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GOAL IN CHARITY DRIVE PASSED

RELIEF FUND CASH FRIDAY AT \$2,650

That Cisco folk realize the importance in caring for the local needy is being demonstrated by the liberal manner in which they are responding to the call for funds now being carried on by local welfare committee and its corps of field workers, who are canvassing the city in the interest of the community chest. Chairman J. T. Elliott stated this morning that the minimum quota of \$2,500 had already been oversubscribed, and a considerable number of pledges are still out.

"But there is no danger of a surplus of funds," Chairman Elliott stated, "as there will be need for every cent that can be raised. However, I am highly gratified at the liberal manner in which the Cisco public has responded to this appeal. It demonstrates to me that God reigns and charity is not lost art with Cisco folk. But I am not surprised at this liberalality, as I know Cisco people so well that I expected just as much response as we are getting."

"We are told in holy writ that 'The Lord loves a cheerful giver,' then surely Cisco people must be the recipients of abundant divine affection, for those approached by the workers for the community chest have not only been rewarded with liberal dona-

tions, but the cheerfulness in which this benevolence was dispensed has been most gratifying, which made their so much easier and encouraged them to renewed efforts.

"The committee is still in need of winter clothing, that can be supplied from garments cast aside in many homes. The clothing contributed has largely been of summer weight, and while appreciated, is not servicable for the winter days ahead of us. Garments for children especially are most needed in this line. We have a boy, 12 or 14 years of age, who is badly in need of a sweater, or coat. Anyone having a garment of this classification will help this youngster by sending it around to headquarters."

"In charge of Mrs. Alex Spears and Mrs. E. H. Varnell the final drive in the campaign is now being made to secure memberships. Cards for this purpose are now being circulated. This method is for the purpose of reaching those who have not already subscribed. We hope to have a membership of one thousand before the drive closes.

"Another gratifying feature of the drive is the large number of business firms who have been placed in the 100 cent class in their donations."

FARMER'S TRUCK PAYS HOUSEHOLD EXPENSES

Paul Wende, one of the thrifty German-American farmers of the Cisco country, living south of this city, was seen with a load of truck in town early Wednesday morning. While talking to him R. H. Boone of the Boon wholesale flour and feed store, remarked that "Wende was aiding the Cisco folk to stay pretty." Explaining Mr Boone said that Wende had just disposed of a nice batch of carrots that he had brought in from his farm.

"Yes," Wende remarked, "my truck farming has paid all my household and farm expenses this year, and I am still bringing stuff to town for sale. Most of it is disposed of at reasonable prices. I have always found that there are buyers when a fellow has something that the people want."

Mr. Wende did not go into details of his trucking operations, but he has demonstrated that there is always a market if the stuff for sale is what the people want, and offered them in proper shape.

FIVE EAGLE SCOUTS DUE FOR DECORATION

Five Cisco Eagle Scouts have been cited for decoration, and jewels will be awarded them at the court of honor at the Methodist church next Tuesday night. These jewels have been on display in the show window of the J. C. Penny store, with the names of the Scouts who will be decorated. These are Levious Lankford, Mark Reed, John St. John, W. C. White and George Winston. Besides the court of honor the gathering will be a get-

NIGHT PATROL TAKES O'POSSUM IN ROUNDS

Night Patrolmen, Gordon Tomlinson and Joe Hicks, while on one of their last rounds of the business district early Wednesday morning, captured a marauding 'possum in front of the Laguna hotel, on Ave. D. Evidently scenting the order of food, or attracted by the bright lights of D avenue's white way, the festive animal had wandered from his native haunts and arrived at the foyer entrance of the hotel just as the patrolmen reached the scene. Hicks was first to sight the 'possum, but Tomlinson being familiar with the delicacy of 'possum, when properly flanked by yam potatoes, etc., immediately anticipated the feed this delectable animal would make, at once joined in the chase with the result that it was captured just as it was half way up the alley south of Gentry's Cash and Carry Grocery. Tomlinson is still-froosting the 'possum till the frost is thick and the air crisp, when it will be served in the familiar Southern style.

STATE TEACHERS NAME HOLLOWAY VICE PRES.

R. F. Holloway, superintendent of the Ranger school system, was elected vice president of the State Teachers Association, which had its meeting in Amarillo last week. Mr. Holloway was unable to attend the meeting and this honor was conferred on him in his absence—Ranger Times.

together meet, and parents of Scouts are urged to attend.

COOLNESS OF CISCO WOMAN SAVES HOME

The local fire department responded to an alarm from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown, 1609 West Sixth street Tuesday. The department made a quick response, and extinguished the fire with little damage. However, the coolness and the prompt action on the part of Mrs. Brown prevented the fire from gaining any considerable headway till the fire boys reached the scene. The blaze was started when the copper connection parted as Mrs. Brown was shifting a gas heater, causing the flowing gas to ignite, proving a threat to the building. Instead of fainting, or becoming panicky, Mrs. Brown threw a blanket over the burning gas, and turned in the fire alarm and then turned off the flow at the meter. In attempting to extinguish the burning gas Mrs. Brown suffered painful burns. But when the fire boys arrived they only had to extinguish the remnants of what might have been a serious blaze. The damage was slight.

