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Through the Editor's Spectacles

By GEORGE

If Yancey McCrea is wise he will not go deer hunting any more. Not that any unusual danger is involved. It is a question purely of satisfaction.

Until this season, I am told, he had never done. As a matter of fact, it was even doubtful whether or not he knew what a deer is. So the other day a couple of fellows with experience took him under wing and carried him off to Mason county or some such resort of the tribe. It was the purpose of Charlie Kleiner and Floyd Cooper, of course, to educate the young man—not to be outdone by a greenhorn at the business.

Such is the irony of things like horse racing and deer hunting, however, that Yancey's self-appointed educators returned empty-handed while the tenderfoot brought proudly back the spoils of victory in the shape of two bucks.

Yancey will probably take Charlie and Floyd next time, although if he is wise he'll not go again, having done perfectly the first time.

Harve Woodriddle spent the Christmas holiday season visiting in the San Antonio country where he and Mrs. Woodriddle have relatives. A man always sees that in which he is most interested and Mr. Woodriddle, having been a cattleman all his life, saw live-stock. He found cattle poor, sheep and goats fat and even the deer plump. Recent heavy rains following a long dry spell had set the hills to gushing springs. There was no grass, but a great crop of acorn mast provided rich food for sheep, goats and hogs. These were fat, he said, whereas cattle, lacking grass, were not.

Ranchmen with long-nozzled blow-burners were searing acres of crowded prickly pears. This cactus provides splendid fodder for cattle and it grows in such abundance in that section that most ranches have ample winter food reserves in it alone.

Only in a few instances are the pears being burned in this part of the state. Rains have brought up some grass and other feed is available.

Once the spines are burned from the pears the fleshy lobes are said to be luscious morsels for cattle. If you and I were starving the worst food would taste divine, no doubt. Nevertheless, Mr. Woodriddle said he has known cattle to respond to the sound of a burner, following behind and tearing off pears still so warm that they would spit them out, wagging their heads. The animals seemed to understand perfectly what service was being done them.

The business of burning pears to remove the stickers is work, according to ranchmen who have done it either with brush fires or with a blow torch especially designed. Efforts have been frequently made by horticulturists to develop a species free of the spines. The successful person would confer a great boon upon cattle countries where rainfall is comparatively slight and grass insufficient to carry the number of cattle that land ordinarily would support. In his garden here Dr. F. E. Clark has some rows of the cactus with which he is experimenting.

Anderson-Drewery Drilling Up Pipe

Anderson-Drewery Oil company has been drilling up a joint of five-inch pipe severed by a recent show, preparatory to completing the well for an estimated 25 barrels daily production. Location is in the Sipe Springs area. The shot was made some time ago. Joe Hicks, Cisco constable, is driller on the job.

EVANGELIST MEETING

The Citizen-Free Press is requested to make the following announcement: "Hear Evangelist Fred L. Chunn each night this week discuss the vital things that effect us now. He spent a number of years as a cowboy, and will speak on branding mavericks, the stampede and round-up from a spiritual meaning. Come and be with us, at the city hall."

\$261,612 Paid County Farmers by Gov't

Bonds Cut for Two in M'Bee Case

Reduction of the appearance bonds of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Henry, Rising Star, charged with murder in Rising Star's sensational hanging skeleton case, from \$4,000 to \$1,500 was agreed upon at a habeas corpus hearing in 88th district court at Eastland Thursday morning.

Bond of M. E. Tyler, likewise charged, was not reduced, no court effort being made in his behalf.

The three cases will be presented to the 91st district grand jury now in recess and due to reconvene Monday, January 7. Illness of Judge George L. Davenport, who recently underwent an operation for gallstones and appendicitis, caused Defense Attorney Frank Sparks to sue for writs of habeas corpus in behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Henry in Judge B. W. Patterson's 88th district court.

The hearing resolved itself into a conference between District Attorney Grady Owen, Special Prosecutor Allen Dabney, employed by the McBee family and Defense Counsel Sparks. The outcome of the hearing was an agreement on \$1,500 bonds for the couple which received the sanction of the court.

Negotiations for making the bonds began in the sheriff's office immediately. At noon none had been made, however.

Mrs. Henry, divorced wife of H. L. McBee whose remains the skeleton was identified as being, is in jail at Baird. Her present husband, Raymond Henry, and Tyler are in city jail at Eastland. Reconstruction of the county jail at Eastland has caused removal of all prisoners from that structure temporarily.

Found December 22
The McBee skeleton was found hanging to a tree limb in a brushy thicket a mile and a quarter northeast of Rising Star on Saturday, December 22. It was found by rabbit hunters. The bones were taken to a Rising Star funeral home where they were identified by relatives and by Mrs. Henry as those of McBee, a state highway department worker who disappeared more than a year ago.

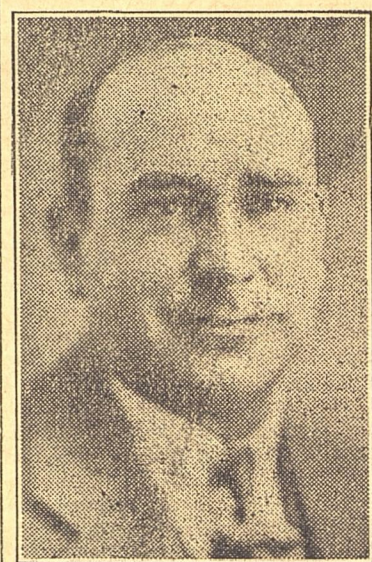
A worker's identification card found in a trousers pocket, dental facts and shreds of clothing led to the identification.

The fact that a wire, insecurely wrapped about a limb, suspended the bones and other evidence pieced together by prosecutors were the basis for complaints in which the Henrys and Tyler were named.

Tyler is no relation to W. E. Tyler, Rising Star banker.

Big Success Expected of 1935 Birthday Ball for President

Chairman



H. L. DYER

E. P. Crawford Is Honored for 12 Year Attendance

E. P. Crawford Thursday noon was presented a certificate by the Cisco Rotary club honoring him for 12 years of perfect attendance upon Rotary club meetings. Mr. Crawford is a charter member of the club.

The program, in charge of Attendance Chairman J. J. Collins, was founded upon the attendance theme, and it evoked many New Year's resolutions for better attendance from members who were given opportunity to make five minute speeches on "What I Can Do to Help the Recovery." The subject was in all but one or two instances entirely forgotten by the speakers as they gave attention to their Rotary obligation to attend meetings regularly.

Two other members of the club were represented as having perfect attendance records over the past year. They were J. B. Cate and O. J. Russell. A chart prepared by Mr. Collins showed the monthly average records of all members.

Others with high records for the year were J. M. Bird, 98 per cent and P. Pettit and B. A. Butler each with 96 per cent.

Guests were E. R. McDaniel and E. W. Berry of Abilene; C. B. Newby of Breckenridge and Leonard Hudson of the Cisco Daily News.

UNDERGOES OPERATION
Mrs. George Winston has returned from Wichita Falls where she underwent a throat operation.

Gov't Cattle Inspector Finds Outlook for 1935 Promising

The cattle-buying program of the Agricultural Adjustment administration and its associated feed loan program have been the most successful of the entire agricultural relief set-up in the opinion of R. B. Thomas, Strawn, cattleman and business man. Mr. Thomas' duties as inspector for government cattle loan agencies and member of the executive committee of the Southwestern Cattle Raisers association have brought him intimately in touch with conditions affecting the industry.

The program, sponsored by the Southwestern Cattle Raisers association, was worked out by practical cattlemen, he said, and it worked because it was fitted to the needs of the industry with the experience of similar programs previously applied to other agricultural sections to draw from.

