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## TAXES IN TWO PAYMENTS

One of the first bills introduced into the new legislature was a provision that will allow the payment of state and county taxes in semi-annual periods. In other words the Texas tax-payer will be allowed under the proposed law to pay half his taxes before January 31st and the other half before July 31st. This is a matter that has been tried with some success in other sections of the country, and present conditions make it seem desirable in Texas in 1931. There is a general belief that the bill will pass with little opposition and we may have the privilege of deferring half our tax money this year until July, which will be a help to some of us. Others of us will be just as hard up then as we are now.

## DAN MOODY, PRIVATE CITIZEN

The inauguration of his successor, Ross Sterling, as governor of Texas, relegated Dan Moody to the immediate role of private citizen, and whatever may have been the justice of the criticism of his heretofore "mistakes", Dan Moody is one ex-governor of Texas who passes from office without the hint or taint of dishonesty.

Dan Moody made Texas a good governor, better than many who claimed far more political experience than did the "boy governor", and the light of passing years will reflect added credit to his four years of administration. Mr. Moody failed to get enactment of many of his proposed reforms, but no one is able to charge that he was not sincere in his efforts to improve the machinery of state government in what he advocated.

Yes, Dan Moody is now a private citizen—much wiser than when he assumed the governorship four years ago, and while he may remain temporarily in private status, there are many who predict that his retirement will be temporary. Anyway, he has the faith of the people of Texas in his personal and political integrity, which is far above the ordinary emoluments of office.

## A BUSINESS MAN IN CHARGE

Tuesday's inaugural ceremonies at Austin brought to the governor's chair the first recognized business man that has ever been seated as chief executive of Texas.

Many of our governors have been very good business men, but usually demonstrated their business acumen while in the governor's office, and not before. But in the elevation of Hon. Ross Sterling to the office Texas offers to the world the spectacle of having seated as its governor, not only a business man of recognized genius and ability, but one who has succeeded to the degree of being listed for many years as one of the state's millionaires. This is unusual, for in the extreme democracy that sometimes besets the nation, few men of the ability to build a personal fortune have been disposed or able to win favor as public servants.

The News belongs to that group of Texas citizenship that hails with keen delight the placing of a business man in charge of the business of the state of Texas, which is big business. It is a wholesome change from the usual order, and we believe it means better government as it means more economical government.

Yes, Texas has a business man in charge now—and a business man of unusual ability. Mr. Sterling—Governor Sterling, we wish you well in your new responsibility.

## COSTS MORE TO RIDE ON A POOR ROAD

A survey by J. L. Tennant of Cornell University shows that the benefits accruing to the farmer from year round, surfaced, secondary roads are almost unlimited.

Mr. Tennant summarizes his findings with the statement that good roads add to the farmer's income by saving time, by reducing expenses, by improving marketing conditions—all resulting in a more profitable type of farming. On the other hand, poor roads often cause the farmer expense in actual cash. It costs him more to have his fuel and supplies delivered, to operate his motor vehicles, to go back and forth to town, to summon medical aid. The Iowa State College estimates that the average cost of operating automobiles on high type roads is 5.44 cents per mile on medium type roads, 6.43 cents; and on low type roads, 7.50 cents. In other words, it costs the farmer two cents a mile more to ride on a poor road than a good one.

Still another benefit is in land values. Farmers living on dirt roads in New York, according to Mr. Tennant, estimate that their land would increase in value to the extent of \$15.58 per acre if adjacent roads were surfaced.

Five or ten or twenty miles back from the splendid main highways that go from city to city, we customarily find roads essentially the same as in the horse and wagon days. This barrier to agricultural progress must be removed if permanent farm prosperity is to be achieved.

## GETTING RESULTS IN THE SCHOOL ROOM

In conversation with the superintendent of schools a few days back this writer discovered that school records show a greater average of students on the honor rolls, and a smaller number failing courses than has been noted in recent years. This is a favorable condition and we wonder just how much credit really goes to the teachers for the change.

It may be that the change for the better comes in relation to a saner attitude and a more serious point of view that has come to the citizenship at large since the winds of financial adversity have been blowing. Someone said that America was just now coming home from a "joy ride", which was another way of saying that the people were coming back to their senses after having forgotten the basic principles of economy and thrift on which the nation was founded.

Yes, we believe that better scholarship and better application in the school room is resulting from the atmosphere at home, where again thrift is being practiced and saner advice is being given the young people by parents. The results of economy in the home, the results of a more serious viewpoint at home, are most certainly better results in the school room.

## HERE'S ONE WE CHANGED TO FIT

There is a small matter of interest which The Clarendon News feels impelled at this time to present to a select list of our subscribers, about which he hopes they will not feel sensitive. It is simply a matter of dollars and cents, both of which and lots of 'em are necessary to the continued publication of this newspaper. Some of you good subscribers have neglected to pay your subscription. We cannot give you the kind of paper we insist on publishing unless you pay for it. The News suggests that each one of you reading this paragraph look immediately at your address label and note the figures. If they read 1-1-31 it means your subscription expired Jan. 1, 1931. If it reads 2-1-31 it means your subscription will expire February 1, 1931. If you are one of those who let their subscription expire last Fall the figures will read 1930. The News family of readers is large; we don't want to lose a single one of them; but this credit business has just about got us busted. A hint to the wise should be sufficient.—Adopted.

