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School Budget Shows Saving

With a view of affecting worthwhile economy the budget for the school year of 1932-33 for the Cisco independent school district was adopted at the meeting of the board Tuesday evening, preparatory for the opening of the fall term of school September 12.

The budget shows a reduction of expenses for the coming school year of \$11,134.37 less than that of the preceding school year. These economies were made possible by reduction of all expenses in school administration wherever a cut could be made that would not impair the service, and included the reduction of six teachers of the faculty, merging of school departments, increased work for the teachers by increasing the teacher load 30 to 35 in every department, as well as office expense, supplies and insurance. This additional work includes every department from the superintendent down to the janitors, Supt. R. N. Cluck told the Citizen editor. The increased assignments of the teachers in study periods alone means a saving of about \$1,500, Cluck said, and which was partially made possible by the reduction in scholastics for the ensuing term. But this reduction will be found to be comparatively small when the scholastic enrollment shows the student body this year will approximate 1,346, exclusive of the transfers.

This budget estimates do not include the fixed charges, such as interest, sinking fund, etc., and other expenses that cannot be reduced.

The budget shows material reductions as compared with the expenses of former school years, and the superintendent and members of the board feel that they have accomplished a real service in this saving to the school district.

As compared with the expenses of the school year of 1931-32, the saving is apparent, and as follows: 1931-32 school year—Elementary, \$22,335.34; high school \$19,934.53; total \$42,269.87.

1932-33 school year—Elementary, \$17,616.00; high school, \$15,519.50; total, \$32,135.50. Net saving \$11,134.37.

SEVEN-EIGHTHS INCH PRECIPITATION HERE

Practically all of Texas has been drenched by rainfall this week, accompanied by high winds of cyclonic intensity which swept over the Gulf coast country, taking toll of 39 lives, many injured and immense property loss. The rain started falling in the Cisco country Sunday morning and continued without material interruption the entire day and night. The rain gauge at the city hall registered a precipitation of seven-eighths of an inch. Another slow rain fell during the entire forenoon Thursday. These rains have caused material lowering of the thermometer, giving the country real desirable temperatures for the entire week.

C. C. McDONALD WILL SPEAK FOR FERGUSON

Hon. C. C. McDonald, of Wichita Falls, and former secretary of state will speak in the interest of the candidacy of Mrs. Mariam A. Ferguson, leading candidate for governor, at the court house in Eastland this evening at 8 o'clock. Everyone who would like to hear the issues discussed are requested to hear McDonald. He is recognized as one of the most forceful public speakers in Texas, and will give you an insight into the campaign not developed by other speakers.

J. W. Shepard has returned from a few days visit in Fort Worth.

EAST CISCO BAPTIST REVIVAL



REV. SIDNEY F. MARTIN, OF WICHITA FALLS

The East Cisco Baptist Church is to begin a revival meeting on Sunday August 21st and running till Sunday, Sept. 4th. It will be held under the tabernacle at the church in the 500 block on East 12th Street. The Rev. Sidney F. Martin, pastor of the Lamar Ave. Baptist Church, of Wichita Falls, Texas, will be with us to do the preaching. He is a man who loves lost souls, and he preaches with much power. He was with us on last summer and is returning to us for his second meeting. Those who heard him last summer learned to love and appreciate him. The music and singing will be directed by Mr. G. A. Eppler. Every one has a cordial invitation to attend this meeting. Services 10 a. m. and 8 p. m. daily, except Saturday morning.

REPAIR WORK UNDER WAY ON HIGHWAY NO. 1

A force of men are at work repairing the brick roadbed on highway No. 1 between Cisco and Eastland. Parties going out to the workings from Cisco this week reported at least ten applicants for each job. It is understood that the man in charge of the work has inaugurated a system that insures impartiality in selecting the men who will work each week. He takes the names of the applicants we are told, and the following Monday morning he calls out these names until he has as many as needed, from this list. It is said many of those he calls he does not know, nor has he any knowledge of their fitness for the work to be done. This proceedings is gone through with each succeeding Monday. No one can object to this, as it is fair to all.

JOHN W. LAUDERDALE WINS FFA CONTEST

John W. Lauderdale of Wayland, son of T. D. Lauderdale, manager of the Ranger gin, won the state public speaking contest of the FFA at Huntsville this week, and will represent Texas in Miami, Fla., on Sept. 12th. Contestants from 14 states will compete in Miami. Young Lauderdale has quite a reputation as a coming orator, and won second place in "My Home Town" contest sponsored by the West Texas chamber of commerce in Sweetwater this summer.—Ranger News.

RISING STAR BAPTIST PASTOR HAS RESIGNED

Rev. R. Neal Greer, pastor of the Baptist church at Rising Star for the past seven years, has tendered his resignation to accept the call of the church at Junction, Kimble county.

Personals.

