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CISCO TO HELP EASTLAND IN GAS FIGHT

T. H. McGLASSON AWARDED 1932 GARBAGE CONTRACT

Peace and harmony prevailed at the fortnightly meeting of the city commission Monday when all the commissioners were present, with Mayor Berry presiding. Of course there were defections, but in the finality, dissenters from the minority moved an unanimous vote, which prevailed.

T. H. McGlasson was awarded the contract. Mr. McGlasson filed the year of 1932, his bid being the lowest among the 23 applicants for the contract. Mr. McGlasson filed his bond with the commission with the following sureties: M. G. McGlasson, Tom Parrack, and H. C. Henderson. Mr. McGlasson appeared before the commission and gave assurance of his ability to fulfill the contract to take care of the city garbage.

Others of the applicants who appeared before the commission in the interest of their application were: J. A. Dill, whose bid was \$250; W. G. Jessup, bidding \$295; L. R. O'Brien, bid \$332; Bedford Mashburn, bid \$375, and last, Harvey Woodward, the present city scavenger, whose bid was \$366. Speaking from notes, Woodward entertained the commission with a sure enough speech in behalf of his application.

The preponderance of preference seemed to favor the re-election of Woodward after his talk, but by reason of the fact that bids had been advertised for, the commissioners stated that they saw no other recourse than to award the contract to McGlasson, he being the lowest bidder.

Practically every commissioner expressed the opinion that the job could not be done for the remuneration bid, and cited the precedent that low bidders heretofore had appeared before the board and been granted additional remuneration on account of not being able to carry out the contract for the sum agreed upon. However, the commission went on record as opposing this policy, and declared its intention to hold the contractor to account on his bond should he fail to perform the duties required in the future.

Commissioner Elliott, in whose department this work is done, gave Woodward the highest praise for the efficient manner in which he had performed his duties, and stated that he regretted he could not be retained, as he had only held

the job one year and had incurred the expense of procuring equipment for which he had not been on the job long enough to compensate him for the cash outlay. The other commissioners gave their position on the matter, but stated that the city had advertised for bids, and by implication at least, gave the impression that the contract would be let to the lowest bidder, and inasmuch as these men had come before the board with the required bonds, they saw no other way than to accept the lowest bid. On the final vote Burnett, Clements and Fee voted aye; Donovan and Elliott, no. Donovan moved the vote be made unanimous, which prevailed.

The Gas Ordinance

City Attorney Wright advised the commission that he had received a communication from Laten Stansberry, of the gas division of the railroad commission, informing him of the appeal of the Lone Star and Community Natural Gas companies to the railroad commission, and of the injunction restraining the city of Cisco in the enforcement of the gas ordinance recently adopted, lowering the gas rate from 75 to 50 cents per 1000 cubic feet. He stated that the utility companies had filed the required bond of \$10,000 for remunerating the consumers in the event the Cisco ordinance should be determined just and equitable. Mr. Stansberry asked whether it was preferable to have the hearing in Cisco or Austin. The Lone Star, in its contention, takes the position that the city has no jurisdiction beyond the city gate.

"In my judgment," Mr. Wright said, "the Community and the Lone Star are one and the same organization. This opinion is somewhat based on the admissions of Mr. May before this commission. I do not believe the courts will hold that the rights of contract between parties whose interests are one and the same, are inviolate. The distributing company, which attempts to justify its rate to the consumer as reasonable, could just as easily enter into a contract with the pipe line company for one dollar, or any other sum, and base their rates to the consumer on a reasonable charge, and then come into court with equally as clean

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BOLD BANDITS' PLAN ROB T-P. TRAIN FLUSTRATED

Had not their plans miscarried by being intercepted by a Texas & Pacific special officer, M. L. Bates, who was on the lookout for box car thieves, just as one of the alleged bandits was signaling his accomplice to come to the spot where the loot had fallen, a rich haul would have netted two box car bandits a neat sum early Thursday morning. Only for the vigilance of Officer Bates this haul would have been successful and proven a rich bag, as the value of the merchandise retrieved is estimated to be worth approximately \$1,000.

Cigarettes was the prize the thieves were after. They were in pairs, and had boarded merchandise freight train number 53 at Ranger by breaking the seal and entering the car in which the cigarettes were loaded. When the train reached Olden seven cases were dumped off on the right of way while the car was in motion, and when the train reached Cisco, and as it was slowing down for the signal, near the C. & N. E. shops, nine cases were dumped off at this point. Special Officer Bates, who was riding the train, was on the lookout, and saw the cases being dumped from the freight car. Keeping his eyes on the spot where the cases were dropped he soon saw a man approaching, who gave a signal to the accomplice which was answered by Bates, and the bandit, believing it was his pal, allowed Bates to walk right up on him, and did not discover his mistake until the irons were placed upon him. The accomplice, seeing his partner was trapped, made his getaway, and was still at large late last night. The man was arrested and placed in the city jail, by Constable Wilson, who had been summoned by Bates, where his identity was established as W. M. Jeffries, and his accomplice was as-

certained to have been his brother, R. C. Jeffries, both said to be from Breckenridge.

Constable R. L. Wilson assisted in the proceedings that followed. Accompanying Bates to the Eastern suburbs of Cisco they found the cases of cigarettes and brought the merchandise back to the city hall. Sheriff Foster's department at Eastland was notified of the robbery, and the cases thrown off the moving train at Olden were recovered, and are now in the sheriff's possession.

Special Officer M. C. Darnell, also working with Bates for the railroad, was here with him all day Thursday and Thursday night, assisting in attempting in the rounding up the missing culprit.

