











# Clark Believes in Purebred Poultry

The Cisco American had quite a pleasant caller Saturday in the person of T. E. Clark of route 3. Mr. Clark has been in Eastland county 17 years and now lives 9 miles south of Cisco on his farm of 169 acres, where he raises cotton, cattle, and mules.

He does quite a little in the way of truck farming, selling melons, onions, turnips, tomatoes and cabbage. He has already put out 1,000 cab-

bage plants, which he reports as looking fine.

He usually milks a number of cows and hence sells milk and butter. A few more acres of rich land will be added to his truck patch this year.

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yard fowls, and then, the demand and price is so much greater for the purebred. He visited the Cisco Christian college Saturday, where he arranged for the hatching of 100 eggs each week during the season.

Some weeks ago he advertised his stock chickens for sale in the columns of the Cisco American, and the immediate sale of all was secured, so of course he believes in advertising in a widely read and newsy paper.

Friend Clark is a big jolly fellow, who exudes energy and push. Prosperity and happiness will come to such as he. Yes, he reads the Cisco American.

#### FRIENDSHIP

The roads being bad kept many of this community from attending the meeting of the Livestock Association Saturday.

Ross Penn and Will Farmer went horseback. Both joined the association.

Clarence Thompson, who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Will Farmer, and his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, has returned to Big Springs.

Mrs. Hammett is ill at this time. Mr. and Mrs. Velzie Penn spent Sunday with Mrs. Hammett.

Mr. Will Harris has gone to Okra for a short while.

On account of the recent rain, work on the highway is delayed again.

Miss Elizabeth Bohanon spent Sunday with Misses Odessa and Jessie Marchman.

#### McConnell Raises Table Truck

C. J. McConnell of route 4, came in Saturday and subscribed to the Cisco American. Mr. McConnell raises Rhode Island Red chickens and table truck, which he finds very profitable. He raises Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, melons, beans, peas and turnips, which he sells in abundance. Besides this income, he has a two-acre orchard, from which he sells all he can raise of peaches, pears, apples, plums and berries. He is one of these big-hearted farmers who believe in progress.

#### CARVER IN CISCO

Prof. O. D. Carver, teacher of the Sandy school, 8 miles north of Cisco, was in town Saturday. He is one of those young men who had an ambition to educate himself so that he might be better equipped for life. After the close of his school, he will likely go back to the farm and help produce something to help feed the world. Education in the right kind of a man does not unfit him for labor.

#### SECRET AND OTHER SOCIETIES

Cisco lodge No. 556, A. F. & A. M. Meets fourth Thursday, 7:15 p. m. J. A. Little, worshipful master; J. F. Patterson, secretary.

Cisco chapter No. 190, R. A. M. Meets first Thursday, 7:15 p. m. K. H. Pittard, high priest; J. F. Patterson, secretary.

Cisco lodge B. P. O. E. No. 1379. Meets every Friday, 8 p. m., corner Fifth street and avenue E. Visiting Elks cordially invited. C. G. Gray, exalted ruler; R. H. Dorsey, secretary.

Cisco council No. 128, R. and S. M. Meets second Thursday, 7:15 p. m. R. A. St. John, T. I. M.; J. F. Patterson, recorder.

Cisco Commandry, K. T. Meets third Thursday of each month at Masonic hall. John F. Patterson, recorder.

Cisco Chapter, Order of De Molay, U. D. Regular meetings second and fourth Friday at 7:30 o'clock, Masonic hall. Billy Bacon, M. C.; Dudley Lee, scribe.

Knights of Pythias lodge No. 196 meets every Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock. W. L. Foy, chancellor commander; A. J. Olson, keeper of records and seal.

The Rotary club meets Thursdays at the American cafe at 12:15 o'clock. "Service above self." E. L. Graham, president; E. P. Crawford, secretary.

Lions club meets Wednesdays at the American cafe at 12:15 o'clock. Visiting Lions welcome. H. I. Stock, president; M. D. Odum, secretary.

The American Legion meets the first and third Monday nights of each month. P. F. Keelan, post commander; H. G. Bailey, adjutant.

I. O. O. F. Meets every Monday night. H. C. Wipperr, noble grand; George Farley, vice grand; L. J. Farley, secretary.

Cisco Chapter No. 461, Order of Eastern Star. Meets first Tuesday night of each month. Visiting members cordially invited. Mrs. Rose Miller, W. M.; W. R. Cabaness, secretary.

#### Heyser Was a Success On Farm Before Taking Up Auto Business Here

J. V. Heyser, of Cisco, is one of those young men of the farm who, by getting out of the regular groove, has been more or less successful in his efforts along agricultural and livestock lines.

