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## Golden Wedding Anniversary And a Birthday Celebration Friday at the A. Grist Home

A joyous occasion was participated in by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Grist and children, in-laws and grandchildren, last Friday, August 10, 1934, when this estimable couple celebrated the golden wedding anniversary of their marriage. It is on rare occasions that Cisco couples have enjoyed this privilege, and to know that this couple have lived in wedded bliss for 50 years is of interest to more than those directly concerned, for 'tis a blessed privilege for married folk to so live that they can look back on an half century of conjugal felicity.

August 10, 1884, Jim Coffman, justice of the peace of Callahan county, Texas, spoke the words that joined in the bonds of matrimony Arthur Grist and Miss Martha L. Moore, where they made their home, in and near that Callahan county town until their removal to Cisco, where they now reside a highly esteemed couple, who number their friends by their acquaintances.

Arthur Grist was born at Stroud, England, and was the second son of John Grist, a naturalized citizen of the United States, who volunteered as a soldier in the United States army from Virginia for the war with Mex-

ico. After the death of his father young Grist found his way into West Texas in 1880.

Mrs. Martha L. Grist was born in Izzard county, Arkansas, her parents, Sampson Moore and wife, Nancy, shortly after moved to Missouri, and a few years later, also came to West Texas and settled in Callahan county. Mrs. Grist, then a girl of 10 years of age, driving one of their three covered wagons, down through the Indian territory, and the then frontier of Texas, to Callahan county.

This couple have been blessed with thirteen children, of whom nine are living today and fourteen grandchildren. These are Mrs. Florence Fisher, of Alpine, Arizona; Mrs. Pearl Jones, of Amarillo; Mrs. Lillie Bryant, of Dallas; Fred T. Grist, of Cisco; Mrs. Bessie Ellis, of Pecos; A. W. Grist, of Pratt, Kan.; Mrs. Nellie Airhart, and Mrs. Ruby Airhart, both of Knott, Texas, and Charles H. Grist, of Larned, Kan.

On August 12, 1934, Arthur Grist attained his 72nd birthday, and at the celebration of the two occasions there were present Mrs. Thomas B. Jones and sons, Thomas B. Jones, Jr., and Dr. Frank B. Jones and bride, nee

Elizabeth Glenn, of Amarillo; Mrs. G. C. Bryant, of Dallas; Mrs. Johnnie Airhart and children, Jack, Charles and Ava Lee, of Knott, Texas; Miss Martha Louise Ellis, of Pecos; and Mr. and Mrs. Fred T. Grist and children, Freda Layne, Betty Faye and Patricia Ann, of Cisco; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Blair and son, of Sweetwater; Mrs. Callie Hanna and Mrs. Mary Tucker, of Blackwell, Texas; John Nutting and Mr. and Mrs. Buford Avery, of Amarillo.

Arthur Grist has had a varied life on the ranch, farm and railroads, besides being a deputy clerk for J. A. Karkalits at Eastland before his removal to Cisco approximately 40 years ago, when he accepted employment with the firm of C. H. Fee & Co., hardware and implement dealers. At present, with his son, Fred T. Grist, and in continuance of the same line of business, he is the senior member of the A. Grist Hardware Co. As the sear and yellow leaf of life approaches he and his estimable wife are facing the setting sun beloved by their devoted descendants and esteemed by their numerous friends and neighbors.

Cecil A. Lotief breezed in Wednesday morning, long enough to place an announcement to the voters of Eastland and Callahan counties requesting their continued support in the run-off primary August 25 for flatorial representative. He stated that new supporters are daily pledging their allegiance to him in this election.

## City Commission Wiped Off Over Four Million of Bond Debt Last Monday Night

The city commission Monday night, by resolution, ratified the agreement reached by F. D. Wright, special attorney, and R. E. Grantham, city attorney, representing the city, and A. E. Nelson, representing the Bondholders Protective committee of New York, controlling a large block of Cisco bond, whereby the much vexed bonded problem was adjusted. This resolution was conveyed to New York by Mr. Nelson, who left Cisco Monday night for New York, where he submitted the resolution of the commission for the approval of the committee.

Mayor Berry has been advised that the committee has accepted the terms of settlement reached by the parties thereto.

With the acceptance by the Bondholders Protective committee means that Cisco no longer has a bond problem to vex our people, and can now begin to build on the foundation already so well laid by past administrations. As long as this bond problem confronted the city administration progress was impossible, for the city's credit was destroyed and Cisco was without a foundation on which to build.

The Citizen congratulates the administration, the city attorney and the special attorney, F. D. Wright, for their part in effecting a settlement on such advantageous terms, for in this adjustment Cisco saves the sum of \$4,700,000.

Briefly the terms of settlement are that the city shall issue refunding bonds to the amount of \$1,598,335. Within five days after the acceptance of the terms of settlement by the Bond committee, Cisco agrees to prorate among the bondholders \$43,435 of the \$63,000 ac-

### E. A. RINGOLD



Candidate for Legislative Representative for the 106th District.

cumulated to the credit of the sinking fund, now in the Cisco banks, representing one per cent of the total outstanding bonds and warrants. Of this sum \$35,000 will be deposited with the Underwriters Trust company of New York as the prorata share of the bonds held by the New York committee. The remainder of the sinking fund will be held here to take care of the coupons that may be presented to the city treasurer.

The refunding bonds of \$1,598,335 will run 40 years, and bear interest on a graduating scale, starting at 1 per cent for the first year; 1½ percent the second year; 2 per cent for the next four years; 3 per cent for the next four years; 4 per cent for the next six years; and 5 per cent thereafter until maturity.

This is a condensed statement of

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**HOUSTON**  
**HOGG**  
**HUNTER**

*"Every Half Century"*

\*\*\* ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO, THE IMMORTAL SAM HOUSTON LED TEXAS THROUGH HER FIRST GREAT CRISIS \*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\* FIFTY YEARS LATER, THE GREAT JAMES STEPHEN HOGG GUIDED OUR PEOPLE THROUGH ANOTHER CRITICAL ERA \*\*\*\*

\*\*\* TODAY, IN THESE TROUBLED TIMES, A THIRD GREAT MAN RISES TO TAKE THE HELM ---- **TOM HUNTER**

TEXAS NEEDS A MAN OF COURAGE, HONESTY, SINCERITY, VISION, UNDERSTANDING AND PATIENCE ---- ONE WHOSE HEART BEATS IN TUNE WITH THE PLAIN PEOPLE \*\*\*\*

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for **GOVERNOR**  
AND A TEXAS RECOVERY

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# TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF TEXAS.

### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS.

Section 1. That Section 1 of article 8 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

Section 1. TAXATION TO BE EQUAL AND UNIFORM AS TO REAL ESTATE AND TO BE EQUAL AND UNIFORM AS TO ALL REASONABLE CLASSIFICATIONS OF PROPERTY; AND OCCUPATION AND INCOME TAXES; EXEMPTIONS; LIMITATIONS UPON COUNTIES, CITIES, ETC.

