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Splinters

If you fail to recognize the Post in new clothes this week, it is because its old ones came to that end that irate subscribers predict for us on those occasions when opinions diverge. Through the courtesy of Jess Kenedy of the Munday Times, the Post is published in his plant this week. While we hope to repay Mr. Kennedy for his kindness, we hope that if and when he needs help it will be under different circumstances.

Notice where some of the Army boys washed out flying the mail, Don't be too hasty to criticize the Army though. Of course the pilots who have been flying the mails for years and years are more competent at their jobs than any other pilots, but give the army boys time. They'll snap out of it. The most of the regular mail pilots were trained by the Army. Experience added efficiency.

If the government decides on a permanent policy of allowing the Army fliers to carry the mail, the old mail pilots should be commissioned and pressed into service. They have the training, ability, and courage that would add much to this branch of the service which is at the top of the list when compared to that of the other nations.

The Senate killed the bill to reduce car registration fees. Now the House will return to their constituents and say we wanted to help you but the Senate wouldn't let us. You know it takes more than the ability to introduce a bill in the Legislature to make a good member. Most of the boys want to do something for the folks back home if for no other reason than to get votes. It is the man that can present the merits of his bill to both legislative branches and obtain favorable action that is the good member.

We carry an article this week on the origin of the term nester. Our authority credits the cowboys of Knox and Foard counties with the origin of the word. Settlers coming to the thickly wooded mesquite country, cut posts and wood and stacked it around their places which so resembled bird nests, that the boys called them nesters.

We remember the story of the man who came through Benjamin when the town was first started and one of the boosters pressed him to stay and become a citizen. The traveler declined with the remark that he had never seen a place in West Texas where one didn't have to haul water and steal wood. He moved on to New Mexico.

Another expression originated in Knox County is the term "Kaficorn" cowboy. The south side of the county which was put in cultivation first because the land was flat and not much grubbing to be done, raised mostly cotton and feed. The boys coming over to the county seat would walk their horses that they plowed with all week, until they neared the town and then spur them in to a run and come on in. The cowboys called them "kafi corn" cowboys.

Plant of Benjamin Post Damaged By Fire on Tuesday

Fire of unknown origin Tuesday badly damaged the plant of the Post and the paper is being printed in the office of the Munday Times. Located in an old frame building, the flames swept through the entire structure and type standing on stones and galleys was melted down. Presses and lino type were badly damaged. Printing stock and library were damaged by water. Plans are being made to rebuild the plant as soon as possible in the mean time our readers are asked to bear with us if the paper is not up to par at all times.

TO THE TAX PAYERS OF THE CITY OF BENJAMIN

We have completed our negotiations with the bond holders of our water works bonds to refund the bonds at a lower rate of interest, thereby saving the Tax Payers nearly a thousand dollars each year.

It is imperative that we collect the taxes now due the City to carry out our part of the refunding agreement and to meet the interest and principal payment due April 1st.

This is to notify all tax payers that ten per cent penalty and six per cent interest will be added to all taxes due the City of Benjamin that are not paid by March 1st, and we shall be compelled to order suits prepared and filed to collect the taxes due our City and to foreclose our tax lien on your property, which will add additional expense.

By order of City Council, Benjamin Texas.

J. B. Jones, Mayor

Munday Gets Cut In Insurance Rate On Good Record

As a result of the exceedingly good fire record that has been established in Munday during the past two years, the State Insurance Commission has granted a reduction of 15 per cent on insurance rates, and in addition has removed the 15 per cent penalty that has been charged for the past two years, which in reality will mean a reduction of 30 per cent on insurance written after March 1.

And furthermore, the city has been granted a key rate of 37 cents, which is a reduction of two cents under the rate heretofore charged against property here, the 2 cent credit on the key rate being due to the activity of the Munday Fire Department.

"Good Poker," says She



WASHINGTON: . . . Mrs. Jean S. Whittemore, of Kansas (above) has been made Collector of the Port of San Juan, next to the most important job in Puerto Rico. When asked how she obtained the appointment, replied, "Good poker play, is what I call it."

DISTRICT COURT DISPOSES OF MANY CASES THIS WEEK

Several cases were disposed of in the District Court here this week. Many were tried before juries. The result of the cases are as follows: E. C. Brand, Banking Commissioner vs John Lane, et al, judgment for plaintiff Aubert Bayer vs W. T. Anderson, judgment for plaintiff; J. J. Hester vs Annie Mae Hester, divorce granted; State of Texas vs Stanley Lewis, unlawful use of premises to be used for gaming, not guilty; State of Texas vs Antonio Morales, transpiring liquor, five years in penitentiary, suspended; State of Texas vs L. C. Chapman, sale of intoxicating liquor, three years in penitentiary, suspended; State of Texas vs Haskell Cantrel, possession of liquor, one year in penitentiary, appealed; State of Texas vs Antonio Morales, suit to condemn automobile, judgment for plaintiff; Benjamin State Bank vs L. E. Propps, et al, judgment for plaintiff; Court was adjourned Thursday until Monday. A full pane of jurors have been summoned for duty during the third week.

GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATED BY KNOX COUPLE

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hamner of Knox City celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary Sunday with open house at which time about one hundred guests registered, many of whom were from Benjamin. The couple were married at Fayette County, Alabama, February 17, 1884 and nine years later came to Hill County, Texas. They lived for a time in Oklahoma when that state was still a territory. They came to Benjamin in 1907 and for several years were in the hotel business in Benjamin, a venture that was highly successful. The hotel was known up and down the Orient railroad as a place for excellent food and a pace where the customers patronage was appreciated. While here they made many fast friends. They took an active interest in all public questions and had the admiration of even those who disagreed with them because they were outspoken and left no doubt as to how they stood on any question. In 1916 the Hamners moved to a farm west of Knox City and there resided until six years ago when they moved to town. Like other business ventures the farm, too, was a success. Members of the immediate family are two sons, and their families. Bascob, the older son who is 49 years of age resides in San Angelo with his family and the younger son, Henley, 41, resides at Knox City. Another son, Chester, who was in the Navy during the World War, contracted influenza while on duty aboard a destroyer and was buried at sea. Guests dropped in during the day, were served pound cake and coffee. Many beautiful and useful presents were presented the couple from friends in all parts of the county.

Mrs. Marley Dulaney of El Paso is visiting relatives here this week.

Mrs. Minter Hamby of Lubbock is visiting friends and relatives here this week. She is a sister of Mrs. A. B. Sams.

Credit Organization Perfected Recently In Four Counties

Representatives of four counties, Knox, Haskell, Stonewall, and Jones, met recently at Haskell and elected directors in a financial organization designed to loan money to farmers. The organization known as the Haskell Production Credit Association is capitalized for \$100,000 and the main office is in Haskell. The directors, two from each county except Haskell and three from that place, elected V. W. Meadows secretary-treasurer, of the company. Knox County directors are W. E. McNeill of Munday and Jack Idol of Benjamin. Applications may be made to Jones and Eiland of Munday and T. W. Templeton of Benjamin.

"Pajama Girl" To Be Played By Senior Class

"The Pajama Girl", a mystery comedy in three acts, will be presented by the Seniors of Benjamin High will be given in the high school auditorium, Friday, March 2. The playtorium and will start promptly at 8:00.

A play all can enjoy! The mystery of the play starts when the curtain rises and it is solved just before the curtain falls. The guilty person in the mystery is never suspected until he is found guilty on the stage. There are thrills and laughs by the score. A comedy is mingled throughout the play.

Hotbeds To Raise Early Plants

"If I can just sell enough tomato plants out of my hotbed to pay for what expenses I have gone to, to get it fixed up, I will be perfectly satisfied," said Mrs. J. B. Reneau, Munday Home Demonstration Club. "I feel that plants raised in this country and acclimated to this particular territory will be much better, and I hope I will be able to raise more tomatoes especially," she said. "Besides raising all those plants I hope to be able to raise some green vegetables during the winter months to use fresh and I believe I can if I have a good tight hotbed."

World Bowling Record



CLEVELAND: . . . With three games of 238, 239 and 248, Mrs. Joan Radtkin, shattered the women's world bowling record with a 775 series. The former three-game high for women was 759 by Mrs. Floretta McCutcheon in 1927.

E. L. COVEY ENTERS RACE; CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY JUDGE

The Post is authorized to announce the candidacy of E. L. Covey for County Judge of Knox County subject to the action of the Democratic party. Mr. Covey is well known to the citizens of the county. He came to Knox County before 1920 and was the superintendent of the Goree schools until he resigned from this work to take up the newspaper work at that place. He was later elected as Representative of the 14th District composed of Knox, Foard, King and Hardeman counties. His record before the Legislature during the two terms he served is better than the average and marked by competence, ability and energy. He has always been a loyal aggressive worker in the ranks of the Democratic party. By virtue of having a fair knowledge gained through experience in the Legislature and through years of study, he is qualified for the legal duties of the office. Because all estates of decedents, regardless of the amount involved, come within the jurisdiction of the county court, the county judge should be well versed in probate law which is one of the most intricate phases of the law. It is especially necessary that the county judge be able to protect the interest of minors whose inheritances are sometimes jeopardized. Mr. Covey's work as an editor and as a publisher has enabled him to keep in close touch with all public questions. He has always stood for economy and it is a well known fact that a country editor, through habitual personal practice, would know the real meaning of economy. He will appreciate your consideration in the coming primaries.

