

# THE CISCO WEEKLY CITIZEN

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## BOND MUDDLE SOLUTION HOPED FOR

### RECEIVERSHIP WILL PROVE UNPOPULAR TO ENTIRE CITY

The case of certain bondholders against the City of Cisco, with plaintiff of record being Charles P. Bullard et al, was called in the federal district court at Abilene on Thursday morning. Mayor Berry and the members of the city commission, with the attorneys, Butts & Wright, are in attendance. This case was scheduled for trial last Friday, but had to be passed until Thursday on account of an unfinished case then on trial.

This case is for past due principal and interest, and the plaintiffs are seeking judgment.

Cisco's outstanding bonds have been a source of much vexation and confusion to the city. According to the recent audit of the city's affairs there are something over five million of bonds outstanding, about half of this sum is admitted to have been issued legally, with the other half the legality is questioned, and any settlement of these illegal issues will be vigorously opposed by a large per cent of Cisco's people. It is no secret that Cisco, in common with surrounding oil field cities, have a larger indebtedness than the city can ever pay, even the admittedly legitimate bonds. But there is no disposition on the part of the loyal citizenry to repudiate these bonds, but the opinion, most generally expressed by Cisco folk, is that the city authorities should effect some compromise on these legitimate bonds that will enable the city to pay them. Those holding the bonds, not issued as the law requires, acquired them at their own peril, and they can hardly claim that lack of diligence in ascertaining their legality is any fault of the tax payers.

Just what will be the result of the litigation now pending at Abilene is yet to be determined. This paper believes that the city should be represented by the ablest attorneys obtainable, and additional counsel should have been secured to assist the city's present legal defenders. Not disparaging the ability the attorneys representing the city, but in "multitude of counsel there is wisdom," and the interests involved are too great to take chances.

Some talk of placing the city in the hands of a receiver has been heard. As we understand the law applicable to placing a municipality in the hands of a receiver, makes this possible only by the voluntary action of the city commission, the legislature having repealed the law permitting this to be done by the creditors. It is hardly possible that a member of the city commission would entertain such action, though rumors have been circulated that the advisability of this step has been discussed. The Weekly Citizen can hardly believe that any member of the commission would seriously consider doing so, especially without submitting this course to a referendum vote of the entire people. We believe to do so would place the one responsible for such action in an unenviable position as a loyal citizen, to say nothing of his responsibility as an officer, elected to represent the entire citizenry of Cisco. It would be a more serious blunder than that of former administrations that made the present conditions manifest.

So far as we have been informed, there has not been suggested one point of vantage that could possibly accrue to the city by a receivership, but multifarious objections to such a course may be cited. A receivership would mean an endless and unlimited expense to the city—an expense that would

make our present financial burdens insignificant—and after paying the current cost incident thereto, salaries of the receiver, high priced legal advisers, incidentals, etc., there would be little or no money from the revenues to pay the necessary current expenses of the municipal government.

Certainly it is unthinkable to consider a receivership, at least without submitting the issue to a vote of the people.

### C. H. FEE HAS READ DALLAS NEWS SINCE FIRST ISSUE

C. H. Fee, who has lived in Cisco nearly as long as any other man, has probably been a subscriber to the Dallas News longer than any other person in this place. For many years Mr. Fee was in the mercantile business here, but of recent years is, and has been, president of the First National Bank and its predecessors. Speaking of the matter recently Mr. Fee said:

"I subscribed for the Dallas News when it was first established, and have continued my subscription ever since without an interruption, except a short while during the drouth of 1886, when, owing to the financial depression that prevailed in West Texas, I stopped the paper. But I continued to read it, buying copies daily from street salesmen. But I found that I was not economizing, as the paper was costing me considerably more than getting the News direct, so I ordered my name restored on the subscription list, and where it has remained to the present day."

### ARMISTICE DAY IN CISCO AND OTHER TEXAS CITIES

Fort Worth and Dallas celebrated Armistice day Wednesday on a big scale, with parades miles in length. Cleburne held memorial services in honor of her hero dead, and other towns observed the day with appropriate services. Cisco and Ranger commemorated the occasion with a football game, but Cisco business firms manifested their patriotism by displaying "Old Glory" in front of their business houses. In fact, practically every place in the city had flags displayed except the city hall and postoffice, two places one would likely look for manifestations of patriotism on this important anniversary in the annals of America.

### NO COUNTY AGENTS FOR TAYLOR COUNTY

Abilene, Nov. 11.—The commissioners court of Taylor County Monday voted to dispense with the county agents during 1932, owing to the depleted condition of the county finances. Many signers to petitions for the retention of both the county and home demonstration agents were filed with the court, but to no avail.

