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### COUNTY TEACHERS MEETING AT BRAID

The County Teacher's Institute is to be held at Braid on Friday and Saturday of this week and it is expected that a large number of the county teachers will attend. A splendid program has been arranged and a number of prominent speakers will be present among them Hon. Victor Gilbert of Cisco, Supt. R. D. Green of the city schools of Abilene, Dr. Rupert N. Richardson of Simmons University, and Rev. Salkel, pastor of the First Christian Church of Abilene. A number of the teachers from Cross Plains will attend. Superintendent Nat Williams appearing on the program for a talk on "Mathematics in the High School."

T. S. Holden, local oil operator, left Tuesday for his home town in Virginia, after receiving word that his mother had fallen and injured her hip. Mr. Holden stated that his mother is 86 years of age and had been in excellent health until this accident.

"Touchdown Buffaloes!"

### ROAD BOND ELECTION AROUSES INTEREST

The biggest issue, as relates to a financial undertaking and progress, that has ever been before the people of Callahan county is the Million dollar road bond election to be held on Saturday, Nov. 23. It has aroused intense discussion for and against all over the county, and it is difficult at this time to tell whether the project is gaining or losing favor. No one doubts the great need of this excellent system of a main highway and lateral roads throughout the county as outlined in last week's report of the commissioner's action in ordering the election, and the chief opposition seems to be embraced in a doubt as to whether the county at this time is in a financial condition that would make feasible the undertaking. A campaign favoring the issue is in the making, and it may be when the people have a better knowledge of the provisions and benefits to be derived from the project that it will be more readily accepted.

Charlie Newton of Cross Cut was a business visitor here Tuesday.

## CROSS PLAINS-ABILENE RAILROAD IS ASSURED

### ABILENE'S PLEDGE OF \$400,000 WELL OVER THE TOP, AND CONTRACT WITH MR. KELL SIGNED

(Abilene Morning News) Oct. 29

The Abilene & Eastern Railway Company was formed here yesterday. The lusty infant was born at 4:30 p. m. in the directors' room of the Citizens National Bank, the outcome of a week of intensive campaigning to raise the balance of the \$400,000 fund which Abilene had pledged to Frank Kell as its one-half interest in the Cross Plains project.

The whirlwind finish engineered by thirty business men, who gave up their own affairs for an entire week, added \$78,295 to the fund at the close of solicitation yesterday, bringing the total of subscriptions to \$418,295. The drive was virtually "over" Saturday morning; and with the end in sight C. M. Caldwell sent word to Mr. Kell that his presence was desired here Monday.

So, early Monday, Mr. Kell came to Abilene, with Dan Boone, his personal attorney; R. A. Thompson, his chief engineer; Millard Scoville, secretary; and H. H. Hollister, Breckenridge agent of the Wichita Falls & Southern, a Kell-owned line. A forenoon conference was had between Mr. Kell and the Abilene group, at which the re-

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### LIONS ENTERTAIN FOOTBALL TEAM

The coach and fine bunch of young Buffaloes composing the local High School football team, including their newly elected sponsor, Miss Ila Mac Barr, were pleasantly entertained at the regular banquet of the Lions Club last Tuesday. E. D. Priest, former principal of the Cross Plains High School, delivered an appropriate address of welcome to the young Buffs, which was responded to by the coach, Mr. W. E. (Pancho) Vilha, and other members of the team. The boys composing the Buffalo team for this season are all of tender age and light weight, but the hardfight they are putting up forecasts that they will be an issue hard to contend with in the football world next year.

### CITY CLOSES DEAL FOR MUNICIPAL LAKE

About all the engineering details in connection with the citylake project, which the board of mayor and aldermen have had under consideration for some time, have been completed and it is announced that the matter has been officially closed by the acceptance of a plan offered by the same company for its construction, and in a manner identical with that upon which the present water and sewerage system was secured.

The agreement covering the initial financing and construction of the lake is made with the Municipal Engineering Company of Dallas. This contract, and the agreed operation of the plan covering the care and retirement of the indebtedness incident to the construction of the lake was made known and fully explained before a representative group of local citizens at Tuesday's meeting of the Lions Club by Mr. Donald O'Neal, representative of the engineering company. The lake will be located in the mountains about six miles north of Cross Plains, near the home of Geo. Clifton, provided a satisfactory agreement can be reached between the city and owners of the land at that location. The size of the lake proper as given by the engineering figures, if located at this place, will cover an area of about forty-one acres, and will have a watershed of over seven hundred acres.

Privilege for the construction of the lake will now be submitted to the State Water Engineering Department, but the granting of a permit from that source will be merely a matter of form.

### FORMER C. P. BOY AEROPLANE SALESMAN

Brawley, Calif., Oct. 28—Choice of aerial or terrestrial travel equipment is likely to be offered Brawley residents and the north end of the county in general, by Gerald Robertson, who has just come to Brawley from San Diego as manager of the John R. Robertson branch here. John R. Robertson, brother of the Brawley manager, is Buick county distributor, with headquarters in El Centro.

Equipped For Business The Brawley manager, in the branch on Main street, west of the Southern Pacific railway, is well equipped for the expected addition of Fokker planes to the General Motors line, having just completed an aviation course at the California "Airtech" at Lindbergh field San Diego. He plans to be pilot of the plane or planes which, he expects, will be sent here, probably in the near future, and to be sales agent for the air machines, as well as for the highway motor equipment.

He announces that every used car handled by him incident to the sale of new cars will be thoroughly reconditioned and sold on guarantee.

H. W. Ready and Clifton Fields, well known in the automotive trade here, are included in the personnel of the new establishment; Drew Smith is shop foreman, and is assisted by Roy Jones. Both of these men are well known in the mechanical realm of the motor trade here.

The Robertson boys mentioned in the above news item are sons of Dr. R. Robertson of Cross Plains.

### "The Divorce Suit"

The Womanless Divorce Suit which was filed some few weeks ago, styled Amanda Sarah Ann Gussett vs. Cicero Adenoid Gussett is well under way. This will be the first divorce suit ever tried in Cross Plains, Texas, and a large crowd is expected on this occasion. The case will be tried Tuesday evening, November 5th, at 7:30 o'clock at the High School Auditorium.

The defendant has secured the law firm of Ketchum & Cheatum to defend him in the case. The defendant has reserved the entire upper floor of the Kemper Hotel for his attorneys, witnesses, news reporters, detectives, etc.

