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## FROM THE EDITOR'S WINDOW

We read in the papers this week that Spain has been at war for a year with a cost of a million lives, the country torn to pieces, politically and physically, to say nothing of the money spent. The result of this terrible conflict is desolation on every side and again we ask the question: Where, oh where, and how does it pay to go war?

It seems that the "Sleeping Giant," China, is awakening at last. Chinese Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is reported to have at his command hundreds of thousands of newly trained troops and almost a thousand fast war planes. The Japs, badly in need of more room for their advancing population, have been encroaching on China for several years with this great country with its teaming millions has awakened to the situation and has taken steps to defend its borders. Only this past week China was able to halt the Japanese troops at Peiping and actually hold them there.

The search for Amelia Earhart Putnam and her mechanic, Fred Noonan, has been abandoned and they have been given up as lost, so far as the world knows.

Mrs. Rosie Savone, 85 and still busy about her work, has been a cafe operator at the Dallas Fair grounds for forty-one years and along with the years has reared a family of twelve children of her own, besides taking seven other boys and girls into the fold and looking after their education and caring for them as she did her own. At her advanced age she still enjoys traveling and takes many trips here and there over her own country and has been abroad. She says she enjoys life and has always enjoyed living.

No wonder Mother Savone, as she is affectionately called by her friends, enjoys living. She has spent a useful life—a life worth while. After all, true happiness is found in doing for others and keeping busy. If the world had more women, such as Mother Savone, it would, indeed, be a much better place.

News is being carried by the papers almost daily of numerous jail breaks by criminals, some of them dangerous, in our own state as well as all over the country and now we read of where a half-dozen deputy sheriffs in Kansas City have lost their jobs as the result of a discovery that several prisoners recently paid their way to freedom.

Of course this is not always the case but when an officer has charge over those in confinement he should, by all means, make it his first duty to see that there are no ways of escape as the safety of the law abiding populace and innocent children is dependent on him.

From the Stanton Reporter: "There can be no beating around the bush" about the value to a town that advertising is by the local merchants. There is really little incentive for rural folks to come to town and trade if the local newspaper carries no invitation from the merchants, especially, since the horse and buggy age has been supplanted by the fast travelling automobile age.

People think nothing of going 40 or 50 miles to trade when their automobile supplies their mode of travel. Strong and appealing inducements offered by merchants through advertising get this trade, home town or no home town. It would be fine if folks would trade in their home town because it is their home town, but it's the town where they think they can get the most for their product and in return get the most for their money that gets their trade.

Old age pension checks were mailed out to 123,675 needy persons this month, according to officials of the old age assistance commission. The checks totaled \$1,500,000. A total of 4,183 pensioners have been taken off the rolls as a result of the commission's re-investigation.

Miss Myrtle McCool left Sunday for Stephenville, where she will attend John Tarleton College for the remainder of the summer.

## REVIVAL SERVICES CONTINUED THRU SUNDAY

Revival services being conducted by the Reverend C. O. Hitt of Lancaster will continue through Sunday, closing Sunday night. Large crowds have attended the services morning and evening and splendid preaching has been enjoyed with visible results. Rev. Lawson, evangelistic singer, has capably assisted the intermediate group. Special music has been enjoyed frequently. Everyone is invited to participate in the remaining services. Reverend F. A. Hollis is pastor of the church.

## 4-H CLUB GIRLS' RALLY JULY 24TH

The 4-H club girls of Callahan county have plans made for a Rally Day at the Baptist church, in Baird, Saturday, July 25, at 10 o'clock. The program will consist of several musicals, a singing, a style show and a canning contest. Miss Gladys Martin, Jones county home demonstration agent, will act as judge for the day. The girls invite the public but give a special invitation to girls who are interested in 4-H club work.

The first place winner in each division gets a trip to the Short Course. The other winners will also receive prizes.

## ALL TRANSFERS MUST BE MADE BY AUGUST 1

School patrons who desire to transfer their children to another district should place their written application with the county superintendent before the 1st day of August.

Transfer forms are furnished by the State Department of Education and may be secured at the county superintendent's office.

The transfer law provides that children may be transferred to any other district in the county and to adjacent districts in adjoining counties.

## TEXAS LOSES 300 CHILDREN YEARLY FROM DIPHTHERIA

AUSTIN.—Texas loses more than three hundred of its children each year from one preventable cause, according to State Health Officer Geo. W. Cox. Diphtheria, that ever present menace to children, was responsible in 1936 for 351 deaths.

No parent would allow his child to run in front of trains or automobiles, but many allow them to run the danger of contracting diphtheria. Prevention of diphtheria in children is a simple matter of inoculation with toxoid.

If you have a child six months old or more, take him to your family physician and ask to have a Shick test made to determine whether the child is susceptible or immune to diphtheria—for 75 to 90 per cent of children under twelve years of age are susceptible.

Information that as high as ninety per cent of all children under twelve are susceptible, was gained from Shick tests carried out on thousands of children during the past decade, and indicates that young children should receive immunizing treatment against diphtheria without a preliminary Shick test. Such a test should, however, be carried out six months after preventive treatment, to make certain that immunity has been established. In older children and adults, a preliminary Shick test is advisable, since immunity may already be present.

Diphtheria immunization is accomplished by the injection of toxoid. Your doctor can tell if the immunization was successful by giving you the Shick test four to six months after the last treatment of toxoid. It takes that long for protection to develop.

There is no guess work about toxoid, it is a safe and proven preventive. The wise and cautious parent will take his child to the family doctor now, before school opens, and have him protected against the danger of contracting diphtheria, by immunization with toxoid.

Mrs. Cliff Walker of Dallas visited her sister, Mrs. G. S. Pruet, of Union and Mrs. S. M. Eubank and Mrs. W. E. Pruet this week.

Mrs. Herman Houston of Los Angeles arrived Tuesday for a visit of several days in the home of her mother at Moran and in the home of her brother, S. M. Eubank, of Putnam.

## Scene at Plant Riot



ALCOA, Tenn. A special deputy firing with both hands at retreating pickets during a pitched battle between policemen and strikers at the Aluminum Co. of America plant here.

## TRENCH SILOS ARE BECOMING POPULAR

The trench silo is becoming very popular in this territory, with the stockmen and there are several already in operation. Everett Williams built the first one last year and had some two hundred tons of feed which he fed to his cattle last winter. Mr. Williams is highly pleased with the experience he has had with his, and says that, "It is the best way to put up feed that I ever saw, as it is like feeding green feed all of the time and the cattle do much better than feeding them dry feed stacked in the old way. Besides, it is an economical way to put up feed."

Raymond Clark, manager of the Clark ranch south of Putnam, is filling one this week, and the writer and L. J. Cook were out where they were filling the trench with feed Monday. They had one completed about one hundred and fifty feet long, which will hold two hundred tons of feed. Mr. Clark said they would have to dig another hundred foot ditch to hold the feed already matured as he had about thirty acres feed that was planted in March and it was fine and thought it would make about three hundred tons of feed that was ready to store for winter. They will begin feeding this feed in October and continue through the winter.

## ROAD CONSTRUCTION STARTS THIS WEEK

The work on the road south towards Cross Plains has been on a standstill for some time, that is the surfacing. They have all culverts in on the project with the exception of one which is not completed. The surfacing gangs and the trucks have layed off for some time, but they are putting eight trucks back to hauling gravel this week. With eight trucks and a force of men sufficient to keep them loaded and moving, their work ought to be completed in the near future, as these is about one mile already surfaced, and it ought not take long to finish the other five miles, and the contract calls for about six miles.

## MRS. JESSIE TATUM GETS VALUABLE PRIZE

Mrs. Bland Odum of the Bayou is visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Tatum. Mr. Tatum, her father, was in the News office one day this week and stated that Mrs. Odum had won a very valuable prize in a radio contest. He said she entered a contest in a radio program, and wrote a short piece of poetry and mailed it in with three soap wrappers, and was awarded a hundred dollar gold watch, which is a very valuable prize.

ceeding with its odorization plans now in order to avoid the possibility of waiting until the fall and winter demand starts.