J. V. is one of a family of five children, born to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Heyser, who are natives of Kentucky, and for a number of years he had charge of their big ranch 16 miles southwest of Cisco.

This ranch consists of 2100 acres, with about 600 acres in cultivation. It is very interesting to hear Mr. Heyser tell of his experiences in the goat and hog raising business. He always kept several hundred head of Hereford cattle, around 200 head of hogs, and about 600 head of goats. He found all of these very profitable, his goats yielding a profit of better than 100 per cent, in addition to their land clearing value. He had about 800 acres fenced hog and goat proof.

There is an abundance of water on the place—running springs that never go dry.

But Mr. Heyser never made this pay by just haphazard method. He studied his business earnestly and diligently, keeping fires burning many cold nights during lambing time, for the protection of the little animals being born into the cold world. He does not think a man can succeed unless he uses brains along with energy.

With his wife and two children he now lives in west Cisco and is engaged in the automobile business, while his younger brother, Fred, who has received an agricultural education and training, looks after the farm.

#### TO THE VOTERS OF CISCO

At the solicitation of many of my friends and with the knowledge that I am capable of giving service if elected, I hereby announce for city commissioner.

I have lived in Cisco for the past twenty years and have previously served two terms on the city council. Am without any pet theories to push or enemies to punish, only wish to do my part in making Cisco the best town in West Texas in which to live. I have plenty of time to devote to the office and will thank you for your consideration and support.

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Germany having been at fault during the war, persists in being in default now.—Financial America (New York).

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Black were its waters against the gathering glory / Of bank and boulder buried thick with snow \* \* \* / And I remembered summer, like an old story / Told by an old man very long ago. —J. L. McLane, Jr., in the Bookman.

OF A PERSONAL NATURE

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Dent have purchased the W. C. Patterson home on West Fifth street.

E. M. Wilson, of the Cisco Gas and Electric company, left Sunday night for Vivian, Louisiana, where he was called on account of the illness of his children.

Mrs. James T. Hill, of Lockney, and daughter, Mrs. Ira Smith, of Lamesa, are visiting Mrs. Hill's sister, Mrs. J. J. Winston. Mr. and Mrs. Hill resided in Eastland county, near Eastland, thirty years ago.

The City Federation will not meet Saturday, as many of the members are active in the election and also desire to be present at the lecture on parliamentary law, to be given by Dr. A. E. Baten at the city hall Saturday afternoon. The next meeting of the federation will be Saturday, March 10.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Russell of the Cisco Gas & Electric company, left Saturday night for Dallas to take their infant daughter for treatment.

J. J. Livingston of route 4 was a visitor to the American office Wednesday and renewed his subscription to the Cisco American.

Mrs. Doss Manor of Nimrod visited her sister, Mrs. Bill Simpson, Monday.

Brady Leveridge of Buffalo Gap was a business visitor in the city Wednesday.

Mrs. L. G. Simon left Tuesday night for a short visit in Dallas.

Joe Whiteside, brother of Mrs. M. E. Holcomb, has returned to his home in El Paso after a ten-day visit in the city.

E. M. Williams of Moran was in Cisco this week.

W. T. Howell of Albany was here on business this week.

Rev. Harkman, of Abilene, is visiting Rev. Beyer.

Dr. Bowers and his assistant, Mr. Charles Cook, returned to Waco Monday after conducting a revival in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gerhardt left today for Dublin where Mr. Gerhardt will be manager of the Coca Cola Bottling works.

Mrs. Clara Smith visited in Breckenridge Sunday.

Earl Bibby made a trip to Pioneer Wednesday.

Mrs. G. C. Richardson has had as her guest this week, Mrs. Susie Webster of Amarillo.

Mrs. S. Price of Caddo is visiting her brother, J. M. Johnson.

Mrs. W. W. Manning has returned from a visit in Coryell county.

Miss Fern Hubbard entertained with a shower Saturday afternoon at the Gude hotel in honor of Mrs. Lee Barton, formerly Miss Mary Zozo Mashburn. Several games of "42"

were enjoyed, after which the honoree was presented with many useful gifts, from a large number of friends.

Mrs. J. N. Rupe and Miss Ivy Lang of route 4 were Cisco visitors Wednesday.

W. E. Starr of route 4 made a trip to Eastland Tuesday.

Miss Bertha Livingston of the Mitchell community is ill with the flu.

E. P. Crawford, J. E. Spencer, J. P. Flynn and G. C. Richardson attended the Rotary luncheon in Eastland Monday.

Our old friend, J. M. Dillon, of the Curtis route, was in Cisco Saturday and subscribed to the Cisco American.

