

# The Baird Star

"On The  
Broadway of America."

Our Motto—"Tis Neither Birth, Nor Wealth, Nor State, But the Git-Up-and-Get That Makes Men Great."

"Over 1750 Producing Wells  
in Callahan County."

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## GRADUATES OF BAIRD HIGH SCHOOL TO ORGANIZE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SATURDAY

All graduates of the Baird High School are invited to meet at 4:00 p.m. Saturday Sept 14, in the auditorium of the new high school building for the purpose of organizing an Alumni Association.

The formation of such an organization is under the general directorship of the class of 1928. At their annual class banquet held June 20, Miss Ruth Simons was named chairman of the organization committee to be assisted by Mrs. J. F. Boren, class sponsor.

At a meeting of Alumni called Tuesday, afternoon Sept. 10, the purpose of the organization was set forth as: first, to sponsor an annual homecoming for the graduates of Baird High school and second to form a democratic organization to keep up the spirit of the school.

This organization will have the advantage over similar organizations of other progressive schools in the fact that most Alumni Associations have membership dues while this one will make every effort to be self-sustaining without cost to the individual member.

Seven classes were represented at the meeting Tuesday including the classes of 1919, 1922, 1923, 1926, 1927, 1928, and 1929. It is hoped that all the classes will be well represented Saturday. Come out and bring your classmates with you.

### MISS ARNOLD WEDS A. M. COLEMAN, JR.

Mr. A. M. Coleman, Jr., Athletic Coach, of Baird High school, brought his bride with him to Baird, when he came here for the opening of school Monday. We take the following account of this marriage from the Abilene Morning News:

Miss Ann Arnold, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Arnold, and A. M. Coleman, Jr., of Roscoe were married early Monday morning Sept. 2, in the home of President Batsell Baxter on College Hill, Abilene Christian college addition. This is the second wedding solemnized in President Baxter's new home.

For her wedding Miss Arnold was wearing an attractive ensemble of doodlawn brown crepe with blouse of lace, and accessories in harmonizing shades of brown.

The romance of the couple had its beginning when the two were schoolmates at Abilene Christian College, where Mr. Coleman was a football star. He received his A. B. degree there in 1927. He was assistant athletic coach at the school at Baird, where they will make their home following a motor honeymoon trip to various points in Texas.

Miss Arnold studied at A. C. C. for one year, following her graduation from the local high school, and for the past year has been in the office of the Minter Dry Goods Company. She is a member of a well-known family here, where she was born and reared. The Lee Arnolds have resided in Abilene for more than 25 years.

### WORK ON NEW COURT HOUSE STEADILY

Callahan county's new court house is being rushed to completion. The first floor is being finished first and it is expected to have it completed by Oct. 1, when the officials will move in and the old court house torn down and move away. The date for laying the corner stone at the new building has been set for November 11. The ceremonies will be under the auspices of the I.O.O.F. Grand Lodge, of Texas and preparations are now being made by the local Lodge and other Odd Fellow Lodges in Callahan for the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bounds and family spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Taylor.

### WINSETT REVIVAL CLOSED SUNDAY

The Winsett revival, which had been in progress for two weeks, closed last Sunday night with 39 additions to the church. This is only a small result of the meeting, for the sermons delivered during the meeting were of such a nature to live with us for a long time.

Bro. Winsett is an out-standing proponent of the pre-milenist theory and is able in the defense of his views on the question, now, whether we agree with him or not it is certain that we have a study in the Bible and this question that we shall never forget.

The meeting is over, now, and we must go on with a determined will, so lets all be at Sunday school next Sunday, right in our place and with glad hearts go into the future work with a zeal that will win.

We will have the baptism service Sunday night. All who have been received for baptism are urged to be there and be ready to follow the Lord in this most beautiful service, and if there are others who wish to come in and be baptised, we give you the warmest invitation you ever had to come right on.

Let everyone be in their place and let us all honor the Lord. On Saturday afternoon, the pastor accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Ogden, and Mrs. W. S. Hamlett, went to the jail and held service with the prisoners, three of whom professed faith in Christ.

J. R. Mayes, Pastor

### BAPTIST ASSO. HOLD MEETING

The Callahan Baptist Association met last week, with the Potosi Church. There were three days of the meeting, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Most all churches in the county were represented and a real good meeting was held. Two thousand and five hundred members were reported with 350 additions the past year, and 150 of these by experience and baptism. Every Baptist church in the county has had some additions and conversions. A good degree of work had been done along all lines and we are all enheartened and are going on with a little more courage and zeal than we have had before.

Our Fifth Sunday meeting will be held with Clyde church this month.

Joe R. Mayes.

### GRIGGS HOSPITAL NEWS

J. W. Squires, with the Gifford-Hill Construction Co, was injured while on duty Sunday, and is a patient in the hospital.

Melton Heslip, who had both arms broken in a car wreck a few weeks ago, came back to the hospital Wednesday to have an X-Ray made.

Mrs. Clinton Edwards, of Moran is a patient this week.

Cary Wylie, who was severely burned by a gas explosion in the oil field near Admiral some two weeks ago, is improving, and will soon be able to go home. Mr. Toney who was burned at the same time, was able to leave the hospital several days ago.

Little Jack Ray, of Abilene was at the hospital yesterday for a tonsil operation.

Mrs. Nannie Mitchell, returned to her home at Granbury, last Thursday evening after spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Henry Lambert. Her son, Leonard Mitchell, came up after her in his car.

Messrs. F. L. Walker, L. L. Ford and Frank Wheat, returned Monday from a visit with J. B. Walker, at Texola, Okla., and B. L. Walker, at Shamrock.



BIG SPRINGS AIRPORT OPENED WEDNESDAY

Big Spring's Airport, was officially opened Wednesday, the celebration extending over Thursday. In spite of the bad weather a large crowd was present, more than for the opening. This is said to be one of the best equipped airports in this section. There is an attractive administration building, built of tile and stucco, and two larger steel hangars, one 100x80 feet and the other 80x60 feet. In addition, there is a machine shop 40x60 feet, an electric pump will be installed to service their ships at the rate of one every two minutes. They will find telephone, telegraph and restaurant accommodations.

The airport is located two miles west of the center of town, on the Broadway of America highway. The field is comprised of 330 acres of gently rolling prairie, which drains quickly and easily. Each of the four runways is 2800 feet long and 300 feet wide, these will be kept oiled. Entirely free from obstruction on all sides, the airport has been pronounced ideal aeronautical experts.

It is the only lighted airport between Fort Worth and El Paso, the field is equipped with a revolving beacon placed on a 56 foot tower which can be seen for fifty miles on a clear night; with six flood lights on top of the hangars and three at each corner of the field; with a complete system of boundary lights and with obstruction lights on every one of the few minor obstructions.

The Southern Air Transport system has leased the field for a term of three years, and was turned over to them following the dedication.

### NOTICE

I will be away from home for the next few weeks, during which time my son, Dr. G. A. Hamlett, will be in charge of the office of City and County Health Officer, and will also take care of my general practice.

Respectfully,  
W. S. Hamlett  
City and County Health Officer

### NOTICE OF SALE

Sealed bids for purchase of the material of the old Courthouse will be received by the Commissioners Court of Callahan County, at Baird Texas until ten o'clock a.m., on Monday October 14, 1929. Separate bids for rock, vault doors, iron and steel, lumber, doors and windows, and iron fencing will be required. Bids must be filed with county judge before ten o'clock on date of sale, and certified or cashed check for five per cent of amount of bid must accompany each proposal. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

W. C. White  
County Judge, Callahan County, Texas. 41-4t

Jim and Joe Leach, returned Sunday from a nauto trip to El Paso, and other points in west Texas.

### GOOD TRADE IN BAIRD SATURDAY

Last Saturday was another good day for Baird Merchants, in fact according to all with whom we have talked—it was a fine days business.

There were around 500 out-of-town people registered on that day and all seemed to be buying something.

The cash prizes were awarded as follows:  
Chester Phillips, \$1; June Vaughn, \$1.50; Reba Joe Price, \$2; R. W. Smith, \$2.50; Fannie Knott, \$3; Donald Dunlap, \$5; Ruth Roberts, \$10.

### ERNEST POWELL DIES

Ernest Powell, age 62 years, died suddenly at the home of F. L. Walker Monday night about 9 o'clock. Mr. Powell had been ill sometime with dropsy. He got up from his chair assisted by his wife and suddenly fell forward and died instantly.

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock, Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Joe R. Mayes, and interment made in the Admiral cemetery.

Mr. Powell is survived by his wife, who was formerly Miss Alice Eastham, of Admiral, and one son Russell Powell, of Rotan, by a former marriage, who with his wife and two children and Mr. Barron, a friend, were here for the funeral.

Mr. Powell was a native of Missouri. When a young man he spent some fourteen years as a lumberman in Mississippi.

He has made his home here for the past several years. In the early summer he went to Kansas to work in the harvest fields, but was taken ill and returned home, where he has since been in a serious condition.

### NOTICE

All persons holding tickets for the quilt to be given away by the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church are requested to be present on Saturday afternoon, Sept 28, at which time the quilt will be given away, immediately following the awarding of the Cash Prizes.

### P-T. ASSOCIATION MET MONDAY

The executive committee of the Parent-Teacher Association met Monday evening at the call of the President, Mrs. Fred Hart, for the purpose of discussing and formulating plans for the work for 1929-30.

The President and each committee chairman urgently request all parents who have an interest in the school and children to be present at the first meeting, Thursday, Oct. 10.

### MISS FRANCES SNYDER TO STUDY MUSIC WITH RUDOLPH GANZ, CHICAGO

MORAN, Sept. 3.—Miss Frances Snyder, charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Snyder, is to leave today for Chicago where she will study music with Rudolph Ganz, head of the piano department of the Chicago Musical college, and former director of the St. Louis Symphony orchestra.

Miss Snyder, who divides her time between the Snyder homes here and on a ranch ten miles west of here, is claimed by Albany as well as Moran, having served as princess on two occasions, once from each city, to the West Texas chamber of commerce convention. She was also "Spirit of Moran" on "Lindbergh day" in Abilene.

Her beauty and winsomeness were paid tribute by Charles Dana Gibson who selected her as one of the four beauties at College of Industrial Arts, Denton, in 1927. Her picture appeared as beauty number one in the Daedalian, school publication. In 1928 Miss Snyder was graduated from C. I. A. with highest honors in a class of 200 girls.

For the past year Miss Snyder has been teaching public school music in Hagerman, New Mexico, and during the immediate past summer she studied music at the University of Colorado in Boulder.

Her forebears are pioneer West Texans, both her maternal grandfather and great grandfather being pioneer settler and ranchmen. Her father, banker and ranchman, is now serving as vice president of three banking institutions in the section of the state. Baird, Moran and Albany.

### REBEKAHS TO MEET

The Rebekahs will meet in regular session next Monday night, at which time there will be a class for initiation. The Rebekah Degree Team from Abilene will be present to assist in conferring the degree. It is hoped that all members who can will be present. We meet at 7:30 o'clock.

