

# The Baird Star

Our Motto—"Tis Neither Birth, Nor Wealth, Nor State, But The Get-Up-And-Get That Makes Men Great."

FIFTY-FOURTH YEAR

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## Bobby Estes Wins Second In Salinas Rodeo

Bobby Estes, youthful Baird cowboy, won second in the bareback bronc riding contest Tuesday at Salinas, Calif. in opening of the 30th annual rodeo there.

He was second to the world's champion, Fritz Truan of Salinas in the steer bulldogging contest John Bowman of Oakdale, Calif. and formerly of Trent, Texas won first. Bowman is a former world's champion.

## Doris Hammond and Milton Elliott Wed At Colorado City

Of wide West Texas interest was the marriage of Doris Hammond of Cisco, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Hammond of Colorado City, to Milton A. Elliott of Baird, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Elliott, Baird. Former student in Hardin-Simmons university, Mrs. Elliott is graduate of Parson's Beauty school and Colorado City High School.

The wedding took place Tuesday evening, July 15th, in a candlelight ceremony at the home of the bride's parents, with the Rev. Mr. Travis, Baptist pastor, reading the service.

Background for the wedding was a mantel banked with pink gladioluses, bridal wreath and fern.

The bride wore a navy blue sheer ensemble with white waffle pique collar and other trimmings of organza and lace. The costume was accessorized in blue, and white and her flowers were white a shoulder corsage of carnations.

Mary Lillian Harville of Abilene, bridesmaid, wore brown and white crepe, white accessories and a corsage of yellow Peruvian lilies.

Tommy Warren of Baird was Mr. Elliott's best man.

Hazel Crubbs, Colorado City, played traditional Mendelssohn and Wagner wedding music and gave I Love You Truly as the ceremony was read.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Elliott, Jr. and son Bobby; and Mrs. James C. Asbury, Baird Mrs. N. T. Berry and Mr. and Mrs. R. Y. Hammond, A. T. Hammond, R. R. Hammond, C. E. Hammond, Mrs. Eula Tapp, and T. Y. Hammond of Colorado City.

Milton Elliott is a graduate of Baird High School and has held a number of responsible positions in Baird holding a clerkship with Tot's Wristen grocery for several years, which position he resigned to go into the United States army. He now, being a member of 133 Supply Co. at Camp Bowie.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott made a short wedding trip to Galveston, Waco, Ft. Worth and other points. Mrs. Elliott will stay in Cisco until Mr. Elliott returns from Louisiana where he will be with the 36th Division for the next two months.

## Aluminum Drive

Judge B. H. Freeland reports the Aluminum Drive for National Defense, well under way. And all gathered from over the county will be brought to Baird today and tomorrow, Judge Freeland asks than anyone who might have been overlooked to please bring or send their contributions in.

## Notice To The Public

We wish to impress upon all the importance of signing articles sent into The Star, for publication. Not that your name will be published, but as an evidence of good faith, so that we may know who sends the article in. We will not publish any article sent unless FULL name and address of the sender is signed to the article. PLEASE remember this.

—THE BAIRD STAR

## Local Option Election Will Be Held July 31

A county-wide local option election will be held in Callahan Co. Thursday July 31. This election will be held under general election regulations. It is estimated that more than 2000 votes will be polled. Baird is expected to poll 700 or more.

The election in Baird will be held in the city hall, the polls opening at 8 a. m. and closing at 7 p. m.

B. L. Russell Jr., is the presiding judge. A. R. Kelton, Hugh Ross, Mrs. S. E. Settle, Mrs. O. E. Eastham and Mrs. Vada Bennett as assistants.

The above named officer are appointed by the court.

## Eula Land Owners Meet Tonight

A meeting of landowners in the Eula community has been called by the Central Colorado River Authority board of supervisors for 8 o'clock tonight, Friday, at the Eula school, Jim Shockey Callahan county Agent announces.

Approximately 60 persons are expected to attend the session which is to deal with problems concerning soil conservation program.

The Eula district has been set up as a priority area by the CCRA board of supervisors and machinery has already been moved to the community for work that is to be done under the SCS agreements.

Two large maintainers, owned by the CCRA and small terraces and fresnos that can be powered by farm machinery are now available.

A. E. Young member of the board of supervisors, and Lester Farmer, community leader, will be in charge of the meeting.

## Children's Story Hour At Library

Two Story Hours per week for children have been planned for the remainder of the summer. Mr. Hubert Ross will meet the children each Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 in the library and the WPA library clerk will have charge of the hour, each Thursday afternoon at 3:30.

All school children may receive credit on their summer reading by making brief reports—ask Mrs. Frazier. The WPA clerk at the Library to tell you how to get a State Reading Certificate. The summer is half gone, but you still have time to do the required work if you begin at once.

New books are being added to the Library each week.

## Hospital News

John Cunningham, F. M. Alexander and Turner Peevy, who have been medical patients for sometime are slowly improving.

Mrs. Bob Harris, surgical patient is considerable improved.

Tots Wristen is a medical patient suffering with a severe cold. He was reported some better yesterday.

Ernest Windham was brought in from his ranch, Tuesday, and is quite sick with a severe cold. Mrs. Gussie Watts, Baird, is a surgical patient.

Patricia Lynn, baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Pollard, was a medical patient this week. Mrs. S. P. Padsworth, of Dallas, was a patient Monday night.

Mrs. Audice Tunnell, of Oplin was a tonsectomy a few days ago.

Catherine Klampett, of Baird, was a medical patient this week. Born—to Mr. and Mrs. U. W. Runyon of Moran, on Thursday July 17th a girl.

Motor vehicles owners now pay at current rates nearly \$500,000 annually in gasoline and other automobile levies to the federal government.

## CPCA Loans \$779,412.25 To Farmer-Stockmen

In connection with the nationwide celebration of the lending of the-billion-dollar in production in production credit association loans, the Texas 36 associations had its part by hitting an all time high in loans to stockmen and farmers during the first sixmonths of 1941, according to word received by the Coleman Production Credit Association.

