

The Baird Star

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

FIFTY-FIFTH YEAR

BAIRD, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1941

NUMBER ONE

County H D Council Hold Training School

Approximately fifty incoming 1942 home demonstration club and council officers attended the Officers' Training School held in the Callahan County courthouse on Saturday, December 6th starting at 1 p. m. under the general direction of Mrs. Jim Barker of Enterprise Club who is the outgoing council chairman for the Callahan County Home Demonstration Council.

This training school was held in order that new officers, taking over their duties on January 1st might have a better understanding of the duties of their respective officers and thereby render more efficient service to their clubs in their new positions. Women who had filed their offices well were selected as instructors for the different groups.

Committees for the afternoon were: General arrangements, Mrs. Jim Barker, Enterprise Club; Gen Chairman of arrangements with Mrs. N. H. Stephenson of Eula Club and Mrs. Forrest Walker of Dressy Club as her helpers and Committee on Registration made up of Mrs. Floyd Coffey of Cottonwood Club and Mrs. Jim Barr of Cross Plains Club.

The program as outlined and carried through for the afternoon were as follows:

1:00 to 1:30 Registration, District Courtroom.

1:30 to 1:45 General Assembly under direction of Mrs. Jim Barker

1:45 to 2:45 Sectional meetings

1. Presidents, vice-presidents and parliamentarians with Mrs. Jim Barker as instructor.

2. Secretaries with Mrs. Norman Coffey of Cottonwood Club and 1941 Council secretary as instructor.

3. Council members, with Mrs. Clyde Johnson of Eula Club, leading.

4. Recreational Leaders, led by Mrs. M. B. Sprawls, of Putnam Club.

5. Reporters meeting with County Home Demonstration Agent, Miss Ellen Steffens, assisted by Miss Eliza Gilliland of The Baird Star.

2:45 to 3:00 Intermission.

3:00 to 3:15 Address by the District Vice-President of district 7 of the Texas Home Demonstration Association, Mrs. Jim Barker

3:15 to 3:30 Parliamentary Drill by Mrs. Norman Coffey of Cottonwood Club.

3:30 to 4:00 Talks by Mrs. T. P. Bearden Chairman of the Baird Red Cross Chapter on What Home Demonstration Club Women can do to help the Red Cross and by Mrs. Earl Hall on Available Red Cross First Aid Training for all people.

During the afternoon, Mrs. Norman Coffey who is the Council Chairman elect for 1942 acting for the County Home Demonstration Council, presented to Mrs. Jim Barker, outgoing Council Chairman and District 7 Vice-President of the Texas Home Demonstration Association, a brown leather brief case engraved with her name and title, as a token of the appreciation of the club women of Callahan County for the leadership she has given the group during the past two years as their council chairman. Mrs. Barker will now lead the district of home demonstration club women for the next two years. District 7 is made up of twenty-one counties.

Miss Eliza Gilliland of The Baird Star served as judge of the 1941 reporters' scrapbook, and places were awarded as follows:

Cottonwood, with Mrs. Norman Coffey as reporter, first place

Zion Hill with Mrs. E. V. Ramsey as reporter, second place.

Denton, with Mrs. E. J. Barton as reporter, third place.

Nine of the fifteen clubs of the county presented scrapbooks for scoring.

BLOCK OIL LAND

Would like to contact the man whose address is Baird, Texas, seeking to know about a block of oil land lease near McCanley, Texas. Please address W. J. Madden, Rt. 3, Hamlin, Texas.

Goodfellows Make Plans For Christmas

The Goodfellows met in the County Library last Saturday afternoon to plan their annual Christmas Program of sending Christmas Cheer to the needy of Baird.

The following committees were appointed:

Soliciting Committee, C. R. Nordyke, chairman, Mrs. G. H. Tankersley, Mrs. Ashby White and W. O. Wylie, Jr.

Purchasing Committee: Mrs. Ace Hickman, chairman, Mrs. C. W. Coats, Mrs. L. L. Blackburn and Mrs. Carroll McGowan.

Committee to Secure Names of Needy Families:

Rev. Alsie Carleton, chairman, Mrs. S. L. McElroy, Miss Ann Johnson, Olaf G. South, Hugh Smith, B. C. Chrisman, Ben E. Bell, Judge B. H. Freeland and Rev. A. A. Davis.

Packing Committee: 1 Each Study Club, Wednesday Club, Junior Wednesday Club, Delphian Club, Junior Delphian Club, Garden Club and Parent-Teachers Association are asked to have two members serve on this committee. Distributing Committee.

Hub Warren, chairman, R. L. Elliott, Jr., Boy Scout Troops to assist.

Mrs. Alvin Dill will again have charge of the Christmas Jars placed in cafes and drug stores.

The Baird Fire Department assisted by "Peck" Aults class of boys in the metal workers class and the boys in the Mechanical Shop at Baird High School will repair and pant the toys.

ALL who have toys of all kinds who will contribute them to this worthy cause are requested to leave them at the Fire Station or at The Star office:

Jack Ashlock was reelected president and Eliza Gilliland secretary-treasurer of the Goodfellows at this meeting.