Thelma White, N. G.,  
H. Schwartz, Sec.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Alexander and sons, John and Marshall, came over from Breckenridge last Saturday. Mr. Alexander and Marshall returned to Breckenridge and John to Austin, where he will attend the State University again this year, and Marshall will attend in Breckenridge. Mrs. Alexander remained here and will teach the Jackson school again this year, the term opening Monday of this week. She will stay with her sister, Miss Edith Collier, in Baird, going and returning on the bus line. Mrs. Alexander and John, both attended summer school at San Marcus, this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Reynolds, left Saturday morning for their home in Corona, New Mexico.

### FINE RAINS HAVE FALLEN

Fine rains have fallen over Callahan county, and West Texas the past week, which will be of benefit to late feed crop and to late cotton to some extent. It will make fine grass for winter and puts the ground in good shape for planting grain and it is likely that a big grain crop will be planted. It has made stock water plentiful all over the county except around Rowden where the rain was light and fell slow, all going into the ground.

The railroad tank at Baird has quite a good supply of water from the rain. It was very low for some time.

Lawrence Bowls gave us the following report of the rainfall at Baird: one-fourth in, on Wednesday Sept. 4, 1 1-4 inches last Saturday, night, and 2 1-8 inches Tuesday, a total of 3 5-8 inches, the past week.

The first norther of the season came Tuesday. It was quite cold—a warning that winter is not far away. The thermometer registered around 57 and it is still cool.

### BAIRD H. SENIOR CLASS ORGANIZE

The senior class of Baird High School during the term of 1929-30, met Monday and organized their class. The following officers were elected: Pres, Bob Darby; Vice-pres, Norris Kelton; Recording-Sec, Bessie Mae Gillitt; Corr.-Sec, Ola Faye Nichols; Treas, Lennis Varner; Poet, Eva Robinson; Historian, Dorothy Boydston; Reporter, Anness Reynolds.

There are forty-five members in the Sr. class this year. The largest graduating class there has ever been in the Baird school and we are striving to make it the best.

### MRS. W. B. JONES IS CLUB HOSTESS

The first meeting for the season of the Tuesday night club was held Sept. 10 with Mrs. W. B. Jones as hostess.

Tables were prettily appointed for bridge, while heart tallies were passed to twenty guests. Miss Edith Collier received high score, among club members while high score for guests went to Miss Millie Morrison.

Delicious refreshments of ices, sandwiches, and olives were served to the following guests: Mesdames Vada Bennet, Tyson, Bernice Ross, Bess Ray, John Bowls, Misses Lillie Morrison, Ruby Harp, Opal McFarlane, Jessie Powell, club members: Mesdames A. M. Cooper, Sam Gilliland, Schwartz, Ashby White, Hughes, McCleary, Misses Lola Johnson, Annie V. Foy, Frances Harris and Edith Collier.

### HELPS-SELFY HAS NEW OWNER

Mr. N. P. Smith, who has been manager in charge of the Helpy Selfy Grocery since same was purchased by Mr. E. C. Nichols from McGowen Bros, has bought the business and is now in full charge. Mr. Smith is a energetic and has run the business in a way as to draw and keep a splendid trade, and we are glad that he now is the owner.

Herschell Bassett, is a new clerk in Helpy Selfy. Bob Darby, who has been with the store since it was established, is still on the job, mornings, evenings and Saturdays. Bob is a senior in High school this year.

Mrs. Arthur Mitchell and little daughter, Patsy Ruth, spent the week end with relatives in Baird.

### BAIRD SCHOOL OPENED MONDAY

The fall session of Baird public schools were formally opened last Monday morning, the exercises being held in the auditorium of the new High School building. Something near 500 school children and a large number of the patrons of the school were present at the opening exercises.

Rev. Joe R. Mayes, pastor of the Baptist church, conducted the services. Misses Russell Condon, and Mrs. Gentry rendered a program of music and readings. Supt. J. F. Boren, then introduced the teachers, and made announcements.

The Baird School is opening under very favorable conditions this year. We have ample room to care for all students, and the buildings are comfortable and modernly equipped.

We have a splendid corps of teachers, under the guidance of Mr. Boren who has devoted many years to the upbuilding of the Baird public school, and we predict for Baird the most successful term of school ever had.

Public schools at Clyde and Cross Plains opened last Monday. The Clyde school is being held in the churches of the town, which have been equipped in the best way possible for school purposes. It is hoped that the new building will be ready sometime in the latter part of the year. The contract has been let and we understand work has begun on a new building to replace the one burned early in July.

The Jackson school east of Baird was the first rural school to open in the county. They will have a nine months school there this year. Mrs. R. L. Alexander is the teacher.

The Putnam, Union and Callahan school will open next Monday.

Mr. B. C. Chrisman, county superintendent informs us that all rural schools in the county will open earlier than usual this year, a consequence of the short cotton crop.

Quite a number of Baird girls and boys are going away to college this year.

### ADMIRAL NEWS

Mrs. Ollie Wooten and daughter, Mrs. Robbie and sons, Don and Jimmie, of Abilene, spent last Thursday here in the homes of Mrs. Edd Davis, Mrs. J. H. Higgins and R. J. Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jones and children of Rowden visited Walter's mother, Mrs. J. C. Jones, Sunday afternoon, they also visited R. J. Harris and family.

Mrs. Jennie Harris of Abilene, and J. R. Harris of Clyde, are with their father, R. J. Harris, who was hurt by a fall Saturday.

Olin Jones of Baird visited his mother, Mrs. J. C. Jones, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Artur Coffey and grandma Wright, and Mr. and Mrs. Sim Smith and children, spent Sunday night with Mrs. J. P. Walker of Baird who is ill.

Roy and Albert Higgins and Aubrey Harris were Abilene visitors Monday.

Mrs. R. B. Harris and little son, Ralph Jr., of Wilder Kansas, spent last Wednesday with Mrs. J. W. Higgins.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Black, and children, have moved to Baird, and have moved to see them move, but we wish them well in their new home.

We have had a good rain here most every body are through with their cotton. Our school will open Oct. 1, with Mr. and Mrs. Rials of Sulphur Springs as teachers.

—Romeo\*

Mr. and Mrs. Olaf South have returned from Stephenville, where they attended John Tarleton College the past summer. Mr. and Mrs. South will teach the Belle Plains school again this year.

# PALACE THEATRE

CISCO, TEXAS

SEPT. 15th, For 5 Big Days

"Sonny Boy" Is Here Again As Jolson's "Little Pal"  
A New Bouquet Of Jolson Song Hits By The Only Jolson

WARNER BROS. present

## AL JOLSON

"SAY IT WITH SONGS" WITH Davey Lee

Marian Nixon | Kenneth Thompson  
Holmes Herbert | Fred Kohler

Directed by LLOYD BACON



YOU LOVED JOLSON'S "SONNY BOY" IN "THE SINGING FOOL" — YOU WILL ADORE THE SAME CHILD AS JOLSON'S "LITTLE PAL" AND HEART'S LOVE

### HEARING ON POTATO WEEVIL AT EASTLAND, SEPT. 14

Destructive insects are threatening the sweet potato crop. Sweet potato weevil does for potatoes what the boll weevil has done for cotton. It has already destroyed the sweet potato crop in parts of the State. An effort is being made to keep this pest out of the potato fields of Central Texas. Commissioner of Agriculture calls for a hearing at Eastland county Court House Saturday Sept. 14, at 2:00 p.m. to consider establishing a weevil-free zone for this section. It is very important that potato growers and those interested in our agricultural industry attend, according to J. C. Patterson, Eastland county agent.

The proclamation follows: Austin, Texas September 14, 1929 Whereas, The sweet potato weevil, *Cylas formicarius*, a serious pest of the sweet potato is known to exist in certain sections of this state, and;

Whereas, The sweet potato weevils are not known to exist in that section comprising the counties of Taylor, Callahan, Shackelford, Erath, Hood, Summerville, Parker, Stephens, Coleman, Eastland, Comanche, Brown and Palo Pinto, and;

Whereas, The Commissioner of Agriculture has been partitioned by a large number of citizens of this Weevil-free section to declare this area a weevil-free zone and prohibit the importation of sweet potatoes for seed or consumption into this zone from any section, save another like zone or as may be deemed advisable, and;

Whereas, It has been alleged in those portions that the present protection offered in state certification of sweet potatoes and sweet potato slips for planting purposes does not give the defense and protection required,

Bow Therefore, I, George B. Torrell, Commissioner of Agriculture of Texas by authority invested in me by the laws of Texas do hereby call a hearing of all persons interested for a consideration of this problem to be held at the Court House in the town of Eastland, Texas, on Saturday Sept. 14, 1929, at 2:00 o'clock p.m.

The purpose of the above hearing will be to consider the adoption of a proclamation prohibiting the movement of sweet potatoes, sweet potato plants or any parts of plants into any of the above mentioned counties and interested persons are invited to attend and voice their opinion.

This done in the City of Austin, Texas on this 14th day of September 1929. Geo. B. Torrell, Com. J. M. Del Curto, Entomologist

### DETROIT PLANS TO EQUIP COPS WITH RADIO SETS

Success of System Used in Squad Cars Prompts Extension of Facilities.

Detroit.—Detroit patrolmen soon may walk their beats with a new weapon—individual radio receiving sets concealed in their clothing.

Spurred by the success of broadcasting messages and orders to police automobiles equipped with radio, the Detroit police department is experimenting with a miniature receiving set for the use of the individual patrolman.

The experimental set is four inches wide, six inches long and an inch and a quarter deep. The aerial consists of 75 feet of wire sewed into a piece of cloth. The remainder of the set includes three dry cell batteries and an ear phone similar to those used by the deaf. The weight of the outfit is less than four pounds.

The batteries slip into pockets of the vest; the aerial can be sewed to the back of the vest and the receiver itself may be attached to the belt or shoulder holster or in a special pocket in the vest or coat of the patrolman.

Sergt. William H. Burkahl, designer of the set, says that the ear phone can be worn under the coat lapel when not in use. A penetrating sound arrests the wearer's attention when the reports of a holdup, burglary or other crimes are broadcast.

The local police department under the direction of Commissioner William P. Rutledge, was one of the first in the country to equip police cruisers and scout cars with radio receiving sets and loud speakers. More than 700 arrests are credited to the radio equipped cruisers.

### Educators' Salaries

Expenditures for salaries of teachers amount to approximately 75 per cent of the total current expenditure for elementary and secondary schools. In colleges and universities it constitutes a somewhat smaller part, or approximately 60 per cent of the total spent for operation and maintenance.

### Sentiment

Sentiment is priceless, but it must not be allowed to play havoc with discipline.—Fishes Magazine.

### ADDO ELEPHANTS ON THE WARPATH

Pachyderms of South Africa Are Small and Few but Vicious.

Johannesburg, South Africa.—South Africa possesses a herd of elephants that is unique among wild animal life in any part of the world. The elephants are dwarf size, and scientists contend that they have adapted their stature to accord with their surroundings—a gradual process over a period of 10,000 years or thereabouts.

This famous but vicious tempered Addo elephant—a conspicuous product of his South African environment—is again on the warpath and is creating favorable circumstances for his own extermination. In order to preserve the herd, which has a great zoological value, a huge reserve, about 40 miles long by 20 miles wide, exists about 30 miles from Port Elizabeth. It is the only reserve in the Union where the elephant is protected. It has been his home for 10,000 years—a romantic piece of country of scrub bush. As a consequence of this environment the wild beasts have themselves become scrub—they are smaller in stature than any others of their kind; broader in girth to enable them to force their way through the dense bush, and 70 per cent of them are without tusks.

