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# The Baird Star

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

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.

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## District Firemen Invited Here

The local Fire Department has voted to invite the Mid-West Texas Firemen's Association to meet in Baird next April and from all indications prospects are good for getting the convention at that time. Baird has entertained the Association on two other occasions since it was organized in 1939, first in January 1939 then again in October 1939 (the Association was met every three months at that time), and most of the member towns are anxious to visit us again.

According to James C. Asbury, past secretary of the Association, some 300 firemen attended the meeting held April 3rd at Snyder. Twenty towns were represented. Olin Culberson, Railroad Commissioner was the principal speaker. John Dean, 4th Vice-President of the State Firemen and Fire Marshals' Association, drove 400 miles to attend the Snyder meeting.

Many people believe a firemen's convention is a meeting of firemen held for a rip-roaring good time, but this is not the case. While there are always plenty of fun and entertainment provided for these meetings, the business sessions are conducted in a serious business-like way. The problems of the fire departments throughout the district, such as fire prevention, better ways of fighting fires, methods of keeping fire losses and fire insurance rates down, etc., are discussed and qualified speakers explain topics of technical nature for the benefit of the departments that do not have this information available. These meetings mean much to every citizen who carries fire insurance because through the efforts of the district associations local problems affecting insurance rates, etc., are carried to the State Association meetings where beneficial results are usually obtained. Among the speakers at the Snyder meeting were: Chief Croaker of the Big Spring Fire Department; Chief Forgy of the Sweetwater Department; Chief Musick of the Abilene Fire Department, and Chief Twitty of the Lubbock Fire Department.

The business meeting at Snyder was held from 1 p. m. until 4 p. m. with the Pumper races and six-man Hook-up races from 4 to 6 p. m. and a fine steak supper served by the Snyder Fire Department at 7 p. m. The day's activities closed with a dance at the American Legion Hall.

The Mid-West District meets semi-annually, the first Thursdays in April and October. The new officers for the coming year are: Leonard Henderson, Colorado City, President; Walter Crider, Post, 1st Vice-President; J. C. Hall, Jr., Loraine, 2nd Vice-President; J. Parker Sharp, Merkel, Secretary-Treasurer.

The next meeting will be held at Colorado City in October.

## America Mourns Ford's Death

The nation mourns the passing of Henry Ford which occurred in the candle-light of his modest home Monday evening.

Hailed by his cohorts as the father of mass production he died of a cerebral hemorrhage late Monday. He would have been eighty-four next July 30.

By chance, a flood had converted his modern home at the time of his death into a fireplace-heated kerosene lamp-lit building, strangely reminiscent of the quiet world of his birth.

The body of the angular industrialist laid in state throughout Wednesday in Greenfield Village, not far from the little red brick building memorialized as the home of his first crude horseless carriage.

A public funeral service was held at 2:30 p. m. Thursday at St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral on Detroit's Woodward Avenue, the street which echoed the startling sound of his first automobile a half century ago.

He will be buried beside his mother and father at a private ceremony in the little Addison Ford Cemetery near Greenfield Village. There will be no pallbearers.

As news of his death flashed around the world, speculation arose as to its effect on the \$880,000,000 industry he founded with a \$28,000 investment in 1903.

Industry circles concede that his passing will have little effect on the Ford Motor Company, since it has been firmly managed by 29-year old Henry Ford II who took the reins from his aging grandfather in 1945.

It was assumed that the elder Ford's personal fortune of upward of \$200,000,000 will go to his wife, Clara Bryant Ford, who was with him when he died. They were to have celebrated their fifty-ninth wedding anniversary and her eightieth birthday Friday.

Ford and his wife were understood to have held 58 per cent of the voting stock in the company, while the other 42 per cent was assumed to have been in the hands of his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Edsel Ford, and her four children, including Henry II, Benson, William and Josephine Ford.

## TROOP ONE NEWS

Troop One of the Girl Scouts came to order in regular meeting under the leadership of Mrs. Looney. Wanda Floyd made a speech on Girl Scouting. Jackie Benson and Dolores Hunter are to discuss Girl Scout Activities Monday, April 14 at the next meeting. We received our catalogues from which to order our equipment.

The Woodcrafts are to furnish refreshments at the next meeting. Wanda Floyd, reporter.

Mrs. Andrew Stone and daughter, Andrea, left Friday for a few days visit with her mother, Mrs. C. W. Cole, in Graham.

## School Trustees Hold Banquet

Three year contracts to transfer pupils from three school districts to the Baird school were completed when trustees met at the annual banquet in Baird Monday night. The Baird school board was host to the trustees from Belle Plain, Admiral and Jackson school districts. A discussion of school bus routes took place at the business meeting.

A number of the trustees of the schools expressed their appreciation for the Baird group and stated that they are glad to be in the system. It was pointed out that the Baird school is fully accredited with all state and national colleges and is a member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

The scholastics for next term year is about the same as this year, 625. This number will probably be increased by transfers from other schools. Election of teachers was due to be held at this time, but was postponed on account of the illness of Supt. A. H. Pritchard.

Among those who attended the banquet were: Admiral; Milton Shelton; Joe Jones, R. J. Walker; Belle Plain; L. G. Kerby, E. N. Dunlap, Jr., Jack Gilliland; Jackson; N. M. George, John Hughes; Baird; O. C. Yarbrough, G. H. Tankersley, Ralph Ashlock, W. B. Jones, Irvin Corn, B. L. Russell, Jr., Temple Brashear.

## WEDDING ANNOUNCED

Miss Nita Swofford became the bride of Robert Glen Curtis in a quiet wedding ceremony at the Baptist parsonage in Eastland February 21st. Rev. Love read the ceremony in the presence of a few close friends, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Allman were best man and matron of honor.

The bride wore a light blue suit with accessories to match. She wore a white carnation corsage.

The marriage of this popular young couple of Baird comes to their many friends as a surprise. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. S. Swofford of Rowden. The bridegroom, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. Curtis, is employed by the Guffey Oil Company at McCamey.

## T. B. ASSOCIATION TO MEET APRIL 16

The T. B. Association will meet Wednesday, April 16, at 3 p. m. at Callahan County Library in the basement of the courthouse. All officers, board members, and others interested are urged to be present. Duties of each officer will be given, and cooperation with a county nurse in carrying out the general health education program will be studied.