It was learned that W. M. Jeffries was assigned the role of remaining on the train and to dump off the merchandise at Cisco, or other points, and R. C. Jeffries was to meet him here in a car, and together they would gather up the loot and take it to some city where it would be disposed of.

Mr. Darnell stated that he and Bates were both on the lookout for box car bandits, as considerable merchandise had been stolen from the Texas & Pacific trains lately, and Bates' hunch that merchandise freight No. 53 was an attractive target proved a good one.

While officers were scouting for the missing bandit Chief W. M. Miller, of the city police force, was called from Coleman and notified of a case of cigarette robbery that had occurred in that city late Thursday afternoon. However, it was not believed that the Jeffries brothers were implicated in the Coleman robbery as the Texas & Pacific officers can supply the best of alibis for them.

The robbery occurred about 3:30 o'clock Thursday morning.

THREE ARRESTED WHEN OFFICERS MAKE RAID

Constable R. L. Wilson, assisted by Sheriff Virge Foster, Deputies Loss Woods and Steele Hill, made a surprise raid on an illicit liquor plant south of Scranton last Saturday. Thirty-five gallons of the juice of the corn, a 100 gallon still, 600 gallon of mash and three arrests were the results. Complaints were filed for violation of the dry laws against Elmer and George Ingram and Fred Tarver.

LOBOES GIRDED FOR AFFRAY WITH EAGLES

Cisco will enjoy two holidays this week, when all places of business, with few exceptions, were closed for Thanksgiving yesterday and many places of business will be closed this afternoon, as the owners and employees will be on the side-lines at Abilene rooting for the Big Dam Pack. The Loboos are doped as the underdogs in this contest, but so were they at Breckenridge, and there is a possibility of another upset of the dope bucket. Anyway, the locals are facing the crucial crisis in their gridiron career for this season, as the result will determine the future existence of the 1931 team. Abilene is not invincible, as the predecessors of the Loboos have snatched a winning from apparent defeat with the Eagles on more than one occasion, and it is admitted by gridiron authorities that Jeffries has builded a powerful fighting machine in the present team who have never yet been called upon to put out all they had in reserve.

SAUNDLEY CLARK BURIED IN CISCO

The body of Saundley E. Clark, aged 42 years, killed in an automobile mishap at Fairfield last Sunday morning, was brought to Cisco where interment was made in Oakwood cemetery Monday. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. H. D. Tucker, pastor of the Methodist church, at the G. L. Huestis home on Eastland highway. The burial was handled by the Green funeral home.

The Deceased is survived by his widow, who is a daughter of Mr. Huestis, and three daughters, besides his father and a sister. He was a native of Cisco and had made this city his home until transferred to East Texas about one year ago by the Humble Company, by whom he was employed, but his family still resided here.

Mr. Clark met his death when his automobile lost a wheel as he was driving through the streets at Fairfield, when he was fatally injured.

CISCOANS RETURN FROM THE ANNUAL DEER HUNT

Several Cisco sportsmen joined in different groups on the annual deer hunts during the first days of the open season for the antlered tribe. All have returned and report quite an enjoyable outing, which was attended with rather better than the usual luck, as each group was successful in killing enough for a division of the kill with all parties. Resultant from this outing many Cisco tables were graced with choice venison this Thanksgiving season.

CISCO FIREMEN'S ANNUAL FEAST

With J. J. Collins, veteran fireman and past chief of the department, taking the role of toastmaster, the members of the Cisco fire department enjoyed their annual oyster feast last Saturday evening. The scene was the spacious building opposite the Cisco Banking Co., which was comfortably filled by over one hundred members of the department, their families and invited guests, including the members of the city administration. A delicate oyster menu, raw, stewed and fried was served in abundance, and a feast of entertainment the program rendered proved to be. Judge B. W. Patterson, past department chief from 1905 to 1912, was the principal speaker, but Mayor J. T. Berry and others were on the program. The talks were interspersed with vocal and instrumental musical numbers, readings and other interesting and entertaining features.

BIG MASS MEETING CALLED TO CONSIDER GAS RATES

Notice is hereby given that there will be held a mass meeting at the City Hall in the City of Cisco, Texas, at 7:30 o'clock, Monday November 30th, 1931. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the present gas rates, and the action of the company relative to the new ordinance passed by the city commission reducing the rate on gas, and the advisability of making some kind of change.

Every man and woman in Cisco should be present. The meeting will be called to order promptly at the hour mentioned.

THE COMMITTEE.

MOSE JOHNSON AWARDED STATE DORMITORY JOB

Mose Johnson left Sunday night for Rusk to start work on the erection of a building for the state to be used as a dormitory for one of the state institutions. The contract to erect this building was awarded Johnson and Snodgrass, the latter being an Abilene contractor. The cost of the building will be approximately \$30,000, and the contract specifies that it must be completed within four months.

NEW CHAIN STORE TAX HITS FILLING STATION

Indianapolis. — Indiana filling stations owned by Standard Oil and other large corporations are liable to taxation under the state's new "chain store" tax law.

The filling stations will be taxed like all other stores. Atty. General James M. Ogden ruled in answer to a query from Standard Oil officials as to whether their property would be effected by the new law.

"Every place of business that retails a product comes under provisions of the law," the attorney general said. "Where the operator of a filling station sells products other than those furnished him by the oil company, both the company and the operator are subject to taxation."

MEMPHIS VOTES BONDS FOR MUNICIPAL GAS PLANT

Mayor Allen T. Grundy of Memphis is said to be largely responsible for the success of the election recently held by his voters which authorized issuance of \$65,000 in bonds for construction of a municipally owned distribution gas system.

Goose Creek recently approved the city manager form of government. Commissioners of that city express themselves as being satisfied with the outcome of the election.