L. E. VAUGHN CALLED TO FATHER'S BEDSIDE

L. E. Vaughn, night desk sergeant at police headquarters, is in Fulton, Mo., where he was called recently to the bedside of his father, who is reported being seriously ill. Clarence Tune is holding down the night desk at the police headquarters during his absence. A card to Chief Miller Wednesday stated that Mr. Vaughn's parent was considerably improved, though not yet out of danger. He said he could not tell when he would return.

GORMLEY REBUILDS RESIDENCE BURNED

Dr. W. I. Gormley has rebuilt the residence owned by him on Eighteenth street, between H and I avenue. The house has five rooms and is modern. W. J. Wroten had the contract. Dr. Gormley says the property will be for sale or rent.

ANGELO BANK NAMES WILLIAMS CASHIER

SAN ANGELO, Dec. 9.—W. A. Williams, former president of the Guaranty State Bank of San Angelo and former state bank examiner, was announced today as cashier of the San Angelo National Bank, reopening of which is expected next week.

FIRE CHIEF WILL RIDE TO FIRES IN OWN AUTO

Upon the recommendation of inspector Newson, of the state fire insurance department, the city commission has purchased an individual auto for the fire chief's private use. In the future the Fire Chief C. O. Pass will be seen ahead of the big truck as he races to the scene of conflagration.

W. L. Parmer has as his guests this week his two sons, Will Parmer, of Sudan, and Martin Parmer and children, of Amherst. Bill Parmer, as he is known by his many friends, is still on crutches from an injury to his foot sustained about two months ago when he fell from the old Farmers Union warehouse in East Cisco.

CIVIL CASES FILED IN DISTRICT COURT

Cases filed in the 88th district court:

Colonial Building & Loan Association vs. Guy Austin, et ux., collect notes and foreclosure of deed of trust lien.

Colonial Building & Loan Association vs. H. H. Davis, et ux., collect notes and for foreclosure.

Colonial Building & Loan Association vs. C. Elliott, et ux., collect notes and foreclosure.

Colonial Building & Loan Association vs. C. G. Howard, et ux., collect notes and foreclosure.

Thelma Sikes vs. C. C. Sikes, divorce.

J. R. Almond vs. Alice Almond, divorce.

Ex Parte William Clay Rinks; removal of disabilities as a minor.

Mrs. A. E. Whitson, a feme sole, vs. D. W. Boone; collect notes and foreclosure of vendor's lien.

BLUEBEARD MUST DIE FOR WOMAN'S MURDER

CLARKSBURG, W. Va., Dec. 10. Harry F. Powers, Lothario of the West Virginia hills, was convicted today of murder in the first degree for the slaying of Mrs. Dorothy Pressler Lemke, Northboro, Mass. divorcee.

The verdict carries a mandatory sentence of hanging.

It took one hour and 50 minutes for the 12 farmers and small town business men to decide the man who wooed dozens of women by mail should go to the gallows for the first of the five killings he is accused of perpetrating in the subterranean death chambers of the windowless, soundproof garage at a place paradoxically called Quiet Dell.

J. Ed. Law, defense counsel made a motion to have the verdict set aside. Arguments for a new trial will be heard Saturday.

STERLING CUTS EAST TEXAS CRUDE 25 BBL.

Austin, Dec. 10—Gov. Ross Sterling today cut the allowable production in the East Texas oil field to 100 barrels per well per day and at the same time indicated he may soon surrender the military control he has held over the field since August 17.

The governor asked the State Railroad Commission when it will be ready to resume control of the great oil field which he took out of their hands in August and placed under martial law to curb production.

At the same time, the governor cut the allowable production from 125 to 100 barrels per well per day in order to keep the field's total production under 400,000 barrels daily.

NEW BEAUTY PARLOR WILL OPEN SATURADAY

A new beauty parlor will open tomorrow in the J. C. Mayhew barber shop, with Miss Nadine Mayhew and Miss Edna Mae Westerfeldt in charge. The rear of the shop has been nicely fitted for the purpose, and a cordial invitation is extended the ladies to visit this beauty shop. This is most conveniently arranged, as there are two entrances through the barber shop, and the corridor of the hotel.

PIONEER CISCOAN LEASED THE FIRST OIL LAND WEST OF CISCO

Though not a native of the Lone Star state Max Elser, one of Cisco's most popular and beloved citizens, claims to be one of the pioneers of what is known as West Texas, having spent the major part of his life as a citizen of Texas.

During his residence in the state he has witnessed many changes that have transformed the then frontier state into an empire of culture, wealth and refinement. Discussing his coming to Texas this venerable gentleman told the Citizen that it was just 60 years ago December 1, that he left New York December 1, 1871, to cast his lot with the people of Texas. "I was only 20 years of age at the time," he told the citizen, "and had resolved to take Horace Greeley's advice, 'Go West, young man', and carve out my fortune in the great State of Texas, which was, even then, attracting many of the most ambitious young men of all sections of the country.