## Citation By Publication of Final Account

THE STATE OF TEXAS To the Sheriff or any Constable of Callahan County, Greeting: Bertha B. Bowlus, Administratrix of the Estate of W. G. Bowlus, Deceased having filed in our County Court her Final Account of the condition of the Estate of said W. G. Bowlus, Deceased, numbered 1447 on the Probate Docket of Callahan County, together with an application to be discharged from said Administration.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED, That by publication of this Writ one time and said publication shall be not less than ten days before the return day hereof, in a Newspaper printed in the County of Callahan you give due notice to all persons interested in the Account for Final Settlement of said Estate, to appear and contest the same if they see proper so to do, on Monday the 28th day of April A.D. 1947, at the Court House of said County, in Baird, Texas, when said Account, and Application will be acted upon by said Court.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and seal of said Court, at my office in the City of Baird, Texas, this 9th day of April A. D. 1947. Bruce Bell, Clerk, County Court Callahan County. By Johnie Robinson, Deputy.

## Twenty-Four Votes Elect Trustees

Only twenty-four votes were cast in April 5th election when O. C. Yarbrough and Bill Jones were reelected as trustees of the Baird Independent School district. No other candidates' names were on the ballot and there were no write-ins.

## OPEN HOUSE AT MUSEUM AND LIBRARY

The annual open house will be held at the Callahan county library and museum located in the basement of the courthouse, on Friday and Saturday, May 2 and 3. It so happens that the West Texas Historical Association will be holding its annual convention here May 3, and their visit to the museum will be a special feature of that meeting.

The library and museum are growing gradually and is now a place to be proud of. Books and relics have been presented by individuals of the county who are interested in the preservation of history. A shower of such items is invited, and when you come to the open house, your gifts will be properly labeled and displayed.

## STAR EDITOR ATTENDING PANHANDLE PRESS

The editor of the Baird Star left last night for Amarillo to attend the 38th annual convention of the Panhandle Press Association. The meeting, held in Amarillo every year since its beginning, will be held Friday and Saturday when newspaper people from all sections of the Panhandle of Texas will gather to discuss problems confronting the industry in this section. Modern methods of printing, editorial advancements and policies will also be in the line of discussions to be had in the meetings. While the group of newspaper people are in convention, they will be guests of the City of Amarillo and a splendid program of entertainment is being arranged.

By attending the meeting, having a good time, discussing business problems, meeting the newspaper folk of the area, etc., the Star editor believes he can relay the real benefit to the old home town in the form of better service through the Star.

## W.S.C.S. MEETS WITH MRS. BRIGHTWELL

Mrs. W. P. Brightwell entertained the W.S.C.S. in her home April 7th, assisted by Mrs. Brice Jones and Mrs. C. M. Curry. Mrs. Nichols gave the Devotional, Mrs. English led in prayer. The ladies enjoyed the book review given by Mrs. R. L. Alexander "The Miracle Of The Bells." Refreshments were served to the following: Mmes. Jarrett, L. C. Cash, S. S. Nichols, L. L. Blackburn, Sadie Hespel, Mary Sutphen, Joe Alexander, E. M. Wristen, J. L. Loper, C. L. Hord, E. L. Woodley, A. R. Kelton, M. D. Bell, R. H. Smith, J. M. Reynolds, John English, M. L. Stubblefield, T. A. Martin, W. B. Swim, Ace Hickman, J. J. Durham, W. A. Fetterly, J. V. Thompson, Bob Norrell, Cecil West, Faye Alexander, and the hostess.

A niece and nephew, Miss Dixie and John Waldrop, of Abilene, spent the Easter holidays with Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Waldrop and Alton. Mrs. Waldrop's mother, Mrs. Lela Miller of Abilene was also here over the weekend.

A new Chevrolet was delivered to Dr. M. C. McGowen Tuesday by Ray Motor Company.

Mrs. M. D. Heist of the Hart community was a pleasant visitor to the Star office Tuesday afternoon.

Annie Jo Hamilton of Abilene visited Norma Farmer during the Easter holidays.

Frank Windham was in the city Tuesday from his Oplin ranch to attend to business.

Miss Estelle Freeland, who is attending TSCW at Denton, visited her parents, Judge and Mrs. B. H. Freeland.

## Youths In Wreck West of Clyde

The demolished 1941 model blue Cadillac club coupe, said to belong to E. C. Vollmer, president of the Texas & Pacific Railway Company, is now at Ray Motor Company awaiting its trip back to Dallas, after having been stolen last week and wrecked a mile west of Clyde last Friday night. Sheriff S. S. Nichols of Callahan county and Sheriff H. T. Fleming of Taylor county said the car contained a paper sack containing \$35 in small change, a quantity of jewelry, a 5-pound sledge hammer, 18-inch screwdriver, punch, long cold chisel all tape covered, and a woman's blonde comb. A search is being made for two youths and a girl who allegedly abandoned the car. There is some belief also that they might be connected with recent safe robberies here and at Cisco.

## AUDIE WOOD DIES AT HOT SPRINGS, ARK.

Mrs. E. L. Wood and son, Floyd, left Friday after receiving news of the death of her son, Audie Wood. Funeral services were held there Saturday. Audie Wood was reared in Baird and his passing is deeply mourned by all who knew him. He was 39 years of age. Surviving are his widow and three children.

## TONE LOPER, RETIRED DUDLEY FARMER, DIES

Tone Loper, 78, retired Dudley farmer, died at noon Saturday in the Callahan County Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 p. m. Sunday at the Dudley Baptist church with Rev. Williams of Clyde officiating.

Mr Loper was born in Van Zandt county in 1869 and had lived at Dudley since 1886.

Survivors are two brothers, Alf Loper of Dudley and Jim Loper of Monahans; and five sisters, Mrs. Lula Motley of Knott, Mrs. Rosie Hester of Lamesa, Mrs. Myrtle DeArmond of Wichita Falls, Mrs. Sallie Seagle of Junction and Mrs. Dela Farrar of Baird.

## BAIRD STUDENT BIDS FOR U-T EDITORSHIP

Pickard Wagner, junior government and speech major at the University of Texas, has filed his candidacy for editor of the Cactus, university yearbook published by the students.

