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A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance .--- Prov.

A casual glance at the political situation for this year will reveal that even first termers will have opposition and the old Democratic plea of a seond term will likely fall on deaf ears. Even those who have felt themselves firmly entrenched in the good graces of the deer peepul are feeling shaky as it becomes more apparent that the "office boy" errand running type of office holder doesn't exactly fit in with the present cheme liberal progressive politics with action as the keynote.

U. S. Senator Tom Connally of Marlin comes up for reelection again this promises to give the state a little action. Wih Congress now in session we may expect the sharpshooting to begin from every angle. _0____

With the announcement from Gov. Miriam A. Ferguson that she was reigning from politics, the office of governor was thrown wide open and ham; Liabrarian, Mrs. J. C. Coffey. contenders are jockeying for places on this ticket. C. C. McDonald, Tom Hunter, Jimmie Allred, and possibly Walter Cline from Wichita Falls, Lieut. Gov. Edgar E. Witt, from payers at the office of the tax col- tion to this office of responsibility Waco, Speaker of the House Coke lector here was the W. T. Waggoner Mr. House calls attention of the are looking on this office with wish payment in December, explaning that | cord and promises that if they see

Knox County, through no fault of \$28,571.48. hers, was switched from her rightful congressional district (the lower half of Marvin Jones' old district which year) and placed in a district which that they used the county's roads contains several large cities headed quite a bit, and felt it was only fair by Wichita Falls.

In this new line up the present incumbent is W. D. McFarlane of Graham, serving his first term. Former Speaker of the House Fred

Knox City Show Man Earl Sams Announces

Injured In Theatre Fire For Assessor-Collector

BENJAMIN

Lee Smith, owner and manager of the Texas Theatre at Knox City nar- paper to announce his candidacy for when fire broke out in the projec- lector of Knox County supject to the tion rom and he was force dto jump. Democraic primaries. Under recent Smith, on crutches from a recent leg act of the Legislature the offices of injury, was saved further injury as Tax Assessor and Tax Collector have he jumped to the sidewalk below, by been combined in counties of over E. E. Teaff who broke the fall and ten thousand population and Knox extinguished the burning clothing. County comes in this classification. Both reeived burns. First aid treat- In making the annoincement Mr.

Action of the fire department con- cord as Tax Assessor of Knox fined the fire to the projection room County. He is thoroughly familiar major damage.

SOROSIS CLUB ELECTS

The orSosis Club at their regular officers for 1934 as follows: President, Mrs. L. C. Moorhouse; first Vice president, Mrs. D. J. Brookreson; second Vice president, Mrs. C RE. Weaver; Recording Secretary Mrs. O. W. Driver; Parliamentarian and Critic, Mrs. Frank Moorhouse Press Reporter, Mrs. H. T. Cunning

Waggoner Pays Taxes

on of Junction, and others Estate. They sent in their entire they did so with the idea that they fit to again elect him to office he

> county by the Waggoners. They said time. that some of their truck taxes be paid here. Consequently they bought over \$400 worth of tags for their blg trucks in Baylor county. -Baylor County Banner.

Earl Sams has authorized this rowly escaped death Monday night the office of Tax Assessor and Col- 2nd. Saturday, Afternoon Reading ment was given at a local drug store. Sams calls attention to his past re-

he will continue to give the people chart, etc.

of he county courteous and efficient OFFICERS FOR NEW YEAR service. He expects to see all the voters of the county before the a candidate for the office.

Uncle Trav House Asks **Re-election Treasurer**

The Post is authorized to announce the candidacy of J. T. (Uncle Trav) House for the office of County Treasurer of Knox County, subject to the action of the Demo-Among the appreciated early tax cratic Primaries. In seeking re-elec-

might be needed. Their taxes totaled will continue to serve them honestly and efficiently. He expects to see as Anoher nice thing done for this many of the voters as possible before year was the payment of quite a election but takes this method of nice bit of truck taxes in Baylor making his intentions public at this

For Superintendent

over the county.

J. H. SCOTT

y Vernon Brewer, principal of the

Teacher s Meet Here

Program for the eYar 1st. Saturday, Morning Reading

3rd. Saturday, Numbers. 4th. Saturday, Writing and Drawing for the purpose of explaining the new 5th. Saturday, Music and Language 1934 acreage reduction plan. Program for January 13, 1934 should it be arranged? Library table and Benjamin farmers. fish bowl, tools, tables, chairs, bulletin ooard, etc.

