

The Baird Star

Our Motto, "Tis Neither Birth, Nor Wealth, Nor State, But the Git-up-and-Git That Makes Men Great."

CALLAHAN COUNTY, In Central West Texas, organized 1877; area 882 square miles, pop. 11,600. Rolling prairies and wooded areas of mesquite, post oak, live oak. Soil sandy to chocolate loam. Elevation 1800 feet. Annual rainfall about 24 inches.

BAIRD, pop. 2,000. On "The Broadway of America." Has beautiful homes, modern schools, fine churches, and healthful climate — "where there ain't no poor, and there ain't no sick; where the fat get fatter, and the thin get thick."

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MARVIN HUNTER, Jr., Editor

Dyer Land Price Over \$100 Acre

Land needed for Baird's lake site was priced at more than \$100 per acre by a condemnation board here Thursday evening. The appraisers were in session two days before the values were announced, following a public hearing on January 11. The total figure was \$15,207.00 with \$5,005.00 marked as damages to land taken in fee, \$600.00 for easements, and \$9,602.00 for consequential damages. The actual amount of land to the normal water line is 142.72 acres. There are some 35 acres in the land that would be subject to high water coverage.

Directors of Callahan County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 had offered A. E. Dyer, who is trustee for the Dyer Trust Estate and whose lands are involved, a price of \$60 per acre which included damages, the price that had been accepted by Dr. R. L. Griggs for the portion of lake land belonging to him. Mr. Dyer had set a price amounting to \$26,900.00.

The board's finding will become final unless objections are filed with the county clerk within 10 days after the date of hearing, which will terminate Saturday at midnight, January 21st. By depositing the amount of the ward in escrow, the Callahan County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 may have writ of possession and advertise for bids on construction of the dam.

POLL TAX RECEIPTS COMING IN SLOW

Only 1253 poll taxes had been paid up until this morning, according to M. H. (Bob) Joy, tax collector.

With slightly more than two weeks left to pay poll taxes, voters of Callahan county are going to have to hurry to have

a normal vote this election year. Last election year, 1948, 2994 poll taxes were paid.

TB ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD

Regular meeting of Callahan County Tuberculosis Association was held at the Library Wednesday afternoon.

The treasurer's report was given and Mrs. Brightwell reported on the county X-Ray survey. Further plans of the association were discussed. Mrs. H. W. Martin reported on results of the Christmas Seal Sale.

Next meeting of the association will be the third Wednesday in March.

CALLAHAN COUNTY OUTPOST SET

Trumpler Petroleum Co. is to drill the No. 2 Herman Betcher as a north outpost to production five miles northwest of Putnam in Callahan County.

Location for the 2,400-foot cable tool exploration is 1,120 feet from the east and 1,475 feet from the south lines of Section 66, BOH Survey.

BASKETBALL TO BENEFIT POLIO FUND DRIVE

Proceeds of the season's top-notch basketball games will go to help raise Baird's quota in the Polio fund campaign when the boys and girls teams of Clyde and Baird meet at the Baird gymnasium at 7 p. m. Friday.

Bruce Bell, local campaign chairman, appeals to the public in general to attend these games and help raise the amount of our quota of \$700. Admission will be 15c and 25c, but any donation toward the polio drive will be appreciated. You can donate in this way and witness some of the best basketball games of the year. Baird and Clyde both have fine teams this season and the games promise to be real thrillers.

Guests of Mrs. Cora Work on Tuesday were Mrs. Jimmie Oilphart of Fort Worth, and daughters, Mrs. Robert J. Kennedy of Oklahoma City and Mrs. Donald Belknap of Fort Worth. While here they visited The Star office in company with Miss Penice Work and Mrs. R. L. Griggs.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gilliland and daughter, Marilyn Sue, Mrs. Royce Gilliland and daughter, Martha, attended the funeral of Mrs. Mollie Tucker at Scotland January 2. Mrs. Tucker was a sister of the late Mrs. J. Y. Gilliland.

Brazos Board Hears Baird Delegation

Finally, and at last, Baird received a hearing before the Brazos River Authority when a delegation went to their meeting in Mineral Wells Monday. Such a hearing had been sought by the Baird city council for some three or four years, and after the Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 was created, those directors made an effort to go before the water authority to show Baird's very real need for their assistance. Judge F. E. Mitchell presented Baird's water problem and asked for the water authority to pay for engineering and legal expenses pertaining to the lake project here. The board reflected surprise that Baird had a water problem. After considerable discussion, copies of letters were presented as evidence that Baird had made many attempts to obtain a hearing. Milton Daniel, of Breckenridge, admitted that it was probably his fault that there was a delay and that Baird's problem had never been brought to the attention of the board. The matter was referred to the small dams committee of which Mr. Daniel is chairman, and all data regarding to steps that have been taken toward solution of Baird's water problem will be submitted to this committee.

The group of Baird men were guests of C. M. Caldwell, of Abilene, at luncheon in the Baker Hotel. They were Judge F. E. Mitchell, C. L. Hord, L. R. Hughes, D. J. Anderson, J. Marvin Hunter, W. T. Payne, Lee Loper, Roy Gilbreath and Lonnie Ray.

FOOD BANK MOVING TO BLACK'S STORE

In a deal completed last month, Black's Food Store purchased the Baird Food Bank from Mort B. Aldridge of Carlsbad, N. M., and N. A. Waldrop of Baird. Preparations are now being made to move the food

bank plant to its new location at Black's Food Store where services pertaining to all phases of the frozen foods business will be made available to the people of this area.

In an announcement advertisement in this issue of The Star, Black's are notifying their customers that "Until further notice there will be no processing of pork." This is necessary due to the time element required in curing pork. The processing room will be the first part of the plant moved, to make a way to render continuous service in the freezing department and locker room. Other services will go on as usual and only the processing of pork will be affected in the move.

In its new location, Blacks feel that they will be able to render greater service to their customers at the lowest possible cost. Some 250 all steel lockers will be installed in the plant, and other pieces of equipment will be changed to make for greater efficiency. Moving the plant will require three or four week's time.

CAPT. BOYCE E. ALVORD IS KEY B-29 MAN

Recent articles appearing in Spokane, Washington, newspapers credits Capt. Boyce E. Alvord with perfecting the dock maintenance system at Spokane air force base. This is the only base in the strategic air command which has two groups of B-29s, totaling 60 bombers. Vast as the system is, its effectiveness is found in relative simplicity, whole-hearted cooperation of 1200 officers and airmen and minute-by-minute information as to the exact condition of each bomber as shown on five huge "status" boards. Heart of the system is in "central control," a glassed-in office on a balcony overlooking the sea of activity on the tremendous floor below.

Captain Alvord does not take full credit, but modestly says it is the result of "many minds, a lot of study and a vast amount of detailed work on the part of airmen." Major E. L. Lyon, wing maintenance officer in charge of the big operation, states that efficiency has increased 50 per cent under the new system, and the men like it and we have heard nothing but praise from the crew members.

Capt. Alvord is the son of Mrs. Ada Carmichael and brother of Mrs. N. M. George of Baird.

Mrs. A. Hopkins and Mrs. B. G. Poindexter and daughter, Clarice, of Opllin, were business visitors here Saturday.

McMurry Coach Banquet Speaker

Callahan County Club was host to the Baird Bears at the annual football banquet which took place in the basement of the First Methodist Church on Monday evening, with ladies of the Methodist Church serving the banquet meal.

Wilford Moore, coach of the famous McMurry Indians, was guest speaker for the occasion. Coach Moore has led the Indians through the past four years. He has been acclaimed coach of the year by the Texas Conference for the past three years. His address to the Baird Bears was interesting and entertaining. Mr. Moore was accompanied by Baird Dr. Andrew W. Hunt, education and psychology teacher at McMurry.

Rupert Jackson, president of the club, served as master of ceremonies, and by his good natured wit and humor, kept the spirits high through the entire affair. Rev. David Binkley, Methodist pastor, offered the invocation. Marvin Hunter introduced the speaker. After introduction of various guests, and after Coach Moore's splendid speech, Coach Seat Russell presented jackets to the following members of the Baird Bears:

Tom Ivey, Cecil Stroop, Jimmy Ashlock, Dwight Mayes, Billie Joe Brashear, James Schaffrin, J. E. Bullock, Charles Jacobs, Eddie Ray Pierson, Curtis Chatham, Rollie Ted Gunn, Donnie West, Jimmie Roy Higgins, Jonnie West, Bobby Vaught, Randall Ivy, Doland Cummings, Ray Williams, Charles Lawrence, Cleo Ivy, Robert Halle, Norris Baugh, George Sutphen, Alec Shockley and Douglas Avery.

A handsome Hamilton wrist watch was presented to Coach Russell by Dwight Mayes, in behalf of the team.

After the banquet, films were shown by Coach Moore of McMurry games, and by Tom Barton, Humble agent, showing Humble films of Southwest Conference games.

SPECIAL SESSION IMPORTANT TO ALL COUNTIES

AUSTIN — Figures that bring home the significance of the special legislative session to each county were released today by the State Board for Hospitals and Special Schools.

Commenting on them, Claud Gilmer of Rocksprings, chairman of the board, said, "The problem is not an abstract one." He added: "It concerns every citizen. No one can say when tragedy can strike or what Texas will be the next to enter one of our institutions. I call your attention to the accompanying figures, and I suggest that you may want to familiarize yourself further with the situation by discussing it with your senator or representative."