## WISE TARIFF POLICY NEEDED

The depression that characterized 1930 did much to give Americans a renewed interest in the tariff.

We are gradually realizing that a scientific adjustment of rates that will permit the freest possible interchange of goods between this and other countries, with out imperiling living standards and wage scales, is essential both to domestic prosperity and to foreign trade. It is no longer possible for any country to be economically remote from the rest of the world.

A high tariff, on the other hand, may penalize American labor. It should be the job of our elected officials to find the happy medium between these two extremes and give the nation a tariff that is divorced from petty politics and sectional selfishness.

The News would call especial attention to the election of new officers in the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce. President Douglas and his corps of officials is charged with the duty of "carrying on" for the common interests of the community in 1931, just as his predecessors had the responsibility in 1930. Let us give the new officials better support and backing than we did those of the retiring staff. If we don't, then how can we make added progress?

## We Don't wait



for a second ring on our phone before we answer it. Equally prompt are we in delivering your Grocery order. So just call up—any time.

### Specials for Friday and Saturday

COFFEE	Fancy Peaberry per pound	.20
BEANS	12 cans Assorted	.99
PEACHES	In syrup No. 2 1/2 per can	.20
Sweet Relish	Per jar	.28
TOMATOES	No. 2 1/2 per can	.14
SPUDS	per peck	.30
ORANGES	Size 216 Per dozen	.25

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## BANKERS MOVE TO GET BETTER COTTON STAPLE

The Texas Banker's Association agricultural committee Friday took steps toward bringing about a better staple cotton production when it endorsed the plan of the Texas Certified Cottonseed Breeders' Association for State-certified seed distribution. The action was taken at an all-day meeting in the Baker Hotel in Dallas Monday attended by representatives of various agricultural agencies and the bankers' committee.

John D. Rogers, Navasota, president of the breeders' association, outlined his organization's distribution plan, which has been endorsed by other agricultural agencies and groups throughout the state. The organization, composed of twenty-one certified breeders, has 350,000 bushels of State-certified cotton seed. This will be available at prices ranging from \$1.75 a bushel in local shipments to \$2.00 in smaller lots. He explained that the seed has been produced under regulations of the State law insuring pure-bred seed

of the highest quality. The distribution plan calls for at least a ten-acre block of one variety of cotton on as many farms in a gin community from which the increase next year will be used to plant a larger area. Seed from one acre the first year will plant ten acres the second

year, Mr. Rogers stated. Bankers present from drought areas held the view that it would be a splendid opportunity to change whole counties from the short cotton to long staple since seed produced under drought conditions is generally of poor quality in those areas.

## Your Telephone



Let it do your shopping for groceries for you.

### Specials for Friday and Saturday

SPUDS	per peck 15 pounds	.30
VANILLA	Van Duser's, 2 ozs. 2 bottles for 35c	.20
CRACKERS	Snowflake 2 pounds	.25
MOP	Squeezey self wringing	1.00
CLEANSER	Lighthouse per can	.05
Wheat Hearts	A wheat cereal per package	.25

For good biscuits try a sack of Marechal Neil Flour. Be sure to get your S. & H. Green Stamps, they are given with all cash purchases and will be given with all accounts paid before the tenth of the month. This by order of the Sperry & Hutchinson Company. s-fis

## Clifford & Ray

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## 900 Meals Each Year



The average Home Manager must plan, prepare and cook approximately nine hundred meals each year. Truly, a stupendous task... and one which is frequently underestimated by all save the one to whom it is entrusted.

Modern science has come to the rescue in simplifying the job of cooking—and in making the work easier has also improved the results to be obtained.

Electric Cookery—to quote the familiar "Five C's"—is Clean, Cool, Comfortable, Convenient, and accurately and scientifically Controllable. In short, it means the introduction of modern methods of production in the home.

Thousands of West Texas Home Managers stand as enthusiastic evidence to the value of the modern electric range. They are enjoying hours of freedom formerly spent in a hot and disagreeable kitchen. Investigate the many advantages of electric cookery—you'll find it more than ever economical under the schedule of the new Home Comfort Rate.

## West Texas Utilities Company











CHURCHES

Our Weekly Church Chat

Worship

In the Old Testament times the worship was local. But into the place which the Lord your God shall choose out of all your tribes...

Repeating of watchword for the year, 'That the World May Know.' Bible Study, 'Things Which Remain, Rev. 3:16, by leader, Mrs. E. A. Thompson.

Prayer of thanksgiving for the coming of Jesus, Mrs. B. N. Shepherd. Hymn, Work for the Night is Coming.

