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NEW ADMINISTRATION TAKES OVER CITY

Police Chief W. M. Miller Resigns Post to Take Effect on May 1

Taxpayers to Hear Candidates for Legislature

The Eastland County Taxpayers association will convene in regular session at Eastland tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon. The hour of meeting has been slightly advanced in order to complete the work mapped out. This meeting has been set apart for candidates for legislative representatives to make their views known on many public matters in which the members are vitally interested. Every candidate for representative of the 106th and 107th legislative districts, as well as those making the race for the senate from the 24th senatorial district, will be given a hearing.

It is hoped that everyone interested in reform in governmental affairs, local, county and state, will come out to the meeting Saturday, as those sponsoring these reforms are in earnest, and the purpose of hearing these candidates state their platform of principles is for the members to get their views that they may vote intelligently. Only those offering their services for public offices who have clean records will be favored. The day has arrived when many of the voters will scrutinize the records of all candidates more closely than ever before they cast their ballots. This sentiment is salutary, for it means that men, who have corporations for their clients, will not be allowed to practice law before our legislative bodies.

At present 70 counties are organized and affiliated with the state association. A resolution providing for the county conventions to be held alternately in the five cities of the county, will likely be offered. If adopted it is proposed to organize a local unit in each city after the county meet adjourns. This will leave a working nucleus where no local has been organized.

BANKHEAD MOTORCADE TO REACH CISCO ON MAY 8

According to the El Paso Herald-Post President F. O. Mackey, of the Broadway of America, left that city April 25 for New York city to head the motorcade that will pass over the Broadway of America to attend the annual convention in San Diego, Calif., May 13 and 14. The motorcade is due to pass through Cisco May 8, at 1:30 p. m. President Mackey and Secretary Townsend passed through Cisco Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, but only stopped long enough to make a short visit to the local chamber of commerce and were on their way.

President Mackey stated that the motorcade would only make a 15 minute stop in Cisco, and a brief program has been arranged to welcome the party as they pass through the Big Dam City. A more extended stop will be made on the return trip, according to Mr. J. E. Spencer, local chamber of commerce secretary.

GREECE ABANDONS GOLD

Athens, Greece, April 25.—The cabinet voted today to abandon the gold standard.

P. L. (Lewis) Crossley, of Eastland and candidate for district clerk spent Tuesday in Cisco and vicinity in the interest of his candidacy.

Dick West, University student and sportswriter on the Daily Texan, student publication, was a week end guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. West.

Becoming chief of Cisco police on the death of the late Bit Bedford, slain in the "Santa Claus" bank robbery in Cisco December 23, 1927, W. M. (Walter) Miller handed in his written resignation to the city commission of Cisco Monday, to become effective May 1. But his connection with the police department antedates his appointment as head of the force, as he was connected with the department several months prior to his assumption of the office of chief.

While on the force, before and after being appointed to the position which he has just relinquished, the records will show that his work has been efficient, courageous and thorough. In running down and detecting the bandits participating in the robbery of the First National Bank, now known as the "Santa Claus" bank robbery, Miller never quit the trail until the last of the bandits were arrested and safely locked in the Eastland county jail. When others of the posse retired and gave up the chase Miller stuck, and the results tell the true story, which is known to most of the people of this county. Davis was fatally wounded in the gun fight at the bank; Hill, Helms and Ratliff were captured in Young county. Helms was electrocuted, Ratliff was lynched and Hill was given a life sentence in the penitentiary, escaping twice, but finally recaptured and is now serving his sentence.

Good Work on Shook Case

Then Miller did splendid work in apprehending the right parties guilty of the horrible murder of the Shook brothers at Lee Ray. Later he figured conspicuously in the "Gravel Pit Murder" and was given most prominent mention in the story written by District Attorney Joe Jones, which was published this year in the Master Detective.

During his incumbency of the office of chief of police of Cisco, Miller has always been at his post of duty, and has enforced the law so efficiently that Cisco has been practically free of robberies, hijacking and other crimes that have prevailed in other Oil Belt cities.

Now he is retiring from the city police force to devote his entire time to prosecuting his candidacy for the office of sheriff of Eastland county, as he says he expects to wage an active campaign until the polls close on the 23rd day of July.

Written Resignation

In severing his connection with the Cisco police department Chief Miller did so by handing in a written, formal resignation, tendering his services and advice to his successor, or to the city commission whenever required. This resignation was accepted by the commission to take effect at the time designated, and is as follows:

"Cisco, Texas, April 25, 1932.

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission of Cisco, Texas:

"Gentlemen:

"I am herewith tendering my resignation as your chief of police, to take effect May 1, and in doing so I shall avail myself of the privilege of expressing my sincerest appreciation of the many favors and courtesies I have received at your hands, which has made me your debtor to such an extent that I know that I shall never be able to reciprocate in kind. First, in honoring me with the position, which, by so doing, you have not only aided me materially, but you have expressed that confidence in me which I appreciate as a compliment more to be prized than the remuneration of the office.

"To each of you, collectively and individually, I wish to express my

First V-8 Ford Car Praised by Every Person Seeing It

The first V-8 Ford car has arrived in Cisco. This machine is the latest achievement of the Ford Motor company, and everyone who has been given a demonstration of the new V-8 Tudor sedan cannot say too much in its praise. Equipped with the 65 horse power V-8 engine, vibrationless, rapid acceleration, low fuel consumption, automatic spark control, downdraft carburetor, 75 miles an hour, silent second gear, synchronized gear shift, large, roomy body, safety glass windshield, self-adjusting shock absorbers and transverse cantilever springs, low center of gravity, rubber insulated chassis and engine rubber mounted, giving one that comfortable riding that convinces the most skeptical that the buyer of the new V-8 Ford Tudor sedan is absolutely getting the most automobile value for the money ever offered on the American market. The price of this machine, rolled out of the Blease Motor Co.'s salesroom, is approximately \$635, and sold on liberal terms if desired.