## ALEXANDER PARK DIES AT STAMFORD

News has reached here that Alexander Park had died at his home about two miles east of Stamford at 8:30 p. m. Sunday. Funeral services were held at the St. John's Methodist church at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon. The Rev. E. A. Reed, pastor, and the Rev. J. H. Hamblin, pastor of the First Methodist church in Abilene, officiated for the burial services. Burial followed in the Highland cemetery, where Mrs. Amanda Park, mother of Mr. Park who died about ten years ago at the age of 94, is buried.

Mr. Park would have been 80 years of age on August 15. He was born in 1857 in Chickasaw county, Mississippi. He was married to Miss Annie E. Mathews of Oxford, Miss., Dec. 5, 1869, where they lived for several years. They came to Texas 46 years ago, living for a time at Cisco, then moving to Callahan county and settling about 7 miles north of Putnam. They lived there until about 1907, then moved to Knox county where they stayed until they moved to Stamford in 1918, where they have lived since.

Mr. and Mrs. Park celebrated their golden wedding at Stamford eight years ago. Mrs. Park and nine children survive, three sons and six daughters. They are: Mrs. Robert Eastus, Abilene; Mrs. W. M. Teague, Abilene; Mrs. W. L. Swift, Knox City; Mrs. J. V. Everheart, Rotan, and her twin sister, Miss Kate Mary Park, Mrs. Lynn Williams, Putnam; Howard A. Park and P. D. Park, Stamford; and Floyd B. Park, Kansas City. Mr. Park had thirty-three grandchildren. He is also survived by two sisters and four brothers. They are Mrs. S. H. Woodard, O'Brien; Mrs. Joe Lovelary, Cisco; J. R. Park and D. E. Park, of Putnam; R. A. Park, Moran; and E. L. Park, Knox City.

Mr. Park was well known in and around Putnam and had many friends in Putnam and Callahan county.

Those attending the funeral from Putnam were Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Ingram, R. B. Taylor, Mrs. R. D. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Williams and children, R. A. Park, Mrs. Grady Pruet, Mrs. R. L. Clinton and children, and Mrs. C. K. Peek, and possibly others we failed to get.

## MRS. BRANDON IS PAINFULLY INJURED

Mrs. J. B. Brandon was painfully injured one day last week when she fell from a chair which she was standing, across another chair on her side. She was taken to the doctor where she was examined and it was found that she was bruised up considerably, with some of her ribs injured. The examination, however, failed to tell whether she had any broken ribs or not. The doctor told her it would be several days before he could tell. She is still suffering from the injuries received from the fall.

## H. H. MONK NAMED WTU DISTRICT MGR.



H. H. MONK

ABILENE.—H. H. Monk, formerly of Childress, has been appointed district manager of the West Texas Utilities Company properties in District "B" with headquarters at Cisco, it was announced here this week by Price Campbell, president of the company.

Mr. Monk succeeds the late P. P. Shepard, whose death occurred in Cisco June 22nd.

Other changes in personnel of the territory include transfer of Dick Giles, chief clerk at Cisco under Mr. Shepard, to the Abilene general offices where he will serve the various districts and the auditing and treasury departments. The announcement of Mr. Giles' promotion refers to him as having performed "an able job" at Cisco in helping conduct company affairs during Mr. Shepard's lengthy illness.

The changes are effective by August 1.

Mr. Monk is replaced at Childress by J. A. Brewer, formerly district manager at Stamford, K. K. Francis, assistant district manager at Abilene, goes to Stamford as district manager.

The duties of E. L. Jackson, district line foreman at Cisco, will be increased to include oil fields and other district power sales and service. He also will assist Mr. Monk on special assignments.

Mr. Campbell's announcement reads: "All of these assignments are in the interest of providing an opportunity for increased productive activity of these various members of the organization."

Mr. Monk had been district manager at Childress since 1934. He is one of the company's youngest district officials, both in age and years of service. He began work for the West Texas Utilities company in 1926 as a clerk in the Abilene general offices. After services as travelling storekeeper, he was appointed chief clerk to the Childress district in 1929 and later was moved to Quannah as chief clerk before returning to Childress as district manager.

O. J. Russell, in addition to more active duties as local manager at Cisco, will supervise the ice operations in that territory and otherwise assist Mr. Monk on special assignments.

A tribute to Mr. Shepard was included in the announcement. It reads: "The passing of Mr. P. P. Shepard, one of our oldest, most able and beloved employees who occupied many positions of trust in this organization—the last as district manager at Cisco where he achieved so much success in organization and district operation and where he will be greatly missed throughout the organization—makes it necessary that quite a shift in personnel be effected to close the gap."

## HAROLD RAY ONE OF LEADING SALESMEN

Harold Ray, with the Ray Motor of Baird, has been awarded a cash prize from the Chevrolet Motor Company as one of the leading salesmen of used cars in the Dallas zone during the month of June.

James King of Hobbs, New Mexico was a guest in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete King, during the week-end. Mr. King was also a Dallas visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Francisco of Cisco attended the revival services at the First Baptist church of Putnam Sunday, hearing Reverend C. O. Hitt.

## FARMERS TO MEET IN WACO NEXT WEEK

Feeling that the national Congress is not acting with as much dispatch as reasonably should be expected in connection with the new farm bill now before the House, farmers of Extension Districts 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 are to hold a mass meeting in Waco Thursday, July 29th, to discuss the new bill and to urge Congress to take immediate action.

Unless this or some similar program is enacted this year, farm leaders point out, the county may be faced with another agricultural debacle similar to 1933, when prices for farm commodities dropped to such low levels that more than half of Texas farmers were faced with bankruptcy and loss of their homes.

The proposed farm program now before Congress provides prices for farm commodities at or near parity with other major commodities, and farmers, tired of promises and the vagaries of nature, are insistent that something be done toward passage of the bill at this session of Congress.

Although the mass meeting at Waco is under the auspices of the Texas Agricultural Association, every farmer is urged to attend and lend his voice to the urgency of the request for action from Congress.

A delegation of farmers from this county is making plans to attend the meeting.

ROY KENDRICK, Callahan County Chairman, Texas Agricultural Association.

## REV. JOE R. MAYES TO BEGIN MEETING AT HART

We are authorized by card to announce that Rev. Joe R. Mayes, pastor of the Baptist church at Baird, will begin a protracted meeting at Hart school house Monday night July 25. Everybody invited to attend this meeting. Hart is about six miles north of Putnam.

## MIKE SEIGAL IN PUTNAM MONDAY

Mike Seigal of Baird was in Putnam Monday looking after business interests and shaking hands with old friends. Mr. Seigal is an old timer in Callahan county and has many friends in Putnam. His father ran a hotel in Baird many years ago, the Seigal Hotel, and after the old man passed on Mike kept it going for several years and finally sold it out, and entered the picture show business at Baird. He kept the show until a year ago, selling it out and going out of business. Mr. Seigal made the race for sheriff of Callahan county several years ago, being defeated by Al Ervin, who had held the office for a number of years.

## STATE VALUATIONS INCREASED \$76,000,000

State tax valuations increased by \$76,000,000 (million) over that of 1936. The total tax valuation for 1936 was about \$33,250,000,000 and it is estimated to be \$3,323,880,271 (billion).

Harris county has a tax valuation of \$245,000,000 with an increase over last year of \$9,073,285 and Dallas follows with \$226,000,000, with an increase of \$308,477, and Bexar county with a total valuation of \$133,000,000 with an increase of \$2,730,000.

## ZION HILL H. D. CLUB

The Zion Hill Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Earl Jobe July 12th.

After a business meeting we had a program on the organization of Callahan county, given by Faye Weeks. Several told of their first ride in an automobile and seeing their first airplane.

