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CISCO MAY OWN MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC PLANT

FAIRBANKS-MORSE MAKES OFFER TO INSTALL UNIT ON PROFITS FROM PLANT

The ways and means whereby Cisco can save seven-eighths of its cost of pumping water, and at the same time acquire the first unit of an electric plant was pointed out Monday evening to the city commission by J. A. Russell, representative of the Fairbanks-Morse Machinery company. Mr. Russell told the commission that his company would install a dual plant of Deisel engines at Lake Cisco, and pump the water at a much less cost than this service is now costing the city. Mr. Russell appeared before the commission on a special invitation to come and tell the body how the cost of pumping could be reduced. He said that the company was prepared to contract with the city to install a power plant at an approximate cost of \$36,000, accept the present cost the city is now paying, and retire the debt in less than ten years, when the plant would be delivered to the city without further cost.

"But," Mr. Russell said, "if the city desires to generate electricity for street lighting, and tie on the street lights, the indebtedness could be retired two years sooner."

Cost of Plant Reasonable

"While I have not made an accurate estimate of the cost of constructing the street lighting system, but superficially estimating that the city has 200 blocks, I believe the cost of installing this plant with Deisel engines would not exceed \$55,000 or \$60,000. But the benefits to be derived from a municipally owned plant would be in the cost saving of operation and the profit from the plant after the debt has been retired. The company will accept the amounts now paid for power to operate the pumps and supply electricity enough to light the streets, and guarantee to retire the indebtedness in a period of years less than ten, or rather slightly over six years, with the street lighting added. The debt can be retired much earlier with the street lighting added for the reason this addition would entail no extra overhead, after the lines were built, and after the debt has been retired the savings from the plant could be diverted to other expenses of the city government, and thereby enable the city to reduce the tax rate. This saving is effected by the use of fuel oil in generating the power to operate the pumps and supplying street lights.

"The Fairbanks-Morse Co. have installed plants at Vernon, Cleburne, Lubbock and other Texas cities, where representatives of the city can go and make a thorough investigation. At Cleburne, the city was paying 2 cents per KW for power to operate the pumps for supplying the city water. The cost amounted to over \$100 per day, but after installing the Deisel engine plant the cost of pumping was reduced to \$16.50 per day, a saving of \$83.50 each day the Deisel plant was operated.

"Cisco is paying 1 1/2 cents per KW for power to

pump its water, plus 2 cents for operating the sewage disposal plant. One gallon of fuel oil will generate 12 KW hours of electricity, so you can figure for yourselves what the difference will be in operating your plant with the Deisel engines as compared to the price you are now paying.

Cisco Would Own Plant

"But when you have paid out the cost of installing the Deisel plant Cisco will own its own power system."

Mr. Russell brings to the city commission the same plans suggested by the Citizen in its issue of December 4, when the Citizen pointed out ways and means of installing a municipal gas plant. In this story the Citizen quoted the law in such cases made and provided. The cost of construction, and bonds issued for the construction of such plant, is not a debt on the city except in so far as the revenues from the plant is concerned, as any bond contract or note executed or issued under this law shall contain this saving clause: "The holder hereof shall never have the right to demand payment of this obligation out of any funds raised or to be raised by taxation."

After receiving Mr. Russell's proposition the commission took the matter under advisement, and expressed a willingness to visit the cities cited to investigate the operation of the Deisel plants there.

County Tax Payers League Called In Session Jan. 23

To the Citizens of Eastland County:

The Citizens' Democratic Tax League of Eastland county will meet in regular session at the court house of said county at 10 o'clock a. m., Saturday, January 23, for the purpose of discussing the financial conditions of the county, including taxation, retrenchment and economy. Embodied in this subject will likely be issues in the coming campaign, in which the entire citizenship of Eastland county is more or less interested, and the outcome of this meeting will indicate the will and wishes of the people of the county, and may be the means of the salvation of the homes of the taxpayers.

This meeting is of such importance that it requires the cooperation of every citizen of the county, and you are earnestly requested to attend. You are further requested to urge all persons to attend this meeting who may be interested in the saving of the homes of the taxpayers and the saving of the county from bankruptcy and destruction.

CITIZENS DEMOCRATIC TAX LEAGUE of Eastland County.

D. J. Neill, Pres.
J. M. Parker, Sec'y.

Pay your poll tax.

