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From The Editor Window

Christmas has come and gone and before this reaches our readers New Years day will also have come and gone. We hope the readers of this column had a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year.

It is said Governor O'Daniel has requested a quiet inauguration on January 21. A secretary to the governor has announced that the reason given by the governor is because of the "strained world conditions at the present time."

The Rising Star Record gives the following reasons for cultivating calmness and self possession to live longer and to enjoy life more fully: Learn to like what doesn't cost much. Learn to like reading, conversation music.

One of our very best gifts during the Christmas season, and one we enjoyed to the fullest, was a dish of squirrels given us by Messrs W. M. Crosby and Fred Golson, two of the most successful hunters to be found in these parts.

OSBORN LITTLE MARRIED TO MISS ANDERSON AT LA., FERIA, DEC. 22

Osborn Little a son of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Little of Putnam was married to Miss Gwendoline Jeanette Anderson, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Anderson at La FERIA, Cameron County December 22nd.

UPBUILDING OF A TOWN DEPENDS ON COMMUNITY COOPERATION OF ALL

We are beginning another year with this week's issue and our efforts will be greater this year than ever to give the people the best country weekly there is in the district. We will endeavor to create good will among all the people of Putnam and surrounding communities, and with cooperation we can put over many things in the coming year that will be of benefit to the town and community in aiding to make Putnam a better place to live.

That is sensible and tactful answer to the question. All of us want to know what the future holds for us. The prophet can merely tell us that we can succeed, although he is equally certain that most of us will not.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Brandon had all of their children with them for a Christmas dinner except C. L., at Crane, those present were; Mr. and Mrs. Gus Brandon, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brandon of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Brandon of Abilene and Dr. and Mrs. Jodie Brandon of Gorman.

eve and we put them in the refrigerator to await the arrival of a daughter from East Texas, then put them in the oven to cook and what a family feast they were.

REPRESENTATIVE, ELECT SAM RUSSELL LEFT FOR WASHINGTON, DEC. 26TH

Judge Sam Russell of Stephenville who was elected to congress to succeed Clyde L. Garrett in the recent election, has named Rufus F. Higgs, publisher of the Stephenville Empire Tribune, to serve as his secretary at Washington and Mrs. J. T. Heaten also of Stephenville as assistant secretary.

STAR HATCHERY, BAIRD HAS NEW EQUIPMENT FOR THE 1941 SEASON

Of interest to the entire county is the enlarged chick capacity of the Star Hatchery, owned and operated by Paul Shanks of Euola, and located in Baird. New equipment, a 1941 model of the Buckeye Incubator, the largest individual incubator on the market, has been installed in the hatchery and has a capacity for 65,000 chicks.

GREELEAF FISK DIED IN ABILENE DECEMBER 29TH OF INFLUENZA

Greenleaf Fisk, editor of the Abilene Times died in Abilene Sunday December 29th, from influenza and a heart attack. Mr. Fisk had been in the newspaper business for about forty years.

AMERICAN LEGION WILL MEET AT STANLEY CAFE AT BAIRD JANUARY 6TH

Regular meeting of the American Legion will be held Monday night January 6th, at Stanley's cafe. All Legionnaires and their wives are urged to come.

Oops, Looks Like Anybody's Ball



A bit of fast action in the Kwanto University Rugby Football League of Tokyo as Kelo University nosed out Imperial University 6 to 0. Rugby football is more popular with Japanese sports fans than American football which was introduced several years ago.

MEETING OF ALL MEN IN PUTNAM INTERESTED IN SCOUT WORK JAN. 6

A meeting of all the men in Putnam, who are interested in Putnam having a Boy Scout Troop and club scout pack are requested to attend an open meeting Monday evening January 6th, at 7:30 o'clock p.m., in the high school auditorium.

METHODIST CHURCH WOMAN'S SOCIETY

The Woman's Society of Christ Jan Service met at the Methodist Church January 1st, with a Pledge Service conducted by Mrs. W. N. Byrd.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Norred and son of Denver City, Texas, spent Christmas holidays visiting Mrs. Norred's parents Mr. and Mrs. Gus Brandon.

4,144 BALES GINNED IN CALLAHAN COUNTY AGAINST 2,521, 1939

Cotton census report shows that there had been ginned 4,144 bales of cotton in Callahan County prior to December 13, as compared with 2,521 to the same date of 1938. This is a gain over last year of 1623 bales.

BAIRD LIVESTOCK BARN BURNED SUNDAY, DEC. 22

The big livestock sales barn at Baird constructed by Harve Kendricks and others about one year ago, was destroyed by fire Sunday night December 22. The cost of the barn was several thousand dollars and one of the best in this immediate territory.

There are several cases of flu in town; among them reported are, Elmer Butler and wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Brandon, Mrs. Gus Brandon and son, Bill all have been confined to their room this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Culwell and children of San Antonio, spent Christmas visiting Mr. Culwell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Culwell and other relatives and friends in and around Putnam.