He anticipates a gradual improvement in the industry over 1935 with a period of slowly rising prices. This will be the result of the removal of a surplus of around 10,000,000 head, coupled with the influences of the

Increases in School Numbers After Xmas

Practically all schools of the city system Tuesday showed increases in enrollment with the resumption of studies after the Christmas holidays, principals reported.

Principal H. Brandon of the high school said that high school enrollment increased by four to approximately 380 students.

O. L. Stamey, grammar school principal, reported an increase of five and Principal Howard Goss of the west ward reported 12 new students. The west ward has about 560 students.

Three Batches of Mash Confiscated

The sheriff's department Wednesday raided three sites of alleged illicit liquor distilling in the Nimrod-Curtis area, destroying as many batches of mash. No stills were found. The mash ranged in quantities from 500 to 1,500 gallons.

Mr. and Mrs. Goodner Bedford and children have returned to their home in San Angelo after spending a few days with friends and relatives.

Spencer Is Elected for Fifth Term

Re-election of J. E. Spencer as secretary of the Cisco chamber of commerce and of J. M. Bird as agricultural secretary took place Tuesday evening at the regular meeting of the board of directors. Mr. Spencer is beginning his fifth term. There was one other applicant, Johnny Cox.

The board also submitted to the city commission a list of 16 names from which the commission will be asked to choose eight members to fill as many vacancies occurring on the board by the regular expiration of their terms.

Directors whose terms expire are J. E. Caffrey, E. P. Crawford, Dr. Charles Jones, S. H. Nance, Charles Sandler, P. P. Shepard, W. W. Wallace and F. D. Wright. Directors whose terms extend another year are president

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Doggett Hearing Is Due to Come Up This Week-end

Motion of Clifford Doggett for a new trial of the murder case in which he was assessed the death penalty in December, is due to come up for hearing in 88th district court Friday or Saturday. The court term ends Saturday.

Doggett was found guilty and given the death penalty on a charge of murder in connection with the slaying last August of Levi F. Threet, Cisco rancher, on Threet's ranch nine miles west of Cisco.

Mary Lou Howell and Elmer Van Cleave await trial on similar charges growing out of the slaying.

Work Resumed on Wed. at Randolph After Holidays

Class-work at Randolph college was resumed Wednesday morning after the school officials and students had completed Christmas holiday vacations which had been in order since Friday, December 21.

Dr. David F. Tyndall, president of the college, gave an inspiring address to the student body as his welcome during the chapel services Wednesday morning. He urged every student who had been doing good work to do better and for those who had been lagging behind to get into their stride, put their shoulders to the wheel and give a greater effort towards leading instead of following. His message was warmly received by the student body.

Miss Wiley of Stinnett, Texas, enrolled as a new student. Practically the entire student body was present for the opening day. Many more are expected to return during the next two days. More new students are expected after the mid-term examinations are over and the spring semester opens.

Plans are being perfected by the members of the various literary organizations of the school to present stage plays and other forms of entertainment during the spring semester.

The basketball players, the Badgers, boys teams, has resumed practice and will be playing its schedule within the next few days.

Coach "Pop" Garrett is planning to also have a track team to represent the college during the track season. — FRANCES E. BARNES, Reporter.

RETURNS TO SCHOOL
Miss Frances Coldwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Coldwell, returned Thursday to Texas Woman's college, Fort Worth, after spending the Christmas holidays here.

White Denied Appeal Rehearing Wednesday

The case of Chester White, Eastland, convicted on an automobile theft charge in 88th court a year ago and given two years in the state penitentiary, Wednesday was virtually disposed of in court of criminal appeals at Austin when a motion for rehearing of appeals was overruled.

White was charged with stealing a car belonging to Kenneth Falls, Ranger. He was arrested at Kaufman, Texas.

Program Ready For Meeting of Cisco Boosters

The program for the meeting of the Cisco Boosters on Tuesday, January 8, at the Laguna hotel, was announced Thursday by Vice President Hubert Seale as follows:

Children's Rhythm band, west ward school, under direction of Miss Addie Stephens, playing in lobby of hotel;

Dinner with music by G. W. Collum and J. Hollis Clark and musicians;

Report with summary of Cisco Boosters activities from beginning by H. G. Bailey;

Financial report by Dick Lauderdale, showing all bills paid and cash on hand;

Introduction of guests representing junior chamber of commerce chapters;

Junior chamber of commerce (1) organization, discussed by state vice president (2) activities and methods, discussed by Fort Worth group;

Federal housing program discussed by special speaker;

Address by H. W. Stanley of the Dallas chamber of commerce.

Grand Master To Address Masons

Friday evening Texas Masons from practically every lodge in the state will listen-in when John H. Crocker, Masonic grand master, broadcasts a thirty minutes address over a state-wide hook-up of stations of WFAA, Dallas; WOAI, San Antonio; and KPRC, Houston. Masonic lodges over the state have been requested to meet in called session at 7:30 p. m., and outline a plan of Masonic activities for 1935. These plans will be forwarded to the grand master, which will give him knowledge of what each lodge is doing or plans to do during the year. It is thought this plan can be complete within 30 minutes, when the lodges will be called from labor to refreshment and hear the address of the grand master, which will be concluded at 8:30. Local Masons will have a loud speaker installed so that the address can be enjoyed by every one within sound of his voice.

Graduate Cisco High School Dies at Clyde

Robert Houston, young unmarried man and a graduate of the Cisco high school of the class of 1931, died at the home of his brother, Shouble Houston, at Clyde at 5 o'clock Thursday morning. Burial was in the Cottonwood cemetery Thursday afternoon, following the funeral services at Clyde at 2:30 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Notgrass attended the burial services from Cisco. Shouble Houston is a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Notgrass. His widowed mother also lives in Clyde.

Hitchings Rites to Be Held at Nimrod

Rites for George Hutchings, 73, who died Thursday morning at 10:30, will be held Friday at Nimrod with interment in Oakwood cemetery, it was announced. The Rev. C. S. Moad, pastor of the Church of God will officiate.

Mr. Hutchings lived with his nephew, George H. Cleveland, 1408 West Fifth street for the past year.

Four children, a brother, two nephews and a niece survive.

\$138,877 Is Total Cost For Cattle

Total payments to Eastland county farmers and stockmen under all government AAA and drouth relief programs up to January 1, 1935, were \$261,612, according to the report of County Agent J. C. Patterson.

Of this amount \$138,977 was paid to cattle producers; \$86,393 was paid on cotton reduction contracts and \$31,770 paid on corn-hog reduction contracts.

The last phase of the cattle buying program was completed Saturday, December 29. During the entire program, which began August 23, the government bought 11,686 head of stock from producers in this county for which the \$138,977 was paid.

Apparently, the county agent's office announced, this has completed the buying program in the county. Cattle were bought of all producers who wanted to sell, it was said.

Needing Rain

The result was declared to be that county cattle producers are in good condition with respect to the character of their herds and the number of animals, provided there is sufficient rain immediately to bring up winter forage. In the event there is no rain, said Mr. Patterson, the situation will be as serious as ever, the only difference being that the number of animals and producers involved will be less.

Total number of producers from whom cattle were bought was reported at 1,535.

Cattle condemned and killed during the program totaled 3,910. Cattle shipped out for slaughter and processing numbered 7,776.

The buying program was divided into two divisions, the first beginning August 23. After \$92,000 had been spent, the program was halted and resumed on De-

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Smith Installed As President of Cisco Lions Club

E. L. Smith, of the Cisco and Northeastern railroad, Wednesday noon was installed as president of the Cisco Lions club succeeding H. L. Dyer. Other officers installed at the same time were:

Charles Sandler, first vice president; Charles Kleiner, second vice president; J. C. King, third vice president; Joe Burnam, secretary; Dick Giles, treasurer; Mitt Williams, Lion tamer; H. Brandon, tail twister, and W. H. LaRoque and W. J. Leach, new directors.

A short ceremony of initiation of George Lee and Dexter Shelley as new members was another feature of the program.