REDEMPTION OF PRE-ELECTION PLEDGES ASKED

The following communication, authorized by the Cisco Tax Payers League, at its session Monday night, is requested publication in the Cisco Citizen:

After reading the article of J. R. Burnett and Joe Clements, members of the city commission of Cisco, published in the Citizen of the 8th inst., the members of the Cisco Tax Payers League feel called upon to make some comments upon the acts, and failure to act, of the law making body of our city.

First and foremost the members of the League wish to express their hearty accord and endorsement of the sentiment expressed by the Citizen, viz: "That now is the most inopportune of all times to incur debts, raise salaries, create new offices, or, in short to cumber the city with one dollar of unnecessary expense. The members of the commission, at least impliedly, endorsed this sentiment and rescinded their salary-raising ordinance, except as to one man, (Hartman), whose salary was raised from \$75 to \$100 per month, you retained. We fail to see, at this distance, any reason why this salary should not have been put back with the others.

Mr. Commissioners, will you refer the members of the Tax Payers League to the chapter, section and article, upon which you base your assumption of authority, under the city charter, to employ two assistants to the city secretary? Do you think the expenditure of \$400 per month to conduct the business of the city secretary's office is in keeping with the platform of economy in the city administration, upon which the present commissioners were elected? If every official must have an assistant, why not a health department clerk, also a street and alley clerk?

The members of the Cisco Tax Payers League would also respectfully ask why is it the city attorney is not employed to represent the city of Cisco on an annual or monthly salary? Do you believe the payment of this official in fees is in the interest of economy?

Put your ears to the ground Mr. Commissioners, and listen to the ominous rumblings, for there are indications of political storm clouds gathering. A patient but exasperated people are calling upon you to fulfill your pre-election promises. Will you do so? Will you even make the effort? Will you cut down the personnel of the city employees instead of adding thereto? Will you publish the recent audit of the city's books as promised? Will you eliminate the chamber of commerce and put it back on the business element where it rightfully belongs? Will you weed out the incompetents and parasites from your departments and at least make an effort to clean house?

If you will not make an honest effort to accomplish these ends it is going to be just too bad. The people are fed up.

—Cisco Tax Payers' League

CITY COMMISSION CONTINUES THE C. OF C. FOR 1932

Secretary J. E. Spencer, of the Cisco chamber of commerce, rendered his annual financial statement to the city commission last Monday, showing the disbursements for the year 1931. At the same time he presented the budget for the ensuing year, giving estimates on which the directors expect to function. This budget does not include the maintenance of the zoo, at Lake Cisco, which was divorced from the chamber and taken over by the commission.

Following is the statement of expenditures for 1931 and the budget for 1932, which was appropriated to the use of the commerce body last Monday, minus \$208.64:

	1931 Exp.	1932 Bdg
Salaries	\$4,125.00	\$3,600.00
Extension Dept.	231.55	131.55
Agri. Dept.	204.13	104.13
Band	1,647.00	1,247.00
Rent	1,287.00	487.50
Stationery, office		
Supplies	263.38	213.38
Postage	103.25	103.25
Telephone and		
Telegraph	325.52	275.52
Car and Travel		
Expense	1,086.67	786.67
Dues and		
Periodicals	127.31	102.31
Zoo Account	2,522.21	000.00
Parks	215.30	15.00
Conventions		
and Ent.	87.70	87.70
Highways	131.95	101.95
Janitor	83.65	183.65
Utilities	47.13	124.68
Moving and New		
Equipment	472.47	000.00
Trade Ext. and		
Publicity	545.18	245.00
Miscel.	1,200.00	200.00
Totals	\$14,706.90	\$8,208.64

Randolph Kittens Off On Cage Tour Thru Mo-Kansas

The Randolph Kittens, crack basketball team of Randolph College, departed last Sunday for Missouri and Kansas on their 1932 cage season tour, playing college girls' teams in cities of those states. The opening game was played at Wichita, Kansas, when they met the Thurston team. Wednesday evening they played the Sunflowers at Pittsburg, Kansas, and Thursday evening the City Cubs at Kansas City, Mo. This game completes the series away from home, and then their return to Cisco.

Saturday night the Golden Cyclones, of Dallas, national champions of last season, will come here to meet the Kittens. The game will be played in the high school gymnasium.

Members of the team making the cage tour of Missouri and Kansas include Anne Greenlee, Marie Russell, Tommie Swindle, Irene Fulford, Maudie Fay Johnson, Jenny Fae O'Neal, and Sidney Cross.