"Travel at that time was slow and tedious, as there were few railroads, and those operating made slow progress. It required seven days to reach Shreveport, as trains did not make the time and connections they do now. There were no railroads in Texas then, and the last 110 miles of the trip was made by stage coach over rough and what would now be considered impassable roads. We were 36 hours in making the trip by stage.

"The first railroad to enter Texas was the Iron Mountain, built from St. Louis to Texarkana, having been completed into the East Texas city in 1872.

"My first trip through Eastland county was made when I built the telegraph line from Fort Worth, along the Texas & Pacific right-of-way, to El Paso. Though the country was nothing but a stock country then, and very sparsely settled, yet at that

time I pictured some of the potentialities of this vast domain. However, the developments that have taken place could not be anticipated even by one with a keener perspective than myself.

"Later I came to Putnam and began taking mineral leases in Eastland, Callahan and Shackelford counties, eventually acquiring leases to 45,000 acres, 30,000 being in Callahan. It required two years to accumulate this acreage, which I spent traveling over the country by horse and buggy.

"I was the first individual to lease land for oil between Cisco and El Paso. The first lease I secured was in Callahan county eight years before the discovery well in the Ranger field came in.

"To illustrate how inexperienced at the lease game, I did not know enough to pay the land owner a dollar to bind the agreement, but this ignorance of the now prevailing custom saved me quite a sum of money, as I secured these leases without paying a dime in cash. However, not one of the land owners attempted to back out or forfeit his contract, but every one stood by his agreement. But that was a day when a man's word was his bond, and when a Texan gave you his word you could depend upon him standing hitched."

Mr. Elser is now rounding out an active and useful life, happily spending the evening of his career surrounded by friends who know and love him for the life he has lived, during which he has practiced the Golden Rule, and when his last lease of life shall have expired by limitation he can lay aside the cares of earth with the sweet consolation that he has given more than he received, as there be many who have reason to rejoice that a young New Yorker cast his lot in Texas 60 years ago.

GOD THE PRESERVER OF MAN, SUNDAY'S SUBJECT

The subject for the services Sunday in all Christian Science churches and societies will be: "God the Preserver of Man." Golden Text: Psalms 91:1. "He that dwelleth in the secret places of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty"

Responsive readings: Isaiah 42: 2, 3, 10, 11, 13, 1-20.

A Bible citation will be: Psalms 125:1, 2. "They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abideth forever. As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth and forever."

A citation from Science and Health, with Key to the Scriptures will be: "God gives the lesser idea of himself for a link to the greater, and in return, the higher always protects the lower. The rich in spirit help the poor in one grand brotherhood, all having the same Principal, or Father; and blessed is that man, who seeth his brother's need and supplieth it, seeking his own in another's good. Love giveth to the least spiritual idea might, immortality and goodness, which shine through all as the blossom shines through the bud. All the varied expressions of God reflect health, holiness, immortality—infinite Life, Truth and Love."

DURINGER RESIGNS CROSS PLAINS BANK

Cross Plains, Dec. 10.—Clyde Durringer has resigned as Cashier of the Citizens State Bank here. His resignation was submitted before the board of directors in their regular meeting Wednesday afternoon. In asking for his release Mr. Durringer said his health was the chief thing that he was considering. The Durringer family will move to California.

NEW HIGHWAY PATROL FOR EASTLAND NAMED

Two new men, Morgan C. Meyers and Ernest Daniel, have been named as highway patrol of the Eastland division. Sixty new recruits have just been added to the highway police, advices from Austin today states.

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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

No chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous; nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.—Hb. 12:11.

"We pray in the dark God keep us;
And all through the night the reapers
Gather the grain;
And every dawning morrow
Will bring some heart its sorrow,
A blessing pain."

"Remember: The infinite hand behind the cloud, gives only the sorrow we can bear."

POOH, POOHING ALLRED'S TRUST SUIT

Many of the daily papers are belittling the efforts of Jimmie Allred, attorney general, to successfully bring the major oil companies to terms in his prosecution under the anti-trust laws of Texas. But if the attorney general has marshalled his evidence as complete as he claims, and the tribunal is not biased in favor of the oil octopus, we are predicting that a different song will rend the air when the juries before whom the cases are prosecuted render their verdicts.

That the oil companies are flagrantly violating the anti-trust laws of Texas, as well as the federal statutes against combinations in restraint of trade, is apparent even to laymen. In the matter of taking over the retail sale of petroleum products the major companies are not immune from prosecution. The federal supreme court will have to so decide should this feature of the prosecution reach that tribunal, or the highest court in the land will have to reverse itself in rendering an opinion direct in point one year ago. It was only last December that the federal supreme court denied the meat packers the right to engage in the retail meat trade, holding that the packers could deliver the meat at wholesale to the shops of the retailers, but were prohibited from engaging in the retail sale of meats. Surely the packers should have the same privileges as the oil companies. Are the major oil companies a privilege class, permitted to do those things other big business men are not permitted to do? Had the packers been permitted to engage in retail sales countless numbers of retail meat dealers would have been put out of business. The policy of the major oil companies in taking over the service stations of the country has placed the independent dealers on the streets, but the suit of the attorney general is the first effort to control the oil companies in their evident determination to drive out the independent producers, refiners and retailers.

