

TWO DRY HOLES CAUSE DROP IN OIL INTEREST

Opinions Vary On Structure At Voth's

Townsite Deep Test Hits Ellenberger, Plugging Back to Level of Old Production

Two successive disappointments during the past week cast a heavy gloom over the prospects for immediate extension of oil developments in this area.

At Barney Voth's the well drilled with a rotary by Joe Beard as an offset to Whitfield, Pearson and Grimes' discovery gusher was pronounced a dry hole. Attention now centers on the well being drilled with a spudder by Couch as the last hope of reviving fast waning interest.

Conflicting opinions are offered regarding structures of that field and the prospects of development. The source of the gusher's production is thought by some to be a crevice in the Ellenberger, and as such would offer little encouragement for offsets. Others are keeping up their optimism because of optimism already shown in lease investments.

The other disappointment was the deepening test promoted by Miss Alice Holton in the townsite field. After several geologists had agreed that the structure encountered was Ellenberger, J. G. Richards stopped drilling and began plugging back to the oil production level of about 1625 feet. The next plan is an attempt to increase production by repressuring.

Because the expense of making the test was lower than anticipated, Miss Holton called on business houses last week and refunded 25 per cent of the fund that had been raised for the test.

CHAMBER COMMERCE BUILDING FORMALLY OPENED WITH PARTY

Gainesville's new Chamber of Commerce building was the scene of a delightful party Monday night as members of the organization and county agents and the county AAA personnel were hosts at "open house" festivities marking the formal opening of the new \$6,500 building.

A conservative estimate placed the guest list at 1,000, nearly half of whom signed the official guest book. Among those registered were persons from almost every town and community in the county and visitors from Chamber of Commerce organizations of a score of larger towns in Texas and Oklahoma.

The natural beauty of the building was enhanced by an array of cut flowers and flood lights bathing the glass front. Song, dance, and instrumental selections by amateurs of Gainesville and neighboring communities provided entertainment.

Visitors were greeted at the door by a receiving line representative of women's organizations of the city. Other hostess duties such as presiding at the registration desk, directing the entertainment program and serving refreshments of punch and wafers were discharged by other club women and wives of Chamber of Commerce members.

OWNER OF LOCAL OIL INTERESTS SUCCEUMBS TO HEART AILMENT

Private funeral services were held Saturday 11:00 a. m. at Kaufman for Arthur Deskins Robinson, 55, who died last Friday of heart disease at his home in Dallas.

Mr. Robinson was a well known oil and land investor and has a number of mutual friends in this city. He had oil holdings north of Muenster and in the East Texas field. His general office was located in the Kirby Building in Dallas. A native of Charlottesville, Va., he had lived in Dallas several years.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor Robinson of Dallas, and a sister, Mrs. Kirk Montague of Norfolk, Va.

A. H. Drake of Muenster was a pallbearer at the funeral.

DEATH CALLS SISTER OF SISTER BERTHA

A letter received this week by Sister Bertha advised of the death of her sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Hutter, 52, in Diepoldsau, Switzerland, on December 30th, after an illness of less than a week.

Mrs. Hutter was one of the relatives Sister Bertha visited while in Europe during the past summer.

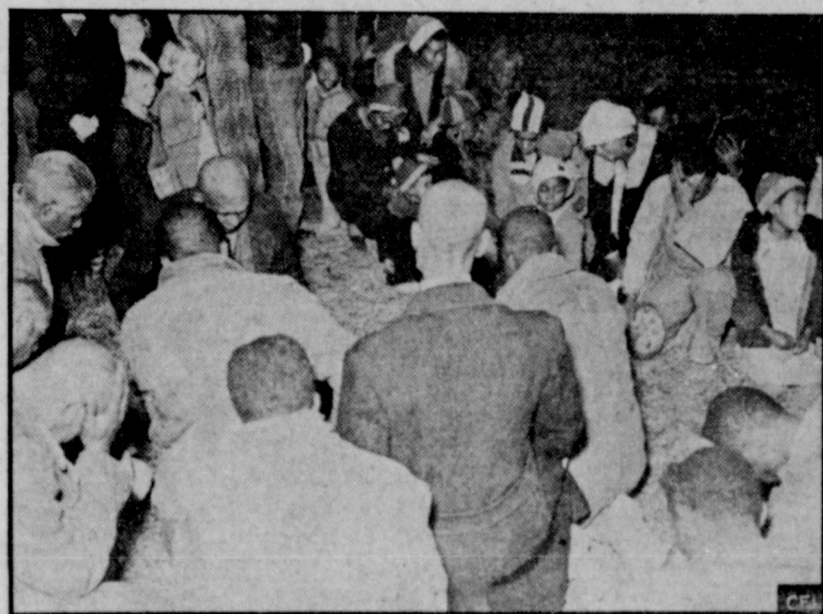
CHAMBERLAIN'S ARRIVAL IN ROME TO VISIT IL DUCE



ROME, ITALY.—Radiophoto—Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain of Great Britain was warmly welcomed last week for the conference with Premier Mussolini in his effort to bring appeasement to Europe. This picture, telephoned from Rome to London and then radioed to New York, shows the official welcome

to the British Prime Minister and his party. Left to right: Count Galeazzo Ciano, Foreign Minister and Il Duce's son-in-law; Viscount Halifax, British Foreign Secretary; Mr. Chamberlain and Premier Mussolini at the railway station after the arrival of the British party.