Mr. and Mrs. Norris Park, of Del Rio, are the proud parents of an eight pound daughter, born December 30th. Norris is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Park of Putnam.

NINE BOYS EMPLOYED IN NYA PROGRAM IN THE PUTNAM SCHOOL

Nine boys are employed by the National Youth Administration to assist in launching the school campus and construct walks. The government will pay for the labor and the school to furnish material plants. At present there are twenty government employees at the Putnam school and a possibility that more will be added at a later date.

SINGING CONVENTION OF CALLAHAN COUNTY AT BELL PLAINS 1-5

G. A. Caraway president of the Callahan County Singing convention has requested the News to announce that the regular monthly meeting will meet at Bell Plains, Sunday, January 5th. Everyone invited to attend.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lee Williams who were recently married and moved to Abilene spent Christmas visiting with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Willard Gaskins of Abilene spent Christmas with Mr. Gaskins father and family Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Gaskins.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete King and son Edward spent Christmas visiting Mr. and Mrs. James King at Mr. and Mrs. Walters at Eastland, Mr. and Mrs. King returned Wednesday while Edward remained in Eastland.

Oliver Davis who is employed in San Antonio was home during the Christmas holidays to spend Xmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Davis.

Mrs. Bruce Brown of Baird spent several days this week visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Sanders

Ocie Stephens, Buster Robertson, J. W. Harrison and Stanley Hurst were home from the CCC to spend Christmas day.

POST OFFICE MOVED TO NEW LOCATION ON NORTH SIDE OF SQUARE

The post office has been moved from the building on the west side of the square to the building formerly occupied by the Farmers State Bank on north side of the Bankhead highway. The city secretary's office has also been moved in the back end of the same building.

MISS ZADA WILLIAMS SINGS WITH TEACHERS AT SAN MARCUS DEC. 15

Miss Zada Williams a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Williams of Putnam, sang with the Southwestern Texas State Teachers College Chorus in their annual presentation of the famous orator "The Messiah" in the college auditorium, at San Marcus, Sunday afternoon, December 15.

VOLUNTEERS TO TAKE CARE OF FIRST TEN MEN TO BE INDUCTED

There has been enough volunteers received to fill the call for ten men to be inducted January 21st. The board has mailed 250 questionnaires and of this number 49 were ordered to take physical examinations. Only six were rejected as being unfit for military service.

\$85,028.00 PAID KING RANCH FOR COMPLYING WITH AAA PROGRAM '39

A report from Washington of December 22nd, by Agricultural Administration disclosed it had made payments of \$1000 to approximately 2,550 Texas individuals, companies, ranches or estates for compliance with the 1939 AAA program. The payments which did not include those paid out in amounts of less than \$1000, totaled \$7,892,338.

A few of the large ones are given as follows; King ranch Kingsville \$85,028.00; estate of W. L. Wagner, Vernon \$36,800; Mrs. C. Adair, Palo Puro, \$31,747; Lee Moore, Clint \$26,012; Reynolds Cattle company, of Fort Worth, \$25,986; Matador Land and Cattle Co., with headquarters at Dever, received \$59,367. These are only a few of the big checks.

CIVIL APPEALS COURT HOLDS CITIES RIGHT TO REGULATE DANCE HALLS

Under a decision of the 2nd court of civil appeals cities have a right to have license tax on dance halls. The decision reads; 'A city has power to classify dance halls and tax them for license purposes.' However, the court held void, 'such portions of an ordinance which required operators of dance halls to pay stated sums daily for policemen's attendance at dances as violative of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution and infringing against private right of contract.'

NUMBER OF MARRIAGE LICENSE INCREASED 25% OVER THE 1939

According to the County Clerk's record marriage licenses have increased considerably of 1940. There has been issued in 1940 to Monday noon 152 as compared with 123 in 1939, making a total for the two years of 275. This is an increase of about 25% over 1939.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Careway and family spent Christmas in De Leon, with friends and relatives. Going down Tuesday and returning Thursday.

Advertisement for First National Bank in Cisco, Texas. Features include: 'This is The BANK that SERVICE Built', 'Modern Safety Deposit Service', 'IT'S MORE PLEASANT TO SAY YES!', and 'Member of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation'.