### Farmers Suffer Losses.

Less than 20 years ago there were 200 in the herd, and during seasons of drought they left their reserves in search of water—tearing up fences, draining the farmers' dams dry, and taking toll of human life wherever it crossed their path. In 50 years one farmer estimated his individual losses at over \$30,000.

The tempers of the farmers became as vicious as those of the elephants, with the result that the authorities decided to exterminate the elephants. A well-known big game hunter—Colonel Pretorius—was given a contract to wipe them out. When they had been thinned to 60 or 70 it was feared that South Africa would lose the specimen unless a halt were called in the killing process.

In twenty years the Addo elephant has again grown dangerous. Lack of water has driven him onto the farming lands, and angry farmers have given the authorities an ultimatum that unless they drive the animals back to their reserves—ten miles away—they will be shot at sight—a right possessed by the farmers. But the elephant will not return to his natural home, and so is signing his own death warrant.

### Natives Fear Animals.

South Africa realizes the wonderful value of this almost extinct herd, and every step is being taken to preserve it, the intention being to sink bore holes and make certain of a water supply.

Natives in the vicinity of the Addo bush fear the animals. More than one of them who has had the temerity to penetrate the bush fastnesses has never returned. His body, crushed to pulp, has later been found. A horse strayed into the bush and when it was found there was not an unbroken bone left. The late Captain Selous, another noted game hunter, described the man who ventures into the bush as "a suicidal ass."

### Exeter Is Credited With Birth of G. O. P.

Exeter, N. H.—Exeter has received the long delayed credit of being the birthplace of the Republican party. A bronze tablet bearing an inscription that it was organized October 12, 1853, at Major Blake's hotel, now the Squamscott house, has been placed near the main entrance of that hostelry.

This tablet was given by former Exeter and New Hampshire residents and reads "On this site the Republican party was first so named by Amos Tuck, Oct. 12, 1853." The name Republican was chosen by Mr. Tuck when at an informal meeting at Major Blake's attended by leading lights of the time called to fix a plan of harmonizing the different party organizations of the day.

There were four other parties at the time, besides the Democrats, and it was thought that the others could pull together better under one title of organization.

The call for the conference at Exeter for the formation of a new party was contained in a letter written by Amos Tuck and sent in September, 1853, to a few leaders of the various parties represented at the meeting.

### Harry's Life Saved by His Five Suits

San Francisco.—Clothes do not always make a man. But they have other advantages.

Harry Mitchell, aged fifty-seven, found this out for himself the other day when he was thrown 30 feet into the air from a milk wagon when it collided with another car.

Mitchell landed on his neck. He was taken to the hospital where doctors were bewildered that the man had sustained no injuries.

They were not long kept in doubt. When Mitchell was disrobed for examination it was found that he wore an overcoat, three suits of clothes and two suits of heavy underwear. When he landed on the pavement he merely bounced and came down lightly.

### Kiddies' Evening Story

By MARY GRAHAM BONNER

#### Two Cats

"I," said the Margay cat, "am a very smart cat, and I have no greater size to brag about than an ordinary cat behind a kitchen stove."



"Still I Am in the Zoo."

"Ordinary cats aren't always behind kitchen stoves," said the Ocelot cat.

"Most of the time," said the Margay cat, "you will find them there."

"You're an ignorant creature," said the Ocelot.

"Because ordinary cats often sit under the trees. They watch for birds. They aren't always under stoves at all."

"Besides in this hot weather, they're trying to be cool."

"Often, too, ordinary cats are looking into garbage tins and getting things to eat—if they find what they want."

"And, too, ordinary cats are often sitting on beautiful soft cushions in beautiful rooms."

"Beautiful soft cushions and beautiful rooms," snarled the Margay cat. "It's absurd to hear you talk. You have the idea you are very wise."

"I know I'm right. I've heard children talking about cats, who've come to visit the zoo."

"Cats who've come to the zoo?"

"No, children who've come to the zoo and who were talking about cats," said the Ocelot cat.

"Then, pray say what you mean and express yourself more clearly," said the Margay cat.

"Instead of putting the back part of your sentence where the front part should be, and mixing up the words so that no one can understand what you mean."

"You're a very cross, snarly creature."

"Ah, I'm a cat, and so are you," said the Margay cat. "You happen to be feeling in a more purring sort of mood than I do, that is all."

"I wouldn't say you were very pleasant."

"You don't have to say so. I wouldn't waste the time and effort to say so if I were you," said the Margay cat.

"Still I don't see why I am in the zoo."

"Of course it is true I have fine round spots which are interesting. And they say I am rare and that my very smallness is interesting."

"That's what they say, and so that is why you are in the zoo," said the Ocelot cat. "Now I have a lot of interesting things about me."

"I come from South America. I'm considered large for my species, or big family, or cousinship, or whatever you want to call it."

"I don't care about calling it anything in particular," said the Margay cat.

"Well," said the Ocelot cat, "I mean what one would call it if one wanted to speak about it."

"I can't imagine who would want to," said the Margay cat.

"Now, don't be rude," said the Ocelot cat, snarling.

"Pooh, don't put on such fine and mighty airs," said the Margay cat. "I don't, I'm a modest creature. And you have nothing to boast about. A Jaguar would not think anything of eating you."

"He wouldn't think any more of you than a child would of a small piece of cake."

"That's something," said the Ocelot, smiling slightly. "And no matter what you may say I know I'm a handsome, spotted cat, and I think I look like a leopard, I do."

"No one can stop you from thinking," said the Margay cat, yawning.

"But I must have a nap. I must have my beauty sleep."

"I don't need such a thing," snarled the Ocelot cat, who felt a little cross at the Margay cat!

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#### Then Would Sign Off

Toodie, aged two and one-half, has a naughty little habit of crying when she doesn't get her own way.

In the playground one morning she set up a great clamor, which distressed little Bill, her brother's chum, greatly.

"Aw, jus' let 'er alone, an' let 'er holler," suggested her brother. Then he added hopefully, "She'll be sign'n' off in a minute."

#### Conjugal Congeniality

"When a man and his wife think the same thoughts simultaneously it is a sign that they are exceedingly congenial."

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### NOTICE OF SALE OF SCHOOLHOUSES

Notice is hereby given that the schoolhouse in the Old Hart District No. 15 and the schoolhouse in the old Erath District No. 14 will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder at 10:00 A. M. on the 16th day of September, 1929. The place of sale will be at the new building in Union Consolidated District No. 5 of this county.

Trustees of said Union District reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

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The furniture is the plainest and Baldwin does all of his own cooking. He raises vegetables in a garden that almost surrounds the house. He works at odd jobs and devotes the rest of his time to tinkering and gardening.

### Get Busy

Today is the accepted time to make that start you have been planning. Tomorrow will not do, because it never comes. The time you have left is all too short for what you must accomplish, so get at the task right away.—Grit.

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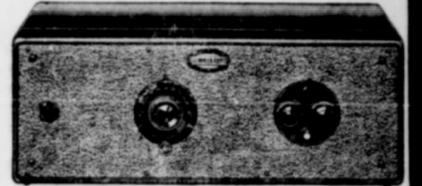
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Maize Manco: First, H. T. Peavy  
Feterita: First, T. M. Peterson; Second, Lewis Coppinger  
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Plum Preserves: First, Mrs. A. C. Jones  
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Biscuits: First, Mrs. J. F. Coffey; Second, Hazel Clifton  
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CATTLE  
Jersey Bull: First, J. H. McElroy  
Jersey Cows: First, F. E. Mitchell  
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Asparagus Fern: First, Eunice Hembree; Second, Mrs. Varner  
Coleous: First, Mrs. Heslip; Second, Mrs. W. W. Everett; Third, Mrs. W. H. Coppinger  
Lace Fern: First, Mrs. C. T. Nordyke  
Wandering Jew: First, Second and Third, W. H. Coppinger  
Geranium: First, Miss Hazel Respass; Second, Miss Eunice Hembree; Third, Miss Hazel Respass  
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Fern: First, Mrs. Archer; Second, Mrs. Ivy  
Bergonia: First, Miss Missouri Strahan; Second, Mrs. W. H. Coppinger  
Cactus: First, Mrs. Will Varner  
Xmas Cactus: First, Miss Missouri Strahan  
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Child's Work: First, Helen Bosworth; Second, Oleta Newton  
Vanity Set: First, Mrs. W. H. Coppinger  
Bedroom Set: First, Mrs. Mae Coffey  
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Door Prop: First, Mrs. Ivy  
Fancy Pillows: First, Mrs. Jno. Ivy; Second, Mrs. Jno. Ivy; Third, Mrs. Jno. Ivy  
Tapestry: First, Esther Varner  
Applique Quilt: First, Mary Arvin  
Quilted Quilts: First, Etta Mitchell; Second, Mrs. T. A. Coppinger; Third, Etta Mitchell  
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Hat: First, Mrs. B. H. Freeland  
Hand Painted Coat: First, Leta Coppinger  
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Child's Dress: First, Mrs. J. D.

Mitchell  
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Girls: First, Flora Bell Williams  
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Muskrats in Many States  
The widest ranging wild animals on the North American continent are the muskrat and the raccoon, according to the Farm Journal. Each is found in 47 states of the Union. The muskrat, for some strange reason, is not native in Florida, while the raccoon chooses to avoid Montana.  
Ancient Library  
The explorer, Layard, discovered in the ruins of the palace of Koy-unlik the library of the Ninevite kings, consisting of a large number of tablets of clay, impressed before burning with inscriptions in cuneiform characters. They had originally been paged and preserved in cases.

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And no man hath the power  
To say just when the hands will  
stop.  
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own.  
Live, love, toil with a will,  
And give no thought of the mor-  
row,  
For the clock may then be still."

**HELP THE HELPLESS**

From the Big Spring Herald:  
The cartoonist who draws "When  
a Feller Needs a Friend," would  
find a situation made to order in  
Texas right now.  
Three thousand widows of Con-  
federate veterans are losing their  
pension money because the legis-  
lature, in its blundering system  
of doing business, snatched it away  
from them.

It probably was an oversight,  
though the legislature had ample  
warning at the time. It brought  
within the pension laws all widows  
of veterans born prior to 1873, in-  
stead of 1861 as heretofore. That  
was a good thing to do, but the con-  
sequence was disastrous. It ad-  
mitted about 1,500 new pensioners,  
and because widows over 75 years  
old have first claim on pension  
money, about three thousand wid-  
ows under that age were cut off  
without a cent—including, of course  
those it was designed to assist.  
The quarterly payment to those  
over 75 was reduced to \$67 from  
the former \$75.

Many widows depend in whole  
or in part on the pittance they re-  
ceive from the state. Now even  
that is denied 3,000 of them. It  
is a situation that should be re-  
medied without delay. Even those who  
have homes with relatives or friends  
are kept from feeling wholly de-  
pendent by the little cash they get  
from the state.  
Texas ought to remedy this  
shameful condition.