MISS VADA COLE IS IN CALIFORNIA

Miss Vada Cole, home supervisor Farm Security Association left Tuesday for Stockton, Calif. where her brother, Clifton W. Cole will receive his 'wings' and be commissioned a second Lieutenant in the United States Army Air Service at the Air Corps advanced training school, West Central Training Field.

Mr. Cole completed his primary training at Rankin Field, Lancers Calif and secondary at Gardner Field, Calif. After graduation today Mr. Cole will be sent to a permanent station. These stations however are not announced on graduation day. Miss Cole will return Tuesday of next week.

LIEUT. HORNSBY HOME ON SICK LEAVE

Lieut. Alton Hornsby of Camp Bowie is at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hornsby at Rowden on a thirty-day sick leave.

Lieut. Hornsby is recovering from a severe illness and has been a patient in the base hospital at Fort Sam Houston for the past several weeks.

U. S. ARMY OFFICERS VISIT IN BAIRD

Lieut. James J. Kennedy of Fort Worth, accompanied by Lieut. B. K. Kilpatrick of Tyler, and Lieut. Williams L. Lumpkin of Waco, visited his uncle and aunt Judge and Mrs. B. L. Russell Tuesday.

The party was enroute to Bakersfield, California, as instructors in the air corps. In company with Judge Russell, these gentlemen made The Star office a pleasant call.

Alex Barton of Denton was in Baird Tuesday. He tells us that his son, Ralph and Hugh Tarrant, son of Steve Tarrant, recently left for San Diego, Calif. where they have work in a civilian aircraft plant.



This Year...

Give the gift that signifies America is not to be caught napping.

DEFENSE BONDS STAMPS



To Vote On Cotton Marketing Referendum

The following named will preside at the election on the Cotton Marketing Quota Referendum to be held Saturday, Dec. 13th. Baird, A. E. Frankie Putnam, W. S. Jobe Cross Plains, Frank Terrell Oplin, Albert Betcher, Jr. Fu', W. H. Ferguson Denton, Morton Whitley Atwell, P. M. Ray Dudley, L. H. Hayhurst.

We Begin Our Fifty-Fifth Year This Week

The Star embarks on its 55th year with this weeks edition, and the outlook is not so bright. Our nation is engaged in a foreign war, the third since The Star was established, but we have a firm faith in our government and the patriotism of our people and believe that in the outcome the United States will be victorious.

Business conditions have been better the past year—we had good crop and most everyone who wants work has a job.

We sincerely appreciate the patronage, cooperation and friendship of the people of Baird and Callahan County through the fifty-four years just closed and look forward to the future with the hope that the war will be over sooner than we now have hope that it will, that our people will be blessed with good health and prosperity.

Respectfully,
Eliza and Haynie Gilliland.

—HELP THE RED CROSS—

Legion To Give Banquet At Oplin

The American Legion will give a banquet at the public school building at Oplin Thursday night of next week, December 18th and all Ex-Service Men, whether a member of the American Legion or not—You are cordially invited and urged to attend the banquet.

Members of the County Draft Board, Messers Ace Hickman, R. W. Robinson, Sam Barr and Royce Gilliland, Sheriff Nordyke has also been invited to attend the banquet.

Guest speaker for this occasion will be Mrs. Simpson, who formerly taught school in the islands around Guam and is thoroughly familiar with the conditions there. Mrs. Simpson is visiting relatives in the Oplin community.

A special feature of the banquet will be barbecued goat, barbecued only as County Commissioner, H. B. Straley, can barbecue. Mr. Straley is known far and wide for his secret art in barbecuing.

County Hospital News

Mrs. Mollie Connell is a medical patient.

"Happy" Ables of Admiral, is a pneumonia patient.

Gerald Fere of Cross Plains, is a surgical patient.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dean Strickland of Baird, a boy on December 9, 1941.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Slaughter, of Baird, a boy on December 8, 1941.

J. A. Sikes of Rowden, is a medical patient.

Eight Selectees Answer December Call

Three Callahan county boys left Tuesday morning to be inducted into the service of their country. They are:

Louis Franklin Johnson and James Robert Morgan, both of the Scranton community.

Robert G. Grissom, of Cross Plains.

Five Selectees will go to the Dallas U. S. Army Examining Station today for final physical examinations. They are:

Thomas Reed Warren, Baird Raymond Lee Strickland, Baird John Edwin Scott, Clyde Hubert Lawrence Rutherford, Baird.

Hulen Eugene Hughes, Belle Plain.

James Clifford Monroe, Rt. 2, Clyde.

The boys will return to Baird and await the call Dec. 19th when they will go to Camp Walters at Mineral Wells.

Fixtures Installed In New Bank Building

The fixtures have been placed in the new First National Bank building and the floor covering is about complete.

The rain and continued damp weather has slowed up the finishing of the exterior, but if the weather clears enough to finish the front of the building Bob Norrell says they hope to move in by the first of the week.

