

BANKERS IN NATIONAL MOVE FOR UNIFORM FINANCIAL PRACTICES

Would Promote Greater Consistency Among All the State Laws in Respect to Banking Conditions—Uniformity of Practice and Understanding Will Make for Greater Convenience, Efficiency and Safety for All Business.

By S. J. HIGH

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RAPID interchange of business and the quick transportation of goods in the United States, coupled with almost instantaneous means of inter-communication by telegraph, telephone and wireless, have welded the country into an economic unit. The nation is not, in a business sense, conducting its affairs in water-tight compartments, as in a measure it did in the days of slow travel and remote places, but styles, methods, commodities and business practices flow freely today in all directions. Therefore it is desirable that finance, trade and industry throughout the country operate along generally uniform or at least consistent lines, so that a contract or an agreement or obligation in connection with business transactions shall mean virtually the same thing in all parts of the country. Particularly necessary in this connection is the establishment of uniform financial and banking practices so as to facilitate the flow of trade along accepted and understood lines.



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Banking in the United States is recognized as a semi-public type of business and is therefore subject to laws to define the scope and character of its activities. These laws at present set up a great diversity of conditions

under which banking is conducted in various parts of the country since they come from both state and federal authorities. The national banks are all chartered by the federal government and therefore operate on the same lines in every state of the Union, but there is no such regularity in respect to the conditions under which the state banks chartered by the respective forty-eight states must conduct their business. All state banking codes, while they have similarities, also have many great dissimilarities in respect both to the national bank laws and the banking laws covering state bank operations in other jurisdictions.

Bankers Move for Uniform Laws
The State Bank Division of the American Bankers Association, which latter includes in its membership banks of all descriptions throughout the country subject to all the variations of state and federal banking laws, is committed to the effort to bring about greater consistency and uniformity among the statutes of all these various jurisdictions. This body is conducting a vigorous nation-wide campaign urging that active steps be taken to secure greater co-ordination in banking legislation, more equitable conditions and more uniformly efficient public supervision of banks in the several states.

The organization is particularly concerned with fostering this movement to bring about more uniformly desirable conditions throughout the United States in respect to the public supervision of banking institutions by the state banking departments. It is on record as favoring the policy that the important office of state bank commissioner should be kept as free from entangling partisan politics as the judiciary itself and should be completely detached from all other functions of state government.

It is also on record as favoring the policy that the tenure of office of state bank commissioners should be made more secure and lasting than is now the case in many state jurisdictions and that this important public officer be granted sufficient compensation and discretionary power so that the office shall attract and retain the services of men of outstanding executive ability and successful banking experience.

It is also a part of this policy that the bank commissioner's ability to serve well should be strengthened by providing him with adequate forces of bank examiners, selected on the basis of merit from men having the requisite qualifications of honesty, ability, training and banking knowledge to carry out the duties of their offices on the highest plane of usefulness to the public as well as to banking.

The Trend of State Laws
The Association's State Bank Division has recently concluded a nationwide survey of state banking legislation and conditions and in general has discovered a definite trend along the following lines:

There is a distinct tendency among the states to raise the minimum capital required for banking institutions to \$25,000 and also to give the bank commissioners or the banking boards sole power as to the granting of charters for new banks, thus enabling them to use discretion as to the need or desirability of added banking facilities or the fitness of the organizers to enter the banking field. In this connection many states are creating banking boards to act in an advisory capacity with the state bank commissioners.

There has also been observed a tendency to increase the compensation of the bank commissioners and to lengthen their terms of office and to give them power to appoint necessary deputies and examiners so as to build up an adequate force to carry out their responsibilities and duties. An important augmentation of the powers of

bank commissioners in some states is found in laws giving them complete charge of insolvent banks and their liquidation as distinguished from more costly liquidation through the courts.

In the Public Interest

Distinctly in the public interest are laws prohibiting or limiting an officer or director of a bank from borrowing from his own bank unless his collateral security is approved by a majority of the board of directors of the bank. Also there is recent legislation noted providing for closer supervision and regulation of building and loan associations, credit unions, finance companies and private banks.

In some states measures have been enacted broadening the field for investment of funds of savings banks and trust companies, which have materially enhanced the service that these institutions can render, particularly in the way of co-operation with their customers in personal financial management. Another type of legislation, important especially to banking in view of the frequent efforts to defraud banks, is that which makes the issuance of worthless checks a misdemeanor with specific penalties.