COLD AND HUNGER PERILED SHARECROPPERS



SIKESTON, Mo.—Huddled around campfires by the roadside, hundreds of southeast Missouri sharecroppers' families demonstrated against their low economic status, faced the perils of probable rain and snow, shrinking food supplies and the danger of disease. A typical group is shown in this photograph as they knelt in prayer along U. S. Highway 61 near here.

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wilde spent Tuesday in Fort Worth.

Since last week Miss Magdalene Flusche, is employed in Gainesville.

Miss Anna Hellman has returned from a two weeks' visit in Denison and Dallas.

Mrs. Henry Hennigan and infant daughter were dismissed from the local clinic Sunday afternoon.

J. S. Horn visited relatives in Dallas from Friday to Monday of this week.

Good grass pasture for rent. See Paul Endres, Muenster. (Adv. 9p)

Since Monday Cecil Piott is in charge of the shop department of H-5 Motor Service.

Two Muenster farm homes to be re-roofed this week are those of Barney Voth and Mrs. John Knauf.

J. W. Fisher will spend Friday in Dallas at the annual Kelvinator service school.

Milk Cows for sale, J. M. Russell, 604 S. Denton, Gainesville. (Adv. 9-10p)

Miss Anne Wilde returned to her position at Shreveport, La., Friday after a several days' visit here with her mother, Mrs. Agnes Wilde.

Richard Schmitz is the newest addition to the personnel of Herr Motor Company. He is employed in the car sales department.

Miss Katie Trubenbach who has been employed in Gainesville for several years has returned to Muenster.

Henry William Wade of Saint Joseph, Tenn., arrived here Monday for a visit with Casper Haverkamp and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Trachta were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burkhardt, in Fort Worth, Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Laake of Dallas were guests of his sister, Miss Angela Laake, and W. L. Stock and family Sunday afternoon.

Rev. Fathers Francis, Conrad of Lindsay, Martin of Windthorst and Matthew of Rhineland, are making plans to attend an annual corpora-

tion meeting of Subiaco Abbey and College at Subiaco, Ark., next Wednesday. They expect to leave Monday evening.

Miss Alice Holton and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Richards and Bill Demory spent Monday in Fort Worth and Cleburne on business.

Miss Elizabeth Koelzer is visiting in DeQueen, Ark., since Thursday last week as the guest of her brother John Koelzer, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Yosten had as guests Sunday her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tischler, and Mr. and Mrs. Justin Jezek of Colina, and their guest, Sammie Haezler of Corpus Christi.

William Kathman was treated at the local clinic Wednesday morning for a severe cut on his right index finger. The injury occurred while Mr. Kathman was on duty at the cheese plant.

As the result of a job swapping agreement Ray Fuhrmann is now employed at Herr Motor Company and Eugene Lehnertz is working with his brother Jimmy at the Gulf Station.

Roy Endres, Frank Herr and J. F. Herr were in Fort Worth from Sunday afternoon until Tuesday evening as guests of Universal Mills at that company's 17th annual birthday party and dealers' convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fleitman had as dinner guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Roewe and family and Mr. and Mrs. John Block and daughter of Lindsay and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Roewe and family of Myra.

Mrs. M. J. Endres returned from a visit with her children Sunday. She spent several days in Beaumont with Sister Irma and in Brenham as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Endres, who drove with her to College Station Saturday to visit with M. J. Endres, Jr., until Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Bill Derischweller and children of Tishomingo, Okla., returned to their home Thursday after spending two weeks with her mother, Mrs. Peter Bindel and family. They made the trip home with Herman Bindel, who returned to Muenster the same evening.

WPA WORK BEGINS ON OLD HIGHWAY REPAIR AND GRAVEL PROJECT

The second WPA road improvement project for the Muenster community got under way Monday with 65 workmen under the direction of Commissioner Joe Bezner starting general repairs and graveling on the four and a half mile span of old highway 5 extending toward Saint Jo from the city limits. The other WPA project now in effect is the new road and bridge job directed by Commissioner Babe Felker through the Big Elm bottom south of Muenster.

All necessary attention to put the old highway in first class condition is included on the project, Bezner said. Some fences are being set back to provide a wider right of way, adequate drainage will be supplied with deeper ditches and replacement of all bridges and culverts. A few low places in the road will be filled in, some sections of road bed will be widened and corners will be banked. The final treatment is a gravel surface 8 inches thick and 16 feet wide.

Materials for the three bridges and several culverts, Mr. Bezner advised, will be furnished entirely by WPA through customary allowances on each man month of labor and on equipment furnished by the county. The county's share of project expense is being provided out of a special 10 cent road tax approved at a general meeting of county taxpayers last summer. The commissioner's court, with the power to levy a special tax, had called the meeting for the purpose of determining public attitude toward their proposal to raise a fund with which to attract handsome WPA road projects.

Bezner expects the present job to be completed early in May.

QUARTER MILLION PAID TO FARMERS BY F M A DURING 1938

Almost a quarter of a million dollars was the extent of the market provided by the Farmers Marketing Association during 1938, it was reported last Thursday in the organization's annual general meeting.