The Citizen man was given a demonstration in this car Sunday by Bill Parish, Blease Motor Co. salesman, and while we are not an automobile expert, but we could appreciate its easy riding, comfortable seating, quick acceleration, instantaneous pick-up, high speed potentialities and beautiful lines of body construction that made it easy to say few cars sold at twice its price has anything on the new V-8 Ford. It is simply all right. Nothing the matter with it.

The new car is made in 14 different body types, with a vast variety of paintings to suit any individual taste. Also, the Ford Motor Co. is putting out an improved 4-cylinder machine that is the last say in 4-cylinder cars.

Since the arrival of the new V-8 machine the Blease Motor Co. show rooms have been thronged with people, all anxious to view Ford's latest product, and the unanimous verdict has been: "She's all right."

personal esteem as well as my appreciation of your splendid cooperation in administering the police department. Especially am I appreciate of the invaluable cooperation of Police Commissioner Donovan, under whom I have labored directly, as he has been most patient, accommodating and courteous, without which the police department could not have proven so efficient in the past.

"To the public I wish to extend my thanks for the splendid cooperation that has been extended the members of the police department in detecting and suppressing crime, as well as apprehending those who have been guilty of violating the ordinances of the city and the criminal statutes of the state. Especially am I appreciative of the general respect shown me by the public, personally and officially.

"Though, on and after May 1, 1932, I will no longer be associated with the city administration in an official capacity, I am herewith tendering my services to the administration and my successor in office, and will cheerfully respond to any call for my services, either day or night. I will be glad to render any aid I can to my successor to assist him in becoming familiar with the duties of the office, and

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Lutheran F. F. T. Unit Formed

E. H. Varnell, vocational agriculturist of the Cisco High school, who is teaching a part time class at the Lutheran community school house, composed of a group of older farm boys of the Lutheran and Word communities, reports that there are in attendance at classes 18 or 20 of these boys. These classes are instructed at night, with the exception of a few afternoons, by arrangement, when instructions are given in terracing and pecan work. Mr. Varnell said these farm boys have adopted a program of improved practices in the communities which include, in addition to terracing and pecan budding, such tests as subsolling, growing and bagging pure grain sorghum seed, jack rabbit eradication, etc. An award of \$10 is now being offered which will go to the member of the class who succeeds in killing the largest number of jack rabbits during the ensuing year, which contest closes March 30, 1933.

Another activity is tree poisoning around the fields. In many cases border trees sap about one-tenth of the crop of the average Eastland county field, Mr. Varnell said. These fields are estimated to contain an average of 25 acres, and with growing trees surrounding they take a toll of one-tenth of the crop, according to estimates made.

April 14 these boys organized a permanent Future Farmers' Chapter to carry out the program, and will meet once each month. Mr. Varnell stated that he expected good results from the work being done by this class, as the class is composed of older farm boys who are actually farming and engaged in the work in which they are being instructed. Probably the instructions gained from the carrying out of these programs arranged will mean more than they would to either younger or older farm folk, as they are old enough to learn to do by doing, and not so old that they have already adopted methods that might be hard to change.

The Future Farmers' Chapter was organized by members of the Cisco chapter by initiating seven members. There are 8 or 10 others who are expected to enroll at the next meeting of those who are attending the part time classes instructed by Mr. Varnell.

OFFICIAL ORGANIZATION CROSS PLAINS COMPLETE

Cross Plains, April 28—Organization of the official family of Cross Plains has been perfected by the naming of city officers for the ensuing term. J. W. Westerman was named city judge to succeed George T. Lamar, Jim McMillan was appointed city marshal with special duties as nightwatchman, succeeding O. Lackey, and S. M. Buatt was re-elected city clerk and tax collector. O. T. Laws was also retained as water superintendent. Charles F. Hemphill was appointed to assess city taxes for 1932.

Mayor S. P. Collins, who presided at the parley, said the appointments would be effective May 1.

RIISING STAR ODD FELLOWS OBSERVE ANNIVERSARY 113

The Rising Star lodge, Independent Odd Fellows, last Sunday afternoon, observed the 113th anniversary of the founding of that order. The celebration took the form of a picnic, in the Cade pasture near the city, with W. D. Carroll, grand master-elect, attending and being the principal speaker.

In Recess Session Tuesday Evening Many New Employes Replace Those Holding Jobs

The new administration was organized Tuesday night when the city commission met in recess session at the city hall, with all holdovers and the commissioners-elect present and participating. The commissioners announced this would be an executive session and none except the mayor and commissioners would be allowed to remain during the deliberations. When asked if the order included representatives of the press Mayor Berry informed the newspaper men present that they would be excluded, and the reporters took their departure.

Usually representatives of the press are allowed to remain during executive sessions of public bodies, and this edict was rather a jolt to the publicity folk, as the organization meeting of the administration probably will be the most important meeting the commission will hold during its life, and naturally the public will be interested in everything done at the organization meeting. However, the newspapers will attempt to give all facts obtainable from the records of the meeting.

Nor were the newspaper men the only persons barred from the executive session, for the county attorney was denied permission to remain, as the commission voted that City Attorney F. D. Wright must absent himself, which he did, and made good his attendance at the directors meeting of the chamber of commerce.