Mrs. O. L. Green, of Albuquerque, N. M., has arrived for an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Mayer. Mr. and Mrs. Mayer and Miss Marian met Mrs. Green at Sweetwater Saturday and accompanied her here. Mrs. Green was formerly Miss Olivia Mayer.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Notgrass have as their guest this week their daughter, Mrs. S. L. Houston of Clyde.

J. B. Ely left Tuesday for a trip to towns west of Cisco. En route he stopped for a brief visit with relatives in Clpde.

Mrs. J. P. McCanlies and son, Phil, left Sunday for Phoenix, Arz., for a visit to Mrs. McCanlies' daughter, Mrs. Ed Smith.

Mrs. C. H. Fleming arrived in Cisco Sunday to spend a part of her vacation with Mr. M. H. Fleming. Her children, Maggie and Charles, Jr., who have been spending the past two months with their grandfather will accompany their mother on her return home Sunday, to re-enter school.

O. C. Walker, of Brownwood, former banker of that city, and brother-in-law of Mr. H. O. Westerfeldt, was a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Westerfeldt this week.

W. T. Smith, of Vernon, was greeting old friends here this week.

The Moran News has the following mention of Cisco folk: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Edwards and children of Cisco, visited friends in Moran. Mrs. Jack Dunn and baby daughter, who have been living in Cisco, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McCollum, before their departure for Kilgore to join their husband and father, who has recently moved there.

Cunningham Billed to Speak in Cisco at 2:30 P. M. Today

Senator Oliver Cunningham, of Abilene, candidate for re-election for his second term, will speak to the voters of Cisco this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the interest of his candidacy.

Senator Cunningham has served as the representative from the 24th senatorial district in the Texas senate one term, and his faithful discharge of his duties to the people are matters of record, which are such that any man might be proud to claim who seeks to represent the masses instead of the special interests. It was Cunningham who saved Cisco, Eastland, and other oil belt cities from now being under federal receivership. By initiating the move to repeal the law giving municipal bondholders the power to have federal receivers appointed for municipalities which defaulted on their bonded indebtedness. Cunningham, besides his vote and work for measures to protect the common people, was especially active in having the receivership law repealed, as it was necessary to have the bill introduced and passed through the senate twice. First, he secured the passage of the bill through the senate and it was sent to the house, where it was allowed to die in committee owing to the inaction or indifference of our own representative in the lower house. Then, when pressure had been brought to bear on the legislative representatives that committed them to a bill, Cunningham again introduced and secured the repeal of the law through the senate, which passed the house and was signed by the governor, just in time to stop receivership litigation then pending in the federal court at New Orleans.

For this service alone the Citizen feels that the people of Eastland county, especially, owe Cunningham a debt of gratitude that their support in the run-off election August 27 will only partially pay.

But Cunningham has always been on the alert to render material service to the masses of the people where such service can be legally rendered. Now, riper in experience by his first term in the senate, he is better able to serve his constituency than ever. We've demanded that our candidates for legislative honors be sound on material issues. Cunningham's record is before you. His opponent has no record other than that of deputy district attorney and his experience while filling county offices—none of a legislative nature.

But he will give an account of his stewardship when he speaks here this afternoon, and we hope everyone will hear him, as he will convince you that you have one man in the Texas senate who is guarding the interests of the people.

ONE, NOT TEN, SCARLET FEVER CASES IN CISCO

Dr. W. P. Lee, city health physician, stated that his report to the city commission August 8, showed only one case of scarlet fever in Cisco, instead of ten, as the Citizen stated. Our error was due to not understanding the number as read. The reporter was across the room, and the error was due to a fault of hearing. Dr. Lee stated the patient had been discharged and the house quarantine lifted.

VACATIONING IN OHIO

Mr. and Mrs. Lew Mendenhall departed Wednesday for Marietta, Ohio, their former home. They will be gone several weeks, but will keep informed of Cisco happenings through the Citizen, which Mr. Mendenhall ordered sent him every week while away from Cisco.

Would Prohibit Salary Raise By Commissioners During Term Of Office; Zoo Levy Reduced

Like the fellow who prayed to God to send him a barrel of pepper, interrupted his prayer to exclaim: "Lord, that's too damn much pepper," the city commission finds, in its own initiated proposed amendment to the city charter, in which the commission seeks the disbursement of the chamber of commerce, band and zoo, that the body wanted entirely too much money to feed the animals at the zoo, by one-half, and that they had asked twice as much as would be needed to maintain the band. Finding this error the commission again met in recess session Saturday and amended their original provision by specifying that only one mill on the dollar valuation be requested to be levied for zoo, and one-half mill for the band. This error necessitated resetting the date for holding the election from September 1, as originally called, to September 5. The meeting Saturday was not a clandestine meeting, so far as the Citizen is informed.

In the meantime the petition of the citizens, the sovereign voters of Cisco, is ready to be filed with city secretary, but as Mayor Berry was out of town the first of the week it was not announced when the commission would act on the people's petition.

Just why it is necessary to hold an election to levy the amounts specified for the projects, the commission failed to explain, as the authority exists under the charter to provide the necessary funds by the passage of an ordinance covering the levies.