The total cheese production of the year was 1,400,000 pounds for which the factory paid out slightly more than \$180,000 in milk checks. The volume of egg business reached \$14,000 and the poultry business about \$33,000. This last figure includes \$28,000 paid for ten carloads of turkeys dressed here during Wilson and Company's Thanksgiving and Christmas turkey packing programs.

No changes in the executive board resulted from the election of directors and officers. Those now serving are President, C. J. Wimmer; vice-president, Wm. Becker; secretary, Victor Hartman; directors, Barney Voth, Henry Wiesman, John Klement, J. W. Hess, and Emil Vogel.

SPECIAL CEREMONY FORMALLY ADMITS 10 HOLY NAME MEMBERS

In special services at the Sacred Heart Church Sunday ten young men were formally admitted into the ranks of the Holy Name Society. Father Francis Zimmerer, sponsor of the local group, presided at the ceremonies and delivered a short address explaining that the society is primarily a spiritual organization with a purpose of encouraging a proper reverence for the holy name of Jesus and all other sacred expressions.

The candidates had been informally admitted into the society at an initiation in the parish hall the preceding Monday.

Father John Nigg, O.S.B. Dies Early Monday A M At Sanatorium In Switzerland

TWO YOUTHS CONFESS THEFT NEAR BULCHER EARLY IN DECEMBER

Investigations by Constable Frank Hoedebeck over a period of several weeks were rewarded last week by the confession of two Gainesville youths in connection with the theft of several items from a power house on the Donnell lease near Bulcher on December 9.

The first arrest in the case was that of R. C. Duckworth on Jan. 10. During cross examination he implicated a friend, J. B. Romine, who was apprehended by officers of Marlette, Okla., on Jan. 13 at the request of the Cooke county sheriff's department.

At a trial Monday, Jan. 16, Romine was found guilty of the theft, sentenced to 20 days in jail and fined \$10 and costs. Duckworth was released on bond until the next court session.

Articles stolen from the power house were a battery, a hose, gasoline, and oil.

TALK ON ROSES AND SHRUBS IS FEATURE OF LEAGUE MEETING

W. H. Proffer of the Gainesville Highway 5 Nursery appeared as guest speaker at the meeting of the Ladies' Civic League last Friday afternoon and gave an interesting talk on the care and cultivation of shrubs and roses.

In the course of his lecture the speaker stated that for the best results in growing shrubs and roses they should be tended and worked in the same careful manner that a garden is cultivated. Shallow watering, he stated, is worse than no water at all. Waterings of the soaking type are most beneficial. For roses a compact soil, preferably clay, is best. An open discussion, during which Mr. Proffer answered questions asked by the group, followed his talk.

The most important part of the business session preceding the lecture was the discussion of a landmark the League plans to erect at the city limit line. Earlier in the week, Mrs. Myrick, president, had talked to R. W. Williams of the State Highway Department regarding this marker and was assured by him that as soon as the marker is erected the highway department will plant shrubs along the entrance to the city. All expenses including the original cost of the plants and the setting out and maintaining thereof will be paid by the highway department.

Mrs. Myrick drew an illustration of the proposed marker which is to be approximately 8 feet high. It will bear a bronze plate on which will be inscribed "Entering Muenster." A smaller plate below this will bear an inscription stating that it was donated by the League to the city in commemoration of the golden jubilee Muenster will observe this year. The members voted to pay for the markers and the erection, one at the west and one at the east city limit line. Mrs. Myrick was named chairman of this particular project and all members pledged their help in the work.

A letter from Mrs. John Mosman, secretary, was read which revealed that she was resigning as a member and as the secretary. Mrs. Myrick, as president, is to appoint a secretary before the next meeting.

Among committee reports were that of Mrs. Nick Miller who gave an account of donations and expenditures of the cemetery committee. A donation given this project is a share in the Muenster Telephone Company made possible through the courtesy of Charles Pulte of Gainesville. A two dollar dividend was realized from the share this year and was placed in the fund for the cemetery.

Trees from the church to the cemetery will be planted this month. The American elm has been chosen and 40 of these trees will be used along the side of the walk from the church to the graveyard. The plants cost 50 cents each with a replacement guarantee from the Nursery. Trees that were still growing from the first planting by local help last year were dug out and replanted around the chapels. The latter work being under the direction of the pastor, Father Frowin.

Mrs. Joe Luke, chairman of the home beautification committee, advised that she had made arrangements with Mr. Proffer for the donation of two shrubs to be offered as first prizes, one for rural yards and one for city yards, in the yard beautification contest to be held next Spring and that rules for the contest will be drawn up and announced at an early date.

Miss Olivia Stock, chairman of the (Continued on Page 4)

Served As Lindsay Pastor Since 1926

Death Results From Long Illness While Priest Seeks Relief in Climate of Native Land

Lindsay.—Rev. P. John Nigg, O. S. B., 66, pastor of Lindsay for the past twelve years died at 1:45 a. m. Monday at the St. Hildegardis Sanatorium, Unterageri Switzerland. The first word of the sad news reached here at 2:00 p. m. Monday in a telegram which advised also that he would be buried in his native village of Gersau, Switzerland.

On Tuesday, the day of his burial, an assisted mass of requiem was offered for the repose of his soul in Saint Peter's church. Fathers Frowin and Francis of Muenster took part in the service. Another requiem mass for the deceased will be offered at Muenster Monday morning.