New Employes Selected

One of the principal acts of the new administration was a practical cleaning out of the city hall employes. Secretary J. B. Cate, J. E. (Mickey) Stuart, day desk sergeant; C. J. Lamb, of the water department, and J. D. Mann, janitor, are practically all of the old force retained. With the resignation of Police Chief Miller a new man, Grant Daniels, will head the police force, who will have an entire new personnel to assist him in keeping the peace of the city.

A list of the new employes and heads of departments will be found in this story of the organization of the present city administration.

Heads of Departments

On recommendation of the commission Mayor Berry made the following assignments to the several departments of the city government:

J. R. Burnett, finance commissioner and bayor pro tempore.

Joe Clements, street commissioner.

J. T. Elliott, sanitary commissioner.

R. W. Winston, water commissioner.

Clements, Elliott and Winston are full time commissioners; with salary fixed at \$150 per month.

R. E. Grantham, city attorney.

G. C. Daniels, chief of police.

Those assisting Chief Daniels are F. D. Pierce, assistant chief; O. Gustafson, police and fire marshal; E. O. Hendricks, J. E. (Mickey) Stuart and Mitchell Perdue, patrolmen. (Probably the latter two officers will be day and night sergeants.) Chief's salary was set at \$115 per month, others at \$100.

J. B. Cate, city secretary, with L. A. Martin, assistant.

C. J. Lamb, superintendent water department at \$4 per day; Homer Doyle, disposal plant, at \$3; Don Rupe and W. H. French, pumpers, at \$60 per month each.

J. D. Mann, city hall and grounds janitor.

T. H. Moore, \$4 per day; H. B. Whally, \$2.50; C. N. Clifton, \$2.50 as cemetery workers.

R. W. Turner, oiler, \$80 per month; Will Shirley and Doss Pelfrey, street sweepers, at \$2.50 per day. (Pelfrey takes the place of Gus Bauman, who was at first retained.)

Office of water clerk was abolished.

Salaries of street workers were fixed on the following basis: Tractor operator, \$4; grader operator, \$4; truckman, \$6; helpers, \$3.

New employes will begin service May 1.

Meter Rentals Abolished

Meter service charges of 25 cents

Brick Work Under Way on New Home For Public Library

BRICK WORK

Already the structure that will be the home of the Cisco Public library is assuming proportions. Last week Contractor J. H. Latson broke ground for the foundation, and the cement was poured, and this week the brick work was under way. When the readers of this paper will have read this notice the walls of the building will be going up, and everything points to the building being completed within the limits prescribed in the contract. When finished it will be an object of beauty and a credit to Cisco. For the realization of our dreams for a public library Cisco will be indebted to the XXth Century club, whose members have never looked back since they began planning for a home for the library they started several years ago.

It was only in a modest way that the members of the XXth Century club started to accumulate volumes and hiring them out to book lovers, but all the while they were planning to give Cisco a library that would be a credit to the city and a monument to the organization fostering this enterprise. When funds were adequate the lots in the 200 block on West Sixth street were purchased. But here it seemed they had run against a dead wall, for it seemed they had come to the end of their row. But fortune favored when the library lots were included in the site offered and accepted by the postoffice department for the federal building. The lots were sold to the government, and from the proceeds, augmented by funds on hand, the XXth Century club purchased the lots on the corner of West Sixth street and Avenue G, where the new library will be located.

per month were abolished on motion of Com. Clements, effective as of Jan. 1, 1932. Thus this action becomes retroactive, and means those paying meter rentals since January 1 will be entitled to a refund. This motion was lost when previously offered by Com. Burnett, but it seems the commissioners had a change of opinion, as when it was later introduced it was adopted. Deposits for water meters were reduced from \$5 to \$3.

All firemen are entitled to fishing permits, the commission decided in taking action on that matter.

The commission adopted Clements' motion to require the Laguna hotel to make a deposit of \$100 for water service.

Effective May 1, the garden rate for water charges will be 12 1-2 cents per 1000 gallons.

The meeting dates were changed to the second and fourth Tuesdays at 7 o'clock p. m. All city employes were put on notice to make sat-

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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of the Lord, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd; and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more.—Jer. 31:12.

"Only the true can teach the truth
So that all who listen believe;
And only the heart that is full of its task,
Can the greatest good achieve."

The Psalmist sings of the man whose "delight is in the law of the Lord;" and he goes on to tell us that such a one shall be "like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." When Jesus fed the five thousand, he relied upon God's law. Knowing there is no lack of heavenly good, he could not limit; and understanding supply to be spiritual and ever present, he fed the hungry multitude, which the disciples, less loving and with less spiritual understanding, would have sent away unsatisfied.—Robert Ellis Key.

A MILITANT ORGANIZATION

That the Cisco unit of the Taxpayers' association is a militant organization, working for the betterment of Cisco and her people, can be verified by attending any of the fortnightly meetings that are being held. The meeting last Monday night was attended by 40 or 50 earnest citizens, all voters and most of them taxpayers, who were gathered to discuss vital issues affecting the welfare of the city. This meeting, like those previously held in the past two months, was featured by the addition of new members. Monday night four new members were added, and the membership list is constantly increasing. Its influence for good has already been demonstrated, and the members feel that its work has just commenced. The local organization is affiliated with the county and state organizations, and some of the most progressive policies adopted by the county association had their genesis in the local unit.

While neither the local, county or state association will be allowed to evolve into a political machine for the advancement of any man's political ambition, yet the merits and demerits of all candidates will be discussed freely, as it is the purpose of those sponsoring each of these bodies to support only those candidates that have clean records. The corporation attorney will hardly be favored by any member of the city, county or state units of the Taxpayers' association. Come with clean hands and a clear record and no candidate will have anything to fear from those sponsoring the Taxpayers' association.