If the courts sustain the oil companies, and decide the state has no case, for all intents and purposes, the state anti-trust laws might as well be repealed. As matters now stand, the policies pursued by the companies controlling the commodities of the country, have the people completely at their mercy. We say more power to Allred, and may the courts sustain him in this prosecution for the relief of the masses.

Hon. J. K. Freeman, of Cameron, sized up the situation correctly before the taxpayers convention at Waco recently when he said:

"Texas is largely under the control of the public utilities—water, gas, gasoline, electric power and light and telephone, and they control the Legislature and our Commissioners' Courts in many cases."

DEMOCRATS ORGANIZE HOUSE

After a vacation of 13 years the Democrats organized the lower house of Congress Monday, and for the first time in the history of the government a Texan was elected speaker of the house, in the person of Hon. John Nance Garner, who represents the Uvalde district. Harmony, a rare trait with Democrats, prevailed during the organization, which we hope will become the rule rather than the exception during the life of the present Congress. The trite prophecy of Ulysis S. Grant, erstwhile commander-in-chief of the Federal army in the little family row during the sixties, and later president, that the "Democrats may be relied upon to make damn fools of themselves at the proper time," has expired by statute of limitations. Perhaps dissensions within the ranks of the party has been more conducive of failures than attacks from the common enemy.

COTTON PRORATION TROUBLESOME

The law, passed by the extra session of the Texas session of Legislature, curtailing the cotton acreage, is already beginning to be at troublesome problem. Grange officials have called upon Governor Sterling to call another extra session to repeal the law, inasmuch as indications are that other Southern states will not follow Texas' lead in curtailing cotton acreage. Governor Sterling, in his refusal to call the legislature together, says he believes the other

states will endorse the Texas law, and prorate cotton acreage. But why worry? Everybody, except those who passed the law, know it is unconstitutional and unenforceable. There would be about as much chance of convicting a Texas farmer for violating this law as there is of convicting Bishop Cannon under the corrupt practice act.

What Was Taking Place Here 1925

The Citizen is indebted to H. C. Wippert, of Wippert's Funeral Home, for a copy of the Cisco American dated May 7, 1925, containing many news stories of interest, that will be remembered by many of our readers. This copy was found in the automobile owned by the late Bob Bettis, where it probably has remained since his sudden demise just on the eve of his departure to attend the convention of fire chiefs at New Orleans soon after the state convention in Cisco.

This issue of the American was published just before the Cisco meeting of the state firemen's association, in which it tells of the features prepared to entertain the delegates. However, it failed to anticipate the hilarity that prevailed during the convention, the street dance, or the fellow who approached Price Rainbolt, and without warning, proceeded to give him a pair of "shiners." Not knowing him, Price asked what he was doing? He replied: "I'm fighting." Price, who was on the police force, proceeded to take him to the city jail, where he was given time to cool off.

But this is a bit of digression. The issue has, among other stories, the following:

Chiefs of Cisco Department

B. W. Patterson, 1909-1910. Resigned April 1910, and J. H. Elkins, assistant chief, elected. Elkins served as chief for years 1910, 1911 and 1912.

E. B. Gude 1912, 1915, 1917, 1919 and 1920, when he resigned September 4.

J. J. Collins, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1917, 1918.

R. L. Bettis, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925.

Joe H. Owens has just returned from Athens, where he was called to attend the funeral of his grandmother, who died in that city at the ripe old age of 90 years.

Father of Virgil Heyser Dies

John Adams Heyser, 87 years of age, residing on his ranch eight miles south of Putnam, and in the Scranton community, died Wednesday evening of heart failure. He came to Eastland county from Kentucky in 1875, before railroads entered this section, when freight was hauled by ox teams from Ft. Worth. Besides his widow, other survivors are Mrs. W. J. Stewart, Brownwood; J. Virgil Heyser, Cisco; Shields Heyser and Mrs. T. A. Hicks Wichita Falls, and Fred Heyser, living with his mother.

Captures Rattler With Hands

Several big snakes had been slain on the golf course of the Cisco Country club, one was lassoed by Lobo, but Dr. J. W. Howell reports a snake captured out on the Breckenridge highway with bare hands—at least that is the manner in which the diamond back was presented to Dr. Howell by the captor, who held the snake by the neck at the time. One of the party had extracted the fangs with a pair of pliers while the other held it. Tobe Fox and Ed Mitchell, watchmen at the Ramseur well, captured the rattler. Dr. Howell presented the rattler to Dr. Charles Hale to add to the zoo collection.