Miss Been of German was in the City Monday shopping.

Miss Lucille Brown of Parks, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Cushman, of Buffalo, N. Y., are the guests of their son, S. A. Cushman.

T. P. Taylor has renewed his subscription to the Cisco American.

Mrs. W. R. Bigham has returned from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Kelly, of Parks.

Dr. and Mrs. James D. Lockhead of New York City arrived in Cisco Sunday for an extended visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Alexander.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Grantham, who have returned to their home in the have returned to their home in the city.

The members of the 1920 Bridge club entertained Wednesday night honoring Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Patterson, who will soon leave for their home in McKinney.

Mrs. E. J. Poe has as her guest her sister, Miss Lorena Latham, of Eastland.

B. F. Speegle of Nimrod route was in the city Monday.

Mrs. Thurman White of Eastland visited friends in the city during the past week.

B. W. Patterson returned to Austin Monday after a short visit with his relatives and friends here.

Mrs. Thomas Bryan of Dublin is visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Richardson. Mrs. Bryan will be remembered as Miss Maggie May Angel.

Mrs. J. E. Spencer has returned from a visit in Hico.

Miss Patsy Derrington of Fort Worth is visiting Miss Gwendolyn Clements.

Misses Loma and Lucille Bedford entertained with a "kid party" at their home Monday night. The guests came dressed as kids, and a good time was had playing children's games. Miss Ellen Bacon received the

first prize for pinning the tail on the donkey. Miniature dolls were given as favors. Refreshments of chicken sandwiches and grape juice were served to the following: Misses Ruby Love, Hazel Atkinson, Ellen Bacon, Tommie Cochran, Tommie Ford, and Mesdames Cecil Jackson, Fred Watson, Della Heath, B. Bedell and Ben Blasingame.

Miss Letha Smith has returned to her home in De Leon after a short visit with Miss Maurine Mancill.

Miss Erna Roan spent Sunday in Ranger.

Miss Grace Riddle, of Ranger, spent Monday in Cisco with her mother, Mrs. B. T. Riddle.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Chaffin and daughter, Gladys, have returned to their home in Breckenridge after a visit in the city.

Mrs. Lon L. Smith is visiting in Dallas and Fort Worth.

Mrs. C. R. Early of Rising Star is visiting in the city.

Mrs. S. A. Cushman left Saturday for Buffalo, N. Y., where she was called on account of the illness of her grandmother.

S. S. Smith has renewed his subscription to the American for another year.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harrell and son, Wesley, have returned after a pleasant visit in Grandbury.

Miss Lucille McCrea has returned from a visit in Roby.

Rev. H. L. Virden of Dallas spent Sunday in Cisco.

Willie Stroebel of route 3 was a visitor at the American office Tuesday and paid his subscription to the Cisco American for another year.

Mrs. Walten Glenn of Roseburg, Oregon, is visiting her father, J. H. McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Weiser and Miss Louise Gerhardt spent Sunday in Romney.

W. L. Brogdon of the Romney route has renewed his subscription to the Cisco American.

Mrs. Albert Hohartz of Abilene, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Gehardt of the Romney route.

Mrs. H. A. D'Spain and Mrs. Roy Simmons visited Breckenridge during the past week-end.

Miss Mary Jane Butts was an Eastland visitor Monday.

Horace Horton, of Eastland, spent Sunday in Cisco.

Jack Kelly of Parks visited in Cisco Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roylee Gude and baby, of San Angelo, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gude.

C. D. Freeman of Eastland spent the past week-end in the city.

Philip Pettit made a trip to Abilene Monday.

Mrs. J. J. Butts and Mrs. Forrest Wright spent the week-end in Dallas.

Mrs. T. E. McWhirter of Roby is visiting her cousin, Miss Lucile McCrea.

J. E. Stansell has renewed his subscription to the Cisco American.

L. E. Clark of the Nimrod route is a new subscriber to the Cisco American.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Alexander spent Monday in Ranger.

Mrs. J. J. Winston has returned home after a pleasant visit in Fort Worth.

C. Marchbank, who owns a real nice farm of 80 acres, about 6 miles

south of Cisco, was in town Saturday. Mr. Marchbank is a prosperous and progressive farmer and highly respected in his community.

Mrs. O. T. Maxwell and daughter, Ruth and Bess, have returned from a trip to Fort Worth.

Link Huntington, who lives northwest of town, was in Cisco Saturday.

Miss Juanita St. John has returned to Parks, after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. St. John.

W. L. Ramsey of the Dothan community, was in Cisco Saturday. Mr.

Ramsey is one of the substantial farmers of that section of the county, having lived there the past 24 years.