Though the entire community was saddened by the passing of the genial priest, few were surprised by the report. It was a matter of general information that he was critically ill in a Swiss sanatorium and a matter of general opinion that he would not return to the States next summer as he had planned.

Father John had been in poor health for several years but his condition became especially critical last February when his bronchial ailment developed into a severe case of tuberculosis. For several days at that time he was on the brink of death but rallied sufficiently to resume some of his pastoral duties. In June he departed for Switzerland with the hope that the mountain climate would restore his health. His sufferings continued during the several weeks spent at his home village and at his Alma Mater, the Benedictine school and Abbey of Marie Einsiedeln. On October 16 he retired to the sanatorium in which he died.

He is affectionately remembered as a dutiful pastor, a kind friend, a learned scholar, and an accomplished musician. His reputation as an eloquent speaker, especially in his native German, was due in great part to the fact that he composed all sermons with painstaking care. He contended that every utterance in the service of God is worthy of a person's most precise rhetorical efforts. He seldom attempted extemporaneous speeches for any occasion.

Aside from his conscientious services as pastor and teacher, Father John leaves a splendid monument in his musical work and church society work. To his patience and energy is due nearly all credit for the splendid band and choir of Lindsay. Even during the illness of his late years he personally directed all rehearsals. He also directed the band concerts and whenever possible directed the choir. Ample evidence of his church society work is found in Lindsay society records and those of the Catholic State League of Texas.

Father John was born on June 14, 1872, in the village of Gersau, Switzerland and received his elementary education there. At the age of 13 he entered the famous Benedictine College of Marie Einsiedeln and studied there until coming to America on Nov. 4, 1893.

On Nov. 24, 1893 he enrolled at St. Benedict's monastery, now known as Subiaco, in Arkansas. He completed his scholastic work there, took the vows of the Benedictine order on June 21, 1895 and entered the priesthood on January 30, 1898. After that he taught until 1903 at Subiaco.

Father John's first service in Lindsay began in 1903 as an assistant to Rev. J. B. Troxler, O. S. B. and ended on May 13, 1904, when he assumed charge of the parish at Windthorst. During that pastorate, lasting until Aug. 24, 1906, when he was succeeded by Muenster's present pastor, Reverend Frowin Koerdt, O. S. B., Father John distinguished himself by the completion of an adequate frame church and the organization of his first band.

From September 1906 to Sept. 1910 he served as a teacher at Subiaco, then spent eight years in parish work at Rhineland. On July 6, 1918 he was transferred back to Windthorst for a second term as pastor of that parish. It was during that period, ending in June 1923 that he constructed the present \$30,000 brick parochial school at Windthorst.

After another two years as professor at Subiaco Father John returned on Jan. 1, 1926 to the scene of his first pastoral duties at Lindsay and remained there as pastor until June, 1938, when he departed for Switzerland.

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NOT WELCOME HERE

The current issue of Reader's Digest carries a shocking revelation of present Nazi plans to flood this nation with propaganda to convince Americans of German descent that the blood of the fatherland still courses in their veins, hence their first allegiance is to the Nazi regime, also that it is the patriotic duty of German Americans to aid in Der Fuhrer's plan of eventually bringing the United States under German domination. To this community, composed almost entirely of German descent, that article carries more than normal interest. We are some of the people expected by the Nazi regime to aid in trading American independence and liberty for foreign allegiance.

According to the standards of Nazi reasoning as displayed in its territorial additions last year such ambitious plans are quite credible. The Nazi party actually wishes to bring all German people under the emblem of the swastika. Its claim to America is based partly on the supposed presence of 40 million German Americans and partly on the record of the German share in American development.

The first Nazi error is in estimating the number of Germans here. American census figures place the number at less than 20 million. Of course the Nazi may feel that the stronger traits of Germans can predominate in spite of racial mixtures, hence that persons of one fourth German blood are German. Such calculation would increase the number of German Americans but it would not harmonize with the admitted weakness of blood in Germany where the presence of one-fourth Jewish blood was

sufficient to nullify a German's nationality.

Then again, Germany certainly is entitled to no share of what German Americans have done over here. Back in the days of the revolution there may have been a few exceptions of Germans helping the colonists out of the kindness of their hearts, but it is probable that much of the help was born of a desire to weaken the traditional enemy, England. Such alliances are the accepted custom in Europe. Besides there is a little historical note telling about Hessian mercenary soldiers fighting for England. And as for German immigrants to America, their intention was plainly that of aiding in American development and sharing in American progress and liberty. They thought of their personal wants and their families, not of enhancing the glory or power of the fatherland.

Sounding out opinion in this community we are firmly convinced that this group of German Americans feels no duty of allegiance to the Nazi party. People here are of the opinion that extreme hardships were imposed on Germany after the war and that the leadership of Hitler and his party restored order from the resulting chaos, but they do not favor Nazi policies of subordinating individual liberties and creeds to the whim of the state. Nor do they believe in the strong arm methods of "peaceful annexation" or in forcing upon citizens the burdens of a tremendous armament program. They think that the German Jews brought on their own downfall but they do not approve of the rigid Jewish persecution.