You may want to have a say in your county and city politics in 1932. The only weapon you have is your vote. This you deny yourself if you poll is not paid.

Pay your poll tax.

LET'S SELL CISCO PRODUCTS TO CISCOANS BY MAKING CISCO GOODS FIRST CHOICE

Last week's Citizen called attention to the failure of our people to patronize those few industries we have. We overlooked one small industry that is slowly dying from want of patronage, which might have been nourished into a thriving business had our people manifested the home loyalty that prevails in some communities. We refer to the Elder Coffee Roasting plant, located just off D avenue, on West Tenth street. W. D. Elder operates this coffee roasting plant, and his product is equal to or superior to many brands of coffee sold in Cisco, but roasted in some other city. Mr. Elder established this plant eight or ten years ago, but received little patronage from Cisco grocery merchants, and was compelled to resort to retail trade to operate at all. However, he has managed to exist and the plant is still in operation, but Cisco merchants do not handle his product. Those Cisco people who use Elder's coffee have to go to the plant and buy it at retail. They can't procure it from their grocer.

One would think that every merchant in Cisco, every citizen, every civic organization, and even the church members collectively, should feel and manifest that town pride that would prompt them to use those things which are produced in Cisco, but the manifestation of home loyalty is not apparent in Cisco. In the mean time

Why are Commerce Chambers? What are chambers of commerce for if not to foster and boost home industrial plants? Already many are asking, "What is the chamber of commerce doing?" This question can be answered

ed affirmatively by our commercial organization getting behind these small plants that are struggling for existence, visit the retail merchants and encourage them to handle home products of every nature. Home products can be put on the market and made popular if the chamber of commerce will get behind them. The fault is not in the quality. The merchants do not handle these products for the reason that their customers don't call for them. The customers fail to ask for Cisco coffee, Cisco farm and dairy products, Cisco bread, Cisco butter, Cisco gasoline, mattresses, etc., because these products are not advertised so extensively as merchandise produced in other cities. Probably the local manufacturers themselves are partially to blame, for they are hardly big enough to keep their products continuously before the public, yet they are deserving of that encouragement we give to more pretentious industries. So why can not the chamber of commerce start an educational campaign of propaganda, boosting Cisco's products made in Cisco? It can be done.

Merchants Could Assist. But our merchants are not doing all that could be done to assist in popularizing articles produced at home. All handle similar products made in other cities. They could suggest to their customers that Cisco butter, Cisco coffee, Cisco bread, Cisco beds, etc., are giving perfect satisfaction and sold at the same prices as the other brands, although made in Cisco. They could tell their customers they have the other

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JOE BURKETT IN RACE FOR CONGRESS SEAT

Joe Burkett, well known Eastland county man, now living in San Antonio, has announced that he will be in the race for one of the three positions of congressman-at-large. Everybody in Eastland county knows Burkett, and any introduction would be superfluous. He announces he will run on a platform of modification of the Volsted act.

ZEB ERWIN'S FATHER PASSED AWAY JAN. 6

J. R. Erwin, father of Zeb Erwin, employ of the city street department of Cisco, passed away at his home near Rising Star January 6, the burial taking place that same afternoon in the Sabanno cemetery. Though not advanced in years, yet one of the older residences of the southern part of Eastland county, deceased was well and favorably known by practically all of the early inhabitants of that section. At the time of passing he was 54 years of age. He is survived by his widow and eight children, one of whom is his son, Zeb, of Cisco. He was also an uncle of Miss Lorena Erwin, of this city, who attended the funeral.

TAX ASSESSOR WILL BE SEEING YOU SOON

Geo. Bryant, tax assessor of Eastland county, requests the Citizen to announce that he will soon begin assessing taxes, and in the interest of economy and efficiency, earnestly requests that all have their renditions ready when the deputy calls. To make a second or third call adds to the expense of assessing.

"Property values are decreasing rapidly," Mr. Bryant said, "and probably some values are too high. In such cases I have authorized the deputies to entertain reductions of 10 percent where values are apparently over rendered. However, this does not mean that these values will so remain, as the county commissioners, as a board of equalization, have the final say. That the work of assessing the taxes for 1932 may be expedited, and therefore at least expense to the tax payers, I am asking the full cooperation of every tax payer. Have your renditions ready so there will be no delay," Mr. Bryant says.