The State Bank Division of the American Bankers Association endorses in the fullest degree in principle the development of banking laws along the foregoing lines and is actively engaged in fostering the spread of such legislation wherever its services are considered useful both to banking and to the public. Uniformly sound banking institutions and practices, together with common methods and understanding, will materially add to the convenience, efficiency and safety of business in serving the well-being of the public in all parts of the nation, especially in those transactions involving dealings between different localities.

AMERICA LEADS THE WORLD IN SAVINGS

The past year saw the greatest gains in savings in a single twelve-month ever recorded in the United States, bringing the total savings deposits in banks to over \$28,400,000,000 on June 30, 1928, held in more than 52,000,000 individual accounts. It is reported by the American Bankers Association. These are the biggest figures in this field shown by any country in the world.

These figures are indicative of prosperity more general than any time since the business depression of 1920, the report declares. Only three states failed to show a gain and the 1928 volume of savings constituted an increase of more than \$2,327,000,000 above the 1927 figure. The gain per inhabitant for 1928 over 1927 was \$17 and the gain in number of savings depositors was 2,496,079, an increase of 5.2% as against a growth in the population of the country of 1.2%.

The gain in savings per inhabitant in New England and the Middle Atlantic states over the previous year was \$24. These groups of states, with 29.9% of the population of the United States and 52.8% of the total savings deposits, have the largest savings rate, \$461 per inhabitant, of any area in the world. The per capita savings for the United States as a whole this year stands at \$237 as compared with \$220 last year.

"An acre of alfalfa for every cow in Howard County, Iowa," is the slogan adopted by the county bankers association there after watching several hundred thousand dollars go out of their county last winter for feed.

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16	9:25 A. M.	9:35 A. M.
4	1:30 P. M.	1:35 P. M.
6	3:25 A. M.	3:30 A. M.
10	4:20 A. M.	4:25 A. M.

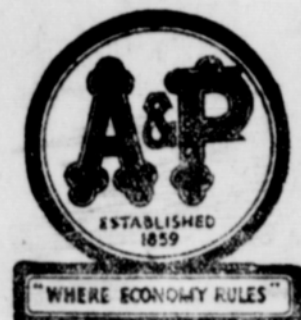
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TABLE SHOWING THE NEW NET RATE AND NUMBER OF KILOWATT HOURS IN EACH STEP.

Size of Residence	First Step	Second Step	Third Step	6 ^c
	13 cents per kilowatt-hour	9 cents per kilowatt-hour	The new SIX CENT	
	For First	For Next	rate	
3 Rooms or less	12 kilowatt-hours	12 kilowatt-hours	For All	6 ^c
4 Rooms	16 kilowatt-hours	16 kilowatt-hours	Kilowatt-Hours	
5 Rooms	20 kilowatt-hours	20 kilowatt-hours	used each month	
6 Rooms	24 kilowatt-hours	24 kilowatt-hours	over total of first	
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West Texas Utilities Company

DAMASCUS FACES MODERN PROBLEM

Ancient City Disturbed by Agitation Over New Form of Government

Washington.—Damascus, venerable dean of all living cities, finds its patriarchal peace disturbed by a very modern problem.

Shall Syria be a republic or a monarchy? Cleft out of Turkey by the World war into unexpected independence, and given that curious new status of a mandate by the peacemakers, it now, in effect, is looking about for a permanent form of government.

And while the question is discussed all through the land made famous centuries ago by the Cedars of Lebanon; it is especially acute along the Street Called Straight—the Der-el-Mustakim—where Saul of Tarsus, after St. Paul, met Ananias, immortalized by his fabrication. The reason being, explains a bulletin from the Washington headquarters of the National Geographical society, that ancient Damascus is peopled both by Christians and Jewish groups who favor a republic, and also by powerful Bedouin sheiks who adhere to the monarchic traditions.

A Logical View.

"The latter are perfectly logical, from their point of view," the bulletin continues. "An emir, a sheriff, or a chief ruler, call him what you will, cannot under Moslem practice be a salaried official appointed for a term of years. Despite the modernism of Mustapha Kemal, who has sought to separate church and state, it still is unthinkable to the orthodox Moslems that a ruler should not combine political and religious authority, and once put in power, it is equally unthinkable that he should be removed except for infraction of law—meaning especially an infraction of the laws of the Koran.

"Damascus is located in southwestern Syria. It was old in the days of Abraham. When Babylon and Nineveh were hamlets, Damascus was a queen city of the East. It is still a city of importance but the advent of the railway has crippled the caravan trade. Steamships on the Red sea transport Mecca pilgrims as far as Jidda whence they can easily reach Mecca. For North African Moslems this obviates the overland voyage from which Damascus was the starting point, and the city suffers a consequent loss in pilgrim trade.