Probably the commission was passing the buck, as they did not care to assume the responsibility of killing the chamber of commerce which would be the result if there was no ordinance passed making a levy for its support.

The band, however, is more popular with the voters, and the zoo is not objectionable, but these could be supported by a levy authorized by city ordinance, and thus avoid cluttering up the city charter with details in the form of multifarious amendments.

The cost of holding the charter election will approximate a neat little sum that could be used for more needed purposes. But had this revenue been provided for by ordinance the common people might have called for an election later to amend the charter. Had the commission caught the voters napping, and put over their scheme to prevent the people petitioning for an election until one or more of these provisions had been adopted, the people would have been stopped from amending the charter for two more years. However, knowing the need of funds to carry on the expenses of government, the citizens would hardly have requested this expense at this time.

But fortunately, the people became alive, and now a petition, which proposes to stop further raids on the city treasury by commissioners voting to increase their own salaries, will be filed with the city secretary, and the law decrees that the calling of the election is mandatory, as this demand comes from the sovereign voters of the city, and not from the elected servants of the people, nor was it inspired clandestinely, but in the broad light of day.

The amendment, whose election is petitioned for by more than 200 qualified voters of Cisco, is as follows: To the Mayor and Commissioners of the City of Cisco: We, the undersigned qualified

voters of and in the City of Cisco, respectfully petition and request that you submit to the voters of the City the question of adoption of the following amendment of Article IV, section 8, of the Charter of the City of Cisco.

Article IV, section 8: Salaries and Compensation of Officers—All officers of the city, elective or appointive, shall receive such compensation as may be fixed by the city commission, but the city commissioners shall not receive nor be paid any other or further compensation for services rendered than such compensation as may be fixed by the commission for attendance upon meetings of the commission not to exceed Five (\$5.00) Dollars for each regular meeting and Two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$2.50) for each called, or special meeting, not to exceed One Hundred Fifty (\$150) Dollars per annum for each commissioner.

Cisco Octogenarian Buried in Chelsea, Oklahoma Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Corah and Miss Odean Byrd, have the sympathy of a hosts of friends in their bereavement by the death of Mr. Edward Byrd, father of Mrs. Corah and grandfather of Miss Byrd. Mr. Byrd died at the family home here Saturday morning, and the remains were conveyed to Chelsea, Okla., for burial Sunday afternoon, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Corah, of Cisco, and Mrs. H. H. Byrd and daughter, Miss Elaine, of Sweetwater. Mrs. Corah and H. H. Byrd, of Sweetwater being his only surviving children.

Mr. Byrd was 89 years of age at the time of his passing, and, with the exception of the late Martin Parmer, aged 94, was probably the oldest native Texan at the time of his death. He had been a resident of Cisco for the past three years, moving here from San Antonio.

BOLANDS GUESTS AT PARENTAL DOMICILES

Mr. A. T. Bourland and wife, Mrs. Grace Bettis Bourland, are spending the two weeks vacation of Mr. Bourland very pleasantly visiting in the parental homes of this couple in Cisco and Scranton.

They spent several days this week visiting Mr. Boland's mother and brothers at Scranton, and will complete their visit here in the parental home of Mrs. Boland, where they will be guests of her father and sister, Mr. G. W. Daniels and Miss Mabel Daniels.

O. J. HAMILTON NAMED SUCCESSOR TO THOMAS

O. J. Hamilton, who has been filling the position of traveling auditor of the West Texas Utilities Co., has been named for the place of chief clerk in the Cisco office of the company. Mr. Hamilton takes the place made vacant by the tragic death of A. Garland Thomas, who was fatally wounded when his car struck the center pillar of the underpass of the Texas & Pacific railway, just west of Baird, two weeks ago.

Mr. Hamilton will arrive in Cisco the last of August to take up his work here, coming from the Abilene offices.

Mac Carr, who has been absent from Cisco for the past three weeks visiting his parents in Missouri, has returned to Cisco.

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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

For verily I say unto you, that whoever shall say unto this mountain, be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that you receive them, and ye shall have them.—Mark 11:23, 24.

What manna for our hunger
What peace to calm our woe!
We turn from human dreaming,
And behold its shadows go.
Lo! While the night still hovers,
The sun of hope appears;
Before we call he answers,
And while we speak he hears.
—LILLIAN LAUFERTY WOLFE

Spiritual ideas held to persistently and consistently, are expressed in human experience through bettered conditions and a surer sense of one's rightful place and work. When human conscience is illuminated by an understanding of God, human effort becomes more intelligently directed. The ominous shadows of fear, struggle, chance, and disappointment are removed and God-directed footsteps lead to that which is humanly necessary, whether it be a position, a business opportunity, or what not.—Clyde M. Dirlam, in Christian Science Sentinel.