Miss Gladys Williams, Sunset. for Munday and Goree farmers. and loss of machines constituted the with the work and promises that if tences to the chart. How many charts cott and Gilliland farmers. elected to the newly created office a week? What foundation for the For 1934 there will not be a plow

dictations and questions written on 35 to 45 percent of the acreage. One election but takes this method of the board. Greetings, pictures, books, half the rental will be paid in March avowed contender and possibly others meeting Thursday afternoon elected making his formal announcement as library table, bulletin board, moving or April and the other one half will pictures, and interesting material. be paid in August or September. The

in Reading.

Miss Fay Lofland, Truscott 5. Games—as drills on words or

6. eSat Work-Give example or holding land from cotton production project followed up with seat work in the 1934-35 Government cotton that can be made by teachers-book- plan, according to figures sent the lets, etc.

up and then followed up how? Mrs. Wilburn Hill, Sunset

Liquor Tax Bill Passes National House

whip lash of Democratic leaders of at least a one cent per pound par-

speedy action, the house late today average five year production. Exten-Vernon Brewer To Run passed the administration's liquor tion Service officials point out, how tax bill, designed to yield \$550,000- ever that since all land yielding less 000 a year to the treasury in reven_ than 100 polunds of lint per acre is ues.

The five votes against the bill be more than 136 pounds lint per

Program For Primary Cotton Men To Meet For Reduction Plans

POST

W. E. Jones, county agent, has called the following meetings of Knox County cotton farmers on the dates and at the places given below

Benjamin, Monday, January 8. 1. Primary Class Room-How 2:30 p.m. at courthouse for Vera

Knox City, Wednesday, Jan. 10. Munday, Thursday, January 11

2. Chart Reading-No. of charts | Truscott, Friday, January 12, before book is started; No. of sen- Truscott school auditorium for Trus-

up campaign such as was used last Mrs. Lois Sullins, Vera. year to reduce the acreage but the 3. Some helps to reading-Such as government will lease a maximum of Miss Elsie Graham, Knox City contracts are here now and some of 4. How One Can Increase Speed the farmers are already signing

College Station-Texas farmers will receive an average of at least Mrs. J. B. Madole, Antelops Flat \$6.14 per acre this year for with Texas A and M College Extention Miss Glenn Barker, Benjamin Service by C. A. Cobb, chief of the 7. Remedial Work-Tests to check Cotton Section, Agricultural Adjustment Administration, Washington This rental is hasd uport the T as five year average production of 136 pounds of lint per acre as given by the United States Department of Agriculture. The average Texas rental payment is the new plan will be \$4.76 or more per acre, the remaind-Washington, Jan. 5-Under the er of the benefit coming in the form obeying White House orders for ity payment on 40 percent of the

excluded from contracts, the average In a statement to the press Thurs- The roll call vote was 388 to 5. yield of eligible contract land will

Minor of Denton has thrown his hat in the ring. Geo. W. Baccus of Verseat again. Sam Spence, district atnon, who made the race for Congress torney at Wichita Falls, has been Junior Srosis Club Thursday even- A prepared statement for publication Pennsylvania. mentioned as a possible contender ing 1934 officers were elected. Miss

This district also elects a Senator this year. Senator Ben G. O'Neal of Wichita Falls is completing one four vear term. It is likely tha the will have opposition although as yet we dron. have heard of no announcement for the office. Representative George Moffett of Chillicothe has been list- Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Atterbury were ed as a potential candidate and although he has intimated that he would be a candidate for the office which he now holds, he has not made a formal announcement. Moffett has rep_ resented the 114th district two terms and demonstrated considerable strength in the last eelction when he primary against three opponents.

It is a bit early to tell much about county politics but from the feelers that are being put out we may with the courage, the earnestnes and the the Benjamin cemetery. certainty predict opposition for the efficiency with which you met the majority of the county offices. The crisis at the special session. I venissues are not clearly outlined but it ture to say that the task confronting a Benjamin visitor Monday. Mr. definite statement from each candi- greater than you rown. date on how they stand on the many public questions that confront only . We have made great strides to- hardware business for nine years nation. Recovery Act.

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MISS MABLE MOORHOUSE ELECTED PRESIDENT OF JUNIOR SOROSIS CLUB for the office of County Superinten- vania; Edmonds, Republican, Penn_

Jones, critic and parliamentarian, neited with the local schools since Mr. J. C. Veal and Mrs. J. F. Wal-

Mr .and Mrs. C. H. Burnett and Abilene visitors Monday.