"The bazaars of Damascus, more celebrated even than those of Cairo or Algiers, reflect the change brought by modern transportation. Prints from Manchester, machinery from Birmingham and talking machines from the United States now crowd the market. In Damascus each street is devoted to some special trade and all the shops on that thoroughfare sell one type of article.

"The silk bazaar has a wide scope in its merchandise as its products run from lengths of silk and barem veils to kaffiyehs, the flowing headdress of the Bedouins. The shoe bazaar has

boots of goatskin dyed red and yellow with heels of camelhide. Woolen sandals are inlaid with mother of pearl for wealthy women customers. Curiously enough the famed Damascus blades are found in the Greek bazaar. "The old clothes bazaar is also known as the loose market and this appellation reveals its consequent neglect by tourists. It is always a center of activity for the people of Damascus and Arab and Jew haggle over the comparative worth of hand-me-down burnouses and kaffiyehs and occidental suits.

Are Shrewd Bargainers.

"Hours of bargaining precede the purchase of the Damascenes. The owner of a bazaar squats on the floor with the prospective customer seated cross-legged opposite him. They smoke the narghile, the long Turkish pipe, and eat sweetmeats and drink tiny cups of black coffee. Current politics and the latest local scandal may comprise the first hour's conversation. Innumerable on the part of each lead up to the haggling which attends the actual purchase. When a customer signifies assent he shakes his head from side to side. If he does not agree on the price he says 'no,' by putting his head backward and clicking; his tongue like a castanet.

"The vendors of food and drink are not limited to one bazaar. They stroll through the streets crying their wares. One may buy Turkish delight, a famous sweetmeat, lemonade, raisin water, pistachio nuts, pomegranates and licorice water. The vendors cry to heaven that Allah will bless their customers. A sweetmeat vender declares that his wares will make young women beautiful. A drink seller avows that his lemonade will cheer a downcast heart. Other claims equally extravagant are assigned their wares by the itinerant merchants.

"A commercial center of Damascus is the Der-el-Mustakim, the Street Called Straight, made famous by Saul of Tarsus. Here in former days walked emirs of Arab, khans from Bokhara and Tunisian boys. Along its sides are Arabian cafes of which the city possesses the most numerous and largest in the East. The Damascene 'man in the street' may be found pulling his narghile and sipping coffee or cinnamon in the cafe. He will sit crosslegged on a bench playing backgammon or listening for hours to a professional story teller.

"Despite modern improvements and transportation methods, Damascus is still an intrinsically oriental city."

Bees Buzz Busily for 800,000 in U. S.

Madison, Wis.—More than 800,000 people in the United States are keeping bees and the value of the honey crop runs from \$40,000,000 to \$50,000,000 annually, figures compiled by H. F. Wilson of the agricultural staff of the University of Wisconsin reveal.

Wilson says beekeeping has splendid prospects for the future and great possibilities in almost every state. However, he insists, the industry lacks leadership and finance.



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E. G. Senter, of Dallas in an address before members of the Texas Press Association at its mid-winter meeting held in Dallas last Saturday announced that he would be a candidate for Governor of Texas in the 1930 campaign. Mr. Senter's platform will be court reform advocating the abolition of the Court of Civil Appeals to gether with all court stenographers. He advocates an appeal directly to the Supreme Court. Mr. Senter is the first announced candidate for gubernatorial honors. He says he is not personally ambitious for the governorship honors and that if the people will bring out another candidate on the same platform, he will withdraw.

Charles Bowen Gillespie, age 56 years, editor of the Houston Chronicle and one of the outstanding figures in Texas Journalism, died in Dallas last Thursday. Interment was made at Brenham on Friday. The rites being conducted by Dr. J. B. Cranfill, of Dallas. Mr. Gillespie was born on his fathers' farm near Forney, where he spent the first twenty years of his life. He attended private and public schools of the county in which he received his only academic training, which did not include a college education.

He launched himself on a newspaper career with the purchase of the Forney Messenger, a weekly publication in his home town, when he was 20. For the period from 1893 to 1895, during which he was in charge of the only newspaper he ever owned, he was in charge of every phase of the paper, acting as the business and reportorial staffs, the mechanical staff and even writing the editorials.

From Forney he went to Brenham and became city editor of the Banner, a daily, and later of the Press, also a daily. In 1904 he went to Houston to become a reporter on the Houston Post. That same year the Chronicle was started and he became its first city editor and later he became vice-president and managing editor of the Chronicle. On the front page of the paper which he served from the date of its birth appeared an editorial, bordered in the traditional black of mourning, which said in part: "His pen had no sting; his column no favorite; in twenty-five years of association with the paper no member of its organization can recall a harsh word from his lips. It was hard for him to discharge an employee. He always sought to find some service the worker could render. His nature expressed itself in his editorial policies. In a way he never departed from the old ideals of the country newspaper—friendliness, kindly service to all (promotion of community unity and good will, discouragements of strife. If all those to whom he has done a human kindness could come and cast a blossom on his grave, he would sleep to-night under a wilderness of flowers.