According to the board's current records, there are 32 patients from Callahan County in the state hospitals and special schools, distributed as follows:

Mental hospitals 21
Epileptic hospitals 3
Mentally deficient hospitals 5
Tuberculosis hospitals 1
Deaf and blind schools 2

The cost of caring for these patients for the current year is \$24,832.00. Appropriations for the institutions will be the business of the state legislature, to be called in special session by Governor Allan Shivers. The last legislature's appropriation for the operation of the hospitals and schools during the next fiscal year was vetoed by the late Governor Beauford H. Jester when it became apparent that revenues to provide for it were not available.

At the time, Governor Jester indicated that a special legislative session would be required to provide the necessary money for operation of the institutions during the second year of the current biennium.

Also to be considered by the legislature is an appropriation to expand the hospitals and schools, which are now, according to several surveys, overcrowded and inadequately staffed.

NOTICE

A Fellowship supper will be held in the basement of the Methodist Church, Monday, Jan. 23rd, at 7 p. m. Meat will be furnished. All members are asked to bring a covered dish.

County Pioneer Buried January 12

A 100-year-old Callahan county pioneer was buried in the Denton Community cemetery, south of Clyde, Thursday afternoon, Jan. 12, at 2 o'clock.

She was Mrs. E. R. Merrill, who died Tuesday, Jan. 10, in Gotebo, Okla., where she had been living recently with a daughter, Mrs. John M. Pruitt. She suffered a fall two weeks ago.

Mrs. Merrill celebrated her 100th birthday Nov. 30, 1949. She and her late husband settled in Callahan County about 50 years ago. Mrs. Merrill remained in the county after the death of her husband until 10 years ago when she went to Alabama to live with a son. She went to Gotebo last year.

Survivors are three daughters, Mrs. J. Haynes Hughes of Waco, Mrs. John M. Pruitt of Gotebo, Okla., and Mrs. Preston Ford of Freer; five sons, living in California and Alabama; three granddaughters, Mrs. Claude E. Dudley, Mrs. J. L. Pace and Lou Hughes, former residents of Abilene.

MRS. JACK ASHLOCK IS CLUB HOSTESS

Mrs. Jack Ashlock was hostess Wednesday evening for the annual business meeting of the Corinne Blackburn Wednesday Club. Report of officers and committee chairmen were given.

Miss Burma Warren was re-elected president for the year 1950-51. Other officers elected were: first vice president, Mrs. Bessie Mae Borch; second vice president, Mrs. Glen Rockey; recording secretary, Miss Helen Settles; corresponding secretary, Miss Edith B. Jones; treasurer, Mrs. J. L. Reid; critic, Mrs. Lee Loper; reporter, Mrs. J. L. Ault; counselor, Mrs. N. L. Dickey; legislative chairman, Mrs. Margie Ray.

Refreshments were served to the following members: Mrs. Ault, Mrs. Borch, Miss Bowles,

Loper, Mrs. Ray, Mrs. Reid, Mrs. Sums, Mrs. V. Thompson, Mrs. Conlee Pruitt, Miss Kat, Mrs. Lou Walker, Miss Warren, Mrs. Terrell Williams, honorary member, Mrs. L. L. Blackburn, N. A. Waldrop and Mrs. Ashlock.

MRS. EVERETT JONES IS CLUB HOSTESS

The Wednesday Club met on January 11th in the attractive ranch home of Mrs. Everett Jones, which is located near Moran.

The subject of the program was "Our Resources." Mrs. M. L. Stubblefield discussed "Soil Health." Mr. D. C. Cox of the Callahan County Soil Conservation office, guest speaker for the afternoon, gave a most interesting and informative explanation of Soil Conservation as practiced by ranchman, farmer, and gardener. Special stress was given to the effects and importance of conservation.

In the business session, plans were discussed for the forty-fifth anniversary meeting of the club, at which former members will be guests, on Feb. 22nd.

Following the social hour, the club adjourned to meet next on Jan. 25th in the home of Mrs. R. L. Alexander.

Children visiting in the home of their mother, Mrs. D. F. Harp, since the Christmas holidays are Mr. and Mrs. Garvin Jones and daughter, Jerry Lynn, of Gregton; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Ramsey and children of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Charnell Harp and children, of Pawnee, Okla. They returned to their homes Monday.

T. N. Minix, of Sweetwater, a former resident of Callahan county, wrote the following message when he renewed The Baird Star recently: "Please advance my subscription to your good paper. I enjoy every issue. I know most of your neighborhood correspondents, as I have lived at Midway and Denton, and know Eula, Opllin and Dudley well."

W. H. Dawkins, of Abilene, wrote the following this week: "Please renew my subscription to The Star, which has been coming to the Dawkins name for many years. This week's issue is a general reminder of so much information in writing up the history of pioneers — the Nordykes."

G. H. Tankersley made a trip to Seagraves last Saturday to be with his brother, Pete Tankersley, who is ill.

Will D. Boydston 75 Years Young

The public responded to an invitation to help celebrate Will D. Boydston's 75th birthday when a throng of his friends gathered at the store Monday at 3 p. m. A giant birthday cake sent by Mr. and Mrs. Herman Harper of McAllister, Oklahoma, Mr. Boydston's daughter and son-in-law, was cut and served to the guests.

The store was decorated by several large baskets of flowers sent by Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Davis, the Stokes family of Corpus Christi, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ferguson of Brownsville, and Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Ferguson of Brownsville. The flowers were arranged at the First Baptist Church during the church services on Sunday, and on Monday night they decorated the tables at the football banquet at the Methodist Church basement. From there they were taken to the hospital and helped cheer the folks who were ill.

The 75th birthday celebration also marked Mr. Boydston's 58th anniversary in business in Baird. When the folks gathered at the store, Rev. A. A. Davis, Baptist pastor, gave the invocation and spoke a few words in behalf of Mr. Boydston's many friends who were wishing him happiness that day. Cutting of the huge cake was carried out in the tradition of several past years. Everyone present wished Mr. Boydston many more happy birthdays. Many friends who could not be present also extended best wishes in other ways.

FORMER RESIDENT DIES IN HONOLULU

Larkin Hearne, Jr., who was born and reared at Belle Plain, died in the Tritley General Hospital in Honolulu January 4th. He was 62 years of age.

He was conducted Wednesday, January 11, at Pasadena, California.

Mr. Hearne's death was attributed to a heart attack. He had been in the Hawaiian Islands since 1943 doing Civil Service work.

He was born September 27, 1890, at Belle Plain, where he attended school. He was the son of the late Larkin L. Hearne of Belle Plain. He resided in Abilene from 1918 to 1922. He served in World War I.

Survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Leo March of Martinez, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. Frank Squires of Dalhart and Mrs. A. G. Barry of Abilene; two brothers, John W. Hearne and Elmer R. Hearne, both of Pasadena, Calif.

WEST TEXAS CHAPTER OF TMA MEETS

ABILENE — Tom Kassner, Supt. of U. S. Gypsum Co. and Chapter Chairman of the West Central Texas Chapter of the Texas Manufacturers Association, announced today that the annual meeting of the chapter will be held here the evening of January 18 at the Wooten Hotel. Kassner stated that the newly elected vice-president of the National Association of Manufacturers, D. I. Johnston, will be principal speaker at the meeting. Johnston is a nationally known attorney from Oklahoma City who has been quite active in the affairs of the NAM as well as local and state manufacturers association.

This meeting will be presided over by T. H. Kassner, chapter chairman, and is held for association members in fourteen counties in this area and their invited guests. Other officers in this area are as follows: Ray Grisham, Western Cottonoil Mill, Executive Committee of the State Board; Bill Braymer, District Manager of Lone Star Gas Company, Chapter Secretary; also State Director; French M. Robertson, independent oil operator, is a national Vice-President for West Texas. Vice chairmen include G. R. Whitney of Chemical Process Co. at Breckenridge; Ted Russell of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank at Hamlin; J. C. Bradley of the Col-Tex Refining Co. at Colorado City; W. F. Creager of Commercial State Bank at Ranger; Anton White of Boss Manufacturing Co. at Cisco; Andrew Howsley of Albany; Roy Arledge of the Arledge Ice Co. at Stamford; C. W. Martin of Martin Brick Co. at Coleman; Victor Cornelius of Eastland; R. A. Schooling of Schooling Motors at Snyder; J. E. Irvin of National Gypsum Co. at Rotan; and Durwood Owen of Southwest Motor Co. at Anson.

Cross Plains Grocery Robbed Saturday

Thieves entered the Cox Grocery and Market at Cross Plains Saturday night while the township was turned out to the basketball tournament, and stole \$75 from a safe. About \$1100 was held near the safe that the thieves failed to find. The robbery seemed to be a carefully planned plot of professionals. Two strange men had been seen before the store closed and through suspicion a Cross Plains man took down the number of their car. Sheriff Joe Pierce learned that the car, stolen in Pampa, had been abandoned after the robbery.

CROSS PLAINS CAR FOUND IN CISCO

Sheriff Joe Pierce reported that the Ford belonging to Jake Dallas, of Cross Plains, that was stolen Saturday night, was found deserted on the streets of Cisco. The car had been stolen while the basketball tournament was underway at Cross Plains.

RALSTON FUNERAL IN CLYDE SATURDAY

Funeral for William Calvin Ralston, 67, retired farmer, were held at 2:30 p. m. Saturday at the Clyde Baptist Church. Rev. W. C. Dever, pastor, officiated, assisted by Rev. C. Jones of Haskell. Burial was in the Clyde Cemetery.

Mr. Ralston died at his home in Clyde Thursday night, Jan. 12th. He had lived in Clyde since December, 1943. He farmed at Haskell 10 years before moving to Clyde.