SALARY RAISES IN VIOLATION OF LAW

Has Cisco a representative government, open and above board for every man, woman and child to sit in at the deliberations of the commission proceedings? Or is our government of dark lantern proceedings, the child of past populist proclivities? Is the city government democratic in its administration, or have we elected a junta of dictators, who work behind closed doors that the calcium light of publicity may not penetrate the seclusion behind which their deliberations are held that their creators, the voters, may not be informed of their clandestine acts till the deed is done?

"By their fruits ye shall know them."

The above queries are based on past acts of the city commission.

The present administration was organized behind closed doors. Representatives of the press were denied the privilege of "sitting in" during their deliberations. Nobody except the commissioners know just what proceedings were had during this star-chamber session, but all sorts of rumors are and have been afloat since that never-to-be-forgotten session, such as the "commissioners bargaining and trading among themselves for personal favorites" to hold the jobs at the disposal of the body, "discharging experienced employes to give jobs to men who knew nothing of the duties to which they were assigned."

"They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots."

These are the rumors of the proceedings that leaked to the sovereign voters who elevated those men to office that are supposed to represent the people of Cisco. The Citizen is not vouching for the truthfulness of these rumors, but "by their fruits ye shall know them."

After the star-chamber session practically all jobs at the disposal of the commission, it was announced, were filled by new people, many of whom inexperienced so far as their new duties were concerned. A competent civil engineer who had been in charge of the city's water system for many years was fired (position vacated) and one of the commissioners, it was announced, would have charge of Cisco's two million dollar water plant, a man without sufficient technical knowledge or practical experience for the duties required of him. At this session Commissioner Winston was made water commissioner, at a salary of \$150, a position not in existence when elected. Leakage from the star-chamber session was to the effect that Commissioners Burnet and Henderson voted against the election of Winston for this job, and that Commissioners Elliott, Clements and WINSTON voted in the affirmative.

The state statutes are plain in their provision that "the salary of any official, state, county or city, shall not be increased during his term of office," and the city charter provides that "the mayor and each of the commissioners shall not hold any other public office of emolument."

Yet, Commissioner Winston has held the job of water commissioner since his assuming office May 1 last.

The full time pay of Commissioner Elliott was also

created at the first meeting of the commission on which he served. After being qualified as commissioner at the meeting of May 1, 1931, Commissioner Elliott was named by Mayor Berry as sanitary commissioner. At this meeting, one of the first acts was the motion of "Commissioner Clements, seconded by Commissioner Donovan, that the sanitary commissioner, J. T. Elliott, be employed for full time, and his salary not exceed \$150 per month, his duties to be patrolling of the lake and the duties of sanitary officer." Carried.

This was the opening wedge of the commission to employ themselves, to work under themselves, and to report to themselves, all in violation of the state law regulating the compensation of city commissioners, as made and provided in Article 816, revised civil statutes, which reads as follows:

"Salaries of officers shall be fixed by Council, etc. The city council shall on or before the first day of January next preceding each and every election, fix the salary and fees of office of the mayor to be elected at the next regular election, and shall, at the same time, establish the compensation or salary to be paid to the officers elected or appointed by the council; and the compensation or salary so established SHALL NOT BE CHANGED DURING THE TERM FOR WHICH SAID OFFICERS SHALL BE ELECTED OR APPOINTED."

J. T. Elliott was elected commissioner on the first Tuesday in April, 1931, to an office whose compensation was fixed at \$20 per month, and had hardly warmed his seat, after being qualified on May 1, 1931, before his compensation was changed, in violation of Article 816, of the civil statutes, to \$150 per month.

W. R. Winston was elected a member of the city commission on the first Tuesday in April, 1932, at a salary of \$20 per month. At the star-chamber session, the records show, his salary was immediately raised to \$150 per month, and the leakings from that session stated he voted for himself. Henderson and Burnett are reported to have voted against this violation of the civil statutes.

Thus we have the piteous spectacle of at least three of the commissioners, who had solemnly sworn to "uphold the laws of the state, not fight a duel, etc.," voting to raise the salaries of two members of the commission after having been elected to serve at a salary already fixed, in violation of the law.

The Citizen unhesitatingly condemns this open flouting of the laws of the state by our elected officers as unwarranted, unjustifiable, and contrary to the welfare of the city. It argues little that these men might be able to better perform the duties they have assumed, it is enough to cite that it is a violation of the law. If they have the power to raise a commissioner's salary from \$20 to \$150, they have the same power to raise it to \$1,000. The Citizen charges that Winston and Elliott have illegally been paid the sum of \$130 each and every month they have drawn full time as commissioners. If I were city attorney of Cisco I would, at the earliest possible date, file suits to recover excess sums paid these commissioners whose salaries have been increased after they had been elected and qualified for the \$20 per month jobs for which they were elected by the voters of this city. We do not know whether the present city attorney will take any legal steps in these premises. Probably not. He is an appointee of the commission and should he do so the probability is his commission would be revoked by the same powers that gave him the position.