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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

We shall pray unto God, and He will be favorable unto him: and he shall see his face with joy: he will render unto him his righteousness.—Job 33:26.

A Mightier church shall come, whose covenant word
Shall be the deeds of love, Not "Credo" then—
"Amo" shall be the password through the gates.
Man shall not ask his brother more,
"Believest thou?" but "lovest thou?" and all,
And all shall answer at God's altar, "Lord, I love,"
For Hope may anchor, Faith may steer, but Love,
Great Love alone, is captain of the soul.
—Henry B. Carpenter.

We need a praying nation, a people who, like Daniel, are not afraid to open the windows of their lives toward the city of their God. Men do not rise from their knees before the open window and go out to crush the helpless, or to spread gossip—Dr. Edward A. Thompson.

A MUNICIPAL UTILITY PROBABLE

The city commission is now considering a proposition from the Fairbanks-Morse Machinery company to install a power plant for the purpose of generating electricity for pumping water at Lake Cisco, and for operation of the sewage plant. If this proposition is looked upon favorably by the commission Cisco will soon have at least the initial unit for a municipal utility.

Mr. J. A. Russell, representing the Fairbanks-Morse people, explained his proposition in detail to the city commissioners at the regular meeting Monday afternoon, which, in substance, the Fairbanks-Morse company guarantees to install a plant here to generate electricity for pumping water and operating the sewage disposal plant, accepting the present outlay for electricity the city is now paying, and at the end of less than ten years make the city a bill of sale to the plant.

Or, if the city will go a step further, tie on the street lighting system to the plant, pay the city what

its electricity is now costing, and within ten years the company will deliver to the city the entire plant and equipment free from any other cost. Thus, in a very few years if this latter proposition is accepted, Cisco will own its own municipal electric plant.

After hearing Mr. Russell at some length, at Mayor Berry's suggestion, the commission took the proposition under advisement. In the meantime it was decided to send a delegation to Vernon and Lubbock, two cities Mr. Russell mentioned where the Fairbanks-Morse people have installed electric plants, for the purpose of more thoroughly investigating the operation of the plants there to determine whether Cisco should consider installing a municipal plant here.

According to Mr. Russell's statements the cost of electricity to pump water for the city is now 1½ cents per KW. With the plant under consideration this electricity can be generated with a Deisel engine, using fuel oil at \$1.25 per barrel, at the cost of three mills per KW. This cost will be correspondingly reduced if oil remains at the present prices.

Mr. Russell did not give the commission an estimate of the cost of installing the plant, but to the Citizen editor he stated that it would cost approximately \$55,000 to install the Deisel engines and street lighting system, which would furnish power to generate sufficient electricity to pump the water for the water system and sewage disposal plant and lighting the city streets. He estimated the city will make a saving through his proposition of \$4,634.16, basing the consumption on an average of 33,766 KW at 1½ cents per KW, plus 5,000 KW at 2 cents per KW for operating the sewage disposal plant.

Before this proposition can be accepted by the city the voters must approve it, and the commission would be authorized to issue bonds against the plant (not against the revenues derived from taxes) to pay the cost of installing the plant. These bonds to be retired from the revenues of the utility.

Let's Sell Cisco---

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brands but would like for them to try the home product. All this can be done without dictating to the customer what he must buy. Just a gentle appeal to his local pride will turn the trick.

Then we have the Rotary and Lions Clubs.

There is much in this line that could be accomplished by the Rotary and Lions clubs, two popular local organizations, limiting their membership to one member of each business or professional classification—a kind of "close communion" civic organizations. They could do much in co-operating with the chamber of commerce in fostering an educational campaign to use Cisco-made products. True, our field is limited, but it always will be unless Cisco people patronize Cisco industries. The Rotarians and Lions meet weekly. Both arrange interesting programs of entertainment, but little work of a constructive nature is performed. It is believed much more good could be accomplished by a weekly address at each club than by giving those splendid musical programs as weekly features, or at least as a part of this program. Understand, the Citizen is not attempting to dictate to the Rotarians and Lions what kind of programs they should render—that's not our purpose or intention, as the writer is not a member of either, and not on the program committee—nor are we finding any fault with the programs rendered by these civic bodies; just a suggestion.

Some Lucky Failures.