A. J. Arvin Died At Cottonwood

As we go to press we learn of the death of A. J. "Nuff" Arvin at his home at Cottonwood at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Funeral services will be held at the Church of Christ in Cottonwood at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Burial will be in the family plot in Cottonwood cemetery. Wylie Funeral Home has charge of funeral arrangements.

"Nuff" Arvin has been a resident of Callahan county for the past sixty years. Mr. Arvin was a native of Kentucky, where he was born June 5, 1855.

Mr. Arvin has been ill for the past several weeks.

FOOD COMMODITIES TO BE DELIVERED

livered as follows:

Putnam, Saturday, Dec. 13. Cross Plains, Tuesday, Dec. 16. Clyde, Saturday, Dec. 20. Baird, Tuesday, Dec. 22.

If you have more than two in family, be sure to bring Burlap bag with you.

W. P. STEPHENS, County Commodity, Foreman

New Books In County Library

Mrs. Rosa Ryan, the efficient W. P. Library Clerk, at the Callahan County Public Library announces that Mrs. R. L. Alexander has donated ten late books, both fiction and non-fiction to the library. Another valuable gift is a copy of "Captain Jeff, or Frontiers Life in Texas" written by a well known citizen of Callahan County, the late Captain W. J. Maltby. This book presented by Miss Eliza Gilliland is indeed a valuable addition to the files relating to Callahan County history. It will be kept in the Library for a reference book.

A number of new books have been ordered for the library.

For the rental shelf these include The Sun Is My Undoing, Steen; Marriage Is a Private Affair, Kelly; My Friend Flicka, O. Hara; The Strange Woman, B. A. Williams.

For the free shelf, there are: One Foot in Heaven, Spence Texas Triggers, Cunningham Winning of Barbara Worth, H. B. Wright.

Case of the Sulky Girl, Gardner Danger in the Dark, Eberhart.

While the Patient Slept Calling Dr. Kildare, Brand. Navy Blue and Gold, Bruce. Not For Just An Hour, Lea. Ordeal, Shute.

The Sheik, E. M. Hall. For Juvenile Readers: Aviation Cadet, Lent. Billy and the Major, E. S. Sampson.

Jo's Boys, L. M. Alcott. Little Men, L. M. Alcott. Silver Pitchers, L. M. Alcott.

The Library will have a Christmas tree waiting for Book Gifts Allpatrons are invited to place a book either old or new under the tree.

The W. P. A. Clerk will be off duty during Christmas week. Hence the Library will be closed during that time.

F. S. A. MEETS EACH SATURDAY

Each Saturday morning the FSA holds a meeting beginning at 9:30 A. M. at the Courthouse in Baird the purpose of which is to explain the program to all persons applying for a FSA loan. It is necessary for all new applicants to attend one of these meetings before their loans are submitted.

All persons contemplating a loan from this department, are invited to attend.

J. S. McKNIGHT.

Veterans Can Secure Homestead

Down Mexico way North of the Border at UVALDE, Texas, home town of John Garner and at CRYSTAL CITY—Texas largest Spinach growing section in the World it is planned to establish Veterans Homestead Colonies where a Veteran with a small pension or other income will be sold Ten Acres of rich irrigated soil-A 4 or 5 room new house with conveniences where with Vegetables from his Winter and Summer Garden-Eggs and Chickens from a flock of Two Hundred Chickens-Milk-Butter and Calves from a herd of 4 or 5 Cows the Veteran can become independent from the efforts of himself and his family.

Option has already been taken on 3000 Acres of irrigated soil 7 miles south of Uvalde Texas on the Beautiful Leona River. On this property is located 3 irrigation wells with pumping facilities to produce 2000 gallons per minute from each well. Water may be secured at 48 feet anywhere on the property. 900 acres have 7000 Pecan trees 10 years old and this will allow the first 90 Veterans from ten to one hundred pecan trees on his ten acre homestead.

Arrangements are being made with the Bowen Bus Lines of Fort Worth to run bus excursions in chartered busses to Uvalde, Crystal City Pearsall, Carrizo Springs Dilley and other points in the Winter Garden Section. Veterans interested write Uvade Chamber of Commerce, Crystal City Chamber of Commerce or War Veterans Relief Association, 1007 1-2 Main St., Dallas, Texas.

Relatives Await News From Boys In War Zone

Many in Baird and Callahan County are anxiously waiting news from the boys who are in the war zone in the Pacific.

Among the boys who are over there are:

Blanton Freeman, son of Judge and Mrs. B. H. Freeland.

Judson Atchison, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Atchison.

Welbert Voshelle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Voshelle.

Carl Gillit, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gillit, all of Baird.

Jerald Watts of Baird.

Mayo Fowler, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Fowler, former of Bayou.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Quirk, Mrs. Quirk is the former Van Boatwright daughter of Mrs. John Boatwright.

There are a number of other Callahan county boys in the service in the war zone whose names we did not get.

Red Cross Quota Raised

C. V. Jones, County Red Cross Chairman, has been notified by Norman H. Davis, Red Cross, President that the Callahan County Chapter quota of the \$50,000,000, special war fund is \$2,000.