Goree Senior and Junior Boys Win County Basketball

The Goree High School basketball team will go to Breckenridge this week end to represent Knox County in the district Interscholastic contests, as a result of the county tournament here last Friday and Saturday.

The first game played by the local team here Friday was with the Vera team and won by the score of 43 to 14. The next contest was with the Sunset quintet and the local boys won by a score of 31 to 14. The final game for county championship was to have been played with the Knox City team, but the game was forfeited by Knox City.

The Goree juniors won county championship by defeating Lone Star 18 to 13, Knox City 19 to 2, and Sunset 23 to 19.

The Knox City senior girls won county championship in their division by defeating Truscott 43 to 3, Vera 61 to 3, and Sunset 37 to 22.—The Goree Advocate.

D. J. Brookreson purchased a new V8 from local dealers which was delivered this week.

Mrs. Avis Williams of Gilliland visited in Benjamin this week. Miss Williams is a former Benjamin resident.

Lee Coffman of Goree was a visitor in Benjamin Thursday.

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LIFE INSURANCE—THE SAFEST INVESTMENT

Melvin Traylor, Chicago banker, and former Texan, who died the other day, left the major portion of his estate in the form of life insurance. According to newspaper reports, life insurance companies will pay to Traylor's family one million dollars. It is stated that Traylor had in life refused numerous important political posts because the remuneration would not permit the payment of heavy insurance premiums which he paid annually.

Mr. Traylor was regarded as one of the most outstanding bankers in the country, and as such, naturally had an insight on investments of every character, and if he, with the unusual opportunity to buy safe and sound securities, deemed life insurance the best investment, certainly those of us who have little knowledge or information concerning investments cannot go wrong in following his reasoning.

Any man with a desire to provide for his loved ones after he has passed on can do so more surely and safely through life insurance.

County Council P. T. A. Meets At Benjamin Feb. 13

The County Council of the P. T. A. met at Benjamin on Tuesday, February 13 in a business and social meeting. A very interesting program on Founder's Day was enjoyed by all present.

New officers elected for the coming year were Mrs. Pitzer Baker, Munday, President; Mrs. T. B. Masterson, Truscott, Vice-President. Truscott asked for the next meeting, which will be held in April. Mrs. Greer urges all local P.T.A.'s to be represented as that will be the end of this year's work.

S. B. Maddox, old time citizen of the county who resides at Truscott, was in Benjamin Wednesday on business. Mr. Maddox is one of the old time school teachers whose work laid the foundation for the great state that Texas now is. He has always been interested in the public schools of Texas and is a lifelong Democrat and always active in the interest of the party.

John Rice, prominent farmer from Munday was attending court here this week. Mr. Rice takes active interest in public questions and made the race for Tax Assessor several years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Waldron and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Veal were Wichita Falls visitors Wednesday.

Meat Show Will Be Held March 3, \$50.00 In Prizes

The Knox County Fat Meat Show will be held in Munday on Saturday, March 3, according to an announcement made Tuesday by W. E. Jones, county agent, who together with Miss Jewell Faulkner, county home demonstration agent, have been making plans for the show for some time, and through their efforts the various chambers of commerce organizations of the county will make available approximately \$50.00 in cash prizes to be awarded to the winners in the various departments to be included in the exhibit.

Mr. Jones will have charge of the baby beef show, which will include some fifteen calves that have been fed out by 4-H club members and this exhibit will include both junior and senior calves. Mr. Jones is enthusiastic over some of the calves that are to be shown and feels confident that they will make a good showing at the Fort Worth show and also at the Lubbock show, and he plans to enter some of the Knox County calves in each of these shows.

The canned meats show will be conducted under the supervision of Miss Faulkner, and will include pork products—roast, sausage, mince-meat and liverpaste; beef products—roast, steak, chili; canned boned chicken and all kinds of cured meats.