ROOSEVELT'S MESSAGE TO SEVENTY THIRD CONGRESS

seek a greater opportunity for human Funeral services held at the Benjam- gallon. ity to prosper and find happiness. | in Baptist Church Friday were con-

made many friends.

ducted by Rev. H. F. Gage, local Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Combs and I congratulate this Congress upon pastor, and interrment was made in daughter, Miss Beth Combs, of Stamford were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E.

B. Sams Wednesday. The Combses Mr. E. P. Storm of Truscott was are former Benjaminites and have many old time friends here. Judge is likely that the public will want a the first Congress in 1789 was no Storm has recently bought out the Combs is one of West Texas' best partnership interest of his father-in- known lawyers and has risen high in law, A. A. Clark, in the Truscott that proffesion. Formerly mayor of

Abilene, he i now engaged in private Knox county, but the stated an ward the objectives of the National and since coming to Truscott have practise at Stamford. Miss Beth is

local school system, announced his were cast by Allen, Republican, III- acre, and the rentals accordingly intention of becoming a candidate inois; Brumm, Repubican, Pennsyl- higher.

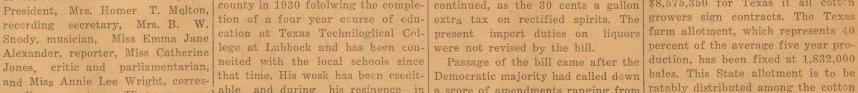
Under the 1934 cotton reduction dent of Knox County subject to the sylvania; Hoeuuel, Democrat, Cali- plan, Texas farmers are eligible to At the regular meeting of the action of the Democratic primaries. fornia, and McFadden, Republican, receive a total of \$30,650,725 in rental payments payments if a full in the press of the county containing The measure imposes a \$2 gallon 40 percent reduction of the State's his formal announcement and quali- tax on whiskey, \$5 a barrel on beer total acreage is achieved. The parity trict Judge Isaac O. Newton has been dent of the club. Other officers are fications for the office which he and levies of 10 to 40 cents on wines. payment of at least one cent per lb. mentioned as a possibility. While it as follows: Miss Helen Bisbee, vice seeks. Mr. Brewer came to Knox The present occupational taxes are on the farm allotment would total is not likely that some who have not yet been mentioned will be. The formation of a four year course of edupercent of the average five year production, has been fixed at 1,832,000

> The Agricultural Adjustment Administration has fixed a tenative goal fa reduction of 6,420,000 acres in Texas. The average annual cotton acreage in Texas during the base Boyd Smith of this place, died here yesterday to four hours, and today period, 1928 32, is 16,050,000 acres. A forty percent reduction of this Texas cotton farmers would plant tion in Texas during the base period was 4,580, 000 bales.

> > The campaign for offering the new 1934-35 cotton contracts to farmers begins this week in 214 Texas counties, in charge of county agents and county committees.

> > Miss Lucille Harris of Munday was in Benjamin Wednesday. Miss Harris made the race for County Treaurer two years ago and has many friends over the county.

Miss Polly Randolph of Truscott a teacher in the Abilene High School. was in Benjamin Tuesday.



Passage of the bill came after the and Miss Annie Lee Wright, corres- that time. His wosk has been csedit- Democratic majority had called down bales. This State allotment is to be ponding secretary. Hostesses were able and during his resinence in a score of amendments ranging from ratably distributed among the cotton

> whiskey to an increase of 31 1-2 cents a half pint in the tariff onchampagne from abroad.

In their anxiety to push action on J. H. Scott, 76, father of Mrs. the bill, house leaders limited debate

HIGH LIGHTS FROM PRESIDENT Thursday, December 28. Mr. Scott gave members who wished to speak was born in Collin county, Texas, on amendments only five minutes average acreage would mean that December 30, 1857. He joined the each. Administration offifcials had Baptist Church at Dallas in 1923. estimated that each day of delay about 10 million acres next year in Mr. Scott is survived by Mrs. Boyd cost the treasury approximately \$750- cotton. The average annual produc-Without regard to party, the over Smith of Benjamin, one brother, S. 000 in liquor taxes, since the present won the nomination in the first whelming majority of our people J. Scott, and eight grandchildren. revenue of spirits is only \$1.10 a

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GREETINGS TO 1934.

