

The Baird Star

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

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Activity continues to climb to new heights in both institutions of learning. The pep squad, always up and always coming held a cooked-food sale in own Saturday. The results would stagger even the most foresighted and optimistic of people. Thirty-one dollars was made. Wow! That means the squad will purchase an extra drum and still have a nice nest-egg for the future. Mr. Irving Corn has donated one drum, making a total of six drums for the girls. Miss Leona Lowrie, sponsor of the lively pepper-uppers is rightfully proud of the girls, and oh yes, red over-seas caps have been added to the pep uniform.

The Sophomore class with their sponsor Miss Mary Dot Young, Mrs. Earl Haley, and Mrs. Sam Gilliland took an outing to Cisco this week. It was a skating party, to be more exact, and the first social activity of the school year.

By the way, Miss Young is proud to announce that her Speech classes, formerly twelve in number, has increased to fifty-three. Foreign languages have been dropped and Miss Young now teaches several classes of English.

The Freshman Home Economics Class served the P. T. A. last week. About fifty guests were served. Still more news from the Home Ec. department is that the six sewing machines have been overhauled. The Freshmen definitely take the spotlight in the Home Ec. news. They were the first to organize a home-making club. Instead of the usual arrangement of one Home Ec. club to accommodate all the classes, this year will find an individual club for each group. In the Freshman club the following girls have been elected as officers: President, Jodena Wright; Vice-President, Helen Lee Burleson; Secretary-Treasurer, Maxine Schurable; and Reporter, Ivadel Mitchell.

News is also popping on the Ward school front. The Junior football team the wild and vicious Cubs, downed the Clyde Bull Pups last Friday with a score of 20-0. The scores were made by Herschel Clifford, T. A. White and Raymond Livingston. It might be added that Coach Milton Bryant is more than anxious to match games for his team. It should also be added that the pep-squad was present one hundred percent. Since the Cubs seem definitely slated for big things, it might be a good thing for you to meet the big little stars, so here is the team and their positions: Raymond Livingston, left end; Bobby Walker, left tackle; C. C. Poe, left guard; Emmet McGowen, center; Junion Pool, right guard; Billy Jim Shelton, right tackle; Billy Frank Alexander, right end; Carl Yarborough, quarter back; Elwood Goin, left half; Herschel Clifford, right half; and Spud Clifford, full back. Other members of the team are, Johnny Jo Walker, Donald Williams, Bobby Stanley, Chris King, Henry Settle, T. A. White, Jr., Doyle Nordyke, Billy Wristen, Johnny Swinson, James Maness, and Paul Wayne.

Uniforms for the Junior Pep Squad have been planned. The Ward school peppers will wear red shantung dresses made princess style with white zipped closings and white bolero jackets. And let it be added that the Junior Pep Squad reporter is to be complimented in her perfectly swell, whatta ya call it?—efficiency. We are indebted to Miss Goley Charlene Johnson for this dope on the squad activity and the foot-ball news.

Another department of the school not to be overlooked are the Baird F. F. A. chapter, organized this week, laying plans for the year and electing officers. Officers elected were: President, Hub Warren; Vice-President, Fenton Williams; Secretary and Treasurer, Buck Cargal; Reporter, Sterling Reynolds; Parliamentarian, Mike Hughes; Historian, Gene Finley. The organization has increased from eighteen members last year to sixty this year. The boys have eleven

Annual Reunion 36Th. Division

The 1938 Reunion of the Veterans of the 36th Division will be held in Ft. Worth, Texas, Saturday and Sunday, October 8th and 9th, with Headquarters at the Texas Hotel.

On October 8th, 1918, the 71st Brigade launched its first attack between St. Etienne-a Arnes and Mediah Farm, capturing 3000 prisoners and breaking the backbone of the German resistance north of Blanc Mont. The rest of the Division were coming up and entered the lines on the 10th.

The dates selected for the Reunion this year are particularly appropriate, inasmuch as it is the 20th Anniversary of the Divisions baptism of fire in the World War.

The local Committee in charge or arrangements hope and expect that this year attendance will be the largest ever had. They promise an interesting program with some novel features of entertainment.

The Ladies Auxiliary, which was organized last year, will be prepared to entertain the Ladies and this should be an incentive for many to come and bring their families.

The War-time 36th Division, composed of the National Guard of Texas and Oklahoma, trained at Camp Bowie, Ft. Worth, Texas, from October 15th, 1917, when it was organized, until July 1918 when it went over seas.

Approximately 1,000 Veterans of this Division attend the Reunion held annually in Ft. Worth on the week end nearest to October 8th.

Lt. General John A. Hulen, retired, of Ft. Worth, is President of the Association.

West Texas Free Fair

Stanley, the delight of the children, is one of the Mighty Sheesley Midway's feature attractions. The chimpanzee who has had movie experience is star of the famous Sheesley Monkeyville, largest group of trained chimps in America.

Riding in automobiles, dancing, playing the piano and boxing are some of the things Stanley does in the monkey show.

Mighty Sheesley Midway, more than a mile in length with 40 different shows and rides, will be one of the ten features of the West Texas Free Fair, October 3 to 8 in Abilene.

"Folks, I wish you could have seen Jonny Green of Cucumber University. He has just reeled off a beautiful 20-yard sprint around right end and the ball is now resting on Dillpickle College's 10-yard stripe.

calves on feed for commercial purposes now and have contracted for twenty seven head of sheep to be delivered sometime in October. Feeding of show stock will begin in October.

In addition to the High School boys organization, an F. F. A. chapter has been instituted for Ward school boys of the sixth and seventh grades. Officers in this chapter are: President, Colonel Dyer, Jr.; Vice-President, Don Williams; Sec. and Treas., Billy Cutbirth and Reporter, Carl Yarborough.

Mr. Everett Jones, head of the Vocational Agriculture department of the High School, is in charge of both chapters.