At the meeting Monday night the records of several candidates for county offices were discussed, but of course no endorsements were made. So far only one man has been endorsed, and this endorsement was the drafting of Judge J. R. Burnett to make the race for county judge.

ASSEMBLING CITY BONDS RETARDS SETTLEMENT

Commenting on the Citizen's editorial last week anent the solving of Cisco's bond problem, Mayor J. T. Berry remarked:

"The most serious obstacle that retards the adjustment of the bond problem is the difficulty in assembling the outstanding bonds, and locating the rightful holders of these securities. I believe if we could get these bond holders located, and be able to negotiate with them directly, or through their accredited representatives, we could adjust this muddle in a comparatively short time. If we could get them to make an unbiased survey of the situation, make an honest investigation of our resources, they would accept a settlement on our ability to pay off the outstanding issues."

The Citizen realizes the difficulty of assembling these bonds is the most serious obstacle to bringing the issues to a final and satisfactory adjustment. In fact that difficulty is touched on in the editorial mentioned, indirectly, as we recognized this difficulty when we suggested the idea of getting in touch with some man who could overcome this obstacle. We believe there is a man capable of coping with every problem that exists, and if the right man is located he will be capable of bringing the matter to a final adjustment. We meant just that when the editorial stated "if for any reason the members of the commission feels that they are not able, or have not the time to give to the matter, find the man who can and is able to bring about such an adjustment."

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on the job. That such a man can be found the Citizen firmly believes. Naturally, we would not expect this expert to do this job free of cost, but whatever the cost might be, if his fees are not prohibitive, Cisco would gain by employing his services.

In discussing a probable solution with Cisco people we find there is an attitude prevalent of "patiently waiting" on the other fellow's move. True, he would like to save his money, and unless the resources of Cisco are brought squarely up to him, he may think that with the return of prosperity his securities will be worth more in later years. But if convinced that Cisco is not now, nor will ever be able to take care of the issues outstanding, he would rather take 20 cents on the dollar of liquid securities than to hold his frozen assets that will never be liquidated.

But while we are "patiently waiting" for the bondholders to act Cisco is retrograding and will continue to decline. With this vexed problem solved there is no reason why Cisco should not begin to revive and soon resume its proud place among the progressive cities of Texas.

In the language of the poem by a local author, printed elsewhere in this issue, "Let's go somewhere."

Rural Carriers to Hold District Meet In Cisco City Hall

The program committee of the Rural Letter Carriers association, of the 17th district, met at the Cisco chamber of commerce Friday afternoon to outline a program for the meeting of the association here May 30. Those forming the program committee were A. A. Seal, of Bangs; Roscoe Reeves, of Gorman, and the carriers of the Cisco post-office. A most interesting and lengthy program was arranged, after securing permission to hold the session in the city hall.

Convenes at 10 O'clock A. M. The convention will be called to order at 10 o'clock when the visiting carriers will be welcomed by B. A. Butler, editor of the Cisco Daily News. The response will be by Owen Holley, district president. Following is the program as arranged by the committee.

Song—"America," by all, standing.

Invocation—Rev. James L. Smart, pastor East Cisco Baptist church.

Welcome Address—B. A. Butler, Cisco News.

Response—Owen Holley, Abilene, district president, A. A. Seal presiding.

Appointment of committees.

Quartet—Local Voices.

Address—Earl Slater, Editor Texas Carriers, Clyde, Texas.

Reading—Lynn Clardy, Brownwood.

Quartet.

Adjourn for basket picnic lunch at Lake Cisco.

Afternoon Session.

Session will reconvene at 1:30 p. m., with musical number.

Greetings from Ladies' Auxiliary—Mrs. Joe Nally, secretary.

Reading—Katrina Adams, Stamford.

Musical number.

Address—W. L. Fletcher, Jr., Hamlin, secretary-treasurer of Texas Rural Carriers association.

Making R. L. C. A. of Texas 100 percent—Joe Nally, Trent.

Round Table Discussion.

Musical Number.

Reports of Committees.

Election of Officers.

Naming Next Convention City.

Unfinished Business.

NEW CASES FILED FOR LITIGATION IN COURTS

The following cases have been filed for litigation in the district and county courts at Eastland:

91st District Court—C. L. Ervin vs. Rachel Etta Ervin, divorce and injunction; Mrs. Bess Fox vs. Jim Fox, divorce; Edna Teague vs. J. G. Teague, divorce and injunction; W. F. Skillman, receiver vs. H. W. Kuteman, Jr., suit on note; T. Hunter Foley, vs. Continental-Southland Savings and Loan association, try title and damages.

88th District Court—Dick Gray vs. Hicks Rubber company et al, trespass to try title; Ida Lee Bell, vs. Frank Bell, divorce; In Re: Liquidation Farmers State Bank & Trust company, Gorman, to close liquidation; In Re: Liquidation Guaranty State Bank, Olden, close liquidation; In Re: Liquidation Guaranty State Bank, Ranger, close liquidation; Eura Martin, vs. James Martin, divorce; Mrs. L. F. Bridges et vir, vs. U. O. Colson company, et al, injunction, etc.

County Court—Commercial State Bank, Ranger vs. L. Boles et ux, note; Grover Jennings et al, vs. Ghent Sanderford et al, note.

Judge Clyde Garrett, of Eastland, present county judge, and candidate for re-election, was interviewing Cisco voters Saturday.