Our old friend W. L. Parmer, west of town, was in Cisco Saturday. Mr. Parmer is one of the progressive and successful farmers of this section.

Velzie Penn, one of Eastland county's largest grain farmers, was chatting with his many friends on the streets of Cisco Saturday.

O. G. Reich, who lives five or six miles south of Cisco, was in the city Saturday. Mr. Reich has a fine, level farm consisting of 80 acres of land,

from which he not only makes a living, but some money besides.

Mrs. Owen Barker has returned from a visit in Austin.

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bundle of tags labelled, "Benefit High School Annual Publication," which with the help of the senior class, he sold to the student body. This sale of tags was only a beginning of the great tag day which is coming soon.

**A DIGNIFIED ACTIVITY**

The most dignified and permanent work of the Cisco high school in the way of publication is the production of the noted Year Book, a history of the school year 1922-23 in pictures, known as the "Occidental." The principal staff for this undertaking has been selected from the graduating class in '23. There is also on the staff a representative from each of the various classes and organizations of the school that are to be given a special place in the book. It is the high ambition of the staff to make this "Occidental" the book of books, and a credit to the High School.

The Staff is composed of two divisions: The Editorial staff and the Financing staff, which work together at all times. The Editorial staff is as follows: Editor-in-chief, Wade Cook; secretary, Travis Watson; society editor, Flora Mae Stockard; athletic editor, Michie Carroll; art editor, Maud Prichard; assistant art editor, Olivia Mayer; snapshot editor, Syc Hicks; joke editor, Bettie Mae Rominger. The Financing staff is: Business manager, Sherman Watson; advertising manager, Thomas Johnson; assistant advertising manager, Nell Parker; circulation manager, Billie Bacon. In addition to this staff the representatives from the classes are: Senior editor, Allie McWhorter; low senior editor, Lerma Baten; junior editor, Margaret Lauderdale; sophomore editor, Vina Gould; freshman editor, Carl Johnston. Mrs. Irby, sponsor of the senior class, and who has had no little experience in the publication of high school annuals, is sponsor of the staff and general advisor in the work. Superintendent J. J. Godbey and Principal George H. Wells have volunteered their service at any time possible. With such people as these in the work, the publication of the "Occidental" will undoubtedly be a decided success.

**HOW WE DO GROW!**

Cisco high school continues to grow. With a total enrollment of 437, we have passed all estimates

and exceeded all expectations. A freshman class of fifty-five at mid term, besides many new pupils in the upper classes, has brought the total up to the present high mark. Twenty-one new pupils entered the high school last month who had not lived and do not now live in Cisco. This shows the drawing power of a good high school.

The best thing about our growth is that it has been constant and we have never lost in number of pupils from one year to another. Five years ago we had 202, in 1920-21 there were 277 enrolled, the next year 341 came to be with us, and last year the total enrollment for the year was 358. So far this year, with three months and a half ahead of us, we have increased that number by seventy-nine with the chance of going to 445 before the year is over. Next year with our new building, our good county roads completed, we expect to have six hundred. Talk it up and advertise it, we want to keep on growing.

The following is the honor roll for the first month of the second semester:

Seniors—Florence Maxwell, Novella McCracken, Blanche Brown, Sherman Watson, Lela Hatch, Travis Watson.

Low Seniors—Zelia Blanche McClinton, Eugene Smith, Ira Lauderdale.

High Juniors—Frank Jacobs, Linouise Campbell, Mal Rumph.

Low Juniors—Ethelene Yarborough.

High Sophomores—William Morse, Vina Gould.

Low Sophomores—Olivia Winchell, Frank Holmesly.

High Freshman—Howard Dunaway, Glenn Richardson, Louise Trammell, Laveda Looney.

Low Freshman—None.

**REPORT CARDS GO OUT**

Last Tuesday afternoon was an eventful day, for the monthly reports were sent home. Throngs of students went to the various sponsor rooms after their cards, and there were sounds such as, "What did you get?" and "How many did you pass in?" in evidence everywhere. The office was crowded with pupils who had lost their report cards and wanted new ones, or who had failed

to receive a grade in a certain subject. As the crowd thinned out, the teachers came in with cards that had not been called for and left them to be distributed later.

The next morning the cards began to come back "mailed" in the box in the study hall and collected and checked up to see that each card was in. All students know that cards that are not returned on time have to be found or paid for. The cards, as they come back, present various appearances, some like new, others badly mussed from long sojourn in a boy's pocket, or badly creased, or even torn, according to the habits of the owner. Each month there is a new start and a new look ahead to the next report card day which comes exactly in four weeks and always on Tuesday afternoon.