The United States has come to the end of one of the most momentous years in its history. It has been a year in which vast unprecedented experiments have been tried. It has been a year in which govrenment problems and issues have, to a greater degree than at any time since the World War, engged the attention and interest of the public. It has been a year of trial and error, of achievement and failure. And finally, it has been a year of astonishing change

For the first time since government was founded, there has been sweeping legislation to control the wages and hours of the entire working population, and the competitive methods of virtually all industry. A dramatic and frankly experimental effort to solve the farmers problems has become part of the law of the land. The largest public works program we have ever known has been inaugurated. Everything that the present leaders of government believed would spur recovery has been done. Advisors who had no previous connection with politics have been called in-and their plans have been adopted. The whole prestige of govrnment and the immense power of the public treasury, have been used whole hearetdly and sometimes ruthlessly to bring us stability and prosperity.

To say that these efforts have been entire successes is to close our eye to facts. To say that hey have failed is to be unjust. They have fallen between these extremes. Men have been put to work by the hundreds of thousands-men who had had little or no work for two or three years, and had been forced to suffer the ignominy of organized charity in order to keep their families and themselves from utter privation. Wages have been appreciably raised and the sweat-shop, encouraged by the depression, has been eliminated. Child labor is on the wane. The CCC camps watever their shortcomings, have served to provide thousands of young men with useful work under army pay and dinscipline, and have kept them debilitating and demoralizing influences

And in other fields the Administration has much on which it can honestly pride itself. It has started a program whereby the country may eventually be solved. It has done a good job in solidifying and safeguarding the banking sructure. It has attempted to protect the public against stock swindlers and fly by night promoters, who reaped so fine a harvest in the boom years and even after. It has created machinery seeking to encourage home financing and private construction.

This is all on the credit side of the ledger. The entries on the debit side are not less important-and it does the country and

POLITICAL **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Subject to the Action of the Dem ocratic Party.

FOR DISTRICT CLERK: Mrs. Roy Phillips

FOR COUNTY TREASURER: J. T. (Uncle Trav) House

FOR COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT Vernon Brewer

FOR TAX COLLECTOR AND ASSESSOR:

Earl Sams

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Tolson and children of Bomarton were visiting friends and realtives here last week end. The Tolsons are well known here. Mr. Tolson as formerly conneted with the State Highway Department here and Mrs. Tolson was Assistant cashier of the local bank until the time of her marriage.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bro. G. W. Davis of Plainview will conduct the services at the Christian Church here Sunday. Bro. Davis was formerly the pastor of the local church for many years. He has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. R. R. Rouse the past few days. Bro. Davi ah many friends and acquaintainces in this part of the country.

STRAYED-Jersey bull yearling, year old. Owner requested to see E. C. Hardin, Vera.

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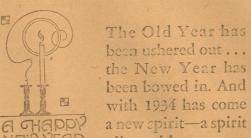
May we take this method in thank ing the friends for their helping hands and kind words of sympathy they showed us the past week in respect to the passing of our dear father and grand father.

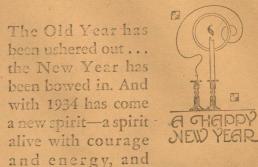
May God bless you all is our prayers. Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Smith and

BARGAIN RATES EXTENDED

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illuminated by a brighter aspect down the track to Recovery.

And there is reason to look into 1934 with strength renewed and hopes heightened. Such obvious factors as freer spending, rising prices and more activity in the marts of commerce indicate that there is a real and tangible basis for better feeling.

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the Administration no service to overlook them. All great experi mental movements breed errors-and Mr. Roosevelt and his advisories would have been a great deal more than human had they avoided hem. It is unquestionably true that, in working to bring recovery, methods have been adopted, and laws passed, which will make arid some of the springs from whence recovery must eventually flow. They are, by and large, one of the most progressive influences in the average community. Yet the industry as a whole (owned by millions of investors) is being politically castigated because of the sins of the few-a policy which can profit no one.

Again, in the securities act, certain provisions have made it impossible to issue legitimate industrial securities-thus depriving business of capital it sorely needs, depriving workers of potential jobs, and depriving the public of a place to put its money where it can do essential work. The law was designed to banish the seller of the wide blue sky-and it seems to have banished the seller of honest shares and bonds as well.

In brief, government, and the voting public, must not forget that private initiative are still the most important of naional attributes. Government can do much to cure depression but after recovery has commenced, it is industry and bottomless. It can be more easily exhausted than we know. The Administration should certainly not be blamed for honest mistakes-unless it makes no effort to correct them. And now is the time for that.