Another wanton waste of the city's revenues was the appointment of the present city attorney as delinquent tax collector. The Citizen is not questioning the commission's authority, but the charter provides that "the city secretary is also tax collector and assessor." The past spring, when the matter of employing some one to assess the taxes was discussed, Secretary Cate told the commission that he could do it, and did. Now that there is probability of several thousand dollars coming in from delinquent taxes the commission appoints an independent delinquent tax collector, to whom will be given the 10 per cent penalty that should go into the treasury of the city.

The Citizen is informed that in a short while the loan companies will foreclose on 50 or more pieces of resident property in Cisco, and as soon as titles are passed to those companies they will voluntarily come to the secretary's office and pay the delinquent taxes. Mr. Cate will write them a receipt, accept their taxes, and the ten per cent penalty will be paid to the city attorney. A similar situation prevailed when George D. Fee was named delinquent tax collector while holding his office as city commissioner. The Citizen denounced this act as in violation of the civil statutes and the city charter which prohibits a commissioner from holding another office of emolument during his tenure of office.

There was no personal motive against Mr. Fee that prompted our fight against the commission in dissipating the city's revenues then, neither is there any personal motive against the city attorney that prompts us to call attention to this useless waste of city funds in employing a delinquent tax collector to do the work the city secretary was appointed to do, and will do, regardless of the fact that the city attorney has been appointed delinquent tax collector. We are simply protesting this waste of city revenues at time when the city is expecting to go on the scrip basis any day. The commission has adopted a system of economy in the city administration. Why not be consistent and stop this useless expenditures of the city's revenues of paying a delinquent tax collector the 10 per cent penalty when rightfully it belongs in the city treasury? It is a saving at the spigot while the bung is wide open. But the commission's economy program only extended to the appointive officers. Not a cent

has been reduced from elective officers, while the appointive officers' salaries have been cut to the red.

The Citizen takes no delight in giving publicity to these matters. We would much prefer complimenting our elective officers, but when they display such disregard for the best interest of the city, we feel we would be disloyal to the best interest of the community were we to remain silent.

We feel that the above indictment is enough to cause every commissioner who is guilty of the acts charged—and we have spoken from the records—to immediately resign, if they can realize their responsibility to Cisco.

But listen. Probably the most serious charge that can be brought against the commission was the second star-chamber session of the "city fathers," those benevolent gentlemen whom the voters elected to guard the people's interest. The commission held a second session after the regular session had recessed Tuesday night, and all spectators departed. Then they passed a resolution calling an election to amend the city charter asking the people to give the commission authority to levy a tax to maintain the chamber of commerce, the municipal band and the zoo. One member of the commission admitted it was for the purpose of forestalling the citizens in initiating a movement to amend the charter by adding other desirable provisions that they evidently knew the people wanted. By doing so "the charter could not be again amended until the lapse of two years," this gentleman said.

But in this the star-chamber commissioners were mistaken. Immediately certain enterprising and loyal citizens started a movement to check-mate the dark lantern movement, and petitions were drawn for another amendment, and circulated for signatures. This petition already has more than 200 signers, which will be presented to the commission this week, asking that an election be called to amend the charter which provides that "city commissioners shall not accept public employment other than that of commissioners, and that their compensation be fixed at \$5.00 for each regular session of the commission, and \$2.50 for each called session." And further provides that "no commissioner shall receive more than \$150 per annum."

If this petition is presented to the commission, bearing 10 per cent of the qualified voters of the city, it is mandatory on the part of the commission, that the election be called.

The clandestine action of the commission in passing the resolution for submitting the charter amendments has prejudiced the voters against the provisions promulgated. Had the commission called in a representative delegation of citizens and conferred on these amendments to be submitted, it is probable that all three would have been adopted, for there are many who are friendly to each of the proposed amendments. Neither of the provisions would pass if submitted to the people tomorrow. On the contrary we have not heard a voice raised against the added provision which the people are asking to be adopted as an amendment to the charter. It will probably prove the most popular provision ever submitted to the people. Its unanimous adoption is predicted by every one who has expressed an opinion, unless it be those connected with the star-chamber session.

Commissioner and Mrs. H. C. Henderson, accompanied by their son, Leon, and daughter, Fay, were members of a pleasant reunion of their relatives which was held in Plainview the past week. They have returned home, where Mr. Henderson has resumed his duties as grocery salesman and city commissioner.

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Most Rural Schools Open Fall Session September 12

At the August meeting of the county school board, after classifying schools of the county, the board set the following dates for the opening of the various schools:

All the nine months schools to be open by September 12;

All eight months schools to be open by October 8;

All other schools to be open by November 14.

The board passed an order joining Erath county in the formation of the Rush Creek County Line district No. 70, to be administered by Erath county. Tanner district No. 6, in Eastland county, was added to the Rush Creek district in Erath county.

At the recent meeting of the state board of education the state apportionment for the year 1932-33 was set at \$16.00. This is a cut of \$1.50 per capita from last year and we are not positively assured that the \$16.00 will be reached this year. There remains a balance of \$4.50 per capita to be paid on last year's apportionment and this will be paid before the first payment is made for 1932-33.