An extra bit of news from the Ward school is Mrs. Frank Estes's visit to several of the classes last Wednesday to display a few of her dolls, which are rapidly winning wide acclaim. Mrs. Estes was invited to make a talk to the Fourth grade in connection with their study of Holland. Mr. Bryant extended an invitation to Mrs. Estes to visit his classes in sixth grade Geography. From these rooms Mrs. Estes visited the third second, first, Mrs. Lydia's second grade room and it should be added that Mrs. Hayes's students were guests of the fourth grade in the lecture given there. Mrs. Estes wishes to use this means of expressing her appreciations for these invitations and also to compliment the boys and girls on the friendly reception received in every visit.

MASS MEETING

TO THE CITIZENS AND TAX-PAYERS OF BAIRD

Your City Administration has arranged for a Mass meeting of the Citizens of Baird, for Friday Night, Sept. 23, 1938, at 7:30 o'clock, on the West side of Courthouse. We have arranged with outside city officials to be present and to give you their experiences gained from the operation of municipal light and power plant. Let it be understood that this Mass Meeting is to be of a non-controversial nature, and the entire program is such that you will learn, by listening to speakers who are in a position to Give You Facts and Figures, all about the proposed City Electrical Plant to be voted on SEPT. 30. You will not be disappointed, and your presence is urgently requested.

H. SCHWARTZ, Mayor.

Judge Thos. H. Owens Died In Oklahoma

Judge Thos. H. Owens, 65, died in Oklahoma City Monday, following an illness of several months. Funeral services were held yesterday.

Judge Owens was prominent in Oklahoma as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Oklahoma. He was also well known here, spending much of his time at the Owens ranch on the Bayou.

He is survived by his wife, the former Ludie Hall Parker, to whom he was married in 1916, also a son, Davis Owens of Oklahoma City and a daughter Mrs. Jessica Coats of Santa Monica, Calif., by a former marriage.

H. D. Club News

HOME DEMONSTRATION COUNCIL

County Home Demonstration Council met Saturday, Sept. 17 in the County Court room with 100 per cent attendance from each of the sixteen clubs and several members making a total of 40 in attendance.

Mrs. Jim Barr, Cross Plains, called the house to order. Mrs. G. B. Jones Midway, called the roll with each president answering with the phase of the Home Food Supply Demonstration her club wished to carry in 1939. The Council delegates answered the roll with the number of jars her club sent in to the Clyde Home Demonstration Club members, about 180 quarts were reported from all the clubs.

Mrs. Andrew Johnson, Oplin Year Book Committee Chairman led a discussion on Year Books for 1939, with each club offering suggestions for the new book.

Mrs. Herbert Johnson, Oplin, Fair exhibit committee chairman asked that each club bring in their exhibits, if possible Friday, Sept. 30 so that all exhibits will be ready Oct. 1—She also asked that home demonstration clubs bring in the 4-H exhibits.

The Expansion Committee asked that each club report at their Achievement day in Oct. how many non-club members they had helped during 1938.

Mrs. E. J. Barton of Denton gave a report of her trip to the Farmer's Short Course. Mrs. Jim Barker of Enterprise will report on recreational activities at the Farmer's Short Course at the October Council Meeting.

The meeting adjourned to meet the Third Saturday in October.

A sign in a Tyler cafe reads "Our food is like mother used to cook before she took up bridge."

THE BAIRD BAND Baird Fire Department Endorses Municipal Power Plant

The Baird High School Band has its official beginning today, Sept. 20, 1938. The Band selected its leader's for the coming year. Mr. Bill Hollingshead, a Senior, was elected to the office of President. Bill is well known in the music circles of Baird and Abilene and is recognized as a very promising piano player. The Band feels proud of its new President and we expect great things from him.

We are equally proud of our other officers. Miss Pauline Coats was elected to the office of Vice-President. Miss Coats is a Saxophone player. Mr. Bill Yarborough was elected to the position of Business Manager. His job is a very important one. However, we are sure that Bill can and will do his job right. Last but far from the least, Miss Lawrence Wheeler was elected to the position of Reporter for the Band. Her job is to inform the people of Baird about the activities of the Band. We feel that you are interested in our Band, and want to know about us.

We want you, the people of Baird, to know that our Band has started off very good. The students are working very hard and we hope to soon put on our first performance. Now all that we need is that added push that only you can give us. Your encouragement will do much to help these students become good musicians. Try and help them and assure them that you are interested in the Band. Soon our Band will be playing for you. All new players are still cordially invited to join our Band. If anybody knows where we can get a good Bass Horn—please let me know.

H. A. Mathews, Director.

Dale Scott, of Okla. Fatally Injured In Fall From Train

Dale Scott, 25, transient, died at 3:20 a. m. Wednesday in Griggs hospital of injuries received Tuesday when he fell under a fast eastbound freight train. He received a crushed right leg.

Two state highway employees probably were responsible for saving Scott until his father, Jesse C. Scott, Dixie, Okla., farmer, could arrive.

The men, G. R. Owen and Wade Crawford, got their first aid kit out of the car when they first saw Scott was injured. Crawford applied a tourniquet and stopped the flow of blood until a doctor

Tris Speaker, a Texan and one of the greatest baseball players of all-time, told this chronicler a "Our bread is baked in aid-story some time ago that wentidioned ovens." Come again, like this:

Baird Fire Department Endorses Municipal Power Plant

In business session of regular practice night, Sept. 21, the Baird Volunteer Fire Department voted the following resolution as proposed:

We, the members of the Baird Volunteer Fire Department have followed with interest for the past several months the progress being made on the proposal to build a municipal light and power plant. Representatives of this department have examined data gathered from various towns and municipalities who have engaged the firm of Albert C. Moore on municipal projects, as has the city of Baird, and have found a unanimous opinion showing his services to be reliable, efficient, and trustworthy.

We have had the legal status of the revenue bonds thoroughly explained to us and have found that passage of this bond issue will not incur any additional taxes whatsoever on the citizenship of our town. After thorough investigation of this project we believe that it is to the interest of the entire citizenship to support this bond issue. Therefore be it resolved that the Baird Volunteer Fire Department publicly pledge the city officials that they will support the proposed bond issue to the limit of our abilities.