Miss Brown, our county agent, will demonstrate salad making the 26th of July at Mrs. C. E. Kennedy's. Everyone is invited. Those present were Meses. C. B. Kennedy, E. E. Smeerman, Earl Rutherford, S. F. Ingram, J. B. Baker, Jack Imman, M. B. Spraw's, W. S. Jobe, Altis Clemmer, Clydine Wallace, Marie Baker, Faye Weeks and W. C. Jobe.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Everett attended the Sacred Harp singing at Abilene Sunday.

J. M. Cribbs of McCombs spent the week-end with his wife and daughter.

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**TO PUT BRAKES ON INFLATION—SELL THE PRICE OF GOLD DOWN**

Professor Rogers of the Yale University sees things just as we do, more than he doesn't see necessity of selling gold down at the present time. He thinks unless prices advance the price of gold must come down. He says, "Although so drastic a measure may never be needed, it is fortunate to have it in reserve, because of recent great increases in the monetary gold of the world through the marking up of that on hand by approximately two-thirds and through subsequent increases in production certain consequences are clear. In the long run, either the general level of prices must rise considerably or the price of gold must be lowered."

"It was from this source," he said, "that all the post war inflations in Europe arose. And if we have one it will arise from the same source."

There is no question but what the raising the price of gold is the cause of the rise in prices of farm commodities and industrial products, and naturally a demand for higher wages, and this probably would have been a good thing if the administration had not gotten this scarcity idea in their heads and stopped the production and thrown many million people out of employment, and shipped the very things they stopped production in from foreign countries to take the place of the stuff that had been destroyed or the farmers had been hired not to plant. In our opinion there are more people suffering for the necessities of life than any time since the depression started about seven years ago, and we do not have to ask any government official as all we have to do is to get in a car and make around among the poorer class of people. If the country was in a prosperous condition we would not see so many trying to get government jobs at \$21.00 per month. If private industry were offering anything at better wages they would go to them, as no man can support a family on the measly sum of \$21 and this is the one-third of the population that Mr. Roosevelt talks about living in such poor condition, and his program is more responsible than any other one thing for the condition the poorer class is in. The price of manufactured goods has been raised, on account of the raise in wages and salaries, and the most of this has been caused by politicians hallowing that industrial worker should have better wages and better working conditions and of course when the worker is raised that means a corresponding increase in the price of goods and if the worker should profit by the raise they are in a small majority and the great majority is left behind.

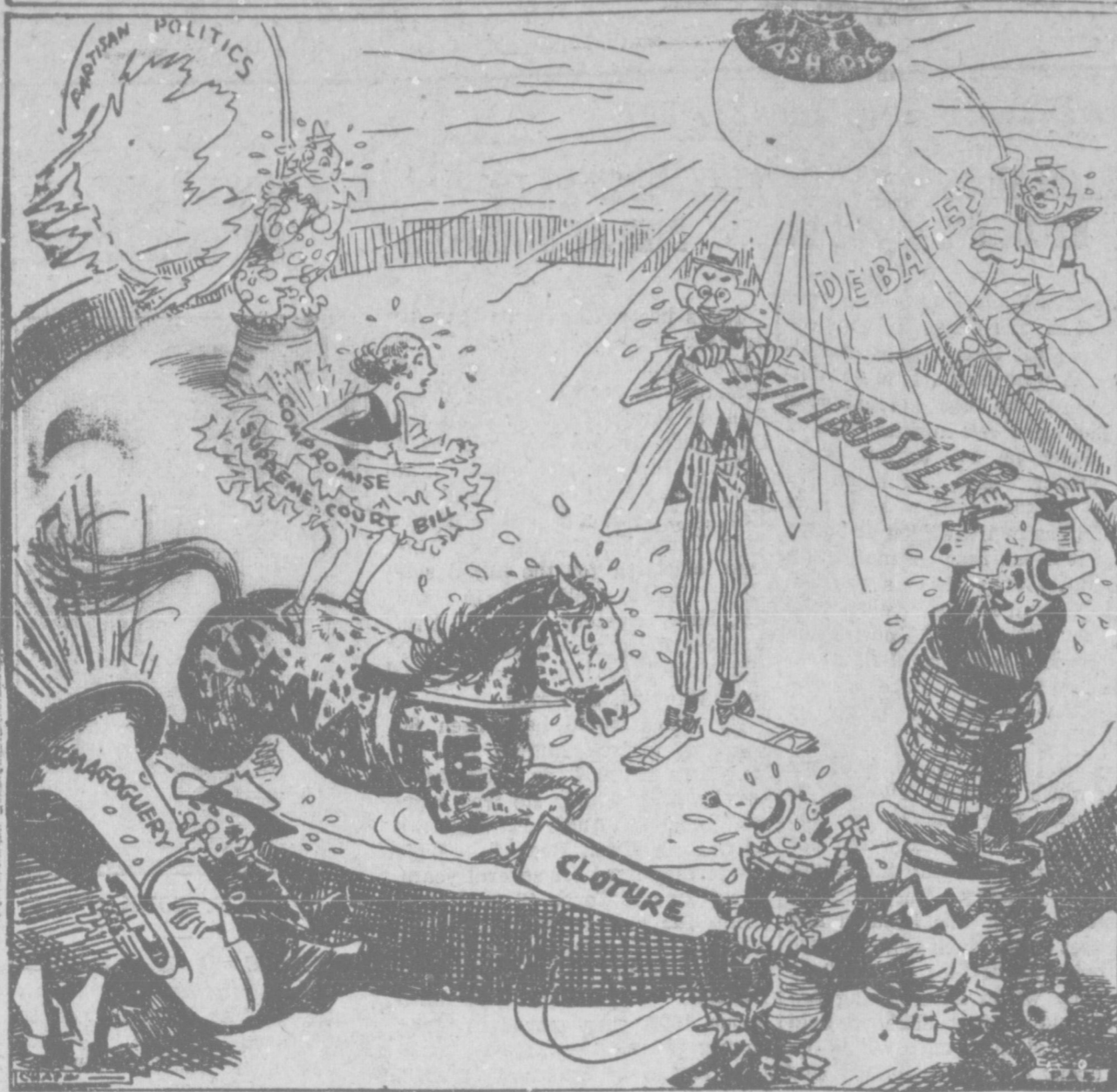
**THE DEFICIT FOR 1936-7**

After all the talk of economy at Washington we find that the expenditures are only \$114,000,000 (million) less than last year, not taking into consideration the bonus of 1936. The deficit actually was \$3,007,000,000 (billion) and it was not on account of any less spending; but was caused by increase in tax collections and collection which was applied to expenses instead of being applied on collections.

The total amount expended in 1932, \$4,122,000,000 (billion) and for the year 1932-33 was \$4,158,600,000 (billion); for 1933-34, \$5,490,000,000 (billion); in 1934-35, \$7,139,000,000 (billion); for the year 1935-36, \$7,276,000,000 (billion); and it had reached in the year 1936-37, \$8,014,000,000 (billion) and the estimate for 1937-8, is \$7,900,000,000 (billion). The estimate only indicates a decrease of \$114,000,000 for this year and if the estimate is as badly wrong as it was in 1936-37 this year will be an all time high. We do not see any indications that the expenses will be any less as the

*Mid-Summer Circus*

by A. B. CHAPIN



treasury report shows Saturday morning that there had been collected \$208,722,786 and the expenditure for the same time was \$402,878,666, or very nearly two for one up to date.

**\$1,000,000 APPROPRIATED TO KILL GRASSHOPPERS**

Congress appropriated \$1,000,000 for the purpose of killing the grasshoppers and it was signed by the President Saturday. We do not know just when this will be available, possible after frost kills out all the grasshoppers this fall.