The appropriation for state aid for the year 1932-33 is \$2,500,000, exceeded the appropriation. The

The applications last year far state board of education has authorized the state department of education to say that the appropriation for this year will not be sufficient to meet the claims which will be made and that state aid for this

year will be distributed on the following basis:

Salary Aid—Teachers' salaries to be paid for the term of six months on the basis of salaries actually paid, provided the salaries do not exceed the state schedule.

High School Apportionment Aid—Allow \$10.00 for each resident high school pupil enrolled in high school. This does not effect the rural schools except in rare cases.

Transportation Aid—Allow an amount equal to one-half the cost of transportation. Not to exceed \$240 per bus. The amount of aid received by district for transporting pupils shall not exceed \$1.00 per pupil per month for each pupil transported.

Industrial Aid has been cut from \$50.00 to \$35.00 per year for the maintenance for either a home economics or a farm mechanics department.

Consolidation Aid—The amount to be allowed for paying consolidation bonuses for the school year 1932-33 will be determined after applications for other aids have been received.

High School Tuition—The law provides that an amount not to exceed \$400,000 may be used out of the rural aid fund for the school year 1932-33 to pay tuition of non-resident pupils. The state board was of the opinion that this amount would probably pay more than 50 per cent of the claims. Only 60 per cent of the high school tuition allowed for the present year has been paid. Our instructions are

that a warrant has been mailed for that amount.

The Purchase of Equipment—The state board of education has sent the following instructions relating to the purchase of equipment in state aid schools: School boards are advised not to spend money for equipment and furniture to meet state aid requirements, if the district has to create an indebtedness to purchase same.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH SERVICES

The lesson-sermon subject is "MIND" in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, Sunday, August 21.

"The Lord hath been mindful of us: he will bless us," is the golden text, from Psalms 115:12.

Included in the service are the following passages from the Scriptures: "Who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor? For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever"—Romans 11:34,36.

Citations to be read from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy, embraces the following from page 143:

"Mind is the grand creator, and there can be no power except that which is derived from Mind. If Mind was first chronologically, is first potentially, and must be first eternally, then give to Mind the glory, honor, dominion, and power everlastingly due its holy name."

WANT NO HONOR OF ECONOMY AT EXPENSE OF EDUCATION

"I also want my election to mean that we are going to keep up the public schools. That is the reason why I want to give the public schools one-third of the gasoline tax instead of only one-fourth now. My plan will give the schools two million, five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) more money than they get now which will take care of the reduction in revenue caused by the passage of the homestead exemption of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00). Other obligations of the government can be put off until tomorrow, next year, and five years but the education of our young children must take place now lest they grow up in ignorance—a reflection on our civilization. I want no honor for economy at the expense of the children of our public schools."—Miriam A. Ferguson, leading candidate for governor.

SAM BROWN RECOVERS IN HOSPITAL AT HOBBS

Those who knew Sam Brown while a resident of Cisco, will be glad to learn that he is recovering from an illness in a Hobbs, N. M., hospital. Brown, for several years, was a linotype operator on the Cisco Daily News, but left here about three years ago to join the Citizen editor, who was manager of the Wink Herald. Sam later went with the News at Hobbs, and is now manager of that paper.

The Hobbs News last week says: "Sam Brown, mainspring of The Hobbs News and indispensable factotum of the establishment, has been quite ill for ten days. Tuesday, he yielded to the insistence of his friends, who would no longer countenance his persistence in remaining at the post of duty, and entered the Lea-Mex Hospital. Today he is very much improved, with prospects of quick recovery and a return to his duties within a week, perhaps. Needless to say, the News establishment is wobbling considerably, in fact, staggering along the best possible, because of the services Mr. Brown renders and the heavy duties he performs at all times."

EASTLAND MAN KILLED WHEN HIT BY A TRAIN

N. J. Evans, 65, of Eastland, was killed instantly when run over by the Texas & Pacific eastbound passenger train Monday afternoon at a point a mile and a quarter west of that city.

Evans was returning from a hunting trip. His body, badly mangled, was found at a footpath which leads across the railroad tracks. A rabbit he had killed lay nearby. The accident occurred about 4:45 o'clock.

The man until recently, had operated a truck farm since coming to live with a daughter, Mrs. Stewart Harris, in Eastland.

The Regeneration Of Ross Sterling As One The Masses

"Verily ye must be born again." But it seems that the "fat boy" finds that is not "such a hill for a high stepper like him." So Sterling, who made the race two years ago as a "big business" man, is now being transformed into one of the common herd. It is the dear people whose interest he is now trying to safeguard, but later we will find out that not a single poor man is among the bunch who are paying the subsidized dailies for the support they are giving the present incumbent of the executive office of Texas.