WELFARE DRIVE COMMENCES DEC. 8

There was a meeting of the Cisco Welfare Association Wednesday morning at the chamber of commerce, held for the purpose of further perfecting the plans for the drive for funds to complete the budget and the election of an additional member of the executive committee. Mrs. Charles Brown was elected to fill this vacancy on the committee, and to her was assigned the duties of assistant secretary. The body definitely set Dec. 8 as the date to commence the drive for funds to complete the budget. The officers and executive committee held another meeting Wednesday afternoon when captains of the different districts were named, according to J. T. Elliott, chairman of the association. Chairman Elliott stated that it was the purpose to put on an intensive campaign, once the workers get into action, in order that the budget of \$2,500 may be completed within two days.

Discussing the coming drive for the relief of the needy chairman Elliott stated that it is hoped that every person in Cisco would subscribe liberally when the solicitors approach them, as it is desired to have every business firm in Cisco register one hundred per cent in this cause for the unfortunate.

"Probably no time in the history of Cisco have funds for the relief of our people been so sorely needed as will be the case this winter, and no one should fail to respond to this call," Mr. Elliott concluded.

IDEAL THEATRE WILL BE REOPENED DEC. 5

Manager J. N. Greer, of the Palace and Ideal Theatres, announces that the Ideal will be reopened Saturday, Dec. 5, which will give Cisco two places of amusement instead of only the Palace.

"In reopening this popular show house to the public we feel that we are merely responding to the demand of Cisco people for additional entertainment," Manager Greer states. "But when pictures are shown there again the public will be pleased with the improved appearance, as the interior will be repainted and redecorated to make it one of the most attractive theaters in this part of the state. New sound equipment will be installed and other modern features will be added."

This will be welcome news to the former patrons of the Ideal, as many remember its popularity in other days. The Ideal was the first show house built in Cisco specifically for show purposes, and for several years enjoyed a large patronage.

EASTLAND PLANNING TO SETTLE BONDED DEBTS

Last week's Eastland Record says that the city is planning a settlement of its bonded indebtedness, and plans have been drawn up for submission which it is believed will be acceptable to all parties, but until ratified by representatives of the bondholders the particulars are withheld. The Record says:

About two weeks ago the city commission invited twenty-five business men to meet at the city hall and consider a plan for handling the city's bonded indebtedness as suggested by the Brown-Crummer Investment Company. At that meeting a sub-committee was appointed to draft a plan of handling the bonds suited more to the conditions in Eastland than was provided for in the bond company's suggestions. That sub-committee has been at work on the proposition and has evolved a good plan, and has it ready to submit for further consideration.

NATIONAL GUARD UNIT FOR CISCO PROBABLE

Lester Harbin, who holds a commission in the officers reserve corps, is interesting himself in organizing a national guard unit here. He appeared before the city commission Monday and asked the endorsement of his plans in perfecting the organization, which was readily given. Mr. Harbin explained that this unit, instead of being an expense, would bring in a small amount of cash, as the enlisted men would be paid according to their rank, for each drill performed and other activities. The federal government pays rent on the armory, supplies uniforms, arms and equipment for the unit. Each year the men are given a vacation in camp at Palacios, during which they are paid by the government. He estimated that the organization of the unit would bring to the city about \$1,000 per month.

Young men interested in enlisting in the service are requested to get in touch with Mr. Harbin.

Mayor Maxie Wilson of Overton, Texas, recently brought in an oil well on his town lot. The well is flowing 20,000 barrels a day.

BIRD LLOYD HOT WIRE DAMAGE SUIT SETTLED

By the payment of \$5,000 the West Texas Utilities Co. has compromised the damage suit filed in the district court at Baird by the parents of Bird Lloyd, nine year old son of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Lloyd who is alleged to have been burned by a hot wire as he crawled through a wire fence near the Union Consolidated school north of Putnam last July 20.

CRASH VICTIM DISMISSED FROM GRAHAM SANITARIUM

Miss Cheryl Lutgens, who has been a patient at the Graham Sanitarium since August 5, where she has been treated for injuries sustained in an automobile accident, has been discharged from that hospital and returned to her home in Cross Plains to enjoy Thanksgiving with her family.

Layne-Texas Company recently completed a water well for the city of Pampa. The new well brings capacity of Pampa's water system to better than three million gallons per day, according to city Manager F. M. Gwin.

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A THOUGHT OF THANKSGIVING

I am the Lord, your God, which brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, to give you the land of Canaan, and to be your God.—Lev. 25:38.

"We need not, Lord, our gladness leave,
To worship thee aright;
Our joyfulness for praise receive!
Thou makest our lives so bright!"

Why not feast at Thanksgiving? To give thanks unto a God of love and mercy, of boundless generosity and patience, should be an occasion of exceeding joy.—Fredericks, Okla., Leader.

EXPLOITING CISCO'S RESOURCES

The fact that Cisco is situated in the heart of one of the greatest gas fields in Texas is no advantage to our people. The Lone Star Gas Co., intent on monopolizing this natural resource, has acquired control of most of the gas bearing lands, and having gained a monopoly is exploiting that which is ours by right to our own undoing. In fact, having a monopoly is using your natural resources for the benefit of other communities. Dallas, situated more than 100 miles distant, is burning Eastland county gas and paying the same price that is being charged Cisco people, despite the fact that the cost of delivering the gas to Cisco gates is not one-tenth of that which it cost to pipe this fuel into that city. Is it just? A foolish question, you will answer, and so it is. Yet we are at the mercy of the octopus, and we are told that corporations have no souls.