The plaintiff has secured Mr. Do Little to obtain the divorce for her. The plaintiff has reserved the two upper floors of the Cross Plains Hotel for her attorneys, witnesses, both paid and volunteer, news reporters and newspaper photographers. There will probably appear in the next issue of the Cross Plains Review photographs of the principles, the attorneys and the judge in the case.

This young couple married last June at the High School Auditorium in the Womanless Wedding and only lived together a short while. There will be plenty of neighborhood gossip produced by different witnesses in this case, such as Widow Zander, Emmy S. Maltz, Moon Mullins, Miss Lean a Little Closer, the manicurist and several others.

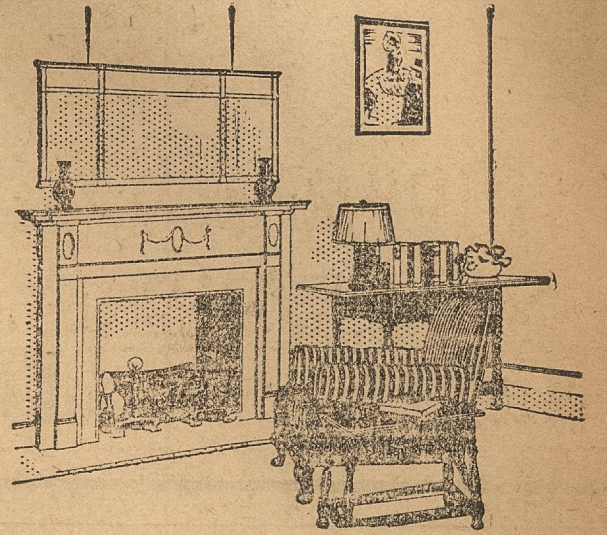
You will certainly miss a treat if you fail to see this performance. Those who are familiar with the characters state it will be the sensation of the season.

In addition to the Womanless Divorce Suit there will be preliminary vaudeville acts and entertainment that will be well worth the price of admittance.

The curtain rises promptly at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday evening, November 5th at High School Auditorium.

Mrs. H. H. Nash returned Sunday from Snyder where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. A. L. Stoker, for past week.

Roger Watson, Jack DeBusk and Mr. Ross Newton attended the Dallas Fair last week end.



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### PEP SQUAD GIRLS TO GIVE PLAY

The pep squad girls of the C. P. High School have announced a play to be given by them at the school auditorium Friday night, Nov. 1. The title of the play is "Honor Wins," and will be a real entertainment. The proceeds will be used to pay for the squad sweaters.

Robert Howard returned to Brownwood Monday after spending several days with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. I. M. Howard, here.

### CISCO GOLFERS TO PLAY MEMBERS HERE

The local golfers of the Phil-pe-co Country Club, including the Rising Star and Pioneer members, were to have played the members of the Cisco Country Club Sunday, but only a couple of matches were played due to the weather. If weather conditions are favorable this coming Sunday afternoon, the Cisco golfers are to try their skill in matched play on the Phil-pe-co course. This will be the first of a number of meets that are being planned for the future and it will be interesting to see just how our golfers are progressing.

## "Live At Home"

The expression "Live at Home" has been used so much of late years by your bankers that it possibly has lost the meaning behind it. The doctrine of diversification includes the "Live at Home" idea. The man who depends on one crop alone to make his living, particularly if that one crop happens to be cotton, is gambling his time and his credit against what is really a small profit if he should happen to hit a good yield and a good market price at the same time. Look back over the years and the men you know, and we believe you will realize that there are very few men who have made more than a bare scanty living on the one money crop idea. Now is the time of year to plan your crops for next year. Don't make the mistake of putting all your eggs in one basket.

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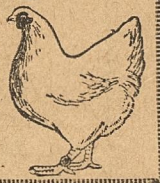
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### How to Raise Poultry

By Dr. L. D. LeGear, V.S., St. Louis, Mo.



Dr. LeGear is a graduate of the Ontario Veterinary College, 1892. Thirty-six years of veterinary practice on diseases of live stock and poultry. Eminent authority on poultry and stock raising. Nationally known poultry breeder. Noted author and lecturer.



#### ARTICLE VII

### The New A-B-C of Poultry Raising

#### The Question of Vitamines and Their Value in Poultry Feeding is of Paramount Importance.

Editor's Note—This is another story in a series of 52 stories on poultry raising written by the well known national poultry authority, Dr. L. D. LeGear, V. S., of St. Louis. The entire series will appear in this paper. Our readers are urged to read them carefully and clip them out for future reference.

"Professor," inquired a student in one of our agricultural colleges, "you say we don't know what vitamins are; then, how do we know there are any?" "Do you know what life is?" retaliated the instructor. When the pupil admitted that he did not, the professor crisply retorted, "Still, you're reasonably sure that you're living, aren't you? In that reply lies the key to a proper understanding of the subject of vitamins by poultry raisers. True, we don't know what they are, but we know what they will accomplish and that is the main thing after all.

Of the four known vitamins, A, B, C and D, proper understanding of the functions of the first and fourth is of paramount importance to poultry raisers. The other two may be ignored as B is present in the outer covering of all grains and chickens do not seem to need vitamin C at all.

If feed is deficient in vitamin A, a disease called nutritional roup may develop. Mature birds affected in this way will die in from four to twelve months and young chicks in from four to eight weeks. Since feeding the proper ration of vitamin A means a very considerable protection against this disease, it may be seen that a proper understanding of the sources of this important vitamin is something worth considering.

Vitamin A is produced in all plants that grow in sunlight and is stored in the part that shows a green or yellow color at maturity. Thus we find it in yellow corn, the outer leaves of cabbage, the leaves of alfalfa and similar plants, in yellow carrots and in sprouted oats, if they are sprouted in the presence of enough sunlight to insure a good green color. Any other kind are valueless. These are not the only sources of vitamin A, but they are the ones principally used in poultry feeding. Strangely enough, drying does not affect the vitamin content of vegetable products, a fact which accounts for the value of alfalfa hay, and meal, when used for winter feeding.

Another valuable source of vitamin A is Cod Liver Oil. When a sufficient quantity of the products mentioned above cannot be obtained, Cod Liver Oil at the rate of about 2 per cent may be added to the mash to provide the necessary vitamin A content and also the equally valuable vitamin D. Vitamin D, just mentioned, is important because without it the mineral elements of the fowl's ration intended to supply bone and egg shell will simply pass through the system unused. In young chicks this appears as "leg weakness" or, more properly, rickets. Older fowls show a similar weakness when they are not getting enough vitamin D. They will also lay eggs with soft or extremely thin shells. Their eggs will also prove deficient in hatching qualities.

