





# BUY-AT-HOME

## Towns Are Built on Dimes and Dollars

Towns don't spring up over night because of the rubbing of a lamp or the chanting of an incantation anywhere outside of the Arabian Nights. Towns are not laid off by men of enormous wealth and built up for other people to live in. The growth of your town doesn't depend upon the expenditure of millions of dollars in one day, or even thousands—it depends on the regular, everyday expenditure of the nickles, the dimes, quarters and dollars that go to make up the regular family budget.

It takes more than people and houses and stores to make a town. It takes a loyal and courageous citizenship with a desire to build a place in which to live, and with foresight enough to realize that it is by cooperative effort and continual work that towns are

built.

Spend your money in Baird, so that the fellows with whom you spend it can spend it again with you. Spend your money in Baird so that Baird can built up and improved from time to time. Spend your money in Baird so that the money you have already invested here will be invested in a growing thing.

To believe you can make your money in Baird and spend it elsewhere and continue the process indefinitely is like believing in a fairy tale. It isn't the waving of wands or the rubbing of lamps that makes a live town—it is the rich blood of its own money, flowing through the veins of its commerce and trade.

## Keep One Eye Open

### For Opportunities, Says The Wise Old Owl

Sure—but keep the other one on the lookout for chances to develop these opportunities.

As you read this you are face to face with the best opportunity of all—Advertise! If your wares or your services are worth selling, they are worth telling about every week in

# THE BAIRD STAR

which goes into hundreds of homes in the Baird trade territory every week.

Mr. Baird Merchant does it carry a message to the people from you? If you fail to advertise you save nothing but your cash register.

Let The Baird Star carry your message to the Baird trade territory and watch Baird grow.

**Baird Star.**

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**ADVERTISING RATES**  
Display Advertising, per inch—25c  
(Minimum per week 50c)  
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(Minimum per week 25c)  
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week.

**SUBSCRIPTION RATES**  
In Callahan County  
One Year \$ 1.50  
Six Months .50  
Three Months .50  
Outside Callahan County  
One Year \$ 2.00  
Six Months \$ 1.25  
Three Months .75

**Tying The Nation  
Together**

The process of tying every part of the United States to every other part of the United States by means of modern, hard surfaced highways is going on more rapidly than ever before. It is a big program, for this is a big country. But we only have to look back a few years, to the days before the automobile, to realize what tremendous progress has been made.

One would have to go a long way into the back country these days to find a main-traveled road as bad as even the average highway was twenty years ago. Where today is there a main road that is not passable for teams in any weather? There used to be thousands of them in which wagons would be mired hub-deep in the spring and defy all efforts of horses, mules and oxen to move them.

It has cost us something to build our national system of highways, but the result has been worth the cost. Some states have built more roads than others, but every state is doing its share. This year the greatest increase in highway expenditure is being made by Louisiana, with \$71,950,000 road budget for 1931 compared with about half as much last year. All told, states, counties and the Federal government are spending \$259,897,000 on roads this year. That is only \$15,000,000 or so more than last year. New York, naturally, is spending the most, a hundred and fifty-three millions, with Pennsylvania, second. Sixteen states are spending less on roads this year than last, 32 of them more.

One noticeable result is the greatly increased freedom of intercourse between all parts of the nation. The people of one section no longer regard those of others with suspicion, as strangers. It is probably true, that the majority of Americans have travelled farther from their home communities, seen more of the rest of the world outside their local boundaries, than have any appreciable proportion of the people of any other country. That alone will, in time, make us broader-minded, more cultured people than is to be found anywhere else.

**Government To  
Furnish Tombstones  
For Soldiers**

Tombstones for any deceased soldier who served in any branch of any United States war will be furnished free of charge by the government. This holds for the soldier who was in service, after muster out or honorable discharge and in the Civil, Spanish and World wars. The headstones, will be shipped by freight, prepaid, and no fee should be paid for applications.