SIGNED: Baird Volunteers Fire Department, By

GILBERT HINDS, Chief.

This resolution was adopted unanimously.

WTUC Urge Voters To Turn Thumbs Down' On City Bond Issue

The West Texas Utilities Company, while urging that voters turn "thumbs down" on a \$160,000 bond issue, this week cited two engineers reports as proof of alleged errors in the A. C. Moore report on which the City Hall has asked voters to decide upon a proposed municipal plant.

"We are ready to prove Moore's report erroneous and ready to refute any statements he or his associates might make in regard to the earning capacity of such a venture," H. H. Monk, district manager, declared, "that is, as to errors and omissions as well as lack of full information."

He said a report on the possibilities of the municipal plant here had been submitted by the reputable Fort Worth engineering firm of Hawley, Freese and Nichols, a members of which firm, he added, "would be willing to appear to give further verification of major differences noted in the Moore report if anyone or any group of citizens should so desire."

"We would specially like for the people to investigate the integrity and ability of the Hawley, Freese and Nichols firm, whose report certifies that the Moore promotional oil engine plant could not meet its obligations and that rates or taxes would have to be raised, even with a gift of 45 per cent of the taxpayers money through PWA," Monk said.

"Also, we would like to have the people investigate who it was that recommended it and try to find out why he recommended that citizens authorize the city commission to issue \$160,000 of bonds at 5 per cent for this purpose."

Still another engineering report was injected into the campaign when Monk referred to the "check ing engineer" who, he said, now has a report on file with PWA "which is additional proof that a municipal plant project here could not meet its obligations even at rates considerably more than doubled, or without additional taxes, when on a 50-50 division of business."

He said that 88 per cent of the company's customers here had been canvassed and that 68 per cent of these, representing 75 per cent of the business in Baird, "have signed and advised that they are opposed to the municipal plant venture."

"They also indicated that they do not favor this company turning over its property to be operated as a municipal system run by the City Hall," he declared. "A further fact is that even though such a venture in competitive municipal ownership was started in Baird, they indicated they would nevertheless continue to take service from this company on equal rates."

Belle Plains News

Rev. Marvin Menefee, the new Methodist Pastor, filled his appointment here Sunday. He was accompanied by his wife and son Billy Mack.

Mrs. C. O. Morgan and children visited Mrs. Morgan's mother Mrs. Kate Crawford of Denton Sunday. Among those from here who attended the state singing convention at Abilene Sunday were: Mrs. Ellis Warren and daughter Wanda, Mrs. Adein Atwood and daughter Ruby Mae and Mrs. Berse Miller and daughter Joyce Elaine. Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Walker, of Rowden and daughter Bertha Agness visited Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hughes Sunday.

Those from Belle Plains attending the funeral of Dixie Fern Versup, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Versup of Elmdale, at Abilene Sunday, were: Mrs. J. B. Cheek, Jrandmother of the deceased, Mrs. Ethel Warren, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Knott and children, Mr. and Mrs. Aurthur Walker and daughter.

BETTER LAUNDRY—GIVE US A TRIAL, 2 blocks West of Court House. Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Walls

City Officials Call Mass Meeting

At a meeting of the City Council held Tuesday night two mass meetings of the Citizens of Baird were called for discussion of the question of building a municipal light and power plant.

The first meeting to be held tonight at 7:30 o'clock on the lawn on West side of the Court House. The second meeting to be held on next Thursday night, Sept. 29—the night before the election which is called for Friday Sept. 30th.

Mayor H. Schwartz R. E. Elliott, City Secretary, Ben F. Russell Councilman and James C. Asbury were named as a committee to arrange for these meetings.

All citizens are urged to attend these meetings at which the city officials will present facts and figures as to their object in submitting the question to the citizens of Baird—and why they believe it to be the best interest of the citizenship to build this plant.

The City and the West Texas Utilities Company both carried advertising in last weeks issue of The Star bearing on the question and both have advertising in this weeks edition. It is only fair to yourself, the City of Baird and The West Texas Utilities Company, that the voters read these articles carefully and be informed on both sides of the question, before going to the polls to vote.

The council also issued the following statement:

"At the insistence of West Texas Utilities company that the people get all the facts about the construction of a municipal electric and power plant, the city council on recommendation of the dean of Texas A. and M. college selected one of three engineers named by the dean to make an unbiased report, and before the engineer had completed we Price Campbell, president of the West Texas Utilities company, informed the council that the company would not be responsible for payment for such engineer and assigned as a reason that such report would not be unbiased.

"They (WTUC) later hired another firm to make themselves a report, without recommendation of A. and M. college or the city council, claiming it to be unbiased." The report of Cornell and Company will be submitted in a few days to the council, which claims the company was employed by the utilities company upon being selected by the council.

The Cornell report will be referred to the citizenship, said the council.

"Your city council wants you to be fully posted to enable you to judge as to who has your interest at heart. We have nothing to hide, said Mayor Schwartz."

At a called session of the City Council Wednesday night on ordinance carrying the emergency clause was passed permitting a sentence voting at elections for a period of twenty days to the days before the election.

The City Firemen voted unanimously to support and aid the City Council in carrying the election for the municipal light-power plant.

Eight large bond houses have witten the City urging that they be notified when the \$160,000 revenue bonds are issued, so that they may bid on them.

"Present indications go to show that at least 80 per cent of West Texas Utilities Co. customers will go with the City Municipal Light plant according to a statement issued by J. T. Lawrence senior member of Baird City Council."

Job this observer wouldn't mind having: Salesman in a boat store in Austin. All kinds of trim craft, with white sides and prows of brass. Ahoy, my hearties—yet I've never been on a voyage and would probably get seasick before land disappeared. The zoats by the way, are destined to ply the waters of the new lakes above Austin.

Your nursery and orchard business Highly appreciated. E. Benson Phone 37 Baird Texas.



