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FROM THE EDITOR'S WINDOW

Farmers are smiling this week on account of the snow which has fallen so nicely and brought a nice amount of moisture, which will be of great benefit to crops.

W. P. Stephens missed the singing at the Primitive Baptist church last Sunday afternoon. Mr. Stephens was met going to the church with his book about four o'clock by some of the singers returning from the church. Just why Mr. Stephens was absent and started so late has never been determined. Mr. Stephens is usually found at the singings on time.

Reverend F. A. Hollis pastor of the First Baptist church, during the spring-like weather of the past few weeks determined the weeds should not take his garden plot, also determined that the citizenship could not accuse him of being lazy, sated forth one beautiful day and planted said garden plot. The fine weather continued and soon the little plants began to show their heads above the ground and Reverend Hollis's head began to swell also, over the prospects of a fine garden ahead of his neighbors. Then winter set in again and alas, the little plants went down as did also Reverend Hollis's spirits. Too bad, too bad, but the reverend will have time yet to plant a garden and prove to the folk that he is not lazy.

The following, taken from the Home Town Gossip column of the Cross Plains Review, is so good we want to pass it on to our readers:

You've all heard the old story of the "absent minded" professor but here's the modern version, one which incidentally is true. Lewis Norman, local school superintendent, drove up to a local drug store the other evening, parked his car and went in for a long talk with other loiterers. After some hours of heated conversation he left the drugery and walked around to the hotel and went to bed for the night. Awakening the next morning he looked outside to view the weather and chanced to note that his automobile was not at its usual parking spot. Excited beyond ability to describe, he grabbed a pair of well worn trousers and began to search the pockets for his keys. Finding them, he hurriedly dressed and rushed down town to report a theft.

In quest of a peace officer he chanced to observe his "lost" automobile parked directly in front of the store where he had left it the night before. Yes professors are like that, however, some are worse than others.

Now that you have "chucked" over this one, we will relate one which is also true. One cold Sunday morning several years ago, before the Baptist church here was equipped with gas, Professor Jno. F. Odos, who was at that time superintendent of our schools here, during the sermon noticed the fire in the coal stove had burned low. So he arose with hymn book in hand, walked over, picked up the poker, replenished the fire, pitched his hymn book under the stove, and walked back to his seat with the fire poker in his hand—then looked innocently around while the congregation tittered.

Part Owner An Englishman and an American were presented to the potentate of one of the Eastern countries. On looking over the Englishman's passport the dusky monarch said, "I see, sir, that you are a British subject." The Englishman twirled his mustaches and admitted with obvious pride that he was. Then, looking at the American, he said: "And you, sir, are a subject of the United States?" The American gazed at him in amazement. "Subject? Subject, hell! I own part of the United States!"

"Eat your spinach dear. Don't you know it puts firm teeth in your mouth?" "Then feed it to grandpa."

JACK MOUDY IS ACCIDENTALLY KILLED

Jack Moudy of Dothan was accidentally killed Saturday while hunting on his farm near Dothan. Mr. Moudy had gone rabbit hunting in the afternoon, and about five o'clock Raymond Speegle was driving down the lane going west, north of the Moudy farm, and near the tank beside the road they saw Mr. Moudy lying under the fence, but they did not think much about it. After they passed they decided there might be something wrong and returned and found that he was shot in the left side with a load of bird shot. They went to Dothan, a short distance, and secured help and returned and picked him up and placed him in a car. He was taken to Graham's Sanitarium at Cisco where he died about the time he reached there. Funeral services were held at the First Baptist church at Cisco at 3:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon by the Rev. E. D. Blair, Cisco, before a large crowd, after which he was buried in the Oakwood cemetery. Mr. Moudy was a half brother to County Commissioner Arch Birt of Cisco. He is survived by Arch Birt, his half brother, and Mrs. Moudy, his mother.

ROY WILLIAMS GIVEN SURPRISE

Roy Williams, who is now located at Legion, where he is undergoing treatment in the world war veterans hospital, was given a surprise party by a group of his friends immediately preceding his departure. Various gifts were presented Mr. Williams after which refreshments of hot chocolate and cake were served. Those present were Sam Maynard, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Jobe, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Lance Reid, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Free, Mrs. F. P. Brittain, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Speegle and children, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Williams and daughter, Dorothy Jeanne, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ramsey, Lloyd Butler, Mrs. Virgil Wagley and daughters, Betty and Nada, Reverend F. A. Hollis, Miss Hazel McMillan, Miss Zada Williams, Miss Ora Clinton. Mr. Williams has been one of Putnam's outstanding business men, and his many friends wish for him a speedy recovery.

W. M. S. MET TUESDAY

The W. M. S. of the First Baptist church met at the church Tuesday at 3, with Mrs. John Cook, president, presiding. Opening songs were "Footsteps of Jesus" and "Come Thou Fount." Reverend F. A. Hollis, Bible teacher, taught the lesson from the 9th and 10th chapters of Hebrews. It was decided that the society should meet Monday at 2 o'clock for study of "Fruits of the Years," and that they should meet Tuesday morning at 10:00 to begin observance of the Home Mission Week of Prayer. Each member will bring a covered dish and the group will spend the day. Those present were Meses, I. E. Cook, John Cook, F. A. Hollis, E. G. Scott, and one new member, Mrs. Ben Brazil.

LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION TO MEET MARCH 3RD

The annual meeting of the Callahan County Livestock Association will be held in the county court room at Baird Thursday, March 3rd, at 3 o'clock. All livestock owners are requested to be present. Colonel A. E. Dyer is secretary; C. B. Snyder, vice-president; and R. D. Williams, president.

Those having lunch with Reverend and Mrs. F. A. Hollis Sunday, February 20, were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Johnagin, Miss Juanita Johnagin, Billie Bob and Betty Montgomery of Albany; Dennie Eubank, of Trescott; Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Clifford, Miss Dorothy Clifford of Henderson; Miss Joyce Farmore of Kilgore; Mr. and Mrs. Horace Roberson and Mary Ann Roberson of De Leon; Mr. and Mrs. Willard Gaskins, of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Brazil of Putnam. The group made a trip to Comanche Sunday evening where they had dinner with the L. A. Johnagin family. Mrs. Hollis spent Sunday night in the Roberson home at De Leon, returning Monday with Reverend Hollis. Most of the group were brothers and sisters of Mrs. Hollis.

Callahan County to Vote on Local Option

Callahan county is to have a local option election in the near future. There is a petition by the wets with several hundred signatures, asking for an election some time in March. The petition will be presented at the next meeting of the court. The county is dry with the exception of Baird, Oplis and Putnam, Cross Plains going dry about one year ago in a precinct election.