A veteran of two and one-half years in the Navy, Wagner is secretary of the NTAC Club, reporter and past secretary of Rusk literary society, past secretary of the Cliff Dwellers association, a member of the Union's Forum Speakers' committee, a member of the Ex-Servicemen's association, a member of the executive council of Mica, mens independent association, and a member of Alpha Phi Omega service organization.

He is serving now as a Cactus staff member.

## NEW INSURANCE AGENCY

Raymond Young has established the Callahan Insurance Agency and is specializing at this season of the year in crop insurance. Fire and hail insurance will be specialized. Read his ad in another section of this issue.

Mrs. Earl Johnson accompanied Mr. Johnson to San Angelo Friday and visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Miller at the San Angelus hotel.

A. R. Grote, Jr., and H. E. Baldrige, Jr., took the Denton 4-H club boys to Putnam Thursday afternoon to play the 4-H club boys there in a softball game. 14 boys from Denton made the trip and Denton won 20-11. They are looking forward to a return game soon.

Mrs. John Weathers and daughters, Misses Joyce and Frances, of Clyde, were in Baird Saturday attending to business.

Jack Ray, College Station, was a weekend visitor of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Ray.

## Baird Suffers Little From Phone Strike

The telephone strike that has crippled the nation's business and reduced toll calls for telephone companies to only 20 per cent of the normal has caused only slight inconvenience to Baird telephone subscribers. The Home Telephone and Electric not being unionized, only the outside calls were affected. In a few cases where relatives were ill in other states did Baird people seriously feel the need for service. Should the strike continue for a few more days, this will not be the case and Baird will be inconvenienced to a greater extent.

## BUDDY BRAME'S NAME ON HONOR ROLL

Horace L. (Buddy) Brame, son of Mr. and Mrs. Borah Brame, has made the honor roll at John Tarleton Junior College. Dean E. J. Howell extended his commendation and appreciation to Buddy's parents for the fine academic record that he has earned in the first semester. Buddy had formerly received an appointment to Annapolis upon completion of his work at John Tarleton. Mrs. S. L. McElroy, Buddy's former teacher, reported news of his accomplishments when word was received this week.

## DELPHIAN CLUB MEETS

Mrs. W. P. Brightwell was hostess to the Delphian Club Thursday at 3 p. m., with sixteen members present. Mrs. Ace Hickman, Mrs. L. L. Blackburn and Mrs. John A. English were guests. Mrs. S. L. McElroy reviewed the book, "The Prodigal Daughter," by Grace Livingston Hill, which was enjoyed very much. Delicious refreshments were served. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. C. B. Snyder on April 22.

## LAVISH SPECTACLES IN FIESTA PROGRAM

San Antonio — Colorful and gay national holidays will be depicted in the lavish spectacle marking the coronation of the queen of the Fiesta de San Jacinto in San Antonio on April 24, one of the most spectacular events in the week-long fiesta program.

"The Court of Holidays" will be the theme of this year's coronation. An in-town court of 12 duchesses, made up of local debutantes, will symbolize the most colorful of American holidays and out-of-town court, composed of duchesses from other Texas cities, will portray outstanding foreign holidays.

The name of the fiesta queen is a carefully guarded secret until the night of the coronation.

The queen and her court portray leading roles in the famed Battle of Flowers parade, which takes place on Friday, the day after the coronation.

Also kept secret is the identity of the fiesta king, selected by the Texas Cavaliers. The king makes his entry the opening night of the fiesta, April 21, in a brilliant festival on the San Antonio river. Vast throngs will line the river banks to hail "His Majesty" and he will receive the key to the city in a ceremony at the river-bank from Mayor Gus B. Mauermann.

## PTA WILL OBSERVE FATHERS NIGHT

Fathers night will be observed by the Parent-Teachers Association on Thursday, April 17 at the Baird high school auditorium. A nursery will be open, and parents are invited to bring their babies. Refreshments will be served. The P.T.A. is also asking the public to look forward to a Tom Thumb wedding on April 25th.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Price of Albany visited Misses John and Eliska Gilliland and other relatives Sunday.

Among Texas University students here for Easter holidays were Misses Elaine Russell, Sybil Ann Elder, and Mr. and Mrs. John Work.

## Baptist Meeting Is In Progress



Rev. John L. Roden

The revival meeting at the Baptist church has been in progress since last Sunday and will close with the Sunday night services this Sunday. The meeting has shown progress from the first service. The crowds have been good, attendance increasing with each service.

The visiting workers, Pastors John L. Roden of Denton and Lon Woods of Saginaw are doing an excellent job in the preaching and singing. Brother Roden has been bringing fine sermons - rich in spiritual value, intensely scriptural in exposition, simple in arrangement - and the Lord, through these sermons has certainly gotten hold of the people at each service. The presentation is forceful and rings with the purity of the Gospel of Christ, colored slightly by the beautiful sincerity of the personality of the preacher. All are getting a blessing from each and every service. The singing has been of the best, the songs our fathers and mothers sang in other years, - the old songs - well sung by the entire congregation, led by Brother Woods and a fine choir. A strong spirit prevails.

The meeting will continue through Sunday night. We are expecting overflow crowds, already they are assuming such proportions. Could it be, dear friends, that this is the occasion your soul has been waiting for? The old old story - told in song and sermon - as in other days that stirred the hearts of the people. Isn't there a deep and secret longing in your soul for the Lord Jesus Christ and the assurance that He alone can bring? You INTEND someday to make it right? Just remember as you read these lines - the days are swiftly passing and soon it will be over, so far as this world is concerned. "Jesus is passing by" - all things are now ready - will you be with the great masses who spent their life here neglecting - ignoring - yet intending? What we do, we must do quickly. We pray that you will have no regrets or anguish of soul when you come to the end of the way. Will you not NOW say: I am going to attend these services and hear Gods message to my soul? Sin is awful, persistent, deceitful and deadly. Grace is so glorious, so rich, so pure, so free. Why will Ye die?

A. A. Davis, Pastor.

## TROOP TWO NEWS

Virginia Price called Troop Two of the Girl Scouts to order and Moana Bullard called the roll at the meeting this week, when the following officers were elected: Judy McGowen, patrol leader; Marsha Cunningham, president; Dolores Benson, secretary; Glenda Yeager, reporter; Martha Gilliland, prom. chairman; Moana Bullard, treasurer. Games were enjoyed after the meeting. The outline for next Tuesday's meeting will be equipment to make notebooks.

Glenda Yeager, reporter.

## Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Buckner and little daughter, Linda Kay, of Oklahoma City, spent Easter with Mrs. Buckner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hughes.



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# A. F. McWilliams Tells Story



A. F. McWilliams, retired pioneer preacher, writes the story of his life and it is published below exactly as it was submitted to The Star by him. His story follows:

Alfred Farr McWilliams was born December 22, 1860, near Burkville, Newton County, Texas. He lived in the house he was born in until about 1869, when his father, David McWilliams, sold out and moved to Montgomery County, Texas. He landed there about January 1, 1870, settling on the Waverly and Houston road, about 10 miles from Waverly. He lived there until September or October, 1873, and

on account of sickness he sold out and moved to Lampassas County. He settled about 4 miles east of where Lometa now stands. He landed there about the first of November, 1873, and A. F. was 13 years old the 22nd day of the following December.

This section of the country was considered a frontier country at that time and there were no church houses outside the town of Lampassas, and a very few school houses. People mostly used vacated houses for school houses, with post oak logs split open, and the worst splinters hewn off and holes bored through them to hold legs, for seats, and they would hire a teacher for two or three months a year. This is the kind of school they had for 10 years.

A. F.'s father died the 12th day of March, 1883, and A. F. married Miss Nancy Francis Hallmark the same year on the 8th day of August. He helped build the first school house that was built in his community.

A. F. fell in love with the Lord Jesus Christ when about 10 years of age, under the preaching of Billie Morgan, Methodist, and wanted to live a Christ-like life. He thought if anyone goes to Heaven they must live just as sinless while here as Christ was, but knew he had failed. He had utmost confidence in his parent's religion, especially his mother,

for he thought she was the best woman in the world, but thought everybody must keep all the Commandments of the Old Law or be lost, and knew if they did he never saw anyone that would go to Heaven. He would go to church and hear the Gospel and would get happy and promise the Lord that if he would forgive his past sins he never would grieve his Holy Spirit any more, and maybe in less than two hours he would catch himself indulging in something that was sinful in God's sight; then he would weep. He became discouraged and thought nobody would ever go to Heaven and its useless for me to try.

In the summer of 1884, while in the field cutting corn tops, he was studying about that, and this scripture came to him -- "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest" -- Matthew 11:28. And another scripture, "Ask and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you" -- Matthew 7:7. And A. F. said, "Lord, have I not did all this and yet I am a sinner?" And this scripture came to him -- "All have sinned; there is none that doeth good; no not one." -- Romans 5:12. Then another, "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness even so must the son of man be lifted that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life." -- John 3:14-15.

Then he understood the fiery serpent was a type of sin and the serpent of brass a type of Christ. The fiery serpent was not removed, but a remedy provided to counteract his poison, and while the serpent of brass did nothing the son of man kept all the law for man, thus becoming "... the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth." -- Romans 10:4. And, "There is none other name given whereby men must be saved." -- Acts 4:12. "For by grace are ye saved, through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God." -- Ephesians 2:8.

Immediately he was made to rejoice in God and wanted to tell the world what a Dear Saviour he had found. He felt that if he should find anyone who really wanted to be saved that he could explain God's plan of salvation so that they would be bound to accept it. He wanted to preach the blessed Gospel, but Satan said, "You are uneducated, you cannot preach," so he began to drift around until in 1896 he moved to Coyote, Bosque County, Texas, where they had no kind of religious services. On the last Sunday in May, a young man named Zuber was at his house and wanted him to organize a prayer meeting, saying "We have no kind of worship to go to on Sunday." After finding that there were only four praying people in the whole community, he said, "Gee, about 12 years ago I had several head of cattle and hogs, 5 head of horses and a wife and one child, and I felt that the Lord wanted me to preach the Gospel, but not being educated I would not try it. Now I have a wife and six children, a wagon and team, and nothing else, so if you think you can get me a hearing at Coyote the second Sunday in June I will try to preach one sermon." He said, "I can get you a hearing," and began to spread the news at once, and A. F.'s oldest brother, R. D. McWilliams, heard and came and said, "Alfred, I hear you are going to preach here the second Sunday," and A. F. said, "Yes, if it's the Lord's will." He said, "For God's sake, if you are thinking of such a thing as that, don't try it here." "Why not here as well as any place?"

He said, "I have lived here nearly twenty years and have known of several good preachers, both Methodist and Baptist, that have had several years practice to come here and try to hold meetings and would have to quit and leave -- said the boys would cut the strings and girths off of saddles and cut harness off of the buggy horses at night, and throw rocks against the walls so you could not hear what the preacher said."

A. F. said, "The announcement is gone out and I am not going to call it in, but will be there at eleven o'clock a. m., if it is the Lord's will, and will do the best I can, and leave the results with the Lord." So on the second Sunday his wife was sick and his mother stayed with her, and he stopped in a clump of brush by the road and fell on his knees and poured out his soul to the Lord in prayer, saying "Lord, if these impressions that have been

following me all these years are just an imagination of mine, please let me make a complete failure today and make me know I have failed." So he went on and there was a large congregation and he preached the best he could under God, and at the close asked if there was any announcements to be made, and as there were none, he dismissed them. Immediately the postmaster, the druggist, the doctor and several other leading men of the community came to him and said, "You are not going to quit us at this, are you? We want you to preach for us." A. F. said, "Well, if you people want me to I will preach again a month from today." They said, "Call the attention of the congregation and announce it before they begin to leave," and he did so, and on the second Sunday, July everybody within 3 or 4 miles of Coyote was there to hear him. The Lord gave us a gracious service and at the close he asked if there was any announcements to be made. A man said, "Yes, Bro. J. E. Johnston of Meridian will preach here next Sunday at 4 o'clock p. m. and try to organize a Missionary Baptist Church at this place." He came and organized a church with 17 members and some of them held letters that was 18 years old. They called Brother Johnston as pastor and on Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. he preached and extended the privileges of the church and A. F. joined and was baptised the same day. He preached there for over a year, but preached six years before he would be ordained -- said he never felt that he would make a good pastor and wanted to first preach at such places that good preachers would not go. He was offered the Missionary work in the Llano Association in 1898 but refused, and refused several calls as pastor. In 1898 his home church of Valley Springs gave him a unanimous call, but he sold his crop in Llano County and started to Callahan County. He picked cotton in Lampassas, Bell Falls, McClendon and Hill Counties, and rented land in Hill County to make a crop in 1899. On the 9th day of January, 1899, one of his little boys took sick with slow fever and died the 11th of February, and before his death his father and 3 more of the children were down with the fever, and was moved to Bosque County in February. The whole family had slow fever, but finally got well, and under the advice of his Doctor moved to Callahan County in July of that year. He settled about five miles north of Cottonwood; picked cotton during the fall, at the same time preaching once a month at the Cedar Bluff school house and once a month at the old Flag Springs school house, near Atwell. There was a church there called the Live Oak Gap Baptist Church. Brother I. D. Hull was its fourth time pastor.