"Taxation of real property shall be equal and uniform. All property in this state, whether owned by natural persons or corporations, other than municipal, shall be taxed in proportion to its value, which shall be ascertained as may be provided by law. The Legislature may by general laws make reasonable classifications of all property other than real property for the purpose of taxation, and may impose different rates thereon; provided that the taxation of all property in any class shall be equal and uniform. The Legislature may impose a poll tax. It may also impose occupation taxes, both upon natural persons and upon corporations, other than municipal, doing business in this State. It may also tax incomes of both natural persons and corporations other than municipal, except that persons engaged in mechanical and agricultural pursuits shall never be required to pay an occupation tax; provided that Two Hundred Fifty (\$250.00) Dollars worth of household and kitchen furniture, belonging to each family in the State, shall be exempt from taxation, and provided further that the occupation tax levied by any county, city or town for any year on persons or corporations pursuing any profession or business, shall not exceed one-half of the tax levied by the State for the same period of such profession or business."

Section 2. The foregoing amendment to the Constitution of Texas shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held throughout the State on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1934. At this election, all voters favoring said amendment shall write, or have printed, on their ballots the words: "For the Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas providing that taxation of real property shall be equal and uniform; and that all property in this state, other than that owned by municipal corporations, shall be taxed in proportion to its value as ascertained as may be provided by law; and providing that the Legislature may make reasonable classifications of all property, other than real property, for the purpose of taxation, and that the taxation of all property in any class shall be equal and uniform; and providing further that the Legislature may impose poll tax and occupation tax income tax and exempting from occupation tax persons engaged in mechanical and agricultural pursuits; and exempting from taxation Two Hundred Fifty (\$250.00) Dollars worth of household and kitchen furniture belonging to each family; and providing that the occupation tax levied by any county, city or town shall not exceed one-half that levied by the State for the same period."

Those voters opposing said proposed Amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words: "Against the Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas providing that taxation of real property shall be equal and uniform in this State, other than that owned by municipal corporations shall be taxed in proportion to its value as ascertained as may be provided by law; and providing that the Legislature may make reasonable classifications of all property, other than real property, for the purpose of taxation; and that the taxation of all property in any class shall be equal and uniform; and providing further that the Legislature may impose poll tax and occupation tax and income tax and exempting from occupation tax persons engaged in mechanical and agricultural pursuits; and exempting from taxation Two Hundred Fifty (\$250.00) Dollars worth of household and kitchen furniture belonging to each family, and providing that the occupation tax levied by any county, city or town shall not exceed one-half that levied by the State for the same period."

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SECRETARY OF STATE.

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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 30

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS.

Section 1. That Section 16, Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

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of the Constitution of the State of Texas, now belonging to the University of Texas shall be subject to the taxation for county and school district purposes to the same extent as lands privately owned; provided they shall be rendered for taxation upon the values fixed by the State Tax Board and that the values fixed for school district purposes shall not exceed the values fixed for county purposes on the same land; and provided that the University of Texas from the University Available Fund, shall remit annually to each of the counties and school districts in which said lands are located an amount equal to the tax imposed upon said land for county and school district purposes."

Section 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the State at the next general election, at which election all voters favoring said proposed amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words: "For the amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas subjecting the lands of the University of Texas to taxation for county and school purposes, and providing for the payment of said taxes to the proper authorities of the counties and school districts where said lands are located," and all those opposed shall write or have printed on their ballots the words: "Against the Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas subjecting the lands of the University of Texas to taxation for county and school district purposes, and providing for the payment of said taxes to the proper authorities of the counties and school districts where said lands are located."

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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 42

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS.

Section 1. That Section 30, Article 16 of the Constitution of Texas be amended so as to read hereafter as follows:

"Section 30. The duration of all offices not fixed by this Constitution shall never exceed two (2) years, except that the elected officials of a city that has adopted and amended its charter as provided in Section 5, Article XI of the Constitution of Texas may, by amendment to such city's charter, hold office not to exceed four (4) years; provided, that when a Railroad Commission is created by law it shall be composed of three (3) Commissioners who shall be elected by the people at a general election for State officers, and their term of office shall be six (6) years; provided, Railroad Commissioners first elected after this Amendment goes into effect shall hold office as follows: One shall serve two (2) years, and one four (4) years and one six (6) years; their terms to be decided by lot immediately after they shall have qualified. And one Railroad Commissioner shall be elected every two (2) years thereafter. In case of vacancy in said office the Governor of the State shall fill said vacancy by appointment until the next general election."

Section 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the State on the next general election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, at which election all voters favoring such proposed amendment shall write or have printed on their ballot the words, "For the Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas permitting Home Rule Cities to so amend their charters that the elected officials of such cities may hold office not to exceed four (4) years," and those opposed shall write or have printed on their ballots the words, "Against the Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas permitting Home Rule Cities to so amend their charters that the elected officials of such cities may hold office not to exceed four (4) years."

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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 41

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS.

Section 1. That Section 5, of Article XI, of the Constitution of Texas, be amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

"Section 5. Cities having more than five thousand (5000) inhabitants may, by a majority vote of the qualified voters of said city, at an election held for that purpose, adopt or amend their charters, subject to such limitations as may be prescribed by the Legislature, and providing that no charter or any ordinance passed under said charter shall contain any provision inconsistent with the Constitution of the State, or of the general laws enacted by the Legislature of this State; said cities may levy, assess and collect such taxes as may be authorized by law or by their chart-

ers; but no tax for any purpose shall ever be lawful for any one year, which shall exceed two and one-half per cent (2½) of the taxable property of such city, and no debt shall ever be created by any city, unless at the same time provision be made to assess and collect annually a sufficient sum to pay the interest thereon and creating a sinking fund for at least two per cent (2%) thereon; provided further, that no city charter shall be altered, amended or repealed oftener than every twelve (12) months."

Section 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the State at the next general election, to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1934; at which election all voters favoring such proposed amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words: "For the Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas permitting any Home Rule City to alter, amend or repeal its charter every twelve (12) months;" and those opposed shall write or have printed on their ballots the words, "Against the Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas permitting any Home Rule City to alter, amend or repeal its charter every twelve (12) months."

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## JUDGE HAMLIN, THOUGH DEFEATED, SENDS OUT GREETINGS TO FRIENDS

BRECKENRIDGE, Aug. 14.—Judge Hamlin, when interviewed Monday morning, was in the best of humor and was taking his defeat philosophically, and when requested for a statement, gave the following:

"From the total vote available, which is still somewhat incomplete, it is quite apparent that Mr. Blanton has a clean majority over both Mr. Chastain and myself, which, of course, will eliminate the necessity of a runoff."

"I am indeed grateful for the splendid vote given me by my home county, and want to thank my many friends for their devoted and loyal friendship and service in my behalf. Of course, I would have preferred the final results to have been otherwise, but I have no ill-will or malice in my heart for anyone, for I have enjoyed every minute of the campaign, as it has afforded me the opportunity of forming friendships in all of the eleven splendid counties outside of my home county, throughout the district, that I value highly, and shall cherish in the years to come."

Judge Hamlin laughed and said, "I never received so much encouragement and apparently so few votes in my life, but, seriously, I do want to express my appreciation to all who voted for me, and to everyone generally for their kind consideration, which was uniformly extended throughout the district."