WOMAN'S STUDY CLUB MET MONDAY

The Woman's Study club of Putnam met in the home of Mrs. F. P. Shackelford Monday afternoon at 3. Subject for the program was "Health, Safety, and International Good Will." "Without Health, Life Is Not Life." Roll call was answered with Don'ts that Balk Crime, New Discoveries in Medical Science was discussed by Mrs. J. N. Williams. Motor Vehicle Safety was discussed by Mrs. Wiley Clinton, after which a round table discussion of crime and its preventives was engaged in. Those present were Meses, R. D. Williams, president, J. N. Williams, John Cook, Wiley Clinton, J. Morris Bailey, Fred Short, R. L. Clinton and F. P. Shackelford, hostess.

Methodist Calendar

Sunday, Feb. 27: "O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our maker." 10:00 a. m.—Church school. 11:00 a. m.—Morning worship. 4:00 p. m.—Junior Epworth League. 6:30 p. m.—Young People's Epworth League. 7:30 p. m.—Evening worship. "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." Thursday, March 3, 7:30 p. m.—Young People's union council meeting at Eastland. Friday, March 4, 7:30 p. m.—Entertainment for all of Putnam at the high school auditorium. Sunday, March 6, 7:15 p. m.—Second quarterly conference to be held at the Twelfth Street Methodist church in Cisco. J. Morris Bailey, Pastor.

THE BOSTON STORE SALE

M. Shienberg, manager of the New Boston Store, in talking of the sale that they have had for several days stated that the sale had far exceeded his expectations in the amount of goods sold and it was still going strong. He is quite optimistic and thinks business will have a nice pick up in the near future and sees no reason why the spring business should not equal the 1937 figures of even better than it was last year.

CISCO STOCK SHOW FRIDAY, SATURDAY

About twenty cars of Cisco people including the Cisco Lobo band, and various officials of the Eastland County Stock Show were in Putnam Wednesday afternoon about 5 o'clock advertising the show which will be held at Cisco February 25th and 26th, Friday and Saturday of this week. Exhibits will be housed in the building across the street from the city hall and various cash prizes are offered. About fifty members of the high school band made the trip and played lively music on the streets. Cisco maintains a hearty spirit of boosting their coming attraction and their show will be worthwhile and beneficial. A large crowd from the Putnam territory will attend and it is expected that great interest will be manifested in the various phases.

W. P. Everett Sells Ice Business

W. P. Everett of Putnam, who has been operating the ice business in Putnam for the past four years, sold his business this week to W. A. Everett of Putnam. W. P. will leave soon for Abilene where he expects to take a business course. Mr. W. A. Everett will be manager of the ice business, assisted by W. W. Everett. Buel Everett will deliver ice. The ice establishment also maintains a nice business of cream and produce transactions which will be carried on in the same courteous manner. W. P. is a graduate of the Putnam high school and has been an efficient and capable manager of the business these four years. He is outstanding and ambitious and is a man with ability to climb to the top. His many friends in Putnam regret his departure, but wish him every success.

Baptist Church Calendar

10:00—Sunday school. 11:00—Teaching. Subject, "A Call to Service." B. T. U.—6:30. Song service—7:30. W. M. S. Mission study Monday 2 to 5. Tuesday, all-day meeting, Week of Prayer program. Monday evening, 7:00—Young People's program for Week of Prayer. B. T. U. revival March 13-18. Everybody invited to attend all services. Rev. F. A. Hollis, Pastor. Nancy Grace, 1 year old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn L. Williams, suffered a severe burn this week when she fell against a heater and burned her arm badly from the elbow to the hand.

Range Program Continues Under New Act

(Ross E. Brison, County Agent) The Range Conservation Program under which operators may earn specified payments for practices designed to maintain and improve rangeland will continue under provisions of the recently passed Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 practically the same as under the Agricultural Conservation Programs of 1936 and 1937, according to Geo. Slaughter, chairman of Texas Agricultural Conservation committee.

Slaughter summarizes the status of the range program as follows: The act includes an allotment of not to exceed 5 per cent of the total appropriation for payments for the range program, and non-crop pasture lands.

Under this limitation a program has been devised for the conservation of natural resources on rangelands. The program is essentially the same as the 1937 program under which 15,000 ranch operators controlling 62,000,000 acres participated in Texas. Texas had about one-third of the participation in the entire United States.

The 1938 range conservation program establishes range-building allowances as the maximum amount which ranch operators may earn for approved practices. In Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, and California, this allowance is 2 cents an acre on all range land in a ranching unit, plus \$1.00 times the grazing capacity.

All the practices approved by which part or all the allowance may be earned are designed to fight erosion by promoting or restoring stands of grass.

They consist of natural reseeding by deferred grazing, better distribution of water sources, runoff and erosion control by contour furrowing and other devices, removal of range destroying plants which compete with grass, and the establishment of fire guards.

Specific rates of pay have been established for the various practices outlined. Full details will be sent to all county offices as soon as received in the state.

Slaughter pointed out that the range program is now available for the entire state.

DOMINO TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD AT ATWELL

A domino tournament will be held at the Atwell school March 5th, beginning at 7:30 p. m. Prizes will be awarded to first, second, and third place winners, as well as the team who scores the lowest amount in one game. There will be prizes given to any person who scores as much as thirty on the board in one play. Anyone wishing to enter should mail entrance fee of 50c per team to Leo Varner, Cisco, Texas, Route 4, not later than March 2nd.

Quiz NLRB Regime



WASHINGTON . . . A Senate subcommittee of the Judiciary Committee opens hearings on a resolution for a Senate investigation of the administration of the National Labor Relations Act by the NLRB. Senator M. M. Neely (D. W. Va.) subcommittee chairman, lends an attentive ear to J. Warren Madden, NLRB chairman (right) between hearings.

ABILENE BOOSTERS IN PUTNAM TUESDAY

The Abilene Booster club of about fifty were in Putnam Tuesday afternoon, composed of the business men of Abilene. Their mission was to advertise the West Texas live stock show which will be had March 1-2-3 at Abilene. There will be many entrants into this show with rodeo performances and other entertainments of various kinds. There are to be several prizes to be given away that will be worth while, besides the entertaining features of the show.

Methodists to Have Program March 4th

The entertainment which the Methodist church will sponsor at the high school auditorium one week from today is growing in richness and wholesome pleasure. Along with the sixty-five minutes of motion pictures there will be other entertainment. The choral club of the Putnam high school will sing and entertain. A splendid cast of children will present a play in comedy role. You will laugh and relax and laugh some more when you see this program.

A bit of mystery is hovering about one act of the entertainment program. Many people of Putnam and vicinity, not to mention certain football rivals, have been wondering what goes on in a huddle behind the line of scrimmage on the football field. On this night of March 4, at the high school auditorium Coach Dean and his championship football team will settle this mystery to our satisfaction.

The spirit of the players and actors and the picture show and the big program of fun and entertainment is the very reason that you and everybody else will be there. Yes, that is right, Friday night, March 4.

The proceeds resulting from the small charge of 10 and 15 cents will go to the Methodist church. J. Morris Bailey.