We remember that several years ago Cisco made a spread-eagle display in the attempt to get one of the Borden milk plants located in Cisco. Also there was an effort to locate a cheese factory here. But suppose we had been successful and these plants had come here, making products that could not be excelled? We are thinking they would conclude that they had made a bad deal, when they went down the street and saw displayed in the store window milk and dairy products made in some other city. Unless our city gave them a more loyal support than that they are giving the few industries we now have, these plants would have been forced to close their doors, or sell their products in other cities than Cisco. We failed to locate

these industries, and unless we manifest a more loyal support of those we now have we may find it difficult to induce other industries to come here, and possibly lose some that we already have.

Don't try to justify our indisposition to patronize home concerns because they are small and insignificant. Some of the largest industries in the land started in a modest way. But their home people were, as a rule, loyal

and believed in them and showed their appreciation by patronizing them. Today Cisco merchants are handling these out of town products, and advertising them to their customers, while Cisco made goods are going begging for patronage — home produced articles just as good and maybe better than similar merchandise shipped into Cisco and sold by Cisco retail merchants.

Think it over.

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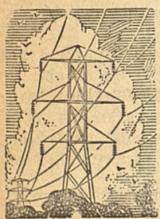
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West Texans FORWARD!



It has been the history of West Texas that after every national depression, this "Land of Opportunity" returns to normal—and marches ahead to greater prosperity—more rapidly than any other section of the country.

Recognizing this, can you doubt the brilliant future ahead of West Texas? Can you remain depressed when you're living in this land of vast and valuable resources? Can you allow a temporary period of adjustment to blind you to the immense possibilities just around the corner?

Of course you can't—neither can other thousands of loyal and enthusiastic West Texans! That's why the rapid development of our land has astounded the world—we have a boundless, and justified, faith in West Texas!

This Company, rendering dependable and efficient electric service to 125 prosperous cities and towns, has displayed its confidence in this territory's future by the investment of approximately fifty millions of dollars and the creation of an annual payroll that has averaged over \$2,000,000.00 for the past three years. Our firm faith further is exemplified by the reduction of electric rates for service to the home to the low average of only 6.3 cents per kilowatt-hour . . . by the construction of three major generating stations, nineteen auxiliary plants, and more than 2,500 miles of transmission lines . . . through the building of fifty-five local office buildings and warehouses, and the erection of the many additional permanent facilities necessary so that West Texas can offer to industries and home-makers that dependable and inexpensive power supply available only from a widespread transmission line electric system.

The future of West Texas is assured! Present fundamental conditions are sound, and West Texas' wealth of natural resources—unsurpassed by any other section of the country—give every indication of progress that will dwarf in magnitude that sensational development which a few short years ago riveted on us the attention of the entire nation! Let us take advantage of this encouraging situation—and march through to a greater prosperity than ever before! Let us assume our rightful eminence in the great Southwest!

WEST TEXANS—FORWARD!

West Texas Utilities
Company

Home Patronage Story Indorsed By Cisco Folks

It seems that the front page story, "What are Cisco People Doing To Bring Back Business to Cisco?" as published in the last issue of the Citizen, must have "rung the bell" of popular approval, judging by the number of personal and telephone felicitations that have been showered upon the editor. A few of the many expressions coming from Cisco business folk are:

J. J. Collins, of the Collins Hardware Co. and president of the Cisco chamber of commerce: "I want to congratulate the Citizen on that story. It is just what Cisco has needed for a long time. I believe it will help quite a bit. When attempting to induce men of capital to invest in industrial plants here, one of the first questions that is asked of chamber of commerce officials, 'what are you doing to support those industries you now have?' Invariably our 'pipe goes out' at this juncture, and we counter by saying, 'give me a match.'"

Miss Lucile Self, sec'y. of the Cisco Retail Merchants

association (by phone): "I certainly want to congratulate the author of that splendid article on the front page of the last issue of the Citizen. I don't know when I have read such an appropriate article. I wish it could remain standing and run every week. It is worth it."

This came in person from George Ruppert, proprietor of Ruppert's Bakery: "Say, that front page story you published last week rang the bell, all right. I think it one of the best things that has yet been published in Cisco papers. Keep up the good work, and carry my ad along with the good news."

Others have given the Citizen praise for defending the home concerns, one of whom was L. A. Tullos, of Tullos Bros.' cleaning plant. He said: "That certainly was a timely story, and right to the point. Centered the bull's eye."