**JOHN L. LEWIS OPPOSED BY 80 PER CENT OF PEOPLE**

According to a public opinion poll the American people are opposed to John L. Lewis and his method of sit down strikes, and other illegal and strong-hand tactics of trying to make himself a labor dictator or set himself up as a dictator of the United States.

**THE FUTURE OF PUTNAM**

The future of Putnam is a business way depends on what is done between now and the first of October. We had a good grain crop and the farmers have received a fair price, with most of it bringing more than a dollar per bushel, bringing in about \$40,000. It doesn't seem to have had the effect on business that it should have had, as there hasn't been much of an increase in the volume and business men of Putnam say that they haven't had the increase it looked like they were entitled to.

It is up to the business people of Putnam, all of us together, to see that we get the business that Putnam is entitled to get, and it can be done by all cooperating and advertising what we have and making it worthwhile for people to trade in Putnam. No one will deny that we may go to surrounding towns in this territory and find more people in them buying their supplies than there is in Putnam, and even the citizens that live in town are doing this to a great extent. There is something wrong and it is up to the business men to find out just what it is and see if it can't be straightened out and unless it is done we are going to have an awfully quiet town in the future. We will not have any crop of cotton and if very much of the money leaves town, business will be very light.

**PRINCIPLE, NOT PARTISANSHIP**

Every American who wishes to see the Supreme Court issue resolved fairly and wisely will regret the bases of the opening debates in the United States Senate. Principle seemed to be forgotten in the emphasis on party or personality. Particularly did the advocates of the substitute proposal attempt to make the appeal solely one of politics and of loyalty to the President. Little was said about the merits of the new plan to give the President six appointments or of any necessity of remodeling the court.

This kind of argument is resorted to either when its users are short of sufficient votes to achieve

their purpose and do not trouble to make better arguments or when they are desperate and have no better argument, which reason goes in the present case, will be clearer as the debate proceeds. Certainly opponents will not fail to develop the great questions of constitutional government involved in this issue. They will not neglect to put the decision back on the basis of a choice between constitutional methods.

They will not forget the clear cut exposure of the original plan by the judiciary committee report whose single weakness was its own occasional thrust at personalities. They will not fail to show that the issue is still whether the constitution shall be amended by regular process or by circumvention. Whether the American system of three independent branches of government is to be preserved or to be overthrown by two branches of the government packing the third to fit their purpose.

Nor can they allow the misapprehension to persist that the new bill is a compromise when it still permits the President to name the same number of judges as the old, and three of the six within six months. Surely they will point out that never in American history has a President asked special legislation to permit him to appoint a majority of the supreme court, and they will demand some better explanation of what kind of a program can be contemplated if it is one of the already liberalized court would not approve.

In the interest of the nation the debate should be returned to the great constitutional questions involved. Much of the discussion that has swept the country since February has been on the basis, and the results has clearly been a popular rejection of the plan to re-make the court.

The issue has not changed the partisanship, to the great credit of independent Democrats in congress and in editorial offices of the nation, has been laid aside for nobler concerns. There can be no injury to America if partisanship is now allowed to reverse a decision already made on the merits of the two methods of changing the constitution.

Less important but in the long run no less sure is the danger to the Democratic party if senators fail to put principles ahead of partisanship or personality. Actually personality rather than partisanship is involved. For no pledge of the party platform carried any such plan as is now proposed, and the dangers of division in the Democratic party are greater. If this measure be bludgeoned through then it may be blocked on the basis of sound constitutional procedure and defense of an independent judiciary. Lasting success for a party as for a nation can only be based on devotion to something bigger than personality or partisanship.—Ex.

**LUNA REMAINS POSTMASTER IN DALLAS**

Mr. Luna will be 70 years old Tuesday. His services were continued by the President, after more than a half of a century in the postal service. Under the ruling he may continue in the office until March 1. Although he

has served only three years and seven months as postmaster. Mr. Luna has held every place from messenger to assistant postmaster, from which he was promoted to his present office.

His fifty year service in one office is possibly a record for service in one place; but that is no reason why he should be retired, as he is active and well qualified to take care of the office. He commenced as a clerk when he was 18 years old. We have not agreed with Mr. Roosevelt in many things, but we believe he did the right thing in extending the time he should retire to March 1, 1938.

**UNUSUAL COURAGE**

Political courage is a thing so rare that the action of Governor Allred and Comptroller Sheppard has left us glassy-eyed with admiration.

Their pluck will save the taxpayers \$3,500,000.

They stepped right in before the schools—the most feared and most powerful political group in Texas—and announced that, as majority members of the state automatic tax board, they would not levy a \$3,500,000 property tax to pay the biggest increase in school aid levied since 1920.

If they stick to their guns, the state ad valorem tax will be reduced 12 cents on the \$100, a decrease from 20 to 8 cents. The 8 cents must be levied to pay for state text books.

Everybody is in sympathy with the cause of education, but when you consider that the taxpayers have:

Given the public school fund so much income that this year they paid the highest school aid in history and still had \$3,000,000 cash left over.

Pledged the record-breaking amount of \$5,500,000 a year for the next two years for rural aid.

Made the biggest appropriations in history for higher education . . .

And been called upon to pay hundreds of thousands of dollars for teachers' retirement benefits . . .

All in face of the fact that the general fund is \$10,000,000 in the red, the Confederate pension fund almost \$5,000,000 behind and present revenues insufficient to pay old age pensions. . . it seems inconsiderate of the schools to call on the taxpayers for an increase of \$4,680,000.

The schools have pressed for more and more revenue for years, and once they gain it they hold it with the grip of the dead.

State school executives were amazed when the governor and Mr. Sheppard announced their decision to stick to the law which says they shall levy a tax sufficient to produce \$17.50 per capita, and refuse to levy a tax sufficient to pay \$22.

To remind these officials of the political power of the schools, Glen Sanderford, head of the State Education Board, in a newspaper release thundered:

"The Board did fix the per capita at \$22, and that is where it is going to stay—to the satisfaction of 48,000 school teachers, 30,000 trustees, 900,000 parents, and 1,500,000 school children." Somehow we believe Allred and Shepard are not going to be bluffed. They will stick by their de-

cision saving the taxpayers \$3,500,000.

We know the schools can use the money, but they could have obtained a record-breaking per capita of \$20 and still have given the taxpayers the benefit of the saving that Allred and Shepard now will have to fight to obtain.

Even with the school tax at 8 cents, the schools still will have enough revenue to pay \$20 per capita.

If the legislature levies additional taxes this fall to try to get some less fortunate department of the state on their feet, the schools with their 25-per-cent of almost all taxes may gain enough to be able to pay their \$22 in cash.

So if you have any sympathy to spare, give it to Allred and Shepard.

Chances are they will catch it good and plenty from the school body for daring to think of giving the taxpayers a break.—Fort Worth Press.

**THE NEGRO AND THE GOAT**

A negro went into Sears & Roebuck's to pay a bill last week and he turned over thirty-five dollars in currency to pay for plumbing supplies and the cashier noticed the bills were torn all to pieces. B. E. Nelson, special investigator, took the matter in hand. The payee explained he was representing Bennie Rogers, 4514 Baldwin. Nelson went to the house. He found an elderly woman washing clothes in the rear.

"Auntie," he asked, "what happened to this money?"

"Well, suh, de goat done got it."

"Dat's what happened. We had \$108 hid about the house and it rained and all got wet. We spread it out to dry and the fust thing we knowed dat goat was eatin' de last five dollar bill."

"He ate it, huh? How did you manage to save this much?"

"Mistah, you ought to have seen my old man a-working on dat goat, with dat long bladed knife. I guess dat goat's sorry, cause he ain't no goat now. He ate up neah a hunnert dollars for us."