CLYDE MEN PURCHASE FIVE HUNDRED HEAD OF SHEEP

John Berry and Harvey Kendrick returned home Wednesday from South Texas where they bought 500 head of sheep. Mr. Berry will take 200 and Harvey 300. The sheep were unloaded here Wednesday, there being six car loads. They had an interesting time on their trip and brought home some souvenirs of Mexico. Reading between the lines one would judge that they were almost enamored by the sparkling black-eyed senioritas of the large ranchers along the border.—Clyde Enterprise.

Callahan County History

Callahan County was created in 1858, from an original tract of land containing Bosque, Bexar and Travis counties and was named after and in honor of a celebrated patriot by the name of James H. Callahan, who fought with Fannin at Coleta. He was born near Marion, Georgia, in 1812, and came to Texas with the Georgia Battalion in 1835, with the rank of 3rd Sergeant in Captain James C. Winn's company. At the battle of Coleta, March 9, 1836, Fannin and a number of his men, about three hundred and thirty, surrendered and were massacred Sunday, March 27, near the old Mission at Goliad, but Sergeant Callahan's life was spared on account of his being a blacksmith and his services were needed by the Mexicans. Afterwards on November 9, 1841, he was made Captain of an army of Minute Men and Regulars and was patriotic and courageous defender of Texas until he was killed in 1856, in Guadalupe County in a personal difficulty with the Blassengames.

Little is known about the lives of a great majority of those who made Texas History but the foregoing account is authentic and was handed to me by Honorable L. W. Kemp of Houston, Texas, who is now engaged in historical research, he being a member of a committee to locate the graves of Texas heroes.

The County was organized July 3, 1877.

I am passing this bit of information on to the people of my county, feeling sure that you will cherish the information about Callahan County that is not generally known.

Victor B. Gilbert.

STORES ROBED AT CROSS PLAINS

Sheriff Hughes was called to Cross Plains at an early hour last Friday morning in response to information that a number of business houses had been burglarized the night before. Two boys were arrested and placed in jail here.

DIED AT STAMFORD

Chalmers Williams, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Worth Williams, died at Stamford about two o'clock Wednesday morning. The funeral was held at Stamford Wednesday afternoon. Members of the family from Clyde and Denton community attended the funeral. Death was caused by pneumonia.—Clyde Enterprise.

B. H. S. JUNIORS ELECT REPRESENTATIVES

The Junior Class of B. H. S. had a class meeting Tuesday of this week and elected the following members of the class to represent us in the contest which is now being held in high school: Prettiest Girl—Avelle Pratt. Best Looking Boy—Leo Thompson. Most Popular Girl—Juanita Finch. Most Popular Boy—Bob Darby. Best All 'Round Girl—Lennis Varner. Best All 'Round Boy—Norris Kelton. We are proud of every candidate. Let's back them up. "A house divided against itself can not stand", so we are going to be "solid" for the Junior Class. Let this be our campaign slogan: "Juniors Forever."

Remember the contest closes February 22nd and be on the job. Reporter.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

The young people of the Church of Christ enjoyed an excellent meeting last Sunday evening. Were you there? If you were, then you know how good it was. If you were not there, then we can only tell you about it and ask you to visit us.

Lennis Varner, Hugh Smith, and Conrad Christman deserves special praise for their good work. They're the kind of dependable youngsters whose religion is not affected by ice and snow and other things that are disagreeable. In other words, it doesn't Freeze Up.

Of course we had to do some substituting in order to complete our program, but we're hoping that in the future the weather will be more favorable. Remember our invitation: Come Visit Us. Then if you care to line up with us, we will more than welcome you.

The program for next Sunday evening is as follows:

- Subject, Christ's Power.
 - Leader, Weldon Varner.
 - The First Miracle of Jesus, Myrtle Starr.
 - Christ's Power Over Nature, Leonard Applton.
 - Christ's Power Over Evil Spirits, Christine Hall.
 - Christ's Power Over Disease, Garland Bennett.
 - Christ's Power Over Death, Roberta Warren.
 - Miracles Strengthen Faith, Jewell Mills.
- Song. (Special.)