Survivors include the widow, two sons, J. E. of Altus, Okla., and Bill of Clyde; eight daughters, Mrs. T. G. Manuel of Childress, Mrs. R. S. Summers of Avoca, Mrs. Louis Wilson and Mrs. Randolph Wilson, both of Haskell, Mrs. Walter Corley of Clyde, Mrs. Sam Pruitt of El Paso, Violet and Ruby Ralston of Clyde; three brothers, Elmer B. Ralston of Fort Worth, C. B. Ralston of Childress, R. L. Ralston of Terrell; one sister, Mrs. Will Bumgardner of Greenville; 16 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Pallbearers were S. P. Tate, G. S. Halburton, E. M. Parks, C. L. Walker, A. C. Forester and V. R. McClure.

18 YEAR OLD REGISTRANTS FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER

Merlin C. Hutchins, Cross Plains; Vernon E. Dillard, Cross Plains; Lowell H. Johnson, Rt. 1 Ovalo; Sam Ozell Ashabranner, 2525 Cedar St., Abilene; Donald E. Bagley, 1857 N. 10th St., Abilene; Billy Roy Ballard, Route 1, Tuscola; Jerry Ben Barber, 2102 Merchant St., Abilene; Jackie Lee Bowman, 1226 Walnut St., Abilene; Earl Lee Carmack, 802 Victoria St., Abilene; Everett Foy Clement, 1309 Jeanette St., Abilene.

Clyde Clark Coggin, Jr., Star Route, Cross Plains; Marvin Gaston Cook, 1930 S. 3rd St., Abilene; Earl Cooper, Jr., Gen. Del, Abilene; Harold Wayne Evans, 1226 Oak St., Abilene; Robert Lee Ferguson, Route 1, Clyde; Jimmy Lewis Floyd, Box 155, Merkel; Billy Ray Foster, Rt. 2, Wingate; Joe Neldon Gilman, Rt. 2, Baird; Raymond Davis Gist, Rt. 1, Clyde; John Frederick Hawkins, 758 Ross, Abilene.

Hollis Ray Henry, 2202 Rice St., Abilene; Billy Ted Horton, Rt. 1, Lawn; Virgil David Horton, Box 464, Merkel; Lewell Herbert Johnson, Rt. 1, Ovalo; Arthur B. Jones, Jr., 2426 S. 2nd Street, Abilene; Wilbur Gene Kelsey, 1142 N. 4th St., Abilene; James Martin Large, 1110 Portland, Abilene; Lew Allen Lowe, 317 Jeanette St., Abilene; Carl Glenn Mauldin, Gen. Del. Rowden; Joe Don Mitchell, Nugent Route, Abilene; Vol Moore Montgomery, 418 Riverside Blvd., Abilene.

Cecil Eugene McFarland, Rt. 5, Abilene; David Ray McReynolds, Grande Lodge, Abilene; Fitzhugh Lee Pinkston, 774 River Crest, Abilene; Charles Williams Preston, 218 Highland, Abilene; Lyndell Earl Quattlerbaum, Rt. 1, Trent; Walter Louis Roach, Tye; Royce Chris Shults, 1018 Popular St., Abilene; Delmon Ray Smith, Rt. 1, Lawn; Robert Lindsey Stovall, 1809 S. 3rd St., Abilene; Robert Caldwell Williamson, 726 Beech St., Abilene; Bailey Anson Windham, Opllin.

The above are required to register within five days after they become 18 years of age. The Local Board is now located in the Abilene Post Office Building; Room 301.

Mrs. Macdonald Buried in Va.

Mrs. Robert Macdonald, 83, died at 1:15 p. m. Sunday at her home here. She had been ill since August, 1949.

Mrs. Macdonald was born Augusta Lea on Oct. 1, 1866, in Tennessee, and was married in Baird in 1890.

Mr. and Mrs. Macdonald lived here until 1912 when they moved to Virginia. He died Jan. 5, 1942, and Mrs. Macdonald moved back to Baird in 1946.

The body was shipped to Leesburg, Va., for funeral services and burial. Wylie Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. The family requested no flowers be sent.

She was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Survivors are five sons: R. Macdonald, Jr. of Lewiston, N. Y.; A. S. of Alloy, W. Va.; W. G. C. of Voca, Tex.; Donald G. of Signal Mountain, Tenn.; and Lea Macdonald of Baird; eight grandchildren, and one brother, J. L. Lea, Jr., of Wichita Falls.

Just 'Round About

As we walked up and down the street * * * Candidates were coming and going thick and fast, and from all appearances 1950 will take its place in history with emphasis on politics. We can learn a lot if we will lend an ear to the candidates and at voting time we will be better able to cast a good vote * * * Lee Loper was being urged by several substantial citizens to toss his hat into the political ring, but Loper, so far as we could overhear, didn't say yes nor nay * * * Justice of the Peace Lee Ellis of Opllin and Justice of the Peace G. H. Corn had a lot in common to talk about when they met in town Tuesday.

Both of them have justices for a number of years * * * M. E. Jolly came by The Star office to express his appreciation for the editorial on traffic regulations in Baird. We heard quite a number of our friends who live in various parts of the county say they hope something is done to make driving down Market Street safer for them when they come to town * * * J. P. Izard stopped to tell us he'd been missing this column. Thanks, Mr. Izard, for your kind remarks * * * Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Hodges were in town from the Tecumseh community attending to business and meeting friends * * * Mrs. Cora Work played "Run Nigger Run" on a new French harp she got for Christmas. Mrs. Work observed her 79th birthday on January 16th, and she is not sensitive about telling her age. She is as spry as a school girl and as pretty as a picture * * * W. M. James will celebrate his 87th birthday in April. Mr. James looks fine, but he says he has been under the weather lately * * * Our old friend Ott Neal is writing the Dudley News again, and many Star readers have mentioned his column to us. They like his style; they like his news; they like him * * * Dr. M. Carroll McGowen, local dentist, might lose some business if people refrain from eating more sweets, but he said it was ok if we publish the following for he is more concerned with the public interest than of making money. The following item was taken from the January issue of the Texas Dental Journal:

"The campaign effort by dentistry, and other health professions, urging the public to consume less sweets, has been so successful, that now the candy manufacturers plan an extensive publicity program as a counterbalance, that sale of their products may not continue in a definite downward trend. Any measure of success attained by the candy manufacturers would present obstacles to the dental profession in our present program for an expanded dental health service to an increased number of people, for the inroads of dental caries resulting by virtue of eating more and more sweets will require just that much more dental service, which otherwise might have been avoided."

W. O. Wylie attended the West Texas Funeral Directors Association in Abilene Wednesday.

W. O. Wylie attended the State Funeral Directors meeting at Austin the first of the week.

"IT HAPPENS EVERY DAY"

I GOT IT STRAIGHT FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH BOSS. IT WAS OWNED BY TWO OLD MAIDS THAT NEVER DROVE IT OVER 15 MILES AN HOUR!



FIFTEEN MILES AN HOUR IS ALL IT EVER COULD RUN...WHEN IT RAN! ALL IT NEEDS IS RINGS, ANOTHER CLUTCH, A NEW GENERATOR AND BRAKES! TWO OLD MAIDS MY EYE!!



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THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF CALLAHAN To Bidders, and the Qualified Voters of Callahan County, Texas:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids addressed to the Commissioners Court of Callahan County, at Baird, Texas, will be received until ten o'clock a. m. on the 13th day of February, 1950, for the purchase of the following described equipment to be used in the construction and improvement of the public roads and bridges in Callahan County, Texas:

Two (2) New Diesel Powered Motor Graders of Not Less than 70 H. P.

One (1) Used Diesel Powered Motor Grader of Not Less Than 70 H. P.

The County will offer as part payments the following second-hand machinery:

One (1) Used Gallon Model 101, Diesel Powered Motor Grader.

One (1) Used Allis-Chalmers Model A-D Diesel Powered Motor Grader.

One (1) Used Gallon Motor Grader, Model 201, Gasoline Powered.

The above machinery offered as part payment may be inspected by prospective bidders by contacting the County Judge.

The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive formalities.

In addition to the foregoing, the Commissioners Court reserves the right and declares intention to construct road and bridge improvements and to purchase equipment and materials and make contracts less than \$2,000.00 in any one such contract and to employ labor for work to be done and paid for by the day as such work progresses, and employ the necessary professional services in connection with such road and bridge improvements, without submission to competitive bids, and to pay therefor with a portion of the hereinafter described time warrants.

It is the intention of the Commissioners Court, if any bid is accepted, to make payment or partial payment for the above described equipment, and for such road and bridge improvements as may be thereunto necessary and for services in connection therewith, and for work to be done and paid for by the day as such work progresses, and the contracts therefor, by the issuance of time warrants in the maximum amount of not exceeding \$24,000.00, bearing interest at a rate of not exceeding 4% per annum, with the maximum maturity date not exceeding 15 years from the date of said warrants.

J. L. FARMER County Judge. 1-20, 27

Miss Maggie Schaffrina was a pleasant visitor at The Star office Monday when she renewed the newspaper for another year.

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Baird Honor Graduate To Help Ecuadorian Government Form Agricultural Program

By Hamilton Wright Abilene Reporter-News

BAIRD — A Baird High School honor graduate has just become Agricultural Extension Specialist in the Latin-American republic of Ecuador.

M. B. Nichols, Jr., is at Quito with his family and in a letter to his mother, Mrs. M. B. Nichols, Sr., living on a ranch southwest of here, expressed delight at sights seen and prospects of aiding the Ecuadorian economy.

He and his family flew down, arriving Nov. 30. He will spend two years helping the Ecuadorian government establish an educational program for its farm people.