Nelson took the entire mess of bills to the federal reserve bank and they redeemed only thirty five dollars.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON**

By Charles E. Dunn

**GOD PREPARES A PEOPLE**

Lesson for July 25. Ex. 12:21-28 Golden Text: Deut. 7:6

To understand the Old Testament we must study carefully the history out of which it came. For the nation and its destiny looms large in the Old Testament. To get the full flavor of this national spirit we must turn to the writings of the prophets. For the prophet was a close student of the politics of his day. His message was determined to a large degree by the circumstances in which he found himself. "Out of them," writes one commentator, "he read the will of God in them and he saw the hand of God at work."

Thus the prophets were convinced that the long pilgrimage of the Jewish commonwealth, with all of its ups and downs, was essentially sacred. They loved to dwell on the covenant between God and Israel, the redemption from Egyptian serfdom, the divine guidance through the wilderness, and the overthrow of the heathen in Canaan.

Carlyle once said that "the Bible of every nation is its history." This is peculiarly true of the Hebrews. Intensely patriotic, their history meant everything to them. It is no wonder then that their Bible is soaked with a vivid national feeling. Our lesson text is a reminder of this striking emphasis. It deals with the institution of the historic Passover Festival which the Jews have always associated with the Exodus from Egypt, and which they still observe. Note that the Passover lamb was originally sacrificed and the blood sprinkled on the doorposts by each head of a family, for there was no tabernacle and no order of priests.

To Christians the crucifixion of

our Master fulfills all that is significant by the Jewish Passover. "For you are free from the old law," wrote Paul to the church at Corinth. "Christ our paschal lamb has been sacrificed." As God saved His people from their slavery under Pharaoh, so Christ, by his death, redeemed his followers from spiritual bondage.

**PUEBLO ITEMS**

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Yarbrough and daughter, Miss Roma, W. P. and Dick Yarbrough of Union, and Mrs. Onie Abernathy of Hart community motored to Wichita county during the week-end to visit their aunt, who celebrated her 88th birthday. There was a large attendance of relatives and friends, and all had a joyous time.

Mrs. Lige Burnam and daughter, Mrs. L. G. Brown of Cisco, spent Tuesday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Allen.

Mr. T. A. Park, brother of R. A. Park of Union, died at her farm home near Stamford Sunday. He had been in ill health for quite awhile. Mr. Park at one time lived in the Union community.

Mr. and Mrs. Cal Green, of Kilgore, spent the week-end in the home of his brother, E. Green, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. McCollum spent Sunday in Moran with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Skiles.

Mr. and Mrs. Buford Allen of Lueders spent a while with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Allen, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wilhite and little daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilhite and little son, and their mother, Mrs. Wilhite, of Parker county, spent several days last week with the latter's sister, Mrs. Ross McCollum and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Johnston and children were guests of his brother in Dudlin from Friday until Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Richardson and family, of Breckenridge, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Booth, and brother, W. J. Booth and family.

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# Local Happenings

Mr. and Mrs. Borden Heslep of Clyde visited relatives in Putnam Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Eubank visited Mr. Eubank's mother of Moran Sunday.

Earl Jobe, employee of the State Highway Department of Abilene, spent the week-end with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hall of Nimrod, old friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Teague, spent Sunday evening in their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Loretta Seastrunk of Abilene are spending several days in the home of Mrs. Seastrunk's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Buchanan.

Mrs. L. L. Welch and daughter, Mrs. Hughes of Abilene, spent Monday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Teague. Mrs. Welch is a sister of Mr. Teague's.

Mrs. Lottie Marshall of Lorraine, an old time friend of Mrs. W. C. Teague, visited in the home of Mrs. Teague enroute to Lorraine after an extended vacation in other points north and east.

Mrs. R. D. Williams and children, J. R. Park, Mrs. Euna Lovelady and Mrs. R. L. Clinton and children attended church services at the Methodist church of Cisco Sunday, hearing Reverend Byron Lovelady preach. Reverend Lovelady is a relative.

Mrs. L. B. Stewart of the Scranton community was in Putnam Wednesday trading. While here she called at the News office and informed us that Luther Stewart is seriously ill at his home in Gustine from abscess on the lungs.

Bill Shirley was in Putnam Monday and said he "had the grasshoppers whipped and they have not damaged my crop very much and do not appear to be doing any damage at present. He said the ground was getting dry, but cotton was still doing fine and would make a lot of cotton without any more rain.

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Billy McMillan of Coleman was a visitor in Putnam Sunday.

Roy Lee Williams spent several days at Coleman this week with Billy McMillan.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ingram of Baird visited Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nettles Saturday.

Mrs. T. A. Spear of Crowell is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. J. Henson, this week.

Bill McMillan is working in Cross Plains this week. He has been employed over there for about three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Wagley and children, Earnest Nettles, and Harold Ingram all went fishing Friday on Battle Creek near Pueblo.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wingo of Gordon were in Putnam visiting and looking after business interests here. Mr. and Mrs. Wingo formerly lived in Putnam.

Mrs. Pete King visited her sister, Mrs. Joe Burnam, at the Graham Sanitarium at Cisco Saturday. Mrs. Burnam is recuperating after undergoing surgery recently.

N. M. Pippen, who lives about seven miles northeast of Putnam, was in Putnam Monday afternoon and stated that he had threshed a little more than four thousand bushels of wheat off of his farm.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Culwell returned home Friday after a seven weeks stay with his daughter, Mrs. D. W. Davis near Hawley. Mr. Culwell stated it was necessary that he go up there and help her and the children with the crop, since the death of her husband some time ago.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Culwell left for San Antonio Friday where he will spend two or three days visiting with his brother, Willie, who is in business there. Annie and Charles returned home with Mr. and Mrs. Culwell after several weeks visit with relatives in Putnam.

Here lies the body of Jerry Gay, who died maintaining his right of way;  
He knew he was right as he sped along,  
But he's just as dead as if he'd been wrong.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brandon of Plainview visited Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Brandon Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chaney of Joshua visited Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Brandon Wednesday.

Everett Darron of Atwell is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Nettles this week.

A. A. Dodd and sons, Harley and Harlan, spent several days visiting relatives at Dimmitt and Happy this week.

Mrs. Lem Harper and son, Louis, have returned from visiting with Mrs. Harper's mother, Mrs. L. H. Harwell of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Allen and children, Claudia, Donald and Edward King attended the rodeo at Coleman Wednesday night.

Miss Mary Yeager left Sunday for Austin where she will attend Texas University the remainder of the summer.

Mesdames R. L. Clinton and children and R. D. Williams and children were Abilene visitors Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Yeager, Misses Ruth and Mildred Yeager and Mrs. Ida McCool were Abilene visitors Sunday.

J. W. Brandon, graduate of the Putnam high school with the class of 1937, is now employed at the undertaking establishment in Cisco.

Oliver Whitlock, Harold Ingram, Eugene, Frank and Luther Ingram and Ernest Nettles attended the Palace Theatre at Cisco Wednesday night.

Fred Golson returned from Albany Monday, where he has been employed in the oil fields. He will remain several days with Mrs. Golson.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Heslep of Abilene visited Mr. Heslep's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Heslep, Sunday. Mrs. Heslep is doing fine after undergoing major surgery five weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hudson, daughter, Betty Lou, Mrs. V. M. Teague and Miss Viola Teague made a trip to Rising Star Sunday to meet Mrs. John A. Rhodes of Tulsa, Oklahoma, who is visiting several days with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Butler and Mrs. J. B. Brandon made a trip to Gorman Wednesday where Mrs. Brandon visited a doctor who reported that she had a fractured rib due to a fall received several days ago. They were guests in the home of Mrs. Brandon's son, Dr. Joe Brandon.

### ZION HILL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Baker and daughter, Marie, left Sunday for Waco, where they will make their home.

The people of Zion Hill regret very much to lose them, and their loss will be keenly felt in Zion Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Inman and children, and Roy Lee Jobe left Sunday for South Texas, where they plan to make an extended visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Altis Clemmer have moved to Happy. Mr. Clemmer has accepted employment there and left Sunday morning to take up his work.