**AT THE AGE OF SEVENTY TWO**

At the age of seventy two, life  
is still sweet to us—still carrying  
on—The faculty of imagination  
still functions—Our body is vig-  
orous, and the fires of ambition  
still burn—Yes, at the age of seven-  
ty two we are still between the  
plow handles of de—whoa, gee haw  
Kit, you ain't at the turning row  
yet, lots of plowing, sowing and  
reaping and harvesting to do yet  
—Yes, we are still climbing and  
dreaming and scheming for the fu-  
ture—Have no desire to stop by  
the road side and watch the thr-  
ong go by—Not living in the past,  
still looking ahead, not window  
shopping in ancient galleries, nor  
wandering through the grave yards  
of the glorious past and reading  
the inscriptions on the tombstones  
of the immortals—Our mind is not  
bessced with the philosophy of  
reece, the ancient law givers of  
ome nor the architectural handi-  
craft of the Egyptians—They were  
reat in their day, but beside the  
wentieth Century giants, they are  
pygmies—Of course they played  
their part and did the best they

could with all the lights before  
them—But gee, give us this modern  
day stuff—Fying around the wor-  
ld—Moses slapped the Red Sea in  
the face, and smote the rock in  
the desert and dffed his hungry mob  
with manna from Heaven—His  
was the god of magic—We dam  
rivers, irrigate deserts and feed our  
millions and with the wand of in-  
dustry we have slapped the stuff-  
ins out of the ocean waves of the  
seven seas, made of 'em our ser-  
vants—But get this, boy—Ourn is  
the god of science—Yes, seventy  
two years is a long time to live,  
exceeds the Biblical three score  
score years and ten—But O, gosh  
the things that have happened since  
we were a red headed, freckle  
faced, ignorant country lad—The  
coon hunt, the revival season in  
the good old summer time, Christ-  
mas holidays, were the only three  
high spots in our life—The rest  
of the time, plowing in the new  
ground, carrying water for the ash  
hopper, cutting persimmon sprouts  
suckering the corn and sticking  
the beans—And our only star of  
hope was heaven up in the skies,  
a beautiful system of Christian  
philosophy—But Lordy, seventy  
two years have brought us a long  
ways, and thanks to the gods of  
science, the old ash hopper is gone  
the hand cradle, the bulltongue  
plow, the maul and glut are in the  
discard, the smooth surface roads,  
the gasoline motor and the illusive  
electric spark, the winged steeds  
of the air the miracles of science,  
and doggone how easy the sailing  
—O yes, seventy two years old,  
our brain children are rearing to  
go—Life looks good to us—And  
test of all, we are just digging  
around the edges of the field of sci-  
ence, what the gods are going to  
reveal to us in the next decade  
stagger the imagination of man,  
And we want to be here folks to  
help 'em celebrate, Never grow  
old, keep young in the inside—  
That's Our Slogan—Seventy two  
and still looking at the mountain  
tops.—Richard H. McCarty in Al-  
bany News.

We congratulate Col. McCarty,  
in his long years of service. He  
has through the columns of the  
News given help, happiness and  
good cheer to his many friends and  
readers, these many years. He has  
a style of writing all his own—  
touching the cords of happiness  
and sympathy. If the old saying  
that we reap as we sow, Col. Mc-  
Carty should reap a bountiful har-  
vest of happiness along lifes' jour-  
ney. We wish you many, many  
more years of happiness, Colonel.

**J. T. ROBISON, VETERAN LAND  
COMMISSIONER, CLAIMED  
BY DEATH**

J. T. Robison, commissioner of  
the general land office for 21 years,  
died of pneumonia in New London,  
Conn., early Saturday. He had gone  
there for a visit with his son, Dr.  
J. T. Robison, Jr., leaving here  
late in July.

Mr. Robison left Texas soon af-  
ter the house of representatives  
had exonerated him of proposed  
impeachment charges involving his  
administration of the land office.  
At the time of his departure, the  
67 year old commissioner, who held  
the distinction of being Texas'  
oldest official, both in years and  
point of service, was plainly fatigued.

Mrs. Robison accompanied her  
husband on this vacation trip, the  
first he had had entered the land  
office as a clerk in 1895 and it  
was hoped that he would recuper-  
ate his health, but a few days af-  
ter he reached the home of his  
son, he had a nervous breakdown,  
followed by an attack of pneumonia.  
Robison was a nephew of Joel  
Robison, Texas patriot who was  
with the group at San Jacinto that  
captured Santa Anna.

The Lone Star flags on the Cap-  
itol and land office were flown at  
half mast in memory of the veteran  
official.

Governor Moody is empowered  
under the constitution to appoint a  
successor, to fill out the unexpired  
term which ends in January, 1931.  
Until a commissioner is appointed,  
J. H. Walker, chief clerk, under  
the law, will be acting commissioner.  
He was serving in this capacity  
during Robison's absence.

Few men in Texas public life en-  
joyed the wide acquaintanceship  
and staunch friendships of Land  
Commissioner J. T. Robison. This  
is accounted for not only by his  
long tenure of office and likeable  
personality. Because of his official  
duties he became close to many  
of the large land owners of Texas.  
He knew their successes and re-  
verses, since it was to the land com-  
missioner they had to pay their  
interest due on principal of land  
purchases.

Criticism of his official actions  
with reference to these land owners

brought to him toward the close of  
his life and long service the only  
public criticism that had ever been  
leveled at him as an officer.

It was claimed that in revaluating  
lands under the legislature's reap-  
praisalment act of 1925 he favored  
the land owners by making too low  
valuations on some tracts.

Orphaned when a child, Mr. Robi-  
son always had a deep sympathy  
for the boy or girl who was de-  
prived of the guiding hand parents,  
and during his lifetime he and Mrs.  
Robison had taken into their home  
and reared 15 orphaned children.  
They had four children of their  
own. An only daughter died after  
she had reached womanhood and  
death also took one of the sons.

He was born in Morris county,  
where he attended public schools.  
He also studied at Sam Houston  
state normal and later at the Uni-  
versity of Texas, where he finally  
got enough of the law to be ad-  
mitted to the bar. He served Mor-  
ris county as county attorney two  
years.

He served the counties of Morris,  
Cass, Bowie and Marion in the leg-  
islature in 1891 and 1892. He also  
taught school.

He was married at Naples, Mor-  
ris county, on January 2, 1894.

He came to Austin in 1895 to ac-  
cept a clerkship in the general land  
office. He remained there con-  
tinuously, working himself up to  
be chief clerk and in 1908 he was  
elected land commissioner. He con-  
tinued in office, re-elected every  
two years for 11 consecutive times.

His knowledge of the Texas land  
law was recognized by jurists as  
the most thorough of any one in  
the state. He personally briefed and  
defended many land cases for the  
state before the supreme court and  
seldom, if ever was the law inter-  
preted against his construction of  
its meaning.

His decision to follow the su-  
preme court's interpretation of the  
land law got him into trouble with  
the governor, attorney general and  
board of regents of the University  
of Texas early in 1929 when he re-  
fused to withdraw from the market  
lands he had advertised for sale  
after receiving specific requests for  
them.

The controversy was climaxed  
by preferment of impeachment  
charges before the house of rep-  
resentatives, but that body voted  
to exonerate the aged commissioner  
after a long hearing.

Mr. Robison was a native son  
of Texas and his body was brought  
back to his native state for burial  
reaching Austin late Monday eve-  
ning.

In the presence of justices of the  
higher courts, state officials, and  
men and women from all walks of  
life and many parts of Texas, fun-  
eral services for the veteran com-  
missioner were held by the Rev. W.  
D. Bradfield, of the Southern Meth-  
odist University of Dallas.

The body reposed in the senate  
chamber of the capitol from 10 a.m.  
until 2 p.m. when it was removed  
to a funeral home, where the ser-  
vices were held at 5 p.m. Burial was  
in the family plot, beside the graves  
of a son and daughter.

While commissioner Robison lay  
in the grey metallic casket in the  
center of the senate chamber, hun-  
dreds of people came to look upon  
his features. Many of them brought  
flowers which multiplied into a  
great heap at the foot of the casket.

All departments of state were  
closed by order of Governor Moody  
and the presence of death within  
the great granite structure moved  
people to talk in whispers and walk  
with soft tread.

**GILBERT SAYS HE WILL RE-  
SUBMIT BILL TO LIMIT  
POWERS OF COUNTY COM-  
MISSIONERS TO 'FARM  
OUT TAXES**

Representative Victor B. Gilbert,  
of Cisco, said Saturday in an in-  
terview published in the Cisco  
News, that he will re-introduce  
House Bill No. 117, of which he is  
author, at the next special session  
of the legislature. The bill, pro-  
viding limitation of the commis-  
sioners courts to make contracts for  
the collection of delinquent taxes,  
was defeated at the second called  
session of the legislature. It had  
Moody's sanction and was favor-  
ably reported by the house com-  
mittee on revenue and taxation.

"Since the committee investigat-  
ing fees collected by county offi-  
cers has made its survey the wis-  
dom of the bill is more and more  
apparent," said Gilbert Saturday.  
"If the bill is enacted into a law  
it will save the taxpayers of the  
state approximately \$1,000,000 an-  
nually."

Mr. Gilbert does not look for  
another special session of the state  
lawmakers to be called before the  
first of next year. He reasons that



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the prison committee, studying condi-  
tions in the state penal institu-  
tions with a view to reorganizing  
the system, will require consid-  
erable time to prepare its report af-  
ter which it is incumbent upon the  
investigating body to make recom-  
mendations to the governor and  
legislature for the improvement  
of conditions.

**Not Binding**

This report and these recom-  
mendations will in no way bind  
the legislature but the solons will,  
of course, consider the findings in  
arriving at a solution of the Tex-  
as prison question.

With reference to the pension  
situation Mr. Gilbert made the fol-  
lowing statement:  
"Through some bungling in the  
senate the pension laws have been  
disrupted and amended in such a  
manner as to leave veterans and  
widows of veterans under 75, many  
of whom have been drawing pen-  
sions heretofore, without the bene-  
fit of these laws.

"I think it is a burning shame  
and disgrace that the great state  
of Texas is slighting and neglect-  
ing the lives of the Lost Cause.  
There should be no "third class"  
among those who served whether  
on the battle front behind the guns,  
weaving cloth for the soldiers and  
their families, or gathering food  
and keeping the home intact. And  
I earnestly predict that the next  
session will wipe away the pre-  
ferred class idea and give these  
noble men and women at least a  
competence to cheer and support  
them in their old gae."

Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Johnson, and  
Miss Polly Merrell, of Snyder,  
visited Mrs. Johnson's parents, Mr.  
and Mrs. O. E. Eastham, this week  
They left Thursday morning for  
Dallas to visit relatives.

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**Sunset Musings**

By J. Marvin Nichols.

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A cheerful idiot is better off than  
a gloomy philosopher.

Scores of the enormously rich  
are dying of capital punishment.  
A merry heart is a great microbe  
killer.

In the last analysis, the knowl-  
edge that you can use is all the  
knowledge you've got. The balance  
is dead weight.

The constancy of love is to be  
measured by the strain brought to  
bear upon it. The point where it  
fails is the measure of its streng-  
th.

People who fail do so not for  
the want of capital, but because  
of the waste of it.

The strain on the violin string  
capacitates it for music, when in  
the hands of a master. The rap-  
sodies of human life rise amidst  
its anxieties. Don't evade the one  
lest you lose the other.