Local chapters may retain 15 percent of the fund, \$300.00 for local war relief expenditures.

Chairman Jones has called a meeting of all Red Cross Workers to meet at the County Library at the Courthouse this, Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock and all are urged to attend this meeting.

We must do our part in supplying the needed funds for the Red Cross.

MRS. W. O. WYLIE PRESENTS PUPILS IN RECITAL

Mrs. W. O. Wylie Jr., will present her piano and accordion pupils in recital Friday evening, Dec. 19th at 7:15 p. m. at the High School Auditorium.

Those appearing on the program will be:

Betty Lou Wagner, Patsy Wagner, Dorothy Estes, Lillie Frances Baines, Betty Gay Lydia Zeldia Jayce Price, Betty Gene Dunnigan, Johnnie Swinson, Bobby Sue Edwards, Jackie Gilliland, Renee Russell, Irma Lois Young Nettie Elvira Gilliland, Mary Augusta Benson, Kyle Meadows, Jimmie Misenheimer and Ann Lew Williams.

Celebrates 89th Birthday

"Grandmother" O'Keefe who has been blind for a number of years, was made happy Sunday November 30 by relatives and friends gathering in her home to spend the day and to eat Thanksgiving dinner.

This was a gay affair, there being 34 guests present.

Mrs. O'Keefe is a pioneer of Callahan County, having moved from Deep Creek to the Eagle Cove community where she made her home for a number of years. Her present home is at Ranger.

At eleven o'clock Mrs. Bangston, Mrs. Brink and Mrs. Williams brought the Sunbeams from the First Baptist Church and rendered a very beautiful program of songs, scripture, and prayer.

At the close of the service each child passed by and presented "Grandmother" with an orange she in turn presented them with candy.

He great-grand child, Albert Bradford Jr., was also 17 years old on this date.

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THINK IT OVER

One of the best ways to broadcast is to tell some people something in confidence.

The Road of Light, The Road of Darkness—

Today I am an old man, my life is confused, gone is my fortune, it is nothing. My past means nothing to me, you, my classmates taking your first walk. His first walk, a step toward a life to live, or perhaps a life to be ashamed of.

That is the reason why I come to you. To tell you what road to take, as I look back I see one side of the road which is lighted to the very end. I see another road, this road is dark, so dark you can't find your own way, but a road that after once you can see your own way, a way that will be lighted once you can find the light.

My child these are the two roads of life where you live only once only once you can start. My classmates when you take your first step its either in the direction to the lighted road or the dark road.

Between these two roads is another road, a road partly light and partly dark, the road which most people are taking. This, my classmate, was the road which I took, a road that was fun to travel but at the end there is a parting to Heaven or Hell!

Yest my Classmate that is the road, where I lost by a decision, where I lay below, a place full of Hell and all it's fire. A place where you sit down in a chair, not a chair of soft clouds, but a chair charged with electricity.

So my classmate those are the roads of life. Are you choosing the right road?

Well, I'll be on my way, if you take the right way, if you take the right road, this shall be good bye—if you don't we shall meet again in a glowing blaze of fire and hell. Classmate are you taking the right road?

R. W.

SCHOOL NEWS

Pat Estes

The Senior Class has purchased a Defense Bond. This was a great move and if everyone could invest a little in bonds and stamps it would be fine. We students feel that we all should help our country as much as it is humanly possible. We can do this in many ways.

HONOR SENIOR BOY

James Earp

James moved here from Burkburnett, Texas, starting with us when we were Freshmen. We all like James and we could not have gotten along without him in football this year. He proved himself a real football player. James played the position of center.

I thought I was very unfortunate when I couldn't buy a pair of new shoes, until I looked at a child that had no feet.

SOPHOMERE NEWS

The Sophomore Class is planning to start a "Save Your Scrap Paper Drive" a box will be placed in each room for the pupils to put their paper in it. Students be sure and save your scrap paper.

SENIOR CLASS

The Senior Class last Monday evening purchased a \$18.75 Defense Bond to leave to the school as the gift to the school. Later on the Seniors will purchase more bonds.

We hope this will encourage some of the other classes to give up some of their luxuries and purchase Defense Bonds.

This was a very noble gesture from the Seniors. Keep up the good work its a group like you

that keeps our land safe. This part done by the Senior Class was appreciated by all.

BAND NEWS

The Band had a skating party last Friday night at Cisco. About 20 members were present.

The Band is going to hold its Annual Christmas Concert Dec. 18 (Thursday night). At the concert the crowning of the new Sweetheart will take place.

The nomination for Sweetheart, are as follows:

Mildred Coats
Elaine Russell (Sophomores).
Dorothy Young, (Junior)
Betty Gay Lydia, (Freshman).

TENNIS CLUB

The Tennis Club met Dec. 10 to discuss about getting a tennis net and some tennis balls. Later the club plans to have new back stops around the courts.