THE BIG GRAIN CROP

There is the largest grain crop in this territory in history and it is as fine as can be and will benefit the cattle men in the way of grazing, as it will save lots of feed. Some are complaining of it is bloating and killing a few, but there has been very few reporting loss. It is very doubtful if the crop is good if Putnam gins as much as was ginned in 1937, which was less than five hundred bales. Going from Putnam to Breckenridge by the way of Cisco it is doubtful if there are 100 acres left for row crops of all kinds along the highway. If the yield is as good as it was in 1937 and the price should hold up to the 1937 price it would put quite a bunch of cash in circulation. But a grain crop in this territory is very uncertain, while we have had several good crops and should it make a failure it would leave the country in bad condition.

EARNEST WADDELL ABLE TO BE OUT

Ernest Waddell, Putnam postmaster, has been confined to his room several days with the flu. He was able to be out for a short while Monday, attending to his duties in the office.

PROSPECTS GOOD FOR CLARK NO. ONE

Bill West and Dr. McCall, drilling on the Dr. Clark No. 1, in the south portion of section 310, 4 miles southwest of Putnam, have encountered a showing of both gas and oil and prospects are good for excellent production. West is optimistic, as he anticipates immediate action on the 1,700 foot test 8 miles south of Putnam on the John Barton survey. This location will be drilled by Nebraska and Wyoming interests.

PROGRAM FOR HOME MISSION WEEK

Program for Home Mission week, Wednesday evening, March 2, at the First Baptist church: Sunbeam subject: Neighbor Children. Mrs. Fred Cook, leader, will be in charge. Scripture verses, Kenneth Gaskins; special music, Retha Burnam; scripture verses, Mary Ann Shurwin; special music, Aura Frances Waddell. Talk, Mrs. Fred Cook; discussion, Betty Lawrence; story, Fredalyn Cook. Closing prayer and offering.

Royal Ambassadors: Reverend F. A. Hollis, counselor in charge. Devotional, Jack Williams; prayer, Mrs. John Cook; piano solo, Stanley Butler; introduction, Roy Lee Williams; special music, Clinton Waddell; discussion, Billie Gaskins; discussion, G. P. Jobe; discussion, Glenn Burnam; discussion, Louis Williams; discussion, J. Nelson Williams; prayer, Mrs. W. M. Crosby; discussion, John Corlin; discussion, Douglas Kelley. Prayer and offering.

Girls Auxiliary: Mrs. F. A. Hollis, leader in charge. Prayer, Mrs. S. M. Eubank; music, quartet, Willie Grace Pruet, Helen Maynard, Zada Williams, Mary Lou Eubank; devotional, Zada Williams; prayer, Mrs. Elmer Butler; discussion, Mary Douglas Williams; discussion, Dorothy June Kelley; prayer, Mrs. S. W. Jobe; discussion, Mildred Lawrence; discussion, Mildred King; discussion, Mary Lou Eubank; closing prayer, Mrs. Hollis. Offering.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Gaskins of Abilene spent Sunday in the home of Reverend and Mrs. F. A. Hollis. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Brazil were also guests in the Hollis home.

Kitchens Modernized With Ranges in 1937

Keeping abreast of the gas industry of the nation, the Abilene division of Community Natural Gas Company reports more modern gas ranges purchased for kitchen modernization during 1937 in this section than for any previous year.

The industry throughout the nation reports the greatest annual purchase of ranges for domestic use since 1929, the peak year. In 1937 housewives bought 1,600,000 gas ranges, a gain of 10 per cent over 1936. The local gas company reports an even greater increase.

Further growth in popularity of gas ranges is indicated by additional national business statistics just released to M. L. Bird, division superintendent of Community Natural Gas Company. In 1937 alone the sale of gas ranges was greater than the next nearest competitive industry had in total domestic use.

Gas water heater national sales also increased 20 per cent in 1937 over 1936 with Community Natural Gas Company reporting a 40 per cent increase in its territory.

Also shown by 1937 national statistics is the fact that back of each gas industry worker stands an average investment of \$37,000 for rendering gas service. This is more than either the steel, railroad or automotive industry has invested per worker.

The survey shows that the national gas industry has a greater capital investment than the steel industry, one of the most basic of the great national industries. Wages paid by the gas industry are higher than those paid by the steel or automotive industries.

While the average gas industry employee worked 48 hours per week in 1929, the big year, 1936 salaries were slightly higher, even though the average employee worked only 40 hours per week, an important contribution by the gas industry to improved living conditions. Bird said.

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Cards of Thanks, Resolutions of Respect, and any kind of entertainments where admission fee or other monetary consideration is charged, will be charged for at regular advertising rates.

THE DES MOINES FARM MEETING

The Des Moines meeting last week turned out pretty much like the small businessmen's meeting at Washington, and it was not as harmonious as some meetings that have been held in the past. There were varied opinions, some speaking in favor of the new farm control law and other just as much against it. Dean Kile of the Texas A. & M. College of Texas had much to say and he was eminently correct, as he pointed out the effects of the protected tariff for the past 100 years on the Southern agriculturist, for the benefit of infant industries, which have grown into giant corporations and are still protected at the expense of Southern agriculture, forcing the farmer to buy what he has to buy from the industrialist under a protected tariff, or in other words, a monopoly built up by the way of a protective tariff, or in fact fixing the price of manufactured goods by law while the farmer is forced to sell on a competitive market at what ever price his produce will bring, a condition that is very unfair, and the New Deal has no alibi as the administration has had a death-hold on Congress for the past five years, and no effort to remedy the situation.

Every bale of cotton which a Southern farmer sells for \$40 he can buy only about one-half of its value in terms of other goods as against 100 per cent for the foreign competitor. If the present tendency goes on Mr. Kile predicts that within twenty-five years Southern farmers will be demanding a tariff against imported cotton. The South does not want to go into ruinous competition with the corn belt in dairy and meat production. We want to continue to raise cotton, but we must have our markets restored to grow cotton at a profit. Reducing cotton production to a basis of supplying the home market would drive 1,000,000 into other activities. "I am warning you," Dean Kile stated, "when that time comes, if it ever does, these cotton farmers could make stiff competition for the old established meat and dairy regions." It was suggested by Mr. Kile that several hundred Northern farmers visit Texas and the South and that Southern farmers visit the Northern region.

Cutting down the production is not the remedy as it has been demonstrated the past season. If the government had not stepped in with a government loan cotton very likely would have gone as low as it did in 1932. People will find out in time that the loss of our markets is the cause of low prices, and will rebel at Congress taxing everybody and paying

bounties to other classes for benefit payments after the markets have been destroyed by a bunch of politicians working on a scheme to perpetuate themselves in office.