Bonds of \$750 Set In Patterson Cases

Pat Patterson, Cisco mechanic, charged with driving while intoxicated and with failing to stop and render aid after an automobile collision at G avenue and 14th street Monday night in which a car driven by Miss Blanche Mathews was badly damaged, Thursday had not made bond of \$750 on each of the charges. He was being held at Eastland.

Bonds were set by Justice Wilson in whose court the complaints were filed here.

The 91st grand jury will consider the charges when it reconvenes, it was announced.

First Birth in 1935?

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Starr, West 12th St., Cisco, at 10 a. m. Wednesday, a son, weight 8½ pounds. Mr. Starr is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Starr. So far as is known, the baby is the first to be born in the county in 1935.

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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and inquire in his temples.—Ps. 27:4

"If Christ should count you worthy and should deign

One day to see your door and be your guest, Pause! ere you draw the bolt and bid him rest, If in your old content you would remain — He wakes desires you never will forget, He shows you stars you never saw before, He makes you share with him forever more, The burden of the world's divine regret, How wise you were to open not? And yet How poor if you should turn Him from your door!"

If, therefore, we think of asking divine guidance and leadership for this divine leadership for this year upon which we are entering, it will not be amiss to ask in all honesty and straightforwardness toward what leadership and guidance will take us.—New Outlook.

EASTLAND county is reaping the experience of a costly lesson in tax administration. The oil industry, which undoubtedly bears the greatest proportionate share of taxation in the county, is the source of that lesson. Several years ago the county had a vast amount of taxable values in the shape of tank farms, stored oil and other equipment incident to the storing of crude. This wealth was a lucrative source of income. Dealt with from an attitude in proportion to the view taken of our resources, it would have continued until today as a great asset.

Costly Experience

Unfortunately, however, the presence of so much easily collectible tax values excited greed. The opportunity for increased public service and construction to be financed from such a source was too attractive. Result was that heavier and heavier levies were made against these values. The oil companies protested without effect and finally paid.

TODAY there is little stored oil in Eastland county, or in other counties where oil development occurred several years ago. Instead this oil is to be found in other counties where there was comparatively little, if any, such development. Why? The answer to the question is simple.

Oil is a movable commodity, like the rolling stock of a railroad. It may be transported from place to place. When the oil companies become convinced that too great discrimination was being practiced against them in the levying of taxes in this county they simply built tank farms in other counties where they were assured of equitable treatment and stored their oil there. Those counties, without other development, were sensible enough to cultivate a resource whereas Eastland county in common with numbers of other counties which enjoyed oil prosperity, allowed short-sighted policies of exploitation, rather than cultivation, to materially damage their resources.

THE imminent shift of responsibility for direct relief to the state and units of local government brings sharply into the foreground at this moment the question of additional taxes. Few, if any, of these units of government are in a financial position to assume this new burden. The extraordinary expenditures of the past few years coupled with the sharp decline in tax receipts have depleted treasuries to the point of barely paying the necessary running expenses and maintaining service on public debts. In the case of debts delinquencies or readjustments have been the rule. With this sort of a condition pertaining the alternative confronted is that of allowing relief subjects to fall back upon unorganized sources of charity or raise sufficient new money to sustain an orderly program of administration. Obviously, these local units cannot escape responsibility and, obviously, therefore, some means of increasing tax revenues must be found.

More Taxes For Relief

RESPONSIBILITY for meeting this new problem will devolve first upon the state. Local units are going to demand that the state administration assume the burden. The argument for a coordinated and more economical administration is on their side, as is also the argument for a more equitable distribution of the costs. The currently growing popularity of the sales tax reflects the public attitude that

something in the way of new taxes must be undertaken. It is a great deal easier to levy new taxes than to reduce the expenses into which tax money goes. The task of cutting down develops more complications, implications and political pitfalls than an Astorbilt romance or a middle European entente. Bold, almost presumptive, indeed, is the legislator who will undertake the task.

IT is not a problem merely of cutting off a few stenographers and clerks, reducing the pay of employes or the number of lights that are used in a state office. The problem of cutting government expenses is fundamental. It is intimately bound up with the fact of archaic forms that have been carried over to meet modern conditions. Sporadic movements have been initiated over the country to bring about reforms which, by fitting the method to condition would produce economies, but the old ideology of government and social organization persists so indelibly in the public mind that these reforms are approached with extreme difficulty.

THERE is no prospect that the cost of government will be any less. On the contrary the prospect is for increased responsibilities and costs. What may be accomplished is a better and more equitable distribution of these costs to remove discriminations and obstacles that hinder the free play of economic forces upon which prosperity and, ultimately, good government depend.

IT is possible that Ciscoans have really considered that one of the most important events in the judicial history of Texas transpired in Austin last Monday when Chief Justice John M. Sharp was administered the oath of office as judge of the supreme court of Texas, the highest court of the Texas commonwealth. Judge Sharp succeeds the Hon. T. B. Greenwood, who retires as chief justice of the Texas supreme court. The ceremony Monday was marked by the most formal function of any event of public interest that has taken place at the state capital in recent years. As its importance might suggest the assumption to the highest judicial tribunal in Texas is second only to that of the chief executive, and was a social as well as a judicial occasion. Judge Sharp was elected last November, and won the nomination after a strong campaign. His election and installation was of a momentous occasion of Texas, and incidentally to Eastland county and Cisco which he carried by a nice majority. Judge Greenwood has long been a prominent figure in Texas jurisprudence, who retires to the private practice, having recently formed a co-partnership with former Governor Dan Moody, after nineteen years of service on the supreme bench of Texas.

Our New Supreme Court Judge

THE current issue of the Lubricator, Humble company monthly periodical carries an address by President R. L. Blaffer which discloses the interesting fact that the company, during the recent depression, expanded its holdings and operations to a great degree and increased rather than decreased its employe force. The history of the company over the depression is a demonstration of how depressions and periods of economic despondency may be turned to good account by forward-looking policies and careful management in flush periods. The Humble company entered the depression with reserves built up from a conservative dividend policy and was able, by reason of the re-investment of these earnings in good properties and in development programs during the depression to materially increase its holdings and improve its position.

Capitalizing On Depression

Statistics quoted by President Blaffer show that regular employes of the Humble increased from 10,298 in 1929 to 11,308 this year. In 1929 the company stood fifth in the point of production in the United States. It now stands first. From properties held in 1929 it is producing 32,000 barrels of oil per day. Since that year it has acquired 80,000 additional barrels of production per day and almost one billion barrels of additional reserves. From 1930 to 1934, inclusive, President Blaffer said, the Humble drilled 3,103 wells. "Had we not been able to go forward—had we been compelled, as the result of an extravagant policy, to confine ourselves to properties acquired up to the beginning of the depression period, we should have less than one-third our present production, and less than one-fifth our existing oil reserves. It is perhaps needless to point out that we should also have been compelled to greatly reduce our employe personnel, instead of increasing it."

That American naval officer, who compelled the Japanese to abandon their hermit ways surely did not know what he was starting.—Jamestown (N. Y.) Post.

A Massachusetts court observes that pedestrians are prone to carelessness. Omitting the last two words helps somewhat to clarify the meaning. — Jacksonville (Fla.) Journal.

Evidently Niagara Falls is in favor of the AAA. Twice this year she has done a large bit of plowing under.—Watertown (N. Y.) Times.

The Judge's Corner

By R. W. H. KENNON

BLANTON, AS OTHERS SEE HIM

Accustomed as we are to speak of and know those who are near to us, but do we, at all times, give proper credit where credit is due? And do we always properly gauge the integrity and sincerity of our public servants in their efforts to represent us?

Take our own congressman, the Hon. Thomas L. Blanton. Probably no man has been more severely condemned by the minority who have opposed him. But did any of his critics ever give you a specific case where he fell down on the job? Isn't it a fact that they have just "cussed" him in general terms because they did not like him?