One wood-burning citizen said to the Citizen that he would pay the boom gas price more willingly if the Lone Star was pay a decent price to the owners of the wells. He said that some well owners are only being paid three cents per 1000 feet for the gas at the wells, and cited one oil man with wells producing thousands of dollars worth of gas was hardly collecting enough to pay his grocery bill. Wonder how long our officials will permit such robbery, for such it is. The corporation is robbing the people at both ends of the line—robbing the well owner, and then throwing the gaff into the vitals of the consumer. Be at the mass meeting Saturday night. There is going to be some fireworks.

"THE SPIRIT OF TEXAS"

Practically every municipality in Texas seems to be at the mercy of the trust octopus, whose tentacles are gradually sucking the life-blood from the channels of commerce. For the time being the gas trust appears to be the most conspicuous offender, against which municipalities all over the state are waging a conflict for some relief.

As the Weekly Citizen views the situation the two most powerful weapons the people can wield is effective competition by independent distributing concerns, the erection of municipal plants or return to the primitive methods that prevailed before the discovery of gas. We managed to get along pretty well in the old days, but few are willing to make the personal sacrifice by adding the attendant labor of firing their heating and cooking stoves with wood, the to do so would release thousands of dollars to laboring people for fuel that would alleviate the present depression, and stimulate local business. Is it true that the present generation of Texas has lost the "Spirit of Texas" practiced and demonstrated by those early pioneers who carved out an empire from a wilderness and made our present civilization possible? What would have been the result had these hearty pioneers refused to make the sacrifice of personal ease and comforts when the tyranny of Mexico threatened their personal rights and liberties? Had they quietly submitted to Mexico do you suppose you would have been privileged to enjoy the present civilization that is now ours?

A third and most effective weapon is the election of men to office next year who place the rights of the people above the dollar.

Cisco's present financial plight makes a municipally-owned gas plant an impossibility, so the only other feasible weapon now at our command is to resort to the boycott. To do so, however, means some self-denial and sacrifice of personal comforts. It is hardly feasible to adjust the rights of the people in the courts. This course has been proven too expensive and long-drawn out. Then you are confronted with the alternative of submitting to the arbitrary price-fixing of the gas company, or answering with the boycott.

The city authorities of Cisco have, by city ordinance, adopted new rates for domestic gas, after making an appeal to the officers of the Community and Lone Star Gas companies, but the established rates and appeal both have been ignored. By injunction the city has been restrained from enforcing the ordinance, which would have become effective December 1. The matter now is in the hands of the railroad commission, whose decision may be expected some time next spring; too late for relief this winter. The railroad commission is charged with the responsibility of regulating the gas rates beyond the city limits of municipalities, and were they conscious of their responsibility as representatives of the people, some relief would be forthcoming at the earliest possible date. So, the people, hedged about with official red tape and the usual court delays, must take the matter in their own hands or supinely submit to a tyranny as baneful as that which confronted the Texas pioneers in wresting this land from Mexico.

A mass meeting of the citizens has been called for tomorrow evening, and every family should be represented. It will be up to the people to act now. What are you going to do about it? Quietly submit to this extra burden the Community Natural Gas Co. is inflicting upon us, or will you assert your patriotic manhood and resist this encroach-

ment upon your rights and liberties? Will you demonstrate to the world that the "Spirit of Texas" still lives in the descendants of those patriotic pioneers, or will you say that you cannot make the sacrifice of personal convenience by going back to primitive methods to win this fight? Probably many who read this can recall the time when the universal fuel was buffalo chips. Then you made no complaint. Lest we forget what hardships our forefathers endured in demonstrating the "Spirit of Texas," the following poem will be found appropriate. Read it, and then say whether you appreciate the priceless heritage that has been handed down to you and your posterity:

THE SPIRIT OF TEXAS
By EUGENE LANKFORD



This "Empire of Texas," tradition relates,
The "Spirit of Texas!" Let's cherish it then,
Was made by the heroes from all other states.
In old covered wagons—their families too—
Came pioneer spirits—with principles true—
Like Austin and Houston, to this virgin soil,
And founded this "empire" with blood and with toil.
Then o'er this fair land where those heroes repose,
The "Spirit of Texas" and Lone Star arose.

Because it ennobles our women and men.
No greater love ever has any man known
Than that which our heroes of Texas have shown
For freedom of Texas and Liberty's cause—
Our great institutions, traditions and laws.
With character stalwart, and purposes true,
They builded far better than even they knew.

This Spirit led Crocket of Alamo fame,
Who glorified Texas. We honor his name.
He fought for our liberty, died for a cause,
Which gave us our freedom, and merits applause.
In great open spaces where bluebonnets grow—
On mountains, in valleys—wherever you go—
You find this great Spirit in Texans from birth,
Which makes them our heroes—"the salt of the earth."

The glory of Athens, the pride of all Greece,
Its culture, and triumphs in war and in peace,
Were founded on justice and Liberty's creed,
And not upon selfish and tyrannous greed,
Her glory in ruins, by selfishness wrought,
Is food for all Texans' most serious thought.
The "Spirit of Texas" all systems indicts,
Which value the dollar above human rights.

No armies could conquer the legions of Rome,
When Romans were fighting for honor and glory;
But Rome became greedy for power and wealth,
And avarice weakened her national health.
Then crimes and corruption, the fruit of all greed,
Soon followed in sequence, as corn from the seed.
So Rome fell a victim to Vandals of Gaul,
And Romans and riches went down with the fall.

Then listen, my countrymen; listen, I urge;
And from this fair land all monopolies purge.
Our land is o'er flowing with corn and with oil,
Yet Texans are starving mid fruits of their toil!
Mark well these suggestions: I warn you in time,
Lest grim revolution engulf us in crime.
When statesmen surrender—monopolies thrive—
The "Spirit of Texas" must fight to survive.