People here, furthermore, are proud of the contributions made to civilization by the Teutonic race and are undoubtedly more fond of that race than of any other. But their allegiance is not determined by race. It is determined by nationality. In spite of ancestry our people are American and they desire to remain so. They prefer the American guarantee of inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness to the Nazi demand of blind allegiance. They prefer American economic blessings to the virtual poverty of Europeans, they prefer American isolation to entangling European confusion. They prefer to keep what they have and they intend to defend Americanism against the designs of even their kinsman just as they did two decades ago in sending more than their quota to the World War and subscribing to more than their quota of liberty bonds.

For a German community such as this it is highly important to do more than our share in combating the threatened Nazi propaganda. Our people are some of the persons facing the first line of Nazi literary attack. They must defend themselves with a clear picture of realities so as not to fall before the false prophets. By their loyalty they must ward off any Nazi success that might cause unpleasant misunderstandings such as those of 1918.

Our nation too has a grave responsibility. During this period of unrest it must eliminate abuses, must show unmistakably that Americanism is a guarantee of peace and liberty offering far more than any of the European "isms."

From all that's been said to date a flower show will be the entire public celebration.

While entering the community's fiftieth year we can do well to ponder on how much progress was made in developing Muenster from a small, isolated prairie settlement to a modern trading center. Strange as it seems, almost all the advancement was the result of natural growth and very little energy on the part of the people. Then we can ponder on the community's possibilities if an aggressive spirit of development gets under way.

Let's imagine the change if most farmers were rebuilding their depleted soil, if electricity served all farm homes, if good, all-weather roads led to town from every direction, if the city boasted a sewer, a new bank, a new hotel, three or four attractive new business houses, substantial industries, affiliated schools, and attractive homes and streets. It is true those are big objectives. Call them air castles or pipe dreams, or what you will, but don't forget that the possibilities are here and that almost every progressive move in history was once discarded as impossible.

Local NEWS Briefs

Mr. and Mrs. John Meurer and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Weinzapfel and three children spent Sunday in Scotland where they attended a silver wedding anniversary observed by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Otto. Mrs. Otto is the former Miss Margaret Meurer and both she and her husband are former Muensterites.

Henry and Miss Sophie Muenschmuth, Henry and Miss Evelyn Littken, Roland Donoho, Edward Otto, Jr., and Miss Marie Schlabs, all of Windthorst, visited with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Weinzapfel last Thursday evening and attended the CYO dance.

This week Alphonse Reiter moved on the Reiter place north of Muenster that was formerly occupied by Albert Reiter. The latter moved south of Muenster to occupy the place Ben Haverkamp vacated when he moved on the old Duesman place. A house from near Hood was moved to that farm by Mr. Haverkamp.

2 WOMEN AND CHILD SERIOUSLY ILL FROM ESCAPING GAS FUMES

Miss Geraldine and Hale Neathery were called to Gainesville to the bedside of their sister-in-law, Mrs. Chester Neathery, Wednesday afternoon because of the serious illness resulting from asphyxiation earlier in the day.

Her daughter, Mrs. Charlie Wheeler and infant granddaughter, who were also victims of the escaping gas, were less seriously injured and are not confined to bed. The women and infant were in a poorly ventilated kitchen and were not aware the gas flame under a wash boiler had blown out.

Though faint, Mrs. Wheeler was able to reach a telephone and call for a doctor after her mother was overcome.

ANDY HOFBAUER ARE PARTY HOSTS SUNDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Hofbauer were hosts for a card party in their home Sunday evening.

In a series of Zwick games Mrs. Andrew Schoech scored high. A refreshment course was served in the late evening.

Personnel of the party included Messrs. and Mesdames Alois Wiesman, Oscar Walter, Frank Bayer, Andrew Schoech and the hosts.

no doubt be dismissed with a grunt by those to whom life means no more than the incessant struggle for more wealth, or to another group who have more regard for their lazy convenience than for the scars on the landscape they leave behind. Little is done for the cause of beauty by picnic parties that leave tin cans, paper bags and plates, bottles and other debris at the scene of their parties. The same is true of persons who carelessly throw objects out of cars, as is shown along one of the roads leading out of Muenster.

That very situation was the object of some amusement a few days ago when one person told about the hundreds of whiskey bottles, beer bottles and beer cans at the right side of the highway leading out of town. The situation presents a story as plain as print that an unreasonable regulation imposed on Muenster fails to prevent its being considered an oasis of this section. It also gives rather convincing testimony that more than a few people in a certain dry town are a good distance off the water wagon.

The best laugh connected with local beer raids was that of two weeks ago when officers searching one place decided on the easy way of having a suspect deliver the evidence to them. So they phoned an order for two cases of beer. With his usual independence the man replied bluntly that he was too busy to deliver, "come and get it." They came. But a few minutes ahead of them was a friend advising that the call had come from the laws, and the cleanup was completed before they arrived.

We happen to recall that the highway marker to be donated by the Ladies Civic League is to bear an inscription commemorating Muenster's golden jubilee celebration. What golden jubilee celebration? When? From all we've heard about it lately the affair must be a mysterious secret. Oh yes, there was some talk last year of the big program Muenster is going to stage, but interest seems to be declining rather than growing now that the anniversary year has arrived.

If the celebration is to be more than a miserable fizzle some sort of systematic activity will have to be started in the very near future. And if the men in this town aren't willing to play second fiddle they had better start working on their best ideas.