"Let's Get The Facts Straight FOLKS---and Correct the Errors at the Polls"

THIS AD IN BRIEF:

1. *Selfish Interest Are Seeking to Exploit Economic Distress.*
2. *Impossible Promises Create False Hopes in Mind of People.*
3. *WTU Is A Taxpaying Citizen, Bound to Preserve Best Interests of Baird.*
4. *Engineer's Report Shows Loss for Proposed Municipal Plant.*
5. *Rates Already Lower in Baird than in Municipal Plant Towns.*
6. *Company Given Vote of Confidence by Greater Percentage of Customers.*
7. *If PWA Putting Up Money, WHY Necessary to vote \$160,000 in Bonds?*

READY KILOWATT

LET'S GET THE FACTS STRAIGHT

There are interests who are seeking to promote municipal oil engine ownership and seeking to exploit the nation's present economic and social crisis to advance their own selfish cause. They are capitalizing on the distress and misfortune of millions of families in order to advance their own interest. Let us get this fact straight. **LET US TURN AWAY THE MASK OF PUBLIC WELFARE WHICH IS WORN BY THE PROMOTERS OF THIS VENTURE.** Let us recognize the fact that there is no sanctity about the "municipal ownership" business as such.

There is indeed a most cruel feature connected with such municipal plant promotion which has imposed itself upon a nation's recovery program. It is promises of the many local jobs which never exist. It is the promises of rate reductions and even tax reductions. It is the raising of hopes in the minds of the layman that cannot be fulfilled. In the building of any municipal plant, not more than 5 per cent or 7 per cent of its cost can be expended for local labor. Nearly all of the money that is spent is paid to promoters, supervisors, salesmen, lawyers, and factories far removed from this state and the city of Baird.

A TAX-PAYER IN BAIRD

The West Texas Utilities Company and its employees are taxpayers and a part of this community and, as West Texas citizens, are honor bound to do everything in their power to protect our many investor's property, and prevent the scuttling of the city, its customers, and the tax-paying property holders of Baird.

The promoters may bring in much literature, outside paid speakers, as they have done in other locations, with claims that some municipal plant or other has succeeded in one phase of the business or another. They will put on a regular three-ring circus in their strong endeavors to put this promotional deal over. The citizens can remember this: We are part of the community we serve and will continue to be here after the machinery interests have gone and that we will review all such promoters' claims and give further correct information on same. We are in a position to know the true facts regarding the costs of providing modern-day, reliable electric service to the city of Baird and we state to you truthfully that you cannot divide the business in Baird, duplicate the investment, and pay the expenses connected therewith on present rates.

WOULD HAVE TO RAISE TAXES OR RATES

This is verified by the report of Hawley, Freese, and Nichols, who reviewed within three days time the Moore report and established by Mr. Moore's own errors and omissions that such project, even with the gift of government funds, would have to raise rates and-or taxes. This will be verified by the report of any unbiased, non-promotional engineer. It also will be verified even by the checking engineer the Commission has employed to check the Moore report and who, through some kind of arrangement, spent considerable time canvassing our customers with various questions.

The reason why we know that the engineer whom the Commission is now using to review the Moore report will have to establish that such a project in Baird could not meet its obligations, and that the City would have to raise electric rates and-or taxes, is that we have secured a photostatic copy (which will be placed on file in our Baird office) of a recent report made up and filed in the PWA office at Fort Worth, August 27, 1938, by the same engineer and his concern for a city in West Texas that has 75% greater population than Baird with double the electric business in Baird.

BUSINESS DIVIDED ON 50-50 BASIS

His report claimed a profit of \$1,158.54, but HE SAID this was before including depreciation expenses and that it included no reduction of rates, which rates were already higher than those charged by West Texas Utilities Company in the similar sized

town of Baird. This was on a 50-50 division of the business. To include depreciation expense and assume the oil engine plant could last efficiently for 25 or 30 years would throw such a project far in the red. It would lose many thousands of dollars every year. Rates would have to be raised and this was on a gift from the government with PWA money of 45% and was without the correction of the omission of bad debt losses and a simple mathematical error that was overlooked in checking the operating expenses, both of which were not refuted when called to the attention of the engineer; that is, with twice as much business and with about the same investment as Baird promotional engineer said would be required for Baird, the engineer the city has employed for checking the Moore proposal has already rendered a report to another city disclosing there would be a substantial loss on equal division of the business on rates that are already higher than West Texas Utilities Company rates for towns the size of Baird, and this with a PWA gift of 45%. You may see a photostatic copy of this engineer's report in our office.

MAJORITY OF CUSTOMERS BACK W. T. U. C.

It has been proven that division of business is slightly less than 50% to the municipal plant and slightly more than 50% of business to West Texas Utilities Company on such municipal competitive plants. It was also found by a survey of municipal plants in the state by the established competent engineering firm of Hawley, Freese and Nichols that the division of business is on a definite 50-50 basis. While only 85 per cent of the customers so far have been contacted and some have indicated they would advise later, yet more than 60% of our customers, who in turn pay more than 75% of the total income from service rendered in Baird, have signed statements and indicated:

- (1) That they do not desire this company to turn its property over to be operated as a municipal project from the City Hall;
- (2) That they do not favor the promotional endeavors being carried on at this time for a competitive municipal plant;
- (3) That if such municipal plant venture were ever established, they would nevertheless continue to take service from this company on equal rates.

In addition to this, you have the privilege of conferring with the firm of Hawley, Freese and Nichols. Mr. Nichols offers to come to Baird for consultation with any individual, committee, or mass group for the discussions of the feasibility of such project as disclosed by the promotional engineer, Mr. Moore's report.