Occasionally some parent does not sign a report card, feeling that by doing so he is approving of the grades that the student has received. But the real meaning of the signature is to show the teachers that he has seen the card. The card is only a report to the parent of the work done by the pupil each month and at the end of each semester.

**PATRIOTIC PAGEANT**

On the evening of February 22, a patriotic pageant, directed by Miss Baten, was given at the city hall for the benefit of the high school library.

After the singing of the national hymn and other patriotic numbers by the girls' Choral club, Rev. H. Eascom Watts of the First Methodist church delivered the address of the evening—a beautiful and inspiring tribute to America and to our flag.

The theme of the pageant was National Citizenship. The most interesting feature was the representation of the naturalized citizens from the different foreign countries in their natural costumes and dances.

**DEBATE**

Friday, February 23, both the boys and girls' teams of Cisco debated against the teams from Abilene high school on the state subject: "Resolved that an amendment to the Texas state constitution should be made providing for a three-mill tax for the support of the state's higher institutions of learning, and that all appropriations by the legislature should be prohibited." The first debate was

due to begin at 7:30, but, as the train was an hour late, it began at 8:30. There was a good audience, considering the rain and the fact that there were several other meetings.

The girls debated first. Cisco was represented by Lerma Baten and Lela Hatch and had the negative side of the question. The debate was much more interesting than the subject would indicate. The first speaker on the affirmative spoke about the disadvantages of the present system of financing our state colleges and of the advantages of the mill-tax system. Lerma then showed the disadvantages of the plan supported by the affirmative. The second speaker of the affirmative spoke of the experience of other states in using the mill-tax. Lela then continued the discussion on the disadvantages of the mill tax and proposed a new plan. In the rebuttals Lerma and Lela far surpassed the Abilene girls, asking several questions which Abilene did not answer. What was the decision of the judges? Abilene 0, Cisco 3.

In the boy's debate, Cisco, represented by Wade Cook and W. H. Magness, again had the negative. The first speaker of the affirmative spoke of the disadvantages of the present system. Wade then spoke of the disadvantages of the system upheld by the affirmative and proposed a severance tax like that used in Louisiana. The affirmative spoke of the advantages of their plan. In answer W. H. used the experience of other states. There was not a great difference in rebuttals. In the rejoinder the affirmative produced decisive proof in the form of letters from the board of regents of the state university. Decision of judges: Abilene 2, Cisco 1.

**C. H. S. POPULARITY CONTEST**

Of all contests in high school, the most interesting and pleasant ones are the "popularity" and "beauty" contests. The popularity contest of which there will be two winners, the most popular boy and girl, is now going at full speed. The beauty contest will be held later in the season.

To make the popularity contest more interesting, and help finance the high school annual, a very small amount is charged for each vote Forecasts predict this to be the most exciting event that has yet been staged. Ballot boxes may be found at the

Cisco high school and at Brock's confectionery. Rules for the contest will be found on the ballot boxes.

**CISCO GOES TO ABILENE**

The Cisco basketball five were defeated by a snappy Abilene team last Saturday evening at 7:30, at Simmons college indoor court at Abilene, by a score of 43 to 20. The Cisco five were incompetent for the game, for the reason that they had ceased practicing for two weeks before the game was scheduled. But even if we were beaten, the game was a good clean one, there being only two or three fouls made by either side during the entire game. The Cisco boys played their best, but Abilene's flawless teamwork outdistanced them. The feature of the game was the snappy work of Abilene's set of signals. Brown of Cisco, surprised Abilene by making two long, perfect shots from the center of the court. Pippin was high score man for Cisco. Cisco's lineup was: Center, Wilson; guards, Lauderdale and Brown; forwards, McCord and Pippin. Substitutions, McCandies for Wilson, Yeager for Lauderdale, Wilson for McCord.

This is the last basketball game of the season and, although we were unsuccessful in attaining the championship of the county, we are looking eagerly and expectantly forward to the interscholastic meet on March 16 and 17 and to the baseball season following it.

**STUDENTS, ATTENTION!**

Did you know that the Occidental will advance from the minimum sum of \$1.50 to \$2 after March 3? Now is your chance to buy the book that will bring back memories of the dear old school days at C. H. S.

The supply will be limited to the number of subscriptions we have on hand March 15. So, if you want the annual that contains all the happenings of the year, football games, social events, report of the track team that is going to wallop Eastland on March 17th, and last, though not least, the picture of Mr. Wells, the only Lion in high school. You can purchase the Occidental for \$1.50 by paying 75 cents down, to Billy Bacon, circulation manager; Sherman Watson, business manager, or Wade Cook, editor-in-chief. Otherwise it will be \$2 after March 2.