### J. C. CHESLEY REPORTED NO MORE SERIOUS TODAY

The condition of J. E. Chesley this morning was reported about the same as it had been for the past few days, which was a slight improvement over previous days. That he is holding his own is gratifying to his many friends who are fervently hoping for his ultimate complete recovery. He has been seriously ill for several weeks. All of his children, including John I. Chesley, who came last week, and Mrs. O'Connor, of Breckenridge are at his bedside.

### LANDMARK RAZED FOR MODERN HOUSE

One of the landmarks of Cisco has been razed and a new, modern residence is being erected on the site known as the Calhoun home. Mr. J. T. Anderson, owner of the property and prominent Cisco citizen and independent oil operator, is erecting the new building, with J. H. Latson, Cisco contractor, in charge of the construction, which will be modern throughout, containing nine rooms, breakfast room and three baths, and will represent an expenditure in excess of \$5,000.

Judge J. H. Calhoun, father of Mrs. Anderson, and Mrs. W. J. Foxworth, acquired the property from Mrs. M. B. Owens in 1903, after the cyclone that struck Cisco in the month of April, 1893, who built the structure that has just been razed, and which was built on the site of the house demolished by the cyclone. M. B. Owens, husband of Mrs. Owens, lost his life in the cyclone that destroyed the old building, also a son of the couple was killed at the same time his father met his death. At the time Mr. Owens had extensive cattle interests in this section, his ranch being situated about four miles from Cisco, at a location known as Sulphur Springs. The land is now owned by Judge John Stubblefield.

### AMARILLO'S MAYOR TELLS HOW HIS CITY SAVED OVER MILLION DOLLARS

Amarillo has led the state and the nation in cutting utility and other costs of living. Inspired by her example, at least 240 other Texas cities and towns will take official action at once to force down utility rates, according to a resolution passed by the Texas League of Municipalities.

This news was disclosed by Col. Ernest O. Thompson, mayor of Amarillo and first vice president of the League, who attended the meeting in Fort Worth. "The resolution was passed unanimously," said Mayor Thompson, "and in adopting it, the mayors, city managers and other executives of 240 municipalities attending the meeting pledged to go back home and take official action to cut utility rates. Amarillo was in a neutral position, having already cut the rate on every utility as well as on taxes. Therefore we were able to render real service in encouraging and counseling others."

"Amarillo has cut annual costs of living for her people \$1,380,000," Mayor Thompson explained, "and any city, town or community can have the same kind of relief if the people will put up a solid front in making demands. Local taxation and high utility rates are the bane of the country. Nearly all present day problems can be solved right in your own community; and if not solved there, little relief can be expected elsewhere."

"Amarillo's method was to cut taxes, cut the municipally owned water rates, force all public utilities to cut their rates, and as a civic project to provide a city college to keep young folk at home. In no instance has service been impaired, and generally it has been improved. Results were as follows:

Taxes, annual savings	\$ 220,000
Water, annual saving	180,000
Gas, annual savings	225,000
Electricity, an. saving	220,000
Telephone, an. saving	35,000
College Ex. an. saving	500,000
	\$1,380,000

"We were able to cut taxes by economies that included consolidation of city departments, elimi-

### BORGER TO HAVE CITY-OWNED GAS

BORGER, Nov. 11.—A contract for the construction of a \$125,000 municipal natural gas system, was Borger's answer to the action of the Panhandle Power and Light company in cutting off utility services to the city because of an unpaid \$16,000 utility bill.

While the utility company reluctantly and turned on the lights, water and gas to the city hall, the town streets remained in darkness. City officials did not know when the street lights would be turned on again.

The contract for the municipal system was let to Joseph A. Green-spoon of St. Louis.

of Eastland, the Weekly Citizen is informed.

Judge Calhoun died in 1919, but during his life had been prominent in the political affairs of the county having served as district judge for several years, and other political offices, including that of state senator and district attorney.

Mr. Anderson states that in building at this time he is taking advantage of reduced prices on building material and labor, and by doing so is serving his city and fellowman by giving employment to labor at a time sorely needed.

### GILLEY IS PAID \$1,665 HELD BY DISTRICT CLERK M'DONALD

Claimants for the money held in chancery in the district court of Eastland county have been located, and the money, \$1,665, was paid to the rightful owners when Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Gilley arrived in Eastland Tuesday and received for the money held to their credit.

This money was paid in to the treasury of the court by the Aetna Insurance Co, in satisfaction of a final judgment under the workman's compensation law for the death of Dallas, the 10 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilley, who died from injuries received from burns April 17, 1925, while working as a water boy for the construction crew on highway No. 23, north of Cisco.