A. F. rented two places north of Cottonwood one about five miles north of Cottonwood, within about a quarter of a mile of the Cedar Bluff school house, the other one on the Cottonwood and Baird road, closer to Cottonwood. The Lord blessed him with a good crop and in August of 1900, he held a meeting at the Cedar Bluff school house and got old Brother C. C. Hightower and an old Brother named Lindsay to help him, and the Lord gave them a gracious meeting. Thirty-six confession of faith they sent to the Live Oak Gap church for an arm and carried 17 members to that church. A. F. moved to Taylor County in February, 1901, and preached at school houses like he had been doing, and bought a place in the

summer. He helped hold two or three meetings in the southwest part of the county, and on the 8th day of November, 1901, his oldest son, 17 years old, took sick and was sick all the winter and died March 3rd, 1902, near the Elm Creek school house, about 15 miles up the creek from Buffalo Gap, where his doctor lived.

A. F. said to his wife, "I believe this is a punishment sent on me for my disobedience, so I believe if another church ever calls me as pastor that I will accept and be ordained."

That summer he helped his pastor, W. L. Carter, hold the meeting at the Elm Grove Baptist church and here were 14 additions by experience and baptism, and at the close of the meeting the church gave him a unanimous call as pastor. He accepted and was ordained by that church in 1902, but in the fall of 1903, the church at Hydro, Oklahoma, called him and he moved out there and spent about four years in Oklahoma, pastoring churches and doing missionary work -- mission work mostly. He was offered missionary work by two different associations while there, but his wife's health failed in 1904 and she got to having nervous prostration and smothering spells. He brought her back to Taylor County in 1906 for medical treatment by Dr. Cranford of Buffalo Gap. This cost him over \$300.00, but she got worse and in 1907 his Oklahoma doctor said he would have to move or lose her, so he moved back to Taylor County and has lived in Taylor or Callahan Counties most of the time since. His wife passed away on November 11, 1942, after suffering hundreds of deaths the past 38 years. She was 83 years, 5 1/2 months of age at her death, and was the mother of 8 children, 6 boys and 2 girls. Two of the boys have passed away, one the 11th of February, 1899, the other the 3rd day of March, 1902, and the youngest girl on February 10, 1936, leaving her husband and 6 children.

A. F. is now 86 years old and can only say, like Paul of old, "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief." -- 1 Timothy 1:15. And, "For by grace are ye saved, through faith; and that not by yourselves; it is the gift of God." -- Ephesians 2:8.

A. F. says I know I am not worthy ever to inherit such a beautiful eternal home as Heaven is described to be in Revelations 21st and 22nd chapters, but I know in whom I have trusted and know what it cost him to secure that beautiful home for me, and am persuaded to believe that he is able to keep that which I have entrusted to him unto that perfect day. I believe he told the truth when he said "I go to prepare a place for you and will come again and receive you unto myself that where I am ye may be also," and "I know that if this Tabernacle were dissolved that I have a building of God; a house not made with hands, Eternal and in the Heavens." -- 2nd. Cor. 5:1.

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## County Agriculture Agent's Column

By A. R. Grote, Jr.

### A NEW TREATMENT FOR SCREW-WORMS

A new treatment for screw-worm infested livestock has been developed at the Menard, Texas, laboratory. Although not superior to smear 62, which was developed at the same laboratory a few years ago and since that time has been the recommended treatment, it is nevertheless a satisfactory substitute and should

be used if satisfactory materials are not available to make smear 62. Turkey red oil, one of the ingredients of smear 62, has been scarce in recent years, and many of the supplies obtained have been off-grade.

The new remedy, which is called EQ smear 82, is composed of the following ingredients:

Parts by weight	
Diphenylamine	35
Benzen	32
Triton X-300 (sodium salt of an alkylated aryl polyether sulfate)	2
n-Butyl alcohol	10

Lampblack 21  
The smear should be applied to the screw-worm infested wound with a 1-inch paint brush, care being taken to push the material well down into the pockets made by the maggots. The area around the wound where blood and wound exudate have made the animal attractive to flies and susceptible to infestation should be thoroughly painted.

To protect uninfested wounds, such as those caused by shear cuts, castration, dehorning, docking, and wire cuts, it is sufficient to cover the raw tissue and surrounding area thoroughly with a coating of the smear.

This remedy kills screw-worms quickly, and after its application large numbers of them may drop out of the wound, carrying a considerable amount of the protective chemical with them. For this reason it is a good practice to make a second application 24 to 48 hours after the first to insure proper coating of the wound. Thereafter, under average conditions, regular treatments twice

each week should be given until the wound is healed.  
Prepare the remedy well away from open flame and do not have lighted cigarettes or cigars during the process. The benzene in the smear is highly volatile and will evaporate quickly if left in an open container. It is therefore advisable that the smear be kept tightly covered in a cool place when not in use.

When infestation near the eyes are being treated, avoid getting the smear into the unaffected parts of the eyes, as the material is irritating. If this is done accidentally, it is advisable to wash the eyes immediately with water.

### TOMMIE MILLIORN MAKES RECORD FEEDING PIGS

This is Tommie's first year in the Eula 4-H Club and when the club met and organized in September, he wanted to get a pig to feed for his demonstration. On November 8, he and his Daddy bought an 8-week-old pig from R. G. Farmer for \$7.50. The pig was well on feed when Tommie

got him so all he had to do was mix his feed and put it out. For 109 days or 3 1/2 months, Tommie fed him a ration of ground speltz, wheat, maize, and hog supplement twice daily. He also fed him skim milk that wasn't used in the home. His pig made an average gain of 1 1/4 pounds daily. He won third place at the Fat Stock Show in Abilene and sold his pig for 35c per pound at the auction. His net profit was \$48.15 and it cost him 20c per pound of gain on his pig. By selling him at market price, he would have netted \$26 on his hog, and that ain't hay! If Tommie could have had ten pigs on feed, he would have made a nice profit. Tommie had made a start and if he'll keep it up, he should have enough by the time he finishes high school to pay his way through college. Tommie has entered the contest to win a registered gilt to be given away in May, and should he win, I'm sure he'll make more records.