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### THE HUGE COST OF GOVERNING US

(Literary Digest)

It may astonish some to know that each one of us who work with hand or brain for wages, salary, or other compensation, is, on the average, contributing one day's work a week to the expense of governing the nation. In other words, something like one-seventh of the annual earnings of the people of the United States are paid back to the nation or some other political entity in the form of taxes. The sum total of all our annual taxes, federal, state, municipal, county, and the rest—equals the sum total of the cost of the government of the United States, the price tag on the garments of American Democracy." The staggering total of eight and a half billions is the estimate made after careful study by William P. Helm, Jr., in The Budget (New York) published by the National Budget committee. In making his estimate, this writer first reminds us that the total of all public employees in the United States, including all political subdivisions, aggregates, 2,000,000, or one out of every 20 employed persons in the country. Now, "if to govern free America requires the undivided attention of one man or woman out of every twenty of its workers, what is the cost in dollars and cents?" Mr. Helm uses the census returns, and makes careful estimates where such figures are lacking and finds that "the total cost of American government in 1921 was about eight and a half billion dollars, distributed as follows:

Cost of maintaining the federal government	\$4,666,671,954
Cost of maintaining 48 state governments	1,008,540,232
Cost of maintaining 253 municipal governments in cities of more than 30,000 inhabitants	1,638,296,052
Cost of maintaining the municipal government of all cities and towns of from 2,500 to 30,000 population	431,287,059
Cost of maintaining municipal governments in 12,905 incorporated communities of less than 2,500 population	123,147,687
Cost of maintaining county governments in the 48 states	592,068,972
Total cost of American governments in 1921	\$8,460,011,587

The writer for the National Budget committee tries to give us an idea of what this enormous sum means: "Assume, for instance, that all this money had to be paid out in gold. If we were to ferret out all the gold above ground in the world today the sum would be but little more than sufficient for one year's payments.

"The national income of the United States recently has been estimated by leading economists at from sixty to sixty-five billions of dollars annually. The government's own investigation dates so far back as to be of little value, but lends some credence to these estimates. Assuming that sixty billions is approximately correct, the cost of the government is about 14 per cent.—more than one-eighth—of our national income.

"We have forty million workers, or thereabouts. If the cost of the government were to be equally distributed among them, the burden on every man or woman in business or professional life, including the two million government workers, would be about \$220 a year. On the basis of five persons to one family,

the cost of the government is about \$400 per family per year.

"Or figure it still another way. Our forty million workers enjoy an estimated income of sixty billion dollars. Of that they contribute about 14 per cent. for the maintenance of the government. If they should contribute labor instead of dollars (and they do, of course, pay in labor) every worker would give as his share more than seven week's labor every year. Every week every one of us would work approximately one day without pay as our share of government upkeep and our contribution to the cost of government.

"Such is the price we pay today for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness under our present intricate and far-flung system."

#### SHORR HERE SATURDAY

Ed Shorr was among those seen on the streets of Cisco, Saturday Mr. has a very nice farm of about 240 acres, about 6 miles south of town. He has a nice orchard, from which he never fails to gather a fine lot of fruit. On his farm is situated the well from which the Humble Oil & Refining company heats its plant, besides manufacturing gas and gasoline products.

#### 5000 PECAN TREES

W. H. Hughes, who has a 320-acre farm three miles west of Rising Star, is now planting fifty acres in pecans, and will have on that space about a thousand trees. Last week he secured six hundred pecan sprouts from the banks of the bayou in Mills county, the sprouts ranging in size from the size of a man's wrist down. Last year Mr. Hughes planted a lot of seed pecans but as all of them did not come up he is using some of the sprouts to replace them. He has been informed that if he will this year graft these sprouts they will begin bearing a little next year, but he seems to be of the opinion that he should let them get a good start this year and graft them next year. He says he will cultivate them well this year. He will raise a crop of cotton in the pecan orchard and thereby not lose the use of the land.

Interest in pecan culture has been growing and a number have planted pecans in the Rising Star section during the past year. Those who planted last year did not get a very good stand on account of the lack of moisture in the ground, but this will be a good year to get them to live. Gus Bowden has a good bearing orchard a few miles south of Star, which proves that this sandy land is adapted to pecans.

#### BACON PLANTS BERMUDA

J. R. Bacon, 6 miles south of town, was on the streets of Cisco this week. Mr. Bacon owns a farm of 240 acres from which he produces his share of the world's essentials. He keeps a herd of goats, which has aided him very materially in clearing much of his land. He is putting out Bermuda grass on some of his land.