A peculiarity of vitamin D is that it can be formed both in the feed or in the bodies of the birds themselves when exposed to direct sunlight. It must be direct sunlight, however, as only the ultra-violet rays produce vitamin D and they cannot pass through ordinary window glass. The part played by ultra-violet rays in developing this necessary vitamin has been definitely established by experiments in the University of Kansas. Hens which were kept away from natural sunlight but exposed 20 minutes daily to artificially produced ultra-violet rays laid a normal number of eggs with satisfactory hatchability.

As previously mentioned, Cod Liver Oil contains vitamin D and if mixed in the same proportion as recommended for supplying vitamin A, it will supply the other one also. The oil is not an altogether dependable source of vitamin D, however. Some grades do not contain enough of it to be of any real value. So, whether you feed oil or not, see that your fowls get as recommended for supplying vitamin A, it will supply the other one also. The oil is not an altogether dependable source of vitamin D, however. Some grades do not contain enough of it to be of any real value. So, whether you feed oil or not, see that your fowls get as much sunshine as possible. Let them out in the open whenever possible. Shelter them in the open front type of house and keep it open as much as the weather will permit. When the house must be closed totally or in part, instead of glass, use the new glass substitutes, which allow the ultra rays to pass through. Then your hens will be healthy and strong. They will lay more plentifully; then eggs will hatch better and the chicks will be free from many weaknesses.

Thus it appears that the subject of vitamins is a fairly simple one, after all. Even if nobody does know anything about their chemical make-up, it is easy to see how they work and how to utilize their valuable properties in the proper nourishing of the poultry flock.

### T. P. H. S. GIVES ADVICE ON HEALTH

To the "teen age" girl the fad for a boyish figure is fraught with very real danger, according to Lewis E. Bracy, Executive Secretary of the Texas Public Health Association, at Austin.

"Perhaps mothers and aunts on the uncertain side of forty need to count calories and carefully eschew large quantities of pastry and potatoes," said Mr. Bracy, although even for them the advice of a physician should be sought before reducing is undertaken.

The ages between 20-24 show the highest tuberculosis death rate of all ages. Physicians are unanimous in blaming lack of rest, scanty clothing and dieting fads for this condition. They say the young girl is not likely to break down from tuberculosis in her twenties if in her "teens" she gets enough sleep — is not overworked under unhealthy conditions, and has a diet of good plain wholesome food, including a warm nourishing breakfast. She need not fear that any loss of beauty will result from a few pounds added, for her clear skin, shining eyes, glossy hair and abundant "pep" will make her popular and successful.

The Texas Public Health Association is engaged in a year round campaign for the promotion of better health among Texas children. On the staff of the Association are a public health nurse and a child health education director whose services are available to schools and communities upon request. Also on the staff are a Mexican and a Negro health worker, especially trained for health work among their races. All of the work done by the Texas Public Health work, but also general health education to forward the prevention and cure of tuberculosis, is financed through the sale of Tuberculosis Christmas Seals. These seals will be sold in every county in Texas from Thanksgiving Day until Christmas.

#### NOTICE

I will be at the following places on the following dates for the purpose of collecting State and County taxes for the year 1929:

- Cross Plains, Nov. 4th and 5th.
- Dressy, Nov. 6th.
- Cottonwood, Nov. 7th.
- Atwell, Nov. 8th.
- Putnam, Nov. 25th. and 26th.
- Clyde, Nov. 21st. and 22nd.
- Admiral, Nov. 13th.
- Rowden, Nov. 14th.
- Denton, Nov. 15th.
- Oplin, Nov. 18th.
- Dudley, Nov. 19th.
- Eula, Nov. 20th.

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- Sonny Boy Syrup Gallon — — — — — 80c  
1/2 gallon — — — — — 41c
- Salmon—tall can — — — — — 15c
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**OLEOMARGARINE—POUND** — — — **19c**

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**MUSTARD GREENS—WHITE SWAN—NO. 2 CAN** **13c**

**SPAGHETTI—NO. 2 CAN** — — — — **10c**

**CATSUP—LARGE BOTTLE** — — — — **19c**

**ORANGES—PER DOZEN** — — — — **12c**

**LETTUCE—HEAD** — — — — **5c**

**APPLES—LARGE—DELICIOUS—EACH** — — — **5c**

**NUTS—FILBERTS BRAZIL WALNUTS—POUND** — — **23c**

**GRAPES—TOKAYS—PER POUND** — — — — **7c**

**TOMATOES—CHOICE—PINKS—POUND** — — — **9c**

**SAUSAGE—PER POUND** — — — — **20c**

**BACON—SMOKED—PER POUND** — — — — **21c**

**BREAD—PER LOAF** — — — — **7c**

**CHIPSO—SMALL—3 PGKS.** — — — — **21c**

**PEANUT BUTTER—QT. JAR** — — — — **35c**

Mrs. A. C. Dodson and Miss Hazell Dorr were among those present at the Cisco-Breckenridge game in Cisco Friday.

Stanley Clark was among those present at the Cross Plains-Gorman game Friday in Gorma.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Watson and daughter, Mildred, Mrs. S. P. Long and daughter, Marie, were in Coleman one night last week.

Jeff Clark, E. P. Watson, A. R. Gatlin, and W. A. Williams attended church business in Hamlin Tuesday.

### In Memory Of J. H. Pierce

On the eve of October 19 the Death Angel hovered around the home of M. M. Pierce and claimed for its victim our dear husband and father. He was sick a long time, his suffering was intense, but he bore it with patience. He knew all until the last week of his death.

He was born in Newton county, Miss., March 4, 1852, and was 77 years, 7 months and 15 days old at the time of his death. He was married to Mary Biggs Dec. 16, 1874. They moved to Arkansas in December, 1884. They then moved to Texas in 1889, and lived at Curtis in Eastland county for seven years. They then moved to Deerplains community, where he lived until his death. He joined the Primitive Baptist church in 1890.

To this union were born seven children, six of whom and his wife survive him. The children are, Ethel Pierce, Elbert Pierce, Rosa Irvin, all of Deerplains; Ben Pierce of Cross Plains, L. A. Pierce of Dallas, Joe Pierce of Plainview, also one brother, Elias Pierce of Sweetwater. He has 26 grand-children and 12 great-grand-children, and other relatives and many friends to mourn his death.