The little five-year old girl of Mr. and Mrs. John Cox, of Moran, who was burned at the home of her parents there Friday, died in a local sanitarium Saturday afternoon.

Cases Pending In District Courts

Cases pending in the 88th and 91st district courts at Eastland include the following:

91st District Court

Clara Rose Stamps et vir. vs. the Liverpool London and Globe Ltd., suit to collect insurance policy.

Clara Rose Stamps et vir. vs. British Ins. Co. of London, England, to collect insurance. In re: liquidation vs. Brownwood State Bank, Brownwood, approve expense account.

In re: liquidation vs. First State Bank, Carbon, approve expense account.

In re: guardianship of Mrs. M. A. E. Fract, a person alleged to be of unsound mind, appeal from county court.

O. P. Morris vs. J. W. Amys, suit on account.

E. D. Anderson vs. Phoenix Assurance Co., Ltd., recover on policy.

Higginbotham-Bartlett Co. vs. J. R. Stubblefield, suit on notes.

County Court

Lasco Laundry Co. vs. N. O. White et al., account.

Stockyards National Bank vs. E. F. Jackson and J. L. Rhyne, note.

Mrs. J. S. Garrison vs. Southwestern Appliance Co., injunction.

Texas Electric Service Co. vs. J. O. Davis et ux, sequestration.

88th District Court

D. L. Kinnaird vs. Southland Greyhound Lines, Inc., damages.

Ex-parte vs. Mrs. Jennie Jones removal of disabilities of coverture.

Mrs. Z. M. Perrin vs. D. F. Perrin, divorce.

Colonial Building & Loan Association vs. J. H. McDonald et al., collect notes and foreclosure.

In re: liquidation vs. Texas State Bank of Eastland, approve expense account.

J. D. Shaw vs. Mrs. Lee Bivens, garnishment.

H. V. Davenport vs. Texas-Louisiana Power Co., injunction.

James Shaw, commissioner, vs. R. B. Thomas, suit on note.

No use to be in distress or financial strain on farms, city property or even personal property, let us help you solve your problems by swapping you something else. Box 355, Cisco.

Willard Cragg, 10 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Cragg, of Humbletown, was run down and killed Friday on South D avenue. The boy was struck by an Essex car, driven by John Henry, a colored car washer for the Heyser Motor Sales. The little fellow was conveyed to a local hospital where he died about one hour after the accident, which was proven to be unavoidable.

R. Q. Lee, of Cisco, was unanimously elected president of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce at its convention in Mineral Wells Wednesday.

Mother of Dr. Rumph Buried

The funeral service for Mrs. Eliza Ann Rumph, 75-year old mother of five sons, all physicians, who died in Fort Worth Monday, was held Wednesday. The sons are: Drs. D. M. Rumph, Jr., and T. G. R. Rumph, of Fort Worth; D. S. Rumph, Cisco; S. P. Rumph, Carbon, and J. G. Rumph, Cross Plains.

In its report to Judge Elzo Been the grand jury deprecates the custom of grocery and drug stores selling Jamaica ginger to boys and young men.

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MARRIAGE LINCENSE

RECENTLY ISSUED

R. L. Jones, clerk of the county court, reports the following marriage lincense were issued the past week:

E. C. Broughton and Miss Josephine Linnut Childers. Cecil Bostick and Miss

Edith Gregg.

Claud Ingram and Miss

Pauline Salter.

R. E. Wilcoxon and Miss

Maxine Whitehead.

D. O. Elrod and Miss Minnie Belle Browning.

Aril Adams and Miss Mat-

tye Starkey.

COUNCIL DECISIONS MAY KILL SPORT OF FOOTBALL

Use gridiron fans, not in the technical feature of the game, but who football for the sport, coming disgusted with the playing of gridiron authorities playing the game in court rather than on the field. It is believed, if recent actions of the authorities are persisted in, the sport will be endangered. A case in point is the reopening of the Hightower case in which Cisco's quarterback was held ineligible after being exonerated at a former hearing, established a dangerous precedent and overrules a previous decision in the Johnny Connel case last year. Better go slow. Remember jockeying and gambling ruined the king of sports—horse racing—and football is not immune.

However, Cisco school authorities are not concerned in the decision rendered at the hearing at Abilene last Friday, when Hightower was ruled out, and Breckenridge was awarded the game with the Lobos. Breckenridge is looked upon as poor losers. Concerning the Abilene decision R. N. Cluck, superintendent of the Cisco schools, requests The Citizen to state his attitude in the premises, which is as follows:

"Cisco presented its evidence in good faith and won a clear verdict. In view of the records of the Johnny Connel case last year Cisco felt that this verdict should stand, and it further believed that any effort to re-open the case, particularly after the season had been completed, was inspired largely by motives that threaten to undermine high school football. For the latter reason Cisco did not feel that it should participate.