CONGRESS MADE TIME LAST WEEK

Things moved around in the National Capital last week. Help for the farmer accounted for a half billion dollars. Funds for the jobless made another quarter of a billion dollars. And it took the Senate just three seconds it is said to wipe off of the treasurer books two and one half billion charged to the RFC, which that agency had used for relief of one kind and another. Other bills giving permission of supplying money to spend for various purposes were closed by a bill to give independent agencies a little less than a billion and a half was waiting for the Senate. Another was in the house to supply over one hundred million for the State Commerce, Justice and Labor Departments. These were for regular operating expenses of the government for the next year. And on top of them was a plan to spend a billion for warships.

Then came the new farm bill, which Roosevelt signed last week, affecting in one way or another every person in the nation. For those who live on the farm, it holds a promise for a higher income. For those who buy what they eat or wear, it promises a supply large enough to assure that the price they pay will not be robbed with higher prices. They were all ready to admit that the law will not accomplish either.

Then on top of all of this the President came out with a statement of prices that no one understands, but he states some prices are too high and others are too low; but he does not throw any light on the subject since he was very careful in not mentioning what prices were too low and what prices were too high. As a matter of fact everyone who has been keeping posted about conditions over the country and knowing that we have worked out of the depression and into a recession, and with 11,000,000 unemployed and one million losing their jobs in January, that any raise in prices at this time would only aggravate the situation we now have. According to the President's own words there are one-third of the people in the United States who are undernourished and with insufficient clothes, which would make about 40,000,000 in the United States in this class and a raise in prices at the present time will only cause more suffering among the one-third of the population that Mr. Roosevelt talks so much about.

THE NEW FARM LAW PASSED

There has been a number in inquiring about the new farm law in the last few days. No one as far as we know is familiar with this piece of legislation as many congressmen who voted for the bill admitted they did not know what it contained and couldn't have known when the purpose of the administration was to rush it through before the people did know anything about it. It was only discussed before the Senate a part of two days. One senator said: "I am going to vote for it and it may do no good, but possibly it will do no harm, I do not know anything about it." We are sure there are many who voted for the bill who did not know any more than this man.

From the information obtained the cotton farmer will be allotted

so many acres based on his past production and if he plants more than his allotted acreage he will be penalized by Mr. Wallace in the way of refusing to grant any benefit payments.

There will be an election to be held on the 12th of March and no farmer will be allowed to vote who hasn't signed up with government program. They will vote the proposition of penalizing the farmer with a tax of 2 cents a pound on all of the cotton he produces over his quota but this election must be carried by more than two-thirds of the farmers voting at such election. If it should carry the second year the penalty will be three cents a pound tax. If any farmer is dissatisfied with his allotted acreage he can appeal to a committee of three men appointed by the county committee for a hearing, and if he is not satisfied with the actions of the committee, he may appeal to the courts on a question of law only. This means that the individual farmer will have to take just what is dished out to him without any argument. We are of the opinion that the election will carry not because the farmers are for it, but because those who favor the law will vote and those who are opposed to it will stay at home thinking something will happen, just like it did with the former control law. We do not doubt that the law is unconstitutional, but who are you going to for relief?

THE REST OF THE RECORD

By JAMES V. ALLRED
Governor of Texas

My fight to secure the return of the states lands has developed rapidly the past week.

When I requested the attorney general to file a number of suits to recover these lands for the state, he told the newspapers that I was childish. From Paul's letter to the Corinthians, he quoted:

"When I was a child, I spake as a child; I understood as a child; I thought as a child. But when I became a man I put away childish things."

I can readily understand why the attorney general, who calls himself the "Great McCraw," would have to resort to the scripture to prove that he has grown up.

Immediately after I demanded that these suits be filed, however, the land commissioner cancelled the big lease I had been complaining about—the one where he turned down \$103,000 in cash and accepted \$310.

This is the second time I have made him back up and cancel out. It appears, therefore, that my "childishness" has already resulted in the cancellation of two valuable leases which he had executed.

You will remember that the attorney general also said that he would not file all the suits that I

had requested, but would file only one test suit. He said that the state's rights would not be jeopardized; but when I pointed out that if these people were allowed to let the matter rock along until a test suit could be drawn out through the courts they would then have their gamble and know whether the well being drilled was a producer or dry; and when I pointed out that these people could even assign these leases to others who could claim to be innocent purchasers, the attorney general changed his mind and filed nine additional suits.

So my "childishness" has resulted in further action.

The trouble now is that the attorney general only set up one ground in asking for cancellation of these leases. He did not allege in his petitions that the facts constituted legal fraud, as I had requested him to do. Nowhere did he allege the facts and circumstances which I set out in my letters. I think these facts and circumstances taken as a whole clearly show a fraud upon the rights of the people. I am sorry that the attorney general is not going to give the court the opportunity to pass on these facts. I would rather have three legs to stand on in a lawsuit than just one, especially where millions of dollars belonging to the school children are involved.

To save my life, I can't understand why the attorney general hasn't been just as anxious to investigate and go after these matters as I have been. Heretofore

the attorney general's office has been regarded as the watch dog for the people. One after another, former attorneys general have stepped out with lawsuits to protect the rights of the people. The most recent instance was when former Attorney General Dan Moody broke up the highway contracts, and was immediately elected governor.

The "Great McCraw," as he calls himself, has had a similar opportunity and failed to take hold of it, even after I furnished him with all the facts and made no official request of him. I hope he will yet amend his pleadings and go after these suits seriously and in a fighting mood.

Mrs. Ailred and I tremendously

enjoyed our visit to Washington. Of course, we were honored beyond expression by being privileged to attend Vice-President Garner's dinner to the President; but to our joyous surprise, the President and Mrs. Roosevelt invited us to have lunch in the White House last Sunday. It was just a fine family party, one which made us all feel perfectly at home. The President is in the best of good spirits, still thinking and working for the people.

Didn't Believe Conscience
"But, Tommy," said his mother, "didn't your conscience tell you you were doing wrong?"
"Yes," said Tommy, "but I've learned not to believe everything I hear."

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MEMBER how crude the old family bus of a decade or so ago seems today? Cost three or four times as much to operate as the present efficient machine. Well, sir, the same is true of electric refrigerators. They blazed the trail, bringing the greatest domestic improvement of all time into every other West Texas home by 1937. So now, in 1938, there is no comparison with those pioneer models. Electric refrigeration of today gives absolute food protection with temperatures around 40 to 45 degrees—the only safe temperature. No other form of mechanical refrigeration can offer this guarantee at any price. But Electric Refrigeration gives that guarantee at a cost which drops to less than 3 cents a day!

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WHY DID I MARRY THAT BRUTE?

ONLY WITH A GOOD RANGE CAN YOU GET PROPER RESULTS

I WANT TO LOOK AT SOME NEW RANGES.

UM-UM, WHAT BISCUITS!

WAIT TILL YOU SEE WHAT'S IN THE KITCHEN

WELL, I'LL BE ---

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Curtis Variety Store

BAIRD, TEXAS

WE WILL START OUR ANNUAL 9c SALE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

WE HAVE SOME UNUSUAL BARGAINS

Come-Pay Us a Visit

Local Happenings

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Hull visited relatives in Cisco Sunday.