The human heart is like a harp  
of many strings. Harmony or dis-  
cord depends on the hand that  
sweeps the chords. If the music  
happens to be harsh, don't blame  
the harp.

There are just three social clas-  
ses: Those who are misunderstood  
those who do not live their real  
self, and those who have missed  
their affinities—and are still on  
the hunt.

bond of the family circle have fearfully sad about it all. The  
about become treasures of the past old fireside chat and the sacred

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## ABOUT YOUR FRIENDS

Please Phone News Items To Number 8

Mrs. Okie Dunlap spent last week in Ft. Worth, and Burlington with relatives, returning home Tuesday.

Miss Tillie Burton, of Stamford, spent the week end with Miss Agnes Eastham. Both young ladies returned to Stamford Sunday evening.

Mrs. Jimmie Hanson, and children and Miss Thelma Evans, spent last week end in Lockhart and other points, visiting relatives, returning home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Laurice, from Mart Texas, are visiting her mother, Mrs. C. T. Moon and sister, Mrs. Oku Dunlap, in Baird this week.

A. L. Rutlege, of Clyde, was in Baird Saturday and was a pleasant caller at The Star office. Mr. Rutlege is recovering from a long sick spell, his many friends are glad to know.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Graves and children left Sunday for their home in Harlingen, Texas. Mrs. Graves and children have spent several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Conner.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl West, and sons Kenneth and Dwight, have returned from a three weeks vacation in Phoenix, Flag Staff, and also visited the Grand Canyon. Mr. West has charge of the Independent Oil & Gas Co. lease out in the Belle Plaine vicinity.

E. C. Fulton, returned a few days ago from El Paso and the Carlsbad Cavern, where he accompanied Mrs. Fulton and little daughter, Helen, on their way to Long Beach California, where they will visit Mrs. Fulton's sister, and brother, Mrs. W. D. Chisenhall and Jim Scott.

### NOTICE

I should like to meet in the grammar school building at nine o'clock Saturday morning, September 21, all students interested in water color or oil painting.

I have an A. B. degree from Simmons University with a major in art, and I have had post graduate work in art in Simmons. Ellen Osborn

### First American Printing

The first printing press in the New world was brought to Mexico about 1500. In 1686 there is a record of one being brought to Lima, Peru, and one in Cambridge in 1639.

### Ancient Talisman

An Egyptian scarab in the Toledo museum was originally placed in the tomb of a sacred bull as a talisman to insure the animal's entrance into the realm of the god Osiris.

### Lost Time Gone Forever

There are no fragments so precious as those of time, and none are so heedlessly lost by people who cannot make a moment, and yet can waste years.—Montgomery.

### Where Day Begins

The existence of the international date line is a necessary consequence of the earth's rotation on its axis, making one complete turn from west to east, every 24 hours. Since a day and a night together cannot exceed 25 hours in length. It has been found necessary to have, by common agreement of civilized nations, a chosen meridian of the earth to indicate where one day (or 24-hour period) ends and its immediate successor begins.

Mrs. Dan S. Conley and children, La Wana and Dan, Jr., who have been spending the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Reynolds, left Monday morning with Mr. Conley for their home in Dallas.

W. M. Coffman is visiting relatives in Cross Plains, this week. He will also visit relatives in Cisco, Ranger and Fort Worth, J. P. Davis is taking care of his duties at the Home Lumber Co. during his absence.

Burton Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Roberts, of Rowden, returned a few days ago from the plains country where he worked during the summer, and on Monday entered Baird High school for the present term.

Dan Clark, and little daughters, Esther Lee and Elsie Louise, of Abilene were pleasant visitors at The Star office last Saturday. They came down with his daughter, Miss Ethlyn, who is a teacher in the Baird Public school, primary department.

Mrs. Wade Harding and children, who spent last week visiting her brother, Bob Price and family and her grandmother, Mrs. W. E. Billiland and other relatives here, returned to her home at Albany, Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Price accompanied her, returning home in the afternoon.

Dr. and Mrs. W. S. Hamlett, left Wednesday morning by auto for Kentucky, their old home for a visit. They expect to be gone a month or more. Dr. G. A. Hamlett will look after the City and County Health officers practice, also his general practice during Dr. Hamlett's absence.

W. B. Gibbs, of Rowden, was in Baird Wednesday. He called at The Star office to renew his subscription. He tells us that the rain in his neighborhood was light, not enough to put out stock water. The house of his father, H. J. Gibbs was struck by lightning during the rain Saturday night, doing some damage to the building.

### THE METHODIST CHURCH

Cal C. Wright, Pastor

Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Meet with us next Sunday and help us get ready for Rally Day—the fourth Sunday in this month. Our attendance is fine, but we want others to come. We had 173 present last Sunday.

Preaching at 11 o'clock. A special invitation is extended to the young men and women who expect to attend college, this year.

Hi-League at 6:45 o'clock. Evening service at 8 o'clock. You are invited to worship with us.

### Think On These Things

And Uz-ziah sought God in the days of Zech-a-ri-ah, who had understanding of the visions of God: and as long as he sought the Lord, God made him to prosper. And his name spread far abroad, for he was marvellously helped, till he was strong.

But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up to his destruction: for he transgressed against the Lord, his God.—2d Chron, 26th, Chap.

## BARGAINS THIS WEEK

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Bed Room For Rent — Southwest room, nicely furnished; bath; See Mrs. O. E. Eastham.

FOR RENT—New furnished apartments, all conveniences. Mrs. E. M. Wristen, Phone 30. 40-if

FOR RENT—Two room apartment all conveniences, Garage, Adult only. Mrs. J. H. Terrell.

APARTMENT—For Rent; All conveniences, See or Phone Mrs. Bill Work, Phone 12. 41-1

WANTED TO TRADE—A new two wheel-trailer and a piano. Will trade either one for a cow. J. G. Varner, Baird. 40-2t

FOR RENT—The building just south of the Self Serve grocery, also the building in the rear of the Leach store. See Mrs. J. H. Terrill, Phone 112. 40-if

OATS FOR SALE—Red oats, free from Johnson grass seed. See or Phone J. P. Smedly, H. A. McGowen, Baird, Phone 243. 41-1p

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Being Fair to Majorities The fact disclosed by a survey of the past that majorities have been wrong must not blind us to the complementary fact that majorities have usually not been entirely wrong.—Herbert Spencer.

### Use for Eyebrows

Eyebrows serve to prevent perspiration from falling into the eyes.

### Tall Story

The dwarf who admitted he was rather short when asked for a loan.

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SYNOPSIS

CHAPTER I.—Disappointed with the quiet life in his home surroundings, Athol Meldrum, young Scotsman who tells the story, leaves his mother and brother, Garry, to seek his fortune in the East.

CHAPTER II.—The Prodigal is anxious to join the ranks of gold-seekers into Alaska, and Meldrum agrees to go with him after he (the Prodigal) comes back from a visit to his wealthy father in the East.

CHAPTER III.—Among the motley crowd on the boat is a young girl obviously out of place. She is traveling with her grandfather and a hard-looking couple named Winkiestein, who figure as her uncle and aunt.

CHAPTER IV.—Landing at Skagway, Athol's party at once takes the trail in a snowdrift on the Chilkoot trail, which Berna and her companions had taken, hundreds of lives are lost.

CHAPTER V.—Some days afterward Berna tells Athol Madam Winkiestein plans to sell her to "Black Jack" Locasto, millionaire miner of evil reputation.

CHAPTER VI.—Athol's next decision is to stay and await developments. He tries to locate Berna. Athol seeks information from Locasto. "Black Jack" disclaims knowledge of her whereabouts.

CHAPTER VII.—Through a lucky chance Athol finds Berna. He tells her he has a plan to save her and will do before she yields to him. They set a date for their marriage.

CHAPTER VIII.—The Prodigal returns. He tells Athol of his adventures. He is angry with Athol for not leaving with him.

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the way to encountering a thief.

Turning the windlass over the shaft was a little, tough mud-rat, who excited in me the liveliest sense of aversion.

He was the most degenerate type of man I had yet met on my travels, a degenerate, dirty, drunken, diseased.

One day Hooftman told me he wanted me to go down the shaft and work in the drift.

The shaft was almost forty feet deep. For the first ten feet a ladder ran down it, then stopped suddenly as if the excavators had decided to abandon it.

Every morning the Worm hoisted us down into the darkness, and at night drew us up.

"Say, wouldn't it be de tough luck if I was to take a fit when I was hoistin' youse up? Such a nice bit of a boy, too, an' I guess I'd lose my cut over de head of it."

I said: "Cut that out, or you'll have me so scared I won't go down."

He grinned unpleasantly and said nothing more. Yet somehow he was getting on my nerves terribly.

One evening we were ready to be hoisted up. Dooley Rileyvich went first, and I watched him blot out the bit of blue for a while.

Then slowly down came the bucket for me.

I got in. I was feeling uneasy all of a sudden, and devoutly wished I were anywhere else but in that hideous hole.

I left the ground and rose steadily. I was now ten feet from the top. The bucket was rocking a little, so I put out my hand and grasped the lowest rung of the ladder to steady myself.

Then, at that instant, it seemed the weight of the bucket pressing up against my feet was suddenly removed, and my arm was jerked out of its socket. There I



There I Was Hanging Desperately on the Lowest Rung of the Ladder.

was hanging desperately on the lowest rung of the ladder, while, with a crash that made my heart sick, the bucket dashed to the bottom.

Quickly I gripped with both hands. With a great effort I raised myself rung by rung on the ladder.

At the top I was the face of Dooley Ribwood, looking down on me. He was anxiously shouting to me to come up.

"I raised myself. At last I felt his strong arm around me, and I was on firm ground once more. The Worm was lying stiff and rigid.

Without a word the stalwart Slav took him on his brawny shoulder. The creek was down-hill but fifty yards. Ere we reached it the Worm had begun to show signs of reviving consciousness.

"Leave me alone," he says to Rileyvich; "you Slavonian swine, limey zo."

Not so the Slav. Holding the wriggling, writhing little man in his powerful arms he plunged him heels-over head in the muddy current of the creek.

"YOU'D better quit," said the Prodigal. It was the evening of my mishap, and he had ar-

riven unexpectedly from town. "It just fits in with my plans. I'm getting Jim to come in, too. I've realized on that stuff I bought, made over three thousand clear profit, and with it I've made a dicker for a property on the beach above Bonanza. Gold hill they call it. I've nana. It's all right. Anyway, we'll tunnel in and see. You and Jim will have a quarter share each for your work, while I'll have an extra quarter for the capital I put in. Is it a go?"

I said it was. Next day found us all three surveying our claim. The first thing to do was to build a cabin. Right away we began to level off the ground.

The work was pleasant, and conducted in such friendship that the time passed most happily. Indeed, my only worry was about Berna. I schooled myself into the belief that she was all right, but, thank God, every moment was bringing her nearer to me.

We had hauled the logs for the cabin, and the foundation was laid. Every day saw our future home nearer completion.

One evening I spied the saturnine Ribwood climbing down the hill to our tent. He halted me: "Say, we want a night watchman up at the claim to go on four hours up at a dollar an hour. You see, there's been a lot of sluice-box robberies lately, and we're scared for our clean-up. There's four hours every night the place is deserted, and Hooftman proposed we should get you to keep watch."