Judgment for the plaintiffs was rendered in the district court of Eastland county, while, on appeal, was reversed by the court of appeals of the Eleventh Supreme Judicial district at Eastland. The case was taken to the supreme court where a reversal of the holding of the appellate court was had, after which the plaintiff's attorneys effected a settlement with the insurance company and the money was paid into the chancery of the court where it had been held by W. H. McDonald, district clerk, until paid over Tuesday to Mr. and Mrs. Gilley.

### Plaintiff Disappeared

But the owners could not be located at the time. A few weeks ago the Cisco Daily News carried a news story from Eastland to the effect that the money was in the treasury of the court, and being held by the district clerk awaiting to be disbursed to the rightful owner. This notice probably was published in other newspapers, but that as it may, the postmaster at Krum, Denton county, came across the story telling of the money awaiting Mr. A. W. Gilley, and having remembered that mail for this person had passed through his office, he made some inquiries and was told that a family by the name of Gilley was located out on rural route No. 2, on a certain farm. This obliging postmaster was not content with sending Gilley a message, telling him to call and see him, or informing of the money awaiting his claim. He drove out to the farm where Gilley and his family were picking cotton, and after talking to him for some time was convinced that he was the man he was hunting. He then told him that the money was waiting his arrival at Eastland. Mr. Gilley immediately made preparations to come to Eastland, where he was paid the sum of \$1,665 by the district clerk.

### Had Given Up Hope

He was seen by the editor of The Citizen Tuesday night at the Elder hotel on his arrival here from Eastland, where he was accompanied by Mrs. Gilley, their four children, and J. C. Goode, who conveyed the Gilleys to Eastland, and were stopping on their return home. Speaking of being out of touch with his attorneys, and his apparent disappearance, Mr. Gilley said:

"For a time I kept in touch with my lawyers, but the proceedings seemed to drag along so slowly I finally concluded that I would get nothing, and so quit writing. Had not the postmaster at Krum gone out of his way to get the information to me it might have been quite a while longer before I learned of the result of the litigation. Myself and family have been picking cotton near Krum for some time, where we will return to work as soon as we get back.

"Myself and son, Dallas, were both working on the highway, I

with the construction gang, and Dallas was water boy. He was not with the gang when the accident occurred, and I never knew how it happened, as he was not able to tell. He lingered twelve days in the hospital before he died, and no one ever knew just what caused the fire that proved fatal to him."

When asked what disposition he was going to make of the money Mr. Gilley said he had a little piece of land in view in Denton county which he expected to buy on his return. He and family left Cisco Wednesday morning, after depositing the money in the First National Bank of Cisco.

### FUTURE FARMER GOES TO KANSAS CITY MEET

James Mathews, who was elected treasurer at the State Fair of the Texas Future Farmers organization, and won the Lone Star degree, leaves Saturday for Kansas City to attend the National F. F. A. convention, which is an annual event of the Royal Livestock show. All his expenses will be paid, an honor conferred on him by his achievements in the Future Farmer movement.

### LOBOES WIN ONLY HALF GAME WITH RANGER MUTS

Turning from what appeared certain defeat the Ranger Bulldogs came from under and tied the lead held by the Cisco Lobos Wednesday to make the game 13 and 13.

This spurt by Ranger came in the fourth quarter, when all were certain that the Lobos had the game sewed up, and there was nothing else to follow but the shouting. Probably over-confidence on the part of Jeffries' rookies was as much responsible for the Lobos' let-down as the rejuvenation of the Bulldogs.

### WHOLESALE PRODUCE FLOUR, GRAIN HOUSE

R. H. Boon, who conducts a wholesale and retail produce house at 210 Broadway, is one of the oldest business concerns in Cisco. This place carries a full stock of feed, produce, flour and grain and enjoys the confidence and patronage of Cisco grocery merchants and the public. It is a home-owned wholesale establishment, and all patriotic citizens should keep in mind the brands of flour carried by the Boon wholesale house and call for this flour at their grocers. In this issue of the Weekly Citizen Mr. Boon is advertising Silk Finish and San Tex flour, than which there is none better.

### SCHOOL TEACHER FREE ON BOND IN KILLING

H. L. Forrester, Desdemona school teacher, is free on bond of \$1,500 to await the action of the grand jury in connection with the slaying of Frank Gregory, 19, killed in Desdemona Sunday night at the Forrester home. He was shot in the head by a bullet from a pistol. It is stated that the killing followed the appearance of Gregory at the home of Forrester, where he demanded that the school teacher come out into the yard to settle an alleged grievance Gregory held against him. He was shot after his refusal to leave the yard when ordered away by both forrester and his wife.