## Merchants Assn. Keep Record From Cradle To Grave

If John Jones moves from New York City to Waco, making his home here, and after 48 hours in the city he desires to open a charge account at a local store he may do so without delay, if his rating in the eastern metropolis is okay. Secretary C. C. Lewis of the local Retail Merchants' Association sees to helping the newcomer along and gives him the same rating he had in his old home town.

Not only does Mr. Lewis keep tab on the business integrity of local people, that is, as to their reputation for paying their bills, but every time there is a wedding or a death in Waco that information is recored in the filed records of the contracting parties.

From the cradle to the grave, this association's files chronicle not only the data which guide business and professional men in extending credit, but all other significant events in the life of the person concerned.—Waco Record.

Dan Winge, one of the thrifty farmers of the Lutheran settlement, and a valued member of the Citizen family, was a business visitor to Cisco Thursday.

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PATRICK SIRLS

## Candidates To Speak In Cisco Wednesday August 22, At 8

Candidates for representatives from the 106th and 107th legislative districts announce speaking dates, at which the run-off candidates for county offices will also present their claims. This speaking campaign began last Saturday at Rising Star. Monday the speaking was at Desdemona; Tuesday at Carbon; Wednesday at Morton Valley; Thursday at Scranton. Tonight they will address the voters at Pioneer at 8 o'clock; Saturday at Gorman at 3 o'clock; Monday Aug. 20, 8 o'clock at Okra; Tuesday, Aug. 21, 8 o'clock, at Olden; Wednesday, Aug. 22, 8 o'clock, at Cisco; Thursday, Aug. 23, 8 o'clock, at Eastland; Friday, Aug. 24, 8 o'clock, at Ranger.

A cordial invitation is extended to all the voters to attend the speaking for the remainder of the campaign, and hear each candidate tell why he is the best man for the job.

## Senter Favors Hunter As Successor To Hogg As People's Governor

Dallas, Aug. 12.—The candidacy of Tom Hunter for Governor was espoused by E. G. Senter of this city in a speech which he delivered this afternoon at City Park. He urged those who backed Jim Hogg in his famous campaign against George Clark to rally to the support of Hunter as the legitimate successor of Hogg in his fight for the common welfare and for the common people.

"It is not a question," Senter said, "of this plank or that plank in a platform. The question is, as it was in Hogg's day, whether this State shall be run by the trusts and syndicates for their own benefit; or whether it shall be run for the benefit of the common welfare. Hogg was denounced bitterly by his attorneys for the great corporations as a demagogue. Hunter is now denounced by attorneys for the big corporations as a demagogue."

Every influence and interest which could be brought together under the flag of the predatory trusts were lined up against Hogg. Every influence which can today be mustered by the attorneys, the lobbyists and the creatures of the predatory interests is lined up against Hunter. The reason is they know Hunter means what he says; that he intends to try to achieve the great reforms he is advocating.

"Jim Hogg wrote a new declaration of independence in this State. For many years the people enjoyed the benefits, but the trusts were finally resurrected with more power than they ever enjoyed before. Hunter has written a new declaration of independence, and it behoovers every man who fought under the banner of Hogg to rally around his standard and help carry it on to victory, as we did in 1892."

Karl Winge, well known Route 2 farmer, was selling some choice El Berta peaches to Cisco people Thursday.

Advertise in the Citizen.

Mesdames D. R. Harper and Rhoda Burkett are spending some time at Galveston, enjoying the bathing. They are accompanied by Miss Maxine Burkett. The party also expects to spend some time in San Antonio.

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## FRANK HAGERMAN

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## First Church Of Christ, Scientist

First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Eastland, authorized branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Boston, Mass., holds services every Sabbath morning at 11 and each Wednesday night at 8. Testimonies on Christian Science healing may be given at the Wednesday evening meetings. Sunday school convenes at 9:45 a. m. All of these services are held in the Church edifice at the corner of Lamar and Plumer street.

"Soul" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon which will be read in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, August 19.

The Golden Text is: "Cause me to hear thy loving kindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee" (Psalms 143:8).

Among the citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon is the following from the Bible: "Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord . . ." (Chronicles 29:11).

The Lesson-Sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science textbook "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "Kingdom of Heaven. The reign of harmony in divine Science; the realm of unerring, eternal, and omnipotent Mind; the atmosphere of Spirit, where Soul is supreme" (page 590).

## Negro Confesses Robbery Attempt

Eastland, Aug. 14.—Confession was made Saturday morning by June Timmons, Greenville negro, to district attorney, Grady Owen, admitting attempt of robbery with firearms in Cisco early Tuesday morning.

Timmons, 28, when arrested, told officers that his mother had given a dollar the night before but he wanted more money so he attempted to rob a produce truck driver.

How's your butter? We can use a batch in payment for your subscription to the Citizen.

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CISCO, EASTLAND COUNTY, TEXAS, AUGUST 17, 1934.

**Judgment Against  
Crisp County, Ga.,  
For Hydro Project**

Four years ago a hydro-electric project built for Crisp county, Georgia, was heralded far and wide as the first publicly owned and operated "power district" in the country. But now, as far as many of its sponsors are concerned, the less said about it the better. The county has failed to keep up its installments on the construction cost and has hanging over it a federal court judgment for \$147,684.

The original bond issue of \$1,250,000 was expected to provide a plant with four generating units having a total capacity of 20,000 horsepower. Only two units were completed, with a capacity not to exceed 5560 horsepower.

The plant was expected to make the county tax free. Instead, the tax rate has been doubled, increased from 13 mills in 1927 to 26 mills on the dollar and today is the highest county tax rate in Georgia.

An audit by the county board of commissioners shows that in 1931 the project's expenditures for operation and interest, "without allowance for depreciation", exceeded income by \$28,014.81, and in 1933 they exceeded income by \$30,171.26. —Electric Progress.

**Former Ciscoan And  
Retired Naval Man,  
Visiting Connection**

The Eastland Telegram recently had the following regarding a former Cisco boy, who has grown old in the United States navy, and who has recently won his retirement and is now resting on his laurels.

Mrs. Kilborn's husband, "Pack" Kilborn, as he is familiarly known, is a brother of Joe and Zed Kilborn, of Cisco;

Mrs. E. P. Kilborn is enjoying a visit from her brother, Ceasar Cooper of San Francisco, Calif. Mr. Cooper recently retired from the navy after serving over a period of 32 years. At the time of his retirement he carried the rank of chief gunner. While in the service Mr. Cooper served on the big armored battleships and also saw submarine service.

The past few years he has been stationed in the Hawaiian and Phillipine Islands and different parts of China. Mr. Cooper spent his early boyhood in and around Cisco, leaving there at the age of 16 to join the navy.

Mr. Cooper brought his sister a surprise gift, a beautiful handwoven Chinese rug, made in Peking, China, by one of the famous American women rug makers, who own and supervise the making of hand-woven Chinese rugs. This woman gained fame for her rugs, due to the fact of her exquisite blending of colors in her rugs. The rug Mr. Cooper brought here depicts a Chinese Junk Ship.

Mr. Cooper and Mrs. Kilborn are visiting Mrs. Kilborn's son and wife at Chickasha, Okla. He plans to spend several weeks in Eastland.