SWAP BONDS FOR MACHINERY

One item that has not been covered in our discussions of such a project was the calling of an election for the voting of \$160,000 worth of bonds that could be put out at 5% interest. It has been called to our attention that the State Laws will not permit discounting of bonds, but they do not prohibit certain machinery interests from bidding in on a trade of their machinery and equipment for such bonds that is, this project could be a machinery interest promotion which would supply machinery and cheap distribution facilities to the actual cost or extent of some \$80,000, about that originally estimated in the first night meeting with the promoter. That is, the machinery interest would then secure bonds or warrants on which the city would be bound by law to pay some way or other as much as 5% interest on the \$160,000 face value with the principal payments over the 15 years proposed in the report by the promotional engineer, that is, the one payment alone would require \$15,414.76 per year which alone is more than 50% of the business in Baird and is more money than the City Hall plant could collect on present rates. Where would the operating and depreciation expense come from? It would have to be paid.

WHY "\$160,000" IN BONDS?

You might ask your city attorney or any reliable attorney in the city of Baird if it was necessary to call an election to vote \$160,000 worth of bonds when the project was being promoted as a PWA project, asking the Government for a gift of the taxpayers' money to Baird of 45% of the total cost, leaving \$88,000 in bonds necessary. Any misrepresentation of the total amount of money required for the project to the PWA would be in violation of the PWA Law and Criminal Code Law which reads as follows:

"Section 9 of the Emergency Relief Appropriation Act of 1935, reads as follows:

"Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud the United States makes any false statement in connection with any application for any project . . . or attempts so to do, or assist in so doing, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than \$2,000 or imprisoned not more than one year or both".

Section 35 of the Criminal Code, as amended, provides a penalty of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment of not more than ten years, or both, for knowingly and wilfully making or causing to be made "any false or fraudulent statements . . . or use or cause to be made or used any false . . . account, claim, certificate, affidavit or deposition, knowing the same to contain any fraudulent or fictitious statement . . ." relating to any matter within the jurisdiction of any governmental department or agency.

Another item which we would like to call to the attention of all fair-minded citizens is the fact that this company paid \$83,399.10 as a 3% sales tax imposed by the Federal Government for its relief funds. This was collected by the company from residential and commercial electric service last year. This is just one of the taxes. There are numerous other taxes on which it paid out on its business and property in Baird last year \$4,755.45.

TAX MONEY USED IN COMPETITION

Is it fair to take \$83,399.10 a year from the West Texas Utilities Company as a Federal sales tax, then offer this money back to anyone in any community who might promote a Federal project to duplicate the investment of the company who has paid in such money; and to thus destroy its property and business and hinder its rate reduction program it has carried on for a number of years to the numerous communities it serves, including the community of Baird? The answer rests with you. The way to reduce taxes and electric rates is to cut governmental expenses and extravagance and refrain from creating more debt and obligations. This is just one of the small items of hindrance that has been put in the way of continuing the rate reduction program of the West Texas Utilities Company.

"LISTEN GOOD"—BUT ARE THEY?

Remember that we are in position to answer any of the claims or any of the statements concerning the purported success of some feature of other municipal plant ventures in any particular. Even though they "listen good", you will find that many such things never exist, and if they do, they are offset by increases in taxes, increases in water rates, and the sum of the three costs more in the so-called successful municipal plant towns without competition than they do in the towns receiving the modern-day electric service from a major system at such rates as are being charged today.

To install a competing plant, and even let it be foreclosed on would by the Constitution of the United States even require the charging of such rates as would not confiscate the investment but would yield a return upon the used and useful investment dedicated to the public service, which would mean rates even higher than the old isolated plant in Baird used to have to charge; that is 60% or more higher than they are today. This can not be successfully refuted. We urge that you carefully consider the proposed bond issue from every angle. Decide for yourself just WHO will profit most—YOU or the promoters.

West Texas Utilities Company

NORVELL'S GROCERY AND MARKET

Specials For Saturday, Sept. 24 and the Following Monday

MACKREL, 1 Lb. Can, 3 Cans	25c
CORN FLAKES 3 BOXES	25c
Special Blend COFFEE, 2 Pkgs.	29c
SUGAR 10 LB. BAG (Limited)	48c
Philys Pork&Beans, 1 Lb. Can, 3 For	19c
Lifebouy and Lux Hand Soap, 3 For	19c
Large Box Rinso, 23c—Small, 2 For	17c
Lg. Box Lux Flakes, 23c—Small 2 for	19c
SYRUP, 3 Lb. Can	57c
BEWLEY'S BEST FLOUR 48 LBS.	\$1.35
FLOUR American Beauty 48 LBS.	\$1.35
CATSUP, Large Bottle, 2 For	25c
FRUITS	
ORANGES Per Dozen	15c
LEMONS Per Dozen	17c
Large RED GRAPES Per Pound	6c
MEATS	
ROUND STEAK PER LB.	23c
CHEESE FULL CREAM PER LB.	18c
PORK ROAST HOME KILLED PER LB.	27c
BACON PER LB.	24c
WE DELIVER	PHONE 297

To The Citizens Of Baird

The Mayor and the City Council of Baird want all of the people to know the facts surrounding the proposal to build a City Power and Light Plant. You are entitled to know what has been done, and the purposes and aims of the men representing your interests. It is our earnest desire to be of real service to our city. We live here, and our interests are your interests. You are our friends and neighbors. If the citizens of Baird prosper, we all share that prosperity.

We feel that Baird has reached the crossroads. We must either go forward or backward. To go forward, we must be united. To reach a proper decision, we must lay aside all personalities and all confusing issues.

We have just passed through, during the past ten years, a very trying period. During this time, it has been hard for our people to live, and it has been hard for your city officers to keep your streets, to furnish fire protection to assist in policing your city, to properly light the town, and to perform other services necessary for the wellbeing of our citizens. Due to the excellent management of past administrations during this period, your bonded indebtedness has been reduced from approximately \$164,000.00 to a present indebtedness of \$116,000.00. The interest rate on the remaining indebtedness has also been reduced. The water rates have also been reduced during this period of time. But the city has two sources of revenue, only—taxes, and the revenue from your water department. At the present time your taxes are too high, and your water rates should be reduced. But neither can be done under present conditions. Money is needed constantly for the betterment of your water system. The city is practically without lights; our streets are in bad condition, and will, in the future, require large sums of money for rebuilding and maintenance. We are without a single city park for our children; we do not even have a swimming pool. If we are to progress, we must have funds for improvements.