Mrs. E. G. Scott was a Cisco visitor Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Pruet and baby of Abilene spent several days with relatives in Putnam this week.

Charles Odom of the Odom and Brown Grocery has been on the sick list this week, being confined to his home part of the time.

Mrs. E. N. Hull was in Cisco the early part of the week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wilkins. Mrs. Wilkins and daughter, Clydell, have been ill.

Mrs. Floyd Coffey and children of Cottonwood spent Tuesday in the home of Mrs. Coffey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Everett.

J. E. Heslep has returned from a two weeks stay at Baird. Elder J. W. West of Cottonwood filled his regular appointment at the Primitive Baptist church during the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Lavet Seastrunk and daughter, Mary Frances, of Abilene, spent part of the week-end with Mrs. Seastrunk's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Buchanan.

Mrs. Henry Powers and daughter of Fort Worth have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lester Kennedy and Mrs. J. H. Sudles. The Powers are moving to Marshall. Mrs. Powers is the former Miss Wenda Kennedy.

Mrs. Fred Cook has been ill this week, being confined to her home a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Brown and Mrs. Lance Reed spent the week-end in Lamesa. Mrs. Reed remained for a stay of about two weeks.

Mrs. F. L. Armstrong spent from Friday until Sunday with Mrs. Chester Emerson, her daughter, who was a tonsilectomy at the Hendrix Memorial Hospital in Abilene.

A. F. Taylor, oil operator of Houston, has been spending several days in Putnam this week. Mr. Taylor and W. P. Stephens, employee on the Taylor lease, were business visitors in Cisco Tuesday.

Mrs. George E. Biggerstaff attended a church shower given the new pastor and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. King, in Baird Tuesday, at which time Mrs. Biggerstaff gave one of her original poems. George's Washington schemes were used. Hatchets were plate favors.

Mrs. Pete King and son, Edward, were Cisco visitors Monday.

FOR SALE—Black Eyed Peas, Whippoorwill Peas, Cream Peas and Fresh Pop Corn—See Mrs. J. C. Ramsey, Putnam, Texas.

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Mrs. Euna Lovelady is on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Golsca were Abilene visitors Friday.

M. J. Holmes, insurance man of Baird, was in Putnam Wednesday transacting business.

B. W. Everett of Cross Plains was a business visitor in Putnam Friday.

W. P. Everett spent from Sunday until Tuesday at Cottonwood with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sharp and children were Cisco visitors Sunday.

Mrs. Fred Short has been ill this week but is reported to be better at the present time.

Mrs. D. C. Lambley and Mrs. Fred Short were in Cisco Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Nichols of Deep Creek spent Tuesday and Wednesday at Jamison.

Mr. and Mrs. Pres White and children returned Tuesday from Phoenix, Arizona, where they have spent the past three months.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Eubank of Union and Mrs. S. E. Eubank were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Eubank Sunday.

Mrs. R. L. Clinton, Mrs. Fred Short, Mrs. D. C. Lambley and Louise Lambley were Abilene visitors Saturday.

Mrs. W. E. Pruet and daughter, Mrs. S. M. Eubank, spent the week-end in Abilene with Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Francisco.

James Franklin Gaskins, 1 year old baby of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Gaskins, has been quite ill this week at the Gaskins home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Ellis of Cottonwood spent Saturday in the home of their daughter, Mrs. W. A. Everett and family.

Ocie Stephens has been on the sick list this week, suffering from influenza. Ocie is a student in the Putnam high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Coffey and children of Cottonwood spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Everett.

Carl Gunn, who has been in the sanitarium at Temple for the past several weeks, is home again and is gradually improving.

Mrs. Joe Shackelford, Mrs. H. P. Moore of Texarkana, and Mrs. B. F. Brittain were Cisco visitors Friday.

Dr. W. S. Hammett, county health physician, was in Putnam this week releasing the quarantine of a case of scarlet fever in Putnam.

W. M. Crosby and Fred Golsan spent a few days with their wives this week. They have returned to Electra where they are employed in the oil industry.

Glenn Cook left Sunday for Raton, New Mexico, where he expected to visit his grandmother, Mrs. J. H. D. Fleming, and aunt, Mrs. Mary Kerner.

C. K. Peek of Crane accompanied by E. E. Cook was a business visitor in Putnam during the week-end. Mr. Cook stopped with relatives in Clyde.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Moore have returned to Texarkana after visiting with Mr. Moore's cousins, Joe Shackelford and F. P. Shackelford.

HOME DEMONSTRATION COUNCIL MET FRIDAY

The Texas Home Demonstration Parliamentarian, Mrs. Raymond McElrath, district vice-president, Mrs. Clyde Lawrence, and president of the Coleman Live at Home home demonstration club, Mrs. Estelle Flippen, were guests of the Callahan home demonstration council Saturday, Feb. 19.

Mrs. Jim Barr, chairman of the Callahan council, presided over the business meeting. Each club president gave a report of what her club had done at the meeting held without the agent. Mrs. W. A. Young, chairman of the finance committee, gave the budget for the council for 1938.

Mrs. Clyde Lawrence, district vice-president, told of work carried on by the Texas Home Demonstration Association, and encouraged members to be 100 percent in the education fund drive Mrs. Raymond Elrath gave some highlights on parliamentary laws. Mrs. Estelle Flippen told of activities carried on by her club.

Thirty members and visitors were present, with twelve of the seventeen clubs representatives being present.

Farm Bill Has Many Wheat Plan Features

The new AAA farm bill just passed by Congress will offer wheat farmers a well-rounded wheat program including acreage allotments, agricultural conservation payments, wheat loans, crop insurance, and marketing quotas if supplies are so large that quotas are necessary, according to Geo. Slaughter, chairman of the Texas Agricultural Conservation committee.

The following brief summary of how these provisions in the new farm bill will operate for wheat is given by Slaughter.

The act provides for acreage allotments to wheat farmers each year which will produce enough wheat for domestic consumption and exports and provide a substantial surplus for reserve. The act will aim to provide a supply each year of around 900 million bushels. Wheat allotments will be made for 1938, but only for the purpose of computing AAA payments to farmers. The act provides that compliance for 1938 shall be checked against the general soil-depleting goal for each farm. The first acreage allotments which will apply fully will be those for 1939.

Payments to farmers will be made under the provision of the 1938 Agricultural Conservation program. The act also provides for parity payments to farmers, but only if specific additional funds are made available for this purpose.

The act provides that wheat loans are to be made to farmers in any year in which the farm price of wheat on June 15 is less than 52 per cent of the parity price of wheat, or in any year in which the July wheat estimate is more than the normal domestic consumption and exports of about 700 million bushels. These loans are to be made by the Commodity Credit Corporation and are to be made at between 52 and 75 per cent of the parity price at the beginning of the marketing year. Loans may be made in 1938 if prices or supplies are within the limits set by the act.