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**Eastland County Rabbit  
Breeders Plan Exhibit  
At September Fair Meet**

Eastland, Aug. 8.—Plans are being made by the Eastland County Rabbit club for their sixth annual fall show, which will be held in conjunction with the Eastland County Fall fair Sept. 19 to 22. The show will be staged in the Stubblefield building on the east side of the square, Eastland.

Hugh Owen of Eastland will be the show manager and L. V. Simmonds, also of Eastland, will be secretary. Marvin O. F. Davis of Gainesville will judge the show. Mr. Davis is recommended by the American Rabbit and Cavy Breeders association.

The show this year, according to Hugh Owen, will be better than any previous show as there will be a larger number of entries and also a better grade of entries. There will also be a larger premium list, which will include both cash and merchandise prizes. Included in the list of premiums is more than \$40 worth of silver cups. Merchandise prizes will be donated by Eastland merchants. There will also be a 40 specialty club offers.

Immediate issuance of \$50,000,000 in silver certificates against free silver in the treasury was promised by Secretary of Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr.

The best plan is to sell part of your property every year to pay taxes on your remains. Then in a few years you will have no property and no taxes to pay

Mother would save herself a lot of work if she would learn to sweep as daughter does, without moving things,

**91st Grand Jury Ends  
Its Labors, Returning  
32 Indictments Bills**

The grand jury of the 91st district court returned 32 bills of indictment previous to its adjournment last Thursday, during which 117 witnesses had been quizzed.

Other matters touched upon are contained in the partial report published below:

"We urgently request that repairs be made to the jail before winter and respectfully request that the commissioners take immediate action in this matter."

"We cannot help but express our thanks for the great work of our State Senator, Wilbourne Collie, has done toward revising the criminal procedure. We would respectfully ask that he take some steps towards passing a bill governing the sale of second-hand pipe such as a bond and license for dealers, requiring them to have bills of sale from owners keeping a permanent record of same and such other protection for the oil operator as he may think necessary."

Cousin Daisy is so kind hearted that she can't always do right. She doesn't want to hurt the feelings of people who ask her to do wrong.

R. N. Hazlewood, of the Dan Horn community, was trading in Cisco Saturday.

**LOTIEF SEEKS ADVICE  
ON LEGISLATIVE ACTION**

As you know the Governor has called the Legislature into special session to convene August 27, for the purpose of issuing the balance of unsold relief bonds. The amount of these unsold bonds is nine million, five hundred thousand dollars.

The Governor seems to favor issuing the entire amount at one time in order to adequately take care of the needy and distressed of our state. Now, as your representative in the law making body, I wish to ask each and every citizen of the 107th flatorial district to advise me of his views on this important subject, as it is your wishes that I desire to carry out with my vote in the Legislature.

This money belongs to the tax payers of Texas and it is they who will pay it back in the future. Therefore, I feel that this question merits each citizen and tax payer expressing his conscientious opinion to his State Representative.

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# HISTORY OF THE CISCO SITUATION

## Exposition of Fraudulent Methods of Hijackers to Perpetuate A Monopoly

Below the Citizen is publishing a history of the gas situation in Cisco, and some of the methods employed by the Community Natural Gas Hijackers to perpetuate the gas monopoly and exploit the people by its endeavor to filch them of every dollar that the traffic will bear, and then some.

A recent communication from the old company attempts to show that they are doing the Polyana act to the queen's taste when they announce a reduction in rates, when as a matter of fact this reduction was not made until forced to do so by the enactment of an ordinance setting the minimum price that may be charged for domestic gas in Cisco, knowing that the courts have held that municipalities have the right to fix minimum prices that old companies may not establish a rate that might bankrupt municipal or independent companies.

### Plan to Evade the Law

That the Community Natural is attempting to evade the courts' ruling by unfair business methods is seen in a recent contract this company has prepared to sell merchandise to its consumers at unreasonable prices and terms. For instance: The Citizen is informed that the Community Natural is offering gas ranges, stoves, heaters, refrigerators and other merchandise at a small down payment, and the remainder to be paid at the rate of one dollar per month, which on the more expensive articles would prolong these installments over a period of several years. That is just another pretty song—one that is attractive to the women, especially, but—

### There's A Joker

In this neatly worded sales contract. They will sell you the merchandise as they contract, but when you sign it you are penalized for life. For it provides:

"This contract shall remain in force and effect as long as the purchaser shall remain a customer of the Community Natural Gas Company, but when such purchaser ceases to use the products of the Community Natural Gas Company the unpaid balance shall immediately become due and the Community Natural Gas Company is hereby authorized to repossess the herein described merchandise."

In other words, they will sell you the merchandise, but in doing so they are careful to place you in bonds of slavery, by compelling you to take their gas or lose the money you have paid in cash. So, watch out for the "Greeks Bearing Gifts."

### THE GAS SITUATION TO THE CITIZENS OF CISCO:

About the year 1914 the City of Cisco gave a gas franchise providing that gas should be furnished to the consumers in the City of Cisco at fifty cents per one thousand cubic feet. At that time gas was being purchased from the Moran fields in Shackelford County, Texas, approximately 20 miles from the town of Cisco. About the year 1918 these fields became depleted and it was necessary that a line be laid to Wichita County, Texas, approximately 180 miles away, in order to get an adequate supply of gas. When this was done, the distributor came before the City Commission and it was agreed that in view of this additional expense the rates should be raised from 50 cents to 67½ cents, with 10% discount if paid promptly.

In December of 1919 an enormous gas well was completed approximately four miles from the City of Cisco, and since that time there has been developed in and immediately adjacent to the City of Cisco one of the largest gas fields in the state.

Prior to 1927 the pipe lines delivering gas from the wells to the City of Cisco were owned by the Texas Company, but in 1927 the Lone Star Gas Company purchased the pipe lines which were delivering gas to the City of Cisco. In 1931 the Community Natural Gas Company purchased from the West Texas Utilities Company the distribution system and franchise for the City of Cisco. At the time of this purchase, there was also purchased the distribution system for the City of Abilene. The amount allocated for the purchase of the Cisco property was approximately \$186,000.00.

Due to the fact that there was an enormous volume of gas within and immediately adjacent to the City of Cisco which was being purchased by the Lone Star Gas Company for from 2½ to 6 cents per 1000 cubic feet, and in view of the general depression that had seriously affected the income of all of the inhabitants of the City of Cisco, about October 26, 1931, the City Commission of the City of Cisco, after careful consideration and a public hearing, passed an ordinance reducing the rates within the City of Cisco to 50 cents per 1,000 cubic feet. The Community Natural Gas Company filed a bond with the Railroad Commission of the State of Texas suspending the enforcement of this rate pending an appeal, and about November 14, 1932,

it filed in the U. S. District Court a petition for injunction seeking to restrain the City of Cisco from interfering with its raising its rates from 67½ cents to a sliding scale rate, which in effect provided that there should be paid \$1.77 gross, or \$1.60 net for the first 1000 cubic feet, \$1.50 gross or \$1.35 net for the second 1000 cubic feet, 94 cents gross or 85 cents net for the third 1000 cubic feet, with a decrease as the amount of gas used increased, until there was used by the domestic consumer 25,000 cubic feet per month. The grounds for the injunction were in effect that the Community Natural Gas Company was sustaining a loss at the then existing rate and could not profitably sell gas to the City of Cisco at the then existing rate.