The Judge is one of those who has always opposed Blanton, but we must confess that evidence is piling up to convince us that much of the adverse criticism has been unjustly bestowed. From now on we are viewing the congressional campaign with an open mind.

But I did not intend this editorial as a boost to Blanton, or a discussion of what we at home think of him. For local consumption it is sufficient to say that the voters of the 17th district have always given him political preference when offering himself as a candidate. But, we want to say something about what others — outside of Texas — think of our congressman, and we are reproducing the following editorial from the Chronicle, published at Clarendon, Va. Read it:

"The recent statement of Frederick Vinson, Chairman of the Ways and Means committee of the House of Representatives, that Congressman Thomas L. Blanton of Texas would not be overpaid if his salary were raised to fifty thousand dollars per year, is no more than others in congress have said about that remarkable man. "Blanton during his long service in congress has blocked more bad legislation than any other member. Nothing escapes his vision. "He has put through more good legislation than any other member."

"Blanton is always in his seat when congress opens, and has never been known to miss a roll call. He is always the first to arrive at a committee meeting, and always knows to the greatest detail every matter that comes up for consideration. He has been rightly called a locomotive in trousers for he never stops day or night until exhaustion tells him: 'Something accomplished, something done, has earned a night's repose.'"

"It was Blanton who discovered that insane World War veterans were being robbed by many of those appointed their guardians. In one case a guardian for 155 insane World War veterans was charged with having gotten more out of their estates than they had gotten. Blanton got legislation through putting the matter of the estates of insane World War veterans under the Veterans bureau and knocked out the exorbitant fees that unconscionable attorneys, acting as guardians, had been getting."

"It was Blanton who put through congress a bill whereby policemen and firemen in the District of Columbia are provided with uniforms at government expense, instead of being compelled to pay for their uniforms out of their salaries. They should build a monument to his memory."

"It is the same Blanton who is now putting through congress a bill to reduce taxes on real estate in the District of Columbia."

"It was Blanton who forced an immoral police captain off the force and caused reforms to be made in police trial cases for the benefit of the public, as well as of policemen entitled to a fair trial."

"There is no man in congress more familiar with parliamentary laws, practice, and procedure, and Blanton uses this knowledge often with surprising results. Blanton knows more ways for obstructing and defeating bad legislation than any member of the house. His achievements along that line would fill a big book. He is the terror of the treasury raider."

"With Blanton everything is open and above board. With him candor is the courage of the soul. To know him is to hold him in the highest esteem and respect. Few men in public life are as unselfishly working for the good of others. His example is exalting and inspiring to those who seek honesty and purity in public and private life. His influence in congress has steadily grown until he is now one of its most powerful leaders."

ARE DEMOCRATS PLAYING FAIR?

It seems that the administration is hardly treating my friend and the ally of the Roosevelt regime, Senator Bronson Cutting, with the

consideration due for the loyal support Cutting rendered the candidacy of Roosevelt in the 1932 election. Cutting bolted his own party to support Roosevelt purely from motives of loyalty to his country. True he is a republican, and his opponent, in the last election, is a true democrat, but certainly Cutting is deserving of some consideration from the administration. Dennis Chavez is a patriot and versed in statecraft, but I thought during the election the democrats should have maintained a "hands-off" policy, but the Roosevelt regime gave Chavez full support. He could have waited another two years before aspiring for the senatorial toga with little damage to his political fortunes.

Now, it seems that a movement is on foot to oust Cutting and award the office to Chavez. And the independent republicans, such as Norris, Fraser and LaFollette, etc., don't like it, and I don't blame them. This bloc of independent republican has given loyal support to the administration, and should be accorded that consideration their support entitled them to expect.

Fact is I never thought the administration gave Upton Sinclair the support it should. True, Sinclair is a radical, of the deepest dye serene, but he was the nominee of the California party, and the administration could have at least maintained hands-off. Sinclair's policies, while radical, yet so far as the democratic faith is concerned, not more so than some of the ideas advocated by the new deal. Neither can I endorse all that Sinclair stands for as the doctrine of the fathers, nor do I claim that all of Roosevelt's ideas are in keeping with the principles of Jefferson and others who laid the foundations of the democratic party. But both, perhaps, are justified, to some extent, by the political exegesis prevalent, but hardly as democratic doctrine.

It is probable that the new deal may need the support of the independent republican block who should not be opposed for their loyalty, at least. Cutting supported Roosevelt, and while it is permissible to let New Mexico settle its own affairs, I hardly think the administration is called upon to assist the regulars in the G. O. P. in their program of disciplining Cutting and others who voted with the democrats, and are still supporting the new deal in President Roosevelt's efforts to restore the business of the nation back to normalcy.

Naturally I am pleased at the action of the state canvassing board of New Mexico, at Santa Fe, Monday, in giving Senator Cutting an official certificate of election, despite a sharp court skirmish that left New Mexico's democratic chairman insisting that Dennis Chavez was legally elected.

I am a democrat, conscientiously, natively and geographically, but when a party is supported by an ally I do not believe that it is good politics, and certainly not a courtesy, to wage a fight on that ally.

It is probable the action of the state canvassing board will end the Cutting-Chavez controversy, unless a contest is filed in the federal senate.

LIE MORE IMPORTANT THAN A GREAT TRUTH

That the finer things of life take second place to the mediocre was evidenced in the daily press featuring, Jan. 1, the fame of the champion liar of the nation. I will admit that this liar, Verne L. Osborne, of Centralia, Wash., is rather ingenious in imitating Ananias, but after all what does it amount to? He told a rather neat lie about "his trained jack rabbit hunting mule, who in chasing a rabbit off a precipice, was so thoroughly under training that he suspended in midair, and allowed the rider to descend to terra firma with ease," but I am somewhat surprised that the interest manifested in the story exceeded that of the more important items of the day. In fact my personal observations led me to believe that at least one dozen read President Roosevelt's reiteration of his position to veto the soldiers' bonus should congress pass the act. And yet, if the congress decides to pay the bonus to the over-seas boys, it will do more to restore recovery than many of the relief schemes the president has proposed.

But the public is reading the story of the liar Osborne, and over-looking the president's determination to veto the soldiers' bonus.

Just why the president should be so persistent in denying the adjusted compensation of the veterans is beyond my ken. In fact it seems a stubborn obsession from which position he is unwilling to recede.

However, we laymen believe the president is riding to a fall in his opposition to the veterans' adjusted compensation. First, the legionnaires are not always to remain out of politics (as their patriotic, but ideologically attitude forecasted) should not endure

always, and later on, like the G. A. R., the boys will demand justice from the government, and not ask for that which is theirs by right, but will go out and demand it. Heretofore the veterans have been petitioners at the federal bounty, but the action of an unappreciative administration will be opposed by the American Legion, and instead of a petition their demands will be made direct to congress, and there are few congressmen who will ignore these demands. To do so will mean the retirement of those recalcitrant statesmen who persist in opposing the will of the legionnaires.

So, we observant laymen, see in the offering an ultimate over-riding of the president's veto should he persist in his attitude of opposing the adjusted compensation of the overseas veterans.

But I am talking about the public's appreciating an ordinary liar's story in comparison of a constructive proposition. It seems that the liars have a decided advantage over the savants. And, as the daily press caters to the public's appreciation, we suppose the stories of the liars will continue to hold first place.

Nature and Human Nature

By W. F. BRUCE

Resolved That—

Here is this resolution business again! And it has been a year since I thought about such things. But when I got to looking over my stock to see if I need any new ones I find it much like a little girl's playhouse full of old and broken pieces that make believe to be good ones. But if I get any I must get it at early, or the best will be taken and I will have to hunt around as I did for presents on the bargain counter the last shopping day before Christmas. Even if I get up ever so early ahead of me will be the folks who have stayed up the night before to get the first chance at the new year. Their competition will not be so serious though because of the poor condition they are in for making resolutions.