It's not his first trip there. He went to that high equatorial area last spring and spent six weeks. It was at invitation of Galo Plaza, one of Latin America's most progressive leaders, then president of the Holstein-Friesian Association in that country. Plaza, now president of the Ecuadorian Republic, urged Mr. Nichols to return to help solve its pressing agricultural problems and to train the future farmers and rural people.

Nichols' trip is sponsored jointly by the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the Ecuadorian government. He and his family will live in Quito, the capital, 100 miles south of the equator.

The development of agricultural leadership among his people is one of President Plaza's main objectives. Helping to train dairy leaders among the Ecuadorians will occupy most of Nichols' time.

The dairy region there is at an elevation of 9,500 feet or more. The climate is similar to that of the western part of the State of Washington in the late fall and early spring.

Nichols' six weeks study and travels in the republic has given him a workable knowledge of conditions. Nichols made close observations and carefully studied the region.

He has been extension dairy specialist in Washington since 1944. Previously he was graduated from the Colorado A&M College, specializing in animal husbandry, and served as assistant extension dairyman county agent in Colorado for a year and a half.

He then joined the Holstein-Friesian Association at Western field man and was later in charge of production testing

and type classification at the association's headquarters in Brattleboro, Vt.

The specialist was born near Coleman Jan. 23, 1909. The Nichols family moved to Baird in 1925 after spending two or three years near Oplin where Nichols attended grade school. He was graduated from the Baird High School May 27, 1927, an honor student. His general grade average was 95 2-9 per cent. J. F. Boren was superintendent and Mrs. Boren his teacher. Both now live in Abilene.

His father died Oct. 25, 1942. The mother lives on a ranch southwest of here.

His sister, Fay Nichols, is a home demonstration agent at Hillsboro, Ore. Other sisters are Mrs. Elsie Jameson, Coleman; Mrs. Hazel Jackson, St. Louis; Mrs. Katie Spicer, Warrensburg, Mo. The latter also worked as an assistant in the Callahan County agricultural office and is a skilled artist.

Four of his brothers reside in this area, all stockmen. They are Cecil and Archie, who live near their mother southwest of Baird; Roland Nichols, southeast of Baird; Bernice Nichols, on the old Coleman "home place." Two other brothers live in distant states: Floyd Nichols in California and George in Ohio.

Nichols' wife is a native of Sioux City, Ia. They have three children: Nancy, 8; Margaret Ann, 6; and Tommy, 5.

One children will be enrolled in the American School at Quito, founded by President Plaza with the aid of the Rockefeller Foundation. Morning classes will be conducted in English and the afternoon in Spanish.

Soon after his graduation from high school here, Nichols worked as a lineman for the West Texas Utilities when it strung a high tension line between Baird and Clyde. His mother says he has always been profoundly interested in livestock, especially dairy stock.

The rainy season, he wrote, would soon set in. He remarked that he was now living in a country where the altitude was 9,300 feet. His address for those who might write him is "Care of American Embassy, Quito, Ecuador, S. A."

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Howie, Miss Ella Tyler, and Mrs. M. N. Chandler were here from Clyde Friday attending to business.

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"THE GREAT GATSBY" NOW TOP FILM DRAMA

A novel that created a sensation at the time it was written by F. Scott Fitzgerald — "The Great Gatsby" — has been made into a picture that promises fans plenty of excitement and high-powered entertainment. One of the most important productions of this season, the picture arrives January 27 and 28 at the Plaza Theatre with co-stars Alan Ladd, Betty Field, Macdonald Carey, Ruth Hussey, Barry Sullivan, and Howard Da Silva—a star line-up that speaks volumes for the high quality of the film.

Fitzgerald was as himself a product of the turbulent '20s in which the dramatic story is set and he knew the unbridled temper of those times perhaps better than any other writer.

"The Great Gatsby" represents the author's finest work and of the classics of the age when the sky seemed to be the limit in the behavior of the irresponsible jazz-agers.

Ladd, in the title role, has a complete change in characterization from anything he has ever done. It is a romantic and

dramatic role, one that gives him a chance to be the strong man without his customary use of guns. He portrays Gatsby, a poor young man who returns from World War I to find that his debutante sweetheart, Betty Field, did not wait for him but had married millionaire playboy Barry Sullivan. Bitterly hurt, Gatsby decides that since money is so important, he is going to make plenty of it, one way or another. By 1928 he has accumulated a fortune through bootlegging and other illegal operations, and he starts his campaign to crash Long Island society and re-win Betty.

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Midway Musings

Mrs. Joel Griffin Miscellaneous Melange and Minor Mention of Men and Women.

Fisher Diterline of Abilene preached for us Sunday morning and was a dinner guest of the Webbs.

Mrs. R. W. Cook has returned home from an extended visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cook of Cactus and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Cook of Frecona.

Dudley Faircloth of Kermit spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. O. Faircloth.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Jones, Butch and David spent Sunday with the Griffins. Butch has had chickenpox and had to miss ten days of school.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cook and family spent Sunday in Abilene visiting Mr. and Mrs. Reese Cook and family.

Mrs. Selan Canada has been sick the past week with severe cold and complications. We enjoyed having Grandpa Faircloth with us at Sunday School Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffin and Mrs. C. E. South of Clyde visited Joe and Shine Griffin in Abilene Tuesday.

CALLAHAN COUNTY 4-H TEAM TO ENTER GRASS JUDGING

Three members of a grass judging team from Callahan County who will enter a grass judging contest at the 1950 Houston Fat Stock Show are Roger Cook, Bud Farmer, and Howard Johnson, a Callahan county 4-H team under County Agent Oliver Werst.

The contest will begin at 8:00 a.m. on February 4 in the arena of the Sam Houston Coliseum in downtown Houston. Waters S. Davis, chairman of the grass judging contest committee, will be in charge.

Slated as a highlight of the Fat Stock Show for Texas youth, the contest will find boys from all over the state competing for attractive prizes.

Competition for the contest will hinge around the identification of Texas' leading pasture and range plants with special emphasis placed on the characteristics of the individual plants.

Special awards will be given to the winners of the contest at the evening performance of Roy Rogers' World Championship Rodeo. At the rodeo the boys

will get to see top entertainers from Hollywood, headlighted by Roy Rogers of Western movie fame and his Texas-born wife, Dale Evans. Along with Roy will be his educated horse, "Trigger", and Foy Willing and the Riders of the Purple Sage.

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EDITORIAL

REAL INTEREST IN OUR TRAFFIC RULES

Many readers of The Baird Star have talked to the editor since he ran the editorial two weeks ago regarding the need for better traffic regulations in Baird. Most of the interest was shown by people residing in the county outside of Baird. A few Baird people mentioned the editorial to us, and seemed to be heartily in favor of more rigid rules and enforcement of them for the protection of people who walk or ride through our streets. The people from the country seem to dread to come to town due to the fear of having a wreck, running into someone or having someone run into them. It actually happens very often, and we all know it. One of the men who spoke to us about the idea of traffic regulation was M. E. Jolly of the Eula community. Not two hours after we talked to him, we found him in a traffic mishap, which was no fault of his, but was a direct result of the system Baird has in its parking practices.

Numerous ways have been introduced to the Baird city council in obtaining more efficient traffic regulations. None so far have been worth much. The two ideas that have been most bitterly opposed probably are the only solution to the problem. One step is to do away with parking in the center of the street to make room for traffic to flow with safety. Next is to install parking meters which not only give the people from outside the town a chance to find a parking place, but would provide revenue which traffic rules may be enforced.

These two items: No center parking and the installation of parking meters, are touchy subjects. The mere mention of them will set off the fireworks up and down our main street. Nevertheless, we believe this is the solution to our problem, whether the townspeople will permit them or not. We venture to say if there were parking meters installed along each side of Market Street there would be ample parking places for all without the necessity of center parking. Go up and down the street and take notice of cars taking up parking space. You will find about half of them belonging to business people and their employees. If we take stock of this situation and consider the plight of the shoppers who come to town, we will be going in the right direction toward making Baird a much better city.

BUSINESS OR FARMERS

Two men were having a street-corner discussion as to the relative importance of business and farming. A third man approached interestedly, so one of the "debaters" turned on him and asked: "Are you for business or for farmers?"

"I am for both," he replied. "Business and agriculture are independent. What is good for one is good for the other. Agriculture could not get along without prosperous consumers connected with business. Business could not get along if agriculture went bankrupt. There should be no fight between them."

Our thinking is in line with that gentleman's statement. When this population opposes legislation which unjustly taxes industry, we believe we are serving the interests of farmers. Unjust taxation results in a slowing down of production, increase the list of unemployed, increases costs and cuts sharply into the market for farm products. When we advocate economy in government and for unnecessary projects and services we are trying to help farmers as well as other citizens. When we affirm our belief in the Constitution, especially the Bill of Rights, and express the opinion that the Congress and our courts, under political pressure, are depriving the people of their rights, we are thinking of the farmer as well as his city brother. We may be wrong often, but we expect to continue this course up to the time the economic planners and socialistic politicians succeed in canceling freedom of speech and of the press.

We are for farmers, first, last, and always, even though we do not agree with some of the ideas some of them have acquired. No one is more anxious than we to see the agricultural industry become stabilized and prosperous enough to stand on its own feet. Always the most independent of all citizens, farmers have lost many of their freedoms, partially through circumstances not of their own making, partially through their own errors and shortcomings.

—Farm and Ranch.

MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO VOTE

With January 31st, the deadline for paying poll taxes, just around the corner, every citizen of Callahan county should check up and make sure he or she has paid for and received a poll tax receipt good for voting in the 1950 elections. This being election year, you will want to be a qualified voter.

