Allman's brothers, Joe Story at Ijo Ariz. and Jib Story at Globe Ariz. They also visited the Grand Canyon.

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