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SPLINTERS

Signs of the times: Breakfast bacon is now served with the buttons on. Dresses have come down below the knees; petticoats are expected to come back into style soon. Diapers are fast taking the place of rubber pantalettes. Blushes are not confined to roses alone and sales of paint and lip stick are falling off. Horses and mules are again being looked upon with favor as a means of drawing farm implements and man's best friend does no longer shy when he meets his brother coming down the road. Fish taste just as goo wen caught with a worm as those caught with a painted piece of wood. About as many jackrabbits are being killed with single shot targets as are being shot at with automatic shot-guns. Red beans have taken on a different flavor and corn bread is no longer a family secret. With the fall in prices of the stock market there has been a corresponding descent of high hats. Dollar and a half subscriptions are joyously received and the subscriber is looked upon with an air of blessing. Blessed is he that expects nothing for he shall not be disappointed.

Talking over the heads of the people is talking nonsense.

Tra la la, spring is here. Not the one that the crooners croon about, nor the one that the warblers warble about, neither is it the type that the poets verse about. Old man weather diversified this time and instead of singing of the birds and the humming of the bees and sunning of the sun and the blowing of the gentle breezes, we have had the past week some most excellent sand storms, a most wintery sounding gale, an idle threat of rain, and clouds that would do justice to the storm so realistically portrayed in the pages of King Lear.

Ham and eggs, Damon and Pythias, bull dogs and running-boards, cats and canaries, beauty and the beast, moonlight and roses, ice cream and pickles, brief cases and lawyers, automobiles and gin, bottles and nipples, June and brides, boots and spurs; all may be inseparable companions but a combination which has been tried and failed is horses and editors. What grudge that horse held against us we don't know, but he seemed like a friendly, sociable beast and did everything that he was called on to do while we were riding him and when he was unsaddled we patted him on the nose and called him a good boy. If only we had known! A wolf in sheep's clothing is a tame comparison. That horse was possessed of a devil, verily. He did his insidious work without our knowledge of when it was being done. Today we feel as though he had kicked us in the back, bit us on the heel, slashed our arms, broken our neck and dropped us in a well. He is no friend of ours.

Will Rogers, as a Committee of one, (self appointed) is in favor of cutting out needless expenditures and consequently asks, "What is the idea of holding the Chicago Republican Convention?"

When a farmer spends all his money for groceries and has nothing left to buy things except the products that he raises private merchants take his wares in exchange but the Republicans hold to the idea that when a government gets all the gold available from foreign countries then is a good time to raise a tariff wall to prevent these countries from exchanging their products for the necessities which they must buy.

Red Cross Gets Car Flour For County Wide Distribution

A car of flour, 40,000 was received here this week by the local Red Cross chapter for distribution over the county. The flour is made of government owned wheat and was milled at Amarillo. The flour is of exceptionally good quality. About half the car has already been distributed and the remainder will be delivered to other communities in the very near future. The 100 packages of garden seed received here for distribution have been given out. Mrs. Moorhouse informs us that the chapter is short of funds and that donations are needed.

DESTRUCTION OF RABBITS CONTINUES. TOTAL REACHES 3000

That the nimrods are becoming more proficient with practice is attested to by the fact that in the last seven days the county has paid bounty on 1930 rabbits. This number swells the total to an even 3,000. There are a number of rabbits that have been killed but no bounty paid on as yet. Citizens in the Goree vicinity have been having rabbit drives and from all reports they have been having fair luck there exterminating the rabbits. The County Treasurer informs us that he has paid no bounties to persons from that part of the county so when the returns are heard from there, the total number of rabbits reported killed will be greatly increased.

SEA GULLS MIGRATE HERE

For the past week there have been myriads of sea gulls in this part of the country, a rather uncommon occurrence, which local prognosticators tell us, portends a wet season. Upon what reasoning or observations they base their conclusions, we have as yet been unable to ascertain, but if they are right in their predictions, we are ready to throw in with them.