But A. C. Benge, of Arlington, in the Fort Worth Press tells more about the transition of Ross Sterling from a representative of polluted wealth to that of the proletariat:

Two years ago the crying need of Texas was for "a business man for governor"—a big financial giant who could wave his financial wand over our state problems, and presto, all would turn to prosperity, happiness, etc.

Yeah, we elected him and began singing "Happy days are here again." But things have not turned out just as we were told they would.

Taxes are higher than ever, the large army of state officers are still on the payroll, getting the same or higher salaries than when we elected our business man to lead us.

Special sessions of the legislature have been called to pass laws that a high school boy should know were unconstitutional, said special sessions costing quite a nifty sum.

The military arm of the state has been called into action to protect the oil interests, while the farmer has been left to either paddle his own boat or let her sink.

But all that is ancient history, for our "big business man" has been reincarnated; been "borned agin," and now, ladies and gentlemen, behold him in the role of "The Great Commoner—the king is dead, long live the king."

Now we have a candidate whose great heart pulsates in strict unison with the hearts of the dear people, one of whom he is. All we need now is a man of the common sort who will stand as a stone wall between us and the interests that would despoil us, not a big business man, to be sure, but a man who is big enough, good enough and willing to take the leadership in protecting the common herd from the onslaughts of the big interests.

That's him all over now; and to think that this wondrous change has been wrought in less than two years, a "big business" cocoon turns out a beautiful, beneficent,

altruistic butterfly. Ain't nature grand?

Now we are going to the small towns, the villages, hamlets, and meeting the boys where the creek is engaged in forking, carrying the message of hope to them.

And to entertain them we have assembled quite a troupe of joke-smiths (some of the most capable being native of Fort Worth) who regale the rubes with stories of the great one's greatness. Really, it's a good show, tho, and reminds one of a line from Shakespeare, "He rambled up and down, with silly jesters."

It is a faint hope, tho, that before

the campaign is over somebody will become so intently interested in the welfare of the common folk to the extent that they will spill the beans and give us the names and addresses of those common people who pay for the big political ads addresses of those common people or two before the election. That would be real news.

Visiting in the Geo. W. Daniels home this week were Mrs. Grace Bettis Boland, of Little Rock; Ivan Daniels, of Abilene; Mrs. B. A. Tunnell and little daughter, Gwendolyn, of Ranger.

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A HOME INSTITUTION

Formation of Junior Shakespearean Story Telling Club Under Way Here

Though taking on the nature of play, but educational in its purpose, is the National Junior Shakespeare Story Telling club, offered the children of Cisco parents by Miss Alma Shelton, director of local clubs, who visited Cisco last week to introduce this system of classical education for the school grade children. Miss Elsie Glenn has taken over the work here, and informs the Citizen that a branch of the organization is now in the formative stage with most flattering prospects, as its advantages are manifest to every parent.

The faculty of imparting an understanding of even the simpler methods of study to the child is an art that even few trained teachers understand, and when a system is

introduced that will eliminate the arduous features of work, and replace it with play, an advance that will be appreciated by every parent. The National Junior Shakespeare Story Telling club does all of this, and more. It brings a working knowledge of the classics to the grade school child, and prepares the more advanced for high school English studies.

The story hour, embraced in the courses, will be one of the most interesting features, when groups will gather to relate Shakespearean stories in simplified form. Each grade will have its club, and the more advanced members will contest for local honors with other groups, Miss Glenn explained. At intervals prizes will be offered in these contests, and diplomas will be awarded those finishing the prescribed course.

The organization is national in its scope, with branches in practically every section of the country. Miss Glenn will be glad to explain the system to Cisco parents, and hopes to enlist their hearty cooperation.

R. N. Cluck, superintendent of the Cisco public schools, endorses the plan in the following statement:

"I think the movement to establish the National Junior Shakespeare club in cooperation with the schools and clubs of Cisco is a fulfillment of a long neglected need in our community for the development early in life of the cultural side of the child's life. It also gives him an introduction and appreciation of his high school field of English."

Miss Glenn says the movement is ardently endorsed by Mrs. Wm. Reagan, trustee of the Cisco library; Mrs. Geo. B. Kelly, president of the Cisco Federated clubs; Mrs. Edward Lee, president of the Wednesday Study club; Mrs. A. J. Olson, member of the Delphian club; Miss Marian Chambliss, high school English teacher; Dr. F. E. Clark, president, and J. E. Spencer, secretary, of the Cisco school board, and others.

Merrily We Go To Hell, At Palace Sunday-Monday

Cleo Lucas' popular novel, "I, Jerry, Take Thee, Joan," has been dramatized and now becomes the co-starring vehicle for Sylvia Sidney and Fredric March, two of Hollywood's younger favorites.

Paramount assigned to Edwin Justus Mayer the task of converting Miss Lucas' story into dramatic form, which is now presented under the paradoxical title of "Merrily We Go to Hell," which comes to the Palace theatre the forepart of next week.