Reflecting credit demands for seasonal operations and expanded farm production to meet national defense requirements, Texas this year has borrowed \$23,957,630, a gain of 47 per cent over last year's first half total of \$16,442,727. Loans during the period reached a total of 9,377—gain of 2,991 members.

The Coleman Production Credit Association has made loans to stockmen and farmers for \$779,412.25 in the period of January 1 to June 30, 1941, as compared with loans for \$508,000 during the same period last year.

## Grady Chrisman And Betty Jo Smith Married

Grady Chrisman and Betty Jo Smith were recently married in Marietta, Oklahoma.

The bride was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Smith, of Grand Prairie, Texas, and a graduate of Grande Prairie High School. She is a student in N.T.S.T.C. where she is majoring in Home Economics.

Grady is a son of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Chrisman of Baird. He is a graduate of Baird High School of the Class of 1935, and is now a senior at N.T.S.T.C. where he is majoring in History and Economics. He is a member of the Geezle Fraternity.

The couple was married in a double ceremony with another young couple from Denton.

## MR. AND MRS HAROLD HALEY RECIEVE M.A. DEGREE AT TECH.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Haley, visited Mr. Haley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Haley in Baird and Mrs. Haley's grandfather, Dr. T. J. Griswold at Clyde, the past week, leaving Wednesday for Beaumont, where they will visit Mr. and Mrs. Norris Kelton for a few days before going to San Antonio, where they will spend the remainder of the summer. Mr. and Mrs. Haley recieved their M. A. Degree at Texas Tech the past week.

## THREE CALLAHAN CO. BOYS GO TO C.C.C. CAMP

Three Callahan county boys, Paul D. Morgan, Baird; Bobby R. Harris and Milton C. Newton, both of Cross Plains made up Callahan County's quota for the CCC. The boys went to the Breckenridge Camp July 17th.

## DEFENSE BOND -Q-U-I-Z-

Q. What happens if I suddenly need the money I put into a Defense Savings Bond?

A. You can cash your Bond at any time, after 60 days, for the full amount paid, plus any interest due you?

Q. Do many Bond owners cash their Bonds?

A. No—People want to help arm America against all attacks. In many cases, people are putting every cent they can spare into Defense Bonds and Stamps. Some are doing this by asking employers or banks to withhold part of their salaries in order to buy these Bonds or Stamps for them.

NOTE—To purchase Defense Bonds and Stamps, go to the nearest post office or bank, or write for information to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C.

## Short Illness Fatal To Tommy Coppinger

Tommy James Coppinger, 19 son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Coppinger, of Cottonwood, died at the Callahan Hospital about 10 o'clock Monday morning death resulting from a heart complication, with which he had been seriously ill for a week.

The remains were carried back to the family home near Cottonwood in a Higginbotham funeral coach. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Cottonwood tabernacle, with Rev. Redding pastor of the Baptist church, conducting the services, assisted by Rev. C. E. Poe, Baptist pastor at Cross Plains. Burial was made in the family lot in Cottonwood cemetery.

Deceased is survived by his parents, three sisters and two brothers. Mrs. Mike Cunningham and Mrs. Jimmie Lane of Odessa Louise Coppinger, John Edward and Charles Coppinger of Cottonwood all were at his bedside. He is also survived by both his paternal and maternal grandmothers Mrs. T. A. Coppinger and Mrs. Winnie Shuford, of Cottonwood, and a number of aunts and uncles.

Relatives from distant attending the funeral were, Sgt. Parker Coppinger 112th Cavalry, of Fort Bliss, El Paso; Mrs. Jim McGowen of Odessa; Rev and Mrs. De Witt VanPelt, of Weirert Texas; Mrs. T. E. Bryant and son, J. R. Bryant, Brownwood.

Young Coppinger was a nephew of Mrs. B. H. Freeland, of Baird.

## Martin Neebe Former Mayor Of Cross Plains Died

Martin Neebe, 62, former mayor and prominent pioneer business man of Cross Plains, died at his home there Saturday night July 12th death resulting from a heart attack.

Funeral services were conducted from the First Methodist Church of Cross Plains Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock with Rev. C. D. Wooten, pastor officiating assisted by Revs. S. P. Collins and C. E. Poe, Presbyterian and Baptist pastors respectively. Interment was made in the family plot at the local cemetery.

Martin Henry Neebe was born in New Braunfels, Texas, Nov. 26 1878, the eldest child of the late Chas and Mrs. Neebe. He was married to Miss Lucy Elizabeth Baum at Cross Plains December 23, 1906. To the union were born four children, all of whom with the widow survive. They are: Mrs. M. A. Jones, Brownwood. Mrs. E. B. Webb, of Burkett; Mrs. Marie Harrell, Odessa and Mrs. Ronald Miller, Fort Hancock. Other survivors include: the mother, one brother one sister, a granddaughter, and great host of near relatives and friends.

As a mark of respect to Mr. Neebe, who had been prominently identified with the business and industrial interests of Cross Plains for the past 40 years, all business houses were closed at the hour of the funeral.

## Loy Scout Court Of Honor

The July Court of Honor for all of the Boy Scouts in Callahan county will be held Monday evening July 22th in the district court room in Baird at 8.00 o'clock.

Troops expected to attend are: Troops 50 and 53 of Baird; Troop 62 of Clyde; Troop 17 of Putnam; Troop 87 Bayou and Troop 61, of Cottonwood.

W. Postma of the Chisholm Trail Council B. S. A. will attend the meeting.

Most of the automobiles on the highways of America are worth less than \$150 and are operated largely by families with earnings of less than \$30 a week.