GILLILAND GIN DIRECTORS TO MEET

The Farmers Co-operative Society No. 1, of Gilliland will have their annual stockholders meeting at the school house in Gilliland on May 7, at 2 p. m. at which time a board of directors and gin manager will be elected, also contract for next seasons seed haul. W. J. Farris has been manager for five years and the community boasts of having one of the best gins in West Texas.

G. M. Bryan was here Monday on business. He is a candidate for County Commissioner of his precinct and if he has as good luck running for office as he does in raising watermelons will be the next County Commissioner of Precinct 4.

SWEETWATER April 29 Governor R. S. Sterlink has accepted an invitation to deliver the principal address opening the fourteenth annual convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce on Thursday morning May 12. Other speakers include James C. Carson, H. G. Smith and Dr. H. G. James.

Okla. Bank Robbers Captured Near Rule

Knox County officers had a hand in capturing two men and a girl, alleged robbers of the First State Bank of Indianola, Oklahoma, Wednesday. The arrests of the trio were made near Rule in Haskell County. The men gave their names as Glenn Wilkerson and Clyde Meadows, the young woman refusing to give her name. Loot to the amount of about \$2,000 was recovered. The trio waved extradition and were taken to Frederick by Oklahoma officers where robbery with firearms and kidnapping were preferred against the two men, no charges being filed against the woman. The robbers passed through Benjamin about 11 o'clock Wednesday morning and bought gas at one of the local filling stations. According to the confession made by Wilkerson, the robbers called at the home of Author Moore, president of the Indianola bank at nine-thirty Tuesday evening pretending to be looking for work. Then Wilkerson pulled his gun and made known the intention of robbing the bank. Upon being informed that the money was in a vault with a time lock and could not be opened until morning, the trio decided to spend the night at the home of Moore, the two men taking turns guarding the bank. Wednesday morning in company with More, his wife, children and a maid, the robbers went to the bank which had been opened by the cashier. Taking about \$2,000 and forcing Moore and the cashier to accompany them, they fled toward Texas. Car trouble developed and another car was commandeered from a farmer. When apprehended near Rule, no resistance was made to arrest and the money was handed over.

IN MEMORY OF CLAUDE GERRALD

Claude Gerrald departed this life about 3:00 o'clock Tuesday morning April 26, 1932. He was born at Mt. Pleasant, Texas, October, 3rd 1888. He came to Truscott November 11, 1925 to work at the Magnolia Station. He was an ex-soldier serving in the world war between eight to ten months. He was a member of the American Legion at Crowell. Was married to Irene Gillespie January 3, 1928.

He leave a wife and two brothers and Gerrald, who was at his bed side when death came and Will Gerrald of New Mexico.

He became a member of the Christian Church May 1928, has lived a devoted Christian ever since. He was an affectionate husband, a devoted stepfather and a kind neighbor willing to help anyone in need. He chose the farm for his life work.

The funeral was held by Rev. C. V. Allen of Crowell, pastor of the Christian Church. The poll bearers were E. P. Storm, Ozzie Turner, J. C. Eubank, H. Glasscock, Wayne Young and Jolly Myers. The American Legion was represented by three of its members from Crowell.

is family has lost a kind husband and father. His church one of its staunch members the community one of its best citizens who has done much to uphold it socially morally and religiously.

—Contributed.

Good Rain Wednesday Night Improves Crop Conditions Here

1.3 inches of rain fell here Wednesday night. The precipitation was not accompanied by much wind and falling slowly, very little of it run off. Wheat and grass as well as all other agricultural enterprises were benefitted greatly. Reports indicate that the rain was general in all sections of the county.

FUNDERBURK FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE

O. C. Funderburk of Eastland has announced for re-election as Associate Justice of the Court of Civil Appeals, 11th Supreme Judicial District. Judge Funderburk is seeking his second term to this office and has made a very creditable showing in carrying out the duties of the office in the past. He is a Democrat. Other members of the Court are Judge J. E. Hickman Chief Justice, and W. P. Leslie, Associate Justice.

FARM LOANS HELPING BUSINESS CONDITIONS

A notable improvement in business conditions in those sections of the State where farmers are obtaining agricultural loans from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation is being reported to Regional Manager Owen W. Sherill by Bankers, Merchants and Chambers of Commerce.