He was laid to rest in the Cross Plains cemetery, Rev. Foster of Abilene, and Rev. Hill of Cross Plains, conducting the services.

A precious one from us has gone; a voice we loved is stilled; a place is vacant in our home, which never can be filled. God in His wisdom has recalled the boon his love had given, and tho the body slumbers here the soul is safe in heaven.

By a Loved One.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Jackson and children were in Cisco Saturday evening.

Dr. Walker of Burkett was in Cross Plains Monday.

Geo. Johnson was in Cross Plains Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Harvey of Fort Worth visited with Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Clark, over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Anderson and Dr. McGowen motored to Cisco Sunday.

### WOMAN INDICTED FOR DEATH FREEMAN CHILD

Mrs. Louise Le Baron, charged with indicted for murder during second special session of the grand jury called by Judge E. J. Miller at Coleman last Thursday. The indictment was made on charges brought against Mrs. LeBaron in an automobile accident Monday night, October 14, in which the baby boy of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Freeman was killed and Mr. and Mrs. Freeman and the other two children were injured in connection with the accident. Mrs. LeBaron was also charged with driving a car while intoxicated.

Mrs. LeBaron had been arrested and placed under \$3,000 bond before the meeting of the grand jury; after the indictment her bond was placed at \$5,000, was made last Monday and returned Wednesday. Her trial will likely be scheduled for the April term of district court here. Walter C. Woodward will be the attorney for the defense. —Coleman Democrat-Voice.

Mrs. Fred Cutbirth entertained the bridge club last Thursday afternoon with a Hallowe'en party. Black table covers, parafin pumpkins filled with colored candles, ghost like tallies and score pads, all tended to carry out the effect.

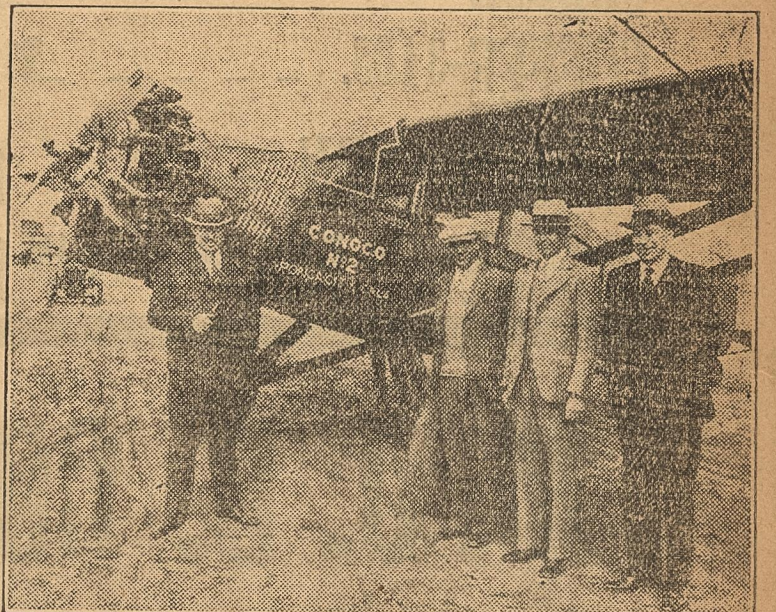
Refreshments with Hallowe'en appearances were served on orange covers, that added to the merriment.

Prizes were awarded Miss Hazelle Dorr, and the Mesdames Oran B. Pope, and Ed Lowe.

Those present were: Meses. Frank Green, Ben Garner, Russell McGowen, Ed Lowe, Bill Lowe, Marion Harvey, George Wilson, Jack Noel, T. S. Holden, A. R. Clark, Oran Pope of Pioneer, E. M. Sylvia of El Paso, A. C. Dodson, of Corpus Christi, Howard Farmer and Otho Lydia of Baird, Miss Dorr and the hostess.

Mrs. E. M. Sylvia, nee Miss Gladys McDermott, of El Paso, is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McDermott.

STRAYED—Light Cream Jersey Cow, Tip end or right horn clipped off. Anyone knowing whereabouts please notify W. J. Elm, Pioneer, Texas, 2-p



The "Conoco No. 2" and its crew on the nation-wide educational tour. Standing in front of the ship, from left to right are: J. E. Moorhead, Ray C. Shrader, B. K. Ludwig and Frank Moore.

Another Evidence of the value of aviation to big business is found in the trans-continental tour of the Continental Oil Company's six-place Travelair cabin monoplane, "Conoco No. 2," leaving Denver on October 25 on a trip that carries it through the Rocky Mountain states, across the middle-west, to the Atlantic seaboard and back to Denver—a total of over 8,000 miles.

The tour is planned for the purpose of acquainting the Continental Company's sales forces with the details of a new oil, prior to public announcement of the product, which will be known as "Conoco Germ-Processed Motor Oil."

Technologists of the Continental Company authorize the statement that the new Conoco "Germ-Processed" Motor Oil will be a revolutionizing factor in automotive and general mechanical lubrication. They state that it is a highly refined oil, made from carefully selected crude by an exclusive patented process. Details of the claims for the new oil are to be explained to sales groups at the various points of call of the "Conoco No. 2." A stop of approximately one day is being made at each city.

The ship is being piloted by Ray C. Shrader, chief of the company's aviation sales division. Passengers are J. E. Moorhead, sales promoter manager,

Frank Moore, special representative, and G. K. Ludwig, marketing engineer.

Stops for the plane are scheduled at Salt Lake City, Butte, Great Falls, Chicago, New York, Richmond, Kansas City, Lincoln, Ponca City, Wichita Falls, Albuquerque and then back to Denver.

Mr. Moorhead, in charge of the tour, and his associates, will utilize charts, printed matter, maps and demonstration apparatus in their appearances before the various local groups, explaining in detail the refining method used in producing the new "Germ-Processed" oil, and outlining its superior qualities.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends for their help and kindness during the sickness and death of our dear husband and father. We also wish to express our sincere gratitude for the beautiful floral offerings. May God bless each and everyone of you is our prayer.

Mrs. J. H. Pierce, and Family.

Clyde Durringer was in Cisco Sunday.