Mayer, an accomplished scenarist and playwright, realizing the popularity of social dramas depicting fashionable life and the escapades of modern irresponsible youth, adheres closely to the trend of the original story. His professional touch is revealed however, in the dramatic settings and forceful action he has given to the play.

In the picture, March becomes Jerry, a brilliant but irresponsible newspaper reporter, who battles daily with the beverage now prohibited but "speakeasily" obtainable on almost any block in most large cities.

Miss Sidney, as Joan, a daughter of wealthy parents, falls for March, who is affable and charming, even when in his cups. Later she marries him in spite of family objections. She then finds that she has to check her own headstrong course to keep Jerry from utter dissolution.

She is helped in this direction, somewhat, when March loses his job. Sober, he writes a play which is a great success. He celebrates so disgracefully that she leaves him and returns to her home in Chicago. A later reconciliation is utterly destroyed when March, quite "biffed," is caught by Sylvia affectionately kissing Adrienne Allen, who was his former college sweetheart.

Sylvia, heart-broken joins her friend, Chalcie's swimming party. She deliberately swims out to a hoped-for forgetfulness, but—

Those who see the picture will learn the ending, and will also appreciate the excellent talent of a cast that can make a simple story so realistic, yet entertaining—so dramatic, yet quite satisfying in its final climax.

WOULD ABOLISH TAXES ON HOMES AND FARMS

"I am determined that the burden of taxation for ad valorem and road bond taxes upon the farms, ranches and homes and other real estate in town or country shall be removed. I want my election to mean that much if it does not mean anything else. Present taxes on real estate in Texas will destroy the value of every farm and home as well as all other real estate. High taxes on real estate makes high rents on everybody that in turn makes a homeless people."—Miriam A. Ferguson, candidate for governor.

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DESDEMONA HOME-COMING ATTENDED BY CISCOANS

Among those Cisco folk who enjoyed the home-coming festivities staged at Desdemona Friday and Saturday of last week, were Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Lawson and children, Melvin, Victor and Helen Louise; Mr. and Mrs. V. V. McMurray and children.

The Cisco ex-Desdemonans left here Saturday morning, and only enjoyed the program for that day. But Friday was replete with interesting features that added to the pleasure of all who took in the big show from beginning to end. Not the least of the festivities Friday was the old-fashioned basket picnic dinner, served en masse, at the noon hour. Rodeo, baseball, and other interesting features were on the program for Friday, while the big free barbecue was the main attraction Saturday. Rodeo and baseball game between Dublin and Stephenville, with Desdemona nine playing the winning team, were the sport features Saturday. Each day addresses were delivered by local orators and others, and the candidates had an open season each day.

The celebration closed Saturday night with a song-fest. A large number were present from Eastland and adjoining counties.

Robert Black was master of ceremonies.

ELECTIVE HIGHWAY BODY

"If there was ever any doubt as to the need of an elective highway commission by the people, it is now completely dispelled by the recent disclosures of approximately one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) waste or misappropriation by the present highway commission in the last five and one-half years. It is no answer to say that because the books balance, that there has been no wrong done. The question is, and which has not been answered, what ought the highways of Texas have cost and what did they cost?"—Miriam A. Ferguson.

The families of Messrs. Chas. Sandler and Pete Cooles have entertained as their guests this week, Dr. Harold Freed, of St. Louis; I. Sandler and Miss Ann Sandler, of Fort Worth.

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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

FOR JUDGE 88TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT:

BURETTE W. PATTERSON
FRANK SPARKS
For State Senator, 24th District:
OLIVER CUNNINGHAM
(Re-Election)

FOR REPRESENTATIVE 107th FLOTORIAL DISTRICT:

CECIL A. LOTIEF
of Cross Plains

FOR DISTRICT CLERK:

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

FOR COUNTY CLERK:

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

FOR TAX ASSESSOR:

JOHN HART
T. J. (TOM) HALEY
FOR TAX COLLECTOR:
T. L. COOPER
(Re-election, 2nd term)

FOR COMMISSIONER PREC. No. 4

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BIRT BRITAIN
FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
PRECINCT No. 6:

J. H. McDONALD
(Re-election)
For Constable, Precinct No 6:
JOE B. HICKS

SUGAR BEETS PRODUCE WELL IN THIS COUNTRY

Sugar beets as a money crop to substitute cotton might be considered by Eastland county farmers. These beets produce enormously, and with this pure climate should contain a maximum quantity of sugar. Other countries produce sugar beets at a profit. They are easier to cultivate, harvest and handle than either ribbon cane or sorghum, and if necessary to ship the beets can be freighted by truck much easier than ribbon cane, which cannot be grown as profitably here as in damper climates.

The Citizen was shown a sample of the sugar beet by Elbert Ezzell, which was grown on the farm of his father, W. R. Ezzell, near Scranton. The beet was large in circumference, and weighed nine pounds. It would only take a few acres of these beets to prove a profitable crop.

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erty of the poor and to confiscate the property of the poor."—Miriam A. Ferguson.

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