### U. S. Court Refused Injunction

There was a hearing on this petition about November 25, 1932, but the matter was postponed until December 6, 1932. At that time the U. S. District Court held that the Community Natural Gas Company had not exercised proper diligence in endeavoring to get a hearing before the Railroad Commission, and the prayer for the injunction against the City of Cisco was refused.

Upon the termination of the hearing, which was held in Fort Worth, the Community Natural Gas Company demanded an immediate hearing before the Railroad Commission, and a Commissioner from the Railroad Commission commenced the taking of testimony in Cisco two days thereafter, that is on December 8, 1932.

Thereafter the Community Natural Gas Company appealed to the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals at New Orleans, where a hearing was held as between the City of Cisco and the Community Natural Gas Company on May 3, 1933, and on June 7, 1933, a judgment was rendered by the Circuit Court of Appeals at New Orleans holding that the action of the trial court was proper, and the injunction was again refused.

Upon the close of the hearing before the Railroad Commission on or about December 10, 1932, the Commissioner requested that the gas company and the city file briefs with it. This was not done and there was no decision of the controversy by the Railroad Commission.

### Denied \$1.77 Rate

On April 2, 1934, the Community Natural Gas Company filed an amended petition in the U. S. District Court again urging that the City of Cisco be enjoined from preventing it from putting into effect the increased rate, that is where the small consumer would pay \$1.77 gross or \$1.60 net, with the discount, for the first 1000 cubic feet, \$1.50 gross or \$1.35 net for the second 1000 cubic feet, etc. There was a hearing on this petition on the 25th of April, 1934. The U. S. District Court refused to grant this injunction, suggesting that more diligence be used in getting a hearing before the Railroad Commission, and the case was postponed until June 29, 1934. Soon thereafter the Community Natural Gas Company briefed the case, as did the City of Cisco, and on June 20, 1934, there was a hard fought legal battle in the City of Austin as between the City of Cisco and the Community Natural Gas Company. The Community Natural Gas Company both in its brief and oral argument plausibly and forcefully maintained that it was necessary that the Railroad Commission authorize it to raise its rates then in effect in Cisco to the scale last above mentioned. A judgment was rendered by the Railroad Commission of the State of Texas on the 26th of June, 1934, refusing to permit the Community Natural Gas Company to raise its rates in the City of Cisco.

For several years past the Lone Star Gas Company and the Community Natural Gas Company have maintained a policy of purchasing as many pipe lines or distribution systems as possible until a condition arose whereby the Lone Star Gas Company had a virtual monopoly on the gas supply and purchasing lines in all of the territory within the State of Texas and

Oklahoma covered by its lines, and the Community Natural Gas Company or other subsidiaries of the Lone Star Gas Corporation had a practical monopoly on the gas distribution in approximately 265 cities and towns.

Inasmuch as numerous small companies and independent operators could not find an adequate market for their gas, due to the monopoly above referred to, independent systems were constructed in very few towns. Almost without exception, when this was done, instead of selling gas at a reasonable rate, the Community Natural Gas Company adopted a policy of cut throat competition with a view of eliminating the small companies and driving them into bankruptcy. It was realized by the independent operators and small companies that it meant virtual ruin to endeavor to find a market in any city and town which was being served by the Community Natural Gas Company, regardless of the rate being charged.

Approximately 2½ years ago our higher courts held that a municipality had the right to prescribe a minimum rate, which would in effect prevent cut throat competition, and which would enable an independent operator or small company to furnish gas to municipalities at a reasonable rate.

### Begin Negotiations

Immediately after these decisions were rendered, the officials of the City of Cisco commenced negotiations with a view of getting an independent company to furnish gas to the City of Cisco at a reasonable rate, and one which purchased gas within the immediate area of the City of Cisco or in Eastland County, Texas, thus not only saving thousands of dollars annually for the citizens of Cisco, but furnishing a market for the small producers and land owners who had gas for sale in Eastland county. This led to the granting of a franchise to the Cisco Gas Corporation, this providing that there should be charged a maximum rate of 60 cents per 1000 cubic feet to the smallest consumer with a sliding scale whereby the largest consumers purchased gas at a very reasonable rate. In order to prevent the cut throat competition which had in other towns, prior to the higher court decision, prevented a small company or operator from selling gas at a reasonable rate, a minimum rate ordinance was passed and it was agreed by the Cisco Gas Corporation that the rate should be 25 cents per 1000 cubic feet, and that there should be installed an up-to-date plant, modern in every respect, at the lowest price possible, there being employed in the construction of this only local men. It was further provided that all of the net revenues earned by the operating plant should be created towards the cost of constructing—and when the Cisco Gas Corporation had been fully reimbursed for the actual expenditure made by it in the construction of the plant, then it should be owned by the City of Cisco, gas to be furnished to the City of Cisco at the City gate at a rate of 25 cents per 1000 cubic feet.

When the minimum rate ordinance, franchise, and contract had been fully explained to the citizens of Cisco, more citizens signed up to purchase gas from the new company to be owned by the City than there were customers of the old company, the excess being explained by reason of the fact that a great many of our citizens, and particularly business establishments had been forced to discontinue the use of gas by reason of what they considered exorbitant rates and bills.

When it appeared that the Railroad Commission was not going to increase the rate for the City of Cisco, and when it appeared that the Cisco Gas Corporation was going to actually construct a modern up-to-date plant at Cisco, the Community Natural Gas Company, tried, at that late hour, to make some character of temporary agreement with the city to prevent the construction of the new distribution system by the new company, going so far as to threaten to prevent the company coming in and then dealing harder with the citizens of Cisco because of the efforts that they had put forth to obtain an independent system.

The Community Natural Gas Company was unsuccessful in this and then on the 19th of June, 1934, in order to avoid competition, telegraphed Mr. Hickok, the president of Hickok Oil Corporation, offering to sell the Cisco plant. Being unsuccessful in this, it again sought an opportunity of getting the City to accept a lower rate and preventing its granting the franchise to Cisco Gas Corporation and passing the minimum rate ordinance. The City officials being mindful of the trouble and expense that it had been put to in connection with the litigation and the treatment that it had received throughout the entire procedure, and bearing in mind the existing situation with reference to the efforts of the independent operators and producers to sell gas, again refused to accept the lower rate, work was actually started on the construction of the plant of the Cisco Gas Corporation.

### Would Force Higher Rates

On July 30, 1934, there was mailed to each gas consumer in the City of Cisco a very lengthy letter, which was erroneous in numerous respects. It stated that on June 20, 1934, the Community Natural Gas reduced the domestic gas rate from 67½ cents to 60

cents. The truth is that on June 20, 1934, the attorneys for the Community Natural Gas Company were exhausting every effort to persuade the Railroad Commission of Texas to raise the minimum rate from 67½ cents to \$1.77, less a 17 cent discount for the smallest consumer. The judgment was not rendered by the Railroad Commission until June 26, 1934. The Community Natural Gas Company then commenced billing its customers at 60 cents because under the law that was the lowest rate that it could charge, and it was desirous of competing with the Cisco Gas Corporation.