## Clyde Busy With Preparation For Pioneers Reunion

Clyde Busy With Preparations For Pioneers Reunion—

At a call meeting, at Clyde, for the purpose of selecting local committees for arrangements for the Old Steelers Reunion to be held at the Bryant-Tabor Parks, August 15th, 1941. M. H. Perkins was elected chairman and John Robbins secretary of the meeting. The chairman was instructed to appoint the following committees:

**Ground Committee**  
Austin Bouchett, Chairman; Mr. Carman, Clark Tabor, Mr. Sumnerhour.

**Concession Committee**  
Fred Heyser, County Committeeman, Jno. T. Bailey, Local Committeeman.

**Parking Committee**  
C. R. Nurdyke, Chairman; L. L. Gray, Pitt Wagner, E. E. Cook, Will Ray.

**Coffee Committee**  
Melvin Farmer, Chairman; John Harris, L. F. Patterson

**Music Committees**  
J. B. Easterling, A. E. Young, H. S. Blalock.

**Water Committee**  
Hub Warren, Tom South

**Ball Game Committee**  
Joe B. McIntosh Jimmie Briscoe S. S. McIntosh.

## Coyotes Will Play Army Team

The Baird Coyotes will meet the 158th, Infantry team in what promises to be a good ball game, the last encounter between these teams ended in a 5 to 2 victory for the army boys and the Baird boys are looking for revenge and will be in there playing ball. Quinn Lee, a former International pitcher will take the mound duties for the 158th. While Pappy Strickland will perform for Baird you can always depend on Papp to do a grand pitching assignment.

Last Sunday the Coyotes won a 3 to 2 decision over the Abilene team Pappy Strickland only allowing four hits and striking out ten batters. Remember the place—Grammar School—time is 3 p.m.—Sunday July 27th. Make it a date—The usual stickup will take place.

## Lewis Nurdyke Writes Interesting Story

Lewis T. Nurdyke of the staff of the Amarillo Globe-News has written an extremely interesting article on Frenchy McCormick, which is appearing in the second August issue of Ranch Romances Mr. Nurdyke has called his article: "The Angles Sing", a line taken from John McCarty's poem about Frenchy and her husband, Micky. Frenchy will long be remembered as the last resident of Tascosa. Here is a great love story, and Nurdyke has told it with sympathy and feeling.

"The Angles Sing" has been ably illustrated with pen and ink drawings by Harold Bugbee of Clarendon, and among them is a sketch of Frenchy made from a photograph taken when she was a young woman. This issue stands from July 18th to Aug. 1.

Mr. Nurdyke is a son of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Nurdyke, pioneer settlers of Cottonwood, where he grew up. He is also a brother of Clarence of Baird, sheriff of Callahan County.

## TRANSFER NOTICE

School patrons who wish to transfer their children to another district, should file their applications with the County Supt, not later than August 1st.

Transfers may be made to any district in the county and to adjacent districts in adjoining counties.

B. C. CHRISMAN,  
County Superintendent.

## 4-H Club Boys Attend Encampment

4-H Club members in 21 counties, which is Extension Service District seven, attended the annual 4-H Club encampment at the State Park, Lake Brownwood, July 7, 8, 9. The attendance was larger than it has ever been and when everyone arrived the afternoon of the seventh there were 449 in all.

Twenty-five boys from Callahan Co. attended and thoroughly enjoyed the three days. All persons present participated in the Rifle School, and six medals were awarded to the boys making the highest score. Mr. Bill Ferguson, 4-H Club Leader from the Eula Community, drove a Eula school bus and transported the boys to the lake. Mr. Ferguson, incidently made the highest score of the rifle contest for the adults scoring 224 points out of a possible 300.

Among the interesting speakers who talked to the boys were R. E. Callender, Game Specialist, John Wood, Game Warden, W. I. Glass, Extension Service District Agent, E. A. Miller, Agronomist, L. L. Johnson and J. W. Potts, Extension Service Boys State 4-H Club Agents, Lt Col. R. R. Morrisop, Camp Bowie, Mr. Braun, Representative of National Rifle Association and Mr. Terry Olympic Champion Javelin in 1936.

This Encampment is given every year at lake Brownwood and every 4-H Club member in Callahan Co. should attend just one of these outings to see and know other boys in the 21 counties.

Boys who attended from Callahan Co. were: Bob Griffin, L. M. Tyler, Corrie Tyler, Kendrick Kuykendall, O. M. Lindsey, Eaton Shelnutt, Roy Young, all of Clyde;

Britain Webb, Maurice Tarver, Foy Tarver, Midway.

Jack Ferguson, Harold Ferguson, Bobbie Rosenbaum, R. L. Payne Jr., C. B. Young, Eula, Clayton Sawyer of Bayou.

Paul Weldon Slough, Vernon Mask, Lawrence Reed, Oplin.

Elsworth Clark, Norman Dale Lowery, Putnam.

## Shanks Family Reunion

The Shanks family, one of Callahan county's most prominent families held their fifth annual family reunion, Sunday July 13, at the home of Mayor and Mrs. John W. Robbins in Clyde with 55 members of the family and their friends present.

Dinner was served on long tables placed in the shade of large pecan trees on the lawn. Games and discussions of other family gatherings entertained guests.

Present were Mrs. M. D. Shank Mrs. Harvey Smith, Clyde; Mr. and Mrs. Hal C. Darden of Call; Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Schornick, of Hamby, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith, Mrs. Charles Smith, of Hamby Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Foster of Anson; Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Shanks, and children; Mrs. Bob Swafford of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. White of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Newton McDonald and son of Anson; Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Forrester and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. Homer Shanks and family of Clyde, Mr. and Mrs. Les Boase of Rising Star; Mrs. Annie Bounds, Dallas; and Mrs. Cora Paulk, grand-daughter of Pawles, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shanks and son, James Paul and Beatrice Shanks, are visiting Beatrice's brother Johnny Shanks, Los Angeles They will return through Albuquerque, N. M. and visit a sister of the Paul Shanks.

## ANSON BOOSTERS HERE LAST MONDAY

A motorcade of Anson Boosters were in Baird Monday morning advertising the sixth annual Jones County Pioneers Festival to be held July 24-25.

## Baird Grocermen To Participate In Peach Drive

All Baird grocermen are being urged to tie-in with a big cooperative fresh peach campaign scheduled July 24th through the 30th through the thirteen southern states, it was announced today by Ralph Ashlock; Secretary of Callahan County Club.