Mr. and Mrs. Clemmer Honored Honoring Mr. and Mrs. Altis Clemmer, bridal couple, Mrs. C. B. Kennedy entertained with a gift party Saturday night, July 17, in her home. A color scheme of pink and white was used in all appointments.

Mr. and Mrs. Clemmer were made to follow the rainbow, each one having some small article at the end, and the last one leading to a large basket of gifts.

The remainder of the evening was spent playing games. About forty guests were present with other friends sending remembrances. Mrs. Clemmer is the former Miss Lucile Ramsey. Mr. and Mrs. Clemmer each spoke a few words of appreciation at the close.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Taylor and children, and Miss Marie Baker were business visitors in Baird Saturday.

J. C. Clemmer and Jack Ramsey were Baird visitors Saturday.

T. L. Ramsey and J. B. Baker were business visitors in Abilene and Baird Saturday.

Wesley Clemmer and M. L. Tatom were Clyde visitors Sunday.

Mrs. Earl Jobe and children were visiting friends in the Zion Hill community Wednesday and Sunday of this week.

"The boy who gets this job must be fast."

"Master, I'm so fast I can drink water out of a sieve."

### HOME DEMONSTRATION NOTES

Encampment at Buffalo Gap July 28th—

Encampment for the 4-H club girls is to be July 28, at Buffalo Gap. The program will start at 10:30. Callahan and Taylor counties are holding a joint encampment. All girls are invited, bring lunch and help the girls enjoy the day.

Council Meets—The Callahan Home Demonstration Council meet in regular session Saturday, July 17, in the county court room. Mrs. A. Young, vice chairman, served as chairman for the meeting. Mrs. Robinson of Oplin served as secretary. There were 10 clubs represented with 17 members present. The council is paying part of the 3 council representatives' way to the Short Course, and will give the winning 4-H club demonstrator a complete trip to the Short Course.

Canning!—Canning has been in full swing for the last two months with the members of the home demonstration clubs. A large variety of canned vegetables is one of the goals of the pantry demonstrators this year. These demonstrators have the following varieties on their shelves: English peas, beans, snapped and shelled, cream peas, black-eyed peas, soup beans, lima beans, beets, plain and pickled, squash, corn, whole grain and cream style, pickles, sour, sweet and dill, potatoes that are too small to store, tomatoes, spinach, kraut, okra, and berries, apricots, pineapple, and apples while a pantry is not complete without a sweet shelf, and these contain: Jellies, preserves and marmalades. Plans are being made to can meats to complete the pantries.

Mrs. Albrio Wilson, Midway club pantry demonstrator, reports she has canned 300 quarts of vegetables and will can other varieties as soon as the products are ready. The home demonstration agent is giving a chicken canning demonstration in Mrs. Wilson's home July 27, beginning at 8:00 o'clock.

Mrs. Will Poindexter, who is a cooperator in the Oplin club, has a large supply of canned foods on her pantry shelves. She reports that she and a daughter canned 200 No. 2 cans of corn in one day last week.

"Believe it or not," cabbages can be grown very successfully in the Atwell community, says Mrs. Hutchins of the Atwell home demonstration club. Mrs. Hutchins weighed two heads and they weighed 13 pounds. These cabbages are being used to make kraut, storing for winter use, being sold on the present market and being used in daily meals, cooked or raw in slaws or salads.

### KNOW TEXAS

Crossing Bridges

DENTON.—As Texans whisk by the cement posts of modern highway bridges they seldom realize what a great number of these structures have been built to fill the needs of the state's widespread highway system. On January 1 of this year there were a total of 7,127 bridges maintained on state highways, and by far the largest amount of these, 4,885, were concrete. This figure does not include underpasses and overpasses, of which there are 311.

Largest Cities

Even with the friendly rivalry between several Texas cities as to population totals, surprisingly few people know the ranking of the ten largest cities in this state. According to the 1930 census, Houston heads the list with 292,352. Dallas and San Antonio are in second and third places, and Fort Worth, El Paso, Beaumont, Austin, Galveston, Waco, and Port Arthur follow in order.

Topping Them All

Highest mountain in Texas is Guadalupe Peak, located near El Paso in the extreme western section of the state and rising 9,000 feet above sea level. Forming the southern end of the Guadalupe mountains in Culberson county, it is quite a hill, even though not comparing with the 29,140 feet of Mount Everest, the world's highest mountain.

Young Mother—"Nurse, what is the most difficult thing for a young mother to learn?"

Nurse—"That other people have perfect children, too."

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### GRIGGS HOSPITAL NOTES

Mrs. C. B. Snyder of Baird, and baby, Gene Elizabeth, left the hospital Sunday.

Mrs. Will Walls and baby girl, Nina Gale, left the hospital Sunday.

Sam Black, of Baird, underwent appendix operation Monday.

Irey Flores, 6 year old son of Jack Flores, underwent appendix operation Wednesday.

B. T. Lewright of Fort Worth, Texas & Pacific brakeman, fell off of a moving freight train two miles west of Baird Tuesday evening and was not found until the next morning, was brought to the hospital for treatment where he died a few hours later.

Will Dawkins of Breckenridge underwent tonsilectomy operation Tuesday.

R. L. Griggs took Ted Walls to the Harris Clinic Wednesday at Fort Worth.

Miss Myrtle Clappett, of Putnam, underwent an operation for appendicitis Thursday and was removed to Buck White's home Sunday, doing fine.

Miss Christine Gillet of the Bayou underwent a major surgery last week.

Jerry Loper underwent a major operation Saturday.

Bob Settles of Baird underwent an appendicitis operation last week.

Mrs. Arthur Coffey of Admiral underwent a major surgical operation last week. Will leave hospital for sister's home in Baird.

Fred Bibbs, negro who went to sleep near railroad track waiting to catch a train and had his hand on track and wheel crushed it and was brought to hospital for treatment, left the hospital Wednesday.

Mrs. Spike Blakeley left the hospital Sunday following a severe attack of gall bladder disease, was in for medical treatment.

The little Burrows boy, five weeks old, who was operated on for locked bowels two weeks ago, came back to hospital Sunday for two days to have his milk dietary changed. Is doing nicely.

### SCRANTON

Threshing of the wheat and oats in this community was finished Saturday with a fairly good yield considering the dry weather. There are some good maize and owners of same have begun heading it.

Bennie Joe Cozart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cozart, has infantile paralysis and the family was quarantined Monday.

Mrs. Freda Armstrong of Ladlow visited relatives here last week.

Paul Mitchell of Abilene was a business visitor here the past week.

P. M. Ray, Mesdames A. T. Blalock, J. H. Shrader, Lee Boland attended the funeral of their brother-in-law, Lee Clement at Lamesa, Saturday. Mrs. R. C. Chatman and J. H. Sharder Jr., niece and nephew of Mrs. Clement, also attend the funeral.

J. D. Pittman and family returned home from Abilene Saturday, where they had been called because of a serious automobile injury to Mrs. D. L. Pittman, sister-in-law of Mr. J. D. Pittman, and also because of a major operation on R. D. Davison, brother-in-law of Mrs. Pittman.

### FEWER AUTOMOBILES SOLD IN JUNE

AUSTIN.—Fewer new automobiles were sold in Texas last month than in June 1936, although the number sold was somewhat higher than that of the preceding month, according to the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research. Registrations in fifteen representative Texas counties totaled 6,776 in June, against 6,022 in May and 8,458 in June, 1936—an increase of 12.7 per cent and a decrease of 19.8 per cent respectively.

"The largest increase over the preceding month and the greatest decline from June last year occurred in the lowest price group," the Bureau's report said. "The lower intermediate and highest price groups showed increases over both comparable periods.

"Aggregate sales in the fifteen

counties during the first half year were 37,802, a decline of 3.8 per cent from the corresponding period a year ago."

"You know, you're not a bad looking girl."