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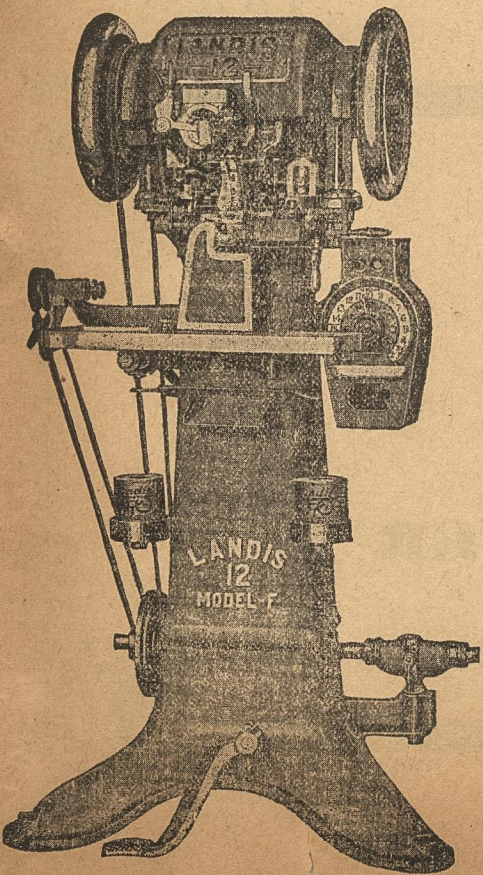
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## BUFFALOES LOSE IN FIERCE STRUGGLE

LOSS CRUSHES BUFFS' HOPES AS CONTENDERS FOR CONFERENCE TITLE

The Cross Plains High School Buffaloes held the Panthers of Gorman to a thirteen point score, at Gorman last Friday, in the fifth conference game, resulting in the Cross Plains team passing out of the running in the 1929 conference football championship. But they passed out over an enemy goal line and behind their own.

Gorman, Stephenville, Comanche and Dublin are now the only ones who have not met defeat in conference games.

The Buffaloes outplayed the game, fighting Panthers practically at all times of the contest, and should have won the game. For the first six minutes the fray was as fast moving and thrilling an exhibition as anyone would care to see, but after that it developed into a colorless affair.

At the start Buffs took the kickoff and rushed straight down the field 60-yards with straight line plays. With E. Webb, Harlow, Mayes and DeBusk carrying alternately, the Panthers' line was ripped for steady gains. The march finally halted on the 15 yard line, when a bad pass from center caused fumble, and a first down was missed by two yards.

On first play Panthers made first down; on second play they made a 20-yard gain. The Buffaloes then collected themselves, stopped the drive on their own 31-yard line. Panthers punts to Mayes on his own 30-yard line, returning it 15-yards.

### PANTHERS SCORE

The two Panthers' touchdowns came in the second and fourth periods. The first touchdown came in the early minutes of the second quarter, when Panthers had ball in mid-field. A pass netted them 10-yards, and another for 20-yards, putting ball on Buffs' 20-yard line; Panthers plunge line for 13-yards for first down, eight yards to go for touchdown.

Panthers try two line plunges and fail again. On next play Morris, fullback, fumble ball but recovered it, and T. Webb tackled him for ten yard loss.

On fourth down a Panther run around Buffs' right end, with perfect interference, for a touchdown. A pass was completed for extra point.

The second half was the part that delighted the old grads, who had played in the days of strength and stamina when trees ruled the world.

The Buffs took the kickoff, starting of the third period. DeBusk received the ball, returning it 20-yards. On the first play a pass was completed from E. Webb to Kelly for first down. On a spin play Harlow ran 15-yards through middle of line. On third play a pass from Webb to Adams was incomplete.

On fourth play E. Webb off tackle for 15-yards on Panthers' 15-yard line; Harlow through line for 7 yards, on Panthers' 8-yard line. Buffs had eight yards to go for a touchdown, four downs to make it in. E. Webb on first play ripped line for five yards; ball on Panthers' 3-yard line, three plays to make the three yards. Harlow fails to gain through tackle. E. Webb was stopped at line of scrimmage; Harlow tries weak tackle play but fails to gain. Buffs loses ball. This brought about a punt for the Panthers.

### FIGURES DON'T ALWAYS TELL

Buffaloes on the other hand launched most of the afternoon's offensive and were fairly successful.

The first period was devoted largely to a display of line work by both teams, in which each side displayed considerable strength.

The Buffs had a clear advantage throughout the first quarter from an offensive standpoint, however, and the Panthers contented themselves for the most part to play a defensive game and protect their own goal line.

Once the Panthers penetrated the Buffaloes' 20-yard strip, but on neither occasion were they able to get as much as half the distance to a score.

The remainder of the first session was taken up largely by kicking exchange in which Cross Plains High School showed a slight advantage.

Forty cars from Cross Plains made the trip with the Buffaloes to Gorman, the visitors nearly outnumbering the home fans. The Gorman fans said it was as fierce battling as has ever been fought on the Gorman gridiron. Cross Plains fans who watch football either in rehearsal or in actual battle about four months out of each year, and talk it the other eight months are

## TWO KILLED IN CRASH NEAR RISING STAR

An automobile-motor bus collision on highway 23 late Tuesday cost the lives of Archie Taylor of Rising Star and a Miss White, daughter of J. B. White, who resides five miles southeast of Rising Star.

Both Taylor and Miss White were instantly killed as the light coupe in which they were riding east on the highway with A. C. Brooks, also of Rising Star, struck a west-bound passenger coach, the accident occurring half a mile west of Rising Star. Brooks, owner and driver of the coupe, lost control of the machine as he was approaching the bus and the automobile swerved and struck the side of the coach, it was reported. Brooks escaped with slight injuries. Twelve passengers of the bus were unhurt, although the coach was damaged and had to be returned to Rising Star for repairs. Passengers were picked up there by a later west-bound bus.

Taylor is survived by his wife and two children.

## Happiest Man In The World

Roosprings Record: A Georgia paper claims to have found the happiest man in the world. The man lives in North Georgia. He has six fiddles, ten children, thirteen dogs, a deaf and dumb wife and a moon-shine still that has never been spotted by enforcement officers. No doubt the Georgian is a happy man, but we believe we know a genuine hobo who is getting more joy out of life than the Georgian. Our hero is a negro, about six feet high. He preaches in the summer time and shoots craps in the winter. He can wear an overcoat in August without discomfort; and a seersucker in January without feeling the cold. Anybody's shoes will fit him and his neighbors all raise chickens. He wields the razor so savagely that every negro in the community is afraid to kick one of his dogs, or smile at one of his wives.

Mr. and Mrs. Poley Williams moved to their farm near Spur, Texas, the first of this week.

J. E. Henkle attended court at Baird last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Edington of Burkett were in town Tuesday.