CISCO MAN HAS ANCIENT VOLUME, 112 YEARS OLD

W. H. Kittrell, Sr., has a volume that has been in the Kittrell family 112 years. It is what may be classified as an autograph album, and belonged to his father, the late Dr. P. W. Kittrell who purchased it at the time of his graduation from the medical school of the University of Pennsylvania in 1820. It contains many recipes and prescriptions that Dr. Kittrell secured from professors of the medical school.

The volume is about 5 by 7 inches, bound in heavy leather. "P. W. Kittrell" is burned in the binding by hand. The Pennsylvania University is the oldest university the United States, according to an encyclopedia.

Another ancient document in Mr. Kittrell's possession is a deed to a tract of land in Alabama deeded to Dr. Kittrell, dated 1850. Mr. Kittrell will correspond with the authorities of the Texas University relative to placing these documents in the University museum.

OKLAHOMA JURIST ONCE OPPOSED CISCO LAWYER

Judge Lucius Babcock, who, with Judge Sam Hooker, composing the court that rendered the decision overruling Governor Murray's dismissal of Lew Wentz from the Oklahoma highway commission, was opposing counsel in a New York state court in the first case of G. W. Daniels, of Cisco, Mr. Daniels told the Cisco Citizen. Before removing to Cisco Mr. Daniels was admitted to the bar in his native state of New York, where he practiced for some time. He retired from the practice after coming to Cisco and sold his library to Judge Burette W. Patterson, formerly of Cisco, but now living in Eastland, and a candidate for judge of the 88th district court.

PATTERSON EXECUTOR OF J. R. STUBBLEFIELD ESTATE

Judge Burette Patterson, Judge R. L. Rust and Walter H. Wilson have been named as independent executors of the will of the late Judge John R. Stubblefield. Hearing on the application to file the will for probate will be held May 9, it is reported.

PRINTERS ELECT FOREMAN OF TYLER COURIER-TIMES

Special to the Citizen:

Tyler, Texas, April 23.—The Courier-Times-Telegraph is believed to have set a precedence in the matter of operating its mechanical department when the 21 employees in that branch of the organization were notified by the management that they could meet and elect their own foreman. The men promptly elevated A. V. Smith, veteran superintendent of the ad alley, to the position.

It is customary in newspaper offices for the mechanical superintendent to be elected by the front office and of a consequence he is supposed to lean toward the office rather than members of the local. However, T. B. Butler, general manager of the Courier-Times Publication, declared that the organization which he directs "is Democratic," thus his action in permitting the employees to select their own foreman which is a brand new innovation.

A. V. Smith, believed to be the first mechanical foreman ever chosen by the printers of a newspaper office, is an old friend of the Citizen editor. Smith succeeded this editor when the Cameron Herald passed from our management into the organization headed by the late H. B. Terrell. He is a good man, and his old friends will be glad to learn of his promotion.

OLDEST TEXAS PYTHIAN PAST GRAND CHANCELLOR

Under the department of "Dallas and State 50 Years Ago" in the Dallas News of April 21, that paper tells of the election of Max Elser as past grand chancellor of Texas Knights of Pythias by the grand lodge of that order April 21, 1882. The grand lodge met in Galveston that year. Mr. Elser was living in Fort Worth at that time, but is now a well known citizen of Cisco. He says he is the oldest living past grand master of the Texas Pythians. H. J. LaBatt, of Galveston, was elected vice grand chancellor at that session.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schaefer visited the parents of Mrs. Schaefer, Mr. and Mrs. Molette, at Monahans, returning home Monday.

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**RIISING STAR FOLK BELIEVE
DRAFT HORSES COMING BACK**

The Rising Star Record says that Dr. W. S. Carter and Pete Pollock have recently received a fine registered Percheron stallion, purchased from one of the leading stock farms near Fort Worth. The stallion will be kept at the Pollock farm for the season. Dr. Carter, who is taking quite an interest in stock raising, believes that now is a good time to begin raising good horses and thinks they will be worth real money within a few years.

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**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
CHURCH SERVICES**

The lesson-sermon subject is "Everlasting Punishment" in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, Sunday, May 1.

The golden text is from Galatians 6:1. "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness."

Included in the service is the following passage from the Bible (Psalms 1:6): "For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish."

The lesson-sermon also embraces the following citation from Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy (page 36): "Divine Science reveals the necessity of sufficient suffering, either before or after death, to quench the love of sin. To remit the penalty due for sin, would be for Truth to pardon error. Escape from punishment is not in accordance with God's government, since justice is the handmaid of mercy."

W. T. Smith, former well known Cisco man, was here last Friday on business, and was warmly greeted by many old friends. Mr. Smith now lives in Vernon, but made Cisco his home for many years, and part of the time he lived here he conducted a grocery store.

**W. T. U. Planning
New Industries for
West Texas Towns**

By John L. McQuigg
ABILENE, TEXAS, April 28.—To encourage the industrial growth and development of cities and towns served from its widespread electric transmission line network, the West Texas Utilities company has reorganized its industrial development department and promoted Harold D. Austin, former assistant commercial manager, to the managership of the project, according to information received from the company's offices here yesterday. Austin will continue to make his headquarters in Abilene.

Similar work has been done in the past, according to a company official, but the new program contemplates a definite aggressive plan pointed toward the industrial development of the 125 progressive cities and towns served by the company.

The importance of the work planned by the new department was shown by an imposing array of fact assembled from opinions and surveys of noted industrialists and economists. The past decade, it was pointed out, has been marked by an important decentralization of industry. Data on file show that progressive small cities and towns are becoming more and more the favored locations of factories and industrial projects. Economists contend that manufacturers are realizing that the small town is challenging the big city's industrial leadership. Smaller cities, they have found, are more pleasant places in which to work. They are less crowded and less fatiguing. productive work is more efficiently handled in the small town, it has been shown, for less human energy is consumed in getting to and from the job. Also, more economical factory operation is possible, due to the fact that neither land costs or living costs are inflated.