In summing up, the American people have the best reasons for looking to the future with confidence. The country is still here. The land is no less fertile than it was. Its industries are no less great. Its individual spirit is no less potent. Its intellectual capacitp is no smaller. Factories, utilities, railroads, insurance companies, mines, banks, farms-they are still here, and they will be doing business as usual when new forces, new changes, of which kne nothing now, have usurped the center of the stage.

So, greetings to 1934 .- Industrial News Review.

College professor says Roosevelt's English is standard, clear, and precise. And his diction is forceful enough to become dictation. -Dallas News.

Contracts for 1934 cotton acreage reduction are now available and farmers wishing to co-operate may sign up. As the success of this campaign, like the success of any other public venture, depends on cooperation, it should be to the interest of the cotton farmers to give the move whole hearted support.

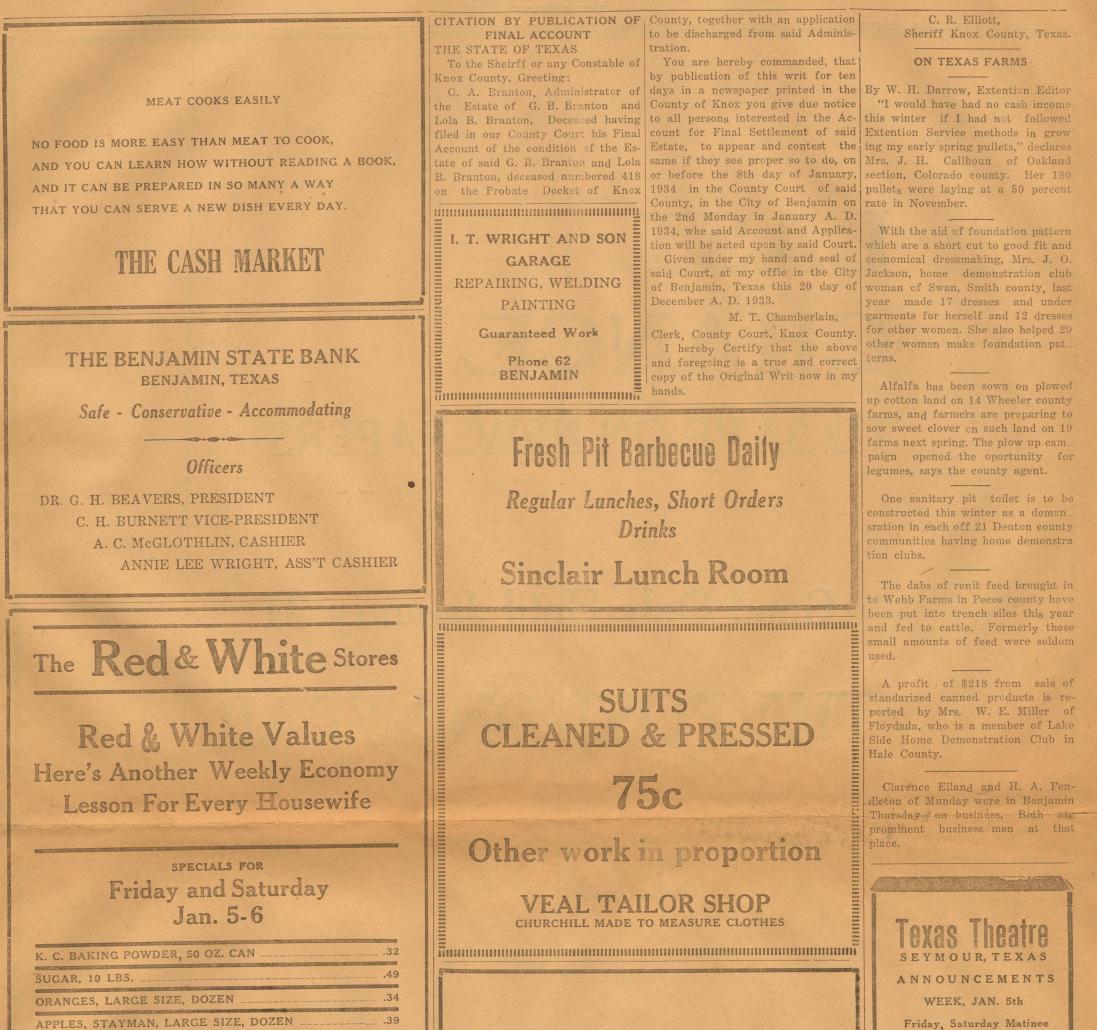


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