The letter of July 30th states that "its ability to furnish a dependable and interrupted gas service at all times is unquestioned." During the past few days the town has been flooded with imported agents of the Community Natural Gas Company, who have stated to you that the new company does not have a sufficient supply of gas to maintain an adequate supply at all times. This statement is untrue and is known to be untrue by the higher officials of the Community Natural Gas Company, because they have frankly stated that they well know that the new corporation is financially able to maintain an adequate supply of gas and carry out its contracts. It is now connected with 45 gas wells in Eastland County. It has during the past few years practically at all times had wells drilling, thus giving employment to our local men, and it is now, and will continue to be, able to maintain a gas supply sufficient for a great many towns the size of Cisco.

### Advise Repudiation Of Agreement

This letter advises you that the "card that you signed does not obligate you to discontinue service from the Community Natural Gas Company," and it has, through its agents, offered extraordinary inducements in connection with the sale of merchandise to evade the spirit of the law which prevents price cutting. It has in effect tendered most unreasonable contracts, which are nothing more than petty bribes to prevent the people from remaining united in their efforts to, at this time, stop the campaign of greed and graft, which the Lone Star Gas Corporation and its subsidiaries have maintained because of the fact that they have heretofore had a monopoly on both the demand and supply.

### New Company to Buy Local Gas

It is stated in the letter that the Community Natural Gas Company "continues to be an important factor in the development of Cisco and Eastland County as a gas producing area." The policy that the Lone Star Gas Corporation has maintained of monopolizing the supply and preventing the operation of any independent company has been the cause of any number of small producers and companies being forced to sell out or cease operations. The amount of gas that the Lone Star Gas Corporation purchases in Eastland County is insignificant when compared with the amount of gas that it purchases in foreign fields. Every foot of gas that will be bought by the Cisco Gas Corporation will be purchased in Eastland County, unless by chance in the course of years, when the Cisco Gas Corporation has developed a larger market, it might find it necessary to go to surrounding counties for gas in order to maintain an adequate supply at all times.

This campaign of misrepresentations and over-reaching is not for the purpose of offering to the citizens of Cisco any unusual service because the executive officers of the Community Natural Gas Company have frankly stated that they resent the action of the City of Cisco in trying to get a more satisfactory gas supply, but these representations and inducements are made for the sole purpose of preventing the people from remaining united

in their efforts to break this monopoly.

We feel that a moral obligation is as strong as a legal obligation, and that every citizen who carefully considers the history of the entire situation is going to promptly advise these agents, who now appear to be so considerate of your welfare, that the Community Natural Gas Company has had several years, and these were the worst years that the community has been through, to show its kind feeling, and inasmuch as it has wholly failed to show any consideration for the citizens, that you are not now interested in its petty efforts.

### Start Unfair Competition

We sincerely feel that to make these unreasonable contracts for hot water heaters, cook stoves, refrigerators, etc., is most unfair to the Cisco Gas Corporation, and is unfair to the citizenship as a whole, which will be benefited materially in the event that the new company is successful so as to retire itself within a reasonable time, and thus give the citizens a much cheaper rate than that which they are now receiving.

It will be appreciated if you will promptly advise us as to any statement which might be made to you with reference to the new company, so that we may have an opportunity of making clear to you the exact facts as they exist. We believe that the hundreds of good citizens who have been associated with the employees in the work of constructing the modern, up-to-date plant, will be happy to inform you that every deal or transaction that they have had has been an agreeable one, and that in the event the citizenship remains united, you will join with us in conferring a material benefit on our community, not only for the present, but for the years to come.

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  - BIRT BRITAIN
- For County Judge:
  - CLYDE L. GARRETT
- For Sheriff:
  - VIRGE FOSTER (re-election)
- For Co. Superintendent of Education:
  - T. C. WILLIAMS
  - CLAIBORNE ELDRIDGE
- For Constable, Prec. No. 6:
  - JOE HICKS (Re-election, 2nd Term)
- For County Treasurer:
  - JOHN WHITE
- For Representative, 107th District:
  - ED CURRY.
  - CECIL A. LOTIEF (Re-election, 2nd term.)
- For Justice of the Peace, Prec. No. 6:
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**BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY**

Beloved, now are we the sons of God; and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when he shall appear we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. - I John 3:1

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Think not because we cannot see  
His form so dear,  
Love filleth us here;  
In Mind no separation can there be,  
God's children dwell in Love's eternity.

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Where Christians are concerned beyond others is in this, that of all fellowships Christian fellowship ought to be and can be the finest and the best. - London Times.

**THE HIJACKERS' SWAN SONG**

Are the Community Natural Hijackers singing their swan song? The act they are now staging would indicate that they know their day is short, and ere long they will be without a friend at court.

Realizing their game of bluff in telling the people of Cisco and Eastland that the Hickok interests would never build the Cisco gas system has exploded, now they are resorting to tactics of unfair business methods by offering expensive articles of merchandise—gas refrigerators, heating stoves, ranges, and other merchandise they carry in stock—at a small down payment and on installments of one dollar per month, in competition with local merchants who handle this class of merchandise. Of course no legitimate dealer can meet this kind of competition, nor could the Community Natural Hijackers were they dependent on these sales for their revenue. But they are not. This is only the lure to get the poor fish to bite. Once they sell you a piece of their merchandise they have you bound to burn their gas as long as these installments shall run. If you decide you had rather patronize a plant that will eventually be owned by the people of Cisco, and decide you want to discontinue taking the Hijackers' gas, you will have to forfeit the installments paid, pay it out in full or allow them to repossess the merchandise purchased.

Personally, the Citizen is of the opinion that to repossess this merchandise they can only do so by regular legal proceedings, but they realize that the purchaser knows they can win in the courts, which will increase the cost, so they rely on this fact to dispossess you of your property.

But their principal object is to retain all patrons to continue to use their gas. We understand some are biting at this cheap bait the Hijackers are feeding them, and have purchased an Electrolux, gas range or some other stock merchandise, and of course, signed away their privilege of taking gas from the plant that will be owned by the city of Cisco in a few years.

But the prime object in making such an offer is to divide the sentiment of our people who are now 95 percent for the new company. We hope only a few will be caught by this cheap bait the Hijackers are trying to feed you, for if they should happen to hold any considerable number as patrons of the Commun-

ity Natural Gas Company that might cause the Cisco Gas corporation to fail, and leave the Hijackers in command, "they wont do nothing to you," but what they do will be a plenty.

The Cisco Gas corporation is your company; it will eventually be a municipal plant, something you have been demanding for years, and it is to the interest of every person in Cisco to stand hitched. The higher-ups of the Gas Grabbers-Hijackers are said to have already made their boast that "if we can't buy the city commission we will buy off Hickok, and then you Cisco people may look out." This comes to the Citizen as a statement made when it was assured that Hickok meant business. We do not know if any of the emissaries ever attempted to buy the city commission, if so they seem to have very poor luck, but it is undeniable that they tried to induce the city commission to pass a minimum ordinance lower than 80 cents, in order to freeze Hickok out of Cisco.