In announcing the objective of his new department, Austin said: "The former concentration of power supply distorted the layout of American industry for many years. It drew manufacturing from the small towns and the countryside into the large, crowded cities. "But the electric power supply of today is widely distributed. It spreads itself over the countryside, providing the small communities with a power supply equivalent in quantity, quality, accessibility and price to that of the largest metropolitan centers.

"And because the small city is not burdened with metropolitan overhead costs, it is proving itself a better location for manufacturing than the crowded metropolis. "To take advantage of this economic shift, we plan to disseminate important information in regard to the industrial supremacy of West Texas cities and towns. We plan to devote considerable time, energy and money in determining the peculiar advantages of the various towns we serve, and in bringing this accurate information to the attention of factories and industries throughout the United States.

"Our facilities will be available to chambers of commerce, civic organizations, industries and all bodies working, as we are, for the growth and development of West Texas."

Records on file at the company's offices show that the West Texas Utilities company has been instrumental in influencing many industries to locate in West Texas. The wealth of raw materials and natural resources in West Texas make it the natural and logical location of numerous interests, and company executives believe that the operation of the new industrial development department, in cooperation with established local organizations, will be productive of beneficial results for the company and for West Texas.

**INTENTIONS TO WED FILED,
MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED**

Robert Jamison and Miss Merle Thomas, Ranger; Glavis Dunn and Miss Mable Reeves, Cisco; Dewey Webb and Miss Donnie Wilson, Eastland; W. B. Jackson, Carbon, and Miss Mary Gustafson, Cisco; John V. Starr, Cisco and Miss Mizpah Boland, Scranton; V. W. Hart and Miss Florence McDonald, Cisco; Jack L. Roberts and Miss Hazle Durkee, Comanche.

**COUNTRY PRODUCE PAYS
CITIZEN SUBSCRIPTION**

The Cisco Citizen is still accepting country produce in payment for subscription. We have been sending out a number of copies to some who have not authorized us to do so. This was done simply to let you become familiar with the kind of paper we are publishing. If you like the paper, we want you to continue to read it, and hope you are so well pleased with it that you will be willing to pay for it, and have the Citizen as a regular visitor in your home.

The mission of the Citizen is to work for all things that are for Cisco and Cisco country. We shall endeavor to oppose all acts of our public officials that may prove obstacles to the advancement of the city and her people, but will applaud those acts that are for the public good. In doing this we wage no war on individuals, and will, at all times, eschew personalities in discussing public questions. We stand for those things that are for the best interest of all, and should an individual get in the way of our journalistic gun-fire, we will regret it, but this will not deter the Citizen in following that course that opposes graft and extravagance, no matter whether due to ignorance or perfidy.

This will be the policy of the Citizen as long as under the present management, and in pursuance of this policy we shall strive to advance all home and county enterprises, and help, aid and assist in finding a market for all country produce.

We believe Cisco merchants can materially help our farmers in getting better prices for what is raised in the Cisco trade territory by encouraging our home people to buy that which is produced by our farmers. Present prices for farm products are ridiculously low, and in doing our bit to help boost the price the Citizen will accept farm products on subscriptions at 25 per cent above the market prices. For instance, eggs are selling today at 7 1-2 cents per dozen, but for paying your subscription they are worth 12 1-2 cents. Butter, chickens, potatoes, vegetables, and other truck crops in season at corresponding prices. Bring in your produce and read a Cisco-owned newspaper that is unbiased, and fearless in expressing its opinions on any question in which the public is interested.

**REEVES-DUNN NUPTIALS
CELEBRATED SUNDAY 17**

A pretty home wedding was that which was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Reeves, of 507 East Seventeenth street, when Miss Mabel Reeves became the bride of Mr. Glavis Dunn. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Dunn, of Mangum, well known in the southern part of the county. Friends extend wishes for their conjugal felicity.

**MORAN COWS PRODUCE FOR
MARKET 15,000 LBS. CREAM**

Moran cows produced, last year, 15,000 pounds of cream for market, according to the Moran News. This cream was purchased by Dillingham & Alexander, of Breckenridge. The buyers reported this cream exceeded the amount purchased by them from Albany, Breckenridge, Ivan, Woodson and Throckmorton combined. This cream was used in the ice cream manufactured by the Dillingham & Alexander company and brought two cents per pound above market quotations.

**CHAPMAN SIGNS WITH
LUBBOCK HIGH SCHOOL**

LUBBOCK, April—Coach Weldon Chapman, of the Lubbock high school Westerners, has signed a contract for another year, after holding out since January in a disagreement over salary.

Chapman refused to sign the contract, which called for a cut in salary consistent with reductions in the salaries of all teachers in the school. An agreement was reached when the athletic council voted to pay Chapman a bonus which more than made up the salary cut. Chapman has been in Lubbock one year.

Max Elser left Tuesday for a week's visit in Dallas and Fort Worth.

**DRINKING FOUNTAIN BEEN
INSTALLED AT CITY HALL**

A much needed improvement was installed in the corridor of the city hall when, acting under instructions from the city commission, Engineer J. G. Reagan caused to be placed a public drinking fountain. This innovation has already become the most popular attraction in Cisco, on the advent of warmer weather, for the thirsty are wont to resort to this fountain in twos, fours and sometimes sixes, to say nothing of those who play a solitaire in appeasing their thirst with the clear ice-cold crystal water as it bubbles over the guard of the mouth-piece. The water is kept ice-cold at all hours, and is not only an appreciated convenience to the public, but will prove an economical investment in the saving of ice over the antiquated common water cooler that formerly served the employees at the city hall and those who visited the building.