**MAVERICS-LOBOES
PLAY CLOSE GAME**

Over-confidence, on the part of the Cisco Loboes, came near proving their undoing in the game with the Eastland Mavericks last Fri. The Loboes saved their skin, but by the narrow margin of six to nothing, when ordinarily the Loboes should have taken a lead of at least 24-0. This win, though by such a narrow margin, permits the Loboes to hold their position in a tie with Abilene, which will be decided when the Loboes meet the Eagles there this afternoon.

Cisco's touchdown came late in the second quarter on a heave from Jeffrey to Blackburn for 27 yards, after being played off its feet through most of the first quarter and part of the second by Joe Gibson's fighting Mavs. The Eastlanders penetrated the Lobo ten-yard terrain three times the first quarter, but lacked the scoring punch. Except for the tallying run, the Loboes reached the Eastland 15-yard line only once, late in the fourth quarter.

It was an evenly matched game all the way. Captain Van Horn, at end, Little, at halfback, and Hightower, quarter, were the stars for the victors. Little played the game with the handicap of a broken nose, Lee Taylor, end; Daniel, right tackle, and Burgamy, quarter were the outstanding Mav. stars.

The victors made their gains by the use of the aerial, while the Mavericks gained mostly through the line.

**PUTNAM TEAM PROVES
TOO ROUGH FOR BAIRD**

The Bair-Putnam football contest was forfeited to Putnam last Friday during the second quarter, when Baird players were withdrawn from the field. Putnam was leading 18-0, at the time.

Putnam had drawn two penal-

ties for roughing during the quarter, and Baird claimed the referee failed to assess penalty for an asserted third offense. Play was halted by Baird, and the referee awarded the game to the visitors.

The beautiful Tyrian purple dye is made from the glands of Mediterranean sea snails, of which about 200,000 color the hair.

City council and citizens of Rankin, in West Texas, are considering construction of a municipally owned gas distribution system.

Tyler city commission has purchased five traffic light signals at a cost of approximately \$1400.

Dallas city council recently purchased twenty radio receiving sets to be placed on as many police cars, following recommendations of City Manager John N. Eddy.

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Dodd left this week for Quanah, where they will reside in the future. Mr. Dodd was pastor of the Church of God here, and goes to the Panhandle town to take up a new pastorate.

**HILLSBORO ELECTRIC
RATES ARE REDUCED**

HILLSBORO, Nov. 19.—As the result of a conference between Hillsboro city officials and representatives of the Texas Power and Light Company last week, a new five-year contract was entered into between the city and the power company at lowered rates for power and lights used by the city. The power company agreed to reimburse the city \$6,000 for cost of installation of the white way in the business district several years ago. City officials voted unanimously to call on public utilities for lower rates to consumers here.

Kaufman city commission has adopted a five-day week for its employees. Each city employe will be given a one-day holiday each week and paid on a five-day basis.

**MRS. BROWN AWARDED
DAMAGES AT ABILENE**

The federal court at Abilene awarded Mrs. N. A. Brown of Eastland, on Thursday of last week, \$6,400 damages for the death of her daughter in her damage suit against the Stanolind Oil and Gas Co, on the allegation that gas leaking from a company gasoline drip plant was the cause of an explosion in a cellar in which Mrs. Brown's daughter, Lillie Avis, was fatally injured, she had brought suit for \$32,000.

Mrs. Brown asked \$30,000 for service and companionship the girl would have had she lived and \$2,000 for burial expenses and a monument. She was given \$5,000 on the first item and \$1,400 on the second.

The verdict was returned after an hour of deliberation.

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BOB WEDDINGTON BELIEVES IN FUTURE CISCO COUNTRY

One of the most optimistic citizens of the Cisco country is Bob Weddington. The Weddington ranch, north of Cisco, which has recently been transformed into one of the most complete ranch plants in West Texas, having all modern conveniences, including individual electric system, furnishing power and lights, and individual water system, supplying hot and cold running water, with all the premises connected with both the water and electric systems. The barn, a fireproof structure, is large and commodious, with capacity for worlds of feed and the housing of cattle during the cold weather. One to look at this barn would think that there was ample space for all needs, as there are few barns of this capacity to be found even on the larger ranches.

But Bob says he really needs additional barn space to properly house his cattle and feed, and has just let a contract to Jim Spoon to double the capacity of his barn. Work has already started, and when complete will give him ample room to take care of all the feed he will need to winter his cattle, and at the same time house twice as many head of livestock during the cold spells of the winter.

"I am taking advantage of the prevailing low prices of building material to have this work done, as it will partially relieve the pres-

ent unemployment by giving a few men work. I think every person who contemplates making improvements should do it now, as the country will be benefitted thereby.

"I wont allude to the 'present depression,' as I don't like the term. As a matter of fact, there 'aint no such critter.' We have the most wonderful country in the world. True, we have little or no money, but everybody has corn, peas, grain, feed, a few cattle and hogs, and more canned food than at any time in the history of the country. With peace and plenty I see no cause to cry about hard times. And things would look a lot better if we would quit calamity howling, and talking about depression. I think the newspapers, as well as individuals, are featuring the dark side of the picture entirely too strong. Let's talk about the improvements that are going on, projects that give people employment, for these things exist as well as failures and calamities. North of town are several new farm houses that have been erected or improvements made in recent times. And these farm homes are substantially built, reflecting the confidence of the owners in the country in which they live.

"Quit talking calamity. Don't be a knocker. Boost, and you will be surprised to see how your optimism is reflected in the better times that will follow."