Many tax payers must be under the impression that they have paid their poll tax when they have not. Property taxes now may be paid without paying the poll tax. This is a new law, and property tax payers should be sure they have a tax receipt, otherwise they might be embarrassed when they present themselves to vote and find that they are not qualified.

There is another word of caution. Keep your poll tax receipt in a safe and handy place. Under the new election laws, you can't vote without presenting it. Time was when all you had to do was to assure the election judge that you had paid your poll tax. But now you have to present the visible evidence and have the reverse side stamped each time it is voted.

Naturally the first step in good citizenship this year is to protect your right to vote. The next step is to give serious consideration to the appeals of those who offer themselves for office. Ideally, the voter should subject each applicant to close scrutiny, arriving at a decision as to whom is best equipped by ability, experience, character and other attributes to administer the various offices.

Personalities undoubtedly will be the influencing factor in most local races, but the disposition to favor candidates on the basis of personal admiration or antipathy should be minimized. All candidates would appreciate votes, but most of them would honestly appreciate them more if the voters would spend more time in asking questions about their aims, their philosophy, and the specific things which they hope to accomplish or might have accomplished. When a candidate makes a statement that he intends to spend the taxpayers money in this way or that, the voter should ask him how he might have proof that the money is or is not spent in such a way. The taxpayer, by all means, should have a way of knowing how tax money is spent, to whom it is spent and for what it is spent. Don't vote for an office seeker whose fear of the public will cause him to keep his performances in the dark.

But there's no need to stop and talk to candidates or to discuss issues unless you will be able to vote. And the time to make sure about that is between now and the end of the month. If you don't take care of this now, by the time politics warms up, your right to vote will be ice cold.

Mid-Century Motorama



The first half-century of progress in the automobile industry is being marked by General Motors in its "Mid-Century Motorama" exhibition at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York January 19 through 27. The model shown here was constructed to aid GM stylists in preparing the display. It represents about 10,000 square feet of floor space.

PONTIAC SHOWS 'CATALINA' MODELS AT WALDORF SHOW

The long anticipated Pontiac "Catalina" models — considered to be the most eye-catching motorcars ever built, go on display this week in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York City.

Production of the delightfully different Catalinas is well underway and they will be available soon at Pontiac dealers everywhere, according to Harry J. Klingler, general manager of Pontiac Motor Division. Two models; Super Deluxe and Deluxe are available, Mr. Klingler said. They differ in color choice and in interior treatment.

A true showpiece of motorcar design, the low, sleek silhouette of the Catalina features a rear window, providing an ultra-modern appearance with maximum vision. The Catalina's swanky charm is emphasized when the center pillars vanish as the windows are lowered.

The Super Deluxe Catalina is produced in custom color combinations of Sierra Rust and San Pedro Ivory (or, may be ordered in all rust color or all ivory) with matching leather upholstery of hand-embossed cowhide in rust and ivory. Rust colored deep-pile carpets cover front and rear compartment floors. Rust and Ivory hard finish fabric side panels with glittering chrome trim, Ivory rear seat shelf, chromed roof bows, full depth arm rests and rust-ivory instrument panel make the Super Deluxe interiors a designer's dream. Steering wheel and gear shift knob are in rust while the steering column is in ivory.

Interior lighting arrangements of the Super Deluxe Catalina is noteworthy. Courtesy lights, flanking the instrument panel illuminate the door step, floor and adjacent roadway when either door is opened. Rear quarter corner lights also operate with opened doors or may be switch controlled from the left rear arm rest.

More conventional but still in the Catalina concept of individualized transportation is the Deluxe Catalina which includes all special equipment items found on other deluxe Pontiacs. Exterior colors may be selected from Pontiac deluxe car color options. Interiors are trimmed in two tones of gray broadcloth. Front compartment has a moulded rubber rug with gray carpet inserts. A gray carpet covers the rear floor. Exposed roof rails are chrome plated as in the super-deluxe styling.

Both Catalinas, as all other Pontiac models, may be purchased with six or eight cylinder engines and with Hydra-Matic transmission as optional equipment.

The 8 cyl. Super Deluxe Catalina advertised delivered price is \$63.00 less than the Pontiac Convertible Coupe. The Deluxe Catalina is priced \$121.00 less than the Convertible.

BIRTH OF SON

A son, Bobby, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Clifton of Odessa January 5, weighing five pounds, eight ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clifton, of Eula, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe McIntosh of Novice. Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A. L. McIntosh of Denton Valley and Mrs. M. Weathers of Baird.

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"OPERATION HEARTTHROB" A SUCCESS

GONZALES — Doctors, nurses and other staff members of Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation for Crippled Children smiled broad welcoming smiles last week as the last of their patients returned from Yuletide visits with their families.

More than 60 polio patients, ranging in age from four months to 28 years, were flown home for the Christmas holidays Dec. 23 and returned Dec. 27. The homeward flights were made possible by what Ross Boothe, president of the Gonzales institution, termed the "cheerfully extended and overwhelming generosity of Texas businessmen."

Texas Co.; Tennessee Gas Transmission Co.; Tolin Aerial Surveys; La Gloria Corp.; Brown and Root Co.; Magnolia Petro-

leum Co.; and the Saltmount Oil Co.—donated their executive aircraft, DC-3s and Beechcrafts, for what Gonzales staff members dubbed, aptly enough, "Operation Heartthrob."

According to Mr. Boothe, this year's wheelchair airlift carried twice as many passengers as the 1948 operation.

In addition to the 60 patients

flown home to greet Santa Claus, some 60 others were motored home by ambulances provided by individuals from the area around Gonzales.

"It's not that we don't want the children to go home, said one nurse, as the kids, eyes aglow and arms bulging with presents, returned to Gonzales to resume treatments. "They'll

all be going home eventually, of course. But to have them all gone — all away at once — well, Gee Whiz, its just too lonesome around here."

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Griffith of California came by to see Mr. and Mrs. E. T. McBride Saturday morning enroute to Arkansas, where they are moving.

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Oplin Observations
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Rev. Tom Preston, of Dallas, is visiting his niece, Mrs. Ruby Johnson and family here.
Miss Edith Wilson, of H-S U, was a weekend visitor of Paula Windham.
Mrs. Ernest Gwin was honored with a surprise birthday dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Peavy. Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. John Robertson, Mrs. Anna Atwood, Miss Claudean Gwin, Mr. and Mrs. Chester McCarter, of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Gwin, Ernest Gwin, Joreta and Sylvia.
Visitors in the home of Miss Mary Ruth Johnson this weekend were Theresa Moseley, Velda McCamey and Juanice Young, of H-S U, Abilene.

W.S.C.S. MEETS WITH MRS. BRIGHTWELL

The W.S.C.S. of the Methodist Church met January 17th with Mrs. Brightwell. Mrs. V. E. Hill and Mrs. Breece Jones were co-hostesses.
Mrs. Hugh Ross gave the opening chapter of the Mission Study book "Japan Begins Again."
After a business session, refreshments were served to the following: Mrs. J. A. Brashear, Mrs. Brice Jones, Mrs. David Binkley, Mrs. L. C. Cash, Mrs. E. M. Wristen, Mrs. Mary Sutphen, Mrs. Strickland, Mrs. Tee Baulch, Mrs. A. R. Kelton, Mrs. Ace Hickman, Mrs. L. L. Blackburn, Mrs. Bob Norrell, Mrs. T. L. McCarty, Mrs. A. G. Waggoner, Mrs. J. M. McFarlane, Miss Doris Waggoner and Janet Ross.
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Hospital Notes

Mrs. W. C. Hazel is recovering from major surgery.
Mrs. Helen Ray, Cross Plains, a surgical patient, is getting along nicely.
Marvin Clement seems to be feeling a little better the past few days.
Mrs. M. M. Dungan was admitted the 15th for medical treatment.
Mrs. W. A. Fetterly is a medical patient.
Mrs. Lacy Meridith, who was admitted the 14th, is resting fairly well.
Mrs. H. A. McWhorter is reported feeling some better.
Mrs. C. C. Graham and infant daughter are getting along fine.
Among recent dismissals are: Mrs. James Asbury, Mrs. John Bowlus, Mrs. Ed O'Shields of Clyde, Mrs. R. Morgan of Clyde, Mrs. Mable Warren, Mrs. A. J. Young of Abilene, Mrs. Vida Hatchett of Clyde, Mrs. V. G. Bradford of Sundown, Mrs. Otis Odom of Clyde, Mrs. J. Lee Roper of Albany, Miss Mattie Ashabrunner, Mrs. Calvin Miller and infant daughter, Mrs. Sterling Odom and infant son, J. M. Simmons, G. T. Dunn of Clyde, Felix Mitchell, R. L. Smedley of Rowden, Geo. L. Sledge of Cisco and Master Lee Parks of Putnam.
Mrs. M. B. Mitchell, Sr., was admitted the 17th as a medical patient.

Mrs. Roy Boston, Dudley, underwent appendectomy the 17th.
J. A. Greenwood, Gorman, was admitted the 16th as a medical patient.
The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bentley is getting along fine.
Mrs. H. F. Meadows and infant daughter have returned to their home.
Mrs. John H. Shrader, who was admitted the 16th, is resting better.
Geo. Fred Walls was admitted the 18th for medical treatment.
Mrs. O. B. Watson, a surgical patient, is getting along nicely.
Mrs. N. E. McGee is feeling fairly well.
B. W. Lofton is getting along fine.
Shorty McCauley was dismissed the 17th after several days hospitalization.
R. L. Luncford, Clyde, was admitted the 18th.

