

Community Natural Gas Co. Men File Conflicting Oaths Valuation Company Property for Taxation

M. McCullough, former city manager of Eastland, in a recent published statement, says he finds some discrepancies in the valuations of the Community Natural Gas Co. as rendered for taxation and the valuation placed by the officials of that company as a basis of establishing their rates to gas consumers of that city. The valuation of all property, as given in these renditions for city, school and state and county taxes, was placed at \$51,290 to \$51,680. The board of equalization of the Eastland schools increased this rendition to \$64,000.

But it seems that the equalization board was entirely too modest. They did the Community Natural Gas Co. an injustice, for according to the oaths of officials of that company, on file in the federal court in Abilene in its injunction proceedings to establish rates to consumers, an official of the Community Natural (hi-jackers) Gas Co. swore the valuation of their properties were \$188,999.92.

These are facts of record, according to Mr. McCullough. But the figures were not obtained from the municipal records of Eastland, where they should be on file. The law specifically requires that utility companies shall, "on or before the first day of March each year, file with the mayor of each city or town in which such utility does business," a true financial statement, (specifying its contents).

We presume the Community Natural had naturally failed to file such report with the mayor of East-

land, otherwise it would not have been necessary for Mr. McCullough to go to Abilene to get his data from the records of the federal court. If no report has been filed with the mayor of Eastland, as the law requires, Eastland may recover the penalties in such cases made and provided, and thereby get back a portion of the excessive charges the Community Natural has been hijacking from the gas consumers of that city. The statutes provide that a "failure or refusal of an utility company to file such report with the mayor of the city or town on or before the first day of March such utility company shall forfeit to such city or town the sum of \$100 per day during which time it shall continue in default." If the Community Natural has not complied with the law in this respect Eastland and other cities have this opportunity to force the gas hijackers to make restitution of a portion of their ill-gotten gains.

If the utility company has failed to file as the law requires, counting its default to have been since March 1, Eastland has action to recover the sum of \$15,300 of the money that has been unlawfully forced from the patrons of the company in that city, provided Sundays are not deducted, but if the law would eliminate Sundays the sum recoverable would be \$2,200 less.

But Eastland is not an isolated case. The Cisco Citizen is informed that the Community Natural Gas Co. has failed to make the required report to Mayor Berry. If this be true Cisco has the same grounds

for action, if suit is instituted to recover this sum. The matter is up to the city attorneys of both towns to commence action to recover these forfeitures under Art. 1121 and 1122. If in doubt the Citizen would cite these city attorneys to the case of Gerard vs State 91 criminal reports, 374, 238, S. W. 924.

Just why recovery suits have not been filed the Citizen does not understand. The Community Natural (hijacking) Gas Co. rarely, if ever, allows their patrons a day of grace. Penalty accrues on their accounts promptly on the 11th day of the month.

If City Attorney Grantham should institute recovery proceedings Cisco, to a man, would rise up and call him blessed. We know of no more popular proceedings that could be instituted.

He would have the law, the evidence, justice and public approval as his aids. Any lawyer ought to secure a judgment under such favorable auspices.

GARNER INVITED HERE TO OPEN HIS CAMPAIGN

Speaker John Nance Garner was invited while here Monday to open his campaign as Democratic vice president nominee in Cisco.

The invitation came from W. H. Kittrell, Jr. of Dallas, one of the old Cisco boys.

Senator Joseph T. Robinson, Al Smith's running mate in 1928, opened his campaign in Cisco four years ago, Mr. Kittrell told the speaker. Mr. Kittrell at that time was on the reception committee for the Democratic leader in the Senate.

Speaker Garner said that his campaign was entirely in the hands of the Democratic National Committee. The invitation was formally lodged with National Committeeman Jed C. Adams, who will direct the campaign in Texas.—Dallas News.

COPY OF CITIZEN JULY 1 WANTED FOR RECORD

The demand for copies of the Cisco Citizen has been so great that we find we have none of July 1 for our records, and if any of our subscribers have a copy of that date we will appreciate it very much if they will return to this office, for which we will gladly pay for their trouble.

REPAIRING BURNED HOUSE
The duplex apartment of Miss Cora Harris, burned a few weeks ago at 307 West Fifth street, is now being rebuilt. A considerable part of the structure is being salvaged, as it has been found that it will not be necessary to wreck the building. When the new material is in place the house will assume some of its former appearance.

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Today Is Last Time that Common School Students May Be Transferred Here

B. E. McGlamery, county superintendent of schools, has furnished the Citizen with some interesting data on the county schools, which is of interest to all who have the welfare of our schools at heart. We regret that space is not available to publish Mr. McGlamery's letter, but give some of the more important features.

The superintendent points out that there are only six second class certificates held by the teachers of the common schools of the county; 19 have permanent certificates, and the other 71 hold first class certificates in elementary and high school work.

All persons desiring to make transfers from one school district to another should make application for such transfers before July 31. Forms for making application may be secured at the office of the county superintendent. Schools will be classified by the county board at its regular monthly meeting in August and it is necessary that all transfers be recorded by that date.

The annual trustees meeting of the various common school districts of the county will be held on Monday, August 8. The meeting will be held in the county court room and will begin at 9 o'clock in the morning. Some member of the state department of education will be in attendance.

The scholastic census for the county for the school year of 1932-33 is 8614 divided as follows: Various common school districts, 2393; Carbon, 297; Cisco, 1294; Desdemona, 302; Eastland, 1096; Gorman, 386; Olden, 315; Pioneer, 230; Ranger, 1746; Rising Star, 555.

The common school districts in this county own 43 school buildings which together with the school grounds are valued at \$182,000.

The minimum salary paid any rural teacher for a school term was \$300.00. The maximum was \$1800.00.