Certainly we appreciate these kind expressions, but don't overlook the fact that it will prove profitable to both sides if our business men would carry their advertisements in a newspaper, owned exclusively by Cisco people, which is so closely read as the Citizen.

Pay your poll tax.

Commission Extends Tax Penalty Date to Feb. 10; C. of C. Budget Allowed

It was a lengthy and busy session the city commission held Monday afternoon, when the principal business transacted, other than hearing the Fairbanks-Morse proposition to install a power plant, included extending tax penalty date to Feb. 10 and settling for the present year the status of the chamber of commerce.

Considerable discussion was had over allowing the budget the directors stated was absolutely necessary for the chamber to function to its full efficiency. The matter was finally decided when a motion prevailed to allow the chamber the sum of \$8,000 for 1932.

This action followed the disposal of routine business coming before the commission, first of which was the adoption of a resolution to convey S. R. Woods an offset on West Tenth street, in block 3, of 10 feet. It was pointed out that for some reason this offset only affected the lot owned by Woods, and simply allowed him to include that parcel of land in his lot. The motion of Commissioner Clements, that city secretary be instructed to execute a quit claim deed to Mr. Woods was adopted after seconded by Commissioner Elliott.

Several applications for adjustment of taxes came before the commission, some of which were lowered, others allowed to remain at the sum rendered. One was of an amusing nature, when an application was read from a non-resident to adjust his valuation to correspond with that assessed by the school trustees. On investigation it was revealed that the property had been assessed by the school board at \$50 above that of the city assessment.

The application of J. T. Fields for the same rate for water service as that granted to residents of the city was denied. The discussion on the application developed that Fields' residence was outside the city limits, while his meter was located within the city. The opinion of the commission was that those out of the city, paying no city taxes, could hardly expect the same rate as that charged city residents.

No Tax Penalty Till Feb. 10

Unanimously the commission extended the limit till Feb. 10 for the date of fixing a penalty on delinquent tax payments. This action was the result of the plea of L. B. Campbell, manager of the Laguna hotel, to extend the date without penalty, for payment of the 1931 taxes on the Laguna hotel property. Giving as a reason for his request Mr. Campbell stated that it was not determined at this time just what the status of the hotel property would be until after the first of the month.

The application of Judge Eugene Lankford, on behalf of Dump Penn, to be given an easement for building a hangar at the airport was granted. City attorney Wright was instructed to confer with Judge Lankford and draft a contract covering the application. Penn proposes to build a hangar of 35 or 40 by 70 feet. Commissioner Clements' motion prevailed that the cost of making the contract be paid by Penn.

City Attorney Wright stated that representatives of the bondholders had requested permission to have an engineer to make a survey, and check up the city water system, which was given by the commission.

C. of C. Delegation

At this juncture a delegation from the chamber of

commerce, headed by president J. J. Collins and secretary J. E. Spencer, appeared before the commission in the interest of the commerce body. President Collins told the commission that the directors wanted to know whether the chamber will be continued. "All kinds of reports are current regarding the destiny of the chamber," Mr. Collins said, "and as the time approaches for the annual election of directors it is essential to know whether the chamber will continue."

At length, at President Collins suggestion, Secretary Spencer gave a detailed report of the expenditures of the chamber during the past year, and results accomplished, as well as projects for future development. Chief among the future projects undertaken by them is the cut-off on Bankhead highway, from Weatherford to Ranger. It is estimated that this cut-off will shorten the distance between Cisco and Ft. Worth at least 15 miles, which means quite a saving to the tourist traveling over this highway. It was pointed out that each tourist that is traveling through a town was worth \$1.50 to that town. Some spend nothing, others quite a sum, it was stated.

After the matter had been thoroughly discussed as the least possible amount on which the directors could function this year, the commission voted to appropriate \$8,000 for 1932. This was \$470 less than the minimum amount asked for. However, in this action, the chamber is no longer the custodian of the zoo, as the commission has already taken over the maintenance of this attraction. In setting the budget Commissioner Clements' motion that the budget be the proceeds of the two mills tax allowed by the city ordinance died for want of a second. The motion of Commissioner Donovan prevailed by a three to two vote. The roll call showing Burnett and Fee voting no, with Donovan, Elliott and Clements voting for the motion.

The report of Secretary Spencer showed the chamber had expended approximately \$19,000 for all purposes during 1931.