Grady Benedict of Knox City and U. R. Houser of Munday, progressive business men from the south side were attending court here this week. Both are ardent fishermen and took advantage of leisure time while here to try their luck in Lake Benjamin.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Post is authorized to make the following political announcements, subject to the action of the democratic primaries:

FOR DISTRICT CLERK:
MRS. ROY PHILLIPS

FOR COUNTY JUDGE:
ROY BULLINGTON
E. L. COVEY

FOR COUNTY CLERK:
M. T. CHAMBERLAIN

FOR COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT:
VERNON BREWER
J. D. PALMER
MRS. E. F. BRANTON

FOR TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR:
GEORGE ISBELL
LEE HAYMES
EARL SAMS

FOR SHERIFF:
C. R. ELLIOTT

FOR COUNTY TREASURER:
J. T. (TRAV) HOUSE

FOR COMMISSIONER, PREC. 2:
OREL PATTERSON

FOR PUBLIC WEIGHER, PREC. 3:
W. W. GLEASON

Itinerary of Jewell Faulkner,
Home Demonstration Agent,
For 4th Week in February

Monday—Office.
Tuesday—Vera girls; Lonestar—home visits.
Wednesday—Goree and Gillespie—home visits.
Thursday—Truscott girls.
Friday—Union Grove girls; Knox City women.
Saturday—Benjamin, council meeting.



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John Ed Jones

Munday, Texas

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Knox Punchers Originate Term "Nester"

From West Texas Today

That the word "Nester" originated in Knox and Foard Counties is the contention of John M. Hendrix, one of the early day cowhands in these parts, and now secretary of the Sweetwater Board of City Development. Hendrix, who originated the famous Sweetwater Chuck Wagon crews, using some of the old wagons that were actually used on the range over this section long before wire fences were built and is somewhat of an authority on the early day history of this section, and only recently contributed an article to West Texas Today on the origin of "dogie." The following article appeared in the February issue of West Texas Today with the challenge from the publishers to prove he's wrong:

"The story of the nester will take its place in West Texas history as has the story of the winning of the plains from the Red man, and the days of the open range. It is a beautiful story filled with romance and the building of an empire. It is a story of covered wagon, shack, dugout, water barrel, and hardship. It will be sprinkled plentifully with stories of droughts, boarded up shacks, and long treks back to visit

the "wife's kinfolks" while they wait for word that it is raining again in the West. It will tell of children born miles from town without the comfort and aid of a family doctor. There will be a part of it that will tell of the near enmity between the cowman and the nester, and how they became friends when the cowboy, riding the fence line between his outfit and the settlements, began tying his horse to the fence to walk a mile to a nester shack to have some yellow-haired girl hand him a drink of water that he didn't need or didn't want.

When the story is finished it will be a story of achievement and the building of an empire where white farm house and windmill supplant shack and water barrel.

The whole story can not be told here, but how West Texas farmers came to be called nesters can. Nearly fifty years ago the name was given them and until this good day West Texas farmers are called nesters. If you don't believe it, wait until the local candidates begin to get active this spring. You will hear each of them claiming the "Nester vote." Or ask a business man in the average West Texas town where the majority of his business comes from and he will tell you that he has a fair town business and a good nester trade. They are not called nesters as a term of derision or to liken them to hayseeds, hoosiers, or country jakes. There is sentiment and history back of that name.

The term "nester" is purely of

West Texas origin, for early records do not show that farmers coming into any other section of the Southwest were called by the same name. Charles Siringo, in his excellent book, "Riata and Spurs," refers to the farmers who were settling along the Kansas cattle trail in 1879 as "Fool Hoe Men." It is general knowledge that the early farmers of Indian Territory and Oklahoma were called "sooners" and the early settlers of the Northwestern states as "colonists."

Unless some one comes along with a better story it is safe to say that the term originated in the heavily mesquited sections of Foard and Knox counties. When the first farmers came into that section with their worldly goods and families loaded into their wagons and very little money, early settlers, holdovers from the buffalo killing days, told them that heavily mesquited land was an unfailing sign in that country of unusual fertility of soil. Most of them bought or filed on quarter-sections of this kind of land, building their shacks or dugouts on the edge of the thicket.

Gardens and small feed patches were first necessities and these had to be protected with some sort of a fence from range cattle of which there were still many in the country. Wire had to be hauled from the nearest railroad and cost money, and that was about gone after they had paid their filing fees and bought enough lumber for a shack or to roof a dugout. They went into their mesquite thicket until they found an opening or natural clearing of several acres and began to widen it out by cutting down the mesquite. When they found timber large enough for fence posts they stacked it aside against some future day of fencing with wire. The brush they stacked against the inside of the clearing all of the way around, making it wide at the bottom for a base and tapering towards the top, beating it down as they went so that it would lay close by. When finished the structure was five or six feet high enclosing a patch or small field that was fenced not only cattle proof, but due to the hard mesquite thorns, rabbit proof as well.