The fountain was ordered installed about six weeks ago.

**PRAIRIE PIPE LINE CO.
CONSOLIDATES OFFICES**

Closing the field offices at Ranger and Graham the Prairie Pipe line company announces the consolidation of their offices at Eastland, making that city general headquarters for this district.

J. M. Flynn, who will be chief gauger of this district, will move to Eastland in the near future from his present home in Wichita Falls. The new plan will be put into effect with as little change as possible in the location and personnel of the company employees.

Ivan Daniels, who is connected with the Hotel Wooten at Abilene, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Daniels, this week.

**H. O. WESTERFELDT REPORTED
TO BE GREATLY IMPROVED**

The condition of H. O. Westerfeldt was reported to be greatly improved during the past few days, and it is now anticipated that he will soon be able to be out on the streets again. Mr. Westerfeldt has been seriously ill and confined to his home on West Broadway, in the 500 block for several weeks.

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Electric utilities have made an enviable record during the past two decades. Commodity prices have fluctuated widely, and even yet have not reached the level of 1913 prices. On the other hand, the unit cost of electric service has declined steadily! A comparison between commodity and electric service costs shows that while the 1913 commodity dollar now buys less than a dollar's worth of merchandise, the same dollar, in this West Texas territory, buys over twice the amount of electric service it did in 1913!

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**Star-Chamber Meet
Of City Commission
Alarms Daily News**

"I am just wondering why the sudden and spectacular solicitude for the people's interest on the part of the Cisco Daily News, exhibited in a front page, double column editorial of Wednesday," observed one of the leading members of the Cisco Taxpayers association, the organization that sponsored the winning ticket in the April 5 city election. "The News has a real spasm when the new commission sought to keep its proceedings from the public, an act which members of the Taxpayers association condemns and genuinely regrets. But why the News should, at this late day, complain of executive sessions when, in the past, few acts that involved the people's interest more directly, and that too, of far greater concern than the deliberations affecting a few employees of the city? Did the News tell the people of the huge financial transaction that past administrations put over; transactions of which the public knew nothing and might have been check-mated had the News been as anxious then as now to 'give the public all the facts.' So, naturally, I am curious to know why the sudden change?"

"When a former administration issued warrants and other pledges of the city for huge sums without submitting these issues to the people for ratification, did the News give the public the facts? When these and other transactions were being put over representatives of the News were in attendance at the commission meetings, and yet no word of information did it give the people of what was going on. In view of the past policy of the News in failing to throw on the calcium light on the facts of former administrations, naturally one is curious to know why this sudden anxiety for the people's interest? It is my belief that if the commission should be condemned for its star-chamber session, it comes with ill grace from the Daily News."

The Cisco Citizen condemns the secret session of the city last Tuesday night, and has always condemned the policy of keeping the people in the dark as to what is going on at the city hall. The Citizen always condemned, in no uncertain terms, "pork barrel" policy

of the members of the commission in handing themselves big salaries, and we shall continue to condemn it, as we believe it wrong in principle, though admitting its legality. The Taxpayers organization came into being as a protest against such policies. Those composing the organization stand for an honest, capable, unselfish, patriotic, open-and-above-board administration of the affairs of Cisco, and it is our purpose to continue to uphold those principles advocated by this organization until the objectives of the association are accomplished.

The executive session of the commission Tuesday night is regrettable, and the Citizen has no apology to make for the commission in resorting to this method of deliberating behind closed doors, as we think the people have a right to know of every detail of these deliberations, and too, we think it the poorest kind of politics to hold secret sessions where the public is vitally interested. But, is the News in coming to the defense of the people, at this late day, coming with clean hands? Had our daily contemporary been a consistent advocate of the interest of the people in the past, then they should criticize the commission with better grace. And had the News championed the people's cause in the past, the front page editorial would have been received with open arms, for those who sponsored the majority of the present administration condone all star-chamber practices, and all selfish policies of their elected officers.

New Administration--

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isfactory adjustments with their creditors on all obligations.

The commission made another ruling that was salutary, that all city checks must be countersigned by the finance commissioner.

A motion by Com. Burnett that extra water fixtures in duplex apartments carry no additional charge was defeated when the matter came to a vote. In support of his motion Burnett stated there was very little difference in a residence and duplex apartment, and that as this charge for extra fixtures in residences had been abolished, he believed it should also be abolished in duplex apartments. Unfortunately three of the commissioners thought otherwise, and the motion was lost.

The expense of operating the disposal plant will hereafter be charged to the water department, according to the action of the commission Monday night. The body also cancelled all contracts for collecting delinquent taxes.

The foregoing business, in which the new administration resorted to a general house cleaning, so far as city employees are concerned, and in naming new men rather deep salary slashes were made. One other commissioner was put on full time, but he takes the place of the water superintendent formerly held by Engineer John G. Reagan.

Old Board's Last Meeting
The meeting of the new administration following the last session of the retiring administration, held Monday afternoon, which recessed till Tuesday night to permit the incoming administration to perfect organization.

The last session of the former administration was brief, but several matters that were disposed of provoked divisions that necessitated a roll call. The first of these came after Police Chief W. M. Miller had tendered his resignation in writing, and its acceptance, to take effect May 1, when the commission voted to donate Chief Miller \$25 to defray his expenses to the sheriffs' and chiefs of police convention early in May. Com. Burnett voted for the donation, and Com. Elliott against it. Later Burnett asked when the convention would be held, and when told early in May, he moved a reconsideration on the ground that Mr. Miller would not be connected with the city at that time, and he would not favor the donation on those grounds. The motion to reconsider carried, and Com. Donovan moved that the commission donate \$25 to Chief Miller to be used as he desired. This time the motion prevailed with El Liott voting for it with Donovan and Fee, and Burnett and Clements opposing.