C. D. Stone has just purchased the R. L. Edington farm four miles South of Cross Cut.

Miss Geraldine Morgan visited in Coleman Monday evening.

Miss Joyce Clemmer of Clyde visited with Mr. and Mrs. Nat Williams the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Nance returned Friday from a visit in the Plains Country.

Paul V. Harrell is attending district court this week.

Lawton South, principal of the Groesvenor school, spent the week end with Russell Dennis.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bryant saw the football between Breckenridge and Cisco Friday.

J. A. Barr drove over to Baird Tuesday to inspect the new courthouse.

S. C. Barr, B. A. Pierce, and Hugh McDermott were in Baird the first of the week attending court.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Dennis of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Reiger of Lulling, and Mrs. Bill Davidson and son, of Cisco, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Adams.

Harvey Dennis preached at the First Baptist church of Pioneer last Sunday.

authorities for the fact that it was that kind of a game.

### CROSS PLAINS LINE-UP FOR LAST FRIDAY

NAMES	POSITIONS
Kelly	R. End
P. Watson	R. Tackle
T. Webb	R. Guard
Sipes	Center
McDermott	L. Guard
Graves	E. Tackle
Adams	L. End
E. Webb (C)	Q. Back
Harlow	F. Back
DeBusk	L. Half
Mayes	R. Half
Substitutes:	R. Booth for Graves (2), R. Watson for McDermott (2), Farr for Mayes (4).

## UNKNOWN ISLANDS IN PACIFIC OCEAN

Area Near Equator Not Adequately Charted.

Washington.—Even though modern mapmakers have charted almost every scrap of land on the earth, whether large or small, there may still be some uncharted islands in the vast stretches of the Pacific. Successors to Defoe, wishing to write of an unknown island upon which their hero is shipwrecked, might still do so without fear of contradiction if they placed it in the Pacific ocean, slightly south of the equator and about 100 miles south of the Caroline islands. This region is to the north of New Guinea; it is out of the way of steamer tracks and has never been adequately charted.

But, on the whole, Robinson Crusoe would have a difficult time today trying to find an unknown desert island to get wrecked upon. In his time, a little more than 200 years ago, the Pacific ocean was dotted with thousands of unknown, uncharted islands, both verdure-clad and barren.

### Recalls Selkirk's Isle.

The profusion of these oceanic oases, especially in the equatorial region, and the fact that they were not placed on any sailing charts, made it an easy matter to pick out a nice, lonely island as remote from the world of men as a corner lot on Mars. Alexander Selkirk, the original Robinson Crusoe, lived on the island of Juan Fernandez, 360 miles west of Valparaiso, for three years without seeing another human being.

The story of the discovery and charting of the Pacific's islands is a fascinating tale, replete with romance and studded with the names of many doughty adventurers. Islands have been discovered, lost, and in some cases rediscovered. The Solomon islands, for instance, were lost for two centuries and then found again. Most interesting, however, are those phantom isles, sighted once or twice by mariners of sailing ships and then never seen again. A great deal of this island hide-and-seek was due to uncertain methods of determining latitude and longitude at sea. The rest was due to the sighting of floating patches of marine life which, at a distance, looked like islands, to submarine earthquake and volcanic action which might push a mass above the surface of the water temporarily, and to the ever-active imaginations of deep-water sailors.

### Thousand Phantoms Reported.

Fifty years ago, more than a thousand tiny phantom isles were reported to freckle the Pacific's 70,000,000 square miles. The United States Hydrographic office, at that time, published a "list of reported dangers in the Pacific ocean." The list, in three volumes, contained over 3,000 reported shoals, reefs, and islands, most of them with the notation, "existence doubtful" or "position doubtful." To day, the majority of these reported dangers, especially the islands, have definitely "disappeared." So have sea serpents and the other chimeras which once did the adrenalin act to adventurous sailors' hearts.

Although possible, it is improbable that other islands may be discovered in the vastness of the Pacific wilderness of waves.

## Heir to Millions Loses Job; Overstays Leave

Milwaukee, Wis.—Even the rich are subject to disciplinary action when they overstay their vacations.

Proof of this is offered by William Woods Plankinton, Jr., twenty-one, who last year took a \$20 a week job in New York, after falling heir to a fortune of millions.

The youthful scion of the packing company finally is here today looking for a job.

"I got fired for taking too long a vacation in Europe recently," Mr. Plankinton explained. "My boss was J. C. Stewart, a building engineer, who incidentally is also my maternal grandfather."

Mr. Plankinton's quest for work is carried on in company with his friend, Frank Lee, of San Francisco. As a diversion the young men take moving pictures of their travels.

Mrs. C. W. Hemphill returned Friday from San Antonio, where she attended a convention of the Eastern Star. She will make a report to the local chapter at its meeting next Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Bryant and Mr. A. M. Jackson were Cisco visitors Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Green and daughter made a trip to Ranger Monday.

The friends of A. C. Dodson Jr., who is a student at N. M. M. I. this year, will be delighted to know that he plans to spend his Christmas holidays in Cross Plains.

Phil Bingham is now employed by the Lone \*\*\* Cafe.

**BEAT Baird**

## GIGANTIC CORPORATIONS USE TYLER COMMERCIAL COLLEGE STENOTYPE GRADUTES

Numbers of large corporations have recently employed Stenotype or "Machine Shorthand" graduates from the Tyler Commercial College. For your information, we list below a few of the large corporations and the student's name and address that was employed:

Continental Supply Company of Shreveport, Louisiana, has recently employed Mr. Fred W. Porter of Zwolle, Louisiana. The Continental Supply Company of Monroe, Louisiana, employed Mr. Frank A. Knouse of Zwolle, Louisiana, a few days later.

The Southern Pine Lumber Company of Texarkana, Arkansas, employed one of our first graduates of this course, Mr. Floyd Dougherty of Atlanta, Texas.

Since October 1, Swift & Company of Texarkana, Arkansas, has employed Mr. L. D. Robertson of Fordechoe, Louisiana.

The Shell Petroleum Corporation of McCombs, Texas, has recently employed Mr. Roy Rigsby of Merryville, Louisiana.

Kirby Lumber Company of Silsbee, Texas, has employed its first Stenotype operator, Mr. C. R. Wolfe of Merryville, Louisiana.

State National Bank of Grand Saline, Texas, has just employed Miss Leora Jones of Houston, Texas, a recent Stenotype graduate.