For, after all, these watch parties usually celebrate more the year that is going out than the one coming in. Too often it is a last fond indulgence, before the new leaf is turned, and the leaf may flap back—a last indulgence in late hours, or a big feed, or a sparkling cup. Hence the New Year as he steps from somewhere into the stream of time may be either amused or disgusted at the welcomers that have come out to meet him. Some of the revelers may raise their drooping heads to pronounce a sleepy "Happy New Year!" Others may rouse their stupefied minds, wave unsteady hands, grin foolish grins, and ut-

ter thick-tongued "The New Year! (hic)." We would think the fresh, vigorous, expectant year would turn on his heel and go away to Mars or some place where all the golden opportunities he is bringing will not be trampled under foot in such fashion.

Swearing-off resolutions are too much like "big-meetin'" religion that soon fades out and is satisfied with an annual renewal. But resolutions are all right if one makes a good choice. They ought not to be too hard or one will strain a little while at the keeping of them and then give up in despair. On the other hand they ought to be more than a mere putting into words of one's present achievement; about all that succeeds in doing is to keep one in good standing with himself. They are all right if not offered as substitutes for good sound conversion. The good New Year's resolution, then, sets one's face forward, taking little notice of past failures except as warnings to hasten one away from them, cherishing past successes only as encouragements to spur one on toward new ones.

WINSTON INFANT FUNERAL

Funeral services for the four-day old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Winston of Crane, who formerly resided in Cisco, were held Tuesday from the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Winston, with burial in the Oakwood cemetery. Mr. Winston returned to Odessa yesterday where Mrs. Winston is critically ill in the hospital.

Mrs. J. A. Lash, who has been making her home with her daughters, Mrs. W. T. Graham, of Dallas, and Mrs. Sarah Cross, of Eastland, for the past several months, was here Thursday, accompanied by Mrs. Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jones of Ft. Worth were visitors in Cisco Tuesday.

C. C. Bradshaw of Ft. Worth transacted business in Cisco Wednesday and Thursday.

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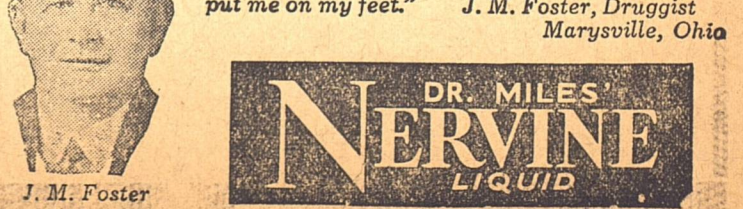


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Misses Collins And Waring Are Party Hostesses

Miss Ida Mae Collins and Miss Lu Waring were hostesses at a New Year's Eve party which began with a visit to an Eastland theatre and culminated with a waffle supper served at midnight.

Dinner Celebrates Fifteenth Birthday

Miss Dorothy Jean Walker celebrated her fifteenth birthday with a six o'clock dinner Tuesday evening at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Walker, 108 W. 10th street.

The guests were seated at a large table centered with a birthday cake on which burned 15 candles.

Those present were Misses Paulette Rupert, Noma King, Ruth El Duff, Louise Stephenson, Billie June Hittson, and the hostess. At 7:30 the following young men called: Horace Cameron, Jack Stephenson, Howell Stubblefield, Blake Stevens, Frederick Douglass, Berwin McCordy, Bobby Anderson and Jerry Loftin.

Drew and Frances Gorham Entertain at New Year Party

Arrival of the New Year was observed with a volley of fire works set off by guests of Miss Frances Gorham, and her brother, Drew Gorham, who entertained Monday evening at their home on West Fourteenth street.

Dancing provided entertainment during the evening with punch being served by the host and hostess.

The guest list included: Misses Louise Statham, Merrill Goldberg, Pansy Lee Porter, Maxine Hampton, Marie Qualls, Margaret Morton, Dena Carroll, Catherine Russell, Doris Surles, Louise Stephenson, June Morehart, Alice Estel Spencer, Deyon Warren, Evelyn Collum.

Messrs. Gerald Merket, Red Brennan, Durward Boyd, Hugh Chief Brown, Fred Riley, Wendall Surles, Donald Surles, J. G. Rupe, Horace Cameron, Bobby Anderson, Reuben Wende, N. P. Barns, Cecil Hudson, Jere Loftin, and Jack Moon.

Mrs. Yancey McCrea has returned from Fort Worth where she has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Silliman Evans of Baltimore, Md. While there, she was one of the honored guests at a dinner party given by Mr. Raymond Buck in the Venetian dining room of the Blackstone hotel.

R. E. Grantham left Wednesday on a business trip to Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Reynolds have returned from a three weeks trip through the north and east. While in Baltimore, Md., they were guests of Mrs. Reynolds' sister, Mrs. Lyon.



New Year Ushered in With Noisy Reception in Cisco

Supplies of aspirin, bromo-selzer—even buttermilk and tomato juice were pathetically depleted by Tuesday noon—but, even so, the New Year Kid was ushered in with one of the loudest, noisiest, most extravagant receptions since 1929, when that innocent looking babe arrived amid a hullabaloo and celebration with a couple of knives and pistols concealed in its swaddling clothes.

"And a goodly crowd was there"—meaning at the Booster club ball at the Cisco Country club where the Masked Serenaders played for the throngs that jammed the floor—exquisitely-gowned women, and dark-suited men.

Informal gatherings in private homes preceded attendance at the dance here, while many journeyed to Eastland, Ranger, Breckenridge, Mineral Wells, and Fort Worth for entertainment.

A number of couples from Cisco attended the annual New Year's formal at the Country club in Thurber—for year's a high light on the calendar of holiday entertainment.

Watch parties, bridge and dinner parties, and mid-night reviews at the theatre here and in nearby towns served to keep the rest of the people awake.

And those who did sleep through the departure of the decrepit old gentleman of 1934—if there were any—well, they were probably snoring peacefully on someone else's doorstep, or behind the bars on a rough slab of wood that, so far as they were concerned, might have been an old-fashioned feather mattress.

S. W. Witt of Stephenville is the guest of friends in Cisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Henson Williamson and J. M. Williamson have returned from a trip to Austin.

Mrs. W. E. Brown is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. B. Stanton, at Temple. Mr. and Mrs. Stanton are the parents of a daughter born December 31.—Mrs. Stanton will be remembered as the former Miss Lucille Brown.

Birthday Dinner Monday Honors Mrs. S. E. Hittson

Mrs. S. E. Hittson was the honor guest Monday evening at a dinner given by her husband in observance of her birthday, and in celebration of the passing of the Old Year and the birth of the New.

The table was centered with an elaborately decorated cake topped with candles. Cards with birthday sentiments marked places for eleven guests.

Following the dinner, the party attended the midnight review at the Palace theater.

Guests were: Messrs. and Mesdames E. P. Crawford, Alex Spears, A. C. Green, B. A. Butler, S. E. Hittson, and Miss Jessie Lee Hittson.

Mrs. John Brown Has Xmas Tree for Family

Surrounded by children on Christmas Eve, Mrs. John W. Brown of 504 West 7th street, celebrated the yuletide festivities by a family Christmas tree.

On Christmas day a delicious dinner was served to the following: Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brown and children, of Colorado; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brown and family, also of Colorado; Mr. and Mrs. U. E. Brown and children, of Seymour, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Brown and family, Mr. and Mrs. Garlin Brown and daughter, of Wingate; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bentley, of Denton, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Brown, and Mrs. Jimmy Davidson and son, all of Cisco; Mr. and Mrs. Ethridge Brown, Mrs. Leo Clinton, Grover Brown and Miss Mollie Brown, all of Scranton, and Mrs. Lon Pingree and daughter of Bridgton, Maine.