This matter being disposed of a delegation of ladies from the Chas.

Crawford chapter, D. A. R., headed by Mrs. Phillip Pettit, appeared before the commission and thanked the body for the donation of the plot of land at the zoo to be dedicated to the memory of George Washington. Mrs. Pettit spoke most eloquently in thanking the body for courtesies extended.

The commission authorized the water department to charge off \$160.40 for water served to charity subjects in the city, a custom that has heretofore prevailed.

Before recessing the meeting Commissioners Donovan and Fee expressed their regrets in parting with other members of the commission with whom they had labored for Cisco, and in turn Mayor Berry felicitated the two retiring members by saying their departure was genuinely regretted, as he considered them two of the most valuable members of the commission.

W. M. Miller--

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to give him any information with which I may be possessed.

"Again thanking you, gentlemen, I am,

"Sincerely,
"W. M. MILLER."

Formal Announcement

Mr. Miller's formal announcement for the office of sheriff of Eastland county appears this week in the Citizen's announcement column, and he is asking your support on the record he has made while holding office on the Cisco police force, also that record he made during his three terms as sheriff of Johnson county. To this record he points with pride, and courts the most searching investigation by any one sufficiently interested to make inquiries of those who are familiar with his acts while serving the people of that county.

If you appreciate the services of a man as your sheriff who will enforce the laws, and one who strives to prevent crime, he asks your support, believing that the record he has made here in bringing criminals to justice and keeping Cisco free of the burglaries, hijacking, robberies and similar crimes that have prevailed in neighboring towns, is his best recommendation for your support for the office he seeks.

**TO THE VOTERS OF
PRECINCTS 5 AND 6**

I have been solicited by a great number of people from various parts of the county to make the race for county judge, and I take this means of letting you know that I am now in the race and will appreciate your vote and influence, promising if elected to perform the duties faithfully and well. If I get the nomination I will not be compelled to give up my place as city commissioner until nearly one year yet, or Jan. 1, 1933.

I favor the reduction of taxes in our county by reducing valuations and strict economy in all departments of the county government.

I shall endeavor to see all the voters before the election, but if I fail to see all of you, this is to ask for your vote and influence.

Very respectfully,
Political adv. J. R. BURNETT

**STATE MANAGER W. O. W.
TO VISIT LOCAL CAMP**

Members of the local Camp of the Woodmen of the World are looking forward to a very pleasant and profitable session Tuesday night, when State Manager R. E. Miller of Dallas will be present.

Mr. Miller is the successor of the late R. H. McDill, who served in this capacity for many years, and during a recent visit to Cisco impressed members as being a very congenial and interesting man. Preparations are being made for his entertainment Tuesday night, and invitations have been issued to neighboring Camps to be present and partake of the benefits of Mr. Miller's visit.

Officers of the Cisco Camp desire that every member be present, and if there are any questions they would like to ask Mr. Miller concerning their insurance certificate he will gladly explain them. However, the member should bring his certificate to the meeting that Mr. Miller may know the class of insurance he carries.

A. A. Hutton, of Littlefield, is greeting old friends here.

C. H. DANIELS SERIOUSLY

ILL AT HOTEL APARTMENT

The many friends of Mr. C. H. Daniels will regret to learn that he is seriously ill at his apartment in the Daniels hotel. Mr. Daniels was stricken Tuesday morning while at breakfast at a local cafe, and retired to his apartment on reaching the hotel. Physicians diagnosed his malady as appendicitis, but no operation is contemplated, as it is feared he would not survive the surgeon's knife on account of his advanced age, he being 84 years old at this time. However, his friends are hoping for his speedy recovery.

**LAGUNA COFFEE SHOP
MODERNLY REMODELED**

Thoroughly renovated and modernly remodeled has been the interior of the Laguna Coffee Shop, which has recently been treated to artistic decorations, with new paperings and wall adornments. Art paper of attractive pattern covers the side walls, while the ceiling is of a soft gray, very pleasing to the eye. Attractively hand decorated shades adorn the electroliers, which add much to the pleasing effect of the interior, the work of Cisco's artist, Harry Schaefer, which is sufficient for all to know that the painting on the shades was done by a master.

The improvements in the Coffee Shop is but the beginning of the plans of manager H. L. Mobley, who says the entire interior of Cisco's modern hostelry will be touched up.

The menu of the Coffee Shop still consists of the choicest viands that has made this cafe famous under the management of Mrs. Daniels, who still directs its operations, and keeps a watchful eye on the cuisine served, that her guests may be supplied with the choicest foods the market affords. The motto of the Laguna Coffee Shop is to serve only the best, and Mrs. Daniels sees to it that all food is served by experienced chefs in the most palatable manner.

There was a near family reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Farquhar Monday when five of Mrs. Farquhar's sisters made a surprise visit to spend the day. They were Mesdames Jack Copeland, Gus Jones and Laura Copeland, of San Angelo; Mrs. A. W. Balfanz, and Mrs. Cora Kellar, of Abilene.

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- COFFEE, Bliss Vacuum Pack; made by Maxwell House 23c
- LEMONS, per dozen 14c
- EGGS, 2 dozen fresh country 15c
- MOPS, Specially made with wringer attachment, \$1.50 value 79c
- CHOCOLATE COOKIES, 1 lb 19c
- SYRUP, pure Maid cane, half gal. 33c
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