"Hundreds of thousands of dollars are being spent for seed, supplies, fertilizer, fuel and oil for tractors, feed for work stock, repairs and miscellaneous expenses of crop production," said Mr. Sherill, "is causing money to circulate rapidly and widely. Increasing consumption of farm supplies is a very effective, practical and fundamental means of actually restoring prosperity from the ground up.

"Full credit should be given county committees in some sections of the state for the readiness in which loans are being made. Where applications are prepared properly, they are cleared with dispatch at the Dallas office and checks are mailed in twenty-four hours.

"In many sections community committees or sub-committees have been established by county committees. Farmers in a locality can have their loans passed on by these sub-committees which saves the farmer's time and a great amount of travel. This procedure is being encouraged by the Dallas office to expediate the work and better serve the farmers."

LEE SATTERWHITE FOR RAILROAD COMMISSIONER

Lee Satterwhite, candidate for Railroad Commissioner, opened his campaign headquarters this week at Austin in the Austin Hotel.

Mr. Satterwhite, who has served in the Texas Legislature for fourteen years, plans to personally conduct his campaign. He will not give a formal opening address, but is to make his first speech in this campaign at Wortham within the next few days.

M. E. Conference To Be At Knox City

The Stamford District Conference of the M. E. Church, South, will be held at Knox City May 2nd at 7:45 p. m. It will continue through the 3rd and 4th of May. Dr. Slover, Presiding Elder, of Stamford will preach. All members of the Conference are urged to be present. The public is extended a cordial invitation to attend. Preaching services will be held in the evenings.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ELECT RACE CAPTAINS

At the regular meeting of the Benjamin Fire Department Monday evening aside from the regular business to be attended to, the department elected two race captains to choose hose teams for competition, the winner to represent Benjamin in the Olney Convention races the latter part of May. Red Waldron and Jay Marlow will captain the two teams. As yet neither team has practiced the race. Dial Glenn's application for membership was acted upon favorably and the initiation will probably be held at the next meeting.

SCHOLARSHIP OFFERED BY W. T. C. C.

A choice of scholarships in eight colleges and universities of West Texas will be offered to the winner of My Home Town Speaking Contest to be held during the Fourteenth Annual Convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce in Sweetwater, May 12, 13, 14.

Six Colleges have already agreed to give scholarships to the winning contestant good for the next school session. They are: John Tarleton Agricultural College, Stephenville; Texas Technological College, Lubbock; Abilene Christian College, Abilene; Baylor University, Waco; Simmons University, Abilene; Howard Payne College, Brownwood; College of Industrial Arts, Denton and Texas Christian University, Fort Worth.

Entries from at least sixty West Texas cities are expected in the contest this year. C. M. Caldwell of Abilene is chairman of the Contest Committee, and will preside during the preliminaries and finals. H. B. McLain, Superintendent of the Sweetwater Public Schools, is secretary. Other awards to the winner will include the Thos. Etheridge loving cup, and a cash award.

FORT WORTH, April 29.- R. C. Morrison, City Forester of Fort Worth, will address the Beautification Group Conference at the West Texas Chamber of Commerce in Sweetwater, May, 13. Morrison's subject will be "The Economic Aspects of Beautification." He recently made a tour over West Texas in behalf of the West Texas Beautification program of the regional organization.

The West Texas program on beautification will be explained by Houston Harte.

Several Benjamin folks were in Seymour Saturday to attend the funeral of John Self an old timer in Baylor county. Mr. Self had many friends from all parts of the country.

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It is seldom that we agree with the political views of Peter Molyneux who publishes the Texas Weekly at Dallas but his comments on the Jefferson Day speech of Governor Alfred E. Smith make interesting reading.