Miss Hale Hostess For Sunday Supper

Miss Ester Hale entertained a number of friends with a Sunday night supper at her home on West Sixth street.

The guests were served from a table laid with cream fillet and lit by burning tapers of red. A mirror centerpiece was outlined by greenery and the velvety petals of large poinsettias.

Covers were laid for Misses Ora Bess Moore, Marian Mayer, Wilma Thomas, Ida Mae Collins, Agnes Bearman, Catherine Cunningham, Titia Belle Simmons, Elizabeth Simmons of Houston, Viola LaMunyon, Louise Trammell, Laura Lu Waring, Mrs. Arthur Cunningham, and Mr. and Mrs. Arlington McGinnis.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Gilbert of Carbon were visitors in Cisco Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. McVelia of Pittsburg, Penn., and Mr. and Mrs. P. J. McVelia of Ballingreen, Okla., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Cunningham and family.

Miss Lucine Lewis returned home Monday from Greenville where she spent the holidays.

Randolph News

By DIXIE BILLS

School reopened yesterday with a whiz and a bang. It seemed that everybody was glad to get back again, and were we glad to see them!

The girls all stood around in corners, as girls will do, and eagerly displayed new bracelets, gloves, handkerchiefs, compacts, and all the things that girls usually receive at Christmas. Oh! a secret! One of our Senior girls is wearing a sparkling new diamond!

Don't think the boys are keeping their luck to themselves just because they don't tell everyone. I never saw such an array of watches, striped shirts, bright bordered handkerchiefs and—the usual Christmas ties that never seem to match anything.

Harold Sharp didn't want to leave Tucumcari, New Mexico, so soon, but he's back now.

Sylvia Renfro is back from Catrina. A certain young Ciscoan missed her while she was gone!

Elizabeth and Louise Masters came in too. And did they have a good time? Ask them!

We know Vera Taylor had a good time in Ballinger if everyone likes her just half as much as we do.

Agnes Lee Holmes had Frances Barnes of Breckenridge to amuse her during Christmas, down in deah ole DeLeon.

Vernon Van Fleet, Nadine Sherwin, and Elmer are all talked down. They don't get to go to Oklahoma very often, and there is a lot to tell.

Renee Reynolds is rather glad to be back. The "Fleet" never comes in, down in Scranton.

George Robert might have gotten a train for Christmas. All he can talk about is "Tootsie" and trains don't have blonde hair and blue eyes, even in Goldthwaite.

Vivian Cook enjoyed her visit in Colorado, Texas, very much, but then "Bitter" can always enjoy herself.

Ruby Vaughn's visit in Hereford didn't prove so tiresome after all. She came back with a great big grin and—don't stare, but look at her new ring!

Mary King said that Santa brought her every thing but one thing that she wanted. Too bad, Mary.

Eloise Davis added several new pictures to her collection while she was in New Castle.

Everybody have made their New Year's resolutions. Wonder how long they will keep them?

Edna Cooles had a grand time during vacation, and wants to tell everyone all about it.

Lorraine McMillan came home from Rising Star with a very bad cold.

Paint, Repair, Improve.

T. E. L. Class Opens Year With Luncheon

Members of the T. E. L. class of the First Baptist church, opened their new year's work Tuesday with a covered dish luncheon at the home of Mrs. Mike Ray. Miss Cora Harris lead in prayer and W. H. LaRoque had charge of devotional. A contest was held by Mrs. G. B. Langston.

Those attending were Mrs. C. Owens, Mrs. Virgil Heyser, Mrs. Mike Ray, Mrs. Etta Hart, Mrs. J. T. Berry, Mrs. A. C. Estes, Mrs. J. J. Butts, Mrs. J. W. Mancill, Mrs. G. B. Langston, Mrs. W. C. Shelton, Mrs. W. H. LaRoque and Miss Cora Harris.

Wednesday Study Club Names Officers

The Wednesday Study club held its annual election of officers Wednesday, January 2, naming Mrs. Hiram Brandon, president; Mrs. W. J. Leach, first vice president; Miss Ella Andres, second vice president; Mrs. Dexter Shelley, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. James Moore, treasurer.

Mrs. William Reagan, parliamentarian of the 20th Century club lectured on parliamentary rules.

Members present were Messdames H. Brandon, J. M. Bird, Johnston, A. L. Foster, Reggie Henderson, W. J. Leach, Leon Maner, Yancy McCrea, T. F. O'Brian, Terry Leeman and Misses Ella Andres, Marion Chambless, Ida Mae Collins, Elizabeth Daniels, Ora Bess Moore and Lucine Lewis. Mrs. Reagan was a visitor.

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Rosenwald and Raymond B. Fockidick.

Year-Round Basis
This commission will organize on a year-round basis in an effort to wipe the disease from the face of the earth. Its organization is an indication of the fact that war against infantile paralysis has grown from something of a minor or local interest to a major national movement. Such a movement is expected to not only raise huge sums for re-search, but also to

redouble the effort of scientists who seek a preventive for the disease. Col. Doherty, chairman for the 1934 birthday ball, is again chairman this year. All of the commission's members are prominent in philanthropic and research work.

The success of the ball under the direction of J. A. Bearman, in Cisco last year was such as to bring much praise from the national chairman.

According to Mr. Dyer, it promises to be even more of a success this year. Arrangements are going along rapidly, and although complete organization of committees has not completed, plans are being formulated by which Cisco will more than surpass the funds and the cooperation which a town of this size would ordinarily be expected to meet.

At Country Club
The dance, as last year, will be held at the Cisco Country club, and every effort will be made to get one of finest orchestras this part of the country has to offer.

Jack Anderson has been appointed chairman of the arrangements committee. Leonard Hudson, advertising solicitor of the Cisco Daily News, and Miss Louise Trammell, society editor of the Citizen-Free Press, will compose the committee on publicity.

On the night of the celebrations, the president will make a radio address that will be broadcast over the combined networks of the National Broadcasting company and the Columbia Broadcasting system, to begin at 11:30 p. m., EST, and continue until 12:30.

Miss Elizabeth Simmons left for her home in Houston Tuesday after spending the holidays here.

H. D. Tucker Goes To Church at Pampa

Announcement has been made that H. D. Tucker, who formerly was pastor of the First Methodist church in Cisco has been elected director of Christian Education and church manager of First Methodist church at Pampa, Texas, where he will assume his duties on January 15th.

Since leaving Cisco, Mr. Tucker has been employed by the Mitcham Funeral home at Brownwood as a funeral director.

Since it will be several weeks before Mr. Tucker can secure a house in Pampa, Mrs. Tucker and the children will remain in Brownwood where the children are in school. They will join Mr. Tucker at Pampa in the spring.

New Roof On Dr. E. L. Graham Home

A new roof has been placed upon the home of Dr. E. L. Graham at Humbletown. The job was completed about two weeks ago.

Numbers of homes in Humbletown, several of which have only recently been acquired by private owners, have been renovated, including two belonging to J. C. McAfee, one belonging to Dr. Paul M. Woods, two belonging to Dr. Hubert Seale.

Reports from Eastland are to the effect that the condition of Judge George L. Davenport, surgical patient at a Ranger hospital, remains satisfactory.

R. F. Cox, of Rising Star, was greeting friends in Cisco Wednesday.

We are deeply grateful for the many expressions of appreciation of our Gift Shop—also for the loyal support given us through the holidays.

We are closing our shop here Friday and are at present undecided where we will be located.

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Farm Census Is Begun Wednesday Over Whole U. S.

Approximately 25,000 federal census employes Wednesday began the task of enumerating the more than 6,000,000 farms and ranches in the United States. Plans call for completing the canvass before January, although Director E. E. Wood of the Eastland county office, said that it would be practically impossible to finish the task before a month or six weeks.