"Oh, you'd say so even if you didn't think so."

"We're even then. You'd think so even if I didn't say so."

"Great Scott!" said Mr. Newlywed, seeing all the broken crockery all over the floor. "What has happened?"

Mrs. Newlywed—"This cookery book says that an old cup without a handle will do for measuring—and it's taken me eleven tries to get a handle off without breaking the cup."



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Odorization of gas does not affect your gas service, but it may enable you to determine whether your gas piping needs attention.

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The Sale prices are marked in plain figures on every item except we have administered a Second Cut to close out many lots.

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36 inch Pepprell lawns and Batiste, a very fine cloth, and a big range of Patterns to select from, a regular 19c value, to close out,  
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You will have to hurry to get these at this price. Good things don't last always.

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ALL LADIES SANDALS Including White, Red, Black and Pink and Mixed Colors  
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**16c Per Yd.**  
You had better buy your school Dresses NOW. These goods will be higher in the Fall.

**MEN'S HOSE**  
Men's Fancy Dress Hose Munsing Brand, a 25c value. One Special Lot, to close out at per pr.  
**13c**  
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FARM NOTES

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America's Most Famous Hog Breeder Starts Hampshire Herd

From the year 1917 to 1923, Ed Kern, then located at Stanton, Nebr., bred and sold more dollars worth of hogs than any man in America. His herd of Duroc Jerseys was easily the national leader, not only in the show ring, but in the sale ring. He originated and perfected what was known as the Sersation family. He won five world's championships and never was defeated with his main herd boars at the National Swine Show. He made one bred sow sale of 50 head that sold for \$105,000.00. He retired from active hog breeding in 1926 and has been operating a wholesale feed business in Florence, a suburb of Omaha. But last winter he got a sow bred to High Score (Hampshire boar), and has a good litter by her and has purchased a number of sows this last month, bred for fall pigs. Three of these, daughters of De-lores, Will Rogers and Butternut, are bred to High Score and two bred to Peter Pan, and they are good sows. I say, watch Kern; he never was and never will be satisfied with a tail-ender. I predict that within twelve months he will have one of the best herds of the Hampshire breed. He's got a High Score litter right now that he hasn't been saying anything about that looks plenty good, and there are four corking boars in this litter."—DeVore.

Callahan county boys have been asked at times why they are growing Hampshire hogs. Some of the reasons for this selection are that Hampshires are producing the type of meat that the packer pays the highest market price to get; that Hampshires are the best rustlers yet developed; that they are among the world's best mothers; that they are prolific, raising from 10 to 15 per litter; and they are good gainers in reaching market weight.

The article quoted above by DeVore shows that one of the leading Duroc Jersey breeders has switched to Hampshire and this man knew his business. It would not be expected now to find this man passing his judgment on a poor type of hog individual. Grain Loans Ready—Mr. Murrah Nolte informed the county agent that loans would be made for summer fallowing and to secure grain for fall planting. He stated that he will take these loans in the office each Wednesday afternoon.

There will not be anyone to take the loans other than on that day so Mr. Nolte requests that all interested see him at that time in the county agent's office. Blister Bugs Enemies to Grasshoppers—As much as we may dread and despise the lowly blister bug he is the farmers' friend. He is a natural enemy of the grasshopper. They attack small grasshoppers and the eggs and cut down the crop to a great extent. The chigger is also an enemy of the grasshopper. There are also reported fungus diseases that attack them during the cool damp weather.

Persons who are yet affected by grasshoppers may secure as much

poison and as much bran as they are willing to match by coming to the mixing station at Baird. The government has furnished the county agent a sufficient supply to handle the situation this year. It is hoped that farmers will keep their fence rows, especially, treated because grasshoppers do lay millions of eggs on fence rows and turn rows about the fields which cause a greater infestation the following year. If these are kept treated there will be an appreciative decrease of grasshoppers next year.

Texas—July 1st Cotton Report—The planted acreage of cotton in Texas as of July 1st is estimated at 12,926,000 acres. This compares with 11,997,000 acres harvested in 1935 which is an increase of 7 per cent over last year. The Panhandle, Central and West Texas did not increase their acreage in 1937 but an increase did come in South Texas.

Callahan county actually is planted a little less than was planted in 1936. However, there will be less than the above planted acreage actually harvested. Many acres will be abandoned because of insect infestation, dry weather, floods, and other weather conditions. But in all there should be a harvested acreage of around 12 million acres in 1937. With more cotton being consumed in the nation because of the upswing in recovery the price should not fall very much during the selling season. Callahan county has planted this year about 32 thousand acres and it is fruiting in most places faster than for many previous years. Insects are not damaging cotton at this time as much as they were at the same period in 1936. Moisture is ample in most all sections of the county. So far July has been about what cotton farmers think of as perfect growing weather—cool nights, hot days and not too much wind.

Underfed Pig More Open to Parasite Infections—Well-fed pigs are not so likely to become infected with internal parasites during the suckling period as those which are underfed, according to scientists of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Young pigs pick up a part of their feed and there is always danger of their becoming infected with roundworms and other internal parasites if they are allowed to run on dirty hog lots. This danger is increased when the sow does not supply enough milk for the needs of her entire litter. Hungry pigs are more likely to eat material infected with the eggs of parasitic worms than well-fed pigs.

Two sows, each with her litter of pigs, were allowed to run on a dirty hog lot. One of the sows provided adequate nourishment for her entire litter but the other did not. Pigs of each lot were slaughtered at similar intervals and examined for the presence of internal parasites. The pigs that were underfed were more seriously infested with parasites and also became infected at an earlier age than those that were well fed.

These findings further emphasized the need of sanitary surroundings for young pigs.

Pigs should be given a worm capsule when they weigh about 60 pounds. It is not advisable after they reach 100 pounds in weight. Tetrachlorethylene is the drug most recommended.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR AFRICAN MISSIONARY

Memorial service for Miss Lucile Reagan, a Big Spring woman, succumbed Monday at her Baptist mission post in Lagos Nigeria, Africa, was held in Big Spring Sunday morning. Principal messages were delivered by Dr. E. C. Routh, editor of the Baptist Messenger of Oklahoma, and father of a co-worker of Miss Reagan in the African mission. Pastors of four Big Spring churches participated in the services.

Miss Reagan, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barnett Reagan of Big Spring, pioneer West Texas residents, had served as a missionary for 16 years. She succumbed to an attack of yellow fever, and was buried at Lagos. Miss Reagan was a niece of Will Reagan of Cisco.

Girl—"Jim, did you know there were lots of deaf people that can hear over telephones?"

Jim—"That's nothing. Lots of dumb people can talk over them, too."

Salesman—"How did you come to have that accident with that car I sold you?"

Buyer—"I couldn't put out my hand while I was pushing it around the corner."

DRILLER OF FIRST OIL WELL DIED BROKE

With Abilene and surrounding territory definitely oil-conscious and the bringing in of newer wells almost daily, it is a timely story that is given herewith, about one who was truly called a "pioneer" of the oil industry—Col. E. L. Drake, the discoverer of a means of procuring oil from the earth. And true to modern form in some cases, according to oil men, though his oil brought him \$1 a gallon he died dead broke.

To this courageous pioneer is due the building of the fabulous fortunes made by the men who followed him in the oil industry. Briefly told, the story of Col. Drake's accomplishments follows: Col. Drake, driller of the world's first oil well, was born in Greenville, N. Y. on March 29, 1819. Since no early records of his early youth can be found, it may be assumed that he grew up an any other normal boy of his times. Of his early business career, little is known except that it was highly varied. He sailed the Great Lakes; sold dry goods, clerking in a hotel, worked as an express agent.

It was while employed as express agent for the New York, New Haven Railroad that Col. Drake met a banker named James M. Townsend and was persuaded to invest \$200 in stock of the Pennsylvania Rock Oil Company. Soon after, a reorganization of this company created the Seneca Oil Company, as its successor. This company, composed of New Haven, Conn., members exclusively sent Col. Drake to Titusville, Pa. in 1858 to procure oil where a dozen men had failed.