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF

The First State Bank of Gainesville, Texas

AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS DECEMBER 31, 1938

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$ 384,307.46
Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures	12,076.75
Customers' Bonds Held for Safe Keeping	82,150.00
AVAILABLE CASH:	
Bonds and Securities	\$448,505.41
Gov. Cotton Loans	42,739.32
Cash and Exchange	526,999.45
Total Available Cash	1,018,244.18
TOTAL	\$1,496,778.39

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 65,000.00
Surplus and Profits	42,916.09
Customers' Bonds Held for Safe Keeping	82,150.00
DEPOSITS	1,306,712.30
TOTAL	\$1,496,778.39

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Confetti

By CON FETTE

If Muenster will set up appropriate markers at both city limits, we are told, the highway department will plant trees along its right of way for a distance of 3 miles on either side of the city.

In spite of appearing to "count the chicks before they are hatched" we are rejoicing already over this improvement to the appearance of the community. The only circumstance that could cause the plan to fail is the highway department's default on what appears to be a quite definite promise. We take it for granted that Muenster will do its part—because the project has been taken in hand by the Ladies Civic League. The fact that the group has done a commendable job on every one of its undertakings to date is sufficient assurance that this one will be completed in good order. Without considering their record of service we could expect the ladies to take advantage of the highway departments offer. It just goes against a woman's grain to let a bargain like that get away.

Now that the movement has its beginning the time is appropriate for a little thought on extending the contemplated "park drive" all the way from Muenster to Gainesville. If the latter city will take advantage of the same offer, two 3 mile spans of the intervening fourteen miles will be complete. Then possibly Lindsay can do likewise and cut the uncompleted distance down to two miles.

Of course there is only one purpose in this entire program—to beautify the roadside. As such it will

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9-4 GARZA, Bleached, per yd.	28c
9-4 BRIDAL LINEN, Bleached, per yd.	34c
CHESTER SHEETS 81 x 90	.57
GARZA SHEETS 81 x 99	.85c
BRIDAL SHEETS 81 x 99	\$1.10
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20 x 40 CANNON TOWELS	23c
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Myra News

MRS. JOHN BLANTON
Correspondent

J. T. Biffle made a business trip to Oklahoma City Monday.

Mrs. A. E. Barnes visited relatives in Valley View Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Leroy Porter and daughter, Betty Jo, made a business trip to Sherman Saturday.

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children of Denton visited Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Luna here Sunday.

Mrs. J. T. Biffle, Sr., who has been ill for the last two weeks is reported improved.

Mrs. Ray Hudson spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Puckett at Leo.

Estelle Morris of Gainesville spent the week-end with Mrs. J. H. Gatewood.

N. Melton and Fred McTaggart visited Barney Reed of Woodbine Monday night. Mr. Reed is seriously ill with pneumonia.

Earl McKee of Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio spent Sunday and Monday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred McTaggart.

Mrs. W. A. Hoskins, Mrs. E. F. Biffle and Mrs. J. T. Biffle spent Tuesday with Mrs. Walter Randall of Gainesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Neal of Ada, Oklahoma, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Snuggs Saturday night.

Mrs. Oscar Gaston and son, Tommy, spent the week-end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nat Platt.

Mr. and Mrs. Doc Monroe and daughter, Rose Marie, of Gainesville visited Saturday with Miss Fredda Snuggs who is ill.

Jake Greyson, Joe Biffle and Darrell Melton left Monday to attend the inaugural ceremonies at the State Capitol Tuesday.

Cliffogene Burks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Burks, is absent from school this week because of illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Adamson and family and Mr. and Mrs. Truman Nance of Dallas spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Needham and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Blanton and daughters, and Mr. and Mrs. Van Hill of Gainesville were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Platt Sunday.

A fire at Tom Pryor's home Monday was discovered and extinguished before serious damage was done. A defective flue was named as the cause of the blaze.

Mrs. Fred McTaggart left Sunday evening to visit with friends and relatives in Austin and witness the inauguration ceremonies in connection with the induction of W. Lee O'Daniel into the office of governor, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Burt Pearson and Mrs. Luther Pearson of Collinsville visited Mrs. R. L. Pearson and family and other friends here Sunday. Mrs. Pearson is a former teacher of the Myra school.

The second chapter of the text book, For This Cause, was taught by Mrs. Dora Fears, when the members of the Myra Baptist W. M. S. met Monday afternoon for its study hour. The closing prayer was given by Mrs. Fears.