"We are a great creditor nation," said Governor Smith. "We are producing on our farms and in our factories millions of dollars of products which cannot be sold to our people and which we must sell in foreign commerce, but our foreign customers cannot buy because they are already heavily indebted. They cannot even pay us what they owe, much less buy additional merchandise from us, and we have stood idly by, strangling the trade of the world and our own trade with foreign nations by holding these debts over their heads, by raising a tariff wall which shuts out their products and makes it impossible for them to pay us in goods. In order to restore the buying power of the American people, we have not only to stimulate business with in our own borders but we must sell American products to the other nations of the world. If there is not any chance of collecting the money due the United States from foreign governments there exists the necessity for our selling to them the products of our farms and our factories. Why not cut through all the red tape and get away from all the involved economic ideas that are connected with it and deal with the problem on a pure business basis?"

Governor Smith then proposed a twenty-year moratorium on the war debts meantime crediting each of the nations which owe the United States with 25 per cent of the value of the American goods which it purchases every year," said Governor Smith, "that we may forget all about it for twenty years, and not only will we do that but we will write off as paid each year 25 per cent of the gross value of American products which they buy from us. This, in effect, is to say to any nation which owes us money, if it purchases \$100,000,000 of our cotton, we will forget \$25,000,000 of its indebtedness."

Molyneux says, "Texans, if they only realized it, have more reason to hail Governor Smith's

debt proposal with enthusiasm than the people of any other state."

Administration spokesmen frequently attempt to alibi Republican responsibility for the billion dollar deficit by blaming it on the soldier bonus, veterans' relief, etc.

There may be debate on how little should be allotted to the men who served in the great war particularly in such a period of national poverty as exists today, but in explaining the increase of Federal expenditures in the major governmental departments from 1927, a year of prosperity, to the second year of the Hoover panic the soldier bonus excuse falls far short.

For example the Department of Agriculture's expenses was about tripled, and what has Secretary Hyde's branch got to do with soldier bounties? True, part of the tripling of the cost of running our departments and bureaus concerned with the farms is due to the Farm Board—but that half billion dollar flier was Mr. Hoover's own conception. The Post Office deficit jumped about \$150,000,000—certainly not due to letters to service men.

The Department of Labor contributed a modest five-million-dollar increase to the deficit; the shipping board added \$40,000,000, and the Commerce Department cost approximately \$24,000,000 more in the last fiscal year than during Mr. Hoover's complete year as Secretary of Commerce.

The Department of Justice leaped from \$24,000,000 during the five years to \$53,800,000. Just how much additional benefit the country has enjoyed in the matter of legal and judicial service is something to be discussed by rival campaign orators

—there is no question how the average layman will assess the relative importance of the increased expenditure and what has been realized from it, not only in the department of Attorney General Mitchell but in the other governmental divisions that have been referred to.

Undoubtedly had the soldiers not been awarded their bonus we would have more money in the treasury, but the increases here noted could not have been seriously influenced by that action.

Nor is the other Administration explanation of the deficit either adequate or convincing. They attribute nearly all of it to decreased income tax receipts. Obviously if there was no panic there would be larger returns from the income taxes, but what the country would like to know is why it costs a billion dollars less to run the Government when in-

come taxes were at their peak than it does when they are at their lowest.

We knew in October, 1929, that a lot of people had gone broke, or had suffered a vast diminution in their fortunes by reason of the collapse of the stock market with the obvious consequence that their incomes and, therefore, the taxes they would pay would be less for the panic period.

Why in the name of the great economist in the White House, and that of the greatest Secretary of the Treasury since Alexander Hamilton, was not something done to bring expenditure into some relationship with Government outgo?

THE FRIENDS OF DEPRESSION

Idle dollars are the best friends of depression.

They do no one good. Stuck away in strong boxes, or socks, they are entirely worthless. They are unable to do their bit in carrying on the financial work of the world. They are a sign of fear, of a hysterical kind of conservatism that mistakes hoarding for thrift.

True thrift is a fine thing. It is the source of the money that builds plants, buys and operates machinery, employs men, keeps the wheels of industry going.

An advertisement of the Northern States Power Company recently said: "The opportunity to earn a return on investment is better today than for years. Banks pay interest on deposits regularly. Sound securities earn, and pay, a regular, safe income."

The hoarder is cheating himself, of greater importance, he is cheating us all. He is prolonging unemployment, profitless prices, the accumulation of goods for which there is no market because people have no money to buy. He is, in the full sense of the word, anti-social.