"In the Johnny Connel case last year Cisco asked for a rehearing on the ground that additional evidence of a conclusive character had been obtained. A member of the committee, after the new evidence had been heard by that body, stated that to reconsider the verdict would establish, in his opinion, a dangerous precedent. The previous verdict was allowed to stand.

"The action at Abilene on Friday evening was in direct contradiction of this principle. Cisco believed, and continues to believe that the records at the high school speak for themselves. In press reports of the meeting at Abilene a statement appears to the effect that I said Cisco would not resist an adverse decision. That statement is incorrect. I made the statement that in the first place, if we wanted to fight their new evidence the day's notice that was given us did not allow sufficient time for us to collect additional evidence, and in the second place, that if Breckenridge wanted to win the game in this manner

Cisco would hand it to them on a silver platter because since we did not get first place we cared nothing about second or third place.

"The question upon which Hightower was ruled out was extremely technical, a question of a day or two difference in attendance upon Cisco high school.

"If Breckenridge and the district committee wish to take advantage of this technicality to take a game they could not win on the field we wish them the joy of it. But this does not deny the fact that the Cisco school records and the ruling of Mr. Henderson, of the Interscholastic league clearly show the boy to have been eligible for the game which was admitted by the district committee here in the face of contradictory evidence submitted by the Breckenridge authorities.

"I suggest that, in view of the precedent that has been established it would be just as reasonable for Breckenridge or some other school to protest the ineligibility of the United States to participate in the World War on grounds that the United States entered too late to be eligible for the first lineup and that the world court be asked to award the war to Germany on that score."

WICHITA FALLS VOTE MUNICIPAL GAS BONDS

Wichita Falls last Saturday adopted the only effective means of securing a reduction in domestic gas rates when the people in that city voted in favor of a proposal to establish a municipal gas plant for that city. The election culminated a long and futile fight for cheaper gas. The vote was slightly over 200 to 1 in favor of municipal gas, there being cast 1,491 votes in favor of a city-owned gas plant to 62 against the proposition. The gas trust minions remind us of the lone vote against the resolutions adopted at the gas meeting here on Thursday night of last week.

As soon as Wichita Falls perfects its plans for building the plant you may expect to hear that the gas trust has cut the rates below cost of production by the municipal plant. Yet gas officials will take a solemn oath that present rates are inadequate to yield the required revenues for the company to pay expenses. And, when they do some of those now clamoring for cheaper gas will be caught by this tempting bait to save a few dimes, only to be robbed again when the trust has killed its competitor. They are too near-sighted to realize that this action will be only for the purpose of destroying an agency that is working for the interest of the people. Save a dime now, seems to be their idea.

A RESOLUTION

The following is one of the three resolutions adopted at the mass meeting of the people of Cisco, assembled at the city hall, Dec. 3.

WHEREAS: Cisco, Eastland and other cities situated in the Oil Belt, have been favored by nature in being located in the midst of one of the greatest gas producing fields in Texas; and

WHEREAS: This natural resource is being diverted and exploited by the Lone Star Gas company to the detriment of the towns of the Oil Belt which are being penalized for the benefit of towns and cities more remote from the source of supply by the establishment of a common rate for all communities served by the Lone Star and Community Natural Gas companies; and

WHEREAS: We believe charges imposed upon the people living in the Oil Belt is an unjust and arbitrary burden placed upon our people, that the pipe line and distributing companies may maintain the common rate, in all communities served; and

WHEREAS: Believing the zoning system would give the towns in the Oil Belt some measure of relief we urge that the authorities do adopt such system to the end that favored cities may reap some benefits by being fortunately situated in the gas fields; as in the case with all other sections of the country having valuable natural resources; and

WHEREAS: The power to regulate gas prices at the city gates, and to install the zoning system, for the purpose of establishing equitable rates, lies with the railroad commission, and realizing we can expect no material reduction in the price of domestic gas to the consumer until the pipe line company reduces the price of gas at the city gates; and

WHEREAS: The people of Cisco, in common with the Oil Belt communities, are in the throes, and at the mercy of an apparent gas trust, a combination in the restraint of trade, more deadly and rapacious in its practices than the outlawed Waters-Pierce Oil Co. in its palmist days, in its policy of exploiting our natural resources; and

WHEREAS: Developments have shown that prices paid for gas at the wells, and gas takings, are ridiculously low, impoverishing the owners of the wells and enriching the pipe line company; and

WHEREAS: It is believed that the contract entered into by and between the Lone Star Gas Co., and the Community Gas Co., corporations supplying gas to communities in the Oil Belt, is voidable, and constitute a combination in restraint of trade and therefore a trust, operated in violation of the anti-trust statutes of Texas; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the people of Cisco, in mass meeting assembled, petition the railroad commission for immediate relief from these unjust burdens imposed by the Lone Star Gas Co., by installing the zoning system, or taking such other means that will not permit the exploiting of our natural resources for the benefit of other communities; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the attention of the attorney general's department be cited to the belived illegal practices of the Lone Star Gas Co. and its illegitimate child, the Community Natural Gas Co., and urge that legal proceedings be instituted under the state's anti-trust laws to compel the divorcement of these corporations and for the collection of penalties and forfeiture of charters as made and provided under the anti-trust statutes. And be it further