H. D. AGENT GIVES RESUME OF YEAR'S WORK IN COUNTY

Callahan Has 15 Organized Clubs With 300 Ladies In Work; '40 Was Active Year

Annual reports from home demonstration club members show the following results for 1940—Home Improvement project bedroom work 149 bedrooms improved, 125 kitchens improved, cabinets built in or added 45, 10 cleaning closets added, 30 kitchens with work surfaces adjusted to comfortable height, 30 recreation facilities added, 102 government mattresses made, 114 mattresses renovated, 42 factory made mattresses added, 106 bedspreads made, 37 woolen comforts, 36 feather comforts added, \$4,175 was spent on kitchen improvement, \$1,086 on bedroom improvement. Home food supply show the following—655 dairy cows, 48,895 gallons of milk consumed, 1,460 pounds of cheese made, 10,810 pounds of butter for home use, number of laying hens 12,000, 8,000 pullets added, 110 used commercial starting wash, 15 laying houses constructed, 25 brooder houses built, 20 added dropping pits, 69 remodeled poultry houses, 5 vaccinated flocks to prevent fowl pox, 40 followed instructions on parasite control, 25 used sulphur as a preventive for coccidiosis. 800 qualified for AAA garden payment, 44,825 quarts vegetables canned, 24,000 quarts fruit canned, 3,365 containers of meats, number pounds of stored fresh, cured, or dried, 1,925 vegetables, 9,675 fruit, 31,750 meat, 6,165 nuts, 8,085 lard. Five reported using freezer lockers at nearby plants. 235 used leaflets for food preparation, 436 small kitchen equipment purchased, 185 families had pressure cookers, 140 checked gauges, 135 pantries organized, 35 cellars and pantries ventilated this year. This report showed nothing that these women were doing for their communities although several clubs see to it that the cemetery is kept up and they finance the upkeep. Several clubs gave baskets to needy at Christmas. Clubs often sponsor community recreation in the form of parties and the help that each individual gives to his neighbor. The 15 clubs of county sponsored the government mattress program making 655 mattresses on the old program. This could not have been possible if business men, mayors, schools, and others had not helped the ladies secure building and equipment. Over a 1,000 applications have been approved on the new program. The home demonstration agent's report shows a total of 262 days spent working in the field and office with 7,210 miles traveled. Number of farm visits 129, 314 homes visited, 577 office calls, 261 letters written, 4,956 bulletins distributed, 8 radio talks, 239 method demonstrations with 4,844 attending, 4 result meetings, and 39 training schools held. Yearbook for 1941 show that Adult Clubs will study kitchens, and cereals, stressing yeast breads. 4-H Clubs will study bedroom and poultry projects.

Pretty Girl Dons Lineman's Togs, Offers to Help Restore Electric Power in Ice-Stricken Panhandle

Grim, leathery-faced linemen found nothing to laugh about when they reached the ice-stricken Panhandle to begin the serious business of restoring light and power following late November's freakish storm. But they smiled when they learned that a pretty girl had volunteered to help them. Fellow workers with the West Texas Utilities, which had anticipated just what happened and had lined up their emergency crews from as far as 400 miles away a day ahead of the actual breakage, were first to reach Amarillo. Loyal, sympathetic Miss Sarah Smith, employed as cashier at Anson, volunteered to help, said she could climb a pole as good as a man in an emergency. Although she proved her willingness by donning a lineman's togs and squirming up a 50-foot pole, her offer was declined.



The West Texas Utilities alone had 200 men at work at one time repairing damage wrought by the Panhandle's worst ice and sleet storm. Among volunteers who pleaded for the assignment of "helping out" was a girl, Miss Sarah Smith, WTU cashier at Anson, who said: "I think it's the nicest thing to do." She proved her willingness by squirming up a 50-foot power line pole.

"We thought she might distract attention from the task at hand," admitted a harassed line foreman, dog-tired after 36 sleepless hours. "I like the idea though. Maybe we can use her to pass out doughnuts and coffee." The company, serving four counties in the storm area, including the principal towns of Dalhart, Texline, Dumas and Stratford, all equally hard hit with Amarillo, rushed a total of five fully-equipped "heavy" trucks and 60 linemen to the storm center, more than any other neighboring service company. Two trucks and crews proceeded to Dalhart, joining with Roy Norvell's local line repairmen, while three trucks and 30 workmen stopped to do yeoman service in the larger task of rehabilitating Amarillo's light and power lines. Superior resources, to draw on for badly needed equipment, and a highly trained personnel within a few hours' distance were credited with enabling the West Texas Utilities Company to handle its own repair problem in record time and, in addition, render aid to a neighboring community.

Messages throughout the emergency. A portable set, W5-BAY, was rushed by truck to Dumas, on an overnight drive made hazardous by 90 miles of icy pavement, where a WTU radio trouble-shooter, H. S. Peake, established the first contact with the North Plains area had with the outside world. Dalhart escaped without any shortage of water. Lights in the business area and hospitals were out less than 24 hours, restored Monday evening as soon as distribution lines could be rebuilt. The company's stand-by generating plant went into immediate operation providing power for water pumps and light circuits as fast as reconstructed. Lights did not go out in Dalhart until 10 P. M. Sunday, November 24. Power was extended from the standby plants to Stratford and Dumas as quickly as distribution lines could be restored. Another factor in earlier restoration of service in the Dalhart area was the fact that both men and equipment reached the scene from the company's nearby Childress and Quanah districts a day ahead of other outside help. Equipment surpluses are maintained, it was learned, in event of such contingencies.