We all know that the utilities rates in Baird are too high and that, with the exception of your water plant, thousands of dollars, annually, are being drained from your city. We believe, bearing these facts in mind, that the greatest service that could be rendered our people would be in a material reduction of all utility rates. For the reason that a reduction in utility rates not only directly effect the profits of your business men, but directly effect the welfare of every family. The Federal Government, through a recent act of Congress, provided funds to assist cities, such as ours, in building their own utilities, in order that people might profit from a saving in reduced rates, and a retention of part of the profits in the community. The Federal Government has offered to cities, a grant, or a gift of 45 per cent of the total of their light and power plants, and in addition thereto, will make a loan of the other fifty-five per cent, at the rate of 4 per cent interest to be paid over a long period of time. We felt that this was an opportunity for the people of Baird to secure their own light and power plant, under the most favorable terms, which would insure reduction of rates; and at the same time, enable the city to use profits now going out of our town, to make needed improvements in up-building our city. With this in mind, we hired Albert C. Moore, an honest, experienced, and competent electrical engineer. Under his contract with the city, Mr. Moore immediately began work on the project, in order that the same might be presented to the Federal Government in the proper time, and before federal funds for such purposes were exhausted. A survey was made of the town, and an engineering report completed, to meet the rules and requirements of the federal authorities. All of these preliminary details have been completed, and our application for a loan and grant, has been duly filed with the Public Works Administration office in Fort Worth. This district office, after checking the same, and our application is now pending in the main office of the Public Works Administration in Washington, D. C. We have received letters and advice from the Washington office which indicate that so far, our applica-

tion has been favorably received under the rules of this department. It is necessary that a bond election be held, before final approval will be given on the application.

In our application, we asked for a total loan and grant of \$158,000.00. Our set up provides for an electrical power plant, at a cost of \$90,395.00. A new White Way system for Baird, lighting Main Street and all of Highway No. 1 throughout the entire city, with ample street lights for all residential sections and necessary alley lights, has been included in our plans. In addition thereto, a complete, modern, and up-to-date distribution system is planned. In addition, the plans call for the construction of a transmission line to the city wells West of Baird. The total estimated cost of the above items, is \$48,604.00. Contingencies, interest on the investment during construction, and miscellaneous cost and expense, are estimated to make up the difference in the total amount. The estimate of the engineers shows that, of the total amount required to build the plant, over \$55,000.00 will be required for labor and other services, in connection with the construction of the plant. Many thousands of dollars worth of material necessary for the erection of the plant, will, no doubt, be purchased in Baird.

The people of Baird will understand that, in the event a plant is built, it will be constructed by a contractor under rules laid down by the Federal Government and under the supervision of Government engineers. Your City Council will have no voice in the selection of workmen employed by such employment, but the contractor will be under rigid requirements of the Federal Government. The wage scale will be governed by such rules; however, the rates set up in our report, to the Federal officials, is 30 cents per hour for unskilled labor, 45 cents per hour for intermediate workers, and \$1.00 per hour for all skilled labor.

In the plans submitted to the Government, a transmission line was provided for, and made optional, which will connect the city of Baird with Octane Oil Refining Company, plant, situated East of our city.

We have been asked why we have submitted a bond issue of \$160,000.00. In the first place, the 45 per cent grant from the Federal Government is based on the total cost of the plant to be constructed. In the second place, in the event that the Federal Government should fail to make the loan or grant, the city would then be in a position to sell, on the open market, sufficient bonds to construct a plant, if it is found advisable. If the people of Baird authorize the issuance of bonds, only the necessary amount of the bonds will be issued and used in the construction of the plant. If it is later found inadvisable, then the total cost of our completed plant will not exceed \$130,000.00. Under a loan grant, the City of Baird would receive, as an outright gift, the sum of \$58,500.00 and would then cause to be issued, revenue bonds in the sum of \$71,500.00. The revenue bonds in said sum of \$71,500.00 would represent the total cost to be paid out of revenue, of a new and modern electrical light and power plant, and a White Way system. These bonds, under the laws of the State of Texas, and under the terms of the bonds themselves provide that they are a mortgage only, upon the plant, and on its revenues, and that no tax of any kind or character can ever be levied to pay said bonds, interest, or any part of the same.

Furthermore, we wish to impress upon your minds that it would be unlawful and a criminal offense for the City Council to sell any part of the revenue bonds for any purpose, other than the construction of our plant. The election is called for the purpose of authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds not to exceed \$160,000.00, and only that part of the bonds will be sold which is necessary to construct our system. The amount of the bonds to be issued and sold, will depend upon whether it is found advisable and profitable to build a line to the Octane Refining Company plant.

As we have said before, the revenue bonds which we are asking the people of Baird, to authorize, is not a mortgage or a charge of any kind upon any property, real or personal, belonging to the citizens of Baird. Fur-

thermore, is specifically prohibited that a tax be levied of any kind to pay the bonds, interest on the same, or in any way be used in paying off or liquidating such bonds. We have heretofore called your attention to a decision of the Supreme Court of Texas, which clearly states that no tax of any kind or character may be levied or collected for the payment of revenue bonds. Any reputable lawyer will tell you that the above statements are true. In line with the above, we have requested a written legal opinion from Hon. L. L. Blackburn, and in response to that request, we submit the following legal opinion: Sept. 22nd, 1938.

The Mayor And City Council of Baird, Baird, Texas.

Dear Sirs:

I am in receipt of your inquiry upon the following questions: FIRST: If revenue bonds are voted by the City of Baird and said bonds sold and a Municipal Lighting System purchased or constructed with the proceeds of the sale of such bonds, will the holder of such bonds have any lien or claim of any kind as security, upon any property within the City of Baird, other than the said Lighting Plant and System?

SECOND: Will the City Council of Baird have legal authority to levy and collect any taxes upon property in the City of Baird for the purpose of re-paying such revenue bonds or other indebtedness against the Lighting System?