He added that "the peach producing industry and food trades industry of the South are cooperating with the Surplus Marketing Administration of the U. S. Department of Agriculture in this educational consumer campaign to increase the consumption of fresh peaches by everyone."

"Present indications are that this seasons' peach crop in the South will be 60 percent greater than that of last year, and the biggest crop in a decade," he said. "With this abundant crop in prospect, and peach exports drastically curtailed by the war, it is increasingly important to the economic security of the nation, and the prosperity of the South, that we increase our home consumption of fresh peaches now."

## Ivy-Manion Wedding

Mrs. Lucy Bell Ivy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Mitchell of Baird and Mr. Aubray A. Manion of Fort Worth, were married at the home of the brides parents Saturday evening July 19, 1941 at 8 o'clock with Rev. Alsie Carleton, pastor of the Methodist Church reading the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Manion will make their home in Baird for the present. Mr. Manion is recuperating from injuries received in an auto mobile accident some months ago.

## Liquor Board Report For June, 1941

The Report of the Liquor Control Board at Austin for the month of June, 1941, shows a total collection for such month alone, of \$1,045,797.94. Of this fund a total of \$978,757.93 was allotted to Old Age Assistance, the Available School and Omnibus Tax clearance funds.

## Save Tinfoil

The Delphain Club is sponsoring the collection of tinfoil to be used in the National Defense Program, and urges all the citizens of Baird and surrounding communities to cooperate in this movement. Boxes have been placed in convenient places in the business houses in town, and also in the Courthouse, for the tinfoil.

Save your tinfoil from Candy, gum, tobacco, cigarettes, etc and place in the boxes found in the stores and in the courthouse.

## To The People Of Callahan County

I have had many inquiries concerning the effect of the coming local option election upon the dry precincts in the country, and for that reason am making this public statement. If the county should go dry then it will be illegal to sell beer anywhere in the county, and no precinct can legalize beer until after another county wide election in which the county goes wet. On the other hand, if the county goes wet, then beer may legally be sold in the precincts where it is now legal to sell it. In other words, if the county votes wet in this election, it will still be illegal to sell beer in the precincts which are now dry, such as Cross Plains, Clyde and Oplin I trust that this will clarify this question.

Respectfully,  
F. E. MITCHELL,  
County Attorney.

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ed for the wedding and the exterior newly painted, thus appropriately carrying out the decorative scheme, for the groom was newly plastered and the bride freshly painted

The groom wore a rented dinner suit and his pants were held up by pale green suspenders. His number nine patent leather shoes matched his state of tightness, and harmonized nicely with the axle grease polish of his hair.

This is probably the last issue of this paper, but my life ambition has been to write up one wedding and tell the truth. Now that is done, death can have no sting.

"Why the Editor Left Town", a bit of humorous writing which M. L. Kinsey of the Grandall Star found somewhere:

There is only one occasion when the editor of a small town paper dares to cut loose and tell the truth in his pare and that is when he is ready to depart suddenly and permanently for some unknown destination. At such a delicious juncture he would perhaps write up a local wedding in this manner:

Mr. Jim Kilch and Miss Georgianna Thistle were married Monday at the home of the brides parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Thistle, the Rev Jones officiating.

"The groom is a popular young bum who hasn't done a lick of work since he got expelled in his junior year at college. He manages to dress well and keeps a supply of spending money because his dad is soft-hearted old fool who takes up his scalawag sons' bad checks instead of letting him go to jail where belongs."

"The bride is a skinny little idiot. She paints like a Sioux Indian, suck cigarettes and drinks mean corn liquor."

"The house was newly plaster-

ened by the shouting of the service-car drivers at 6 a.m. Most of them yelled, "Take you to Mingsus and bring you back" but one of them varied this with, "Take you to Mingsus or break your back"—no idle boast, considering the condition of the roads

Duffey also tells of the oil man who couldn't read or write but who was very successful. Whenever this man received a telegram, he would say to a friend couldn't read, friend. "What do you think about that, Just look at that!" And the friend, knowing that the operator couldn't read would read it out loud.

There may be a place that could beat one count for colorful politics but I'm going to have to be shown—by-gone campaigns, because the county has tamed down some now. But back in the days when the biggest oil boom in history had "fallen down and gone boom", folks had a morning after feeling.

For instance, a prosecuting attorney, running for re-election, was opposed by a lawyer who represented the defendants in almost all the criminal cases, so the county attorney referred to his opponent as "a legal scavenger."

A peace officer with a malodorous record handed a campaign card to a voter who said, "Sure, I'll be glad to help you out." And it was two blocks and ten minutes later that the officer figured out what the man had meant.

An unpopular officer had a shooting scrape but wasn't hit and indignant citizens started a subscription to prosecute the other fellow "for shooting at him and missing."

And perhaps the most unusual charge ever leveled in any race was that a candidate had "stolen a church", the fact was that a big well had been drilled on the church grounds and dissension had sprung up. This candidate, as an attorney, had represented one faction in a lawsuit and side won.

Yes sir, they used to take their politics straight in the good old days in that county.

### History Of The Red Cross

Red Cross was started after the Battle of Nopoleon III of France and Italy against the Austrians by a young Swiss by the name of Hery Dunant, who was a Neutral and was only concerned about the relief of those who were wounded in battle. He got a few Italian women to help him with his work, and at first they were unwilling, but he persuaded them to help him with his work. This was June 24 1859. He then visited Kings and Queen and heads of the European Governments in an effort to interest them in his plans and in 1863 he attended an International Conference which met in Geneva and drew up the plans for his Society. They used the colors of the Swiss Flag reversed, that is they made the red cross on the white background which has always been used. In 1868 33 nations had organized units of Red Cross. In 1881 Clara Barton after untiring efforts organized our own American Red Cross and the following year she got the Government to ratify the treaty by which the American Red Cross also was registered in Geneva. Now every civilized country on earth has its society, and all cooperate with the Committee: It had been Henri Dunant's idea that these societies should be organized to provide trained workers for their armies in time of war and should also render great service at such times when epidemics, floods, fires, tornadoes and other unexpected catastrophes occurred, and that is just what the Red Cross has done again and again. The President of the United States is always the President of the American Red Cross. At the close of the fiscal year in June, he record shows 379,860 men and women trained in First Aid and 276,943 in Water Safety, making a grand total of 656,803 for a 12 month period. There are now 21,610 active First Aid Instructors and 12,921 active Water Safety Instructors.