Down In Texas—

By EDMUNDS TRAVIS

Through two preceding administrations, old age assistance was the outstanding topic of political discussion in Texas. Under the Stevenson administration, it has been little discussed, but actual assistance to the aged has reached its peak. The average grant for the month of December was \$19.13 the highest on record. Less than a year ago, the average was \$13.53. The number of persons receiving assistance this month was 161,302 which also sets a new record.

Texas not only has more recipients of old age assistance than at any other time in its history, but has more than any other State in the Union. Its average grant is more than double that of the other southern States. A total of \$3,085,774.00 was paid out for old age assistance by the Department of Public Welfare this month.

Of course the increased aid was made possible by action of the 47th Legislature in the closing months of the O'Daniel administration. The regular session of the 47th settled old age assistance as an issue in State politics and we shall hear little of it in next year's campaign.

The big issues of 1942 legislative campaigns in Texas are being made in Washington. One of them as was noted in this column the other day, is reduction of State expenditures, which will be made imperative by the Nation's increased spending for defense. Another will be the problem of dealing with strikes and labor racketeering. This issue will be made red-hot by failure of Congress to pass adequate anti-strike legislation—a failure which many Texas observers think can be taken for granted.

There is no question about the sentiment of Texas people on the defense strike question. It is reflected in the editorial columns of large and small newspapers and in day-by-day utterances of citizens belonging to all occupational groups. Texas is for real protection of the public interest in disputes between labor organizations and management and between rival labor organizations. An overwhelming majority of Texas favor anti-strike legislation with teeth in it. If Congress fails to produce that kind of legislation, our State truly be repeated in regard to what they can about it.

Texas is still the "fightnest" State. Figures made public by Adjutant General J. Watt Page established that proposition beyond dispute. Approximately 36,000 Texans have been inducted into the army as selectees. meantime, an additional 90,000 have entered

OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat

WAR ON WASTE IS AID FOR DEFENSE.

IT'S AS SIMPLE AS THIS:

EVERYBODY WHO PREVENTS A FIRE —



EVERYBODY WHO AVOIDS AN ACCIDENT —



EVERYBODY WHO CONSERVES OR PRESERVES

— IS DOING HIS BIT OR HER BIT.

as volunteers. O. Henry remarked in one of his stories that the Spanish-American War showed there was "no North, very little East, considerable West and a great big South." The last clause can certainly be repeated in regard to the present emergency. The Southern States are far out in front in the matter of volunteers for military service. And Texas leads all the rest.

Claiming a narrow but very valuable strip of land on the Eastern frontier of Texas, Land Commissioner Bascom Giles maintains that Louisiana is not really a party to the contest. The western boundary of the Pelican State was fixed in 1812 and, according to the Texas claim, belongs right where it was fixed at that time. The strip now in dispute became a sort of no-man's land when Congress in 1858 granted Texas the west half of the Sabine River bed, but failed to change the line running north from the Sabine to the Louisiana-Arkansas boundary, the latter line having been fixed in 1848 and extended northward from the bank of the river.

The strip now in dispute is only 150 feet wide, but it is 70 miles long and runs through four oil fields. If it doesn't belong to Texas, Giles contends, it belongs to the United States. But it only belongs to the United States through an oversight of Congress and that body is now being asked to correct its oversight.

Prior to the administration of James V. Allred, the full power of pardon was possessed by Texas'

chief executives. Governor Allred championed restriction of the power to a right to affirm the clemency recommendations of an advisory board. The State Constitution was amended accordingly, the Governor being left discretion only to grant a reprieve, although he might still refuse to grant pardons even when recommended by the Board of Advisors.

Governor W. Lee O'Daniel was opposed to the death penalty, but where the Pardon Board did not recommend clemency, he could do nothing more for a prisoner under sentence of death than grant the latter a 30-day stay of execution. This he did in every case brought before him.

Governor Stevenson is following the same procedure. His reason, however is different. He is not opposed to the death penalty for atrocious crimes, but feels that reprieve gives a condemned person a last chance to benefit by the discovery of evidence of innocence. He found the custom established and regarded it as a humane one. Since he had not changed it, the custom is likely to be carried on by his successors.

Motorists in this State will get new license plates for their cars in 1942. After that, they may have to make old plates do, at least for another year.

On or two other States have extended the use period of license plates in order to save steel for national defense. The Texas Highway Commission does not feel it possesses authority to demand extended use of 1941 plates, in the face of existing law. Moreover, leg-

islation on the subject would now be too late to affect any saving of steel.

The next Legislature probably will be asked to take appropriate action. Should it follow the example set in some other State, one Texas prison activity will be suspended. Automobile license plates now in use are manufactured in the penitentiary system.

News From AAA Office

By James B. Tyson

By marking a (yes) or (no) on the face of the ballot, Callahan County farmers will help write the answer to the question: "Do you favor marketing quota on the 1942 crop?"

The question will be answered Saturday, December 13, according to J. L. Farmer, chairman of the Callahan County AAA Committee when a national cotton marketing quota referendum is held.