Prior to that time, oil had been commercially extracted by skimming the surface of ponds or the brine from nearby salt wells. Indians in this vicinity had long collected "rock oil" for medicinal purposes by absorbing of from Oil Creek with blankets.

Col. Drake's arrival in Titusville, and the events that influenced him to drill the first oil well in the world, are described in a newspaper interview in the Titusville Herald of July 27, 1866. After his arrival he went to the store and was there shown several bottles of oil and expressed incredulity when told that it oozed out of the ground. Next day he visited the flats and found the statement verified.

"It was then the idea flashed across his mind that there was a basin of oil in the rock below the surface, and he first formed the resolution to sink a well. (His original intention evidently had been to improve the skimming process).

"He turned to the east . . . but when he undertook to secure a driller he was looked upon as a visionary and several contracts were made and broken. Finally he was compelled to give out the deception that he would bore for salt."

Operations were commenced on land leased from Brewer, Watson and Company, a firm of lumbermen. Their initial belief in Col. Drake's plan soon turned to such active skepticism they would not even lend him tools when he badly needed them. Thus began a series of discouragements that continued until the completion of the adventure.

The most serious difficulty with which Col. Drake had to cope throughout his operations was lack of funds. The Seneca Oil Company had agreed to place at his disposal \$1,000. Records show that he received only \$473.67. He acknowledged the partial payment and requested that the balance be placed in his account by the following month. The money did not arrive and Col. Drake was compelled to seek aid elsewhere. A bank in Meadville agreed to advance \$500 on note if Col. Drake could find satisfactory endorsers. Security was obtained from R. P. Fletcher and Peter Wilson, and one historian states: "It had not been for the confidence in Col. Drake shown by these men, the first petroleum well would not have been completed in 1859."

When his driller failed to start the well, Col. Drake decided to try digging instead of drilling, but of course he encountered water soon which hampered the workmen so much that they were unable to make any progress.

Just then, Col. Drake employed William Smith, a blacksmith, who drove cast iron pipe to solid rock at 36 feet, where drilling was to start. Drilling progressed about three feet a day "until, on a Saturday, either August 20th or 27th, the tools were withdrawn and work ceased until the following Monday."—The well was then less than 70 feet deep.

"On Sunday Uncle Billy Smith visited the well to inspect his tools and glanced down the pipe. He saw a dark fluid floating on

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FROM CONGRESSMAN CLYDE L. GARRETT

VISITORS—This week we were greeted by several visitors from the District. Mrs. Hattie Gray of Roscoe and Miss Annie May Gray, Miss Winna Harris, Miss Dorothy Tims, Sylvester, were here on their way to the New England States. Mr. Joe Weaver of Eastland was in to see us on Thursday. Mrs. Snow of Abilene was also a visitor several times during the Boy Scout Jamboree. She was here with her two sons, Charles Casey of Tuscolo was also a visitor here over the Fourth.

JAMBOREE—This town was taken by storm by 25,000 Boy Scouts. They have been a well behaved gang and one which has made us all proud of the youth of our land. Texas boys made a fine impression and none of them stood out like the boys from our part of the state with their stunts. Horned frogs and cowboy stuff made a big hit all over town. We were glad to see all of them and enjoyed their visits to the office and around the capita!

MORE VISITORS—Billy Dillin of Comanche county has been in to see us several times the past week. Gerald Porter of Stamford was in the office also the past week. He is attending the Institute of Public Affairs. Dr. Sandefer of Abilene also visited us recently, as did Tom Hudson and family of Anson.

TEXAS ADVERTISING was well and capably done by boy scouts while here. The boys from our section of the State had plenty of fun swapping horned toads for souvenirs. They brought a fancy price at the last of the jamboree. One of the boys took an alligator home with him which he got from a Florida boy.

THIRD MONDAY TRAITS just keep popping up in the Texas contingent. When the Scouts broke camp, Cockrill and I went down to tell the boys good-bye. Cockrill got all the cactus he could carry in a cracker box and he is now trying to swap with the other secretaries here on the hill for Agriculture yearbooks. So far he has done some fair trading. However, the boys left too much of it on the grounds available for those who came after it for him to get a clear title to either the Lincoln Memorial or the Washington Monument for what he brought back to the office.

NO RELIEF—The weather is getting extremely warm here in Washington, but there still seems to be no relief in view for Congress. It is very likely that we will not adjourn before August 15. Chances are more likely it will be around September 1st. There is still a great deal to be done and much legislation to be worked on.

INSURANCE FOR CROPS—The Crop Insurance Bill has an even chance to be passed by the House. The bill has already been approved by the Senate. This resulted in insuring the 1938 wheat crop at a cost to the government of about \$10,000,000 as an experiment.

HELIUM—The House Committee on Military Affairs has approved a bill for the purpose of exporting helium for commercial purposes under the supervision of the National Munitions Board and three Cabinet officials. The bill came about because of the recent discovery of the water filling the hole nearly to the derrick floor. He put a plug in one end of a tin pipe, tied a string to the other, lowered it into the well and drew it up full of oil.

A historian states: "Early in the morning following Smith's discovery, Col. Drake arrived at the scene of his fifteen month's struggle. He found Uncle Billy and his boys faithfully guarding the first oil well completed in the world by means of the drill, having several barrels already filled with the product. . . . " "At first oil was worth \$1 a gallon or \$40 a barrel, but it soon dropped to 10c a barrel. All Col. Drake ever got or made was \$1,000 a year for the privilege of putting his name on the barrels."

And by the way—Col. Drake's well, with the aid of a hand water pump, produced twenty barrels per day, at a depth of 69 1-2 feet.—Abilene Times.

aster of the dirigible "Hindenburg" and because of the fight put up by Dr. Hugo Eckener, Zeppelin expert. He said that it was necessary in order that lives and ships would be safeguarded, that the U. S. sell helium to other nations.

PROSPERITY A HEAD—Although the labor unrests have caused a considerable drop in activity and production, a new recovery peak is now predicted. It is expected that once these disturbances are settled and activity is renewed, the country is bound to come back to prosperity. Normal farm crops are expected to aid in the recovery.

SILENCE—The President is maintaining a discreet silence in all phases of the labor situation. He refuses to comment on published reports that he had "split" with John L. Lewis, the CIO leader. He has commented on the wage and hour bill, however, by saying that he was hopeful of favorable action on it.

NEW CHAUFFEURS LICENSE LAW

The office of the Callahan county tax assessor-collector has been advised by the State Department of Public Safety that the new law governing chauffeurs license provides that all persons driving delivery cars or trucks for hire will be required to pay the annual fee of \$3.00 for a chauffeurs license. This applies to drivers of ice trucks, grocery delivery trucks, and delivery cars and trucks for tailor shops.

According to the law, a chauffeur is "any person who operates a motor vehicle for any purpose, whole or part time, as an employee, servant, agent or independent contractor, whether paid in salary or commission, and every person who operates a motor vehicle while such vehicle is in use for hire or lease."

This new law is now in effect, and those who apply for chauffeurs license before Aug. 22 may obtain same without having to stand examination by the Department of Public Safety. The department emphasized that those persons who are supposed to have these chauffeurs licenses and do not, will be picked up by the State Highway Patrol and fined.

These chauffeurs licenses can be issued to the individual only, and can not be used by any other person, also they are good for a year from date of issuance.

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tors licenses now will not have to have their license issued until April, 1939.

A copy of this new chauffeurs license law is on file at the office of the county tax assessor-collector, and is open to inspection and study by the public.

Ross Jenkins of Baird, county agent, was in Putnam Monday, going out to the Clark ranch to inspect a silo that was being filled. He was accompanied out there by John Cunningham and J. E. Eubank.

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