"Yes," I said; "I'll run up every evening if the others don't object."

They did not; so the next night, and for about a dozen after that, I spent the darkest hours watching on the claim where previously I had worked.

It was the dimmest and most uncertain hour of the four, and I was sitting at my post of guard. As the night was chilly, I had brought along an old gray blanket similar in color to the mound of pay-dirt.

There had been quite a cavity dug in the dump during the day, and into this I crawled and wrapped myself in my blanket. From my position I could see the string of boxes containing the rifles. By my side lay a loaded shotgun.

"If the swine come," Ribwood had said, "let him have a clean-up of lead instead of gold."

Lying there I got to thinking of the robberies. They were remarkable. All had been done by an expert. Each time the robber had cleaned up from two to three thousand dollars, and all within the past month.

There was some mysterious man-rook in our midst, one who operated swiftly and surely, and left absolutely no clew of his identity.

I was quiet for a while, watching dreamily the dark shadows of the dusk.

Hist! What was that? Surely the bushes were moving over there by the hillside. I strained my eyes. I was right; they were.

I watched and waited. A man was parting the bushes. Cautiously, crawling like a snake, he worked his way to the sluice-boxes. None but a keen watcher could have seen him. Again and again he paused, peering around, listening intently.

Very carefully, with my eyes fixed on him, I lifted the gun to my shoulder. I had him covered.

I waited. Somehow I was loath to shoot. My nerves were a-quiver. Proof, more proof, I said. I saw him working busily, lying flat alongside the boxes.

How crafty, how skillful he was! He was disconcerting the boxes. He would let the water run to the ground; then, there in the exposed rifles, would be the harvest. Would I shoot . . . now . . . now . . .

Then, in the midnight hush, my gun blazed forth. With one scream the man tumbled down, carrying along with him the disconnected box. The water rushed over the ground in a deluge. I must capture him. There he lay in the pouring stream. . . . Now I had him.

In that torrent of icy water I grappled with my man. Over and over we rolled. He tried to gouge me. He was small, but oh, so strong! He held down his face. Fiercely I wrenched it up to the light. Heavens! it was the Worm.

I gave a cry of surprise, and my clutch on him must have weakened, for at that moment he gave a violent wrench, a cat-like twist, and tore himself free. Men were running in from all directions.

"Catch him!" I cried. "Yonder he goes."

But the little man was shooting forward like a deer. Right and left ran his pursuers, mistaking each other for the robber in the semi-gloom, yelling frantically, mad with the excitement of a man-hunt. And in the midst of it all I lay in a pool of mud and water, with a sprained wrist and a bite on my leg.

"Why didn't you hold him?" shouted Ribwood.

"I couldn't," I answered. "I saved your clean-up, and he got some of the lead. Besides, I know who he is. Pat Doogan."

"You don't say. Well, I'm darned. We'll get him. I'll go into town first thing in the morning and get out a warrant for him."

He went, but the next evening back he returned, looking very surly and disgruntled.

"Well, what about the warrant?" said Hooftman.

"Didn't get it," snapped Ribwood. "Look here, Hooftman, I met Locasto. Black Jack says Pat was cached away, dead to all the world, in the back room of the Omega saloon all night. There's two loafers and the barkeeper to back him up. What can we do in the face of that? Say, young feller, I guess you mistook your man."

quietly hearing conversation, the roof of poles was in place. It only remained to cover it with moss and thawed-out earth to make it our future home.

More and more my dream hours were jealously consecrated to Berna. How ineffably sweet were they! How full of delicious imaginations! How pregnant of high hope! O, I was born to love. I think, and I never loved but one. This story of my life is the story of Berna. It is a thing of words and words and words, yet every word is Berna, Berna. Feel the heartache behind it all. Read between the lines. Berna.

The Prodigal was always "snooping" around and gleaming information from most mysterious sources. One evening he came to us.

"Boys, get ready, quick. There's a rumor of a stampede for a new creek. Ophir creek they call it, away on the other side of the divide somewhere. A prospector went down ten feet and got fifty-cent dirt. We've got to get in on this. There's a mob coming from Dawson, but we'll get there before the rush."

Quickly we got together blankets and a little grub, and, keeping out of sight, we crawled up the hill under cover of the brush. Soon we came to a place from which we could command a full view of the valley. Here we lay down, awaiting developments.

On the far slope of Eldorado I saw a hawk soar upward. Surely a man was moving amid the brush. Two men, a dozen men, moving in single file, very stealthily. I pointed them out.

"It's the stampede," whispered Jim. "We've got to get on to the trail of that crowd. Travel like blazes. We can cut them off at the head of the valley."

"Throw away your blankets, boys," said the Prodigal. "Just keep a little grub. We must connect with that bunch if we break our necks."

It was hours after when we overtook them, about a dozen men, all in the maddest hurry, and casting behind them glances of furtive apprehension.

The leader was going like one possessed. We blundered on behind in the same mad, heart-breaking hurry, mile after mile, hour after hour, content to follow the man of

iron who was guiding us to the virgin treasure.

We had been pounding along all night, up hill and down dale. The sun rose, it was morning. Still we kept up our fierce gallop. Would our leader never come to his destination? By what roundabout route was he guiding us? We panted as we peeted on, parched and weary, faint and footsore. But still our leader kept on.

Suddenly the Prodigal said to me: "Say, you boys will have to go on without me. I'm all in."

He dropped in a limp heap on the ground and instantly fell asleep. Several of the others had dropped out, too. They fell asleep where they gave up, utterly exhausted. We had now been going sixteen hours, and still our leader kept on.

It was about four in the afternoon when we reached the creek. Up it our leader plunged, till he



We Had Now Been Going Sixteen Hours, and Still Our Leader Kept On.

came to a place where a rude shaft had been dug. We gathered around him.

"Here it is, boys," he said. Here's my discovery stake. Now you fellows go up or down, anywhere you see a notion to, and put a million-dollar claim, maybe a blank. Mining's all a gamble. But go ahead, boys. I wish you luck."

So we strung out, and, coming in rotation, Jim and I staked seven and eight below discovery.

Then I threw myself down on a bit of moss, and, covering my head with my coat to ward off the mosquitoes, in a few minutes I was dead to the world.

I was awakened by the Prodigal. "Rouse up," he was saying; "you've slept right round the clock. We've got to get back to town and record those claims. Jim's gone three hours ago."

I was sleep-stupid, sore, stiff in every joint. Racking pains made me groan at every movement, and the chill night air had brought on twinges of rheumatism, but we started off.

It was about nine in the morning when we got to the gold office. There was quite a number ahead of me, and I knew I was in for a long wait. I will never forget it. For three days, with the exception of two brief sleep-spells, I had been in a fierce battle of excitement, and I had eaten no very satisfactory food. As I stood in that sullen crowd I surveyed with wear-

iness and my eyes swimming under me. I stretched backward and straightened up suddenly. I was near the wicket. Only two were ahead of me. A clerk was recording their claims. One had thirty-four above, the other fifty-two below. The clerk looked flustered, fatigued.

It was my turn. "I want to record eight below on Ophir," I said. "What name?" he asked. "I gave it. He turned up his book. "Eight below, you say. Why, that's already recorded."

"Can't be," I retorted. "I just got down from there yesterday after planting my stakes."

"Can't help it. It's recorded by some one else, recorded early yesterday."

"Look here," I exclaimed: "what kind of a game are you putting up on me? I tell you I was the first on the ground. I alone staked the claim."

"That's strange," he said. "There must be some mistake. Anyway, you'll have to move on and let the others get up to the wicket. You're blocking the way. All I can do is to look into the matter for you, and I've got no time now. Come back tomorrow. Next, please."

The next man pushed me aside, and there I stood, gaping and gasping. A man in the waiting line looked at me pityingly.

"It's no use, young fellow; you'd better make up your mind to lose that claim. They'll flim-flam you out of it somehow. They've sent some one out now to stake over you. If you kick, they'll say you didn't stake proper. Then government officials is the crookedest bunch. Get a stand-in, young fellow."

"Well," I said, "I'm not going to be cheated out of my claim. I've got to move heaven and earth."

"You'll do nothing of the kind. If you get sassy there's the police to put the lid on you. You can talk till you're purple round the gills. It won't cut no figure. They've got us all cinched. We've got to take our medicine. It's no use going round bellyaching. You'd better go away and sit down."

And I did. . . .

I had to see Berna at once. Al ready I had paid a visit to the Paragon restaurant, that new and glittering place of resort run by the Winkiestein, but she was not on duty.

In the evening I returned. I took a seat in one of the curtained boxes. The place was brilliantly lit up, many-mirrored and flashily ornate in gilt and white. In the box before me a white-haired lawyer was entertaining a lady of easy virtue; in a box behind, a larrikin quartette from the Pavilion theater was holding high revelry. There was no mistaking the character of the place. In the heart of the city's tenderloin it was a haunt of human riff-raff, a palace of gilt and guilt.

And it was in this place Berna worked. She waited on these wantons; she served those swine. She heard their loose talk, their careless oaths. She knew everything. Oh, it was pitiful; it sickened me to the soul. I sat down and buried my face in my hands.

"Order, please."

I knew that sweet voice. It thrilled me, and I looked up suddenly. There was Berna standing before me.

She gave a quick start, then recovered herself. A look of delight came into her eyes, eager, vivid delight.

"Oh, I am so glad to see you again."

"Berna," I said, "what are you doing with that paint on your face?"

"Oh, I'm sorry." She was rubbing distressfully at a dab of rouge on her cheek. "I knew you would be cross, but I had to; they made me. It's just a little pink—all the women do it. It makes me look happier, and it doesn't hurt me any."

"Berna," boomed the rough, contumacious voice of Madam, "attend to the customers."

"All right," I said; "get me anything. I just wanted to see you."

She hurried away. Presently she came hurrying round, bringing me some food.

"When can I see you, girl?" I asked.

"Tonight. See me home. I'm off at midnight."

"All right. I'll be waiting."

I wandered up and down the now familiar street, but the keen edge of my impression had been blunted. I no longer took the same interest in its sights. More populous it was, noisier, livelier than ever. Success was in the air. Men were drunk with it; carried off their feet, delirious. Money! It had lost its value. Every one you met was "lousy" with it; threw it away with both hands, and fast as they emptied one pocket it filled up the others.

At midnight, at the door of the Paragon, I was waiting in a fever of impatience when Berna came out. She showed a vast joy at seeing me.

"Tell me what you've been doing, dear—everything. Have you made a stake? So many have. I have prayed you would, too. Then we'll go away somewhere and forget all this. Won't we, honey?" She nestled up to me. She seemed to have lost much of her shyness. I don't know why, but I preferred my timid, shrinking Berna.

I DON'T care, my dearest, it you haven't got a cent in the world, I'm yours, always yours."

"That's all right, Berna," I said. "I'm going to make good. I've just lost a fifty-thousand-dollar claim, but there's more coming up. By the first of June next I'll come to you with a bank account of six figures. You'll see, my little girl, I'm going to make this thing stick."

"You foolish boy," she said; "it doesn't matter to me if you come to me a beggar in rags. Come to me anyway. Come, and do not fail."

She was extraordinarily affectionate, full of unexpected little ways of endearment, and clung to me when we parted, making me promise to return very soon. Every look every word, every act of her expressed a bright, fine, radiant love. I was satisfied, yet unsatisfied, and once again I entreated her.