Forrester stated that he had received a note ordering him to leave town before sundown Sunday, that was signed "Black Hand."



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**NICHOLS' VALEDICTORY**

This week's issue of The Weekly Citizen comes to you from different hands. R. W. H. Kennon has taken over the publication and will publish it in the future. Mr. Kennon is no stranger among you, and needs no introduction to the people of this town and vicinity. He has been engaged in newspaper work among this people before, having published the Cisco American for something like a year, and at one time was connected with the Cisco Daily News. He is a very capable newspaper man, with many years experience in his chosen field of labor, and we feel that The Weekly Citizen, with him, will be in safe and capable hands. We believe he will continue to carry on and champion the causes for which this little publication has fought from its beginning, most specifically fairness and justice to all, and striving toward better ideals and conditions of living, unwaveringly for those things which are right, and unflinchingly against those which are wrong.

Mr. Kennon plans to enlarge the paper and its scope of usefulness, carrying out plans which this writer has looked forward to since its establishment. To this end we trust he will receive the full cooperation of business men and all good citizens.

We desire to here publicly express our appreciation for the patronage and assistance given us while we have published The Citizen here. Our outspoken criticism of graft and scheming politicians has naturally brought a few brick tossed over our way. For the tossers we hold no enmity—or apology. Incidentally, we have not yet "packed up our little outfit and left town," but expect to stay right here and personally help to our utmost, to carry forward the principles of which The Citizen has been the spokesman. The writer will remain with The Citizen office for the present, having charge of the job printing department, and will greatly appreciate anything you can give him in this line.

C. M. NICHOLS

**THE WEEKLY CITIZEN IN NEW HANDS.**

In taking over the Cisco Weekly Citizen I feel that I am again serving friends and neighbors, and not a stranger, coming into a strange country, but one whose interests are in common with all the people of this city and the Cisco country. As editor of the Cisco American, which the writer established in 1920 and published for one year, those of you who were living in Cisco then, I believe, will remember the class of paper I published and what to expect of the Weekly Citizen in the future. However, to those who were not readers of the American, and who have moved into Cisco since that paper passed into other hands, I will state that it is my purpose to make the Weekly Citizen a clean, newsy paper, featuring local and general news most directly associated with Cisco and the Cisco country. The news will be written fairly and hon-

estly, and given to the people in an unbiased manner.

The editor will have pronounced opinions on matters that will come before the public and I shall reserve the right to express these opinions freely and fearlessly. Naturally the opinion of the editor will not meet the approval of all, but people can differ honestly, and express their opinions and discuss matters without malice or hate.

The Weekly Citizen will be found supporting all worthy projects, without regard to the source from whence they come and fearlessly opposing those things its editor believes to be inimicable to the interest of Cisco and her people. But in doing so I shall have no ax to grind, only that for the common good, and will refuse to turn the grindstone to whe another's hatchet.

The Weekly Citizen will be found attempting to block any scheme of a selfish nature that the grafter may attempt to foist upon the people and will oppose any project that would exploit our people or the city's resources. So far as the writer knows he has no enemies to chastise, or friends to reward to the detriment of the public weal, so if any scheme or project is initiated that is not in the interest of the people, you may expect this paper to denounce it with all of its power. But any meritorious project will receive the sanction of the Weekly Citizen regardless of its source. We have no bricks to toss other than at those things that would do hurt to the city, but plenty of bouquets for every movement for the public good. First, I must know I am right, and then I will proceed without fear.

Realizing now, as I did in 1920, that agriculture is the mudsill of all permanent prosperity, the Weekly Citizen shall use its best endeavors to rehabilitate Eastland county agriculture by fostering all projects in the interest of the farmers of this section. The time is yet in the memory of many living here when Eastland county and Cisco occupied positions at the top of Texas counties in agriculture, for many remember when Cisco ranked second only to Waxahachie as an inland cotton market of the state. This position was held till the discovery of oil, and our farmers all became too well-to-do from receipts of royalties, leases and other petroleum resources to give their farms that attention and application necessary to hold this enviable position, with the result that agriculture fell into a state of innocuous desuetude, and passed into a state of chaos.

With the passing of the oil boom farmers returned to the lands and the position lost to liquid gold is being regained. A fact brought home to us in Eastland county's agriculture exhibit winning first place at the Texas State Fair this year.