Say, you Cisco suckers who have taken the Highjacker's bait, stop and think what you are doing. You are fighting your own interest and giving these pirates a knife with which to slash your own gizzard. Not only are you knifing yourself, but you aiding and abetting the city's enemy by knifing your neighbor and thwarting the best efforts of your city commission to give you relief from as soulless a bunch of pirates that ever "scuttled a ship or slit a throat." You have been clamoring for relief from this conscienceless aggregation of extortioners, and now that relief is in sight surely you are not going over to the enemy and sell out for a measly "mess of pottage" in the guise of buying a high-priced refrigerator or gas range on condition that you barter away, for the next five or ten years, your personal privilege to buy your fuel gas from your own company.

The main issue now is for Cisco people to stand together and let us whip this common enemy who has threatened to put the screws on us when it has the power to do so, and by its past act has demonstrated that nothing has prevented him from filching from you your last penny except the power was not in its hands to do so. Surely your memory is not so short that you have forgotten Mr. Chester May's "sliding scale" of gas prices? It can hardly be possible that you have forgotten that he attempted to induce the city commission to permit his company to charge you \$1.60 net for the first 1000 feet of gas and \$1.35 net for the second 1000, or a total of \$2.95 for the first 2000 cubic feet, which is about the average footage of gas used by us poor people? Then think how the more well-to-do citizens would be made to pay—those who consume 7000 to 8000 feet per month!

There have been a number of high-powered salesmen visiting Cisco housewives recently, painting a beautiful picture of the "service the Community Natural Hijackers have been in the development of this city," and hanging out an attractive lure to sell them an Elec-

trolux on such ridiculously unreasonable terms. Of course every woman would like to have these things, but surely not at such a sacrifice as they demand!

One man told the Citizen that he bought one of the stoves from the Hijackers a year or two ago, and if those they were now offering were no better they were dear at any price.

Another lady, who was pressed for a reason why she was quitting the Hijackers. Being reluctant to say she finally told him to get out his note book, that she would tell him plenty.

Now that is the spirit that all loyal Ciscoans should manifest. Tell them how they tried to rob Cisco people when they thought we were prostrate and couldn't help ourselves, and that their death bed conversion is now too late. "Beware of the Greeks bearing gifts."

**RECENT CASES FILED IN EASTLAND COURTS**

District Court—John A. Best, receiver, to sell notes; Eureka Tool Co. vs. Lone Star Gas Co., garnishment; Ex parte, W. L. Walters, beer application; Ex parte S. S. Brawner, beer application.

C. H. Yeager vs. C. M. Root, damages for personal injuries. S. H. Huckabee vs. Elizabeth Huckabee, divorce. J. E. Burrow vs. Fay Burrow, divorce. Continental State Bank of Rising Star vs. O. L. Brooks et al, collect note. Eastland County Lumber Company vs. J. M. Starkey, suit on note. Eastland County Lumber Company vs. T. O. Bray, suit on note. In re: liquidation Texas State Bank, sell 1921 model Ford coupe. In re: liquidation Texas State Bank, sell note, Reva Seaberry. Bertie Faulks vs. Troy Faulks, divorce. The Farmer and Merchants National Bank, De Leon, vs. Frank Kirk et al, to collect note. Alvie V. Wood vs. M. F. Wood, divorce. In re: liquidation Texas State Bank of Eastland, approve June expense account. Irma Ruth Webb vs. Robert M. Webb, divorce. J. T. Sims vs. Ruth Sims, divorce. Ex Parte John A. Best, receivers, to sell notes. In re: liquidation Texas State Bank of Eastland, sell Witt and Hightower notes. E. C. Brand, banking commissioner, vs. H. Brelsford, Jr., note. E. C. Brand, banking commissioner, vs. J. H. Fulcher, note. Mrs. Petra R. Comacho vs. A. A. Michael, damages for personal injuries. W. E. Williams, vs. Pearl Williams, divorce. Dona Hartman vs. A. F. Hartman, divorce.

J. T. Sims vs. Ruth Sims, divorce. E. C. Brand, banking commissioner vs. H. Brelsford, Jr., suit on note. E. C. Brand, banking commissioner, vs. J. H. Fulcher, suit on note. E. C. Brand, banking commissioner, vs. W. T. Garrett, suit on note. W. W. Wright vs. Bonnie Mae Wright, divorce. Opal Fraxier vs. Bart J. Frazier, divorce. J. D. Hurley vs. Laura Hurley, divorce. Trudy Ezell Walker et al vs. L. C. G. Walker, try title and for damages.

County Court—E. C. Brand, banking commissioner vs. W. R. Fairbairn, suit on note; E. C. Brand, banking commissioner, vs. A. W. Fehl and John Fehl, suit on note; E. C. Brand, banking Commissioner vs. W. C. Hamon, suit on note; E. C. Brand, banking commissioner vs. H. B. Meek, suit on note; E. C. Brand, banking commissioner vs. Ross Hoothead and John Fehl, suit on note; E. C. Brand, banking commissioner vs. Fay Overby, suit on note; E. C. Brand, banking commissioner vs. C. Hillin Simmons, suit on note; E. C. Brand, banking commissioner vs. Martin Smith, suit on note; E. C. Brand, banking commissioner vs. J. T. Wilsson, suit on note.

T. L. Patterson vs. S. S. Powers, note. E. C. Brand, banking commissioner, vs. J. R. Niver, suit on note. E. C. Brand, banking commissioner, vs. Sam J. Day, suit on note. Cisco Mortgage Loan Co., vs. G. C. Grace, note. E. C. Brand, banking commissioner, vs. W. L. Horn, note. T. L. Lauderdale, et al vs. W. R. Harvena, suit on account. E. C. Brand, banking commissioner, vs. J. T. Wilson, collect note. Ex parte R. F. Russell, beer application. Ex Parte D. R. Hale, beer application. E. C. Brand, banking commissioner, vs. Alex Clarke, collect note. E. C. Brand, banking commissioner vs. Frank T. Crowell, collect



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It has also been rumored that I would have a road supervisor. During the time I served as your County Commissioner I did not have a supervisor and if elected again will not have one. I have always ran my races strictly on my own merits and qualifications and not on promises.

I regret that it is necessary to resort to the press to correct these false rumors but as it is such a short time until the run-off primary that I will not have time to see each voter personally. Again soliciting your vote and influence on Aug. 25, I am

Sincerely,

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Alva Moore and Miss Alma Tucker, Rising Star.  
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Kenneth W. Ferguson and Miss Faye Touchstone.  
Robert W. Weathers and Audrey Groves, Stephenville.  
Herbert E. Phillips and Pearl Townsend, Carbon.  
John G. Martin, Sr., and Mrs. Delphis Paulonsky, Ranger.  
F. P. Curry and Joyce Turknnett, Carl E. Brown and Miss Lona Bennie, Ranger.  
R. C. Murray and Miss Nell Caton.

**City Commission Wipes off Over Four Million of Bond Debt Last Monday Night**

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the terms of settlement adopted by the commission.

In the negotiations the Bond committee undertakes to assemble a large per cent of the bonds to perfect this agreement, and in the event of a failure so to do, within 90 days from the acceptance of this agreement, if the consent of the non-participating bondholders do not agree to this settlement, the bondholders committee would agree to join the city of Cisco in a petition in the bankrupt court at Abilene, under the provision of the federal municipal bankruptcy act, which provides that the holders of 75 per cent of the defaulting bonds could make a settlement between them and the city, which would compel the 25 per cent to accept such settlement as binding upon them as if they had acquiesced in the original agreement. This would make the original agreement binding, and perfect the agreement which was ratified by the commission Monday night and approved by the New York committee.