RESOLVED: That these resolutions be furnished the

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MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR DEPARTED ELKS

Following an established custom observed by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in all cities where this order thrives, the Oil Belt Elks association held impressive services with the Cisco Elks in their club rooms in the Judia building last Sunday afternoon. A large crowd was in attendance, as these services are always open to the public, including representatives of the lodges of Ranger, Breckenridge, and the local members. Dr. Harry Logsdon, of Ranger, president of the Texas State Elks association, delivered the annual oration. Exalted Ruler J. A. Bearman, of the Cisco lodge, presided. Vocal numbers were contributed by Mrs. Ben McClinton, Messrs. Frank Walker, Lory Boyd, Harry P. Schaefer and G. W. Collum.

COTTON CROP NEAR SEVENTEEN MILLION

The government's estimate

of the 1931 cotton crop is placed at 16,918,000 bales, according to the figures released by the department of agriculture at Washington Tuesday. Lots of cotton, and will mean cheaper price for the staple, as this indicates "overproduction," but in the mean time thousands have insufficient cotton raiment to clothe their persons.

FATHER OF LATE HUGH MAPLES PASSES AWAY

Last Saturday death claimed a pioneer citizen of Eastland county when J. A. Maples passed on at his home in the Romney community. A long period of illness preceded his passing. The funeral services were held at the grave in the Romney cemetery Monday, under the direction of the Green Funeral Home.

Mr. Maples, who was 74 years of age at the time of his passing, was one of the early settlers of Eastland county, having lived in the Romney community for many years where he reared a large family.

This pioneer citizen was widely known by being conspicuous as the father of the victim of one of the most hor-

rible tragedies ever enacted in this part of the state, when Hugh Maples, one-handed star route carrier, was foully and treacherously slain while conveying Bob Moehler, supposedly, to DeLeon to bring his family back to Pioneer. This tragedy occurred in Aug. 1922, and Maples' body was found a few months later in Coryell county where it had been buried in a shallow grave.

Moehler was located in the Rio Grande Valley by the late Constable Simp Looney, brought to Eastland and given a life sentence. Later he was reported to have escaped and so far as known, is still at liberty.

ROY DUFFEY WORKING ON ABILENE GAS JOB

Roy Duffey, who was recently granted a franchise to put in an independent gas plant in Abilene, was a Cisco visitor a few days ago. Mr. Duffey, who has experienced some trouble in getting the project going, stated to person here that he had ironed out the obstacles that has held up the project, and was now preparing to proceed with his original plans to give Abilene consumers a reasonable gas rate.

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Elks to Entertain For Charity Tonite

In every clime the B. P. O. Elks are famed for their efforts to aid the poor and the needy just about this time of the year, and Cisco Elks are no exception. In past years some of the most extensive and successful efforts in relieving distress have been the activity shown by Cisco Elks. At Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons money and provisions have been collected and distributed where most needed, and in times past the funds to procure the substantial things to succor the down and outs have been procured by voluntary donations of their own private means. This will be practiced again this season, but Elks, like other folk during the present time, are not so flush in funds as during the years of fatness that has gone before, and an entertaining feature has been arranged for tonite to augment such funds as have been already raised.

The feature to be sponsored by the Elks this year will be a charity show, to be staged at the Palace Theatre. Manager Greer is heartily cooperating, and has donated the theatre for the occasion, and in addition is supplying the picture which alone is a real feature, more than worth the price of admission if one cares to be entertained, being "The Five Star Final," featuring Edward G. Robinson, a recent celebrity of the talkies.

But in addition to the picture the features to be staged by the Elks will prove original and entertaining to the most fastidious. The famous "American Legion Tickville Band," composed of business and professional men of Ranger, whose members will present a musical program rarely to be seen in this part of Texas. In the program will appear Miss Francys McGinnis, Cisco's own talented vocalist, who needs no introduction to a Cisco audience.

This method of augmenting funds already secured to render aid to Cisco's needy during the joyous yuletide was adopted for the reason everyone likes entertainment of the better class, and the Elks' show promises tonight to be all that—plus. Get your tickets at the box office, see a real high class show, and go home knowing that you have spent the jolliest evening of the year, and feel that sweet consolation the money you spent for pleasure will aid some one in need.

CISCOAN CALLED TO MOTHER'S FUNERAL

Albert Perkins, of Cisco was called to Clyde last Sat. by a message announcing the death of his mother, Mrs. Sarah Perkins, in that city. Deceased, who formerly resided here in the home of her son, had been an invalid for several years.

REOPENING OF IDEAL NOT BE TILL JANUARY

K. N. Greer, manager of the Palace and Ideal theatres, announces that the reopening of the Ideal theatre in the Judia Building has been unavoidably delayed until some time early in January on account of not being able to install new seats in the auditorium. It was contemplated to open the Ideal December 6, but he stated it was not possible to have the seats delivered by that date, so the reopening has been postponed until the early part of the new year. Many improvements are being made in this show house, and when again reopened to the public will be one of the most attractive theatres in this part of the state.