But our farmers are not pinning their faith on cotton alone, but a system of diversification as being almost universally adopted, and what we have lost by reason of the discovery of oil is being retrieved by better and more intensive farming and stock raising. So, it will be the objective of the Weekly Citizen to help, aid and assist all advanced agricultural projects that may be initiated.

First and last the Weekly

Citizen will be a general newspaper, publishing the news fairly and unbiased, both general and local. It is upon this platform the Weekly Citizen bids for your patronage as a home industry, owned and controlled by local interests only, by one who is a homeowner and tax payer of Cisco, whose every interest lies in Cisco, the city we hope to see the habitat of a prosperous and happy citizenry.

For the present the Weekly Citizen will be published in its present size, but negotiations are now pending which will enable the paper to install many improvements. At present a larger press is needed, but plans are now on foot to add a standard newspaper press to the equipment, and as soon as this press is installed the public can expect a larger and better paper, which will enable us to give a larger volume of news—both local and general.

R. W. H. Kennon.

**NO FREE DISTRIBUTION**

The custom of distributing the Cisco Weekly Citizen free in the resident districts will be discontinued after this issue. Our opinion is that a newspaper not worth the price of the subscription has little excuse for existence. And we have also observed the public doesn't appreciate things that are free in the same degree as they do when they pay for it. Then there is no reason for free distribution of the Citizen as the paper has a large subscription list, and a list that would be a credit to a more pretentious publication. Those who have subscribed for the paper heretofore will receive it through the postoffice in the future. If your name is not on the list call at the office and enroll with the paper with a policy. The subscription price will be \$1 per year if taken by January 1. Read this issue carefully and we believe you will welcome the paper as a weekly visitor to your home.

**TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT**

We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. In His place will I give peace.—Eph. II:10; Hag. II:19.

The world can neither give nor take,  
Nor can they comprehend  
The peace of God which Christ hath bought;  
That peace which knows no end.  
—Countess of Huntington

Remember: Unless a tree has borne blossoms in spring, you will look in vain for fruit on it in the autumn.—Hare.

**PIONEER BURIED SATURDAY**

The remains of W. E. Smith, who passed on last Friday morning at his home in Cisco, were laid to rest in Oakwood cemetery Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Judge J. D. Barker conducting the burial services at the grave. The body was prepared for burial at the Wippen Funeral Home.

Bill Smith, as he was generally known by his intimates, was a pioneer citizen of West Texas, having resided in Stephens county for many years, living and owning land near Parks. He came to Cisco in 1917 and has resided here continually since, most of his home farm being under lease for oil on which are producing wells.

**GABLES CHANGED HANDS**

Mrs. Louise Medearis, who has presided over the affairs of the Gables hotel for several years, has given up that popular hotelery and removed to the Mobley hotel which she and Mrs. H. L. Mobley are operating. The Gables has been taken over by Mrs. Meadows, who will cater to the appetite of the patrons of that place in the future. Trucks were here Tuesday from Fort Worth and removed the household furniture of Mrs. Jack Moss, which was a part of the furnishings of the Gables, to that city.

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**TOMATOES, No. 2, three cans, 20c**

**PINEAPPLE, No. 1 can . . . . 9c**

**CRACKERS, 2 lb. box . . . . 25c**

**CHEESE, full cream, lb. . . . 20c**

**SUGAR, 10 lbs. . . . . 52c**

**COFFEE, Hill Bros., lb. can . . 40c**

**Laundry SOAP White Eagle, 10 bars 25c**

**PEACHES, Libby's, No. 21-2 can, 19c**

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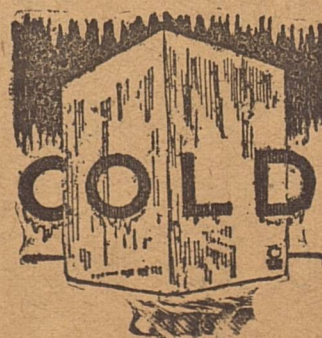
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## FINAL REPORT OF GRAND JURY

To the Honorable Elzo Been, Judge of the 88th District Court:

This grand jury which was impaneled for the September term of your court, respectfully asks to be discharged on this day, and in connection with our work and deliberation we would give the following report and recommendations:

We have investigated every phase of law violation which has been reported, and have returned true bills of indictment in each case where the evidence justified such action. Most of the violations we have investigated concern the liquor, theft, burglary and intoxicated driver of motor vehicle laws. It is true we have had entirely too many violations, but we find that the violations of the law are on a decline in our county, and at this time we believe it bespeaks of better law enforcement and better citizenship. We report one homicide in the county since we have been in session:

The grand jury believes that it should call particular attention of the court and the public to the laws against burglary, theft and driving automobiles upon our public highway while the driver is intoxicated. These are the most prevalent, and doubtless the most serious. It is dangerous for the public in these days of many automobiles and much travel for a person to be driving any vehicle upon the highway while he is intoxicated. Many lives and much property damage is caused from this inexcusable act.