The stand-by plant at Dalhart made the West Texas Utilities independent of its interconnection with the Southwestern Public Service Company of Amarillo. A 50-mile transmission line, connecting the two, suffered heavily and so did the lines from Channing to Hartley and Dumas where 80 to 90 per cent of the poles were splintered and rendered unfit for further use. Repair work on the North Plains, however, was made even more difficult by snow and sleet which followed the freezing rain. "The only cheerful note to be sounded as a result of the storm," said Charlie Coombes, WTU district manager at Dalhart, "is that it'll mean some extra Christmas money for a lot of people. In addition to our own crews, we've got every available man to work. The storm has made a lot of jobs for our local people and provided the much needed moisture for farm and pasture lands." Assisting Coombes in supervision of reconstruction work is Jim Longley, transmission line superintendent of Abilene. First estimate of damage and replacement costs was set at \$80,000 for Coombes' company alone. At one time, Coombes said, he had 200 men at work.

try projects. There are 15 organized adult home demonstration clubs in the county with an enrollment of 800. The clubs and their officers are as follows: ADMIRAL—Star Route, Baird President, Miss Lottie Ruth Higgins. Secretary, Mrs. George Eubanks Council Delegate, Miss Bertie Eastham Reporter, Miss Marine Eubanks

ATWELL—Route 4, Cisco President, Miss Lennie Brashear Secretary, Mrs. D. C. Foster Council Delegate, Mrs. J. B. Riffe Reporter, Mrs. Alton Tatom CLAYDE—Clyde President, Mrs. Hal Broadfoot Secretary, Mrs. Chas. Hadden Council Delegate, Mrs. T. I. Nixon Reporter, Mrs. Stanley Canada, Jr

COUNCIL DELEGATE, Mrs. E. N. Hill, Cisco, Texas Reporter, Mrs. C. C. King TECUMSEH—Route 2, Clyde President, Mrs. B. E. Davis Secretary, Mrs. Sarah Magill Council Delegate, Mrs. J. M. Johnson Reporter, Mrs. Dolph Hodges UNION—President, Mrs. Carl Gunn Secretary, Mrs. R. C. Yarbrough Council Delegate, Mrs. Jim Yarbrough Reporter, Mrs. Ennis Qualls ZION HILL—Route 4, Cisco President, Mrs. E. G. Johnson Secretary, Mrs. M. B. Sprawls Council Delegates, Mrs. M. H. Roberts, Scranton, Reporter, Mrs. E. V. Ramsey, Putnam.

Secretary, Mrs. Troy Allen Council Delegate, Mrs. Jake Jones Reporter, Mrs. E. J. Barton DRESSY—Route 2, Cross Plains President, Miss Kaola Cavanaugh Secretary, Mrs. Doyle Rhodes Council Delegate, Mrs. B. K. Eubanks Reporter, Mrs. N. L. Long

ENTERPRISE—Clyde. President, Mrs. Claud Appleton Secretary, Mrs. W. S. Tatom Council Delegate, Mrs. Ray Young Reporter, Mrs. D. A. Tessier EULA—Route 1, Clyde President, Mrs. N. H. Stephenson Secretary, Miss Bertie Harris Council Delegate, Mrs. Clyde Johnston, Rt. 2 Reporter, Miss Ida Mae Lewis MIDWAY—Route 1, Baird President, Mrs. Carl Cook Secretary, Mrs. B. F. McCaw Council Delegate, Mrs. Joel Griffin Reporter, Mrs. O. W. Johns OPLIN—President, Mrs. C. M. Morse Secretary, Mrs. Clyde Floyd, Ovalo, Council Delegate, Mrs. Andrew Johnson Reporter, Mrs. John Roberson

PUTNAM—President, Mrs. Jim Heslip Secretary, Mrs. O. T. Davis The clubs in January will study nutrition and cereal in the diet. Anyone is welcome to attend. The following agent's schedule is this month's itinerary: Jan. 1—Wed., A.M. Cottonwood 4-H; Cross Plains Women, P.M. Jan. 2—Thurs. Eula 4-H; Enterprise Women. Jan. 3—Fri. Office, Clyde Women Jan. 4—Sat. Office. Jan. 6—Mon. Broadcast KRBC, Abilene. Jan. 7—Tues. Atwell 4-H, Atwell Women. Jan. 8—Wed. Union Mattress Center; Union Women. Jan. 10—Fri. Mattress Center; Midway. Jan. 11—Sat. Office, A. M.; Zion Hill Women—P.M. Jan. 14—Tues. Putnam 4-H; Putnam Women. Jan. 15—Mattress Center; Eula Jan. 16—Mattress Center; Oplin Jan. 17—Mattress Center; Cottonwood Jan. 18—Sat. Home Demonstration Council Jan. 20—Mon. Mattress Center; Tecumseh Jan. 21—Tues. Mattress Center; Denton. Jan. 22—Wed. Office; Admiral Jan. 23—Thurs. Denton 4-H Oplin Jan. 24—Fri. Clyde 4-H. Jan. 25—Sat. 4-H Sponsors meeting.