W. D. Boydston is getting all pepped up over the forthcoming convention of the West Texas Historical Association here May 3rd. Enthusiasm like this from Baird citizens will assure a successful event when the historians are our guests, and not only that but it will help to build a good little city a better big one.

Mr. and Mrs. Lem Lightfoot of DeLeon were guests of Mrs. Lightfoot's aunt, Mrs. Willie Flores Barnhill Sunday.

### ALONG SHACKELFORD COUNTY LINE Mrs. Opal Wolfe

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Price and children of Putnam spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Wolfe and family.

Mrs. Mary Wolfe and Mrs. Vera Mae Shelton were over visiting with Opal Wolfe Thursday.

Mrs. Roy McCoy of Moran visited Opal Wolfe Thursday.

Mrs. Mary and Opal Wolfe were visiting friends in Baird Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Wolfe and children have moved on the McCoy place.

The Baptist meeting is going on in Moran. Everybody come. Mrs. Opal Wolfe visited with

Mrs. J. R. McFarland and Mrs. W. P. Brightwell Friday. Mrs. McFarland is on the sick list. We hope her a speedy recovery.

If you have a relic of Callahan county bring it to the relic shower and open house to be held at the county library and museum, courthouse basement, on May 2 and 3.

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From farming states come reports of doubled beef production per acre of pasture simply by mowing weeds. In dairying sections startling improvements in production, flavor, and milk and cream profits have resulted from cutting pasture weeds two or three times a season. Promising experimental work is proceeding with 2, 4-D and other new chemical weed killers. Spraying pas-

tures is proving effective in destroying these livestock rustlers.

Once weeds are under control, pastures benefit by liming, fertilizing, reseeding with recommended pasture mixtures, by harrowing or disking to break up manure. Few crops give as great return for a little attention as does grass. A good starting point in an improved grass program is to take steps to control weeds and brush.

We—both you and Swift—are interested in making the best use of what we have. It has been said that "a penny saved is a penny earned." There are many dollars to be saved by making the most efficient use of grass lands. We suggest that you contact your state agricultural college, county agent, or vocational agricultural teacher for further information.

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### Price balances supply and demand



There is always a demand for meat. Yes, at some price. But that price is not determined by the meat's cost, or set by the meat packer. It is set by what the consumers are willing and able to pay for the meat and by-products. That is something which must be known and remembered if one is to understand the meat business.

A good many people think that the meat packers sell meat for the cost of the livestock, plus expense, plus a profit. But that is not how meat prices are made. We must sell our meat—because it is perishable. We hope, of course, to sell it at a price which gives us a profit. But profit or loss, we must sell it. As our president, John Holmes, said recently, "We seek the price that balances supply and demand. Sometimes this is a profitable price; sometimes there is a loss. The records show that, on the average, we make a modest profit year by year."

As for prices paid for livestock, they, too, are set by the forces of supply and demand. No meat packer could control them because there is so much competition both in buying and selling. There are over 4,000 meat packers and 20,000 commercial slaughterers competing daily for live animals.

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H. S. Mitchell

### Things are NOT always as they seem

Which weighs more? The cubic foot block of iron, or those four big rolls of 26' fence wire? The wire looks much heavier, but it isn't. They weigh the same—491 pounds each.

No, things are not always as they seem. Take that fence wire, for example. The fence maker paid perhaps 2c a pound for the iron. You buy it as fencing at around 7c a pound. That leaves a "spread" of 5c a pound between the raw material and the finished product. This "spread" covers heat treating, drawing the wire, weaving it, rolling, and other processes we may not know about. It includes also manufacturer's profit, transportation, jobbers' and retailers' costs and profits, and delivery to you.

There is also a "spread" between what you producers get for livestock and what you pay the meat dealer for meat. For one thing, an average 1000-pound steer produces only 543 pounds of meat and 161 pounds of by-products, both edible and inedible. In processing there is unrecoverable shrink and waste of 296 pounds. We also have the costs of "disassembling" live animals into meat, refrigerating, transporting to market, and delivery to retail stores. The "spread" covers also retailers' costs and profits—plus a profit for the meat packer which averages only a small fraction of a cent per pound of product handled.

## RECORDS

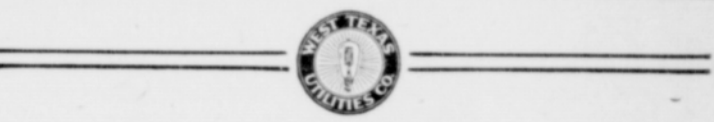


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## DEMOCRATIC PROCESS ENDS

The end of the Selective Service Act, which went into effect September 16th, 1940, recalls that it provided the machinery by which 10,200,367 men were inducted into the armed services of the nation.

That the Selective Service system provided a democratic process for the call to arms and that it adequately met the nation's needs is largely due to the 184,325 volunteers. In every section of the country, including Callahan County, these volunteers gave generously of their time and, with few exceptions, met the high test involved in their important duties.

The process provided approximately two-thirds of all the armed forces of the nation and it is important to remember that they were selected by local boards through what President Truman calls "the most democratic process ever created for the purpose."

Discontinuation of the Act means that the Army and Navy must maintain through recruiting their present authorized strength of a little more than 1,500,000 men. Whether this hope provides accurate can only be determined by what happens in the future but, in view of the liberal compensation now offered to the volunteers in both services, there is some prospect of success.

The Selective Service Act was put thru Congress in the summer of 1940 and went into effect about thirteen months before Pearl Harbor. Luckily for this nation, the intelligent action of Congress made it possible for the United States to have some trained men and, what is more important, the machinery available to speed induction into service.

It is very important, we think, for the people of Callahan County to understand the democratic processes involved in the Selective Service Act. Local boards, with considerable power, and with considerable responsibility and authority, had to decide whether a man should stay at home or go into service. The basic test was the value of the individual. Naturally, some were more important in the industrial processes on the farms and in other areas of service for civilian society.