As men are called back to work, as industry speeds up, and as the general tempo of the times is increased we can expect an increase in accidental injuries and fatalities in employment, in recreation and in home, unless there is a corresponding strengthening of Accident Prevention effort made by all concerned. Find out what the Red Cross has to

offer through First Aid and through Accident Prevention at home and on the farm and at work The Roll call starts this year—November 11th and continues through November 30th We know that out of your keen and active interest you will want to be of assistance to your local chapter in furthering the roll call Every person everywhere should have an opportunity to join the Red Cross this year. You can on your Lay Instructions to do what they can to this end. See your Local Red Cross chapter chairman and he will explain how you can be a First Aider, and the Lay First Aid Instructors are always ready to be of service to anyone that wants to learn First Aid work.

Mr. and Mrs. Earle Hall Lay Instructors American Red Cross First Aid

### Dr. Cox Says—

Dr. Geo. W. Cox State Health Officer, today issued a warning to Texas housewives to guard against food spoilage and resultant food poisoning during the summer months.

Summer heat and food spoilage were closely coupled together in Victorian days as a sure sign of summer, and the association continues today, unless scrupulous care is taken to avoid food spoilage.

"Long hot days in July and August necessitate keeping food clean covered, and refrigerated, plus additional hot weather safeguards", Dr. Cox stated.

It should be kept in mind that food poisoning is more common in summer than in winter. The summer menu usually includes smaller helpings of cooked food and increased amounts of raw and cold foods which may be more subject to spoilage or contamination. Vegetables and fruits which are eaten without peeling should be washed carefully to avoid possible contamination with mineral poisons from chemical sprays.

Harmful germs which may be harbored in raw dairy products or imperfectly cooked foods cause typhoid fever, dysentery, summer diarrhoea, scarlet fever diphtheria and other diseases Perishable foods should be handled carefully and kept under constant refrigeration until time to serve.

Special care should be taken with milk and milk products, since milk is an excellent medium for bacterial growth.

### ALL LEGAL NOTICES MUST BE PUBLISHED IN SOME PAPER

It has been a custom for many years to post many legal notices on board and, any place they could find a place big enough to nail aboard. The 47th legislature passed a law "what is known as a publication law", that removes from the bulletin boards in the courthouse and from fence post trees and many other places where legal notices have been posted as means of providing publicity of legal matters. When the new law goes into effect all such notices will have to be published in some county newspaper if there is one in the county and if no newspaper is published in the county it will have to go to some newspaper in the nearest county to the one where such notice is to be published.

All newspapers are qualified to publish such legal notices, provided they have been published for a period of twelve months prior to making any such publication.

### FOR DEFENSE



### AMERICA ON GUARD!

Above is a reproduction of the Treasury Department's Defense Savings Poster, showing an exact duplication of the original "Minute Man" statue by famed sculptor Daniel Chester French. Defense Bonds and Stamps, on sale at your bank or post office, are a vital part of America's defense preparations.

HOW SOON CAN I GET ONE, MR. DEALER?

**STILL only \$186<sup>50</sup>**

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**IF YOU'RE EVER GOING TO BUY A NEW REFRIGERATOR**

**Buy Now!**

Stays silent... lasts longer

**SERVEL ELECTROLUX GAS REFRIGERATOR**

We can still supply a limited number of several popular sizes of Servel Electrolux. Still at the lowest price in Servel History. Still backed by an iron clad 10-YEAR GUARANTEE. Under the rapidly changing conditions in all manufacturing industry today, we feel it our duty to urge you to buy yours NOW. If you have the slightest idea you may be in the market for a new refrigerator—this summer, next summer, or two years from now—buy your SERVEL now! It's still the only automatic refrigerator with no moving parts in its freezing system. With nothing to wear, to make noise, to cause costly repairs, to lose efficiency and run up higher bills year after year. Still the only one that brings you finest modern refrigeration no matter where you live. For other Servel models operate on Bottled Gas, Butane, or Kerosene. And still the only one backed by an iron clad 10-YEAR GUARANTEE—at no extra cost. And you can still buy SERVEL on terms so easy the payments will be about the size of your monthly ice bill. But don't wait. No one can predict what conditions will be tomorrow. Come in today!

Mrs. John S. Ray, Thalia, Texas

**STILL GOING STRONG AFTER . . . 12 YEARS**

My Servel Electrolux Refrigerator was installed in my kitchen March 1, 1929, and has been on the job ever since. It has not cost a cent for repairs in more than twelve years continuous operation. Its tiny flame is scarcely larger than the pilot light on range or water heater so we have figured that the cost of operation has never exceeded 2c per day even during the hottest months when so many ice cubes are needed.

Not only do we have plenty of cubes and space for ice cream, but vegetables are kept crisp and fresh; and there is steady, constant refrigeration at a temperature under 48° for milk, butter, and meat—foods that must have just that to be safe for human consumption.

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**PERSONAL**

Mrs. Fred Estes and daughter Betty Jane have gone to Phoenix Arizona.

Goley Charlene Johnson is visiting her sister Mrs. Roy Hamby in Abilene.

Miss Joe Bloyd is visiting her father and family at De Leon this week.

Mrs. Bess Holmes, of Gatesville is visiting Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Holmes and other relatives here.

Mrs. H. D. Driskell returned Tuesday from a two weeks visit with her sister, Mrs. G. E. Simons and family in Okamulgee, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. McElreath of San Antonio are visiting Mrs. McElreath's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Mitchell.

Mr. and Mrs. McCarver, and son, Janice Ivey have returned from a vacation trip to Alpine, Marfa and the Big Bend country.