STOLEN GOODS RECOVERED

Sheriff Everett Hughes went to Breckenridge last Thursday, where officers of Stephens and Eastland counties had arrested several persons and found a lot of stolen merchandise and with Mr. Robertson, of Robertson Dry Goods Company of Clyde and Putnam, whose store at Clyde was robbed of several hundred dollars worth of goods on November 28th and the Putnam store robbed on January 7th of a goodly lot, identified some \$500 worth of the merchandise. A number of arrests were made and complaints have been filed against six of them including one woman in Callahan county.

It is believed by the officers that they have located the headquarters of a well organized band of alleged merchandise thieves, who are believed to have preyed on a number of towns in this section. More than \$1000.00 worth of merchandise was recovered from a hut near Wayland in south Stephens county, where Sheriff Thornton who had been on the trail of the band for several weeks, scented another series of robberies, went with his deputies to the hut where several arrests were made. Two of the men are being held in the Baird Jail and three in the Breckenridge jail and one at Odessa.

MISSION OF METHODIST CHURCH ENTERTAINED

The Mission Society of the Methodist Church was entertained at the home of Mrs. H. A. McWhorter on Monday afternoon with a Valentine party. The hours were pleasantly spent after which a delicious plate lunch was served to 26 members of the society. Hostess on this occasion were: Mesdames H. A. McWhorter, Reynolds, Hollingshead, Verda James, W. S. Hamlett and Ben Ross.

OPERETTA POSTPONED

The Operetta, "Love Pirates of Hawaii" given by the Choral and Glee Clubs of Baird High School which was to take place on last Friday night, but was postponed on account of the severe cold spell, will be given this Friday, February 15th. Remember the date.

TO HOLD SERVICES AT PUTNAM

Marcus M. Long, of Belfast, Ireland, will hold services at the M. E. Church at Putnam, Friday, Feb. 15th at 7:30 p. m. This will be an interesting meeting and everybody invited to attend.

LEGAL NOTICE

No. 917.
The State of Texas:
To The Sheriff or Any Constable of Callahan County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of Ten Days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than One Year in said Callahan County, a copy of the following notice:

The State of Texas:
To all Persons Interested in the Estate of Katherine Mays and Delta Ray Mays, Minors: You are hereby notified that Mrs. Alma Mays has filed in the County Court of Callahan County, an application for Letters of Temporary Guardianship upon the estates of said Minors, Katherine Mays and Delta Ray Mays, and on the 8th day of February, A. D. 1929, by order of

the County Judge of said Callahan County, the said Mrs. Alma Mays was appointed Temporary Guardian of the Estates of said Minors, and at the next regular term of said Court, commencing on the First Monday in April, A. D. 1929, the same being the 1st day of April, A. D. 1929, at the Court-house thereof, in Baird, Texas, at which time, all persons interested in the Welfare of said Minors, may, and are hereby cited to appear and contest such appointment, if they so desire, and if such appointment is not contested at the said term of said Court, then the same shall become permanent.

Herein Fail Not, but have you then and there before said Court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at Office in Baird, Texas, this the 8th day of February, A. D. 1929.

S. E. Settle
(SEAL)
Clerk, County Court, of Callahan County, Texas.

LEGAL NOTICE

No. 915.
The State of Texas:
To The Sheriff or Any Constable of Callahan County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of Ten Days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than One Year in said Callahan County, a copy of the following notice:

The State of Texas:
To all Persons Interested in the Welfare of Gordon Herron, Nettie Herron, Eugenia Bell Herron, Minors, Mrs. Bertha A. Herron has filed in the County Court of Callahan County, an application for Letters of Guardianship upon the estate of said Minors, which said application will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the First Monday in April A. D. 1929, the same being the 1st day of April, A. D. 1929, at the Court House thereof, in Baird, Texas, at which time all persons interested in the Welfare of such Minors, may appear and contest said application, if they see proper to do so.

Herein Fail Not, but have you before said Court on the said First day of the next term thereof this Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Baird, Texas, this the 6th day of February, A. D. 1929.

S. E. Settle
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Clerk, County Court of Callahan County, Texas.

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Come on Folks and get your pick of the best bargains. Some of my friends have been in and bought from me and now realize that I am really going out of business.

We want to make this sale snappy and close out quickly, to make room for the Brooks Cash Store. As soon as I can get out they will put in a real stock of dry goods.

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PREACHING AT MIDWAY
Rev. Jenkins, pastor of the Methodist Church at Clyde, will preach at Midway the 4th Sunday in each month. Everybody in the community invited to attend.