In marking the end of the act, we should not lose sight of the fact that it may be necessary, in the very near future, to resume the democratic process of providing men for the armed forces. This explains the decision of the Government to retain the draft records, which contains the information about 34,000,000 registrants, against a possible emergency.

## SAYS SEA MONSTERS EXIST

The age-old debate about sea monsters will be revived by a recent magazine article by Ivan T. Sanderson in the Saturday Evening Post which intimates that skeptical scientists might as well eat their words.

The author refers to descriptions of sea monsters that have been described during the past 150 years, saying that the accounts correspond remarkably well. He reports that fairly close-up views have been reported, one by a British Sea Captain and his crew in 1917.

We do not know whether there are sea monsters or not but we would be somewhat disappointed if anybody would come along and entirely discredit the stories that come to light from time to time. Surely, there must be sea monsters. There are every other kind.

## DOWN A WEE BIT

Here's a little bit of good news for the people of Callahan County.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that the cost of living declined in February for the second consecutive month but the reduction amounted to only two-tenths of one per cent.

The Bureau reports that food prices are now 2.9 per cent below last November's all-time high but clothing prices went up for the forty-fourth consecutive month, with women's clothing advancing sharply, and house furnishings also moving upward.

## SURPLUS GOODS SCARCE

Dealers in surplus goods and hardware, bought from the government or from recon-verted industries, occupy a block in New York, according to Creighton Peet, writing in This Week.

The variety of goods is great, reports the author, from hunks of un-machined metals and plastics to optical gyroscopes and army mine detectors.

This is information to the people in small areas, like Callahan County, where there are not many evidences that the sale of government surplus goods has been going on. The situation is nothing like what followed the first World War when there were enormous stock of retail goods on sale all over the nation.

## NO SURPRISE

There should be no surprise in the disclosure from Germany that Russia has been offering large salaries to German atomic experts for engaging in research for the Soviet Government.

If Soviet Russia possessed the secret of the atomic bomb and the United States Government could employ scientific experts to give it the secret, there is no doubt that we would promptly employ the experts.

It has never been a secret that the Russians are anxious to discover everything they can about atomic research or that they are doing their best to solve the scientific problem connected with the production of such weapons.

## "GALLANT BESS" GRIPPING STORY OF SEABEE HERO

Anyone who loves horses will get a great kick out of the new M-G-M picture, "Gallant Bess," showing at the Plaza Theatre Saturday Prevue, Sunday and Monday.

Here is the vibrant and moving tale of a sixteen-year-old boy whose loss of parents is made up for by his love for an intelligent and devoted mare named Bess. Although the boy, Tex, wants to make a beginning at owning a horse ranch, he is moved by the call of patriotism and joins the Seabees. Then Bess dies while in foal, and not even the excitement of being shipped to a Pacific atoll can take the lonely Tex's mind from the horse he loved.

But in the midst of the island fighting, Tex discovers another horse who has been abandoned by her owner, and before long she fills the void in the young rancher's heart. And when Tex, wounded, is about to be shipped back to the United States, the faithful and devoted new "Bess" refuses to be left behind but swims after the LST which is carrying her master away.

This moving tale is faithfully depicted by a fine cast, headed by young Marshall Thompson who lends an earnest credibility and sympathy to the role of Tex.

George Tobias, playing Thompson's Seabee pal, is responsible for most of the laughs; Chill Wills has an arresting bit as a Seabee recruiting officer; Clem Bevans is fine as the genial owner of a general store and others who merit praise include Jim Davis, Murray Alper, Henry Morgan and Don Curtis.

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Lehrman Hayhurst was in town Saturday, telling fish stories and tending to business.



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**Hospital Notes**

W. W. Septer was a medical patient for one day this week.  
 S. J. Tarrant, Clyde, was a patient the 7th.  
 Dave Henson's condition is critical.  
 J. S. Gamble is getting along fine.  
 Mrs. Lola Murphy has not been quite so well the past day or two.  
 Evon Scott, Clyde, is feeling much better.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Franklin, Clyde, have a new boy, born the 7th, weighing 8 pounds 11 ounces.  
 Gaylord Price, who entered the hospital for treatment the 1st, has been dismissed improving nicely.

Master Robert Shrader underwent tonsillectomy on Tuesday morning.  
 Mrs. N. E. McGee is getting along fine.  
 J. K. Monfort was a patient Monday night.  
 Mrs. W. T. Rutherford entered the hospital the 4th for medical treatment and is feeling some better.  
 Mrs. E. M. Parks, Clyde, was a medical patient a couple of days this week.  
 Mrs. John Purvis, Cottonwood, who has been very ill, is reported better.  
 Mrs. H. V. Halcomb has been a patient for several days.  
 Among patients dismissed the past few days and improving are: Mrs. R. J. Young and Mrs. Alice Tunnel.  
 Mrs. Truett Holder, who entered the hospital the 7th, is reported resting fairly well.  
 Mrs. Bobbie Jean Cutbirth and infant daughter are doing nicely. The baby arrived the 8th, weighing 9 lbs. 8 ozs.  
 Mrs. J. P. Atwood is feeling some better.  
 E. Cooke, who entered the hospital the 7th, is getting along nicely.  
 Many thanks to Mrs. E. L. Blackburn for remembering the

patients with Easter gifts, and to Mrs. E. L. Woodley for beautiful flowers.  
 Sincerest thanks to A. J. Stone of the Plaza Theatre for complimentary show tickets to each patient.

We appreciate the reading material donated by Mrs. M. L. Stubblefield.  
**Rowden Round-Up**  
 Community Activities Reliably Recorded by The Star Reporter.  
 By Dorris McClain

Mr. and Mrs. Blain Odum and son Mike, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Smedley Sunday.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Tip Elder of Cross Plains visited Mr. and Mrs. Arden Jones.  
 W. B. Gibbs and Cecil Jones visited their parents the Easter holidays.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Carl Roberson and family visited in Oplin Sunday.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Ray Thornton visited the Bayou school Monday.  
 Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bruce and daughter visited Mr. and Mrs. R. L. McClain Saturday.  
 M. K. Maples was called to Dermott early Friday at the death of a niece.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Joe Griffin of Abilene visited Mrs. Henry during the Easter holidays.  
 Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Parrish of Cottonwood and Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Wilkerson of Sweetwater visited Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Parrish Sunday.  
 Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Redden and daughters visited Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Parrish Sunday.  
 Charles Mitchell and the Lucky Lads of Brownwood are entertaining at the Bayou school April 14th. They are sponsored by the senior class. You are cordially invited to come.