Having been charged and requested by many citizens to investigate the banking institutions that have recently closed in our county, we have done much work in this direction, but on account of the fact that this term of court is expiring we have not had sufficient time to complete these matters. We find that in some instances the anxiety and uneasiness of our people concerning our strongest banks has been caused by rumors originating in the minds of strangers and transient persons in adjoining counties. We have had evidence which shows to our minds that many business transactions have been done, which, while some may not be violations of the criminal laws, nevertheless are wrong in principle and obviously are not conducive to good banking, and protection to its depositors: We find in our investigation into the affairs of the First State Bank of Carbon, which closed its doors a year ago, that this bank apparently was in a failing condition long prior to its closing and the knowledge of such fact was had by the banking department and some steps made at the time to get certain bad notes liquidated or put into a solvent condition, but it seems that nothing further was done about it. These bad notes aggregated approximately 90 per cent of the total capital stock, and we have been unable to get any information with reference to this, but the bank remained open some nine months after such discovery by the banking commissioner. We report these matters in the hopes that this apparent indifferent and careless attitude may be brought to the attention of those responsible, and recommended that our state banking department, and especially the commissioner, exercise more careful and vigilance in supervising the affairs of the state banks than seems to have been done here; that close examinations be made, and that bad paper be cleared out and absolute balances be demanded daily from one examination to another, as we believe the law contemplates.

We have visited the jail and found it in very good condition. Prisoners say they are being well fed and taken care of.

Respectfully submitted,  
M. G. JOYCE,  
Foreman.

## Personals

Omar Burkett, district oil and gas supervisor, stationed at Henderson is at home for the week end.

Mrs. William Graham and children, Glenna and Mary Catherine, have returned from a fortnight's visit with Mr. Graham at Gilmar.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stroebel have departed for McCamey, which will be their home in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Jones, of Moran, were shopping in Cisco Thursday.

Miss Leota Pettus, of Moran, visited friends while shopping in Cisco Thursday.

Mrs. Pete Coopes is at home after a visit in Fort Worth.

John F. Patterson, beloved citizen of Cisco, left this week for Long Branch, California, where he will spend the winter with a daughter. The best wishes of a host of friends attend him while absent from his home city.

Ben Waters, of Moran, was a pleasant caller at the Weekly Citizen sanctum Wednesday.

J. W. Cockrill, the genial editor of the Gorman Progress, was here Tuesday on business in connection with the Red Cross roll call.

Mrs. Ulala Burnett and Rev. E. S. James were Cisco Baptists attending the state meeting of the Baptist Women's Missionary Union at Waco this week, leaving here Tuesday. Rev. James left Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stubblefield have returned from Wichita Falls where they were called Sunday on account of the serious illness of their daughter, Mrs. Desda Griffin. Mr. Stubblefield reports that Mrs. Griffin was much improved when they left for home.

### THOMAS DAVIS APPEALS SHOOK DEATH SENTENCE

AUSTIN, Nov. 9.—Thomas Davis, under sentence of 10 years in the penitentiary for murder of Leon Shook, filed an appeal in the Court of Criminal Appeals today. Davis was tried in Shackelford County on a change of venue from Eastland County.

Leon Shook and Lucian Shook, brothers, were slain near Eastland, Sept. 7, 1928. The shooting was alleged to have taken place on a hunting trip participated in by the Shook brothers, Thomas and Woodrow Davis, brothers, and Clyde Thompson.

Thomas Davis was 17 years old at the time he was accused of the slaying. Thompson also was charged with the slaying, convicted and assessed the death penalty, but sentence to life imprisonment.

### MAX ELSER VISITED ALBANY

Max Elser, pioneer citizen of Cisco and well known oil man, spent Sunday with his friends in Albany, where he was given a cordial reception by his many friends in that city. Mr. Elser is an extensive royalty holder of Shackelford county oil lands. Mr. Elser was in Albany during the funeral of the late N. R. Price, prominent cattle man of that city. "The Price funeral was largely attended," Mr. Elser said, "as there were at least seventy-five automobiles with friends and mourners, that followed the body to the grave."

### Automobile Loans

Notes Refinanced  
Payments Reduced

Motor Investment Co.

J. C. McAfee, Representative  
417 Ave. D Cisco, Texas

## COMMISSION REMITS FEDERATION TAXES

The city commission met in regular recessed meeting on Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock with all members of the commission present.