THE METHODIST CHURCH
Cal C. Wright, Pastor
Sunday School at 10 o'clock. We are looking for you next Sunday.
Our Revival Meeting will begin April the 24th, and for the next few weeks we intend to preach some special sermons on the subject of Evangelism, teaching on such subjects as

"Personal Evangelism"; "Sunday School Evangelism"; "Home Evangelism"; "The Local Church and Evangelism". We intend to begin the discussions next Sunday morning.
Preaching at 11 o'clock. Subject: "Six Fundamentals of the Christian Life, according to Jesus."
Preaching at 7:45 o'clock. Subject: "Stewardship of the Gospel".
You are invited to worship with us, and to urge some one to attend Church with you.
Kenneth Hart, who is attending A. & M. at Bryan, is spending a few days at home.

....About Your Friends....

Please Phone News Items To No. 8.

Miss Ann McEver of Ranger, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Holmes.
Mrs. J. R. Price of Van Horn, is visiting her mother, Mrs. W. E. Gilliland and family.
Grover Windham and little daughter, were in from the McFarlane ranch Monday.

Alvis Brown came in from California Sunday for a visit with his brothers, Alvin and Clifton Brown.

Mrs. Annie Ruhup and Mrs. Dee Davis of Toyah, are visiting relatives here this week.

"Love Pirates of Hawaii" at the School Auditorium Feb. 15th—Don't miss it.

C. C. Hinds of Harlingen, is visiting his brother, W. S. Hinds, and other relatives here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Farmer and Mr. and Mrs. Otho Didia have returned from a trip to Dallas.

Mrs. Lee Estes and little granddaughter Bettie Jane Estes, are visiting relatives in Dallas.

Mrs. Sam McClendon returned a few days ago from Zephyr, where she has been visiting for sometime.

Mrs. Abbott of Sinton, is visiting her brother T. P. Bearden. She will spend the remainder of the winter here

Miss Ruby Harp has returned from Tyler, where she has just completed a business course in the Tyler Commercial College.

Mrs. M. A. Cline came home Tuesday night from Ranger where she has been for a week with her mother, Mrs. Smith, who has been seriously ill with blood poison in her left hand. Mrs. Smith was considered out of danger and removed to her home from the hospital Tuesday.

Earl and Carl Haley, Mrs. Roch Hart, Mrs. Lonnie Ray and Kenneth Hart went over to Brownwood Sunday to see their brother, Lee Haley, who is seriously ill, following an injury received some weeks ago at Sweetwater, where he was working as Switchman for the T & P Ry.

Mrs. J. R. Mayes and Mrs. Roy Cutbirth both of whom were operated on the first of last week for appendicitis, are doing nicely.
E. Goeth, representing the E. C. Palmer Co. of Dallas, was in Baird Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Nicholson, of Shamrock, Texas, were guests of Rev. and Mrs. Cal C. Wright, while on their return home from a months vacation on the Gulf Coast. Mr. Nicholson has wide banking and ranching interests in the Panhandle. He owns the famous herd of Domino-Anxiety Hereford cattle. He is a 33d degree Mason, Past Potentate of Khiva Temple and a member of the Imperial Shrine Council of North America.

L. B. Albin, Staff Sergt. of the Air Corps, 28th Bombardment Squadron, United States Army, now stationed at Brooks Field, San Antonio, spent several days the past week with his father G. L. Albin and family. In company with his father he made The Star office a pleasant visit last Saturday afternoon. Sergt. Albin has been in the Air Service for the past seven years, and will sail on March 9th for the Philippine Islands, where he will spend the next two years in the service. Sergt. Albin speaks very highly of Uncle Sam's Air Service.

WITH BAIRD BAPTIST

If I could I would like very much to appropriately express my gratitude for the sympathy, help and prayers of my good friends in Baird. I can't do it, the suitable words have never been invented and all or the best I can is to make it doubly strong and I do thank you, yes and I thank God for every one of you. I trust the good Lord will abundantly repay every one of you.

The most anxious time of my life I have just passed thru. All of the trouble I have ever seen came from an operation for appendicitis—it has been from a ruptured appendix and when I saw that my good wife had to contend with just such case horrors was my portion for the next days following. But thru the skill of the surgeon and nurse, and let me say here I have seen many surgeons at work, I have watched them in our large hospitals and I have never any where seen a more skillful surgeon work

FOUND: one cow and calf, cow is red with white face, about 5 yrs. old. calf is red with white face. Owner can have same by paying for this ad and paying pasturage on cow and calf. A. H. Campbell, 18 miles south of Baird, on Baird-Coleman road. 10-4tpd.

FOR SALE: Medium-sized pigs. Mrs. E. M. Wristen. Phone 30. 11-tf.