To be in effect, marketing quota must be approved by two-thirds of the cotton farmers voting in the national referendum. Cotton quotas have been approved for the past four years.

Regardless of whether farmers approve quotas, conservation features of the 1942 AAA farm program will be the same, but loans for cotton cannot be made unless quotas are approved.

According to the AAA Act, marketing quotas on cotton are proclaimed in any year when the supply of cotton is more than 7 percent above the normal supply. With 23,800,000 bales of American cotton in the world August 1, 1941, the total supply was 31 percent above normal. About 23,000,000 bales of the total supply were in the United States.

The purpose of marketing quotas is to divide a limited market equally among cotton producers. Farmers planting within acreage allotments established under the AAA program are permitted to sell all cotton produced on these acres.

With more than two million farmers in the United States planting within cotton acreage allotments they are cooperating in an effort to keep supply in line with demand

NEW AAA ADMINISTRATION

Wallace W. Moorhouse has been appointed to the office of County Administrative Officer in the AAA office to fill the vacancy made by the transfer of E. L. Pierson to Comanche County. Mr. Pierson received a promotion when he was transferred to Comanche County October 1, 1941.

Mr. Moorhouse has been county administrative officer in Throckmorton County since March, 1940 and prior to that time was located in Knox County. He has been highly recommended to the AAA county committee by his district field representative as well as by Mr. R. E. Nelson, district field representative of this district.

Do Plate Sores Rother You?

Do your gums itch, burn or cause you discomfort, druggists will return your money if the first bottle of "LETO'S" fails to satisfy.

CITY PHARMACY

FOR LEASE—The J. D. Mitchell farm West of Cottonwood. See C. W. Coats, Baird, Texas.

Texas Merchants Enlist For National Defense



Sixty thousand Texas merchants have been asked to sell defense savings stamps to six million Texans—and they have responded with a campaign designed to put defense stamps on sale at retail counters in every store in the state. Representatives of retail associations in all branches of the industry met in Austin to chart the program, which will be directed by the Texas Retailers for Defense committee. In the picture, left to right, are: Charles T. Lux, Austin, secretary of the Retail Merchants Association of Texas; H. E. Dill, Dallas, secretary of the Retail Furniture Association of Texas; Frank Scofield, Austin, State Administrator of National Defense in Texas; Albert L. Walters, Dallas, secretary of the Texas Chain Stores Association, committee chairman; Dr. W. J. Danforth, Fort Worth, secretary of the Texas Pharmaceutical Association; and Roger Q. Flournoy, Dallas, secretary of the Texas Retail Grocers Association. Other members of the committee are P. D. Moreland, Austin, secretary of the State Restaurant Association of Texas, and J. B. Calvert, San Antonio, representing the Texas Retail Dry Goods Association.

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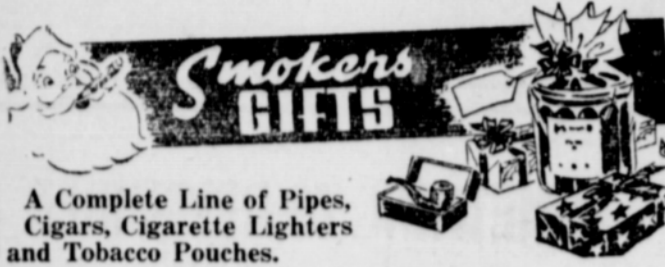
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Since January 1, 1941, Red Cross disaster relief has been extended to sixteen Texas counties affected by hurricane, tornadoes and floods. Emergency and rehabilitation needs of disaster sufferers were met by local chapter resources supplemented by funds from the National Organization, without recourse to any statewide appeal for financial assistance.

American Red Cross Chapters have been advised to expect an increase of 25 percent in the number of dependency discharge investigations conducted for the Army, as a result of the release of 180,000 soldiers from service before Christmas. The load of these investigations already is more than 16 times as great as a year ago. To carry on this activity telegrams and letters must be sent and paid for, and all this expense must be paid by our Callahan County Chapter Under the able supervision of an ex-service man, Mr. Fred Heyser the Home Service Work has been organized with a representative in each of the larger communities.

The Red Cross is dedicated to the conservation and the preservation of human life. The Red Cross tried to be realistic as it faces the problem and to be practical as it deals with it. The records show that 4,500 farmers were killed at their work last year. Most of those fatalities could have been prevented. Accidents in most instances are preventable; many diseases are in most instances preventable. We have advanced to the point where we accept the latter and guard our health accordingly. The First Aid work in Callahan County is now under the direct supervision of Mr. R. E. Hall; who aided by his wife, have taught First Aid work to over 100 people in our county, and now have two classes busily engaged in this work. The Office of Civilian Defense are anxious that at least 10 per cent of our population complete First Aid Courses.