Completed, it resembled nothing on earth so much as a huge bird's nest. Passing cowboys, accustomed all of their lives to giving names to creeks, peaks, and cow ponies from some occurrence or significant appearance, soon saw the likeness and began calling the patches, or fields "bird's nests" and their owners "nesters." Sometime where a fair-sized settlement of nesters lived in or close to one of the large ranches it was referred to by the cowboys as a "nester-ment" instead of a settlement.

Cowboys pushing on out to the plains country carried the story to the ranches there that the nesters were taking the country and would soon be on out there. They came and brought the name nester with them, and nesters they are until this day."

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Burnett, Mrs. J. H. Aterbury and Misses Annie Lee Wright and Joy Sams are in Ft. Worth this week.

Funeral Services For Pioneer Editor At Seymour Sunday

SEYMOUR, Texas, Feb. 16.—Funeral services for D. M. Norwood, 76, pioneer Northwest Texas newspaper publisher and editor who died at his home here early today after an extended illness, will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the First Methodist Church.

During a long career in the newspaper business, Mr. Norwood was publisher or an executive of publications in Vernon, Wichita Falls, Seymour, Chillicothe, Bridgeport, Hamlin, Weatherford, Idalou, Royce City and Iowa Park.

A native of Louisiana, he came to Texas as a youth. After residing for a time in Wichita Falls he moved to Seymour in 1887 and established the Seymour Scimitar. Eighteen months later he returned to Wichita Falls and established the Wichita Light. He published the Light for three years, returning to Seymour in 1890 to take over the editorship of the Seymour Monitor. W. A. Jones had founded the Monitor a short time previously.

After serving his connection with the Monitor he went to Vernon where he established a paper, returning to Seymour in 1895 to associate with E. L. Carter in the establishment of the Baylor County Banner. Three years later he sold his interest in the Banner, but in 1900 he again purchased it. He operated the Banner until 1906, when he sold the newspaper to O. C. Harrison, the present owner and publisher.

In 1892 he established the Wichita Post in Wichita Falls. A year later the Post merged with the Wichita Democrat.

In 1906 he left Seymour, returning in 1929 and again became associated with O. C. Harrison and the Baylor County Banner. During the years of his absence he was connected in various capacities with other Northwest Texas publications.

Surviving are his widow, a son, Jack Norwood; a daughter, Mrs. Joe Tom Nuckles; and a sister, Mrs. Mary Bunch, of Duncan, Okla.

Plans Completed For Oil Test at Goree, Drill Immediately

The latest reports indicate that an oil test will be started near Goree before long. Leases were placed in escrow Friday and the operator has a given length of time to begin work. He reports that he will be here with a rig as soon as he can get everything in shape.

Rumors indicate that this territory has been marked by the oil people for a thorough test, and many believe that the oil companies believe that this territory will develop into a very productive area.—The Goree Advocate.

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H. D. CLUB.

"STYLE" TOPIC OF PATTERN SCHOOL, CONDUCTED BY A. & M. COLLEGE EXPERT

"Lets let 'STYLE' be our watchword in our wardrobe work this year and adapt our foundation patterns to the present day trends," said Mrs. Dora R. Barnes, clothing specialist in the Extension Department, A. & M. College in talking to a group of twenty-five wardrobe demonstrators, representing 23 home demonstration clubs in Haskell, Baylor and Knox Counties, in the basement of the Methodist Church, at Munday, on February 15.

In learning the different uses of these foundation patterns, these demonstrators made bishop, bell, short puff, log-o-mutton, Dolman and raglan sleeves, fitted slips, pajamas and plain collars. The afternoon was spent in each woman designing a dress suitable for herself and making a paper pattern that she would be able to use.

Miss Myrtle Murray, District 2 Home Demonstration Agent, Miss Johnnie Reed, Haskell County Home Demonstration Agent and 9 wardrobe demonstrators, Miss Marie Strange, Baylor County Home Demonstration Agent and 7 wardrobe demonstrators, Miss Jewell Faulkner, Knox County Home Demonstration Agent and 7 wardrobe demonstrators and Mrs. Dora R. Barnes attended this school and had dinner together.

GILLILAND 4-H CLUB GIRL IMPROVES HER BEDROOM

"My room is small, very crowded and dark but I believe it can be made into a bright, comfortable and restful bedroom with a lot of work," said Frances McGuire, bedroom demonstrator in the Gilliland 4H club. "I am determined to do that necessary work, too, so that I can have a room that I will be proud of and enjoy keeping," she further stated.

"It will have to have the floors, walls and woodwork refinished. The walls will be papered with a light paper and the woodwork painted light in order to make it as light as possible. I only have one window in the room and if possible I hope to put in another window to help make the room still lighter. I plan to refinish the furniture and make all the units in my bedroom the same color."