Headstones for Civil and Spanish war veterans are made of American white marble, and are 30 inches long, 12 wide, four thick. The top is slightly rounded and the inscription is cut within a curb field, with no charge to the individual.

The World War dead are to receive headstones of the same material but some different in size. They are to be 42 inches long, 13 wide, four thick. Should the person desire, a Latin Cross for Christians and a Star of David for Hebrews will be inscribed.

**BIRTHS**

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hart of Baird, at the Baptist Hospital in Abilene, on Monday afternoon, July 20th, a son, who has been named Willie Fred.

**The Chimney  
Corner**  
Being Quiet Chats Around  
The Hearthstone  
(by J. Marvin Nichols)  
Dallas, Texas

**ECCENTRIC PEOPLE**  
George IV was fond of low, practical jokes. On one occasion he came near being thrashed by a companion whom he pushed into the water.

Herschel, the astronomer, had been a player in a Russian regimental band and often in his old age set his neighbors wild when playing the hautboy, that nerve-racking instrument now known as an oboe.

The great painter, Razzi, filled his house with all sorts of animals and taught his raven to cry "Come in" when there was a knock at the door.

Queen Anne, of England, was extremely fond of brandy and her face became so intensely bloated that among the populace she was known as "Brandy-Faced Nan."

Both Pope and Campbell were accustomed to ring for pens, ink and tea at the most unreasonable hours of night that they might record the thoughts that occurred to them.

Cowper loved pets and had at one time five rabbits, three hares, two guinea pigs, a magpie, a jay, a starling, two canary birds, two dogs, a "retired" cat, and a squirrel.

Coleridge found solace for his troubles in the forgetfulness induced by opium, and when under its influence would sit for hours threading the dreamy mazes of his own mind.

Mozart always kept his notebook in his pocket and, while walking or playing billiards, his favorite amusement, would often stop to jot down a melody that occurred to him.

Macaulay took his Sunday dinner alone at a coffee house. After dinner he would build a pyramid of wine glasses which usually toppled over. He would pay for the broken glass and go.

Diocletian, after his abdication, spent his leisure in gardening. "If you could see the cabbages I raise," he said to a deputation, "You would not ask me to resume the crown."

Kant, the German philosopher, was fond of walking, but was so fearful of contracting some infectious disease that he always walked with his lips closed and a handkerchief over his nose.

David, the artist, when not painting amused himself by scraping an old fiddle, which he did abominably. He would insist on playing for every visitor, and often exclaimed, "Oh, if I had only been born a violinist!"

Byron's household, according to Shelley, consisted, besides servants, of ten horses, eight enormous dogs, three monkeys, five cats, an eagle, a cow, and a falcon, and all, except the horses, went to and fro in the house at their pleasure.

Turner, the painter, would on Saturday night put a 5-pound note in his pocket, dress himself in a suit of rough clothes, and disappear till morning. After his death it was discovered that he spent the intervening time in Carousal at a sailor's drinking house.

Beethoven was fond of bathing, and while doing so would splash the water over the floor so that it ran down into the rooms below. While composing he would howl and groan in the most dismal manner, so that the neighbors complained and he was frequently obliged, on this account, to change his lodging place.

**Think On These  
Things**  
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**WHOLESONE MEDITATION**  
(Selected by Bro. Andrews)  
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**WHAT JESUS IS NOW DOING FOR US**  
"I go to PREPARE A PLACE for you." John 14-2.  
"Wherefore he is able also to save to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he EVER LIVETH to make INTERCESSION for them."  
Heb. 7-25  
"For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us." Heb 9-24.  
"My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an ADVOCATE with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." 1st John 2-1.  
No. 61.

**PRESBYTERIAN SERVICES**  
Sunday morning and night, July 26th, Rev. R. A. Walker, Pastor, will conduct the usual preaching services. We invite the Public to attend.  
Sunday School at 10 o'clock.  
The Session.