"Berna, are you sure, quite sure, you're all right in that place among all that folly and drunkenness and vice? Let me take you away, dear."

"Oh, no," she said very tenderly; "I'm all right. I would tell you at once, my boy, if I had any fear. Good-by, darling."

"Good-by, beloved."

I went away treading on sunshine, trembling with joy, thrilled with love for her, blessing her anew.

Yet still the rouge stuck in my crop as if it were the symbol of some insidious decadence.

To Be Continued Next Week

KITCHEN CUPBOARD

By NELLIE MAXWELL

If we don't want dull thoughts to come, we must keep 'em away like I keep the weeds out of my bit of garden. I fill the beds so full of flowers that there isn't any room for weeds.—D. Quorm.

Good Things

HERE is a nice dish to serve for those who enjoy a meal of liver:

Spaghetti With Liver.—Brown one cupful of cubed calf's liver in two tablespoonfuls of sweet fat, season well with salt, pepper a little chopped onion and cook for ten minutes; add one-half cupful of tomato pulp, three cupfuls of boiling water, add one teaspoonful of minced parsley and cook for twenty minutes. Cook one-half cupful of spaghetti in salted water until tender. Drain and place on a platter. Pour over it the liver mixture, sprinkle with cheese and serve.

Sautéed Tomatoes.—Tomatoes that are not fully ripe but well developed make a fine vegetable to serve with meats. Cut into thick slices and fry in sweet fat, sprinkle with a bit of flour to brown. Serve around the platter of meat.

Pineapple Skillet Cake.—Melt four tablespoonfuls of butter in a frying pan, add one cupful of brown sugar; when the sugar is melted add a can of sliced pineapple; arrange the drained pineapple over the caramel. Cover with the following: Beat four eggs, add two tablespoonfuls of water and one cupful of sugar, one cupful of flour sifted with one teaspoonful of baking powder and one-half teaspoonful of salt. Place in the oven to bake. When brown turn upside down and serve with whipped cream.

Hashed Brown Potatoes.—Chop six boiled potatoes fine, season with salt and pepper. Wash and chop three green peppers. Mix with the potatoes, add an eighth of an inch of melted fat to the frying pan and turn in the vegetables. Cook slowly, stirring occasionally. When partly brown fold into an omelet shape and fry a rich brown. Turn out on a platter, keep the shape and garnish with parsley.

Ham Frits.—Cut a thick slice of ham into strips one inch wide; let stand in cold milk two or three hours. Drain, dip into egg and fine crumbs and cook in ham fat until well brown on all sides.

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**WHAT'S DOING IN WEST TEXAS**

Publicity Department West Texas Chamber of Commerce

Stratford will no doubt before long have natural gas to burn. The Stratford Star has started an editorial campaign urging the people to have their answers ready when the canvass is made to see how many users there would be. Virtually every residence owner, and every business house is expected to a consumer.

A Rankin farmer has succeeded in producing and marketing 1500 dozen ears of corn from 5 acres in 80 days, on land that was fifty years old. For the last two years this field has been sowed in the fall with a bushel of wheat and one half bushel of rye pastured until spring when it was plowed under.

The Tyler Board of Education has authorized establishment of a night school, in response to a number of requests from people who are regularly employed, and who feel the need of further training. The courses of study will depend upon the tastes of the students.

The Slaton American Legion post will present a special trophy to the Slaton High School student who shows the best traits of citizenship during the school year, according to Dan W. Liles, post commander. Selection of the trophy will be made by school authorities and Legion officers.

Rotan reported 250 bales of cotton already ginned at an early date in the season, with cotton coming in faster all the time. Early cotton continues to open fast, with the hot dry weather starting opening in all fields. Six thousand five hundred bales, or half the crop of last year is estimated for this year.

The Electra Chamber of Commerce and the mercantile Bureau, visited the Victory community in Oklahoma recently on a good will tour and community night program. The Electra band was taken along, and a skit by two black face comedians was given. Other entertainment features and constructive talks were made.

Marfa furnished the principal speaker at the barbecue by John M. Gist at Midland, in the person of William A. Wilson Gist raised everything eaten at the barbecue except bread pickles and coffee. Over two hundred people were entertained at the barbecue and picnic.

San Angelo reports the highest price paid for leases in Pecos county's fourth oil pool up to this time to be \$3,215 per acre, half of which is to be paid in cash and the other half in oil. Forty acres brought this amount in leasing.

Canyon school officials greeted and entertained over 1000 teachers representing 18 Panhandle counties in the annual institute. Many teachers of the West Texas State Teachers College were on the program and special lectures were given during the sessions.

Convention plans were made at a meeting of the Advisory Board of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce with A. M. Bourland and Grady Shipp. A time and place will be designated for the giving of programs or stunts by every town represented. The convention will end with a fiesta on the streets of Juarez Mexico.

West Texas today for September will be in the mails this week. Stories on the Panhandle region take up a great deal of space in the official organ of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, Spur, Alpine, Perryton and Tulia also have stories of their record industrial and civic growth.

Winters is sending out an appeal for cotton pickers. The cotton picking is in full blast there now, and has averaged one-fourth bale per acre. They are paying \$1 per hundred pounds and furnishing houses for families who want to pick.

NO HARD TIMES for office help. Business goes on in good times and bad, 46 students placed by our Affiliated Employment Department last month—18 calls for graduates we could not fill. Write Draughon's College, Abilene, Texas, for Booklet M, showing how we train and place you in a good position.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF BRYAN P. McFARLANE



Dr. Bryan P. McFarlane, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McFarlane, born August 28, 1898, Baird, Died June 11, 1929, Abilene, Received his M. D. Degree Galveston in Class of 1922. Interned at Sealy Hospital, Galveston and in St. Vincent, Cleveland, Ohio. Was assistant surgeon at Alexander Sanitarium, Abilene, the past five years. Was married to Miss Mary Alice Parramore, of Abilene, July 14, 1928. He spent his young life ministering to the the sick and afflicted. It is so sad that one so needed must be called so soon.

If we could call him back for one short hour,  
Who was of love and truth, so fair a flower,  
And see his smiling face and dear brown eyes  
Like as they were, ere he was called to die,  
We'd tell him how, that sad and lonely day,  
Our spirits grieved when they took him away;  
And how we missed his footstep at the door,  
To which we knew he would return no more.

If we could call him back for just one day,  
We'd say so many things, alas, we failed to say,  
Till it was all too late, and he was dead—  
His gentle spirit to its God had fled,  
And left us with only the memories and flowers,  
Tho' dewed with tears, and culled from blooming bowers  
And to our call, those dull cold ears were deaf,  
Which ne'er before were turned away from grief.

If we could wake him from his last long sleep,  
Out yonder where the stars their watches keep,  
And have him come and meet us in the home,  
No place were then so dear, neath heaven's dome  
We'd tell him then how often we had thought  
To say sweet words of praise for deeds he'd wrought;  
And so plant flowers of hope in his dear heart,  
For he by all consent had done his part.

If we could take his place in death's embrace,  
Our souls annealed by God's redeeming grace  
And he could live to see his hopes matured,  
It might, in some strange way to us unknown,  
The course of events change—some things atone,  
And so the world be better after all—  
But, oh, his life is gone beyond recall.

Say to your loved ones, often, words of praise,  
Fan every struggling hope into a blaze;  
Say how you value every work he's done  
Each little fault, be ready to condone;  
Strew flowers of love, now along the way  
Don't wait to place them on a mound of clay,  
Press oft' in love the lips you own have kissed  
Else, all too late, you'll learn what you have missed.

—Crutchfield

Abilene, Texas, June 29, 1929

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McFarlane,  
Baird, Texas.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. McFarlane:

We, the Exchange Club of Abilene, Texas, feel deeply the loss of our comrade, Dr. Bryan P. McFarlane. We shall sorely miss his counsel and advice which we knew could always be depended upon. He was a true and faithful member of his club for his interest never lagged, and he was always willing to help in the upbuilding of a better organization. More than that, his life was an inspiring example to all of us. Devoted to his profession as he was, his future as a physician was secure. As a man he followed to an unusual degree the high standards in which he believed. He was at all times sympathetic, sincere, untiring in purpose, unspoiled in success.

To his bereaved widow and parents, we wish to express our most profound sympathy in their great sorrow. May they know that any aid we may be permitted to give to those whom Bryan held dearest will afford us great satisfaction, for the bands of friendship that bound him to us have not broken by death.

Sincerely yours,

Joe Ellis  
Dr. Joe Kennedy  
Pope Pool  
Committee

**WEST TEXAS FAIR EXHIBITS NO TRAFFIC JAMS AT STATE FAIR**

All of the West Texas Fair exhibit buildings will be filled when the exposition opens September 23 in this city. Superintendents of the various divisions of the big show are highly optimistic over the outlook for this season.

The fact that practically all of the territory served by the West Texas Fair has been unusually dry during the past six months is not going to cause a decline in the showings of livestock, poultry and agricultural products, the department heads assert.

Actual evidences of what West Texas people, climate and soil can produce under unfavorable circumstances will be shown and it isn't going to be at all bad, under the circumstances, it is declared.

Dallas, Texas, Sept. 13—Efforts are being made to work out traffic rules which will eliminate all traffic jams at the 1929 State Fair of Texas, Oct. 12 to 27, it has been announced here by T. E. Jackson, president of the fair. Streets are being widened, and with the conversion of the infields of the race track into a parking lot, sufficient room will be had to park 4,000 cars on the grounds.

**Knew What He Wanted**

A schoolboy wrote to a downtown drug store as follows: "Dere sir: if yew hev got a book called Daniel Webster on a bridge please send me a copy by C. O. D. male, I want too git it ter-morrer if I can, cuze my spelling teacher says I ought ter hev it."—Copper's Weekly.

**Did You Ever Stop To Think?**

By Edson R. Waite, Shawnee, Okla.

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**FARMERS WARNED AGAINST SEEDING TOO LARGE WINTER WHEAT ACREAGE**

If farmers carry out their expressed intentions to seed this fall an acreage of winter wheat 1.2 per cent greater than was seeded last fall, production will, with average abandonment and average yield, continue to be well above domestic requirements and the 1930 winter wheat crop will have to be marketed on an export bases, says the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, U. S. Department of Agriculture, in its outlook report on winter wheat issued September 6.

"The world market for wheat of the 1930 crop" says the bureau, "probably will be no better than, and may not be as good as, that for the present season. Yields of spring wheat in the United States and Canada this year have been very low and prospects now are that yields in Argentina and Australia will also be lower than usual. Farmers should not depend upon low yields next year keeping down the world wheat crop.

"Looking further ahead, United States farmers must expect to meet continued keen competition in export markets from Canada, Australia and Argentina. Furthermore there is a possibility that Russia may again be a factor in the world market in a few years. In view of the general tendency for expansion of acreage in the principal exporting countries, it seems very doubtful whether prices of wheat in world markets in the next few years will average much above the levels of the last years, unless unfavorable conditions result in a series of unusually low yields."

**AL JOLSON CISCO SEPT. 15**

Al Jolson, the world's greatest entertainer, comes to the Palace Theatre, Cisco, Sept. 15, for five days, in Warner Bros. latest all-talking, all-singing picture, "Say It With Songs."