Sweaters for the Army and Navy is the order of the day, and volunteers in Red Cross Chapters from Washington to Manila are polishing up their knitting needles and girding themselves for the fray. As many as 500,000 sleeveless sweaters may result from the new Red Cross knitting program launched this month. As Chairman Norman H. Davis of the Red Cross pointed out in recent letters to the Secretary of War and Navy, these sweaters will remain our soldiers and sailors that we civilians are with them and back of them. A system of inspection in each Chapter will see to it that the sweaters conform strictly to measurements and standards. In other words, the dropped stitches and strange shapes and sizes of sweaters that fell like rain upon our armies during the first World War will not be tolerated by the determined knitters of to-day. Moreover it will be known beforehand exactly where each quota of sweaters will be distributed.

Men in hospitals will receive first consideration, then those stationed in remote outposts, and bases like Iceland of the Philippines; and last of all, men quartered in this country. Every sweater will have a label sewed inside containing the name of the Red Cross Chapter that brought it into the world. WILL OUR OWN BOYS BE ABLE TO WEAR SWEATERS MADE IN CALLAHAN COUNTY?

The new sweater program represents only an addition to the other activities of the Production Division of the Red Cross. This work is under the direction of Mrs. T. P. Bearden, of Baird, assisted by Mrs. Maggie Cook of Cross Plains; Mrs. R. L. Clinton, Mrs. Lewis Williams and Mrs. R. D. Williams, of Putnam; Mrs. W. B. Barton, Mrs. Mrs. T. J. Collins, Mrs. L. M. Green and Mrs. A. E. Young of Clyde, Tex. Mrs. Bearden reports something over 1,500 garments as having been completed by the patriotic women of Callahan County in recent months. However, she reports over 499 garments now on

hand, which must be completed as soon as possible. Too, they have a rush call for some Beacon Robes for the American Army, 12 of which are still on hands waiting for women to volunteer to make them. Why not resolve to donate a few hours of your time each week to this work for OUR BOYS IN THE ARMY AND NAVY? All this work is dependent upon the women and girls of Callahan County—surely you wish to do your part toward winning the war, and not be classed as a SLACKER.

Thrift will be a large factor in the new knitting program, for each sweater will cost a fraction of the price of a ready-made article. Moreover, every woman in her right mind knows that a hand-made sweaters will stand considerable gaff; and life in the Army would be a strain on any sweater. The finest wool will be used, and the finest knitters. The addition of sweaters to the list of articles will mark a new high in recent mobilization of America's woman-power. It is estimated that at least a million women will take part in the knitting program alone.

There isn't a woman or girl in Callahan County who would fail to respond to the call of her son, brother or sweetheart in the Service, should he make a direct appeal—and yet, these boys need just what our sewing rooms have proposed to make for them. WHY NOT RALLY TO THIS PATRIOTIC CAUSE THIS VERY DAY? SEE MRS. T. P. BEARDEN, OR ANY OF THE OTHER WOMEN MENTIONED ABOVE AND GET BUSY.

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

C. V. Jones, Chairman Callahan County Chapter of the American Red Cross received the following letter Monday, December 8th: Sat. Louis, Mo. December 3, 1941. Chapter Chairman. American Red Cross.

An urgent request has been received for knitted articles for distribution to the men on ships and destroyers of the North Atlantic Patrol. Navy blue, turtle-necked sleeved sweaters, socks, helmets, and watch caps are needed. The articles are to be completed and shipped not later than January 31.

Will you please give immediate consideration to accepting a quota of these garments? Half as many helmets and approximately one-sixth as many watch caps are needed as sweaters and socks. Yarn may be ordered through this office, i. e., sweater yarn to be used for sweaters, helmet and watch cap at \$1.80 per pound and sock yarn at \$1.95 per pound.

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Wm. M. BAXTER, JR.,
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PERSONAL

Judge J. H. Carpenter of Dudley, was in Baird Tuesday.

S. S. Harville of Oplin was in Baird Wednesday.

Mrs. L. L. Blackburn and daughter, Mrs. Fabian Bell, returned Wednesday from a visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. Carl Hensley in Fort Worth.

Aubrey a Ground of KellyField spent Saturday night and Sunday with his mother Mrs. R. W. Ground and sister Doris Aubrey says he likes his work fine.

Cary Sidey McGowen of Camp Bowie is at home for a few days Cary was due a discharge on the 28 year age limit, but since the declaration of war on Japan by the United States, he will not be discharged now and is at home on release for a short time.

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by ANNE MARY LAWLER

Ma Shannon's doctor has warned her that this is her last Christmas. She is unwilling to inform her children, now pursuing careers in other cities, for fear the news will disturb them. However, she plans a last family reunion and invites each of her

SYNOPSIS
four children home to Mountain Creek for the holidays. In New York Lydia, secretary-companion to a wealthy invalid and in love with her employer's husband, is afraid to leave the man she loves to the mercies of her rival, Margot Haines. In Chicago, Kenneth, successful doctor, permits his beautiful and spoiled wife to dissuade him from making the trip. In Baltimore, Robert, penniless writer, has his own plans for the holidays, plans which may make the publication of his book possible.