"My closet is a very inexpensive one, made of beaverboard, built to the ceiling with a drop shelf making it possible to store some things that are not in use all the time. Even though my closet is an inexpensive one it meets all the requirements of a standard closet, having a rod, shoe and hat rack and some shelves."

HOW ONE WOMAN LOST 20 LBS. OF FAT

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Get an 85c bottle of KRUSCHEN SALTS from any leading druggist anywhere in America lasts 4 weeks). If this bottle doesn't convince you this is the easiest, safest and surest way to lose fat—your money gladly returned.

Lester Kinn, Jera was in Benjamin c Wednesday.

RED & WHITE STORE SPECIALS

INTERNATIONAL RED AND WHITE COFFEE WEEK

February 18th to 24th

Specials For Friday and Saturday, Feb. 23-24

- MILK, R. & W. 3 Small Cans10
- GALLON FRUIT, Peaches, Plums, GAL.43
- OATS, R. & W. 55 oz. PKG.15
- CORN, Standard, No. 2, 3 for25
- BAKING POWDER, K. C. 25c size19
- RICE, Choice, 3 Pounds19
- SUGAR, Pure Granulated, 10 Lbs.49
- CORN FLAKES, R. & W. PKGG.11
- ORANGES, Texas, 176 size, DOZEN25
- GAPEFRUIT, Marsh Seedless, Each05
- APPLES, Delicious, Fancy, Dozen29
- APPLES, X-Fancy, Winesap, Each01
- LETTUCE, Firm and Crisp, Head05
- CABBAGE, South Texas, Green, LB.02
- SPUDS, 10 LBS.25

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- Mens Flannel lined Jumpers 1-3 OFF
- Boys Flannel Shirts, 98c value66
- Blankets, 1.95 value 1.28
- Blankets, 2.95 value 1.97

It is economy to trade at home and the life of your town depends on it.

BENJAMIN MERCANTILE

LOW MEAT SUPPLY

A GOOD HOUSEWIFE WATCHES AND ALWAYS WILL KNOW THIS LITTLE VERSE IS ONLY TO REMIND WHEN HER MEAT SUPPLY BEGINS TO RUN LOW. THAT IF YOU NEED MEAT JUST TELL US WHAT KIND.

THE CASH MARKET

FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

The 1934 crop season will mean the beginning of a better system of credit for many farmers who are preparing to finance the year's farming by means of short-term loans through the production credit associations which are being organized under the Farm Credit Administration throughout this State.

Under the Farm Credit Administration the Federal Land Bank of Houston will continue to make long-term real estate mortgage loans; but the administration is also providing a long-needed system of short-term production credit for farmers and stockmen—loans to be used for producing crops and for the breeding, raising and fattening of livestock. This is a comprehensive credit system and it is designed to be permanent.

Farmers and stockmen in this locality will be served by the Haskell Production Credit Association, which was chartered on January 12, 1934 to serve producers in Haskell, Jones, Knox and Stonewall counties. About four or five counties is the average size of an association. There is no fixed number of counties standard for all associations, but each must include enough territory to give a volume of business sufficient to secure efficient organization and low cost of operation.

The Haskell Production Credit association was organized through the cooperation of representative farmers of the counties included, with the assistance of the Production Credit Corporation of Houston. There is one of these corporations in each of the twelve land bank districts in the country. The local association will obtain loanable funds from the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Houston, which will discount well-secured notes of farmers and stockmen. All of these institutions are a part of the Farm Credit Administration.

A production credit association does not lend Government money. The funds that will be loaned are obtained by the Intermediate Credit Bank which sell short term bonds, or debentures, to the investing public. In other words, the money is being borrowed to be loaned to eligible farmers to enable them to produce a season's crops. The association is not a charity institution; but a business credit institution for business minded farmers. The purpose is to make loans that farmers can afford to use for a season's operations, and which will be repaid at the end of the season. It is a pay-as-you-go plan for agriculture.

Most of the loans will run from 3 to 12 months, depending on the length of time required for growing and marketing the crop or livestock which the loan is made to produce. Loans for crop production will usually mature in less than a year, although loans such as those on dairy and breeding cattle may run longer.

Applications for these short-term loans are handled in this territory by, V. W. Meadors, Haskell, Texas; W. W. Coffman, Goree, Texas; John Ed Jones, Munday, Texas and Roy Smith, Knox City, Texas.

Applications will be acted upon quickly when they give a clear financial statement of the applicant's farming condition, listing all assets and liabilities, and estimating net worth. The applicant should name specifically all his farming assets offered as security for the loan, and give a plan or budget, showing how he is going to use the loan applied for and how he is going to repay it.