All of these young people, and numbers of others, have completed Stenotype in T. C. C. within the past few weeks. If you want a good position Choose a business course in which Stenotype is included. Large business concerns and corporations prefer Stenotype graduates.

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My drug store building on South Main street. Apply to Dr. Tyson. 33-1f-1p

U. F. CASEY, Mgr.  
Opposite W. B. Williams Mill.  
Back of J. E. Henkel Store

FOR SALE or RENT—Modern 5 room home. Will sell two hundred dollars down, balance like rent; or will rent reasonably. See Russell McGowan, Farmers National Bank.

### OPEN AT NIGHT

I will be open every night to 9 P. M. until Christmas.  
J. E. Henkel.

Cross Plains Chapter No. 455, Order of Eastern Star, meets first and third Monday nights of each month. Visiting members cordially invited. Mrs. Alma King, Secretary.

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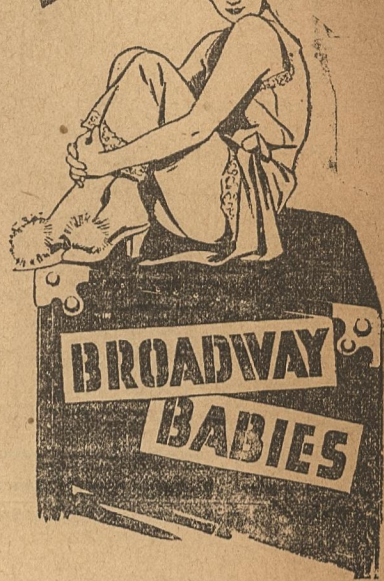
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**Alice WHITE**



A \$5.50 Broadway musical comedy!

200 gorgeous dancing girls!  
Chorus of 200 voices!  
Three new song hits that are the rage of the age!  
Thrilling gang war!  
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Wed., Thurs., Nov. 6, 7

"Can't help loving that man!"  
COME AND SEE WHY



With Walter Houston, Claudette Colbert, Chas. Ruggles

**NEW RAILROAD**  
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sults of the campaign here were reported and contracts discussed; and, at an afternoon meeting, the contracts were presented and signed—and another step forward, for another rail outlet, had been taken by the people of Abilene.

With the agreement, informal heretofore, reduced to the binding stage, the Abilene & Eastern Railway company was quickly formed.

Mr. Kell was elected president; C. M. Caldwell, vice president; C. W. Bacon, secretary; and W. G. Swenson, treasurer. The corporation will have a capital of \$400,000—4,000 shares at \$100 par value—and application for its charter will be forwarded today or tomorrow to the secretary of state at Austin.

Directors of the company are Mr. Kell, Mr. Swenson, Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Bacon, Dr. J. M. Alexander, George I. Paxton, Sr., J. M. Radford, W. J. Fulwiler and W. A. Minter Jr., a strictly home company with the exception of the president. The general offices will be maintained in Abilene. Mr. Kell said the company would construct a brick or stucco depot, similar to that of the Wichita Falls & Southern at Olney and costing from \$10,000

**TEXT OF THE CONTRACTS BETWEEN FRANK KELL AND ABILENE GROUP.**

On the thought that every one of the 400 purchasers of stock subscriptions in the Cross Plains railroad deal—which had its fruition yesterday in the birth of the Abilene & Eastern Railway company—is entitled to know about every step in the negotiations in fullest detail, the News is printing today, in full, the contracts between Frank Kell and the Abilene group in charge of the proposition.

The contracts have been signed by both parties to the agreement, but are still in custody of W. G. Swenson, trustee for the Abilene group. They will be delivered to Mr. Kell, as president of the newly-formed company, when the local committee gets the desired number of signatures to the document guaranteeing that Abilene will live up to its pledge to put \$400,000 into the company. It is thought that matter will be finally closed today, in which case the application for charter will go forward tomorrow.

One other document to which Mr. Kell and the Abilene group have fixed their signatures, and not printed today, is the application for charter, as required by law. This is purely formal and technical.

**PENSION FUND AMPLE FOR NEXT 5 QUARTERS**

The Confederate pension fund, created by a levy of 7 cents on the \$100 taxable values is now sufficient to pay all Confederate veterans and their widows who have attained the age of 75 years, \$75 for the quarters ending Nov. 30 and Feb. 28. Comptroller S. H. Terrell has announced.

Those under 75 years who are entitled to draw a pension will receive \$35 each for those quarters, he said. Owing to the fact that there is a large increase in assessed valuations this year, together with the normal decrease of pensioners, it may be possible that those receiving \$35 will get more later, he stated.

Those who have attained the age of 75 years are now drawing the maximum amount fixed by law.

Widows under 75 years of age did not receive anything the last quarter, the Legislature having placed all over 75 years of age in a preferred class and the Attorney General ruled that those under 75 years of age could participate proportionately in the balance after those in the preferred class had received the maximum amount fixed by law. There was no balance after the preferred class had been paid.

**Comedies of An Institution That Once Flourished**

By JOE SAPPINGTON

Were it in my power to bring back the saloon, I would not do it for the wealth of Croesus, for I know tears and heartaches it has brought some thing of its tragic history—the to the human family. But blended in with tears and heartaches were the comedies, often revealing many sides of human nature: it is of the comedies that I would write.

While one of the most democratic institutions ever established on American soil, where wealth and poverty, failure and success, the cheerful-hearted and the down-hearted, were served without distinction, yet the saloon's popularity waned and it went the way of all things that must perish from the face of the earth.

It is said that whiskey brings out all that's bad in man's nature and I presume it is true as a rule, but there are exceptions to all rules. I once knew a man who was as mean and stingy as they make them when sober, but most generous when drunk. Once while on a spree he gave a check for \$500.00 toward building a new church, of which his wife was a member, when

just a week before, while sober he refused to subscribe five dollars for the same cause. Sober, he was a tightwad and no one liked him; drunk, he was the personification of all that was kindly and generous and every one was his friend.

Whiskey gives most men a false courage—a bravery that is spectacular and vain-glorious.

**The Hen-Pecked Man**

Doc Thompson was a small watery-eyed man with a large nose and sorel whiskers, and was thought to be the worst hen-pecked man in town, but a few drinks would change him into a roaring lion. Doc's wife and her brother and mother drove his own little girl—one almost a baby—away from home. I was in the Golden Rule saloon one night when Doc called for a small glass of beer. Just as he was lifting the glass to his lips Bill Scroggins knocked it out of his hand with the remark, "What you need Doc is a long toddy, I'm paying for it. Say, Doc, you dern polecat, why did you allow them women and that no account boy to drive your children from home? Ain't you got no man left in you, you watery-eyed toad? A few minutes later Doc was treated to another long toddy that loosened his tongue. "Say, fellers," he almost yelled after gulping down the third

drink. "I'm going home to settle some old scores and I'll whip any man who tries to stop me." He lived only two blocks from the Golden Rule, and a crowd of us followed him within a block of his house. "Open the door," he demanded in a deep bass voice, "or I'll kick it down," was the first greeting to his family.