"Say It With Songs" is a personality-plus picture and packing personality into pictures as Al Jolson's particular gift. Call it fervor, magnetism, luck, wit—what you will—this strange ability to electrify everybody everywhere belongs to just one person—Jolson!

There is probably more of Jolson in "Say It With Songs" than in either of his other talks. In some inexplicable way he dominates every one he touches while a picture is in process of production and the talking camera and the talking-camera together catch all the brilliant high lights, and tender by-lights of his remarkable voice and presence.

While the early scenes of "Say It With Songs" were being recorded, the same difficulties that have beset the early scenes of "The Jazz Singer" and "The Singing Fool," appeared. The crew and cast became so enthralled during Jolson's first song that business practically stopped.

"It always takes a little time for us to get used to working while Al sings," Director Lloyd Bacon explained to a bystander.

"I'll never get used to it," a camera man remarked, "but I hope I will know enough, not altogether to forget what I am doing, when that same scene is shot again!"

**Waiting Adds to Pleasure**

Always giving a child or buying a child what he wants is merely making more trouble for the parent and less enjoyment for the child. The longer a child wishes for something the more pleasure he will get out of it.—Exchange.

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**STATE FAIR PLAY IS IN COSTUME**

Dallas, Texas Sept. 13.—"The Red Robe" auditorium attraction at the State Fair of Texas, is a costume affair, displaying the styles, furniture and habits of the period of Louis XIV of France and Cardinal Richelieu. It is said to be one of the most brilliant musical plays ever produced in this country. Walter Woolf, the leading man of "The Red Robe" who scored such a hit in "Countess Maritz" at the 1927 State Fair, has reached his zenith in this production. Two other stars of "Countess Maritz" will also be in "The Red Robe", Marjorie Peterson and George Dobbs, dancing team who were popular here at the 1927 State Fair. The new Baker Hotel box office has been opened and mail orders for "The Red Robe" seats are now being sold. The new box office has six windows, and facilities to handle the largest crowds in the shortest possible time. Ticket sales to date have been very gratifying, according to State Fair officials.

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Sunday school and preaching at the regular hours Sunday, Sept. 15. Let every member of both Sunday and church be present. You are needed and you receive needed grace and strength if you come earnestly seeking a blessing. The public is always welcome to worship with us. It is hoped that the leaders of the Young People's work and the mid-week service will receive encouragement and hearty support, over and some other will adjust themselves, and we hope that all members will give hearty and loyal support to the church in all its activities and that we may have the best fall and winter's work that the has ever had. Will you help us? Can we count on you?

**STAR WANT ADS BRINGS RESULTS**

Eyes, that burn, smart, become tired, and perhaps your whole body nervous and tired. Why not see to it that your eyes have a thorough examination. Your old glasses may need a change. Bad eye strain will cause permanent injury. Consult H. M. Hodges, your local optometrist, Baird Texas.

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**FORT WORTH \$5.30**  
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**Texas and Texans**

By WILL H. MAYES

**Checking a Bad Custom**

In many Texas counties the commissioners courts have established a custom of issuing warrants of certifiants of indebtedness in payment for court houses, jails, road work, machinery, or other things the courts care to pay for, without submitting the matter to a vote of the people, when funds are not available.

Whether this is authorized by law or not, it should be stopped. No future indebtedness should be incurred, except in case of public necessity or emergency, without the people directly authorize it by their vote.

The Shelby county commissioners hold that such certificates, issued by a commissioner for road work and material, are not legal and refuse to pay such debts incurred by a previous administration. The final outcome of a suit to recover the amount of such a certificate will be watched with much interest.

**Airplane Travel Doubles**

A reduction in airplane passenger rates by a leading transport company to about twice the rate charged by railroad and buslines quickly resulted in doubling the amount of travel. When air transportation is still further reduced and brought within reach of the average traveler, air travel will immediately become the popular method of transportation.

Many Texas towns are securing airports, and in the near future landing places for planes will be regarded as essential as railroad and bus stations.

**Teachers' College Buildings**

The Sul Ross State Teachers' College at Alpine is erecting a library building to cost \$150,000. This school has had a hard struggle for legislative appropriations sufficiently large to keep it growing, but now seems to have won its way to recognition as one of Texas' most important educational institutions. Because of the invigorating climate the Alpine school should become one of the leading teachers' schools of Texas, of which the State has more than are really needed.

**Road Educational Campaign**

Movements are afoot to "educate the people to the need of good roads," which means to secure their favor in the matter of a state bond issue to supplement the present gasoline tax and motor registration license, from which Texas roads are now being built. It is being freely predicted by friends of the "educational" movement that Highway Commissioner Sterling will make the race for Governor with the bond issue plan as the leading plank of his platform.

**Scattering Bluebonnets**

Texas bluebonnets should be grown extensively in every part of the State in which they can be grown. The Garden Club of Amarillo has ordered 10 dozen packages of the seed from Mrs. J. K. Beretta, Girl Scout Commissioner at San Antonio. For several years the San Antonio Girl Scouts, under Mrs. Beretta's leadership, have been gathering and sending out large quantities of bluebonnet seeds. The flower has matured as far north as Alaska, and under careful attention should bloom abundantly throughout all parts of Texas.

**San Saba Ships Fertilizer**

San Saba has a fertilizer com-

pany that is engaged extensively in shipping fertilizer products to other sections not so fortunate in good soils, or where intensive cultivation is practiced. The irrigated sections of the State are using large quantities of the fertilizer, especially in those areas where two or more crops are grown from the same land each year.

**Labor Dinner Higher**

A resort hotel at San Marcos announced that its Sunday dinner would cost \$1.00 and that its "labor day special" would be \$1.25. Evidently the hotel people think that the laborer is better able to pay for a dinner than the average Sunday diner. Skilled labor is getting a wage in Texas that enables it to buy most of the things it wants. The unskilled workman hasn't so much reason for being over-jubilant on Labor Day. The one is usually well-organized, the other is not. The skilled workman uses his brain, as well as his muscle, to best advantage.

**Dallas Flight Climbing**

The Thousands of people who have been forced to take exercise in flight climbing at the Dallas railroad station, for no other apparent reason than to get to come down again, are hoping that Mayor Tate may succeed in getting those steep and long stairs removed. Dallas can't hope to become much of a city so long as every visitor arrives and leaves out of breath from climbing needless stairways and cursing the place.

**Fort Davis Apples**

There are not a great many Texans who know that Fort Davis ships famous Fort Davis "Delicious" apples by carloads. Orchardists say that the apples grown in the Davis Mountain section are the finest marketed in the fall in the United States. Shipments are now being made, and the crop is reported as excellent. Fine peaches, pears and grapes are also grown there.

**Establishing Creameries**

One of the largest of themeat packing plants is establishing a number of creameries and poultry products plants at favorable Texas points. Paris reports having secured one of these and Taylor and Austin are being considered for another location.

A number of the creamery and cheese plants in the State are having to be enlarged to care for the increased business. The dairy and poultry business of Texas are growing rapidly.

**Hatcheries Prove Profitable**

A 12,000 egge capacity hatchery is to be established at Smithville by a party who is operating similar plants at LaGrange, Bellville and Schulenberg. The owner finds that with modern equipment the hatching industry wherever established is proving profitable. The "setting" hen is being retired from the business.

**Llano Tourist Park**

Llano is much pleased about its new hotel, but is also getting ready to take better care of those who may not want to stop at the modern hotel. The tourist park there has been leased to a company that is building a number of new cottages and a dancing pavilion and establishing a swimming pool to make stopping in Llano a delight to the thousands of visitors who go there every season.

**Fredericksburg Hotel Enlarged**

When the old Nintz Hotel at Fredericksburg was torn away a few years ago and a big three story structure erected in its place, the people there wondered if it would ever be filled with guests. Already it is found that more hotel rooms are needed and a large addition to the hotel is to be constructed right away. It begins to look like Texas towns can't get too much hotel room.

**Grows 38 Different Crops**

A farmer near Runge, who has grown 38 different crops on his farm this year, is not complaining of hard times. A list of his crops reads almost like the index to a seed catalogue, but the farmer doesn't care for that so long as he is able to keep a nice bank account.

**Most Distinguished Citizen**

The American Legion posts throughout the State are honoring a citizen where each post is located by presenting him a certificate proclaiming him the "most distinguished citizen." Of course, J. O. Smith, editor of the Elgin Courier and manager of nearly everything around town, was declared "It" at Elgin, although many of city's folks thought the honor should have gone to Mr. Smith's manager.

**Great Teacher's Advice**

Listen much, keep silent when in doubt, and always take heed of the tongue; thou wilt make few mistakes.—Confucius.

**Is Glad She Heeded Her Friends Advice**

"I am so happy over the wonderful benefits received from Sargon that I will always be grateful to my friends and relatives who insisted that I take it."



"For many years I suffered with a stomach trouble. Everything I ate caused great distress. I even thought I had heart trouble. Bilioussness caused such dizzy spells at times I thought I was going blind. I had awful pains in my back, legs and arms and was so nervous I hardly ever got good sound sleep. I was always taking some strong laxative for constipation, but never got any real relief."

"Finally I started Sargon and Sargon Soft Mass Pills and my relief was almost immediate. My appetite is now splendid. I never suffer with indigestion and those terrible pains have gone. The pills regulated me perfectly and relieved my bilioussness and constipation."

"I could talk all day and never praise Sargon half enough."—Mrs. Julia H. Mata, 2101 Commerce St., San Antonio.

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**Discovery of Amazon**

The Amazon river was first discovered and ascended by Vincente Yanez Pinzon in the year 1500.

**Source of Trouble**

All the real trouble in the world comes from some one's lack of self control.—American Magazine.

**Believe It or Not**

There was once a movie actor who took his girl out under the moon but couldn't kiss her without a theme song.

**Applying the Moral**

Probably the funniest thing about the modern Pharisee is his utter inability to see that what the Bible says about the ancient one applies to him at all.—Ohio State Journal

Appropriately Named  
The speaker of the British parliament had the right of "speaking" none to the sovereign—concerning King James, petitions, and so on.

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We have received another shipment of those red and blue house shoes that you have been wanting. And at the same old price.

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SPUDS, The Best in Town	Per lb 3 1/2c
YAMS, New Crop	Per lb 4c
CABBAGE, Nice and Green	Per lb 4 1/2c
APPLES, Fancy Delicious, Large Size	Each 5c
BUNCH VEGETABLES,	6c
FLOUR, Our Special	48 lb Bag \$1.39
CORN MEAL,	24 lb Bag 73c
COMPOUND,	8 lb Pail \$1.12
SUGAR Pure Cane	10 lb Bag 61c
COFFEE, Brazos, (with pitcher free)	3 lb can \$1.45

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CRACKERS, Premium Flakes	2 pkgs. 21c
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PEACHES, 2 1/2 Size	19c
CORN, No. 2 Size	Two Cans 25c
HOMONY, No. 2 Size	Three Cans 23c
TOMATOES, No. 2 Size	Three Cans 28c
PEAS, No. 2 Size	2 Cans 25c

**IN OUR MARKET**

BACON, Sliced	1 lb pkg. 34c
DRY SALT JOWLS,	Per lb 15c
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