Primary security for production loans consists of livestock, farming equipment, growing crops, or other personal property most appropriate to secure the loan adequately and make up a chattel mortgage. It is not intended that loans shall be secured primarily by mortgages on real estate. Where this type of security is taken it will be regarded only as additional collateral.

The minimum loan is \$50 and no loan may exceed 20 per cent of the authorized capital of the association unless the loan is adequately secured by collateral and approved by the Corporation. The amount of the loan should correspond with the actual need for credit. Perhaps more farmers and stockmen have become heavily involved in debt because of too much credit than because of the lack of it. Loans from production credit associations will only be made as needed; and proper precautions will be taken to prevent over-extension of credit so that farmers and stockmen will not have to pay unnecessary indebtedness with resulting interest.

After a farmer's or stockman's application is received his financial statement is checked and the property offered as security for the loan personally inspected by a loan inspector of the association. Regulations about inspection charges and collection may be changed as required by the Production Credit Corporation. Usually no charge will be made for inspection if the loan is not granted.

If the report of the inspector is approved by the loan committee of the association, the farmer's or stockman's note is endorsed in the name of the association, and sent, along with his credit statement and chattel mortgage, to the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Houston. If the bank approves the credit statement and the security, it makes funds available to the association, and the association sends a check to the borrower immediately.

Each association is capitalized according to the credit needs of the territory it will serve. Most of the capital stock is purchased by the Production Credit Corporation of Houston and this enables the association to begin making loans immediately. Funds derived from the sale of stock to the corporation are used by the local association to purchase high grade collateral, chiefly Government bonds, which are placed with the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Houston to establish a line of credit, that is, to get the bank to discount the notes of the farmers and stockmen which the association has endorsed. Ordinarily the bank will discount well-secured farmer's or stockmen's notes up to five times an association's capital. In this way an association may get all the credit it needs.

The authorized capital stock of the Haskell Production Credit Association is \$100,000.00.

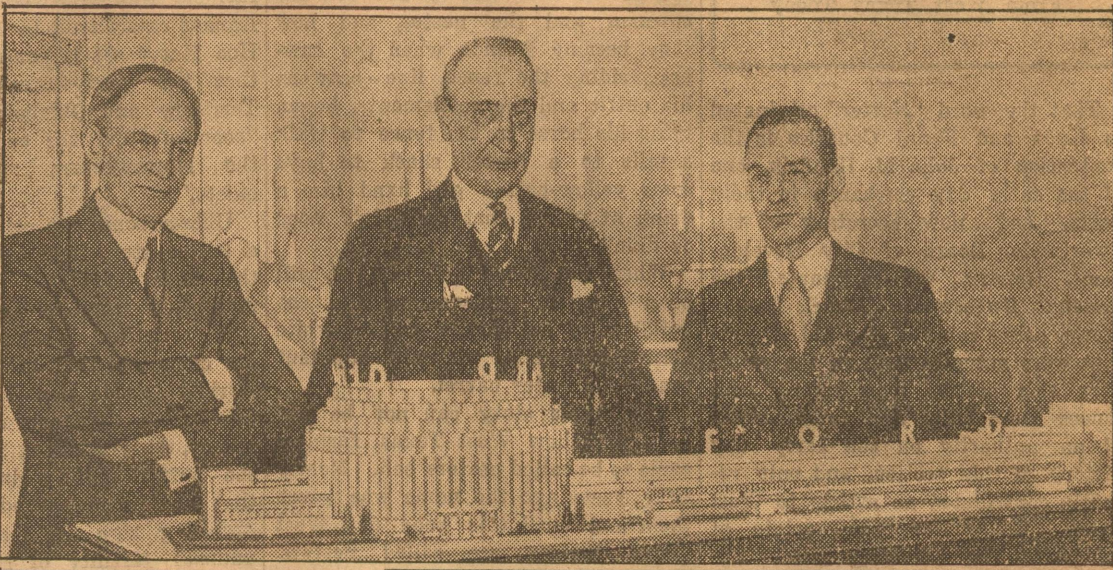
Actually the Production Credit Corporation of Houston owns about three-fourths of the capital stock of an association. The farmers and stockmen who borrow from it own most of the remaining portion, each borrower being required to own 5 per cent of the amount of his loan in voting stock of the association.

A farmer or stockman who gets a loan from the association does not have to advance any money to pay for his stock, as the purchase price may be included in the loan, one \$5 share being purchased as each \$100 or fraction thereof of the loan money is advanced. The stock carries no double liability. Thus a borrower's liability in any possible impairment of capital of the association extends only to his own stock holding, amounting to \$5 for every \$100 or fraction thereof borrowed.