Street Lights Cut Out

On motion of Commissioner Clements 43 street lights were cut out, at a saving of \$3.75 each. These lights discontinued are those on the connecting streets between D and E avenues, and which are extinguished at 11:30, and do not affect lights on D avenue. The lights went off Monday night. Commissioner Donovan spoke against this move, as he said it would result in increased burglaries, he believed. A roll call was ordered on the motion, which resulted in Elliott, Clements and Burnett voting yes, and Donovan and Fee voting no.

The final act of the commission was to vote to pay the expenses of City Engineer Reagan while attending the water operating school at Mineral Wells next Monday and Tuesday.

Pay your school tax—if you can. But pay your poll

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MARIE PURVIS BRIDE OF CHARLES W. STARR

Culminating a school romance that began when both were students at the Scranton public school, the nuptials of Miss Marie Purvis and Charles W. Starr were celebrated January 2, at the home of Rev. Rowell O'Brien, pastor of the Scranton Baptist church. The marriage was a quiet affair, with only the immediate relatives in attendance. The groom is the fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Starr, of the Dan Horn community, esteemed by all who know them. The bride is the lovely daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Purvis, of the Atwell community, in the adjoining county of Callahan. It was while both were attending the Scranton school that they became sweethearts and the love spark was kindled that has just resulted in the consummation of this happy union.

B. W. PATTERSON WILL SEEK 88th. JUDGESHIP

Hon. Burette W. Patterson, former distinguished citizen of Cisco, but now residing in Eastland, was among friends here Saturday. Mrs. Patterson accompanied him. To the Citizen editor Mr. Patterson stated that he had definitely decided to make the race, in the Democratic primaries, as a candidate for judge of the 88th judicial district. Many of his friends will welcome this news, as there are those living in Cisco, it is said, who would support Patterson for president were he to make the race.

Pay your poll tax.

WILL BE CANDIDATE AGAIN FOR FLOATER

Cecil Lotief, of Cross Plains, Callahan county, was a pleasant caller at the Citizen office Saturday. He is an old friend of the editor, as these two landed in Cisco during the same year, 1919, and were often together. For several years he and his brother, Joe Lotief, operated a dry goods store where the A. & P. store is now located. Both were recognized as upright and honorable citizens by all who knew them.

Mr. Lotief made the race two years ago for the position of flatorial representative in the legislature from the counties of Eastland and Callahan, and we are informed that he was a very close second, being defeated by only a small vote. He stated that he will again make the race this year, and will announce his candidacy in the next few weeks, running subject to the action of the Democratic primary election.

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**Judge J. D. Barker
Announces for 88
District Judgeship**

TO THE VOTERS OF EASTLAND COUNTY:

After careful consideration, I have decided to offer myself as a candidate for the nomination to the office of District Judge for the 88th Judicial District of Eastland County, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary.

In the very outset, I desire to state the fact that I am not a candidate of any ring or clique, and if elected, I shall go into office untrammelled and free to serve the people of my County to the very best of my ability.

I do not claim to be a Solomon, but do claim to be honest, and a lawyer of average ability.

I have resided in Eastland County for 13 years. A Texan by birth. I was born of financially poor parents near Farmersville, Collins County, Texas, January 26th, 1877. I could here relate the pain, hardships and privations I have suffered, but that would

be no good reason why you should vote for me in the July Primary. Therefore, I shall refrain.

I am not a politician. This will probably be my greatest handicap. It is just a little hard for me to even respect the professional, hypocritical handshaking politician.

No, indeed, thousands of people have not solicited me to make this venture. However I have my friends who believe in me and believe that I have the qualifications to make a respectably efficient judge.

Why do I desire the office?

1st. I need the salary.

2nd. I covet the honor of being your District Judge.

The dignity of the office to which I aspire forbids cheap political clap-trap. Therefore, I shall refrain from any mud-slinging tactics, and shall do my very best to make the race purely on my own merits, if merit I have.

Under our laws, the District Judge is clothed with great authority and power over the liberty and property rights of the people. He should, therefore, be an energetic, honest man, a man of reasonable ability with a

well developed sense of what is just and right. I trust that the voters of the county will find that I measure up to that standard.

I consider that the office of District Judge is a sacred trust, and should not be made an object of crooked political ambition. The voters should elect their judge, not on the hypocritical smile of the politician, but wholly upon the qualifications of the aspirant. It may be that your best friend will be seeking the office. That is no reason why you should vote for him, unless that best friend is qualified to make you an efficient District Judge.