COTTONWOOD Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Varner had as their guests during holidays their children, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Varner of Hobbs, N.M., Mrs. Bill Neal and baby of Merkel, J. N. Varner of John Tarleton, Stephenville. Mr. and Mrs. Morris Ivy and son of Pinwell visited home-folks during holidays. R. J. Willoughby was on the sick list last week with the flu. Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Thomas and Wilma Lee of Cisco spent Xmas day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Thomas. Rev. and Mrs. S. R. Respass and Patsy of Swenson visited home folks last week. Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Fulton spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Fulton and family of McAllen, they were accompanied by Mrs. Mabel Jordan and daughters of Kansas City. Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Brock and family of Eula spent Xmas day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Brock. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Peavy of Oplin visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Peavy last week. Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Varner visited with Mr. and Mrs. Cal Richardson of Lockney last week. Mrs. J. D. Mitchell spent Xmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Coats and family of Baird. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Coats visited relatives at Paducah first of last week. Willie Champion of Fort Sam Houston visited home folks during holidays. Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Peavy had as their dinner guests Friday, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Peavy of Oplin, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Peavy, Mr. and Mrs. Turner Peavy and family and Will Peavy. Mrs. Keith and son of Brownwood visited her daughter, Mrs. and Prof. R. J. Willoughby last week. Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Bennett spent Xmas day with their daughter, Mrs. Leotis Meadow of Baird. Mr. and Mrs. Lofton Bragg and baby of Gordon City visited relatives and friends here last week. Hicks Barnes of Dallas and Billy Barnes Denton visited their sister Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Robinson Xmas day. Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Robinson and son of New Mexico visited his brother, J. H. Robinson and family last week. Mrs. T. A. Coppinger had as her guests during the holidays; Rev. and Mrs. D. Van Pelt and son of Weiner, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McGowan, Miss Leta Coppinger of Abilene, Parker and Stanley Coppinger. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Coffey left Sunday for Detroit, Michigan, to drive home some new cars. Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Respass had as her guests Xmas Day, Mrs. J. H. Johnson and Miss Ann and Mrs. L. E. Windham and family.

ATWELL There has been quite a few people sick with flu and colds. Uncle Wylie Foster is quite ill at this writing. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kincaid and son Carrol of Snyder were Xmas guests in the homes of Ben Pillans and Mrs. Minnie Hutchins. Mrs. Buster Foster entertained the Junior Sunday School class with a Christmas party Sunday afternoon before Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Mark Foster and son of Slaton are visiting with home folks this week. Winona Purvis entertained the young folks with a party Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Murray of Cisco visited with her sister, Mrs. Bertram Rouse recently. The HDC will meet with the president, Miss Linnie Brashear the first Tuesday. Miss Juanell Foster of Abilene spent the holidays with home folks. Miss Gentry spent the holidays with her parents at Harpersville. Mrs. Guy Brashear and Miss Linnie accompanied by Mr. and Mrs.

Orville Reece and children of Scranton visited relatives at Kilgore last week. Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Pillans and children of Austin were holiday visitors here with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Owen Rouse and children of Baird spent Christmas day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rouse. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Purvis of Brookshire were week end visitors in the Perry Purvis home. Leo Sykes who is working at Brownwood spent the past week with home folks. Mr. and Mrs. Haney McKinley and son are moving to Abilene. Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Jones visited relatives at San Angelo Christmas day and returned to Mineral Wells Friday where Woodrow is employed. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Foster and children of Slaton visited in his parents home Tuesday.

Card of Thanks Since so many of my friends have remembered me, sending greeting cards and Christmas cheer I am taking this method of expressing appreciation. May God through his providential care embrace us all extending his blessings throughout the old and advancing new year. Rev. C. L. Rushin

FOR SALE TWO SINKS 16 by 24 priced to sell \$3.98 each ONE USED Frigidaire good shape \$15.00 2 WATER Heaters \$2 and up JACK RAWSON'S TIN SHOP CISCO, --- TEXAS

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# Farm Debt Adjustment Body To Meet In Baird On Monday

A special meeting of the Callahan county farm debt adjustment committee will be held Monday, January sixth, on the third floor of the courthouse in Baird, for the purpose of considering the cases of farmers who failed to meet January first instalments on notes and are consequently in danger of losing land or livestock.

The farm debt adjustment committee, sponsored by the Farm Security Administration, furnishes to small farmers a means whereby they can work out an agreement with their creditors to their mutual advantage.

According to James S. Me-

Knight, County FSA Supervisor, many small farmers are unable to operate profitably because they are over-burdened with debt. "Creditors are often willing to work out adjustment with farmers because they had rather have a moderately prosperous customer than a past debt upon which they may never realize much money."

The Farm Security Administration offers its loan and advisory service to farmers whose debts have been adjusted to within their ability to pay so that they then can increase their income and eventually pay their debts, it is pointed out.

# 759 PERSONS ARE KILLED ON TEXAS HIGHWAYS IN '40

Figures for the first ten months of 1940 show that 759 persons were killed on the state highways of Texas, as compared to 718 for the same period of 1939. This is an increase of 41 fatalities, representing 5.72 per cent, in spite of the efforts of the Highway Department to build increased safety factors into our highways, and the efforts of enforcement agencies to promote safe driving.