A farmer or stockman does not have to purchase new stock each time he borrows unless the stock he owns becomes impaired in value or he wishes a larger loan. A borrower not indebted to the association may sell his stock to another eligible farmer or stockman, or may exchange it at its fair book value for non-voting stock. Such an exchange must be made within two years after the holder ceases to be a borrower.

The stock purchased by the corporation is non-voting, but preferred as to assets in case the organization is liquidated. The voting stock is owned only by the borrowing farm-

FORD TO BUILD HUGE EXPOSITION AT THE 1934 CHICAGO WORLD'S FAIR

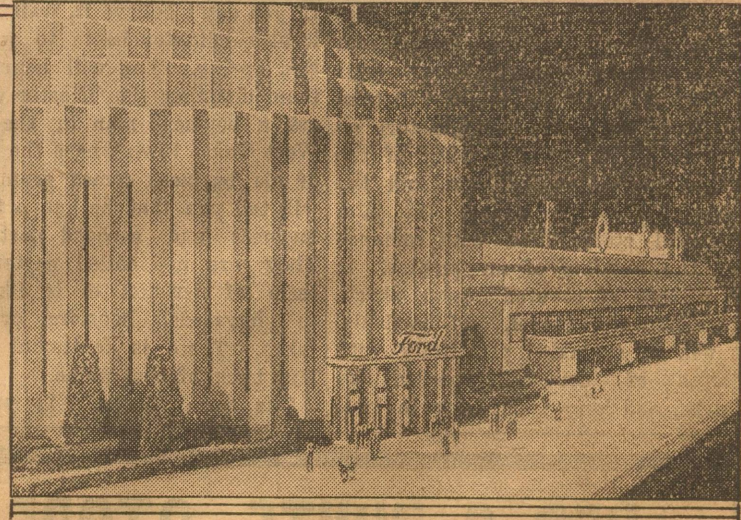


A GREAT Ford Exposition, portraying the tremendous part the arts, sciences and virtually every other industry plays in the manufacture of today's motor cars, is planned by the Ford Motor Company for the 1934 World's Fair.

The Ford Exposition will be housed in a giant building 860 feet long to be built in the heart of the fair grounds on an 11-acre plot bordering Lake Michigan and flanking the main fair boulevard. Construction of the building will start Mar. 1. In the dominant central building will be housed Henry Ford's "Drama of Transportation," depicting the development of wheeled vehicles from the chariots of ancient Egyptian kings to modern motor cars. Every model of Ford car made since 1903 will be included.

In the smaller building to the left will be housed some of the priceless historic exhibits from the Edison institute at Dearborn, Mich., including the one-story brick workshop, complete with the original tools, where Mr. Ford in 1893 built with his own hands his first motor car. This first car will be displayed inside the shop.

The main exposition building will



Henry Ford and Edsel B. Ford show to Rufus C. Dawes (center), president of the World's Fair, the scale model of the giant Ford Exposition building to be built at the 1934 Fair. (Lower) The Ford building as it will be seen from Leif Eriksen drive. Opposite the building will be a huge park bordering Lake Michigan.

display an imposing array of exhibits, most of them in action, show how steel, aluminum and other metals, soy beans, corn, wool, cotton and other farm products and the products of myriad industries are converted into car parts. The building also will house displays of cars and a big movie theater. Along the east side will be an open-air balcony equipped with chairs and lounges where hundreds may relax. Across the drive fronting the lake will be a big Ford Park, beautifully landscaped and also fitted with seats and other comforts for fair crowds.

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SUGAR, 10 lbs., granulated	47c
MATCHES, carton	24c
CABBAGE, per pound	2c
SYRUP, Handmade Ribbon Cane, gal.	58c
TOBACCO, 5 cent size	.6 for 25c
TOBACCO, 15 cent size	2 for 25c
ORANGES, Nice size, doz.	25c
GAS, Gallon, .15	OIL, Gallon .15

TEXAS THEATRE Seymour, Texas
Program for week of Feb. 23

Friday and Saturday matinee
Ken Maynard, Ruth Hall in Strawberry Roan
Perils of Pauline No. 9 and A Cartoon
Saturday Night Only
Richard Dix in Day of Reckoning
Also Bing Crosby in Just an Echo
Monday and Tuesday
Joan Crawford, Clark Gable in Dancing Lady
Also Rosco Arbuckle in "In the Dough"
Wednesday and Thursday
Joan Blondell, Dick Powell, Adolf Menjou,
Mary Astor in "Convention City"
Also "Pope Eye Cartoon" and Cab Calloway

J. M. Edwards of Seymour, well known grocerman who owns several stores in both Knox and Baylor counties, was in Benjamin Tuesday on business.