After the disposal of several tax matters Commissioner Burnett brought up the question of the City Federation's property in this city being reported delinquent and suggested that he was surprised that it was delinquent due to the fact that he did not believe that it should be taxed, that the City Federation stood for education and all matters for the advancement of the city. After some discussion on the subject it was moved by Commissioner Burnett and seconded by Commissioner Elliot that the city remit all taxes assessed against the said property, and that the same be not assessed for taxes so long as the property was used for club purposes. Upon a vote the motion was passed unanimously.

The commission then went into a consideration of the prices on water for city consumers. The rates were modified or rather lowered so far as fixtures in hotels and boarding houses were concerned, from 15 cents to 10 cents for connections over four, and that charge was eliminated in the residences. The gallonage, under the minimum charge, remains at 5,000.

Twenty-three bids for city scavenger for another year were opened and it developed that bids ranged from \$248.00 per month up to \$460 per month were filed. The commission deferred action on these bids until the next regular meeting and until the next regular meeting, when a selection will be made from the bids for city scavenger. City Commission then recessed.

### MOTHER OF MRS. J. C. MAYHEW SERIOUSLY ILL

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Mayhew and son, Earl, left Wednesday for Gatesville, in response to a message announcing the illness of the mother of Mrs. Mayhew, Mrs. A. J. Houston, of that city. Mr. Mayhew and Earl returned home Thursday, but Mrs. Mayhew is remaining at the bedside of her mother, whom Mr. Mayhew stated, was critically ill, and hardly expected to recover.

### MOTHER OF CISCO LADY WAS BURIED AT CARBON

Funeral services were held Wednesday at the Baptist Church at Carbon for Mrs. A. M. Gilbert, who died at her home in that place Wednesday morning at 4 o'clock. Mrs. Gilbert was the mother of Mrs. L. A. White, of Cisco, who was at the bedside of her parent when she passed on. Other surviving children are Walter Gilbert, of Carbon; Sidney Gilbert, of South Texas; Mrs. W. B. White, of Eastland, and Mrs. Gordon Oliver of Abilene.

### JUDGE D. K. SCOTT IN DALLAS TO RECUPERATE

Judge D. K. Scott, who has been indisposed for several weeks, left Sunday for Dallas where he is recuperating in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Elsie Hines. Judge Victor Gilbert and Mrs. Scott accompanied the judge. Judge Gilbert stated that Judge Scott stood the trip well. His condition is not serious, and his going to the home of his daughter was more for rest than otherwise, as it permits him to dismiss business affairs from his mind, as well as to be attended by Mrs. Hines during his convalescence.

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# U. S. Court Dismisses Cisco Bond Litigation

Settling the Cisco bond muddle, for the time being at least, the gratifying news reached Cisco Friday afternoon that Judge J. C. Wilson, of the federal district court at Abilene, had upheld the contention of Butts & Wright, attorneys for the city of Cisco, that the federal court was without jurisdiction to try the bond case. In a front page story of the Weekly Citizen today, written and on the press before the decision of the court reached us, we stated that additional counsel should have been employed to assist Cisco's attorneys, not that these gentlemen were unable to cope with the situation, but additional counsel might be expedient.

It seems the manner in which the attorneys handled the case, was as good as an aggregation of counsel could have been, certainly it was all that Cisco folk could ask at this time. The court held that our attorneys' position was correct, and dismissed the proceedings for want of jurisdiction in the case. Today Butts & Wright are receiving the congratulations of many loyal citizens, some of whom have not been partisans of these gentlemen.

The following press dispatch from Abilene tells the story:  
**Case Dismissed**

Abilene, Nov. 13.—Holding that ownership of bonds was not established in the committee and "that the real parties affected are not the plaintiffs in this suit," Judge James C. Wilson in Federal District Court here today dismissed a suit brought by a bondholders' committee against the City of Cisco for collection of bonds, claimed past due and unpaid.

Counsel for the plaintiffs, four

citizens of New York and Ohio, filed informal notice of appeal. They had petitioned for judgment on the allegation they held \$2,115,000 in Cisco's bonds, and that \$355,787.50 in interest coupons and \$14,000 in principal was past due.

An effort was made to show by an agreement entered in evidence that the committee, composed of Charles P. Bullard, John R. Brandon and Robert D. White of New York, and Henry E. Poor of Ohio, took over full ownership of the bonds from other bondholders with the right to negotiate, sell or collect upon for a period of five years.

"It appears that the ownership in the bonds and coupons is not affected, and that the real parties affected are not the plaintiffs in this suit . . ." Judge Wilson ruled. "It is very evident in my opinion that there is no ownership in the committee, but that the committee is merely a collection agency."