This increase is largely due to the high fatalities in October 1940, when 101 persons were killed as compared to 71 in October 1939, representing an increase of 30 fatalities.

The Highway Department wishes to stress the importance and need of greater care by motor vehicle operators for the conservation of human lives and property.

Water is in itself a lubricant, and highways, even of the most modern type, cannot be made absolutely safe under all conditions. Darkness, rain, sleet, snow, mist and fog require reduced speeds if we are to obey the very fundamentals of safety.

# PALACE THEATRE

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WED.-THURS.-FRI.  
JAN. 1-2-3

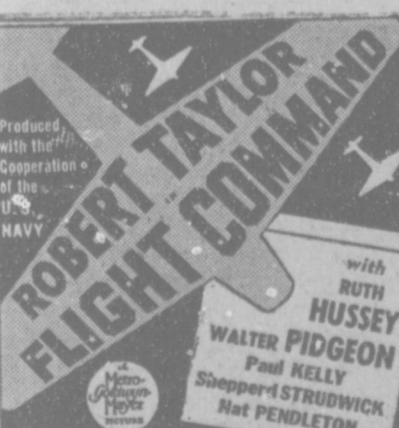


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OLIVIA DeHAVILLAND  
*Santa Fe Trail*

with RAYMOND MASSEY  
RONALD PEAGAN - ALAN HALE  
*William Lundigan - Van Heflin - Gene Reynolds - Henry O'Neill - Quinn "Big Boy" Williams*  
Starring MICHAEL CURTIZ - A WARNER BROS. Production  
Original Screen Play by Robert Buckner - Music by Max Baer

SUN., MON., JAN 5-6



A FRANK BORZAGE Production - Screen Play by Wells Root and Commander Harvey Mitchell  
Directed by FRANK BORZAGE  
Produced by J. WALTER RUBEN

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BAIRD, TEXAS

# Racing Stable At Corsicana Is Run By Ex-Baird Man

Three hundred and twenty-four acres of rolling, black land that have never known the touch of a plow comprise Melody Meadows, six miles east of Corsicana.

The naturally beautiful setting which the Indians knew has been enhanced by W. C. Stroube, well-known Corsicana oil man, through the construction of modern barns, paddocks and a training track, the whole farm enclosed by a high white plank fence—and in the Spring, when sheets of bluebonnets are in bloom and birds are singing in the trees, the place is as poetic as the name, Melody Meadows, implies.

It is the home of 23 thoroughbreds and Stroube has been remarkably successful with his horses.

For instance, Exarch, the first horse bred on the farm, made history by setting a track record for three-eighths of a mile at Hialeah in 1939 in winning the Dinner Stakes, an event that derives its name from the fact that the owner of the winning horse is guest of honor that night at a dinner at \$100 a plate.

Then there is Croon, which won 33 races while carrying the Stroube colors. Croon is now a matron along with others, including Court Song, offspring of Sir Gallahad III. Bien Fait, the stallion, is a Bubbling Over horse purchased from Col. E. R. Bradley as a 3-year old for \$1,700. Next day, Bien Fait won a handsome purse and Bradley offered Stroube \$7,500 for the animal back.

A native of Baird, Stroube has owned racing horses since 1932. He also has 30 Hereford cows on the farm. Then there is Hanad, Arabian stallion, whose get—representing a cross with thoroughbred mares—are proving excellent cowponies and saddle horses. The land last year, besides providing pasturage, yielded 5,000 bales of the native—

God will punish Mussolini for defying Him; also for desecrating Good Friday by invading Albania and for attacking the Greek people—Bishop Spirido of the North Greek mountains.

All Americans aware of the threat of totalitarian intolerance must set an example of united purpose in the defense of the republic—Alf Landau, Republican presidential candidate of 1936.

### ESTRAY NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that Oliver D. Allen, County Commissioner of Precinct No. 3, of Callahan County, Texas, has this day legally estrayed the following animal:

One Red White Face Steer calf, unbranded and unmarked, about 6 months old.

Said stray has been running at large on the M. R. Surles farm about 5 miles N.E. of Putnam, Texas.

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Given under my hand and seal of office, at office in Baird, Texas, this 31st day of December, A.D., 1940.

MRS. S. E. SETTLE, Clerk County Court, Callahan County, Texas (31-3-1941)

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**Personals**

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ramsay had a kind of a homecoming and Christmas dinner and invited all of their children; those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Milton Ramsay of Bradshaw, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Carter, of Wichita Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Woods and family, Mr. and Mrs. Burrett Ramsay and family, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Francisco and family of Cisco, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Burnam and family, Alton Lunsford, Mr. and Mrs. Dock Isenhower and family and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Yarbrough, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hamlin of Crane are visiting the Kennedy's through Christmas. Mrs. Hamlin is a daughter of Mrs. Kennedy.

James Kennedy a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Kennedy spent Christmas with home folks. He is a student of A & M college this year.