This is worth remembering: Idle dollars are the best friends of depression.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Storm and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Abbott of Truscott were in Benjamin Thursday.

Rev. W. J. Kiny of Vra was in Benjamin the first of the week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Melton were visiting relatives in Wichita Falls Sunday.

Parks Wright, Paul Bloss and R. S. Brannin were Wichita Falls visitors the early part of the week.

Opie Westfall of Seyour was in Benjamin on business Monday.

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Mrs. Irene Gerrald.
 Charles and Kenneth Gillispie.
 Mr. and Mrs. Aud Gerrald.

SWIMMING SUITS DARING?

Snug-fitting, backless styles will be dominant on the northern beaches this summer and speed and comfort are more stressed than modesty and elegance, advance reports on trends of wool swimming suits styles indicate. Changes over last year's suits mean heavy purchasing and a large consumption of wool for this apparel.

Although some dealers declare the average bathing suit for 1932 will be a garment much less startling than advance notices indicate, others are firm to believe that milady is determined to appear on the northern sands in a costume that will make even the depression a minor topic of conversation, one stylist's paper comments. Some of the new fashions include the one-piece suit cut to a daring low in the back. Others have suspenders. Then there is the extreme bandeau and shorts. Bracelet necks will be popular. All bright colors will be popular.

"Sorry, Smith, my hen scratched up your garden."

"That's all right, Jones, my dog ate up your hen."

And that's all right, too, Smith, my car just ran over your dog."

ON TEXAS FARMS
 By W. H. Darrow
 Extension Service Editor

With eggs selling below 10 cents a dozen it's hard to find optimism among poultry producers unless those working with country and home demonstration agents are interviewed. The demonstrators are thinking more seriously about the cost of producing a dozen than of the price received, which they will get better sooner or later.

O. Knox in Bexar county buys all his feed, yet his flock produces eggs for 7.7 cents per dozen; John Lockwood has gotten his feed cost down to 5.4 cents per dozen; and Arno Serold, 4-H club member has it down to 2.2 cents per dozen, producing all his feed except the meat scraps.

In Erath county E. F. Corbell's flock of 500 leghorns produced eggs for 3 1-2 cent sper dozen in March and he sold them for 9 cents per dozen in case lots under a guarantee. His daily profit was \$1.37.

Another distressed industry is beef cattle feeding, yet Henry Smith of McCulloch county sold his home grown feed to 70 calves at a price of \$1031.10 for 70 tons of maize heads, and 3500 bundles of maize as roughage.

The women and girls are making their homes more beautiful. One sells buttermilk for material for her bedroom. Mrs. Howieler tears down the picket fence and gives the neighbors for screening. And so it goes.



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News of Neighboring Communities

TRUSCOTT

(By Special Correspondent)

Miss Mary Emma Stover spent last week in Throckmorton.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moorhouse and sons visited Mrs. J. R. Craig last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Campsey of Knox City spent Sunday in the home of Mrs. S. S. Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. Price Stephenson, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Pogue and Curtis Casey were in Fredrick, Okla. Friday as guests of Countess Casey.

Van Browning was a visitor in Benjamin Sunday.

J. A. Abbott of San Angelo visited in Truscott Sunday. He left Monday with his wife and mother Mrs. J. M. Abbott, to spend a few days in Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Browder and Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Moore were in Vera Sunday.

Mrs. Marion Hughston entertained the Columbian Club at her home here last Wednesday.

Mrs. D. C. Huton postponed her P. T. A. program that should have been last Tuesday night and it will be given in connection with Mrs. Glen Burnett's which will be May 3.

JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET

The Juniors of Truscott High School entertained the Seniors with a Banquet Saturday night May 23, at the Truscott Hotel.

After gathering into the lobby of the Hotel they were ushered into the dining room by one of the Freshmen and one of the Sophomore girls. The dining room had been transformed into an old fashion flower garden, with rock walks, trebles of red and white roses, and flower beds. The tables ere decorated with roses. Rose nut cups served as place cards and the menu and programs were on the forms of Bull-dog heads.