RESULTS OF LAST WEEK

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Following are the results of high school football games played last Friday:

- Cisco 6, Eastland 0.
- Ranger 21, Brownwood 0.
- Winters 3, Ballinger 0.
- Stanton 25, Odessa 0.
- Stamford 12, Haskell 7.
- Midland 39, Colorado 7.
- Throckmorton 2, Breckenridge second team 6.
- Merkel 7, Blackwell 0.
- Olney 9, Archer City 0.
- Albany 33, Moran 6.
- Forrest (Dallas) 19, Woodrow Wilson (Dallas) 7.
- Amarillo 25, Slaton 0.
- Hillsboro 20, Cleburne 6.
- Sweetwater 20, San Angelo 0.
- Mason 32, Lano 0.
- Beaumont 32, Goose Creek 0.
- Ball High 27, Alvin 6.
- Teague 0, Mexia 50.
- Mineola 6, Gilmer 24.
- Austin High (El Paso) 26, Fabens High 0.
- Dayton 6, Port Neches 0.
- Lanier Junior (Ft. Worth) 0, Corsicana Junior 13.
- Tyler 31, Athens 0.
- Daihart 12, Hereford 0.
- Wellington 13, Memphis 19.
- Tivy (Kerrville) 0, Austin 15.
- Pampa 67, Plainview 0.
- Matador 6, Paducah 0.
- Jacksonville 6, Longview 24.
- Luling 6, Lockhart 6 (tie).
- Texoma 27, Stratford 7.
- Shamrock 47, Mobeetie 0.
- Fojlett 7, Shattuck, Okla., 18.
- Oak Cliff 6, Highland Park 6.
- McLean 21, Wheeler 0.
- Sam Houston 0, John Reagan 0.
- Farmersville 53, Celeste 0.
- State Home 33, Ennis 2.
- Central (Ft. Worth) 6, Polytechnic 0.
- San Benito 12, Donna 0.
- I. O. O. F. Home 22, Dawson 7.
- El Paso 39, Albuquerque, N. M. 6.
- Sulphur Springs 0, Greenville 51.

GRADY FORD GIVEN FIVE YEARS ADDITIONAL TIME

Grady Ford was found guilty by a jury in the 91st district court at Eastland last Sat. for the death of Jackie Henbest, Lueders child, killed in an automobile accident. Ford had previously been convicted for driving an automobile while drunk, for which he was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

The 7-year-old girl died from injuries received in a car crash near Eastland July 19. Ford, driver of the other car, figuring in the mishap, was indicted on charges of murder and of driving while intoxicated.

The verdict was returned early Saturday morning. The case was placed in the hands of the jury early Friday morning.

Under Sentence at Abilene

Grady Ford, convicted at Eastland on a charge of murder, was

convicted in 42nd court at Abilene in May on a charge of robbery with firearms in connection with the robbery of the Safeway store last December. He received a ten year sentence and was liberty under an appeal bond when the accident near Eastland occurred. After filing of the Eastland charges, he was surrendered by his bondsmen.

WALTON'S BABY CONTEST PROVES POPULAR EVENT

The annual baby contest, held by the Walton Studio, came to a close last Saturday afternoon, immediately following the trades day features. The judges were all out of town folks, so no favoritism can be charged in the distribution of the prizes. Those who picked the winners from the photographs of the youngsters were Jimero Rust, St. Louis; Ted Smith, Houston; Robert Adams, Dallas.

The prize babies were as follows: Class No. 1 (Babies up to one year in age): First—Edward Blackwell, age 6 months, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Blackwell, of Nimrod, Texas; Second—Billie James Tabor, age 6 months, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Tabor, Cisco; Third—Peggy Lou Sazama, age 8 weeks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Sazama, Cisco.

Class No. 2 (Babies from one to three years of age): First—Athena Lee Lightfoot, age two years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lightfoot, Cisco, Texas; Second—Wayne Hayes, son of Mrs. Eva

CLEARING OFF HOTEL LOT

H. A. Bible, owner of the Alexander hotel premises, burned last winter, is having the lot cleared off and the burned lumber is being removed. This wreckage has remained without disturbance since the fire, we understand, pending adjustment of the insurance.

YOUNG PEOPLE HURT IN HEAD-ON MISHAP

Two cars were pretty badly demolished and their occupants more or less injured when the two cars came together in head-on collision near Scranton last Saturday night. Floyd Livingston, about 20 years of age, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Livingston, of Dan Horn, was treated at the Graham Sanitarium after being taken to that hospital in an unconscious condition. Jack Brown and two Cisco girls who were in the car with Livingston, suffered only minor injuries. The occupants of the other car were John Leveridge and a son of Mrs. John Brown, of Scranton community. The Livingston car was turned over in the road, and in doing so spilled the occupants. Leveridge and young Brown were not seriously hurt.

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RANGER MAN RESTRAINS LOUISIANA POWER FOLK

Over in Ranger they are having trouble with the gas company, but their cause of grievance is dissimilar to that which prevails in Cisco. It seems there that there was some controversy regarding the accuracy of the January, 1931, accounts, and by agreement one-third of these bills were to remain unpaid until their accuracy was determined by the city commission and the gas co. November bills carried charges for these balances, and where the parties refused to pay the meters were removed and service discontinued. When the employees came to the home of V. V. Cooper to disconnect his meter he interfered, and while the company sought legal advice Cooper went to Eastland where he secured a temporary injunction Saturday in the Ninety-First district court against the Texas-Louisiana Power company of Ranger, restraining them from disconnecting the gas at his residence.

The injunction was asked for, according to V. V. Cooper, on the grounds that the co. attempted to disconnect his gas because the January balance had not been paid. Mr. Cooper states that he tendered representatives of the gas company the money for his current bill, but they refused to accept it unless the check included the January balance.