**The Old Saddle**  
by A. J. Dunlap

The dingy old saddle was ripped  
By larial cactus and thorn.  
It carried deep scars without number,  
On saddle-bow, cantle and horn.  
Its buckles were tarnished and rusty,  
With rivets sunk deep in the leather,  
That shrouded the old saddle had seen  
Rough service in all kinds of weather.

But somehow I loved the old saddle  
With all its bruises and scars;  
I loved the soft creak of its leather,  
At night when we rode with the stars;  
I loved its low laugh as we galloped  
Through sunshine or wind-driven rains,  
Its voice was the voice of my country—  
My country of hill-gaps and plains.

It never was meant to be ridden  
By men without courage to face  
The ups and the downs of a life-time,  
The strain and the stress of the race.  
Whenever my tired spirit falters,  
Whenever I fear I may fail,  
The ghost of the old saddle whispers:  
"Ride on to the end of the trail!"



**Texas and Texans**  
by WILL H. MAYES  
Austin, Texas  
"All Texans for All Texans"

**Immense Road Program**  
Figures compiled by the Federal Government show that the Texas State and local highway and bridge expenditures for the current year will reach a total of \$66,000,000. Of this amount \$46,000,000 is for State road expenditures, an increase of about \$4,500,000 over last year. Texas will receive \$15,649,000 Federal aid for road building this year, compared with \$5,578,000 in 1930. Texas employs 12,600 road workers regularly, many with teams. With \$180,000 being spent every day in Texas for roads and bridges on the "pay-as-you-go plan," Texas is doing pretty well on its road construction program.

**Legislative Blunders**  
It does seem that by taking the precaution of having the bills passed on as to their constitutionality before their passage, either by the attorney general, the hired lawyers of the Senate and House, one of the legislative committees, some of the learned lawyer members of either body, the janitors or somebody else, the Texas legislature could have saved the State the expense of passing and printing some 56 local bills only to have them declared unconstitutional by the attorney general after all the expense had been incurred.

**Bringing Them In**  
Despite the worse than wasteful price of oil, 402 producing wells were brought in in Texas during the month of June. With oil selling at fair prices there would be no hard times talk in this state, even though farm crop products are selling below cost of production. With stabilized markets Texas would be rich beyond all dreams. The greatest need of the times is wise and honest statesmanship in every branch of government.

**Sentimental Generosity**  
Despite the fact that Ex-Confederate soldiers have nearly all "passed on" to where there will be no more wars, the pension fund in Texas continues to increase, until with the maximum tax levy of 7 cents for such pensions the deficit is rapidly approaching \$1,000,000. This condition is due to increased allowances, liberality in determining who are entitled to pensions, and generosity in allowances to widows who have married soldiers since the war. Texas is now paying approximately \$3,500,000 a year to pensioners, apparently a large sum to be paid 66 years after the war ended, considering also the small population of Texas in 1861-65.

**Bus Mail Routes**  
Recognition of the practical utility of bus lines is given by the Federal Government in awarding contracts to bus lines to haul first class mail in competition with the railways. At Del Rio, Uvalde and other Southern-Pacific points between Del Rio and

13 railroad crossings in 80 miles, keeps one stopping, looking, and listening most of the time, and that it is a disgrace to Texas and a reflection on the commission, as well as a constant menace to human life and safety. It is understood that the commission is to have its engineers look over this road again to see if all the allegations are true. Maybe it will be rebuilt some time—well, maybe.

**Texas Granite At Sabine Jetties**  
According to the Llano NeNews, machinery has been unoaded at Marble Falls with which granite is to be quarried for the jetty work at Sabine Pass. A half mile railroad spur has been built to the quarry. Large quantities of the Texas granite will be used on the vast construction work in building the Sabine port, which will be one of the best on the Texas coast.

**"Passing" of the Horse**  
Checks made by the State Highway Department shows that there is a large decrease this year in the amount of highway travel, this being especially true of tourist travel which has decreased fully 50 per cent.  
On the highway from San Marcos to Wimberley, a distance of 20 miles into a typical rural district, not a single horse-drawn vehicle passed during the four days and nights of the count, according to reports in the San Marcos Record.