Mrs. Hal Ramsey and daughter Miss Nena Juanita, of McAllen are visiting Mrs. Ramsey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Bowllus.

J. C. Shockey, county agent has returned from a county agent's conference at A. M. College the past ten days.

Mrs. Moore, who had been visiting Mrs. L. L. Blackburn and family, for several days, returned to her home in San Antonio yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Straley and son Charlie Tom, Oplin returned Tuesday from a visit with their daughter and sister Ms. Durham and family at Houston.

Elaine Russell, of Baird and Martha Works, of Abilene have returned from an extended visit with their aunt, Mrs. J. O. Moore and family, of Columbus, Ohio.

Miss Clara Brown, home demonstrator agent, returned Tuesday from the A-M Short Course Quite a number of club ladies accompanied Miss Brown.

Mrs. R. M. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Cozby, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jones, all of Ft. Worth, visited Mrs. Jones' sister Mrs. Bob Harris, who is a patient in the Callahan hospital, Wednesday.

Mrs. John Jordan, Mrs. Louise Nobles and little daughter Shirley of Oplin were in Baird Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Windham, of Oplin were in Baird Wednesday to see their son Ernest, who is ill.

Clarence Boatwright, of Pampa visited his mother, Mrs. John Boatwright, his grandmother, Mrs. W. K. Boatwright and other relatives the past week end. Clarence, holds a position with the Phillips-Petroleum Co. at Pampa and flies his own plane. He came down in a new Luscombe, two passenger cabin plane landing at Abilene, coming to the Boatwright ranch by bus. He was accompanied home by his cousin, Mrs. Charlie Clay, who took her first airplane ride Mrs. Clay returned home by bus.

Bobbye Jane, Mary Frances and Dick Price, children, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Price, of El Centro Calif arrived yesterday by bus and will spend the remainder of the summer with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Bennett. They have been visiting with their paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Price at Van Horn for several weeks.

T. E. Powell is expecting his brother, H. O. Powell, of Escondido, Calif, his two sisters, Mrs. A. M. Miller, of Lubbock and Mrs. Lyde Nutter of LouisvilleKy this week end for a visit. Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Nutter are coming from New York City, where they have been visiting Mrs. Millers daughter, Mrs. Tom Parks and family.

Miss Ellen Mae Holmes has returned to her home at Koperal Rev. Minter Uzzeil of Lancaster Calif, visited his mother and sister. Mrs. W. M. Uzzeil and Mrs. Leslie Bryant, the past weekend Rev. Uzzeil has recently been commissioned chaplain, with rank of first lieutenant, in the United States Army and assigned to duty in Hamilton Field Calif. He was enroute to Washington D. C.

**Oil Development Around Putnam**

**From Putnam News**  
**DICK AMES DRILLED GOOD WELLS LATELY**  
Dick Ames was in Putnam, Saturday morning and stated he had just drilled in four good wells on the Wagley estate which were making 3 to 5 barrels. He said where you could get a few wells together on a lease and put them on one power so they will make more money.  
Mr. Ames came to Putnam a number of years ago and invested in some small leases in the Hart community about eight miles north of Putnam, and he now has several producing leases in the Wagley field territory.

**DEAN BROTHERS TO PIPE WATER FROM LEDBETTER FARM**

Dean Brothers who purchased the Putnam Oil Company holdings in this territory and a part of the Texas Company property are doing some developing on their leases and have leased 160 acres of land from W. P. Ledbetter about six miles southeast of Putnam and are drilling a number of shallow water wells on the land leased from Ledbetter with a view of piping the water to part of their leases and use it for the purpose of floating the oil to the top of the ground instead of pumping. This will be less expense and will float the oil out in less time so that the lease can be abandoned.  
There are a number of shallow pools in the Putnam oil field and many of the wells only making from one-half barrel to one or two barrels per day, practically taking all of the oil to pay the expense of pumping the lease, leaving nothing for the investment.

The average motor vehicle in the United States has an annual burden of federal and state taxes of about \$60, as compared with \$35 only a decade ago.

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**FOR SALE**—Three burner oil stove; also two burner oven—See this stove at the Purina Feed Store in E. Baird.

**TO WORK TECUMSEH CEMETERY**

The Star is requested to announce, that all who are in anyway interested in the Tecumseh Cemetery, are urged to meet at the cemetery, Saturday August 2nd to clean the cemetery. Come and bring your lunch and working tools 32-2t

**Callahan Pioneers**

The Sixth Annual Reunion, of Callahan County Pioneers, will be held at the Bryant farm, just south of Clyde, on Friday, Aug 15th.

A special feature of the reunion this year will be the 1st reunion of ex-students of Old Belle Plains College.

All students are cordially invited to attend the reunion and all are urged to send their name and address also names and addresses of any former student to Eliza Gilliland, Secretary of the Pioneers Association, Baird, Texas.

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We wish to express our sincere appreciation to the people of Baird for their kindness and sympathy in the illness and death of our loved one Tommy James. We are especially grateful to the doctors and hospital attendants for their untiring attention May God bless you all. t

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**Snow Still Seen As Freeze Goes Into 13th Day**  
**Texas' Coldest Spell For 41 Years Shows No Sign of Letup; Thursday Top Is 24**  
Dallas headed into its thirteenth day of freezing weather Thursday night as the Weather Bureau hoisted snow signals for this section for Friday and Saturday, with Texas in the south portion of East Texas. It was the ninth consecutive day of Dallas' coldest weather in a decade, and despite moderating weather in West Texas the state still was gripped in freezing weather which extended near the coast.  
The cold wave is the most tenacious in Texas in forty-one years and in Dallas was comparable with the cold January, 1918, when the mercury dropped below freezing thirty-four days out of the forty days from Dec. 27, 1917, to Feb. 4, 1918. Since Dec. 27, 1939, all but five days have had sub-freezing weather, and some of the lowest temperatures were recorded since the all-time low of 3 below zero was set in January, 1930.  
**One of Lowest Januarys.**  
Notorious January, already branded the bitterest month of the weather records and by pioneers' tales of the roaring blizzard of '99, will be recorded this year as one of the worst.  
The average daily minimum temperature for the month for a twenty-five year period is 36.8 degrees and is nearly two degrees less than December's average, next coldest month, and nearly four degrees less than the February average. For the current year, however, the average to date is 24.8, twelve degrees below normal.  
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Enforcement Officers Join State-Wide Defense Move

Law enforcement officers throughout Texas were called upon today to join in a statewide mobilization for national defense.