In reply I advise that it is my opinion that such revenue bonds and any lien upon such Lighting System can in no wise, be supported by an ad valorem or other tax on property within the City, and that no property within the City, other than the Lighting System, can be subject to the bonded indebtedness or liens on said Lighting System.

I further advise that the City Council of the City of Baird can not legally levy and collect any tax upon any property within the City for the purpose of re-paying such bonds or other liens against such Lighting System.

Yours very truly,
L. L. BLACKBURN.

In order that the citizenship of the City of Baird, might have the true facts about the Engineer whose services have been contracted for by the city, the City Administration would like to say that before Mr. Albert C. Moore was engaged by the city, his character and ability and connection with the Utility Power Trusts was fully investigated. We have found Mr. Moore to be honest in all his dealings; his word has never been found untrue whether verbal or written, and the experience Mr. Moore has had, in many years of constructing this type of plants, has made his services extremely valuable. We have on file in the city office, any number of letters from Mayors and City Officials which back up our findings of Mr. Moore.

The following letter from Weatherford, Texas, where Mr. Moore is employed on a project of this nature, the same being considerably larger and the amount of bonds voted by the city of Weatherford being \$600,000.00, the entire amount being REVENUE BONDS, is submitted:

CITY OF WEATHERFORD EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.
Weatherford, Texas,
June 23rd, 1938.
R. L. Elliott Jr.
City Secretary
Baird, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 21st, inst. will say that it is a pleasure to answer you in this matter. Our Mayor asks me to say to you that Mr. Albert C. Moore of the firm bearing his name has been working with us on this project some year and a half and that we have never found him unfaithful in any detail of the work; rather the contrary is true. He has fulfilled his promises with this city in every respect, either what he says on paper or by word of mouth.

The Power interest tried to put the same over here during our struggle to get the election over, but could not hitch on this man, any thing that would hold water. The writer has had occasions to talk with men from Mr. Moore's home office territory in and around Joplin Mo., and they all give him the best word of recommendation. You will have the same opportunity by watching those coming and going.

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If we can be of further service to you in any way, please call on us.

Yours very truly,
C. C. CANAFAX.
City Secretary.

(Original copy on file in the office of the City Secretary of this city.)

The League of Texas Municipalities gives Mr. Moore The Very Highest recommendations, and the following letter from Basin, Wyoming, will set out the fact that Mr. Moore has had the necessary experience in this line of work.

The Town of Basin, Basin, Wyoming.
August 4, 1938.
City of Baird, Baird, Texas.
Gentelment:

Yours of August 1, at hand and I will say that Mr. Albert C. Moore did some work for the town of Basin, in connection with our Municipal Plant in 1911. He was then in the employ of Burns & McDonnell who had the Engineer-

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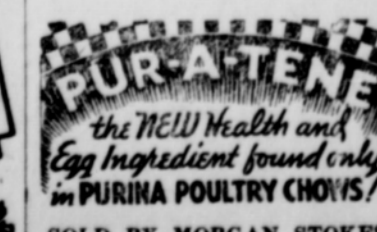
By Julian Capers, Jr.
 AUSTIN—His program for industrial development of Texas is apparently ranked next to pensions in the mind of the gubernatorial nominee, W. Lee O'Daniel, judging from interviews he has given since his nomination. Fortunately, this subject is not, as O'Daniel seems to think, an unexplored field. A wealth of scientific data has been accumulated both in and out of Texas on the problem of industrialization of the State. Some of it has been completed by experts who have spent years in such work. A great deal of money has been spent by private industrial corporations, by utility concerns, by Chamber of Commerce, the State Planning Board, and other interested groups. The best engineering talent available has been procured. The findings of all these groups have been substantially in agreement. They have not been optimistic in regard to a quick development of large industries in Texas.

Here Are Basic Factors
 Here are the requirements for the location of industry generally in any given place:
 An available nearby market for the product manufactured.
 Available raw materials.
 Available trained labor supply.
 Available fuel and power.
 The greatest of these requirements by far, is the first. And that is he reason why manufacturers in the East find it more profitable to ship the vast resources of raw materials produced in Texas to Eastern and Northern manufacturing centers, and ship the manufactured product back to Texas to supply this market, more cheaply than they can manufacture here.
 Texas, with its vast area, is thinly populated, compared to Northern and Eastern market areas, and it is surrounded by states similarly situated. Production facilities in this country have far outstripped distribution machinery. The nation today is equipped with existing factories

which are tooled to produce nearly twice the requirements of the present distributing facilities. Economic conditions, of course, have affected the power of the nation to assimilate goods. But the fact remains that a single large shoe factory, for instance, (since O'Daniel has used shoes as an example), could produce in a few months all the shoes that Texans buy in a year. It could not market the shoes it must make during the rest of the year profitably in other territory, in competition with Eastern factories, which were located in those market areas.
 Freight Structure Is Wall
 The Southwestern freight rate structure, which has been built up by the Federal regulatory authorities over a period of years since the days when an arbitrary advantage was given to Southern and Western railroads on the theory that with light volume it cost more to operate, forms an artificial barrier against industrial development in the Southwest.

There is, of course, a certain limited field in which it is profitable to manufacture near the source of raw materials. Notably the processing of petroleum is the this line. The petroleum refining industry, using water transportation from Gulf ports to offset high high rail freight rates, has become Texas' leading industrial development. It employs many thousands, at high average wage rates and is prosperous.
 But the conditions fit only a few similarly specialized industries and those who profit from development of these industries have not overlooked Texas. As a matter of fact, the great industrial organizations of the East, such as the DuPont enterprises, the Mellon interests, General Motors, etc., have assembled over a period of years a library of data bearing upon possibilities of industrial development in Texas that far exceeds in volume and accuracy any figures available in Texas. Several of these organizations keep industrial engineers on duty in Texas, studying constantly the development of industrial opportunities. They are not slow to take advantage of such opportunities, as they develop.