The Senior sponsor, Phil Davidson acted as Toastmaster.

Welcome address, Dennis Eubank, Junior President.

Vocal Solo, Ethel Mae Chilcoat.

Address, C. H. Stewart, Junior Sponsor.

Reading, Velmeta Solomon.

Apprecation, Senior President, Deane Hutton.

The Menu:

- Fruit Cocktail
- Chicken Dressing Gravy
- Creamed Potatoes and Peas
- Iced Tea
- Cangeled salad on lettuce leaves, potato chips and crackers
- Strawberrp Ice Cream and Angel food Cake.

The Missionary Society met in a business and social meeting last Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Price Stephenson. There were 14 members and 3 visitors present. Mrs. Van Pelt was presented with an over night case by the society. Ice cream and angel food cake was served.

Rev. C. V. Allen of Crowell filled his regular appointment at the Christian Church Sunday.

GILLILAND

(By Special Correspondent)

School closed Friday, April 22 with an all day picnic. Dixon school also closed Friday.

The Seniors of Gilliland High school presented their play, "All a Mistake" Friday night, April 22.

Mrs. V. Dixon, Mrs. J. A. Abbott and Edward Adams school pupils presented a program Thursday night.

Mary Lowrey, Fay Adams, Eliza Parris and Weston Parris were in Vera Wednesday.

Faytine Timberlake and Collins Moorhouse of Vera were in Gilliland Friday night to attend the play.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Welch of Benjamin were in Gilliland Friday night to attend the play.

Edward Adams left Saturday for his home in Stamford and plans entering college at Canyon in June.

Ernst Wright left Saturday for his home in Haskell.

Avis Williams of Benjamin spent this week end with her parents and friends.

Miss A. Briggs and Arlin Timberlake left Sunday for Denton where they will be in school for the summer.

Vernon Dixon of Edinburg is visiting his wife and friends this week. Mrs. Dixon plans returning to the valley with him.

Glenn Parris was in Knox City Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Noel Brown left Saturday for their home in Avoca and Mrs. Brown plans entering school at San Marcus this summer.

The Woman's Home Demonstration Club of Gilliland met in Mrs. Bryan Lowrey home Wednesday.

Earnest Parris spent last week visiting friends in Abilene.

The Baptist Workers council met in Truscott Tuesday, April 26.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Farris of Gilliland were in the city this week visiting in the home of Mr and Mrs. Joe Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Glenn and son Billie Bob are visitors in Rochester and Rule this week.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Darnell of Truscott and Mrs. Lindsey Neal of Sweetwater have been guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Brookreson the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Morton of Oklahoma City were visiting in the home of Mrs. Morton's parents Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Chabrelain Sunday.

Misses Edna Morton and Grace Jones of Goree were Benjamin visitors Monday

Tom Isbell, banker from Munday, was in Benjamin Monday.

The Benjamin P. T. A will meet Tuesday at the regular time and place

VACANCIES IN THE GOVERNMENT

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations as follows:

Assistant gardener, \$1,260 a year, or \$4.24 a day when actually employed, Office of public Buildings and Public Parks of the National Capitol, Washington, D. C. Closing date April 28, 1932.

Senior inspector, engineer construction (marine), \$2,600 a year, Office of Inspector of Machinery, United States Navy Groten, Conn. Closing date, May 3, 1932.

Senior plasterer, \$1,860 a year, plasterer, \$1,680 a year, departmental service, Washington, D. C. Closing date May 3, 1932.

All states except Delaware, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, New Happsire, Vermont, Virginia, and the District of Columbia have received less than their share of appointments in the apportioned departmental service at Washington, D. C.

Full information may be obtained from the Secretary of the United Sates Civil Service Board of Examiners at the post office in any city which has a post office of the first or second class, or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

COOMBS TO SPEAK AT WTCC CONVENTION

Judge Chas. E. Coombs of Stamford, past president of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, will be the principal speaker at the West Texas legislators luncheon to be given during the WTCC Convention in Sweetwater, May 12. Joe Wheat of Seymour, Chairman of the legislative committee of the regional organization will preside at the luncheon as the toastmaster.