The act establishes a Federal Crop Insurance Corporation. This corporation will offer crop insurance to wheat farmers, beginning with the 1939 crop. Farmers who store wheat under marketing quotas may use some of this wheat to pay premiums on crop insurance. Under the crop insurance plan farmers can pay premiums in wheat and receive loss payment in wheat.

Marketing quotas are provided in years when the total supplies of wheat exceed approximately 950 million bushels. Marketing quotas when approved by a two-thirds majority of farmers in a referendum, will apply to all commercial wheat growers. Farmers who produce less than 100 bushels of wheat are exempt from the quotas. When there are marketing quotas, each farmer will be asked to hold a part of his crop off the market in order to keep prices from being demoralized. Quotas will not be effective in 1938 unless funds are provided by Congress for parity payments on wheat in 1938.

Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Clampitt have moved into the house near the Putnam lake this week. The Clampitts have been living on the C. K. Peek farm northeast of Putnam.

W. K. Boatwright and Miss Margaret Boatwright left for their home in Mission Friday after spending a short time in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Boatwright of Deep Creek.

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SCRANTON

A. L. Gattis was called to Eastland Monday for petit jury service.

P. M. Ray and daughter, Miss Lena Helen, were Putnam visitors Saturday.

J. D. Sprawls was a business visitor in Cisco Saturday.

Hazel Stewart and son, Glenn, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Stewart and daughter, Bobbie June, were Putnam visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Leveridge and son, Tom, visited Mr. Leveridge's mother, Mrs. John Leveridge of Cisco, Sunday.

Olden school presented a play at the high school auditorium Friday night.

The local Baptist church is being treated to a fresh coat of paint on the inside and there was no Sunday school there Sunday, but the workmen are hoping to have the work finished and the building in good shape for the regular services next Sunday.

The ground is covered with a blanket of snow this Monday morning at 9:30 and still snowing. The fall grain is looking fine and the snow at this time should be a great help. The wild rye grew during the warm weather until the pastures in places were as green as the wheat fields, making fine grazing for stock.

Speed, Lack of Courtesy, cause of Automobile Deaths

HARTFORD, Conn.—Basic reasons for America's shameful automobile accident record in 1937 were "too much speed and too little courtesy" according to a new booklet entitled "Death Begins at 40" just issued by the Travelers Insurance Company. The booklet presents a complete analysis of last year's tragic accidents, based on official figures from the 48 states.

There is no intention in the booklet, according to the editors, to advocate 40 miles an hour or any other fixed speed as a top limit. To quote: "There are times, as in heavy traffic or heavy fog, when 30 miles an hour is suicidal; other times when 50 miles an hour seems reasonable. Every driver should know, however, that if he does have an accident it is more likely to mean death if he is going fast."

Many of the features in the booklet have been prepared especially to show what happens in the higher brackets of speed. It is pointed out, for instance, that a car is four times harder to stop at 50 miles an hour than it is at 25, and nine times harder to stop at 75 miles than at 25. A new word, "turnability" has been coined to express another speed factor. The drivers' turnability, the booklet shows, decreases rapidly as his speed increases. Thus, he can make only one-fourth as sharp a turn at 50 miles an hour as he could make at 25 and only one-ninth as sharp a turn at 75 as at 25.

Another set of figures shows that if you have an accident while driving under 40 miles an hour there is only one chance in 44 that somebody will be killed but if your accident comes while you are traveling faster than 40, there is one chance in 19 that somebody will be killed.

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While the folly of high speed provides the main theme of the booklet, there is a secondary theme which runs consistently through the issue. It is the need for courtesy on the highway.

After analyzing reports of 40,300 fatalities and 1,221,000 injuries in traffic accidents last year, the company's statisticians point to these interesting and little known facts about accidents:

Exceeding the speed limit was responsible for 37 per cent of the deaths and 25 per cent of the injuries.

More than 94 per cent of drivers involved in fatal accidents were male and less than six per cent female. It does not necessarily follow that women are safer drivers than men, it is pointed out, because adequate data on the relative exposure are lacking.

Ninety-seven per cent of drivers involved in fatal accidents had had one or more years' driving experience.

More than 78 per cent of all fatal accidents occurred when the road surface was dry. Eighty-three per cent of all fatal accidents occurred in clear weather.

More persons were killed on Sunday than on any other day. The heaviest injury toll came on Saturday. More persons were killed between seven and eight o'clock in the evening than at any other hour.

Fatalities increased last year in every age group except that from five to fourteen years of age.

In the last fifteen years, 441,912 persons have been killed in

the U. S. by automobiles. This is almost double the number of American soldiers killed in action or died of wounds in all the wars this country has engaged in since its birth.

"Are all men fools?" asked the wife after a slight disagreement with her husband. "No, dear," replied her husband, "some men are bachelors."

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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The News has been instructed to carry the names given below as candidates, subject to the Democratic Primary in July:

- For Sheriff: C. R. NORDYKE, W. A. PETERSON, J. W. McMILLAN.
- For Tax Assessor-Collector: OLAF HOLLINGSHEAD.
- For District Clerk: MRS. WILL RYLEE.
- For County Clerk: MRS. S. E. SETTLE.
- For County Treasurer: MRS. WILL MCCOY.
- For Commissioner, Precinct No. 3: PETE KING, J. F. RAWSON, R. D. WILLIAMS.
- For Representative, 107th Dist: T. S. ROSS.



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ZION HILL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Taylor and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Taylor's mother at Belle Plains.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Kennedy, Mrs. M. B. Sprawls, and Mrs. E. V. Ramsey were Baird visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Peeveyhouse and children of Lamesa spent a few days in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Ramsey. They were enroute to Franklin where they expect to visit other relatives. Mr. Peeveyhouse is a sister to Mrs. Ramsey.

Mr. and Mrs. Altis Clemmer visited Mr. and Mrs. Jewel Shirley Friday evening.

John Sills of Arizona is visiting his sister, Mrs. E. V. Ramsey, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Ramsey, John Sills, and Mr. and Mrs. Altis Clemmer visited Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Taylor Saturday night.

Miss Nina Morgan visited Mrs. R. B. Taylor Wednesday.

Mrs. O. L. Slatton and children left Friday for Wink where they plan to make their home. Mr. Slatton has been employed there for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Shirley and family were Baird visitors Saturday.

Mrs. E. V. Ramsey is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Stansbury spent Wednesday with Mrs. Earlie Hurst.

SCHOOL TO HAVE SPELLING BEE

The Parent-Teachers Association of the Putnam schools will sponsor a spelling bee to be held at the high school auditorium Friday night (tonight) at 7:30. Admission will be 5 and 10 cents. Benefits will go for the home economics department. A program will be given following the spelling with no extra charge.



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GRIGGS HOSPITAL

Mrs. E. Q. Neff of Junction underwent a caesarian operation Wednesday. She and the baby are doing nicely.

Don Higgins, 3 years old, of Adminal, was brought to the hospital Sunday suffering from pneumonia. Alkie Moore, 13 years old, of Baird, who is suffering from pneumonia is improving.