A complete inventory of police personnel and equipment is being made in every political subdivision, it was announced by Col. Homer Garrison, Jr., State Police director and chairman of police mobilization for the Texas National Defense Committee.

Sheriffs, chiefs of police, city marshals and constables were asked in letters from Garrison to report their personnel strength transportation and communication facilities, special equipment such as arms, gas guns and masks, portable light generators, horses, boats and airplanes, and jail capacities.

This information will make it possible for police authorities to "cope with any situation that might arise" Garrison said. "The state will be divided into 14 districts, and should a planned disorder or other emergency arise, additional qualified law enforcement officers would be asked to go to the affected area to assist the local officers."

This, he pointed out, will be merely an extension of the age-long practice of officers helping each other.

"Co-operation is strictly on a voluntary basis," Garrison said, "and no department is compelled to carry out the various phases of this plan."

Colonel Garrison also revealed that comprehensive survey is being made of all Texas defense projects and industries essential to national defense, and the plans are being drawn for their protection against sabotage.

Offered Opportunity To Study Red Cross First Aid

The two tragic accidents of the past few weeks have served to impress upon the minds of all the importance of First Aid Work as taught by the American Red Cross. The Callahan Co Chapter is very fortunate in having two thorough instructors—Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hall; both of whom only recently returned from a Red Cross instructor school at Camp Mystic, Texas: where they received renewals of their licenses to teach this great work.

Neither Mr. and Mrs. Hall received one penny for their work in teaching this First Aid work. Likewise, no charge is made for anyone desiring to take this course, but is open to anyone and everyone.

During the past year classes here in Baird received instructions in this work under Mr. and Mrs. Hall. The St. Louis office of the American Red Cross advise they are desirous of more of our citizens availing themselves of this work, due to the uncertain times which apparently lie ahead. Many companies and corporations of the nation make this work compulsory among all their employees. Our own State Highway Department requires each and everyone of their employees to take this course semi-annually.

Elsewhere in this paper will be found an article written by Mr. and Mrs. Hall, outlining a brief history of the Red Cross and this First Aid work. Another class will be held in the near future, open to anyone in Callahan Co. Should you desire to enroll in this class, please communicate with your Co chairman or either of our instructors.

The following persons have recently completed courses under instruction given by Mr. and Mrs. Hall.

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C. V. JONES, County Chairman, American Red Cross.

News From AAA Office

E. L. Pierson

Wheat producers who have excess wheat may store the amount of the excess in order to postpone or avoid payment of the penalty.

Some wheat farmers have misunderstood the motive of wheat marketing quotas but the primary objective is to keep the excess wheat off the market at this time since the United States has an enormous surplus on hand. The penalties on excess wheat are not to be confused with measures for raising revenue since the penalties are a means of inducing producers to keep excess wheat off the market and in no way constitutes a tax.

Wheat producers who have excess wheat and who wish to postpone or avoid the payment of the penalty may either store the wheat on the farm by executing a bond of indemnity, or by placing funds in escrow, through the county AAA committee, or by storing the wheat in a warehouse and depositing the warehouse receipts with the county AAA committee. The excess may be pledged to secure a Commodity Corporation loan which will be at a rate of 60 percent of that available to cooperators.

If producers do not choose to store their wheat they may avoid the penalty by delivering the excess to the Secretary of Agriculture, through the local county AAA committee, for relief purposes.

Producers who do not choose any of these methods to dispose of their excess wheat must then pay the penalty on the excess before they are eligible to receive wheat marketing cards.

An amount of wheat not less than the farm marketing excess must either be stored or delivered to the Secretary of Agriculture, or the penalty at the rate of 49 cents per bu. must be paid not later than 60 days after harvesting the wheat. If the excess is not accounted for in one of these ways, the producer will be liable for the amount of penalty incurred on the farm marketing excess. The payment of the penalty can be postponed as long as the wheat is in storage.

It is permissible for Callahan cotton producers to dispose of cotton to comply with the supplementary cotton program to bring their acreage reduction in line with the reduction indicated on their intention sheets. J. L. Farmer, chairman of the Callahan Co AAA committee, has announced.

This is made possible by the recent amendment to the 1941 agricultural conservation program which provides that acreage will not be considered as planted to cotton if the cotton is disposed of before reaching the booting stage or within 10 days after notice of the seeded acreage is given, whichever is later.

Under no circumstances, however, may a cotton producer receive cotton stamps for reducing more acreage than he signed on his original intention sheet on the cotton stamp program.

To make this ruling clearer assume that a cotton producer has a 1941 cotton allotment of 50 acres, planted 50 acres in 1940 and to receive cotton stamps, indicated a reduction of 2 acres. This would permit 48 acres to be planted to cotton for this year. However, when the cotton acreage was measured, he showed 49 acres planted. He would be allowed to dispose of 1 acre to come within his intended 48 acres but he would not receive cotton stamps on more than 2 acres since this was the amount signed on his original intention sheet.

Under the original definition of cotton the acreage of cotton disposed of below the acreage allotment would still be classified as acreage planted to cotton. The amendment also provides that if cotton is seeded but does not reach maturity, the smaller of (1) the acreage seeded to cotton (2) 3 acres, or (3) 3 percent of

the 1941 cotton allotment will be considered as having been planted to cotton. This provision was made.

Mr. Farmer points out, so farms will not show zero acres of cotton when cotton was actually seeded.

The new amendment also permits producers to dispose of cotton average to come within total-soil-depleting acres. By this method, deductions for over-planting total soil-depleting allotments will be avoided.

It might be advisable that in cases where Callahan County cotton producers will suffer total or partial loss of their 1941 cotton crops because of excessive rains insects or abandonment, to dispose of the acreage on which cotton will not be harvested.