Pointing out the agreement between the plaintiffs and the city's bondholders, Judge Wilson declared that "this agreement appears to me to be a case where four men who were not owners of any of the bonds, sensing the situation and learning of Cisco's failure to pay its coupons, and being enterprising, initiated the job of collecting, styling themselves a bondholder's committee."

The dismissal applied also to an intervenor in the suit, permitted under a ruling by Judge Wilson yesterday. This intervenor, the Liberty National Bank and Trust Company of New York, sought payment on coupons from the city's bond held in pledge.

projects as fast as possible. The only thing that can be done to advance the Cisco postoffice would be to displace fifty of sixty others for which the demand is just as insistent."

So, that's that. Cisco can wait, and appreciate the blessing when it does come.

## No Hope for Federal Bldg. Before April

The federal authorities offer little hope to Cisco for an early commencement of work on the post-office building to be erected on the corner of Avenue E and West Sixth street. The roseate hopes entertained by our people that the construction of the federal building would alleviate the anticipated hardships, due to unemployment, during the winter months has vanished into the ethereal blue, for a communication recently received by J. E. Spencer, secretary of the local chamber of commerce, states that the advertisements for bids for the erection of the new federal building will hardly be issued before the middle of March, or the first of April. So, there is nothing to those hopes for this measure of relief for idle labor until the rigors of winter have passed, and the glorious springtime has come again to gladden the earth. Well, it will be appreciated when this plum does fall into the lap of a patient, waiting Cisco.

The vehicle through which this notice of belated construction of the postoffice building was a letter, addressed to Capt. J. F. Lucy, of the State Republican organization, who has intervened in Cisco's behalf relative to expediting the construction of the building, which was forwarded to Mr. Spencer by Captain Lucy.

The letter is from E. Jos. Aro-noff, of the public works section of the treasury department at Washington, in which he says:

"Relative to expediting the construction of the Cisco postoffice, it is probable that bids will not be advertised for before the middle of March of the first of April as the site was not accepted until September 9, and title has not yet been vested in the United States government, but the supervising architect's office is proceeding with the project into the planning stage. It is not believed anything can be done to expedite the project, as the department is pushing the smaller

### BLANKENBECKLER VISITED HIS FAMILY HERE SUNDAY

F. A. Blankenbeckler, Cisco postmaster, spent Sunday with his family in Cisco, coming over from Plainview where he is receiver for the closed First National Bank of that city. Mr. Blankenbeckler stated that the affairs of the bank are being straightened out as fast as possible, with present indications pointing toward the reorganization and reopening of the bank about December 1st.

### BAIRD MAN KILLED IN HIGHWAY CRASH

BAIRD, Nov. 11—W. Y. Cleveland, Baird resident, aged 62 was killed in a highway accident when struck by a passing car as he was about to accept the invitation of a neighbor to ride in to town. A car approaching in the opposite direction struck him as he was about to enter the car. His remains were conveyed to Santa Anna for burial. His widow and four daughters survive.

### STANTONS RETURN HOME

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Stanton, who have been visiting relatives in and near Cisco for several days, returned this morning for their home in Clifton, Arizona. Both are natives of Cisco, and were residents of this city a few years ago, though had previously lived in Clifton. While here they operated the Stanton Confectionery at the stand now occupied by the Turner grocery.

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We are in the market for a bargain in used car. Box X, Citizen.

### ABILENE EAGLES PLAY BUCKAROOS TOMORROW

Following the Cisco-Ranger Armistice Day game at Ranger Wednesday, the next major gridiron attraction of the Oil Belt teams will be the contest tomorrow at Breckenridge when the Abilene Eagles will play the Buckaroos. The Bucks are doped to lose, but so was the Lobos when the Breckenridge boys fell easy victims to Jeffries tactics. Dope buckets are upset, sometimes.

### COUNTY STATE FAIR EXHIBIT SHOWN HERE

The Eastland county exhibit, that won first place in the State Fair at Dallas, is being placed on exhibition in the building across street from Cisco Banking Co., now owned by the Continental Oil Co., where it will be on exhibition for several days, together with the more than 100 ribbons won at the fair. E. H. Varnell, vocational agriculturist, is in charge of the exhibit. It will be shown next at Rising Star.

### OWEN D. BARKER HERE

Owen D. Barker, Galveston attorney, is spending the week end in Cisco, guest of his parents, Judge and Mrs. J. D. Barker. Mr. Barker is a Cisco reared boy, and began the practice of law in this city as a partner of his father.

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