The Citizen regrets that we do not have the space to give in detail the full text of the proposition and the resolution of endorsement, and has attempted only to give a brief synopsis of these proceedings. However, the Citizen congratulates the city commission for conducting such an acceptable and beneficial solution of the bonded debt problem, the legal end of which was looked after so ably by Attorneys Forrest D. Wright and R. E. Grantham, to whom much of the credit is due for bringing this vexed problem to this successful issue.

Before the commission had ratified the agreement Mayor Berry read an opinion from J. M. Wagstaff, of Abilene, to whom he had submitted the agreement, in which Wagstaff gave it his endorsement as legal, and in keeping with the statutes, both state and federal, and stated he considered this settlement highly advantageous to the city.

Mr. Nelson told the commission Monday night that he anticipated that it would be required to enter bankruptcy proceedings regardless of whether a big majority of the holders of the bonds accepted the provisions, for there are a few of the bonds being held by school districts whose officers are without authority to agree to any kind of settlement except full payment of the bonds and interest, and these cannot be expected to accept this settlement. He said with agreement

of Turner & Seabury and Attorney Burke to join the committee by pooling the bonds in their hands would give the committee more than the required 75 per cent to enter the bankruptcy proceedings.

The resolution was formally presented to the commission by H. A. Bible, commissioner, but before the resolution was acted upon by a roll call of the commissioners, all had affixed their signatures to the resolution.

Now, let's get busy and do something for Cisco. Our debt problem is out of the way.

**J. M. Williamson and Mrs. Williamson Are Here For a Vacation**

Former Mayor of Cisco J. M. Williamson and Mrs. Williamson are here for Mr. Williamson's vacation with their daughter, Miss Helen Williamson, at their home on West Seventh street and Avenue G.

Mr. Williamson is relief administrator for Jefferson county, where he has made an enviable record in administering the affairs in that county. Mr. Williamson stated that the projects undertaken there have given employment to several thousand people, and still there are other projects pending that will furnish material relief to several thousand more.

Mr. Williamson is one of the most resourceful executives of the entire set up of the relief administration of the state, and his Cisco friends are not surprised that he is making good in his present situation. The splendid city Cisco is today—with miles of paved streets, and many other civic betterments, including our huge water supply, are due to his initiation and consummation.

He and Mrs. Williamson will remain here several days longer before they return to Beaumont, where they will remain until the conclusion of the relief work.

Vote for Lon Smith for Railroad Commissioner. He led his opponent over 40,000 votes. 50-2tpd

W. J. Leach, of Leach's stores, has returned from Chicago, where he purchased merchandise for the Leach stores in Cisco and other cities where stores are being operated by him.

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PLEASE RETURN—Tray and dishes. If the party who purchased two lunches at the Palace Cafe last Saturday, taking them out on a tray, will return the tray and dishes at once they will avoid trouble and embarrassment.

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**Over 300 Neighbors Endorse Ringold**

Over 300 Ranger citizens, including laborers, farmers, ministers, business and professional people, representing every kind of business and profession in Ranger have signed an endorsement of

**RINGOLD FOR REPRESENTATIVE**

of the 106th District and have paid for an ad in the daily papers of Eastland County asking the voters to consider Mr. Ringold's qualifications for the office.

Mr. Ringold made a clean campaign and led the ticket in the race for Representative in the first primary. He received 60% of the Ranger vote with seven in the race, which is a high recommendation for anyone.

Mr. Ringold is a business man, a property owner and a tax payer who has never asked for office before. He believes that some relief can be given to Eastland County by reducing the cost of Government and the adjustment of our County, City and School bonds.

He believes the cost of administering relief should be reduced in order to give more help to those in need.

He believes the County Poor Farms should be abolished and a small pension provided for needy old people.

He contends that fewer laws and a better enforcement of the ones we have would be less expensive to the people.

He believes that some of the taxes should be taken off of real estate and placed on personal property.

He believes in maintaining the schools on as high a standard as our finance will permit.

He believes that work should be provided for laboring people and that they be paid wages that will enable them to support their families and educate their children.

He believes that if the idle labor could all go to work the farmers would have a market for everything they grow this depression would be over.

Mr. Ringold is a hard worker and a man of courage and high ideals, standing for justice to all.

We heartily recommend him to the voters of Eastland County.

COL. BRASHIER,  
WALTER HARWELL,  
Committee for 327 Endorsers.

Political Advertisement.

**R. F. Threet Fatally Shot in his Pasture; Cisco Woman is Held**

R. F. Threet was found fatally shot in his pasture, on his ranch about nine miles west of Cisco, about 5 o'clock Wednesday evening. He was brought to the Graham sanitarium where he passed away early Thursday morning.

Threet and a woman, Mary Lou Howell, living at 1301 Avenue D, were seen to drive into the Threet pasture early Wednesday morning by a tenant on the Threet lands, who said they were followed by another car containing two men. Later in the day the Howell woman reported to police that she and Threet had been hijacked by two men, driving a faded green car, she was tied and forced to lie on the ground while they attacked Threet. Immediately Justice Joe Wilson and C. G. Daniels went to the scene and instituted a search for Threet. He

was later found on a quilt with a bullet hole in the top of his head, and a thermos jug of water near by. In the search the officers were joined by two sons and two daughters of Threet. He was conveyed to the Graham sanitarium where he passed away about 4 o'clock Thursday morning.

In a signed statement made before Justice Wilson and County Attorney Grady Owen Thursday morning, the woman said she had met Threet at a local resort, and told him she wanted to go to Abilene. Threet said he was going to Baird and would take her that far. Passing his pasture she stated that Threet said he would drive in and place some salt for his cattle. Two men in another car followed them. When Threet and the woman reached a spot in the pasture she stated they were confronted by two

men who forced her to lie down while they attacked Threet. After the attackers had departed she said she loosed herself from the bonds with which she was bound and came to Cisco and reported the particulars.

A son of Threet said that his father had a billfold containing \$135 the day before. The billfold was found but the money was missing.

Justice Wilson said charges of murder would be filed against the woman, who is still being held in the city jail.

Threet's body is being held at the Green Funeral Home pending burial arrangements which will likely be today.

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Mrs. O. J. Hill, of Kyle, is visiting friends in Cisco.

**Lotief Seeks Your Support!**

I shall appreciate your vote and moral support on August 25th. Come out and vote for

**CECIL A. LOTIEF**

(SECOND TERM)

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I have conducted a clean campaign, fought my own battle. I owe no political debts to any special interest or to any group of politicians, or clique.

I have been faithful to the people and shall always be ready to serve you to the best of my ability.

I carried every box in Eastland County except 6. Beat my opponent over 1700 votes in his home county where he has lived for over 50 years.

I am proud of the good men and ladies who indorsed me by their votes, and please do it again on August 25th.

I shall try to make you the best Representative you ever had, and above all, remain honest and loyal to Eastland and Calhan Counties.

**Cecil A. Lotief**

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