CITIZEN EDITOR LOCATED BY FORMERLY OWNED PAPER

Last week's Rockdale Reporter had the following mention of the Cisco Weekly Citizen and its present editor:

R. W. H. Kennon, who was publisher of the Reporter more than twenty years ago, is now editor and publisher of the Cisco Weekly Citizen, a young and thrifty West Texas newspaper.

In its issue of November 13 The Citizen makes the announcement that Kennon has come back to Cisco and taken over the destinies of that

paper. Many Milam county citizens will be interested in this item, having lost sight of Kennon in recent years.

RODEO RIDERS VISIT WEDDINGTON'S RANCH

Contemplating the erection of horse barns at their ranch a party of rodeo riders were here Sunday and went out to the Weddington ranch to inspect the model barns of that modern ranch plant. Naturally they were highly pleased, as there are few ranch barns in Texas so perfectly equipped. Those here were Jack Tindall, Louis Tindall and Louis, Jr., all of Fort Worth.

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hands.

"I have advised Mr. Stansberry that we would prefer to have the hearing in Cisco but not to set the date at this time, as there are some decisions I would like to examine before taking up the case.

"Then Eastland has asked Cisco to cooperate with that city in its suit now pending in the federal court at Abilene, which I think it advisable to do, as the cases are practically identical, and should Eastland's contentions be sustained it is likely Cisco may not have to defend its position in the courts." The commission authorized this city attorney to cooperate with Eastland in this litigation.

To protect the consumers in the present emergency Mr. Wright suggested that the patrons of the gas company pay their bills in accordance with the rates charged by the company, but do so under protest. After the bills are paid then file suit in the justice court for the difference in the 50 cent gross rate and that charged. If a judgment is obtained against the company the case cannot be appealed, as no case can be appealed from the justice court where the amount sued for is under \$20.

Tax Matters Adjusted

Several parties were before the commission asking that certain renditions be lowered. In some instances this was done.

The application of the Wilkerson Lumber Co. for the remission of tax penalties, wherein that company satisfied their taxes by the receipt of an account owed by the city, was denied.

Request of W. B. Starr for replacement of doors torn off his building by the fire truck, was passed for the time.

C. M. Nichols requested adjustment of his water charges for three months that seemed out of line. The city secretary was authorized to take previous and subsequent meter readings and make the adjustment accordingly.

Judge J. D. Barker's application that the city release tax lien for paying held against Wm. Reagan on property in the city, including that on the site of the new post-office building, was passed for a few days to enable the city attorney to make the necessary investigation.

T. H. Foley requested adjustments on several pieces of city property owned by the loan company, but rendered by others. In some instances these adjustments were made and denied others.

Upon motion Commissioner Burnett the tax of W. E. Smith, deceased, was adjusted to a valuation of \$800. The vote on this resulted in a tie and the mayor exercised his constitutional right by breaking the tie in favor of Burnett's motion. Then Commissioner Donovan, who had voted in the negative, moved that the vote be made unanimous. This motion prevailed.

Upon motion of Commissioner Burnett the city attorney was instructed to codify and bring all city ordinances up to date.

Commissioner Clements brought up the matter of his compensation as street commissioner. The salary is \$150 per month, but he has been drawing his compensation weekly at the rate of \$6 per day, which he stated, would be slightly in excess of his monthly salary in the course of a year. He asked what action the commission desired to take, but stated in drawing this amount he had not asked compensation for repairs to his car or its upkeep, while other officials had been allowed this compensation. Upon motion of Commissioner Elliott, this was settled by instructing the city secretary to compute the excess that had been paid Commissioner Clements and he be allowed this sum for the upkeep of his car, and he draw his salary every two weeks hereafter. Commissioner Donovan stated he was interested only to keep the records straight, as in after years matters might come up where it would seem that Commissioner Clements had drawn money in excess of his salary, and there would be no record explaining the circumstance.

There being no further business the commission adjourned, "peace and harmony prevailing."

Mrs. Zed Kilborn is spending the Thanksgiving season in Corpus Christi.

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CISCOAN'S FATHER BURIED IN D'LEON

C. B. Powell, 81 years of age, father of C. Burl Powell, Jr., of Powell's Cleaning Plant, passed away at the home of his son here Tuesday, after a brief illness. The remains were conveyed to DeLeon Wednesday by the Green Funeral Home for burial beside the grave of his wife, who preceded him in death October 20, last year. Rev. E. L. Miley, pastor of the First Christian church, accompanied the large funeral party and assisted in the burial services.

Mr. Powell was born November 6, 1850, in Mississippi. He moved from that state to Arkansas, where he lived until 1893, when he moved to DeLeon, Texas, his home for the greater part of his residence in Texas.

Eight children, four sons and four daughters, survive. They are W. H. Powell and Burtis Powell of Freeport, Texas; Evan Powell, Beeville, Texas; C. B. Powell, Jr., Cisco; Mrs. George W. Neall, Brownfield, Texas; Mrs. C. R. Joiner, Wellington, Texas; Mrs. Lawrence Eldridge, New Gulf, Texas; Mrs. Thurman Thompson, Mathis, Texas.

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING WITH CORINTH BAPTISTS

Beginning Friday, November 27, the Baptists of Cisco district will meet in a three days session with the Corinth church, when the following program will be carried out:

7:40 p. m.—Devotional service, led by John S. Hart.
8:00 p. m.—Sermon by Rev. John Moore.

Saturday

9:30 a. m.—Devotional service, led by Mrs. D. W. Seaborn.
10:00 a. m.—"The Destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah," was it by natural or super-natural cause,—R. C. Howell, Olden.