Some of the boys thought the fight lasted half an hour, while others placed it at not more than twenty minutes.

The next day the mother-in-law and her trifling son departed for the home of a daughter living in a distant part of the State. The children were brought back home and lived happily with their stepmother, whom they actually lived.

"Have a long toddy," Bill Scroggins remarked to Doc one night about six weeks after the fight. No, Bill, I need nothing but a small beer. Things are different at my house now. I hope I'm through with whiskey."

**A Joke That Went Over Big**

The saloon was a great place for practical jokes and some of these were highly dramatic and amusing. I shall never forget the night that Abe Cohen fell victim to a well-planned joke over at Daq Bevin's saloon. Abe was a traveling salesman for a St. Louis house and according to his statement was a desperate character and had killed and maimed no telling how many men. The boys steered him to Dad's place just before the closing hour to have another round of drinks. Abe had just started to tell of a deadly encounter he had with a desperado out in Montana, when Tom Dawson, a sodawater jerker, dressed up, slammed his hat on the bar and invited everybody to drink with him and threatened sudden death to all who refused.

"Mr. Dawson, I want you to meet Mr. Cohen, as I know it is always a pleasure for brave men to meet," was the introduction passed by one of the crowd. Cohen, I'll bet you are like me, if they would let you alone you would never kill a man, was the way Tom started the conversation. Mr. Cohen the thing that gets my goat is to hear a fellow moan after I shoot him. Of all the men I've killed, Bill Douglass died the hardest and groaned the loudest. As I was sayin'— But just then one of the boys who had been given the cue, came running up to the bar out of breath and said that the Douglass boys were in town looking for Tom Dawson and intended to kill him on sight. Instantly the crowd broke for the back door and just as they ran into the alley the shooting began. Seven of the boys fell at the first volley and feigned death, but Cohen, who took the shooting seriously, made his escape by running to the hotel and locking himself in his room. He left town next morning at day-break and never returned.

Whiskey also had the effect of making some men militantly patriotic. I have known men whose patriotism could be gauged by their state of drunkenness. Take the case of Buck Morgan, one of the most conservative men when sober, but under the influence of liquor his patriotism came to the front with whoops and yells.

The news had come of the blowing up of the Maine, and right right straight Buck got drunk and declared war against all Mexicans. A crowd of us were discussing the probability of war with Spain, when Buck came dragging in Pedro, an in offensive old Mexican hot tamale peddler. He wanted to kill old Pedro on the grounds that he was an enemy of this country, but we talked him out of it.

Yes, indeed, the saloon was an institution in its day, and left its impress on American civilization, but the curtain has been lowered, never to rise again, no matter how loud and insistent the audience may encore. So mote it be.

**Baptists Call**

**Roscoe Pastor**

The Cross Plains Baptist church, in conference for the purpose last Sunday night, at the suggestion of the pulpit committee, extended the call for a regular pastor to Rev. Graves Darbey of Roscoe. Should the call be accepted it is expected that the new pastor will begin here about the 4th Sunday in November. Rev. Darbey preached here last Sunday morning.

Until the arrival of Bro. Darbey, if he accepts the call, the pulpit committee will endeavor to arrange for a preacher for each service during the intermission.

**5,968 Bales Ginned To October 18, 1929**

Report received from Ben L. Russell, department of commerce agent at Baird, on Wednesday of this week, shows that Callahan county has ginned 5,968 bales of cotton prior to October 18, 1929, as compared with 6,366 bales for the same period last year.

# Higginbotham Bros. & Co.

## The Place To Buy Everything

**DRY GOODS—**

With Fall well advanced and Winter just around the corner every department of our big store reflects the season. In this department we have made every preparation to help you combat the Cold Northerners that will soon sweep over this section. Here you will find wool and cotton blankets, heavy underwear, sweaters, leather coats, heavy sox, shoes, boottees, heavy shirts and jackets, and everything the man will want for comfortable dress for either work or dress wear.

**READY - TO - WEAR—**

Mrs. Rowell invites every woman in the Cross Plains territory to visit her department. She is proud of the selections she has made and feel that the ladies will agree with her after viewing the splendid display in this department. The new season has brought a large collection of beautiful style frocks for street, afternoon and sport wear — coats that represent every phase of fashion and hats that represent a shape, a style and color for each individual taste.

**FURNITURE—**

You will want your home to be comfortable during the cold weather. And this department has been stocked to help you obtain every facility for comfortable living. The Higginbotham Stores bought a train of twelve cars of furniture direct from the factory so we can supply you at prices that mean a big saving. If its a new kitchen cabinet, dining, living or bed room suite you want, a large selection is here for you to choose from. And also such incidentals as chairs, bed springs, cedar chests, carpets, mattresses, tables window shades, etc.

**HARDWARE—**

The family will gather around the stove during the cold winter evenings so of course a stove will be one of the first things you will buy to aid in the family's comfort. We have stocked a stove for every purpose at the price you want to pay. No matter whether it is an oil, gas, wood or coal range; or gas, coal or wood heater, we have it for you. Many other items in this department that will add beauty and comfort to the home. Come in and look them over.

**LUMBER—**

Possibly a few repairs added to the home will enhance its comfort during the cold weather. Or possibly a touch of paint here or there will brighten things up during the dull, dark days. No matter what you want in the building line we can supply it. We take pleasure in estimating the cost of anything you want to build, so come in and see us. Also we have many suggestions to offer in the way of remodeling and painting and they are provided free for your use.

**IMPLEMENTS—**

And last but by no means least, we come to the tools that help provide the cash to purchase all the family comforts — Farm Implements. The two famous lines we carry, John Deere and International, are too well known to need detailed descriptions. But we do want you to know that we keep complete stocks of any implement needed and provide repairs for any implement we sell. We stress this service point and want you to take advantage of it. Remember you can't do good farming without good implements.

And remember our 16th Annual Fall and Winter Merchandising Campaign is in full swing and our prices are unusually low when quality is considered

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## Six Large Departments to Serve You