SON IS BORN
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Driskill, of Laredo, announce the birth of a son on January 16th, weighing eight and three-fourth pounds. He has been named Stephen Christopher. Both mother and baby are getting along fine.
Mrs. Corrie Neithercut, grandmother of the baby, left Wednesday for a visit with them.

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Tecumseh Topics

Tersely Told, Typographically Tended and Tolerably True.
Mrs. Dolph Hodges
Mrs. Perkins was honored with a pink and blue shower at the Church of Christ at Dudley Tuesday, Jan. 10. Hostesses were Meses. Olivena Loven, Dorce Rose, Sue Atchley, Roy Armor, J. M. Whitley and Dolph Hodges. Refreshments of chicken salad sandwiches, chocolate cake and punch were served the following: Gaida Coughran, Mmes. Thurman Roberts, Henry Culpepper, C. H. Betcher, J. D. Zuber, F. T. McMeans, J. G. Barton, Janice Wise, Lawson Armor, Leamon Hayhurst, Leo Chrane, Elbert Crawford.
Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Hodges Sunday were Mrs. R. E. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Snyder and family of Oplin; Mr. and Mrs. Homer Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hodges and family of Abilene, and J. P. Tunnell.
Mrs. Sarah Magill is up and about after several days illness last week.
Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard, of Colorado, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wise, who live at Dudley; also Mr. and Mrs. Jim Barton.
Dolph Hodges is helping remodel a house on the W. P. Chaney place. Mr. Chaney, who bought the old R. E. Lewis place, has a very beautiful home, but is making it nicer with improvements.
Otto Betcher is sowing his oats this week. Mr. Betcher says January is a good time to drill them in for a good oat crop.
I. J. Loper called last Saturday to have me turn in his subscription to The Baird Star.
I shall be glad to turn in

subscriptions to The Baird Star for anyone around here — just give me a ring.
KENNETH GEORGES HOST RANCH STYLE DINNER
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth George were hosts to a ranch style dinner at the Ranch House of Mr. and Mrs. N. M. George, Friday Dec. 29.
Guests were Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Boydston, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Work and daughter, Kay, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Russell and daughters, Mary and Martha, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Gee, Mr. and Mrs. N. M. George, of Baird; Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Moore of Columbus, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roe Kelly of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. John Work and daughter, Laura Lee, of Austin; Mrs. Drew Hampton and son, Ronnie, of Longview.

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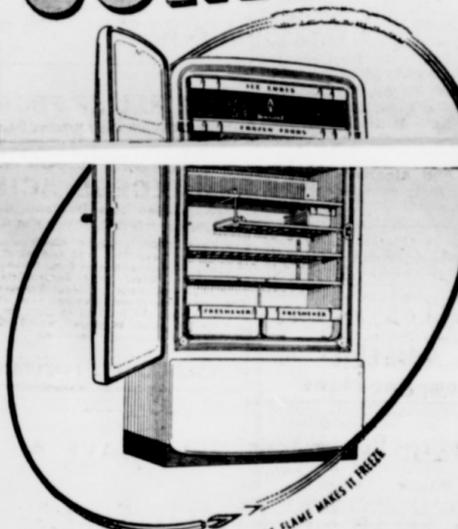
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IT'S TIME TO PLANT NOW—Roses, 50c; Evergreens, \$1.25 up; Flowering Shrubs, 50c; Shade Trees, 50c up; Peach, 25c; Apple, 60c; Pecans \$2.25. Lou's Nursery, Mile N.W. on New U.S. 80, Clyde, Texas. tfn.

Cakes and pies made to order. See Mrs. O. V. Buck, at 441 E. 3rd St. 4tp.

Band Mothers will have a **COOKED FOOD SALE** at Black's Food Store Saturday, Jan. 21st. Itc.

FOR SALE — 4-piece walnut bedroom suite. Mrs. Howard Farmer. tfn.

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"FLAMINGO ROAD"

Tuesday Only
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—in—
"THE LOST TRIBE"

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NOTICE
Rev. W. Shelby Wathall will hold services at 4 p. m. January 22nd, at the Episcopal Church in Baird. Rev. Wathall is serving the congregation at Baird, Coleman and Albany.

The public is cordially invited to attend.
Miss Becky Griggs of Lubbock was a weekend visitor with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Griggs.

Sam Cooksey returned home Friday by train from Visalia, California, where he spent four months.

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POLITICAL Announcements

RATES:
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For County Judge:
J. Lester Farmer
Re-election
M. H. (Dickie) Huntington

For Sheriff:
Joe Pierce
Re-election

For Tax Assessor-Collector:
M. H. (Bob) Joy
Re-election

For County Clerk:
Bruce Bell
Re-election

For County Treasurer:
Hazel Reynolds

For District Clerk:
Corrie Neithercutt
Re-election

For County Superintendent:
L. C. Cash
B. C. Chrisman
Re-election
Ed Sunderman

For Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 1:
G. H. Corn
Re-election

For County Commissioner Precinct No. 2:
Clyde T. Floyd
Re-election

MOVE TO ODESSA

Granvel and Nola Van Pierce, formerly of Baird, and residents of Abilene for the past four years, are moving to Odessa where he has been transferred by Humble Oil & Refining Co. Mrs. Pierce has been employed in the office of John Hutchison, distribution superintendent of West Texas Utilities Company for the past four years. She is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Gibson. Granvel is an August graduate of Hardin-Simmons University with a BBA degree. He is the youngest son of Sheriff and Mrs. Joe Pierce.

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FIRST PUBLIC SHOWING OF 1950 SERVEL JANUARY 20TH

First public showing of the new 1950 Servel gas refrigerator models — featuring drastic price reductions and advancements in styling, convenience and performance — will be held Friday, January 20, on sales floors of gas refrigerator dealers and the Lone Star Gas Company in this territory, according to gas company representatives.

The new Servel discards the long accepted practice of fitting the food into the space, the representatives point out. This refrigerator is designed to make the space fit the food — with only a minimum of changes that can be made quickly without rearranging the entire interior and playing checkers with the food items.

The new gas refrigerators were designed by Walter Dorwin Teague, nationally prominent industrial designer. Mr. Teague and his staff gave particular attention to the new long life design of the refrigerator,

both inside and out. First, the exterior follows classic lines that will be attractive through the years as it is today. The second feature is a quick-change interior to manage any food storage requirement.

The gas refrigerator provides silent operation in the freezing compartment and it gives homemakers a chance to take the problem out of refrigerator food storage and minimum loss of shelf area.

Other features include a cut-out area in the first shelf to allow for the tops of extra tall beverage bottles stored on one side of the shelves below. This is a partial shelf that swings down when additional tall storage space is needed for quarts of milk, baby's formula and other tall containers.

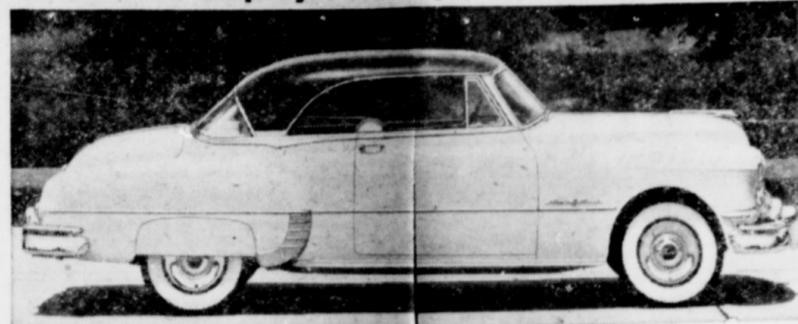
A frozen food storage compartment is placed horizontally across the top of a roomy interior. Two glass-covered food fresheners provide moist cold for storing fresh foods and vegetables. A tray under the frozen food compartment is provided for fresh meat storage.

SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT NEWS

Final plans have been made for the grass judging contest which will be held at the county courthouse in Albany on Thursday, January 19 at 10 A. M. The supervisors of the Lower Clear Fork of the Brazos Soil Conservation District are sponsoring the contest for FFA and 4-H boys in this soil conservation district, which is comprised of Shackelford and Stephens counties and part of Callahan county.

At 1:15 P. M. all the boys will meet in the courtroom for the presentation of team awards and high point individuals, which will be done by the supervisors. At this time there will also be a short, informal discussion of the grasses in the contest, as well as grass and range conservation management. Farmers,

Pontiac Displays Its Super-Sleek 'Catalina'



Pontiac's rakish, stylish Catalina models offer the lithe grace of the convertible with the comfort and all-weather adaptability of a sedan. Catalinas are available in Super-Deluxe and Deluxe models and differ in color choice and interiors. Illustrated is the Super-Deluxe in Ivory and Sierra Rust with matching leather upholstery and interior decor.

Ranchers and other interested people are invited to attend either or both sessions. Probably the 1:15 P. M. session will be of more interest to those other than the contestants, since the grasses will be named and discussed at this time, as well as the winners announced. The Soil Conservation Service will provide the technical data for the contest.

In the contest the boys must identify some fifty grasses, forbs, shrubs and legumes and must know whether they are annual or perennial, warm or cool season, native, invading or introduced plants, and their grazing value. All of this information must be given by the contestant within 45 seconds for each plant. The winning team will represent the Lower Clear Fork Soil Conservation District in the grass judging contest at the Fort Worth and Houston Fat Stock Shows.

JOHNNY WEISSMULLER SPARKS JUNGLE EPIC

Fighting to save a king's ransom in diamonds for a jungle beauty, Johnny Weissmuller, king of the jungle stars, really hits his action stride in his latest epic, "Jungle Jim and the Lost Tribe," which opens Tuesday, January 24th under the Columbia Pictures trademark at the Plaza Theatre.