W.T.U CO. ORGANIZES NEW DEPARTMENT

To encourage the industrial growth and development of cities and towns served from its widespread electric transmission line network the West Texas Utilities Company has re-organized its industrial development and promoted Harold D. Austin former assistant commercial manager, to the managership of the project, according to information received from the company's offices here yesterday. Austin will continue to make his head quarters in Abilene.

Similar work has been done in the past, according o a company official, but the new program contemplates a definite and aggressive plan pointed toward the industrial development of the 125 progressive cities and towns served by the company.

The importanc of the work planned by the new department was shown by an imposing array of facts assembled from opinions and surveys of noted industrialists and economica. The past decade it was pointed out has been marked by an important decentralization of industry. Data on file show that progressive small cities and towns ar becoming more and more the favored locations of factories and industrial projects. Economists contend that manufacturers are realizing that the small town is challenging the big city's industrial leadership. Smaller cities they have found are more pleasant places in which to work. They are less crowded and les fatiguing. Productive work is more efficiently handled in the small town, it has been shown, for less human energy is consumed in getting to and from the job. Also, more economical factory operation is possible, due to the fact that neither land costs no living costs are inflated.

In announcing the objective of his new department, Austin said: "The former concentration of power supply distorted th layout of American industry for many years. It drew manufacturing from the small towns and the countryside into the large crowded cities

"But the eletic power supply of today is widly distributed. It spreads itself over the countryside providing the small communities with a power supply equivalent in quality, quantity, accessibility and price to that of the largest metropolitan centers.

"And because the small city is not burdened with metropolitan overhead costs it is proving itself a better location for manufacturin than the crowded metropolis.

"Our facilities will be available to chambers of commerce civic organizations, industries, and all bodies working, as we are, for the growth and development of West Texas."

Jack Brown and James A. Stephens are in Dalas this week on business.

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- SPUDS, No. 1, Good Cookers, 10 lbs. .15
- BEANS, String, Kuner's, Green or Wax, No. 2 can .10
- BAKING POWDER, Calumet, 1 lb. .14
- MEAL, Cream, 20 lbs. .29
- CORN FLAKES, Red and White, pkg. .10
- SUGAR, Granulated, 10 lbs. .45
- SYRUP, Brer Rabbit, 1-2 gal .29 Gal .49
- COMPOUND, 8 lbs. .57
- BACON, Dry Salt, Best Grade, lb. .08

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SPECIAL FOR SATURDAY

PEANUT BUTTER, 5 oz. jar,05
Brooms,23
SUDAN GRASS SEED, 100 lbs.	1.25
BACON, Smoked, lb.12 1-2
APRICOTS Dried, 2 lbs.25
RICE, Comet, 2 lb. pkg.15
GRAPE NUT FLAKES, 2 pkg.25
COFFEE, Gold Plume, 2 1-2 lb. ca n90
SWEET CORN, No. 2, per can,10
SOAP, Luna Laundry, 10 bars,25
VERMICELLI, per pkg.05
TEA, Gold Plume, 1-2 lb. pkg43
SARDINES, American, 6 for25
PANCAKE FLOUR, per pkg.10
COCOA, Mother's, lb. pkg.20
STRAWBERRIES, per box,10

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John Ed Jones, Sec'y Munday

Political Announcements

Subject to the action of the Democratic Party in the July Primary.

- For Representative, 114 Dist. George Moffett
- For District Attorney: Donnell Dickson Dick Dresser John Veale Wheat
- For County Judge: J. W. Melton Roy Smith
- For Tax Assessor Earl Sams E. L. Covey
- For District Clerk Roy Phillips
- For County Treasurer J. T. (Uncle Trav) House.
- For Tax Collector: Miss Sarah Wright.
- For County Clerk: M. T. Chamberlain
- For Sheriff C. R. Elliott
- For Commissioner, Prec. 2. W. C. Glenn O. L. Patterson J. W. West A. B. Sams
- For Commissioner, Precinct 3. J. W. Chowning Bryan Lowery O. W. (Onie) Welch G. W. Solomon Henry Williams
- For Justice of Peace, Prec. 1 M. F. Harbert
- For Public Weigher, Prec. 3. W. W. Gleason Henry Abbott

I have a stray white face heifer marked underslope on both ears and an obliterated brand which owner may have by paying for pasturage and this adv.