It is my opinion that in these distressing times, we should cut loose from all political rings and former political coalitions, and select men of honesty, integrity and ability for our officers, and most especially is this true of the office of District Judge.

MY PROMISE:

If elected, I shall give my District an energetic, efficient and economical administration of the affairs of the office, and devote my very soul of the administration of justice to and for every litigant, whether he be rich or poor, black or white, who may come into my court.

It is now my intention to see each voter in the County before the campaign closes. Doubtless there will be many whom I shall fail to meet. If so, please accept this announcement as my personal appeal to you for your vote and influence.

Please do not hesitate to tell me if you are for me or against me. If for me, it will encourage me. If against me, I assure you that I am broad enough in my opinion and outlook on life, to know that you have a perfect right to your opinion.

I covet your assistance. Respectfully submitted, J. D. Barker.

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STATE OF TEXAS)
County of Eastland)
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Eastland County
—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon M. Lee Hull, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, and 91st Judicial District to appear at the next regular term of the 91st District Court of Eastland County, Texas, to be held at the court house thereof, in Eastland, on the first Monday in February, A. D. 1932, the same being the 1st day of February, A. D. 1932, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 23rd day of December, A. D. 1931, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court, No. 15,123, wherein Carrie Hull, is plaintiff, and M. Lee Hull is defendant and the cause of action being alleged as follows:

The plaintiff has resided in Texas more than twelve months and in Eastland county more than six months before the filing of the petition. Plaintiff was lawfully married to defendant in Eastland county, Texas, December 4, 1904, and lived together as husband and wife until September 14, 1921, at which time the defendant, without cause or reason, abandoned and deserted the plaintiff. At this time, they have one minor child. Plaintiff says she is a proper person to have the care and custody of the minor. That there is no community estate between the plaintiff and defendant. She prays for divorce and for the custody of the minor.

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

**First National Bank
Name New Officers**

The annual stockholders' election of the First National bank was held in the directors' rooms of that financial institution Monday, when all officers and directors were re-elected. All present employees were retained.

A resolution of thanks was adopted, complimenting the officers on the efficient manner in which the business had been conducted during 1931. A substantial dividend was declared, and the report showed the bank to be in first class condition.

The following personnel comprise the new board of directors as re-elected by the stockholders: R. L. Poe, Dr. F. E. Clark, E. R. McDaniel, W. W. Wallace, E. J. Poe and Alex Spears.

The directors, in turn, elected the following officers: R. L. Poe, president and chairman of the board; Dr. F. E. Clark, E. R. McDaniel, W. W. Wallace, vice presidents; Alex Spears, cashier; E. J. Poe, assistant cashier.

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Witness my hand and official seal at my office in Eastland, Texas, this 23rd day of December, A. D. 1931.

W. H. McDONALD,
Clerk District Court, Eastland County, Texas.

By DOROTHY WATSON
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CHURCH SERVICES**

"LIFE" is the subject of the lesson-sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, Sunday, January 17.

The golden text is taken from 1 John 5:11. "This is the record, that God hath given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son."

The passages to be read from the Scriptures embrace the following from Romans 8:6: "For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace."

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**MRS. G. W. SPENCER
DIES IN DeLEON**

The shocking news announcing the rapid sinking of his mother, Mrs. G. W. Spencer, at her home in DeLeon, reached Secretary W. E. Spencer Monday evening while he was in attendance upon the meeting of the chamber of commerce. He left at once for his mother's bedside, and reached her a few hours before she passed on to that life of which death is the portal. When the old day had died, and the hands of the clock pointed to the hour of one, the spirit of this saintly mother in Isreal took its flight to join her husband, who preceded her in death two years ago. Thus closing her earthly mission during her long and useful life of 70 years in this terrestrial abode.

The funeral services and burial were in DeLeon Thursday, attended by a large number of friends of the family.

The surviving children, besides J. E. Spencer, secretary of the Cisco chamber of commerce, are W. E. Spencer, Lubbock; Jack Spencer, Dallas; Mrs. L. L. Lightfoot, and Mrs. G. W. Gregory, DeLeon, and Miss Vera Spencer, Dallas.

**POLITICAL
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

RATES	
City	\$ 5.00
Precinct	7.50
County	15.00
District	15.00

FOR JUDGE 88TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT:
JUDGE J. D. BARKER