WANTED WORK: middle aged man desires job, will consider any kind of honest work. Can furnish reference. Notify Box 665 Baird, Texas. 11-1tpd. A. H. Brown.

APARTMENTS: Two 2 room furnished apartments, with garage for rent to adults only. Mrs. J. H. Terrell, Phone 112. 11-tf.

Announcement

I wish to announce to my friends in Baird and Callahan county that I have again taken over the Hi-Way Garage and will be glad to serve you.

We will carry Good Year Tires and Tubes, Texas Gas and Oil, will also carry parts for standard cars, also accessories. Repairing and road service.

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FOR SALE: One full-blooded R. I. red rooster; Barred Rock, at Iona Teacherage. 11-1tpd.

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For appointment phone 19. Mrs. Joe Hanley. 10-3t.



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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

I have bought out the Mitchell Wrecking Shop in West Baird. I will continue the business—Selling second-hand parts, also do repairing. Also serve the public with oils and gas, and we will appreciate a share of your patronage.

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4 year old pecan trees, any variety, set out and guaranteed to live for \$2.00 per tree, or \$1.50 at orchard. Order before April 1st. February and March is the proper time for setting trees. This offer is only good through this season.

You are cordially invited to visit our nursery. See or write W. H. Hughes, Rising Star, Texas or Sidney Hughes, at Helpy-Selfy, Cross Plains.

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The WEST TEXAS UTILITIES COMPANY has a limited number of shares of Preferred Stock for sale monthly to its customers, \$6.00 no par Preferred Stock of the company at \$96.00 per share.

Stock may be purchased on cash basis or on time payments through our local offices, from employees, or by writing to the Investment Department of the company.

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COSMIC RAY FINDS RADIUM IN ASHES

Millikan Machine Picks It
Out of Last Barrel.

Pasadena, Calif.—When one of Dr. Robert A. Millikan's electroscopes, developed in connection with his cosmic ray experiments, was enlisted as a detective, a problem as difficult as "looking for a needle in a haystack" was solved within two hours.

Through the use of the delicate instrument \$4,000 worth of radium which was accidentally thrown out with some ashes at the Pasadena hospital was recovered.

John Ransom, California Institute of Technology technician, was sent to the hospital with one of the cosmic ray machines and, after barrel after barrel of ashes had been brought in front of the electroscope the instrument indicated that radium was present in the last barrel.

While hospital officials anxiously watched the proceedings in the basement of the institution the barrel containing the capsule filled with fifty milligrams of the most precious substance in the world was emptied into small boxes. It was only when the observers were about to give up hope that the brass tube, about the size of a match-end, was discovered in the last box.

The electroscope, it was stated, picks up the radium emanations, being so sensitive that it can record them from a radiolite watch. Two quartz fibers that are suspended almost together are charged with electricity, which repels them. When the fibers are exposed to radium, which absorbs electricity from the air, they are brought together, the speed with which they approach each other indicating the amount of radium in the vicinity. No matter how minute the radium particles, the instrument is said to be capable of detecting them at a distance of 100 feet.

The radium which was recovered is the property of Dr. Paul Ferrier, and is one of the two largest supplies of the precious substance in this city.

Dragons May Be Dead, but Their Blood Stays

Medan, Sumatra.—Fairy tales of knights and dragons may pass with more credulous generations, but trade in dragon blood goes on.

Only the modern dragon blood is a red gum obtained from the ripe fruit of palm trees growing in Siam and the Dutch East Indies, which finds prosaic uses in pharmacy and

for coloring varnish.

Production is purely a native industry, the American consul reports. Although some natives have lands planted to palms, most of them use the wild trees as a source of supply and sell the blood, obtained by steaming, crushing or both, to Chinese traders in the villages.

When traders have acquired considerable quantities they ship to Chinese dealers in Penang and Singapore, Straits Settlements, whence the material is exported to Europe and America.

New Forests Will Cost More Than \$6,000,000

Washington.—Embracing Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan, the new Great Lakes district, to be known as national forest district No. 9, already contains ten national forest units with a total of nearly 1,200,000 acres of government land.

W. M. Jardine, secretary of agriculture, has appointed Earl S. Tinker district forester, with temporary headquarters at Madison, Wis.

In recognition of the acute need which exists in this region for reclamation of large areas of land adapted to timber production but at present denuded and unproductive, the national forest reservation commission has approved a program contemplating eventual acquisition of an additional 2,500,000 acres of land in the three states. The purchase program will involve the expenditure of more than \$6,000,000 of federal funds.