J. L. Galloway.

Tom Waggoner of Knox City was in Benjamin th first of the week on business.

CELEBRATES EIGHTH BIRTHDAY WITH PARTY

Bettye Jo Crenshaw celebrated her eighth birthday with a party at her home Saturday afternoon, April 23.

Refreshments of sandwiches, birthday cake and punch were served to Wilma Faye McGlothlin, Mary Belle Chambers, Elizabeth Jones, Clodell Jackson, Edna Pearl Chamberlain, Mary Lucille Smith, Gertrude Laird, Ruby Lee and Edith Mae Starks, Bobby Owens, Bill Brookreson, John H. Atterbury Temple Driver, Edward Lee Kirk, Jimmie Moorhouse, Lee Bivins, Perry J. Stark, David West, Earl Edge and Mrs. C. H. Stewart of Truscott. Among these were a vacant plate for little Miss Bobbye Jo Myatt, who was out of town at the time, but came later with birthday greetings for the hostess. All departed wishing the little hostess many more happy birthdays.

TAX EQUALIZATION

Texas has long been concerned over the question of equalization of ad valorem taxes as between the counties of the State. It is important. All students of taxation recognize the fact that the ad vorem tax on property must remain the very foundation for support of state and local government. It is the surest source of revenue society has discovered and will continue so because we have to use land to exist and it will always have a value so long as civilized society maintains.

All government is an experiment just as life is an experiment. Changes should be and are brought about slowly. We are learning to use laboratory methods but still lack the courage to change even after we have discovered failures.

In the early days of Texas when the expenses of govern-

ment were light and property values were low, inequalities in assessments were negligible. Now with our large and growing population, heavy public expenditures and wide range of property values due to large city centers and thinly settled marginal lands, some new basis for fixing assessment values for state revenues must be found.

State tax commissions have been suggested and urged the example of other states. One of the objections to a tax commission is that it would necessitate the creation of an expensive organization and even at best would have difficulty in adjusting values as between the counties unless some basis could be agreed upon that would work automatically. Tax commissions in other states have not accomplished much toward equalizing property assessments. Their work has been successful only in the field of snooping and collecting various kinds of business taxes.

It is fairly well established fact that property values follow population. It is quite near enough to use for apportioning the needed state revenues to the counties on a per capita basis. A population census would be taken each year or every two years just as we take scholastic census to apportion the available school funds. The Automatic Tax Board should decide as now as to the State funds required for the public schools, pensions and general funds. The per capita amount could be easily found and apportioned to each county to be collected from their ad valorem tax. This would leave the question of equitable assessments as between property owners to th county authorities. It will be readily recognized that the more nearly automatic we can make this feature of government the better it will be.

In common justice we must find a way to equalize our state ad valoren tax burden. We already have too many commissions to attend to our affairs. The more nearly we can make government automatic the better it is. To put it in another way, the less we have to depend upon human judgement with all its frailities prejudices and limitations the better it is for all.

The Senior class of the Benjamin Public Schools will present a negro minstrel at the school auditorium, Tuesday night, May 3.

SHELF AND HEAVY HARDWARE—IMPLEMENTS AND FURNITURE
LEATHER SUPPLIES—FEED AND COAL—GAS—OIL
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- SANDWICHES:
- Hamburger, Ham, Cheese, Egg, Lettuce and Tomato Hot Dogs, 10c
- Ham and Egg, Home Cured Ham, Denver, Vegetable Hamburger, SINCLAIR SPECIAL, Fried Ham, 15c
- SHORT ORDERS
- Steak, Ham and Eggs, or Bacon and Eggs35
- Hamburger Steak25
- Two Eggs, any style20
- BEVERAGES
- Morning Toner, Coffee, or Milk05
- Hot Cocomalt or Ice Cold Cocomalt15
- Pie10 Doughnuts 05

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