Installment 3

Dan, as usual, had written a long and rambling letter. All the town gossip was listed. "Old Lady Gilden died. Ninety-two she was. She had a big funeral and the Gazette ran a swell editorial on the front page. And Hannah Cantwell finally married that traveling man she's been sniping for these last ten years. Mom is going to miss handling their letters. It used to give her something to talk about for days. Greg Henderson and Molly have busted up again. She's talking about a divorce, but nobody takes it seriously. Mountain Creek's idea of marriage is to stick together and fight it out. And speaking of marriage, if you happen to get tired of Hollywood one of these days, you still have that option on me."

Sally mopped her eyes, shamefacedly, like a child, on the back of her hand. Odd that Dan's casually affectionate letter could move her so deeply, could pierce her with such loneliness and discontent.

She read her mother's letter wistfully. It would be nice to go home for Christmas, she thought, suddenly weary of Hollywood's perpetual tropic charm. Christmas in Mountain Creek would be white, she remembered. The pine needles would be glazed with ice. There would be skating on Hallam Lake, bobbing-dog on Ganby Hill. Christmas in Mountain Creek would be brisk and neighborly and intimate.

The desk clerk shrilled across the lobby. "Phone for you, Miss Shannon."

It was a man's voice. "Sally Shannon? This is Mort Meyers."

"Yes, Mr. Meyers?" Mort Meyers, of Super Pictures.

"We're starting work on 'Small Town' next week. There might be a bit for you there. Not just ordinary extra stuff. If you'll drop around tomorrow—"

Breathlessly, "Oh, yes, Mr. Meyers!"

A voice behind her rasped the silence with steel-edged accents. "Got a call, kid?"

It was Morna Dunlap, another embryo box-office attraction. Sally nodded with rapture. "That was Mort Meyers," she bubbled. "They're testing for 'Small Town' and he thinks there might be a bit for me."

Morna's smile chilled. "Watch that bird," she cautioned.

Sally became immediately defensive. "It was wonderful of him to remember and call me."

"Now look here, kid," Morna's sharp face was anxious. "It's none of my business, and therefore I can discuss it largely. That guy's a wolf. He eats little girls up. Especially little girls from hick towns. If he's got a bit for you, there'll be plenty of twine attached."

The next day Sally kept remembering Morna's vehement tirade. "Look here," he was saying persuasively, "a guy like me could do a lot for a little gal like you—"

But what were Morna's words— "plenty of twine attached?"

"What are you doing this weekend?" Before she could reply he went on: "Maybe we could take a little drive through the country. We could have dinner at the Prairie Dog and maybe dance later on."

She heard herself saying, "Why, that'd be lovely."

"Pity we haven't time to motor to Palm Springs. But maybe over Christmas—ever been to Palm Springs?"



"I never locked my door on Christmas Eve yet," said Ma. "In case, well—just in case—"

"I never locked my door on Christmas Eve, yet," Ma said scornfully. "And I always had a couple of candles burning in the window. In case—well—just in case—"

"My grandmother was Irish," Dan said soberly, "and she always did that. Said it was to welcome the Christ Child."

"It's more than that," Ma snapped. "It's to welcome anybody that's got no place to go on Christmas Eve. Many's the night the Big Doc and me put up tramps for Christmas Eve. There's still lots of people can't find room at the inn."

Dan said he'd cut a Christmas tree for her in the next few days.

"You're a good boy, Danny," Ma reached up and ruffled the untidy sandy hair.

"I'd make a good son-in-law," he grinned shamelessly.

"If only Sally had the sense she was born with," Ma's mouth was grim. "What does she expect to find in Hollywood that she won't find here in Mountain Creek—except money, of course?"

Dan's eagerness excited Sally. "She's so pretty, Ma," he said wistfully. "And she's always wanted to be an actress, ever since she got that swell write-up for being in the high school play."

"We've got to be patient with Sally," said Ma. "She's like her father. She gets notions and she's got to find her way out of them. One of these days she'll get good and tired of Hollywood, of hanging on and being lonesome and away from home."

"I wrote to her," Dan smiled quietly, "about coming home for Christmas, I mean. I thought maybe—maybe this time she wouldn't go back again if I—if I—"

"Maybe she won't," Ma's tones were hopeful. "Sally's not like Lydia, you know. Lydia's smart and sharp and, well, a little hard. Kenneth is like that, too. But Robert, he was always a frightened little boy. And Sally—Sally's the same. They're babies. They're weaker than the others. We have to be patient with weak people."

Ma Shannon surveyed her shabby house with pardonable pride. It throbbed with the spirit of Christmas. Every curtain had been washed, ironed and hung at windows that sparkled in the sun. Lydia had raced her grudging heart in a superhuman effort to make the little house as lovely and as welcoming as it could be.

Dan was coming to trim the Christmas tree and to help move some of the heavy furniture upstairs. Each of the rooms would be as the children remembered it.

Ma had all her Christmas presents wrapped and ready. She had thought with great care on the problem of dividing her meager little treasures among her four children.

The mahogany highboy for Kenneth, of course. Kenneth knew all about antiques and periods and designers. So the highboy stood in his mother's room, gaudily ribboned and tagged.

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