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Mrs. J. R. Ramey had a member of her family visiting with her Sunday also Rev. and Mrs. Fate Redden and girls, Mr. and Mrs. Norris Ramey of Riverside, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Junior Underwood of New Mexico, Mo. and Mrs. Ralph Tunnel of Lubbock, and Mr. and Mrs. Grady Ramey of Cross Plains.

Miss Roxie Lee Jordan of Kansas City, Mo., is spending several days with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Fulton.

Miss Pauline Jones of Philadelphia, Pa., is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Jones. Mr. Jones is reported to be much improved from his illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Gaston are visiting in the home of his uncle, Mr. Bill Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Rainbolt of Afton Texas, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. K. B. Robbins and family.

Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Gilliland are visiting her son, Fred Kelly and family in Lubbock this week. Mr. and Mrs. Luther Thomas and Wilma Lee visited the S. H. Thomas family Sunday.

The Cottonwood Cemetery Association will observe May 4 as Memorial Day. This will be all-day affair with dinner on the ground. Everyone bring a well filled basket. A program for all day will be arranged.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Green of San Angelo spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Jones.

Among those who visited in the J. H. Coats home Sunday were: Mrs. Annie Kelly of Albany, Mr. and Mrs. Reese Tye and family of Paducah, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Davidson and boys of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ellis and Evadina of Admiral.

The A&M students were Richard Purvis, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bennett and R. T. Peevy, who visited in Cottonwood this weekend.

Arnett Bennett, who is attending the Deaf and Dumb School at Austin, visited home folks over the weekend.

Mrs. C. A. Myrick, Mrs. H. S. Varner, Miss Mary Thomas, C. V. Thomas visited Mrs. John Purvis at the Baird Hospital on Sunday afternoon.

Rev. Falkner of Cross Plains filled the pulpit for the Baptist people Sunday.

**TRUMAN HATLEY RECEIVES BRONZE STAR MEDAL**

Truman W. Hatley of Baird, who is employed by Baird Motor Co., went to Abilene to receive a Bronze Star Medal awarded him for heroic action against the enemy in a sector of Northern France while serving with the Corps of Engineers in August 1944. Mr. Hatley was at that time Technician 5th Grade and was an Air Compressor operator. Hatley and his comrades in an effort to recover some badly needed allied equipment dashed across open ground less than one thousand yards from enemy lines and recovered some ambushed machines in spite of constant machine gun and rifle fire.

Captain Wayne Hall of the U. S. Army Recruiting Station made the presentation in an Army Day Ceremony and it was carried over Radio Station KRBC in Abilene.

**Oplin Observations**  
 Odds and Ends Opportunely Offered in Open Order.  
 By Joreta Gwin

Miss Maxine Johnson, who is going to Abilene Christian College, spent the weekend with her folks.

Mat Warren of Big Spring and Lucien Warren of Oplin visited Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Warren of Brownwood Sunday.

Sunday afternoon April 13, there is to be another county-wide Youth Rally at Baird Baptist church. Young people, if you don't go, you will miss a wonderful time.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Slaughter were called to Arlington Heights Saturday to attend the funeral of their aunt, Miss Mary Slaughter who passed away April 5th. She had lived at the Eastern Star home for a number of years. Walter McBride accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Slaughter to Arlington Heights.

Rev. John Boone, Mrs. Boone and Mrs. G. A. Gwin attended the Quarterly Associational W. M. U. meeting at Cross Plains Thursday, April 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McWhorter spent the Easter holidays with their parents.

Dave Henson's condition is still unchanged.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Perce of Melrose, N. M., spent the Easter holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Roberson and children, of Bayou, spent Sunday in Oplin.

Sheriff Nichols was in town for a while Sunday afternoon.

John Carr Straley, who is

working at Childress, spent Easter with his mother, Mrs. Lanie Straley.

Mrs. Walter Boyd, Mrs. J. E. Mobley, and Glen Boyd left Tuesday for Glendale, Ariz., to visit Mrs. Boyd's daughter, Mrs. O. O. Mobley, who is ill.

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 Actually the railroads earned only 2 3/4% in 1946.  
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15%      10%      2 3/4%

**Why it takes 6% to make the grade...**

Impartial research polls show that, on the average, people think we make 15%. They also think a fair return would be 10%.

**What We Make**  
 But for the year 1946, with the biggest peace-time traffic in history, the railroads earned only . . . 2 3/4%. This is less than one-half the comparable earnings for other industries.

The reasons for this low return are not hard to find. Since 1939 railroad wages have increased 52 1/2% and the prices of fuel, materials and supplies have gone up 61 1/2%.

But freight rates have just recently been increased an average of only 17 1/2%—a year after the effective date of the last big wage increase.

**What About This Year?**  
 It is estimated that the return for 1947, even with the recent freight rate increase, will be only about half the 6% minimum return required to provide the improvements and service needed. This will be because of increased costs of materials and supplies; because certain wage increases granted in 1946

were in effect for only part of 1946 but will be in effect for all of 1947; because of increased special payroll taxes on railroads; and because of a decline in passenger business.

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**'NOBODY LIVES FOREVER'**

Miss Evalee Carlton, Bridgeport, visited her sister, Mrs. Ernest Hudson during the weekend.

Mrs. Sadie Heslep arrived Friday from Graham to make her home with her sister, Mrs. Rosa Ryan.

Nell Farmer was in San Antonio Thursday and Friday of last week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Benja Pillans.

Mr. and Mrs. Benja Pillans, San Antonio, were weekend guests of their parents, Judge and Mrs. Lester Farmer and Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Pillans at Atwell.

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Ben Lewis Russell and Lewis Gee, A & M College students, visited Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Russell, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Boydston during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Clovis Womack and daughter, Pat, of Ozona, are visiting Mrs. Womack's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Wylie.

Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Davis were Mr. and Mrs. Delis Barber and children, Colorado City, and Mrs. Bertha Barber, Abilene.

Mrs. Cora Work's storm cellar was about the most popular place in the neighborhood Friday when the black cloud blew in from the west to remind folks of the Clyde cyclone a few years ago. Twenty-three people crowded into Mrs. Work's cellar on that occasion.

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