Mrs. A. J. Olson and son, Carl, are spending the week end in Victoria and other Southwest Texas cities.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Gude came over Tuesday for a brief visit to Cisco.

A. A. Belding, of San Antonio, spent the first of the week in Cisco on business connected with the life insurance company in which he and other Cisco citizens are interested.

J. S. Dennis, San Angelo oil operator, was a business visitor in Cisco Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Cooles have returned from several days visit in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Williams and Mr. Joe Harrison, all of Ovallo, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Hendricks Wednesday Mrs. Williams is a niece of Mrs. Hendricks.

Mrs. S. H. Montgomery has as her guest Mrs. Charles Gaitland, of Louisville, Ky.

Mrs. N. A. Brown is hostess to Mrs. Wells, of Roswell, N. M., and Mrs. Homer Long, of Fort Worth.

Miss Jennie Barber, former assistant secretary of the chamber of commerce, but at present assistant to Omar Burkett, oil and gas umpire of the Central Texas division, and Deputy Supervisor Killough of Eastland, spent Sunday in Cisco the guest of Mrs. C. E. Hickman.

Mr. and Mrs. K. N. Greer, of the Palace Theatre, motored to Dallas Tuesday, going to that metropolis on business connected with the Palace and Ideal theatres, of which Mr. Greer is manager.

Mrs. O. O. Wagner has returned to her home in Denver after a pleasant visit with her mother, Mrs. Laura Wild at Moran, and Mr. and Mrs. George Wild of Cisco. Mrs. Wagner will be remembered as Miss Lelia Wild, popular Cisco belle before her marriage.

Mrs. Elbert Blease, of Dallas, formerly a resident of Cisco during the life of her late husband, is a recent arrival. Mrs. Blease is one of the principal stockholders in the Blease Motor Co. here, which was established by her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hicks spent Wednesday in Rising Star the guest of friends.

Accompanied by Mrs. A. Dill, A Pohly and her son, Talbot, Mrs. V. T. Lockhead has arrived in Cisco from East Wilton, Me. Mrs. Lockhead, as has been her custom for several years, will spend the winter here, and the others named will be guests of herself and son.

Mrs. Ida Kennon left Thursday morning for Kansas City where she will spend some time with her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Ross. The party will be joined during the holidays by Miss Helen Gould, Mrs. Kennon's eldest daughter, who is teaching in Illinois.

STATE FIRE OFFICER FINDS FEW HAZARDS

Giving Cisco an observation as to the fire hazards for the purpose of fixing the rate of insurance L. B. Newsum, inspector for the state fire department, was in Cisco this week. Fire Marshal C. O. Pass accompanied the inspector on his rounds over the city. Mr. Pass stated that only in a few instances did Mr. Newman find objectionable hazards, and these were of such a nature to be easily corrected, which the inspector recommended.

The Citizen works for those things of interest to all home people.

TOM BRYANT OF CROSS PLAINS IS IMPROVING

The following statement of the condition of Tom Bryant from the Cross Plains Review will be of interest to many of our readers. Tom Bryant, prominent citizen and oil operator of the Cross Plains section is well known in Cisco, where his friends are hoping for his early recovery. The Review says:

Tom Bryant, who was taken seriously ill last week, was reported to be improving in a Fort Worth hospital, Thursday afternoon. He is suffering with a nervous collapse. He is in the Allison Hospital, in Arlington Heights, Fort Worth.

At the time his family here was first notified of his condition, Mr. Bryant was in South Texas. He was taken to San Antonio then to Dr. Allison, in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Bryant has been in Fort Worth with her husband since his arrival there Saturday. Elliott and Tom Jr., sons spent most of the week there also.

FARMERS UNION HEAD URGES TARIFF ON OIL

A tariff on oil at the coming session of Congress is urged by John A. Simpson of Oklahoma City, national president of the Farmer's Union, who stated Sunday that farmers in the oil section of the country will lose a vast amount of money once received in royalties and in leases if the government continues to permit the importation of cheaply produced oil without tariff.

"Some of the farmers are being misled," Mr. Simpson said, "by those opposing restriction on foreign oil importations. They have been representing to various farm groups that other organizations of farmers have placed themselves on record as opposing any tariff on oil. We are endeavoring to correct this information as rapidly as possible since it is only through an adequate tariff or some effective restriction on oil imports that the farmers can hope to again receive royalties on his land. The State of Kansas is not predominately an oil State yet its farmers have been receiving approximately \$12,000,-

000 a year from the oil group. In Oklahoma and Texas over two-thirds of the farmers will be regularly receiving their checks in payment of royalties or leases.

"While legislation on the oil situation alone would not solve all the farmers' problems, such legislation would quickly release many millions of dollars in payments to the farmers and would enable him to meet his difficult situation much more easily.

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