**Cotton Lessens Farm Values**  
Statistics often reveal unpleasant, but stubborn facts. Census returns show that from 1920 to 1930 the Texas counties devoted most largely to cotton production suffered the largest decreases in land values, in some cases as much as 50 and 60 per cent. These have been considered Texas richest lands. It is equally noticeable that where there has been largest diversification in farm products there have been largest increases in land values. There is a valuable lesson in this for every farmer and land owner.

**Building Picking Up**  
It is noticeable that the newspapers are reporting increased building activities in many sections of Texas. This is especially true as to the small cities. A large part of the building is residential. Decreases in cost of building material, ranging from 20 to 30 per cent in the last two years, and lowered rates of interest have been the principal reasons for stimulating

**Huge Texas Plant**  
The outhern Alkali Corporation's \$10,000,000 plant, to be erected at Corpus Christi when running at full capacity will consume approximately 37,500,000 cubic feet of gas daily, 2,500 tons of salt, 2,500 tons of limestone and great quantities of sulphur, all of which are found in South Texas, according to a statement made by J. C. Kennedy, president of the Central and Southwest Utilities Company. Later, it is expected that millions of tons of Texas silica sand will be included in the raw materials consumed. Those who are on the watch tower predict more industrial development in Texas in the next ten years than in the past fifty years combined.

**Austin-San Antonio Road**  
The Texas Highway Commission has been told that the Austin-San Antonio road is the worst in the State considering distance and travel on it—that is makes one seasick to ride over it, that the feeling is like riding a carnival roller coaster, that the curves are like a merry-go-round, that in places the tarviated portion is hardly wide enough for one car, that the

building of homes at this time.  
**Graneries on Farms**  
One beneficial result of the low price of grains has been the building of the many farm graneries throughout the State. With oats selling at 20 cents a bushel and wheat at 55 to 60 cents, farmers figure that moderate priced graneries will pay for their cost through increase in grain prices within the first year.

**Denver Road Building**  
The Wellington Leader reports that the work of raising funds for the Ft. Worth & Denver right of way through Gray county has been completed, right of way through Wheeler county has about all been secured, the funds for Childress county have been obtained, and beginning of construction work now depends largely on when Collingsworth county raises its quota.

**Buying Mill Sites**  
Two large Eastern textile mill concerns have recently secured options on 192 acres of land between Beaumont and Port Arthur, presumably acquired for the purpose of erecting cotton mills and building factory towns about them.

**Building Increases**  
Building at Del Rio for the first six months of this year has exceeded that of the entire year of 1930, and yet there are Del Rio people no doubt still standing around talking about "hard times," just as in other Texas towns.

Texas has 1,170 hotels with 79,410 rooms—about one-twenty-fifth of the total number of hotels and about one-fourteenth of the total number of hotel rooms in the United States.

Texas has 67,259 retail stores (U. S. Census for 1929) with annual sales of \$2,074,164,554 or approximately one twenty-fifth of the country's total. Average retail sales were \$336.10 per 1,000 population in Texas against an average for the United States of \$407.53.

**POSTED**  
All lands owned or operated by me are posted and no fishing, hunting, camping or trespassing in any way will be allowed, and any one found trespassing will be prosecuted.  
All previous permits are hereby revoked. C. B. Snyder 24 4t

Safe Strong Conservative  
The Old Reliable  
**FIRST NATIONAL BANK**  
The Bank for Everybody  
We invite your account  
**FIRST STATE BANK**  
The bank of friendly service

**TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS**  
We will take wheat, Oats and any kind of bailed or bundled hay at market prices on Subscriptions, either new subscriptions, renewals and back due subscriptions.  
We have quite a number of subscriptions now due and past due and we will be very glad to take chicken and cow feed on subscriptions.  
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BAIRD, TEXAS