Nary a jungle adventure has been omitted as the jungle lord runs the exciting gamut from hand-to-hand combats with snarling beasts, to death-defying water duels with sharks, and even includes rough-and-tumble with some really tough

humans, for a change of pace! Add a forgotten land tucked away in the interior of Africa, a fabled treasure and a jungle damsel in distress and you've got all the ingredients that make an enthralling movie.

Jungle Jim's adventures start when his aid is enlisted by the peaceful people of the Lost Land of Dzamm, whose fabulous temple, bedecked with diamonds, is coveted by greedy adventurers on the African coast. Jim responds and is commissioned to bring the white adventurers a peace offering; this doesn't placate them, and the knaves plunge into the jungle en route to Dzamm. The jungle lord is forced to lead them to their goal because they are holding his jungle queen (Elena Verdugo) as hostage. Managing to win his freedom, Jungle Jim, in the smashing climax, leads a charge of gorillas in the screen's most amazing spectacle of beast against man!

Johnny, as Jungle Jim, again proves an exciting hero, as he performs his prodigious feats of strength and daring. Myrna Dell portrays a comely blond who at first is arrayed against Jim, but later attempts to aid him and is subsequently eliminated from the picture; Miss Verdugo is appropriately beautiful as the jungle queen, while Joseph Vitale plays the principal villain.

William Berke directed with an alert eye to fast-moving action from the screenplay by Arthur Hoerl and Don Martin, based upon the famous King Features Syndicate newspaper feature. Sam Katzman produced.

H. D. COUNCIL MET MONDAY, JAN. 8TH

Members of the Callahan County Home Demonstration Council met Monday afternoon, January 8th, in the county court room, with Mrs. P. H. Patton, chairman, presiding, and organizing the work for the new year.

New yearbooks were distributed to the council delegates for their respective clubs. Recommendations of various committees were also discussed.

Mrs. Patton named the following women as committee chairmen: Yearbook, Mrs. R. E. Hansen; Finance, Mrs. H. G. Broadfoot; Education, Exhibit and Expansion, Mrs. Burette Ramsey; Marketing, Mrs. Frank Monroe; Reporter, Mrs. A. L. Barnes; Parliamentarian, Mrs. Henry Bailey.

Miss La Verne Rutherford and Mrs. T. C. Clark and son, Tom, of Putnam, were Baird visitors Monday.

Rowden Round-Up

Irene Mauldin Community Activities Reliably Reported by The Star Reporter.

Katy Swafford honored six of the Denton High School girls with a slumber party Tuesday night. The girls were Pat and Jerry Whitley, Violet and Harbarbra Breeding and Mildred Miller.

Mrs. Hettie P. Miller and Mrs. W. F. Jones visited Mrs. W. C. after noon. Visiting Mrs. and baby son, V. N. V. Gibbs and Mrs. Judy, Mrs. Gene Tommie, Mrs. and Terry, Mrs. Gene Mauldin.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin spent the day with his parents, Mr. Odell. Mrs. Blain Odell, W. C. Hazel, Hazel, is doing well in the hospital. The Denton team won the tournament by Star, Priddy and

ry Whitley and Katy Swafford were chosen on the all tournament team.

Mrs. Walter Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Odell and children spent the weekend in Irving, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Burr Elliott and children.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stephens Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Harrold Stephens and Harrold Lynn, of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Granville Gibbs of Abilene, and Mrs. Lella Gibbs had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rose and Grandmother Miller.

The Denton Junior girls basketball team won the Clyde tournament the past weekend by defeating Wylie B. Eula B and Clyde teams.

Rev. J. C. Hancock had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Billie Rose and Bruce.

Mrs. Bernard Crow went to Ft. Worth Thursday to stay a few days with her sister, whose little daughter is very sick.

Katy Swafford, Mildred Kanady and Wilma Armor spent Friday night with Mrs. Blain Odom.

Mrs. Gene Mauldin and children visited Mrs. Calvin Miller, little Jannie and George Calvin

Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Miller is staying with Grandmother Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rose for a few weeks.

is seriously ill. Retd. Condr. J. R. PARKS, Big Spring, also is seriously ill.

FAMILY AFFAIRS OF T&P EMPLOYEES

J. B. Easterling, Jr.

Sympathy to Operator JACK THORNTON on death of father in Fort Worth recently. Opr. J. T. BRISTOW is back after being at bedside of mother in Fort Worth where she is improving after being seriously ill.

GYM HALEY recently had his dtrs. and their families of Monahan and St. Martinsville, La. as guests. Business seems on the upgrade and several train and engine crews have been added at both Big Spring and Ft. Worth. The train and engine extra boards have been increased considerably, too. New position of car inspr. has been added in Meech. Dept. here and is filled by M. C. Loston, Jr. J. R. MOBLEY has been employed as car repr. h/ptr. to fill Mr. Loston's vacancy.

Retd. Engr. C. J. REDWINE

Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Chatham sold their grocery store and fixtures to Glenn Boyd and their business building, house, and lots to Buster Gary in sales consumed January 1. Mr. and Mrs. Chatham will move to a place in the Admiral community in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam I. Smith, Jr. and daughter, Sally of Waxahatchie; Mr. and Mrs. Parker Coppinger and son, John, of Abilene visited Mrs. Sam I. Smith the past weekend.

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Payments made before February first will not be subject to additional fees for interest and penalties, and to accommodate property owners this office has mailed statements of 1949 taxes.

Don't forget that if you wish to vote during 1950, your poll tax must be paid before February first. 1950 is election year. You will not want to be disfranchised for the need of a poll tax receipt, so attend to this detail at once. Poll taxes are to be paid at the office of—

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MONDAY:
 Woman's Society of Christian Service, 3:00 P. M.
THURSDAY:
 Choir rehearsal—7:45 P. M.

W. B. Baldwin of Cross Plains, dean of lumber men in Callahan county, paid the editor a visit when he was in Baird Thursday of last week.

M. Sgt. and Mrs. M. E. Cargal of Wichita Falls visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Hughes and Mrs. La Vesta Cargal the past weekend.

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County Agent's Column
 Oliver F. Werst

Soybeans Not Recommended For This Area
 Several people around Clyde have been working with the county agent on investigating the possibilities of growing Soybeans in this area. Of course, they are looking for a cash crop to plant on some of the land that was lost due to acreage controls. Results of the investigations so far indicate that Soybeans are not recommended for this area. E. A. Miller, Agronomist from A & M College, says that results of Soybeans are so erratic that he cannot recommend them for seed production. He also states that yields have been very uncertain and mostly disappointing. It seems that this climate is not right for getting a seed crop. Some soybeans have been grown on the High Plains under irrigation, but even there other crops such as grain sorghums have been more profitable.

The people in this county who have grown small plots of soybeans say that the rabbits seem to like this crop better than others and will do a lot of damage to it. Olin English of the Rowden community said that he planted small plots of soybeans in 1944 and 1945 and that they came up to a good stand. Then when the rabbits got through with them the stand wasn't so good. He said he would not recommend them for seed production. So there is some word from a man who has actually grown them in this area.

Until better varieties are developed that are adapted to this area, or until some good yields are made, soybeans cannot be recommended for this area.

Fertilizers
 Due to the cut in numbers of acres of cotton that can be grown, many people are planning on fertilizing cotton on the next crop. For best results cotton fertilizer is usually applied at the time of planting of just before planting. Mixed fertilizer should not touch the seed. It is best placed in a band two or three inches on one or both sides of the seed and two or three inches below the seed with a fertilizer distributor on the planter. 16-20-0 at the rate of 100 lbs. per acre is a good fertilizer for cotton. 6-12-0 or 10-10-0 at the rate of 200 to 300 pounds per acre could also be used. On old sandy crop land 5-10-5 at the

rate of 200 to 300 pounds per acre is recommended. Where the crop is following a fertilized legume no extra fertilizer is needed.

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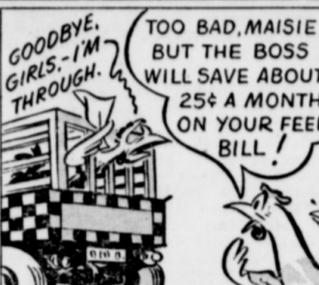
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this year would be wise to get it now. Many people are planning on using fertilizers this year and about planting time there will be a big demand for them. All the warehouses in Texas are full of fertilizers now and no more can be made or shipped into Texas until some of the present supply is sold off, and some more storage space is made available.

Mrs. Louise Nobles and Mrs. John Jordon, of Oplin, were Baird visitors Tuesday.

ACE WARNER BROS. TEAM PRODUCES 'FLAMINGO ROAD'

With the same talented quartet that gave Joan Crawford her first Academy Award three years ago, Warner Bros. produced "Flamingo Road," a dynamic romantic drama about small-state politics, which comes to the Plaza Theatre on Sunday and Monday, January 22 and 23. Stars Joan Crawford and Zachary Scott, Producer Jerry Wald and Director Michael Curtiz are the four who made the

now memorable "Mildred Pierce", one of the most popular pictures that year. Now, according to advance word, the same success is repeated with "Flamingo Road". Taken from the play by Robert and Sally Wilder, "Flamingo Road" tells about a beautiful carnival dancer who stays behind in a small southern town, falls in love, and makes her rise to prestige and riches through a story beset with murder, romance and political intrigue.

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Here Is Another Time The Anti-Trust Lawyers Were Wrong!