The school libraries in the rural school districts of the county have 5600 volumes on the shelves. A most commendable work is now be-

ing arranged by the Eastland County Federation of Womens Clubs. They are now gathering the books for several units of a circulating library to be used in the rural schools of the county. In addition to this work the women of the federation are buying pictures for four art units to be used in the same way as the library units.

Chuck Van Horn is able to resume his work with the Humble Company after being off duty some time on account of an infected arm.

Misses Gertrude Van Horn and Esther Holifield have returned from a stay at Weatherford.

Mrs. J. B. Fleck has returned to her St. Louis home after a visit here with her husband.

Mrs. D. C. Saddler and daughter, Mary Jane, have returned home from a visit to friends in Anson.

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**Though Unclothed
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Now that the excitement of the election is past let's talk about something more substantial—something to eat.

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food, as raiment will be conspicuous on account of its scarcity. As Will Rogers says "there will likely be more naked people in the United States this winter than ever before, but they will all be fat."

No, you can't starve Eastland county folk this year, or the next—especially those who have a small plot of land on which to produce food. They all have more than they can consume, and like the thrifty ant, are storing away their surplus for the future.

Eastland county merchants and others report the largest imports of cans and jars ever known in the history of the county. Community canners have been installed at Cisco, Eastland, Ranger, Rising Star and other communities, in addition to the private canners in the homes all over the county. Lots of this canned goods will be on sale this winter.

Over 8,000 Containers

The Citizen has no record of the number of containers put up in other towns, but over 8,000 containers have been packed at the Cisco cannery, and Mrs. M. E. Oney has been about the busiest person in town since the cannery began to function May 26, 1932.

This 8,000 cans will mean 100 cans for quite a number of families in this section.

Discussing the cannery with E. H. Varnell, vocational agriculturalist, he stated:

One of the chief advantages of the local cannery is the stoppage of

leakage that takes much cash out of the country every year, as formerly all the cost of every article of canned food consumed by local people left the town and county except the small profit the merchant makes. With the local cannery all the cash that leaves this country is the small sum paid for cans. On every container put up by the local cannery six to 15 cents is saved above that which would remain at home were the same canned goods shipped in. The average price of the new cans is three cents.

So far this season the local cannery has devoted its entire time to canning vegetables. Later, when the weather is cooler, the cannery will be putting up meats and other fall products that were not available in the early summer months.

Off To Attend Short Course

By special arrangements the chamber of commerce provided means for Mrs. Oney to attend the farmers short course now being conducted at the A. & M. College. Mrs. Oney and other Eastland county ladies, left Cisco last Sunday for Bryan, there being 25 to 30 in the party making the trip, according to Miss Ruth Ramey, home demonstrator for Eastland county. Mrs. Oney is sent on this trip for the information she will acquire to assist her in the work of the local cannery. During her absence Mrs. R. B. Carswell is in charge of the cannery, who is experienced in the work, as she has been assisting Mrs. Oney since the cannery has been in operation.

CECIL IS APPRECIATIVE

Cecil A. Lotief, leading candidate in the July primaries for flitorial representative from the 107th legislative district, extends to the people of Cisco and surrounding country his sincerest appreciation for the splendid vote given him last Saturday. Lotief said he more highly appreciates this vote as he feels it is an endorsement from his home people, as it was in Cisco that he made his home when he first came to this section of the state.

He asks their support again in his race for this office in the runoff primary August 27, promising that they will never lose that confidence given him by Cisco people.

RUSSEL EXPRESSES THANKS

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merits and I assure the people of the 107th district that I intend to continue my campaign on the same high plane.

I will greatly appreciate the continued support of the voters of this district at the Election to be held on August 27.

If you elect me as your representative I promise you that I will faithfully perform every duty and responsibility of this office of high trust, giving due consideration to every individual of the district.

If elected I will make a vigorous and uncompromising fight for a general reduction of government expenses and lower taxes, this being the basis of my platform.

Thanking you again for the splendid support given me in the recent primary election and asking for your continued influence and support.

Respectfully,
B. L. Russell, Jr.,
Candidate for State Representative
107th Flitorial District.

TO THE PEOPLE OF EASTLAND COUNTY:
I wish to express my sincere

**POLITICAL
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Announcements are made subject to the action of the Democratic primaries in 1932. Candidates who have previously announced in this column will be carried in the city, precinct, county, or district offices, without additional fees.

FOR JUDGE 88TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT:
BURETTE W. PATTERSON
FRANK SPARKS
For Judge 91st District Court:
For State Senator, 24th District:
OLIVER CUNNINGHAM
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FOR REPRESENTATIVE 107th FLITORIAL DISTRICT:
CECIL A. LOTIEF
of Cross Plains
B. L. RUSSELL, Jr.

FOR DISTRICT CLERK:
P. L. (LEWIS) CROSSLEY

FOR COUNTY JUDGE:
CLYDE L. GARRETT
(Re-election)

FOR COUNTY CLERK:
TURNER M. COLLIE

FOR SHERIFF, EASTLAND CO.
VIRGE FOSTER
(For re-election)

FOR TAX ASSESSOR:
JOHN HART
T. J. (TOM) HALEY

FOR TAX COLLECTOR:
T. L. COOPER
(Re-election, 2nd term)

FOR COMMISSIONER PREC. No. 4
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FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT NO. 6:
J. H. McDONALD
(Re-election)

For Constable, Precinct No 6:
JOE B. HICKS

and I assure you that I will appreciate a continuance of your support in the second primary, which will be held August 27.

If you see fit to entrust me with this important position in the August primary, I promise you that I will fill the office to the best of my ability, and that your trust in me will be kept sacred.

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