Leoma Cheek of Eula was operated Monday for empyema following lobar pneumonia. He will leave the hospital Thursday.

A. C. Klepper of Clyde underwent major surgery Tuesday.

P. C. Brooks of Oplin will move to the home of his son-in-law, Earnest Windham, Wednesday. He is doing very well.

An 8 pound baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Mont Pentecost of Clyde Saturday.

An 8 pound baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Pete Dungan of Putnam Friday. The baby has been named Bobbie Lee.

METHODIST BOARD MET AT LYNN WILLIAMS'

The board of Christian education of the Methodist church met in business session on Tuesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Williams. The meeting opened with prayer led by W. N. Byrd. In the course of regular order of business the chairman of the board of Christian education, L. L. Williams, presented many matters of business. Hugh V. Smith, Jr., was elected secretary of the board.

A spirit of optimism prevailed throughout the meeting as the growth and enrichment of the church school in its service for Christ was reviewed. The consistent loyalty of the teachers in the church school, their earnest devotion, and the success of their work was a source of rejoicing. The meeting closed with prayer led by Rev. J. Morris Bailey.

Members of the board who were present were Messrs. L. L. Williams, W. N. Byrd, Hugh V. Smith Jr.; Mesdames Marbie Lambley, Fred Short, R. L. Clinton; Miss Ellie Mae Winter, Rev. J. Morris Bailey.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

by Charles E. Dunn

MEASURING A MAN'S WORTH

Lesson for Sunday, Feb. 27th. Mark 5:1-17.

Golden Text: Matt: 12-12.

"How much then is a man better than a sheep?" inquires our Golden Text. It all depends upon one's point of view. Suppose that one is a convinced materialist, believing that life is essentially purposeless, a mere cog in a ruthless machine. If this be our creed then man is a little better than a sheep, but not very much better. Or suppose we strive to answer Jesus' question from the standpoint of money value. In actual dollars and cents, is a man worth more than a sheep? Not if you consider simply the value of the chemical ingredients in his body. For it has been carefully calculated that these are worth, on the average, only 98c.

But let us now consider the answer to the Master's question from the standpoint of Jesus himself. At once we are struck by his altogether astonishing faith in man. His faith in God is wonderful, so clear, persuasive and triumphant. But equally marvelous is his trust in his fellows. What was the burden of the first sermon that Jesus preached in Nazareth, his home town? It was an appeal for international brotherhood. What is the teaching of the sublime parable of the prodigal son? It brings God to our attention, surely. But it stresses man quite as much. What was the Master's answer to the lawyer's query, "Who is my neighbor?" The memorable story of the Good Samaritan.

But Jesus' faith in man is further confirmed by his ministry of healing and of comfort. Here is a widow mourning the loss of her only son; here are parents stricken with grief because of the death of their little daughter; here are sisters lonely because their brother has passed into the great silence. To all did the Son of Man come with a sympathy born of faith.

Is man of more value than a sheep? Christians know that he is. For God can be in him, and Christ.

Got Her Chance

Mrs. Smythe-Brown was making the final preparations for her elaborate reception.

"Bridget," she said to her old servant, "for the first thirty minutes after 6 o'clock I want you to stand at the drawing room door and call the guests' names as they arrive."

"Very well, ma'am," she replied. "I've been wanting to do that to some of your friends for years."

FARM NOTES

(Ross H. Brison, County Agent)

Putnam Boys' 4-H Club Meeting—Sixteen boys attended the regular meeting of the Putnam boys' club last Monday, February 21st.

After questions concerning the work of each boy were disposed of the group was shown that when the small embryo peach inside the bud was a dark color it had been damaged by cold while the undamaged bud was not discolored in any way.

Eula Club Organized—Twenty-two boys in a 4-H club meeting at Eula Friday, February 18th, elected the following 1938 officers: President, Mickie Johnson; vice-president, Doyle Whitley; secretary, Mark Kniffen; reporter, David Archer.

Following the election of officers the group was shown how to make a cleft graft, whip graft, and bark graft. Mr. C. E. Bagwell, instructor of the Eula school, was a welcome visitor.

Oplin 4-H Club Meeting—Twenty-eight boys attended the Oplin boys' 4-H club meeting Thursday, Feb. 17th. The meeting was called to order by vice-president A. D. Correll. The club roll was called by Secretary Troy Mask. Each member responded by giving a report of his demonstration.

The group of boys voted unanimously to hold night meetings as was done in 1937, at the suggestion of the principal of the school and club sponsor, Mr. Edgar Taylor.

Following the business meeting various types of pruning shears and saws were shown the group. In addition to the pruning equipment a model V-shape slop trough and flat bottomed water trough for hogs was shown.

Cut Worms—Several reports have been received stating that small grains and garden crop damage by cut worms this year is unusually heavy.

The warm days during the latter part of January and early part of February caused the unusual activity of the worms at this early date, and it is hoped the recent cold snap has checked the work and damage of this insect.

On large areas such as grain fields grasshopper poison bait sown at the rate of 5 pounds per acre over the whole field is recommended. The formula is as follows: Bran 50 lb., Paris green or white arsenic 2 lbs., molasses one gallon, water, 2 gallons. Mix the bran and arsenic or Paris green thoroughly, then pour the molasses into the water and thoroughly mix, adding more water if necessary, until the entire mash is moist (not wet) and crumbly.

For garden crops the above formula may be cut down to 5 pounds of bran, 1-4 pound of Paris green or white arsenic, and one teacupful of molasses. Since chickens are fenced out of the gardens the poison bran mash may be put in piles about the size of a small pecan near each plant to be protected.

ATWELL

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Purvis and children from Wink visited their kinsmen here this week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Varner went to May Friday night, where Mr. Varner was to referee ball games for the Brownwood tournament Friday night, through Saturday.

Nathan Foster visited home folks this week.

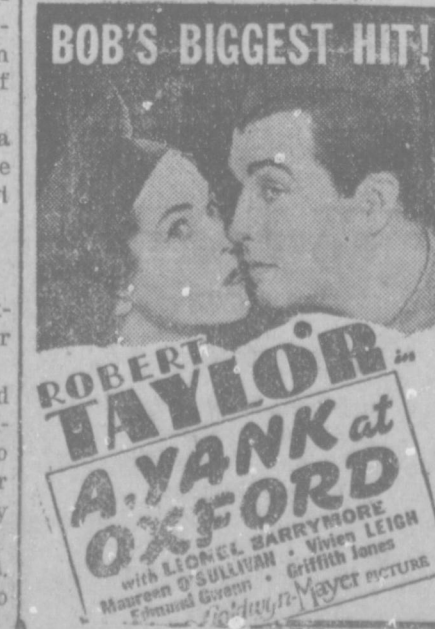
Nathan has been working in McCamey for the past three months.

Woodrow Jones, who is working in Eastland, visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones, this past week.