In explaining this point, the county committee chairman said that high acreage of cotton with a low lint yield per acre because of factors such as these, will, in all probability, affect cotton yields on individual farms under the 1942 agricultural conservation program and probably will have a direct effect on cotton insurance since an extremely low yield might affect premium rates.

Producers should remember, however, the chairman continued, that acreage will be considered as planted to cotton this year if the cotton is not disposed of before it reaches the booting stage or within 10 days after notice of the seeded acreage is given, whichever is later.

This would not change the basis for cotton stamps to be issued on a farm since cotton stamps cannot be obtained on more acres than was shown on the original intention sheet.

Lower Freight Rates Prospect

Reduction in class freight rates for the Southwest by as much as 30 or 40 percent is in prospect as result of Interstate Commerce commission studies instigated in part by the West Texas chamber of commerce.

Possibility of that development was reported today by D. A. Bandeen, WTCC manager, after an ICC hearing which he attended last week in St. Louis.

Jubilant at results of the two-year campaign for equality in freight rates was expressed in a news letter issued over signatures of J. Thomas Davis of Stephenville, president of the WTCC, and J. M. Wilson of Floydada who heads the WTCC-sponsored Freight Rate Equality federation.

The St. Louis hearing, first in a series proposed by the ICC, was held to receive from the record a group of interterritorial studies made by experts of the ICC staff.

Bandeen said the studies were the direct outgrowth of a hearing before the interstate commerce committee of the U. S. senate on the notional freight structure, held in the spring of 1939, largely at the insistence of the WTCC.

NEWS LETTER—The news letter by Davis and Wilson said in part:

"The pleasing thing about the experts' studies submitted in St. Louis was how they bore out the contentions previously made on discriminatory freight rates by our organization. A 208-page, 99-table, 14-map exhibit on Distribution of Natural Resources was submitted by Dr. W. H. S. Stevens assistant director of the ICC bureau of statistics. The exhibit showed the only present resources by freight rate territories, but also analyzed, resources, and should be an effective document for utilization by Texas.

"Another report on Progression Freight Rate Mileage Scales by E. E. Hobbs showed the comparative hodge-podge and irregularity of our Southwestern rates. A most remarkable 124-page, 154-exhibit report by Dr. Ford K. Edward cost economist of the ICC showed that the railroad freight costs in our Southwestern territory for the most part were less than in the eastern (official) zone. A fourth report was submitted by C. G. Jensen in Suggested Improvements in Rail Road Class Rates in which he boldly suggests from a 30 to 40 percent reduction in class rates in the Southwest."

Edwards report on freight costs the WTCC manager said, was computed on basis of freight carload operating expenses on net load of 25 tons moving 300 miles. It included items of rent, taxes, operating deficits on less than carload and passenger operation, and 5-3-4 percent return on total value. Giving the United

States as a whole a cost index of 100 percent, Edward's report showing freight rates costs of 98 percent in the Southwest against 103 percent in the eastern (official) zone, Brandeen reported.

"In this way," concluded the news letter, "the ICC has ably launched its study into the differences in rate structures in the territories of the United States. Other hearings will of course be called, giving the carriers opportunity to introduce counter-testimony, and permitting the shippers and states representatives to support and supplement testimony already offered.

"Our organizations are in complete accord with conclusions set forth in these ICC studies. The task immediately before us is that of continuing our agitation for equality and of seeing to it that Texas is adequately represented at future hearings. On transportation costs from a national standpoint this is perhaps the most important day Texas has ever had in court."

Case Of The "Stripper" Oil Wells

The case of the "stripper" wells—the wells yielding small amounts of oil each day but together accounting for about 20 per cent of the totaled proved underground reserves in the United States, has been outlined to Petroleum Coordinator Ickes by Charles P. McGaha, president, and H. B. Fell, executive vice-president of the National Stripper Well Association. The West-Central Texas Oil and Gas Association is an affiliate of the NSWA and expresses its position on national affairs through that organization.

In their statement of the facts the two association officers, both of whom operate a number of the small wells, mentioned that it had been "suggested by some" that if 20,000 stripper wells were abandoned, there might be a beneficial result as the steel and other materials salvaged could be used in new wells or in national defense purposes.

"It must be recognized," Messrs. McGaha and Fell, "that such steel as might be salvaged from wells of this type is in most cases, badly deteriorated and what is usable could, in most cases, only be utilized in very shallow wells as it is too light to use in deep wells."

That point—recovery of the material from abandoned wells—is inconsequential in comparison with the principal loss that would occur in natural resources they said. "... it would seem absurd in the critical situation that now confronts our Nation to abandon large known reserves in the hope of finding new reserves which are becoming increasingly difficult to recover," the association officials asserted.

said The economic point stressed to the Coordinator was that an adequate price is necessary to the continued operation of the small wells. In considerable measure, preservation of such wells is necessary to the preservation of the independent producer.

Messrs. McGaha and Fell reminded the coordinator that in hearings before the Temporary National Economic Committee, it was developed that the 20 largest oil companies own less than one-fourth of the wells, but produce more than half the oil.

"The independent operators produce a large portion of the total crude oil output and offer a safeguard against monopoly, the statement said. "In addition, this independent group is vitally important in the search for new reserves as shown by the fact that they drilled 72 per cent of the total wells, in 1940 and found 75 per cent of the new fields discovered during the year."

Specific cost figures on producing oil from stripper, or settled, wells were given. An example given was that of a north Texas operator whose 640 barrels daily produced in 1940 cost \$1.44 per barrel. Costs have increased steadily in recent years.

Labor costs have gone up, as have taxes and supplies used in oil fields. The production of some wells naturally get so small and their cost of operation so high that it could not be expected that a reasonable price of petroleum would keep them going, the writers said. Thus a number of such wells are abandoned every year. "A continued low price below the cost of production, however, results in the premature abandonment of many stripper wells before they reach their economic

limit." It was asserted by Messrs. McGaha and Fell.

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