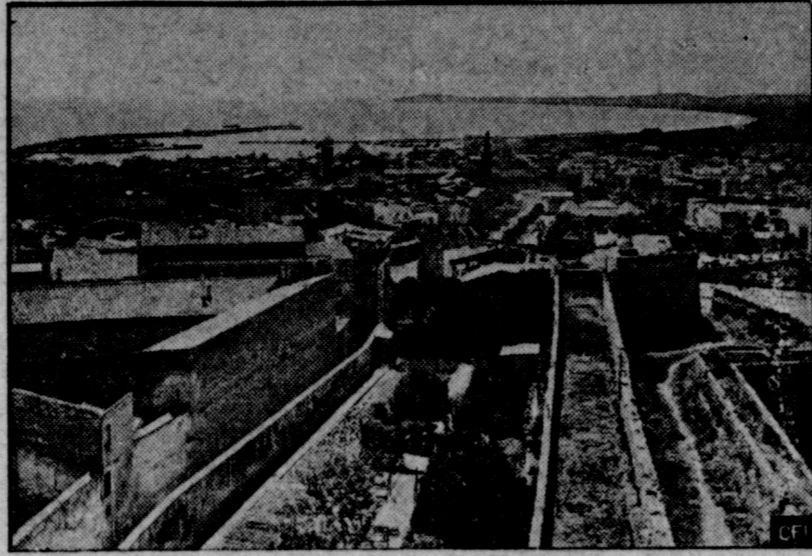
Ethel Mae Watson, reporter for the Myra 4-H Club, met with other club reporters of the county in Gainesville Saturday afternoon for an instruction school taught by Miss Nette Shultz, County Home Demonstration Agent.

TABLE MANNERS IS TOPIC FOR MYRA 4-H MEETING

Myra.—A demonstration on correct table service and good table manners was given by Misses Louise Pearson, Juanita Stricklin, Katy Mae Mathews and Cecilia O'Conner, members of the Myra 4-H Club, when a regular meeting was held on Thursday afternoon of last week in the school auditorium.

Following the lesson, the girls enjoyed a social hour. Four new members were admitted at this meeting, namely, Misses Bobby Biffle, Treba Lee Livingston, Lois Hubbard and Wanda Sluder. Eighteen members and the sponsors, Mesdames A. E. Barnes and A. R. Andress were in attendance.

TARRAGONA CAPTURED BY REBELS



SPAIN.—A view of the city and port of Tarragona in Catalonia which was the objective of the forces of General Franco that they captured this week.

COL. RUPPERT DIES



NEW YORK.—Colonel Jacob Ruppert, owner of the New York Yankee Baseball Club died of Phlebitis, a vein inflammation, at his home, 1120 Fifth Avenue last week. Photo shows Colonel Ruppert with Joe Di Maggio, sensational West Coast boy who joined the Yankees after Babe Ruth left them.

YEAR'S ACHIEVEMENT REVIEWED AT MEETING OF MISSION SOCIETY

Saint Anne's Mission Sewing Circle held its first meeting of the new year last Thursday afternoon in the parochial basement.

In a business session, Mrs. J. M. Weinzapfel, president, Miss Mary Becker, secretary, and Mrs. John Eberhart, head of the quilting department, read lists of donations during the past year. It was revealed that 600 pounds of new and remodeled clothes had been sent to needy missions along with 9 comforts, 3 quilts and 1 baby quilt. Twenty pounds of hospital bandages were rolled and shipped and several pounds of stamps, tinfoil and lead-foil were given to missions. Seventy-six pieces of altar linens were made by the group, 40 of which were given to Sacred Heart church.

Mrs. Weinzapfel expressed thanks to all who in any way helped during the past year in this work, either by donations of money and clothes or by sewing. A special word of thanks was addressed to Mrs. Felix Becker, president of Saint Anne's Society, for making it possible to serve refreshments at these meetings through funds from that society's

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF

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RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$ 480,973.52
Overdrafts	5,071.32
Furniture & Fixtures	18,500.00
Real Estate	43,899.80
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	6,100.00
Other assets	227.94
Bonds	344,613.11
Bills of Exchange	1,264.91
Cash and Sight Exchange	625,054.59
Total Available Reserve	970,932.61
TOTAL	\$1,525,705.19

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 200,000.00
Surplus	5,000.00
Undivided Profits	8,136.21
Preferred Stock retirement fund	3,500.00
Reserved for Taxes and Other Contingencies	6,833.50
DEPOSITS:	
Banks	21,892.65
Individual	1,280,342.83
Total Deposits	1,302,235.48
TOTAL	\$1,525,705.19

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next Thursday, the 26th. She will entertain in the home of her mother, Mrs. J. S. Horn.

HYACINTH STUDY CLUB DISCUSSES BLESSED CANDLES

Fourteen members of the Hyacinth Study Club were present for a meeting Monday evening in the home of Miss Mary Becker for the discussion of the seventh chapter of their textbook entitled Blessed Candles.

The symbolism of the candle as applied to Christ and to the faithful, the use of candles in pre-Christian and early Christian times as compared to the liturgical meaning of candles as they are used in the modern church, the use of candles in the liturgy and in the home and the symbolism of the Tenebrae services were among topics studied.

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Miss Dorothy Mae Luke of Muenster spent the week-end here as the

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Hugo Bezner left Monday for Gonzales where he will be employed.

Since Tuesday Miss Florence Arend is visiting in Wichita Falls.

Fred Luebbert was in Fort Worth this week on business.

Mrs. Gregory Ege and son, William, visited in Sanger last week.

Mrs. Joe Kupper, who has been seriously ill for the past week, is improved.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Flusche of Denison were guests of relatives here Sunday.

John and Lawrence Moster made a business trip to Texarkana last week.

Mrs. Tony Voth, Miss Marie Schmitt, and Leo Neusch spent several days of last week in Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hundt of Fort Worth were guests of relatives and friends here Sunday.

Bill Van Winkle has returned to his home in Dallas after a visit here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schmitt had as their guest this week, their daughter, Miss Marie Schmitt, of Sherman.

Carl Beyer of Fort Worth spent Sunday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Beyer.