Mrs. J. C. Brashear and Miss Linnie Brashear attended the council meeting in Baird Saturday.

PALACE Theatre Cisco

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ADMIRAL NEWS

Norris Black of Abilene spent the week-end in the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Eubanks.

Jackie Street spent Thursday night in Abilene.

Mrs. Lee Coats, Frances Sprawls and Maurine Eubanks were Baird visitors Sunday evening.

Several from here attended the basketball tournament Friday and Friday night. Our senior boys played to the finals and were then defeated by Atwell.

Frances Sprawls was the Sunday dinner guest of Maurine Eubanks.

Bill Smartt and son, Junior, and little grandson, Jackie, were in Admiral Sunday.

Mrs. Silas Dunlap and family and Mrs. Louis Gillet were visitors in the Mrs. J. R. Sanders home Sunday.

Buster Gary was the guest of Eugene Black Sunday.

Billie Wiley of Putnam spent Saturday night and Sunday with Eugene Black.

List of Grand and Petit Jurors Selected

List of persons selected by the jury commissioners of the district court of Callahan county, Texas, at the November term, 1937, there of to serve as grand jurors at the February term, 1938, of the said district court, to be and appear on the 28th day of February, 1938:

Hugh Ross, A. W. Gibson, L. L. Ford, Davis Owen, W. D. Boydston, Baird; Fred Stacy, Elliott Bryant, Hugh McDermitt, Fred V. Tunnell, E. L. Vestal, Cross Plains; F. L. Smith, Steve Tarant, Clyde; Fred Cook, Putnam; L. H. Hayhurst, Abilene R. 2; Charlie Strayley, Oplin; C. M. Peck, Clyde.

Petit Jurors
List of petit jurors for the second week of the February term, A. D. 1938, of the 42nd district court of Callahan county:

Curran E. Allen, Ben Atwood, W. M. Wright, Alva Cavanaugh, I. H. Hill, Bye Montgomery, C. R. Cook, J. M. McMillan, W. S. Ramsey, Ed Henderson Jr., J. P. McCord, C. W. Kemper, Cross Plains; W. B. Atchinson, L. G. Barnhill, Glen Boyd, Melvin Farmer, Russel Hart, Ace Hickman, Bert Lacy, Sam Ploughman, Jim Howell, J. A. Meadow, Earl Johnson, Jack Flores Jr., Baird; Walter Ross, Grover Gibbs, Rowden; B. F. McCall, J. R. Gibson, Quneis Luven, Ed Odum, Bland Odum, Ray Young, W. E. Smith, Clifford Tarant, Pete Owens, Clyde; J. A. Yarbrough, Moran; C. H. Lovelady, Cisco; W. A. Everett, Putnam; M. A. Arvin, Cottonwood; Earnest Gwin, Oplin.

To be and appear at the court house thereof in Baird on the 7th day of March A. D. 1938, at 9 o'clock a. m.

Petit jury for third week:

Wylie Clinton, Owen Elliott, Herman Robinson, Mark Burnam, Putnam; E. K. Coppinger, Norman Coffey, Cottonwood; Mr. B. King, T. B. Wilson, Russell McCowen, Fred Long, C. Joe Williams, I. H. Kendrick, J. E. Henkel, W. L. Steel, L. O. Payne, Bryant Bennett, W. R. Wagner Jr., James Cross, Dave Hargrove, Cross Plains; J. E. Bullock, Joe E. Jones, Joe McCowen, Robert L. Estes, Jack Gilstrap, Ed Davis, U. C. Hamilton, Baird; I. G. Loper, Walter Caldwell, Joe Griffin, Earnest Ham, A. R. White, Paul Shanks, Jim Baulch, Jim Barton, Clyde; Russell Morrisett, Albrt Betcher, Jr., Abilene; Claud Morse, Oplin; Calvin Miller, Rowden.

EVENTS IN OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY

(C. C. Andrews, Baird, Texas). Who was it that said: "My Father, behold the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt sacrifice," and what was the occasion.

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COUNTY AGENT IS IN TOWN MONDAY

County Agent Ross Brison of Baird was in Putnam for a while Monday morning. He was here in connection with the 4-H boys' organization and work and had a meeting with them at the school building. Mr. Brison made the News office a pleasant call while here.

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440 acres Land, Dawson County. 10 miles northeast Lamesa. 400 acres in farm. House, well and windmill. Good sandy loam—but doesn't blow.

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Evolution of Ice Explained

When the mercury starts climbing, both men and beast hunt a shady spot.

They've been doing it for many centuries.

Rumor hath it that the caveman went so far as to douse perishable foods in cool streams of water in an attempt to preserve his next meal from the ravages of Old Sol.

Which leads up to the fact that modern electric refrigeration is a far cry from the first recorded cooling system, tried out by the ancient Greeks and Egyptians before the birth of Christ.

According to O. L. Dixon, local manager for the West Texas Utilities Company, the first refrigeration was accomplished by filling shallow earthen dishes with water and covering them with sugar cane. This crude apparatus was then placed on a roof, where, exposed to the air currents or fanned by slaves, some of the water was evaporated during the night and with it went some of the heat.

Loss of the heat left the remaining water considerably cooler. The chilled water was then placed around bottles of wine to cool them. Clever, eh?

Nero—he whoiddled while Rome burned—is given credit for discovering the preservative powers of snow. Hundreds of his slaves brought bales of snow from the Apennine Mountains down to the emperor's courtyard where it was buried in deep trenches insulated with sod and straw. It kept for weeks and was used for cooling wines, fruits and fish that formed part of the Roman feasts. In the 16th century, a Venetian, Sanct Sanctorious, concocted a mixture of one-third salt and two-thirds snow by which he produced a temperature cold enough to freeze water.

It is said that Lord Francis Bacon contracted the pneumonia of which he died while stuffing a fowl with snow to study the effects of such treatment. His last question was: "Does the fowl still keep?" Thus developed the science of food preservation in its cruder stages.

"Nature herself took a hand," Dixon says, "by supplying cooler temperatures in springs, wells and cellars. These were used for a great many years and even today in some cases. However, the temperature is rarely below the 50-degree danger line which now is known to be necessary for safe food preservation."

The use of natural ice, he recalled, preceded development of the mechanical ice plant and electric refrigeration.

"The old-fashioned ice box went a long way toward making people more conscious of the need for food preservation," he opines. "It performed a real service in the past."

In 1880 a Chicago packing plant installed the first mechanical refrigeration equipment used by that industry, revolutionizing the whole system of feeding the people of this nation.

Electric refrigeration for the household followed.

"Do you remember how crude the old family bus of a decade or so ago looks today?" Dixon asks.

"It cost three or four times as much to operate the old models as it does the streamlined machine nowadays. Well, the same is true of the old model refrigerators. But the new electric ones! Shucks, man! They give the womenfolks year-round temperatures of 40 or 50 degrees for what it costs to smoke three cigarettes a day!"

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