Ever since the anti-trust lawyers filed their suit to put A&P out of business, they have been making, in the newspapers and over the radio, various "allegations" about how they think this company does business.

Please remember that "allegations" are charges that have not been proved.

In this case they will be disproved.

There have been times in the past when the anti-trust lawyers made very damaging "allegations" about this company that the courts eventually decided were utterly without foundation.

In our last advertisement we told you about the time the anti-trust lawyers charged that A&P, two other food chains and two labor unions conspired to fix the price of bread in Washington, D. C.

And yet, when this case came to trial, it was revealed that the defendants were actually selling bread cheaper than most other stores in Washington, and there was absolutely no evidence that they had ever engaged in any such "alleged" conspiracy.

That was the time Federal Judge T. Alan Goldsborough instructed the jury to bring in a verdict of "not guilty."

It was the time he said to the anti-trust lawyers:

"If you were to show this record to any experienced trial lawyer in the world, he would tell you that there was not any evidence at all.

"Honestly as absolutely devoid of evidence as this. That is the honest truth. I have never seen one like it."

But this was not the only time that the anti-trust lawyers made such serious "allegations" against A&P which were false. Again, and still again, they brought cases against A&P and suffered defeat.

As we have said, we think you are entitled to know about these other cases. And now, we are going to tell you about the second time the anti-trust lawyers were wrong.

The North Carolina Potato Case

In December, 1941, the anti-trust lawyers brought a criminal suit in Wilson, North Carolina.

They charged that A&P's fresh fruit and vegetable buying subsidiary, and other good American citizens, had conspired to fix and depress prices paid farmers for potatoes in North Carolina, Virginia and Maryland.

Can anyone imagine any charge calculated to be more damaging to a retail grocery business that must rely on farmers, day after day, for the food we distribute to our customers?

In this case the anti-trust lawyers gave a story to the newspapers, telling millions of farmers that we were the kind of people who would force their prices down, deprive them of a decent income, and lower their families' living standard.

These charges were false.

They made these charges despite the fact that it has always been A&P's policy to pay our farm suppliers fair market prices for all produce; to aid agriculture through better distribution of its products; to narrow the spread between farm and retail prices; and to help farmers build better markets for their products.

That is why many thousands of farmers all over the country are now coming to our support.

When the case finally came to trial, the anti-trust lawyers put on as their first witness a potato expert of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

This expert, who was the anti-trust lawyers' own witness, testified that contrary to the anti-trust lawyers' "allegations," the defendants made every effort to help the Department of Agriculture in its efforts to aid the potato farmer in better marketing of his products and in getting a better price for his products.

When the anti-trust lawyers had put in their evidence and had argued their case Federal Judge C. C. Wyche directed the jury to bring in a verdict of "not guilty."

Judge Wyche said to the anti-trust lawyers:

"I have studied this case from the very outset. In my opinion there is no testimony produced from which it can reasonably be inferred that the defendants entered into a combination to depress or lower the price of potatoes.

"I might say that I never tried a case in my life where a greater effort, more work, more investigation had been done, combing almost with a fine-tooth comb to gather evidence, as was done in this case.

"But, as was said a long time ago, you can't make brick without straw, and you can't make a case without facts."

So, here was a case in which the anti-trust lawyers made seriously damaging charges against A&P in which the Judge decided that there were no facts to support those charges.

That is why we say the anti-trust lawyers can be wrong and have been wrong.

That is why we say that they are wrong again, just as they were wrong in the Washington bread case and the North Carolina potato case.

We are going to show the American people that the suit to destroy A&P is really a suit against efficiency and against real competition.

The real question involved in this suit is whether businessmen are going to be encouraged to do a better and more efficient job; or whether we are going to let the anti-trust lawyers in Washington blow the whistle on anybody who gets big by giving the people more for their money.

No one can make us believe that it is a crime to try to sell the best quality food at the lowest possible price.

THE GREAT ATLANTIC & PACIFIC TEA COMPANY



- CHEESE, American, sliced, lb. 39c
- BACON, sliced, lb. 39c
- T-BONE STEAK, choice quality, lb. 59c
- Fresh Pimiento Cheese and Ham Spread
- PEACHES, Heart's Delight, No. 2 1/2 can 27c
- FLOUR, Kimbell's Best, 25 lb. bag \$1.59
- LARD, Armour's Star, 3 lb. carton 47c
- VEL, large box 27c
- SPUDS, No. 1 russets, 10 lbs. 49c
- CARROTS, crispy, large bunch 5c
- LEMONS, Sunkist, med. size, doz. 29c



COCOA, Bakers, 8 ozs. 22c

Aluminum wrap, keeps vegetable and fruits Garden Fresh, 25 ft. roll 39c

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Due to a rumor that has been circulated recently I have requested Dr. M. L. Stubblefield to help correct the talk that is going the round as to my health by writing the following letter to The Baird Star:

"Dear Mr. Hunter: There are several people around by the name of Dennis, and due to a mix-up in names, J. E. Dennis, who works at Parsons, has his name listed as a victim of TB. The report by the state society on his chest was negative and complete examination shows no tuberculosis. Yours truly, M. L. Stubblefield."

I hope those who are of the belief that I have tuberculosis are sufficiently advised by the doctor's statement.

J. E. DENNIS.

HEALTH FACTS

Rheumatic fever causes more deaths than any other disease in children of school age, declared Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer. The first attack usually occurs in children at the age when they are in the first or second grade and recurrences are most common up to the age when children are leaving high school. The insidious onset of so many cases during the school year suggests that teachers and others in daily contact with school children should be aware of early signs and symptoms which may mean acute rheumatic fever.

Dr. Cox said, "There should be more and improved examinations of school children by physicians with time enough for the nurse or teacher and parents to plan with the physician for any needed medical attention."

"School absences due to illness or vague disorders, if investigated, may disclose early cases of rheumatic fever."

GIRL SCOUTS WORKING REMODELING CHAIRS

Girl Scout Troop No. 1 met with their leaders, Mrs. Manion and Mrs. Caldwell on Thursday night. After a business meeting, the girls sanded the chairs in The Little House. They plan to paint them next week. The Little House is being remodeled and some long-needed improvements are being made.

Cold drinks were served to 12 members. Mrs. H. W. Martin and son, Robert, were visitors.

DID YOU KNOW?

The rest of your days may depend on the rest of your nights.

Old Beds Made New
New Ones, Too

One Day Service

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434 Vine St.
Baird, Texas

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE We Will Not Process Pork

This is necessary to allow us to move the processing facilities to the new location at Black's Food Store. The construction of the new plant will probably take a month, and every effort is being made to do this work with a minimum of inconvenience to our customers.

Your co-operation will be greatly appreciated!

BAIRD FOOD BANK

Moving to Black's Food Store

SPECIALS - Friday, Saturday

CABBAGE
pound
1c

FLOUR, 25 lbs. \$1.69

BEWLEY'S BEST
FLOUR, 10 lbs. 68c

BEWLEY'S BEST
FLOUR, 5 lbs. 39c

SUPREME SALAD WAFERS
CRACKERS, 1 lb. 19c

HUNT'S
CATSUP
14 oz. bottle
2 for 25c

RED & WHITE
COFFEE, 1 lb. 69c

JELLO, any flavor 5c

RED & WHITE
APRICOTS, No. 303 cn. 15c

PRIDE OF OZARKS
SWEET POTATOES 17c

SUGAR, 10 lbs. 89c

CHEESE, lb. 39c

LONGHORN
PORK SAUSAGE, lb. 29c

ARMOUR'S COLUMBIA
BACON, lb. 35c

LETTUCE
large heads
5c

BEST MADE
Salad Dressing
pint 19c

OLEO
MEADOLAKE
pound
19c

CARROTS
large bunch, each
2c

MORGAN'S

Food - Appliances - Feed

You Spend Less for BETTER food ...
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LOW PRICES!

BEST YETT pint jar
SALAD DRESSING 23c

CREAMY
CRUSTENE, 3 lb. carton 55c

KIMBELL'S
TAMALES, No. 2 can 19c

KIMBELL'S
CHILI, No. 2 can 49c

SUPREME

Fresh from the Valley
STRAWBERRIES

pint box
29c

CRACKERS, 1 lb. box 23c



PICNIC 4 to 5 lb. size
HAMS, lb. 39c

FRESH DRESSED
FRYERS, lb. 49c

ARMOUR'S PURE
PORK SAUSAGE, lb. . 29c

FOR BETTER NUTRITION
EAT MORE VEGETABLES

CARROTS, lg. bunch . 4c

CAULIFLOWER, lg. hd. 17c

YAMS, lb. 6c

RUTABAGA
TURNIPS, lb. 4c

FRESH COUNTRY
EGGS

dozen
29c

TIDE
21c

BLACK'S

HUSBAND-TESTED RECIPE
by Mary Lee Taylor

Banana Nut Bread

Broadcast: January 21, 1950

2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
3/4 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup finely cut nuts

1 well-beaten egg
1 cup mashed, ripe banana*
(3 medium)
1/2 cup Pet Milk
1/2 cup melted shortening

Grease well a 1 1/2-qt. loaf pan. Sift flour with baking powder, salt and sugar. Fold in nuts. Mix remaining ingredients. Add all at once to flour, mixing quickly but thoroughly. Put into greased pan. Bake in moderately slow oven (350° F.) about 50 min., or until bread shrinks from sides of pan. Let stand in pan 5 min. before turning out. Cool on wire rack.

*To mash banana, peel, slice and beat smooth with rotary beater.

You Will Need:

Pet Milk, 2 cans 25c

Bananas, lb. 15c

2 3/4 lb. pkg.
Cake Flour 39c

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