Sample copies of the schedule on which the information is being taken have been placed with the Citizen-Free Press for distribution to the farmers, or may be obtained at the headquarters of eighth district of Texas, located in the Exchange Nat'l bank building at Eastland.

Farmers were urged to secure copies and to study them carefully in order to save time of the enumerators and speed the census taking.

Enumerators
Enumerators working Eastland county are:
District No. 1—James C. Rushing of Rising Star;
District No. 2—John T. Poe, of Carbon;
District No. 3—Joshua B. Hart, Cisco;
District No. 4—Claude W. Boles, Eastland;
District No. 5—Mrs. Beulah Hicks, Ranger.

The individual return made by each farmer is required by law to be treated as absolutely confidential, and no individual figures will be used for taxation purposes or given to any tax official. Only sworn employes of the census bureau have access to the files.

The farm schedule is comprised of 100 questions covering every important phase of the agricultural industry.

» Under the Courthouse Roof »

NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED
The newly elected officers, who were not their own successors in the November elections, who were installed last Monday, include S. C. Eldridge, county superintendent of instruction; John White, county treasurer; Newton Crawley, county commissioner precinct No. 2; O. M. Jacobs, county commissioner precinct No. 3. Marion Seaborn, constable precinct No. 1. All other elected officers are their own successors, were also administered the official oath and filed their required bonds.

88TH DISTRICT COURT
The following new cases are of recent filing in the 88th district court:
City of Ranger vs. J. M. Rust et al, foreclosure of paving lien.
Ex parte Camey Lee Studivart, removal of disabilities of non-age.
Mark Williamson vs. J. H. Sudoth, note and foreclosure.
R. H. Wells et al, vs. North-

yearlings \$6.50 to \$7.00, some held higher; other sales medium to good yearlings, \$4.50 to \$6.00; few good fat cows up to \$3.75; most butcher and beef cows \$2.00 to \$3.00; cutters and low cutters, \$1.00 to \$1.75, including one load low cutters at \$1.35; bulls \$2.75 down; stockers and feeders scarce, slaughter calves mostly steady; package lots fat calves \$3.50 to \$4.50; odd heads good heavy calves, \$4.75 to \$5.00.

Sheep — Receipts, 500 market directs, mostly lambs selling steady. Medium to good woolled fat lambs, \$6.00 to \$7.50; strictly good shorn lambs held above \$7; feeder lambs \$4 to \$5; yearlings and wethers scarce.

Advance estimates for January 4—Commercial cattle and calves, 1000; government cattle and calves, 600; hogs, 1100; sheep, 400.

western Assurance Co. Ltd., of London, to collect fire insurance policy.
Mrs. J. W. Johnson vs. D. L. Kinnaird, et al.
A. C. Garrison vs. American National Insurance association, to collect insurance policy.
R. H. Hodges vs. J. A. Sanderford, et al, suit on vendors lien note.

PROBATE MATTERS
M. Newman, administrator, in re. estate of J. K. Schmick, appraisal committee report filed, showing a net balance of assets in Eastland State bank of \$1,400, with unpaid claims of \$760 (barred by limitations and unallowed), plus homestead in possession of Ike C. Newton and wife, with administrators fees of \$29.05 allowed by the court.

W. A. Thurman, oath and bond as administrator of the estate of Dicey A. Smith, deceased, filed and approved.

Allie P. Castelow, guardian of the estate of Louise, William T. E. Egenia, Helen and Marian Howell, minors, temporary allowance of \$10 per month during illness Marian Howell.

D. L. Kinnaird, guardian for Dorris Meekin Hicks, minor, approved, and application to join Mrs. Frona Ames in the disposal to the government of cattle belonging to the estate, approved.

In re. estate of James Spillers, deceased, application of heirs to set aside of administrator's approval of order of sale of real property of the estate to F. J. Stubblefield, as of August 14, approved, as it was held the court was disqualified to act.

J. R. Burnett, guardian of the estate of Carrie E. Tipton, application to sell government bonds, property of said ward, approved after proper bond was filed and approved.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

The marriage record for 1934 shows there were 99 more licenses issued than were recorded for the year of 1933, despite the fact that conditions precedent to the ability of Eastland county people to contract in marriage was not materially enhanced. These were recently issued license:

J. D. Rodgers and Miss Hazel Litton, Ranger.

The following have been licensed to wed:
O. S. Barron and Miss Winnie Guest, Strawn.

Rommie Wanda Abernathy, Gorman.

Russell Stice and Miss Cleo Clements, Ralls.

Kay Alton Dempke and Miss Mildred White, Ranger.

Ray Smith and Miss Charlie Glenn Maxwell, Eastland.

W. C. Diex and Mrs. Pauline Hulthorn, Texon.

W. M. Gibson and Mrs. Lela Hardin, Strawn.

COUNTY COURT

The following applications for license to sell 3.2 beer have been approved by the court:
Quincy Lee, Jess Stuart, Ada Stuart, J. J. Litchfield, C. M. Nichols, Laguna Hotel, Mayhew Bros., Savoy Hotel, Cisco. Others were Gholson Hotel, Ranger; H. R. Hale, E. R. Chandler, H. C. Garey, Ray Northcutt, J. W. Taylor, Ray Hickman, and J. T. Harms.

New Suits filed include J. R. Bucy & Son, vs. T. C. Chalmers, suit on note. City of Eastland vs. W. E. Lafon, suit on account.

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ember 3. This was finished last Saturday.

Loans to Farmers
The county agent's office, the report said, aided 396 farmers to secure crop loans from the government amounting to \$29,640 during 1934. One hundred and fifty were assisted to obtain feed loans for drought stricken cattle. These amounted to \$5,000.

Four hundred and eighty-seven cotton reduction contracts were executed during the year. Payments on these contracts, including payments on pooled options still held, totalled the \$86,393.

There were 387 corn-hog contracts on which payments totalled \$31,770.

Fifty-three sheep were bought during the year, payments amounting to \$106; and 372 goats were purchased for \$448.80.

New Contracts
All of the cotton contracts extend for another year, and opportunity will be offered producers not now under such contract to execute a one-year agreement, said the county agent. New corn-hog contracts, which extended only a year, will also be offered.

Of paramount interest at the present is the peanut reduction program under which contracts are shortly to be offered. This will be the first attempt to cut peanut acreage, particularly

Eastland Folk Honor County's First Sheriff

In the issue of the Citizen-Free Press of December 23 there was a story concerning Henry S. Schmick, Eastland county's first sheriff, which gave a brief sketch of the man as a citizen, peace officer and Civil war veteran. There is in the office of Sheriff Virgil Foster the original commission of Sheriff Schmick, signed by Gov. Richard Coke, May 29, 1876, which is probably the oldest county official's commission owned by a living Texan.

A few days ago, on the occasion of Mr. Schmick's 92nd anniversary, a number of his friends honored this pioneer citizen by calling and staging a real entertainment in his honor. An account of this reception, as published below, is taken from the Eastland Telegram:

Henry Schmick, first sheriff of the county, recently was given a dinner in honor of his 92nd birthday by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jones at the Eastland hotel, where Mr. and Mrs. Schmick made their home.

Events that occurred when "Uncle" Henry Schmick was sheriff of the county were recalled by the speakers. Mr. Schmick was commissioned by Governor Coke when the county was a wooded section and roads of any nature were few.

Reminiscences were given by Ed T. Cox, Sr., and a tribute paid by Judge Clyde L. Garrett, who, on behalf of several absent friends, unable to attend the dinner, presented their gifts of cigars, candies and other items to Uncle Henry.

Forty-two and one-half years ago Miss Sinie Jane Lawrence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Addison Lawrence of Eastland, was married to Mr. Schmick. They have since made their home in Eastland ever since.

Uncle Henry has the honor of being one of three living pioneers who opened the first courthouse in Eastland county.