Stories of Closed Doors Who Killed It?, Mrs. T. L. Kimbriel. A Little White Cross, Mrs. L. L. Cornelius.

Open Discussion-What can we do?, led by leader, Mrs. E. A. Thompson. Delicious refreshments of angel food cake with whipped cream and coffee were served by members of the west circle...

Our Lord taught that worship is not confined to place or time. 'Worship, believe me, the hour cometh, when neither in this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, shall ye worship the Father.'

Subject: Our part in an unfinished task. God's Plan for Saving the World, Blanche Crabtree, What Southern Baptists Have Done, James Headrick.

Subject: Dorcas, a true friend. Helping Others, Nickie Stewart. Dorcas, Ruth Warren. Dorcas Dies, Frances Fowler.

Subject: The Challenge of unfinished tasks. Scripture Reading, Matt. 13:28 Acts 1:8; Matt. 28:19, 20, J. D. Holtzclaw.

Dates and Information Given on Exams

The News is indebted to the County Superintendent for the following information which will be of interest to those contemplating taking the examinations for Teachers' Certificates during the coming Spring and Summer months.

Optional Subjects: Any four of the following: Algebra, Botany, Physical Geography, Plane Geometry, Ancient History, Modern History, American Literature.

1. Elementary: An elementary certificate of the second class entitles the holder to teach only in the elementary grades; namely, grades one to seven inclusive.

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2. High School Certificates of the Second Class. The subjects required for an elementary certificate of the second class, any two of the optional subjects for the elementary certificate of the Second Class, plus the following:

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ASHTOLA ENTHUSIASTIC IN COMMUNITY WORK

Had a stranger been in Ash-tola about nine o'clock last Saturday morning and seen the men as they came upon the school grounds from every direction; they began to unload plows, shovels, hoes and scrapers and as they began to get their teams to the various implements and move off to work he might have been asked about the foreman, he would have been more perplexed for none would have claimed to be such.

As the men assembled, they began at once to work in a most business like manner, and every thing moved like clockwork until noon. The ladies came in later in the morning and a fine dinner was prepared and served.

Popular ideas about food are a strange admixture of truth and fiction, according to a recent article by Dr. Lieb, an authority on diet. Particularly is this the case with respect to notions of what is good for people, or not good for them, under varying circumstances.

RELEASED BALLOON FOUND NEAR CREEK IN ALABAMA

A balloon released on December 6th by the Brooks children of Tyler was found on December 10th some miles to the east of the place of release and a letter was mailed back to the senders of the message tied to the balloon. The following is a clipping received from G. M. Allen of the Sunnyview community, the grandfather of the children releasing the balloon.

My daughter found this balloon on the 10th day of December, 1930, near the Coosa River about 4 miles south of Lock 12, or Lay Dam, and 12 miles east of Clanton, lying in a small stream of water, with a small note posted on the balloon, with balloon about half filled with air.

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UNCLAIMED LETTERS

Letters remaining in this office unclaimed for the week ending January 10, 1931: Bell, Milton. Beatty, W. W. Brannon, Clarine Cannon, F. L. Cook, Mrs. J. A. Cose, G. L. Clay, C. H. Davis, Maggie Howard, John Harris, J. E. Hopkins, John Hampton, J. E. Henry, Louie Irwin, Mollie Jesse, C. N. (4) Jenkins, Lillian Jones, L. E. (2) Johnson, Fannie (2) Long, Jewel Martin, Mary McMyan, John Millsap, M. S. Newman, L. L. Reed, F. C. Reed, Clifford Reed, H. C. Robinson, Thelma Riley, Pauline Reed, J. C. Reed, C. A. Reed, May Stowe, Mrs. Nellie Smith, Nancy Jim West, J. C. Wood, Horace (2) Tolson, Eugene Thompson, Burl Wilson, L. A. (2) Charles H. Bugbee, P. M. Clarendon, Texas

Laundry Special

FOR NINETY DAYS We want you to know that you may send your clothes to our laundry on— THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY for 3 cents per pound WET WASH Minimum bundle 50 Cents CALL US TODAY Clarendon Steam Laundry Phone 75

LELIA LAKE CHARGE METHODIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENT Lelia Lake on first and third Sunday's at 11 o'clock a. m. and 7 o'clock p. m.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Rev. S. McKee, Pastor Sunday School 9:45 a. m. come early for the opening exercises.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH Rev. W. R. McPherson, Pastor Methodist Church. Sunday School 9:45 A. M.

BAPTIST W. M. S. NOTES A missionary program of unusual effectiveness was presented by members of the south circle of the Baptist W. M. S. Wednesday afternoon at the church.



Specials for Friday and Saturday

Table listing grocery items and prices: SYRUP, COFFEE, BRAN, BACON, COCOANUT, Laiyng Mash, FLOUR, COMPOUND, Pork and Beans.

Now On Display Nelly Don Fashions For Spring



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Frocks and Smocks, \$1.95 and \$3.95 They're so inexpensive you can buy them for housework, and so smart you'll wear them everywhere.

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