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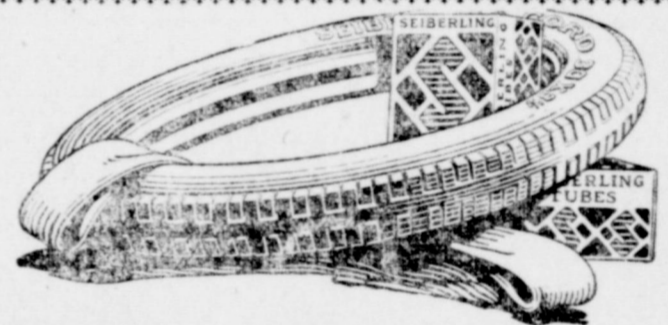
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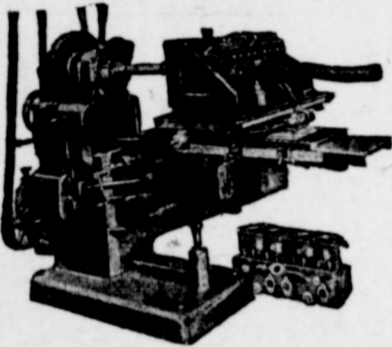
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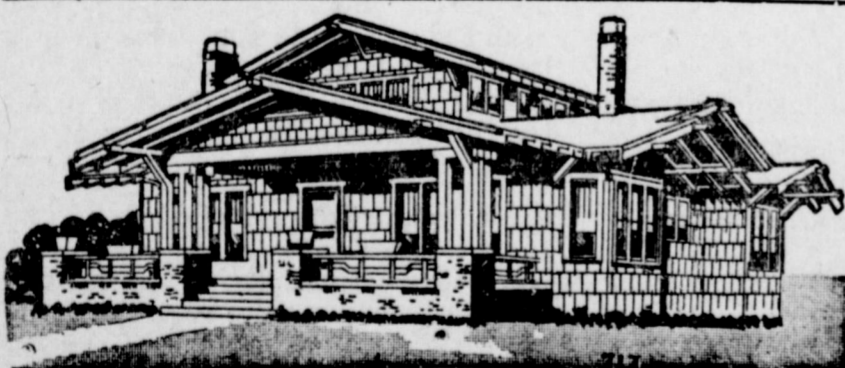
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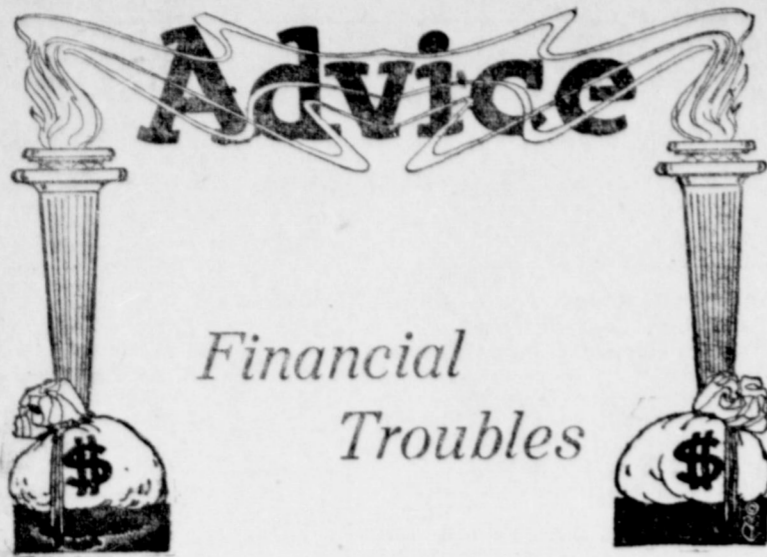
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### L. H. McCrea and J. J. Butts Make Statement About Law Suit

It has been brought to our attention that statements are being made that the city of Cisco lost the suit with the H. F. Friestedt Construction company which involved the construction of the Cisco dam; that, by the failure of the mayor to bind the contractor by a contract, the city had lost a quarter of a million dollars; that a loose contract had enabled the contractor to evade his estimate; and that, by reason of the mayor's fault in this, the city of Cisco had lost a quarter of a million dollars and possibly half a million dollars more, and various statements of like import and meaning.

In view of the fact that it is our sincere opinion that these statements were made by people who had been misinformed or who had maliciously made these statements, and in view of the further fact that we are thoroughly familiar with the entire transaction, we feel that, in all fairness to the mayor and to those citizens of Cisco who desire a statement of the truth of the entire transaction, the following statements should be made.