Miss Zada Williams who is attending college at San Marcus spent the Christmas holidays visiting with her parents Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rogers and Mrs. Ida Rogers. Mr. Roger's mother spent Christmas visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Kile at Big Spring. Mrs. Kile is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rogers. Going out Tuesday and returning Thursday.

Miss Wilma Pruitt and sister, Miss Erline, spent the Christmas holidays at home visiting. Miss Wilma is teaching at Clyde and Miss Erline at Breckenridge.

Bill Brandon who has been in California for the past several months spent Christmas visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Brandon.

Dolphy Hull of California spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Hull.

John Cunningham who was reported to be critically ill in the last paper was reported to have pneumonia late Wednesday evening and in a serious condition. He was

**MORAN LIVESTOCK SALES BARN REOPENED**

The Moran Livestock Sales Barn will reopen Monday under new management. Every body should attend this Sale and bring your livestock with you. It will be sold to the best advantage. Remember the date Monday, January 6th, and each Monday thereafter.

**Legend Of "Lost Nigger" Mine Was Lure To Hunters**

Tales of the famous "Lost Nigger Mine" over in the Ladronez Mountains across the Rio Grande from the Texas side in the Big Bend Country are numerous and varied. There is wrapped about the old mine tradition and legend which have braved the years, which have been added to; which have been trimmed down, expanded or decreased as the will of the individual who wove them determined on the spur of the moment.

But, through them all, a Negro, Bill Kelley, known more commonly as Seminole Bill, hailing from the Santa Rosa Mountains near Del Rio, stands forth as about the most sought after Negro in the history of the Southwest.

Seminole Bill and Del Rio figure prominently in the innumerable attempts which have been made to locate the Lost Nigger Mine. Hundreds of fortune hunters have come to Del Rio in an attempt to tract Seminole Bill. During many years, perhaps long after Seminole Bill turned up his toes and passed on, they continued to visit Del Rio.

Seminole Bill knew the exact location of the Lost Nigger Mine in the Ladronez. Bill Kelley was the one who found the old mine.

In 1884 the Reagan brothers, Jim, John, Lee and Frank, drove a great trail herd of cattle down into the Big Bend region. They were the first to run their cattle along the Rio Grande in Texas. Their reasons for this move are known only to themselves.

In 1887 Bill Kelley joined the crew. One night the cowboys were seated about their campfire. Below them the Rio Grande murmured its monotonous time. Above a glinty silver moon shone down over the Lone Star State. Stars studied the skies. Coyotes yapped on neighboring hills. And were answered by their mates from across the draws.

Into the camp stalked Seminole Bill to inform the Reagans he had found a rich gold mine. Thinking the Negro had chanced upon a Mexican and had absorbed too much tequila, they held him up to ridicule.

"Why didn't you bring some of it back?" he then was asked after waxing serious on his declarations.

Negro superstition conquered him, he said. "The gold wasn't intended to be found by me. It ain't mine. It'll mean my death, sho'. But you-all come an' I'll show yo' where it is."

Wild gold mine yarns were ancient things about campfires even in 1887 and so things went merrily along. However, next day Seminole Bill did fetch into camp samples from his mine. They fairly glittered with gold. Excitement broke out in all its brutt' fury.

Then, Seminole Bill, fearing he would be killed, "borrowed" a horse and sneaked off into the night. Since that night Bill Kelley or Seminole Bill was one much sought Negro. Fortunes have been spent in trying to run down Seminole Bill. Other fortunes have been spent in turning up the Ladronez Mountains. Expeditions have been formed and many excursions into the region have been made.

But the Lost Nigger Mine defied re-discovery. Tales galore have been told of the old mine. Some maintain it was a treasure buried after a bandit tribe had robbed Mon-

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**Mountain Lion Is Killed At Pioneer**

A 110 pound mountain lion was killed by four local hunters early Tuesday morning, December 24, nine miles Southeast of here. Armed with only a single shot 22 target it was necessary to shoot the beast 15 times.

The animal was identified as a mountain lion by old timers here, who opined that it had been more than 30 years since another of its kind had been seen in the Cross Plains section.

The hunters; George M. Fox, his son Earl, C. E. Fox and Jack Ramsey, all of Pioneer, started the hunt about eight o'clock. Their small cur dog had already treed seven opossums, one fox and one skunk, all of which were caught and skinned but the skunk. It was about one o'clock Tuesday morning when the lion was first jumped at the South end of the Philpeco Country Club lake. The dog pursued the lion for about an hour, finally treeing him about two miles from where he was first seen.

First shot from the target hit a vital spot, mortally wounding the lion, however, he continued to try to escape until the fifteenth shot penetrated his body.

Consensus here was that the lion had strayed several hundred miles from his natural habitat.

**A.A.A. Commiteemen For Callahan County Are Named For 1941**

On December 13th three community meetings were held at which the community committeemen and the delegates to the county convention were elected. These meetings were held at 2:30 p. m., at Oplin, Clyde, and Cross Plains. In the Clyde meeting the following farmers were elected as regular community committeemen: John A. McKee, Chas. T. King, and J. Griffin. Mr. Earl C. Hays was elected as first alternate committeeman and Mr. Olen J. Appleton as second alternate. Mr. H. C. Broadfoot of the Eula Community was elected as delegate to the county convention which was held Saturday, December 14th.