The program rendered by Eastland residents was: piano duet, Doris and Lillian Hennessie; piano solo, Miss Clara June Kimble; piano solo, Miss Margaret McLaughlin; reading, Miss Melba Ruth Wood; group of songs, Mrs. Agnes Harwood Doyle with Miss McLaughlin at piano; reading, Miss El Merle Stanford of Olden; and violin solo, Mrs. Arthur Vaughn, with Miss Kimble at piano.

Following the program, Judge Garrett told of the coming to Eastland of Mr. Schmick. Judge Garrett said Mr. Schmick was born in Pochontas, Arkansas, and came to Eastland when 26. Uncle Henry and Mrs. Schmick have the longest marriage record in the county, Judge Garrett said.

heavy in the southern part of this county.

Contracts are already in the county agent's office, and instructions to proceed are awaited.

These contracts embody three optional plans, Patterson said. They are:

1—A grower may agree to plant not over 90 per cent of his 1933 peanut acreage to the 1935 crop;

2—He may agree to plant not over 90 per cent of his 1934 acreage to the 1935 crop; or

3—He may agree to plant not over 90 per cent of the average acreage of the 1933 and 1934 crops.

Contracts will apply upon the farm and not the farmer, and the history of the farm and not the grower will determine. Payments will be 4-10ths of a cent per pound on the 1934 production, acreage, it was explained.

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Charles Hale, C. P. Cole, Dr. F. E. Clark, Ed Huestis, J. B. Pratt, J. J. Collins and W. H. LaRoque.

CCC Camp
Business taken up at the session included discussion of efforts to obtain a civilian conservation corps camp for Cisco. Mr. Crawford reported a conversation with D. E. Colp, chairman of the state park board, in which Mr. Colp told him that it would be necessary to furnish the state free title to 600 acres before a state park could be established. Mr. Colp revealed familiarity with the canyon site just north of Cisco and that he was anxious to secure it for a park and to have a CCC camp established here. Mr. Crawford told the board. He emphasized, however, the necessity for giving the land to the state as the first and essential step.

The board directed appointment

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of a committee to work with the secretary on the project. President Hale withheld appointment of this committee for a few days.

Highway Relocation

Relocation of Highway No. 1 through the city was again taken up, Sec'y Spencer reporting that the relocation was still undetermined but that District Highway Engineer Ehlinger had said that a citizens meeting on the question would probably be held here within the next two weeks.

Efforts are being made, Spencer said, to find sufficient funds in the highway department budget to do the work.

After his re-election, Mr. Spencer announced that Mrs. Hudlow would continue as office secretary.

Secretary Spencer submitted his annual financial report, as follows, which was approved:

Salaries, \$3,560; office rent, \$300; postage and box rent, \$131; telephone, \$209.40; telegraph, \$49.22; lights and gas, \$141.73; stationery, janitor and vocational supplies, \$205.15; publicity, trade extension, (including stock show expense, road signs, Fourth of July celebration, etc., \$334.93; dues and periodicals, \$48.36; insurance, \$55.32; Broadway of America convention, Dallas, expense, \$28.65; West Texas C. of C., convention San Angelo, expense, \$39.25; miscellaneous — unclassified expenditures — flowers for funeral, \$21; Randolph College contribution, \$25; Lobo band suits, \$15; total, \$61; grand total, \$164.01.

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stock will develop, although this condition would not be apparent until after all factors that enter into the picture have adjusted themselves, which will be a slow and probably tedious process.

Dairy Surplus

A considerable surplus of cattle was built up during the depression. The greater percentage of this surplus was in mongrels, culls and sorry stuff that represented an overflow from a deflated dairy expansion. The dairy cattle boom occurred a few years before the depression and when it declined, the cows were turned into the ranges because their value was too small to pay debts or recoup financial losses. From this overflow into the cattle industry, a great number of sorry stock resulted, none of which was worth much either for milk or meat. This stock, however, represented pounds and numbers that had a depressing effect as the depression developed. Slaughter by the government of approximately 10,000,000 head removed a burdensome surplus that would

have required from four to five years to dissipate by normal course, said Mr. Thomas.

Sensible Program

"The reason that the cattle program is a sensible one," he explained, "is that it not only has culled herds of poor, unmarketable stuff, but the feed loan set-up adjusted to it enables the cattleman to take care of the good, young stuff that he has left."

"He can borrow up to \$3 per head per month for maintenance. Of course, these loans are not available to a man who is feeding his stuff for market. But the owner who wants to swing onto his herd can get help because of this feature."

Feed loans are available to owners of cattle on a schedule governed by the definition of his land, whether it is classed as a farm or a ranch, Mr. Thomas explained. Land, one-fourth or more of which is in cultivation is classed as a farm and a maximum of \$1.50 per head per month will be loaned to feed cattle under that classification. Land, less than one-fourth of which is in cultivation, is classed as ranch land and a maximum loan of \$3. per head per month is allowed.

Short Calf Crop

Owing to the widespread drought that occurred last summer the calf crop this year is going to be one of the shortest ever known,

said Mr. Thomas. This and the heavy death losses on the ranges will further curtail the number of cattle and exert influence on the prospective market, he pointed out.

"The outlook is good," he said. "I look for a year of gradually rising prices, and the cattle owner who can hold onto his animals and has a good home for them stands a good chance to do well."

NEW HOTEL MANAGER

The Connellee hotel at Eastland is in charge of a new manager. W. E. Lafon, manager since its re-opening several months ago, has relinquished his position and will probably return to his former home at Lamesa, Arizona. Ben S. Scott, formerly of the Bristol hotel at Fort Worth, has taken over the Connellee by lease, and has moved his wife and daughter to Eastland.

ARRESTED FOR WINKLER

M. J. McCarty was arrested by Cisco police here Tuesday afternoon on a warrant from Winkler county charging swindling. He was given into the custody of Sheriff W. A. Priest, of Winkler county, here Thursday morning.

Mrs. F. R. Woddard and son of Waco have returned to their home after spending a few days with Mrs. Woddard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Miller.

Close on Ft. Worth Livestock

FORT WORTH.—Hogs; receipts 1700, including 566 directs. Truck hogs steady to 15c lower than Wednesday's average or 10 to 25 cents lower than Wednesday's high time. One load mixed grade rail hogs unsold late. Top of \$7.75 paid by small killers for about 30 head good to choice truck butchers; packer top \$7.60. Good to choice 185 to 270 lb. truck hogs to packers mostly \$7.60. Good underweights averaging 150 to 180 lbs. \$6.75 to \$7.50; few butcher pigs down to \$5.00 and less; packing sows steady, \$6.50 to \$6.75; light lights \$5.00 to \$7.25; lights, \$6.10 to \$7.60; medium, \$7.55 to \$7.75; heavy, \$7.25 to \$7.60; packer sows, \$6.00 to \$6.75.

Cattle — Receipts, commercial 900; government 600; calves, commercial, 700; government 200. Market on most classes of slaughter cattle was strong, some sales of cows, yearlings and fat steers around 15c higher; one load good heavy fed steers \$6.00, several package lots good to choice fat

Local Produce Markets

Activity in local markets declined after the holidays with the suspension of the poultry dressing plants and holiday trading. The peanut market was closed. There was some demand for native pecans with good natives selling at 10 cents per pound and poor or "pee-wee" grades bringing nine cents.

Oats declined to around 52 cents per bushel with wheat quoted at 87 cents. Seventy-five cents was offered for barley and \$1.10 for shelled corn.

Kaffir and maize threshed was quoted at \$2.00 per hundred.

Ear corn was bringing 90 cents per bushel and maize heads 25¢ per ton.

Forty and fifty cents per bale was being paid for hay.

Cotton, strict middling basis, was quoted at 12.50 and \$42 per ton was offered for cottonseed.

Twenty cents was being paid for country eggs and 25 cents for butter. Hens were bought for 5 and 7 cents.

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