The contract and agreement made and entered into between the city of Cisco and the H. F. Friestedt Construction company was predicated upon an estimate that had been made by the engineers representing the city of Cisco. The work under this contract, as you know, started about the 15th of September, 1920, and continued until about the 7th of June, 1921. A disagreement arose between the city of Cisco and the H. F. Friestedt Construction company with reference to the amount due to the contractor, by reason of different interpretations of the contract. Work ceased on the dam and was not resumed by the contractor. On about the 27th of October, 1921, the city of Cisco notified the contractor that it had failed to comply with its contract to continue the work with diligence, and notified it to vacate the property in order that the dam might be pushed to completion. The H. F. Friestedt Construction company instituted suit in the United States district court against the city of Cisco, alleging therein that the city of Cisco was indebted to the construction company at the time the work ceased in the sum of \$94,957.03, by reason of labor and material it had not paid for, and that in addition to that the city of Cisco was indebted to the construction company in the sum of \$132,310.97 as damages accruing by reason of its failure to make this payment, said damages being based upon loss of time and loss, depreciation, and deterioration in material and excavations that had been made, and enjoined the city of Cisco in the federal court by a temporary injunction from forcing the construction company to vacate the city property. A master in chancery was appointed, and the entire contract and work was thoroughly gone into by him.

After the suit had been in progress for some time, and after all evidence had been heard by the master in chancery, the construction company approached the city of Cisco for a compromise, and both the city of Cisco and the construction company, realizing that, if an agreement should be made as to the amount that was owing to the construction company, and if the construction company was in a position to complete the dam, then it would be for the best interests of both parties litigant to permit the construction to go ahead, rather than have to force the construction company off the work and make a new contract. Acting upon this belief, an agreement was reached between the construction company and the city.

Under the compromise agreement, it was agreed that instead of the city of Cisco owing the H. F. Friestedt Construction company the sum of \$54,957.03 due on estimates, and the sum of \$132,210.57, or a total of \$227,168.00, the construction company was indebted to the city of Cisco in the sum of \$2,965.33, the same being the amount that was estimated to be due to the city by the city engineers on the 24th day of August, 1921, to the penny. This compromise agreement further provided that it was to be approved by the lending company that guaranteed the performance of the original contract, which was done.

A controversy had arisen between the city of Cisco and the construction company as to whether or not it was the duty of the city to advance funds for materials other than that than went into the body of the dam, and it was agreed in the supplemental agreement that the city would not advance funds on material of any character and would pay for only that which went into the body of the dam, or into the dam proper. The contractor was given 120 working days within which to complete the dam, said time to commence thirty days after the signing of said supplemental agreement.

At the time the original contract for the construction of the dam was executed, prices of labor and material were abnormally high, and the city commission, believing that, before the dam would be completed, there would be a decrease in the price of both labor and material, and in order that the city might be bene-

fitted by any such decrease in prices, contracted so that it was agreed that the city should be credited with and have the benefit of all decreases in prices of labor and material. At the time the supplemental contract was made and entered into it was believed by the city commission that prices of labor and material would not decrease at any time during the construction of the dam, and in order to avoid any controversy over the question of prices of labor and material, flat unit prices were agreed upon for all work to be thereafter done, which prices were as a whole considerably lower per unit than the prices stipulated in the original contract, and this resulted in some saving to the city. We are informed by the city engineers that their estimates show that this has saved the city something like \$55,000.00.

These are the only material changes that were made in the original contract. It, of course, is impossible for us to set out the original contract or the supplemental contract herein, but they are on file with the city of Cisco, and there is a copy of all the papers in the offices of the undersigned. The only thing that the city could have obtained, that it did not obtain, by the compromise was a change of contractors. If the matter had not been compromised, in all probability it would have been in litigation for a very long time, without any work at all on the dam. An intelligent investigation by any person will verify the above statements; and if the city has suffered any loss by virtue of said so-called loosely drawn contract, which we do not believe any intelligent and honorable person, who has taken time to investigate, would say, then that loss is due to the undersigned and to no other person or persons.

L. H. MCCREA,  
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(Advertisement)

### SMITH TO PLANT COTTON

F. W. Smith, 8 miles south of Cisco, was in the city Saturday. Mr. Smith will plant cotton on his place this year and will endeavor to raise a goodly supply of this high-priced staple in spite of the boll weevil. He takes the Cisco American.



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the weather was bad, twenty boys came and heard the enjoyable program given by Mr. Wells. He read a chapter from the Bible that all boys in the high school should have heard, then read a humorous story from one of O. Henry's books. Next Sunday the program will be conducted by one of the boys, after which there will be a sword drill. Every boy in high school is cordially invited to come out to these meetings. Bring your Bibles and be on time.

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