A Real Opportunity
 The best opportunity for in-



dustrial development in Texas lies in the local organization and financing of small industrial units designed to supply local markets with certain classes of goods, mostly perishables, which are financed with Texas capital. Big Eastern capital is not interested in such enterprises, and Texas capital has always been reluctant to seek this field of investment, because it is hazardous.
 Other Elements

There are a dozen other elements which enter into the picture. One is the traditional location and association of groups of allied industries. Nobody will build a wool scouring plant in Texas, for instance, because investigation shows that he couldn't sell his scoured wool. The wool scouring plants are located around Boston, where the output is sold to the wollen fabric manufacturers. For a hundred years, these industries have been allied. Interlocking ownership, family association, banking connections—all tend to keep the wool scouring industry centered around the New England mills that consume the scoured wool. A Texas plant would be regarded as interloper, and the mills just wouldn't be interested in taking its output.
 Cotton goods is marketed traditionally through brokers in the East. It goes into the market unmarked, unlabelled. The output of a dozen mills is mingled and sold in one lot. A Texas department store recently tried to buy some cotton goods from a Texas mill, to feature in a "Texas Made" sales event. Its managers found the mill couldn't supply it, because it had a long contract to sell all of its output to a New York broker. If it had sold a few thousand yards direct to the Texas store, it would have furnished material for some nice advertising for the store for a day or two. But the broker wouldn't have been interested in handling the mill's output after that—and the mill has to ship the goods it manufactures all the year, or shut down.

Notice Of Revenue Bond Election

THE STATE OF TEXAS
 COUNTY OF CALLAHAN
 CITY OF BAIRD

TO THE RESIDENT, QUALIFIED, PROPERTY TAXPAYING VOTERS OF THE CITY OF BAIRD, TEXAS:
 TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held in the City of Baird, Texas, on the 30th day of September, 1938, on the proposition and at the place more particularly set forth in the election order adopted by the City Council on the 8th day of September, 1938, which is as follows:

RESOLUTION AND ORDER BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BAIRD, TEXAS, CALLING AN ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF THE ISSUANCE OF ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY THOUSAND (\$160,000.00) DOLLARS REVENUE BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE PURCHASE AND CONSTRUCTION OF ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER SYSTEM FOR SAID CITY AND THE PLEDGING OF THE REVENUES OF THE SYSTEM TO THE PAYMENT THEREOF.

WHEREAS, the City of Baird does not own an electric light and power system; and

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it advisable and to the best interest of the City of Baird to purchase and construct an electric light and power system; and

WHEREAS, it is considered to be to the best interest of the City that such system be financed by the issuance of Revenue Bonds, payable solely from and secured by an exclusive first lien on and pledge of the revenues of the said electric light and power system, after deduction of reasonable operation and maintenance expenses all in accordance with the provisions of Article 1111-1118, both inclusive, of the 1925 Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, as amended, and in no wise supported by an ad valorem or other tax on property in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it necessary and proper that the question of the issuance of such revenue bonds and the pledging of such revenues be submitted to the qualified electors of said City;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED BY CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BAIRD, TEXAS:

1. That an election be held on the 30th day of September, 1938,

at which election the following proposition shall be submitted:

"Shall the City Council of the City of Baird, Texas, be authorized to issue One Hundred and Sixty Thousand (\$160,000.00) Dollars revenue bonds of said City maturing serially over a period of years not to exceed thirty (30), bearing interest at a rate not to exceed five (5%) per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, for the purpose of financing the purchase and construction of electric light and power system for said City; and to provide for the payment of and interest on said bonds by pledging the net revenues from the operation of said System."

2. That said election shall be held at the City Hall within said City, and the following named persons are hereby appointed managers thereof, to wit:

C. C. Andrews, Presiding Judge
 T. A. White, Judge.
 R. F. Mayfield, Clerk.
 Ralph Ashlock, Clerk.

3. That said election shall be held under the provisions of and in accordance with the laws governing the issuance of municipal bonds in cities, as provided in the General Laws of the State of Texas, and only qualified electors, who own taxable property in the City and who have duly rendered the same for taxation, shall be qualified to vote.

All voters, who favor the proposition to issue the said bonds shall have written or printed on their ballots the following words: "FOR THE ISSUANCE OF ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, AND THE PLEDGING OF THE REVENUES OF SAID SYSTEM TO THE PAYMENT THEREOF."

And those opposed to the proposition to issue the said bonds shall have written or printed on their ballots the words:

"AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OF ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, AND THE PLEDGING OF THE REVENUES OF SAID SYSTEM TO THE PAYMENT THEREOF."

4. That a copy of this resolution and order, signed by the Mayor of said City and attested by the City Secretary, shall serve as proper notice of said election.

The Mayor is authorized and directed to cause this notice of the election to be posted at three public places within said City, one of which shall be at the City Hall, for at least fourteen full days prior to the date of said election.

5. The Mayor is further authorized and directed to cause this notice of election to be published in some newspaper of general circulation published in said City once each week for two consecutive weeks. The date of the first publication shall be not less than fourteen full days prior to the date of said election.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 8th day of September, 1938.

H. SCHWARTZ,
 Mayor, City of Baird, Texas.
 ATTEST:
 R. L. ELLIOTT, Jr.
 City Secretary, City of Baird, Texas. 38-2t
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Originally devised to enable those who use the highways to pay for their construction, gasoline taxes proved to be such an easy and prolific source of governmental income that they have been diverted in many states to uses far removed from highway building; in Texas, 50% of the gasoline tax is allocated to highways; 25% to schools; 25% to the retirement of county road bonds. All of the 1¢ per gallon Federal tax (a total of nearly \$12,000,000 was paid by Texans in 1937) is used for the general expenses of the central government.

Since 1920, the cost of a gallon of gasoline has decreased approximately 50%. This has been made possible by technical advances in producing, refining and transporting oil which increased quality and lowered prices. The net saving to the motorist, however, has been all but washed away in the rising flood of taxes.

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