11:00 a. m.—Sermon by Rev. B. F. Clement (Rev. Vaughn of Carbon alternate.)
2:00 p. m.—Devotional service, led by Rev. B. Welch, Ranger.

2:30 p. m.—"What is the Greatest need of the World Today?"—Dr. Weir, Ranger.

7:45 p. m.—Devotional service, led by Robt. Smith, Mangum.
8:00 p. m.—Sermon by Rev. Edmondson, Ranger.

Sunday

10:00 a. m.—Sunday School.
10:45 a. m.—Sunday School talk by Rev. J. W. Tennyson.

11:00 a. m.—Sermon by Rev. Charlie Williams, Ranger.
2:30 p. m.—Devotional service, led by Joe Hunt.

3:00 p. m.—"The Security of the Believer" by Rev. Bob Yeager.
3:30 p. m.—"Does God Call His Ministers to Preach His Word?" by Rev. J. C. Taylor.

8:00 p. m.—Sermon, text: verses 19 and 20 of the 28th chapter of the book of Acts, by Rev. J. C. Taylor.
Everyone is invited to attend this meeting. We welcome you all.

Mr. and Mrs. Moldave spent Thursday in Waco.

EASTLAND MAN GIVEN THANKSGIVING PAROLE

An Eastland county convict, Brownie King, sentenced from this county to serve two years for felony theft, was named among those extended clemency by Governor Sterling as a Thanksgiving offering. There were eight general paroles and three furloughs. Those receiving the governor's clemency Monday were:

Brownie King, Eastland, theft, two years; Ralf Carroll, Potter, operating motor vehicle while intoxicated, one year; Tom Cunningham, McLennan, burglary and theft, 10 years; Will Burson, Angelina, assault to murder, two years; Dock Blalock, Titus, hog theft, two years; T. H. Black, Harris, swindling, two years; Louis Ary, Rockwall, theft, two years; Frank Carso, Harris, violating prohibition law, one year.

Furloughs granted:

Jack Orton, San Jacinto, cattle theft, six months; Abe Argovitz, Dallas, theft, 60 days; James Meadows, Haris, theft, 60 days.

JURY COMMISSION DRAWS GRANDJURY

The following is the personnel of the grandjury as drawn by the jury commission for the December term of district court: H. R. Gholson, Ranger; L. H. Hagaman, Ranger; C. B. Pruet, Ranger; J. A. Copeland, Eastland; Grady Pipkin, Eastland; E. C. Sutton, Gorman; Roy Rushing, Desdemona; P. Pettit, Cisco; E. E. Daniels, Cisco; C. Davis, Cisco; Frank Robertson, Rising Star; J. E. Stansell, Nimrod; Guy Brogdon, Romney, and B. I. Marshall, Pioneer.

LETTER CARRIERS OF WEST TEXAS TO MEET

A meeting of letter carriers of the western area of Texas is to be held in Abilene next Sunday afternoon for the purpose of perfecting a district organization of the National Association of Letter Carriers.

Abilene branch No. 950, N. A. L. C., will be host for the session, to be held in the federal building. Tom Wood and J. D. Girand, Jr. are president and secretary, respectively, of the Abilene group.

The district convolve has been called by J. W. Simmons of Fort Worth, a Texas vice-president of the national association.

BABY CONTEST--

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Hayes, Cisco; Third—William Alvice Parrish, age 18 months, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Parrish, Moran, Texas.

Class No. 3 (Babies from three to six years of age): First—Imogene Agnew, age 3 and one half years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Agnew, Cisco Texas. Second—Betty Jean Pippen, age 5 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Pippen, Cisco; and Ellen Louise Williams, age four years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams, Putnam.

WANTED—Country produce in exchange for subscription to Weekly Citizen. Anything to eat is legal tender.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hist were in Cisco Monday from their lease north of Putnam, and while here paid the Citizen office a most pleasant visit. This estimable couple are old friends of the Citizen man, a friendship of long standing, the renewal of which, after several years, proved a very pleasant event to the editor.

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Campbell, of Abilene, were cordially greeting their many friends here Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Shepard, after a week's stay in San Antonio have returned home, refreshed by their visit in the Alamo City. Mr. Shepard, who is manager of the West Texas Utilities Co. in Cisco, attended the Ice Dealers Convention which met in that city.

R. S. Elliott, of Cross Plains, spent Sunday here with his family. He has recently gone to that city where he has established a shoe repairing and harness shop.

Pat J. O. Laughlin, of Abilene, a director in the Cisco Banking Co., was here Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Syl Dossett and four interesting children were Thanksgiving guests in the home of Mrs. Dossett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Tune. They returned to their home in Fort Worth Thursday eve.

Plenty of nice pecans, at eight cents per pound. Plenty of turkeys, chickens, eggs and fryers, at Hurd's Poultry Yard, D avenue and Eleventh street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McCanlies left Thursday for East Texas to spend the week end with their son. They were accompanied as far as Corsicana by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. McCanlies, who will be the guest of another son residing in that city.

Mrs. J. B. Stanton and daughter, Geraldine, of Temple are spending the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brown.


Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Starling and daughter, Doris Jean, of Weinert, are visiting in the home of Mrs. Starling's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brown.

J. L. Kennedy, than whom no man has been more prominent in the Cisco shallow oil district, has been mingling with friends here for several days. Mr. Kennedy is now living in Arlington, but is here at intervals looking after his interests in this part of the state.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Mullinix and children, of Humbletown, have removed to Longview to make that place their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Hutton and children of Snyder, were in Cisco this week, guests of relatives.

Mrs. E. H. Parker, en route from Wills Point to join her husband at El Paso, was the guest of friends here a few days this week. Mr. Parker was formerly Texas & Pacific station agent here, and now a similar position with that road in the Border City.



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