The semi-annual examinations are now being taken by pupils of the Lindsay school.

Jake Bezner spent Sunday in Ardmore, Okla., with his son, Lambert, who attends business college there.

Since the beginning of the week, Edgar Schmitz is employed on the saels force of Montgomery Ward and company at Gainesville.

A yard improvement program is under way at the Hoelker residence. A number of fruit trees and shrubs were planted this week.

Paul Zimmerer, who has been with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Zimmerer, for three weeks, left for San Diego, Calif., Friday to resume his duties aboard the U. S. Chaumont.

Mr. and Mrs. John Block and daughter, Magdalene, and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Roewe and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fleitman in Muenster Sunday.

Ray Kupper and his group of actors presented their play, "Breezy Money" in Windthorst Sunday evening. Their effort was crowned with success by a large attendance and appreciative applause.

Mrs. Nick Arend and son, William, and daughter, Miss Florence, accompanied by Theodore Rauschuber, motored to Durant, Okla., Sunday to visit relatives. They were accompanied home by Miss Adela Nie who will visit here indefinitely.

One of the largest crowds ever gathered in the community hall was present Monday night for the concert and dance music given by Peter's Tyroler concertina troupe. The attendance included people from Muenster, Gainesville and surrounding communities.

YOUNG MEN'S SOCIETY HAS OFFICER ELECTION

Lindsay.—An election of officers for the coming year was the principal business of a meeting of the Young Men's Society held Thursday evening.

The society installed the following officers: John Fuhrmann, president, Bruno Zimmerer as vice-president succeeds Joe Bezner, Jr., who was elected secretary replacing Herbert Hundt; Gregory Hundt as treasurer was re-elected to serve in that capacity for another year.

IMPROVED BEDROOMS IS PROJECT FOR CLUB GIRLS

Lindsay.—Girls of the Lindsay 4-H Club held an interesting meeting on January 12th in the school basement. Miss Nettie Shultz, county home demonstration agent, was present and gave a demonstration on bedroom shelves and shoe racks.

After the meeting all members went to the home of Miss Elsie Mae Fuhrmann, who is the bedroom demonstrator for 1939, to inspect her recent improvements.

The girls are working on bedroom improvement as a major project this

SUNDAY ATTRACTION AT STATE THEATRE



Gary Cooper and Merle Oberon are co-starred for the first time in Samuel Goldwyn's romantic comedy, "The Cowboy and the Lady," released thru United Artists.

year, which is beginning a three-year plan. The demonstrator will achieve a completely improved bedroom and the other members will do a certain amount of improving in order to have a completed demonstration at the end of the period.

LINDSAY SODALITY ELECTS ANTONIO HUNDT PRESIDENT

Lindsay.—Miss Antonio Hundt was elected president of the Young Ladies Sodality Sunday afternoon when they assembled for a regular monthly meeting.

Others elected to serve on the executive committee with Miss Hundt were Miss Pauline Spaeth, vice-president, and Miss Dorothy Bezner, secretary-treasurer.

Miss Elfreda Bezner, retiring secretary, gave a financial report of the past year and cited numerous occasions on which the society assisted in parish activities.

FORTY HOURS' DEVOTION BEGIN AT LINDSAY SATURDAY

Lindsay.—Forty Hours' Adoration services will be held at Saint Peter's church here on next Saturday, Sunday and Monday, the 21, 22 and 23.

The pastor, Rev. Father Conrad, will be assisted in the services by Rev. Fathers Frowin and Francis of Muenster.

LINDSAY SEWING CIRCLE QUILTS FOR MISSIONS

Lindsay.—Members of the Mission Sewing Circle met in the home of Mrs. John Bezner last Wednesday afternoon to quilt for the missions.

At the close of the afternoon refreshments were enjoyed by Mesdames C. Hoelker, H. J. Fuhrmann, Clara Becker, Joe Bezner, John Schmitz, Joe Hundt and John Bezner.

MARY LOUISE BEZNER IS PARTY HOSTESS

Lindsay.—Little Miss Mary Louise Bezner was hostess for a party in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bezner, Sunday.

Mrs. Bezner assisted with hostess duties by directing games and con-

are H. J. Fuhrmann, Albert Kubis, Pete Block and Joe Fuhrmann, who were chosen lantern carriers.

The society voted to buy altar cloths for the church and to pay for them from their treasury.

Following the close of business 28 members enjoyed a social hour and refreshments.

FATHER JOHN---

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land in the interest of his health and to visit family members he had left forty-five years earlier.

Almost twenty-nine years, more than half his life in America, and almost half of his entire life, was spent in the service of the Catholic church in Texas. Giving up the associations and friendships of his youth he came here as a missionary and, when his work was done, returned to spend his last days amidst the scenes, memories, and friendships of his boyhood. Friends here knew that Father John had a strong desire to return to his native land, many felt that his "visit" home would be just what it is, a "return" home.

CIVIC LEAGUE---

(Continued from page 1)

educational committee, announced that for the meeting next month Miss Dorothy Fette and her pupils will present a Valentine program. Miss Fette who was admitted as a member at this meeting was appointed as a member of the educational committee replacing Mrs. Mosman. Another member to join at this meeting was Miss Theresa Luke.

Twenty members and three guests were present at the meeting.

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