Vegetable Sales Loss Laid to Boyish Figure

Chicago.—The publicized theory of theatrical producers that the ideal feminine figure should have a boyish slenderness has done "almost irreparable harm" to certain branches of the vegetable industry, E. S. Briggs, manager of the American Fruit and Vegetable Shippers' association, declared at the annual convention.

Since the "boyish figure" idea has been picked up from professional exploiters of feminine pulchritude, "the potato and rice market has been glutted, due to the fact that every one avoided starchy foods in the interests of slenderness," Briggs said.

Shy on Bathtubs

Washington.—One-third of homes surveyed by the General Federation of Women's Clubs had no bathtubs; one-fifth had no kitchen sinks. The federation's deduction is that the home is lagging far behind the progress in every other field of American life.

CITY HIT BY SERIES OF UNUSUAL CRIMES

Omaha Visited by Three
Strange Criminal Types.

Omaha, Neb.—Three strange criminal types—two of them killers, the other a kidnaper with a madman's method—have visited upon Omaha during the last six years a series of particularly frightful crimes.

Just now it is the "hatchet man," who killed five persons. Three years before him it was "the sniper," and in 1922 it was the "chain man"—killer, kidnaper and bad man.

The sniper, Frank Carter, went to the electric chair last year. The chain man, Fred Brown, was shot dead in 1925 during a riot at the state penitentiary where he was serving a life sentence for kidnaping.

To the final moments of his life "the sniper" was a strange mixture of braggadocio and fearlessness. Many said he was crazy. He was a puzzle to psychologists. His "craving for publicity," as M. Andreassen of the state prison welfare society put it, "was such as to make him try anything to get into the papers."

Boasted on Way to Chair.

Even as he walked to the chair, the sniper jeered and boasted.

"They say I killed three," he said as the slow tread of his death march counted off his remaining moments of life. "Three? Why, I have killed 42!"

The Villesca (Iowa) ax murders, one of the most revolting chapters of Iowa criminal records, were among the crimes which the sniper paraded as his own work.

Carter operated during the early hours of evening, whereas the hatchet man chose that time of night just before dawn. During the fortnight that Carter was abroad in Omaha, claiming three lives with his silencer equipped pistol, fear of his marksmanship kept many persons off the streets during the evening hours.

The specific crime for which Carter was convicted was the slaying of an Omaha physician.

Fred Brown, the "chain man," came to Omaha trailed by a crime record which included a conviction for a murder committed when he was sixteen years old. He was free on parole from a life sentence imposed upon him for that crime.

Women Kept Chained.

Two young women were Brown's victims here. He kidnaped and transported them to a shack at the edge of the city. There they were kept

chained while he went about other crimes, including the plundering of Omaha homes.

A man, finding the women chained in the shack, set about freeing them, but was himself overpowered by Brown and placed in irons. This man later escaped, and Brown fled. He was captured shortly afterward and sentenced to life imprisonment.

Of this trial of abnormal crimes only the hatchet slayings remain unsolved and the guilty person or persons unpunished.

Three of the hatchet victims—an aged drayman, a young mother and her sister—were beaten to death as they slept.

Poisonous Insects in

Jungles of Bolivia

In the jungles along the River Beni, in Bolivia, are found some of the most malignant blood-sucking insects in the world.

Here lives the apasana, a bird-eating spider, attaining a length of from 8 to 10 inches, whose poisonous bite is sometimes fatal. It has a body resembling a ball of wool, with black hairs on its body and red ones on its legs. Its eyes are black and quick moving, with a most malevolent expression. It is very active and jumps about two feet at a single bound.

The palo santo ant, a fire ant, which lives in hollow-stemmed trees, is common here. A touch on this tree brings down a shower of the ants, whose bites feel like red-hot coals, the sting lasting for hours.

Other plagues are the zaputama, an almost invisible insect which lies in the grass, bites the legs of men and causes an almost intolerable itching; the guanaco, a bug which lives in the sand and whose bite is usually fatal; the baregul, a sand fly with a painful sting; sweat bees, which suck the perspiration from the hair; the anopheles or malaria-carrying mosquito, and wasps, ticks and jiggers.—New York Times.

England's Oldest House

Minster abbey, in the Isle of Thanet, is said to be the oldest house in England. It is in the market, by order of the trustees of the late Lord Conynham, the fifth marquis. It is said to be a fine example of an Eleventh century Norman manor house, renovated about 1413, the house being built on the site of Edburga's monastery of Saints Peter and Paul, founded early in the Eighth century and destroyed in the Ninth by the Danes. The building is specifically described in Domesday book as Thanet manor, and is said to have been the only manor in the island in Saxon times.

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Chili Bricks very fine per lb **24^c**

Celery Large Jumbo per Stalk **15^c**

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