In the Oplin meeting the following farmers were elected as regular committeemen: Albert Betcher, Jr., James M. Whitley, Lemman Hayhurst, Mr. Ernest Gwin was elected as first alternate. Mr. Clint A. McInyre was elected as delegate to the county convention.

In the Cross Plains meeting the following farmers were elected as regular committeemen: Will S. Jobe, W. L. Lawrence, and Ples M. Ray. Mr. Frank Ferrell was elected as first alternate and Mr. Ben P. Pillans as second alternate community committeeman.

**APPLICATIONS TO BE TAKEN HERE SATURDAY FOR FREE MATTRESSES**

A.A.A. mattress applications will be taken at the city office in Cross Plains, Saturday afternoon, January fourth, from one to five o'clock. It was announced yesterday by Miss Clara Brown, County Home Demonstration Agent.

"Families in Callahan county whose gross income does not exceed \$500 annually are eligible. \$50 additional may be allowed for each member in the family above four. Too, any cash paid by the family may be deducted," Miss Brown declares.

"If a family resides in town it is eligible so long as one-half its income is derived from the farm. A family may apply for one mattress for each two members, less any mattresses they may have secured or may be about to secure through the farm security, A.A.A., or any other welfare agency." She concluded.

The three persons elected delegates met at the county A.A.A. office at 10:30 a. m., Saturday at which time the county committee was elected by them for 1941. J. A. Farmer was re-elected chairman, Fred S. Stacy was re-elected vice-chairman, and S. S. Harville was re-elected the regular member. Oscar McDermott of Cross Plains was elected first alternate to the county committee and Albert Betcher, Jr., of route 1, Ovalo was elected second alternate to the county committee.

**What an empire Valdivia Farms is.** Modern, gravel roads and sturdy bridges, built by the owner; game; Texas thoroughbreds that will win glory on tracks in California, Kentucky, Maryland and the East; a river (dry by name but, during a rainy season, it can become a torrent) and legends—for two of the mountains have their stories. Holy Mountain was so named by the Indians and each traveler who passes over another of the mountains is supposed to leave a rock—a tradition that dates back to Spanish days.

And, above all, a cordiality and a hospitality that make the heart glow. Yes, one leaves Valdivia Farms with the realization that he has seen Texas and the West at their best.

Mary Hardin-Baylor College at Belton will dedicate one of the most magnificent flagpoles in the Southwest on January 8, with National Commander Milo J. Warner of the American Legion as principal speaker—but for the start of the story, one has to leave Texas and go back quite a few years.

It was while Dr. Gordon G. Singleton, who is now serving his fourth year as president of the college, was on a Columbia University commission to study schools of Providence, R. I. that he was impressed by the fact that, through many of the inhabitants of that city were foreign-born, every school had a own grandeur.

When he expressed such views to a gathering of Legionnaires of the neighboring city of Temple a few months ago, events were set in motion that have resulted in the erection of a pole 60 feet high. The substantial and attractive flagpole.

So when he returned to Georgia, where he was a member of Atlanta Post No. 1 and became departmental chairman of Americanism, there burned in his heart the desire to see a good flagpole on every school-ground in the State—and he came close to realizing that goal.

Dr. Singleton feels that Old Glory fluttering the breeze is an inspiration to students. Being the first sight they behold on arriving at the campus each morning and the last sight they see on leaving the school in the afternoon, the flag serves as a reminder of the priceless rights enjoyed by all Americans. He believes that the banner deserves a noble setting, in keeping with its pole, of steel, weighs 1,800 pounds and is set in ten tons of pink Texas granite. Surrounding this is a broader base of concrete, which is white, of course, and inset are six blue tile stars. Thus the foundation could almost be described as red, white and blue.

It is to be hoped that many beautiful flagpoles will blossom over Texas educational grounds from the inspiration of the one at Mary Hardin-Baylor.

Another "old joke" contest entry:  
Here lies the body of William Jay, Who died maintaining his right-of-way.  
He was right, dead right, as he sped along,  
But he's just as dead as if he'd been wrong.

Of course, people will think I am a liar and a fool, but I don't care about making any money from this picture (Fantasia).—Wait Disney, movie producer.

It is the finest sight of the healthy quality of our democracy that in this country today the press, party leaders, everyone is talking of national unity—Gov. W. H. Vanderbilt of Rhode Island.

Joe H. Shackelford, of Putnam, was transacting business in Cross Plains Monday.

terry of its riches and were forced to plant their loot in the Ladronez, then speed away from those who gave chase.

Others advanced this theory and that. Some said it was drift gold. Others said it was a rich ledge.

The Reagans spent huge sums of money trying to find the Lost Nigger Mine. Acting on one hot tip obtained while at San Antonio, one of the Reagans wired to Del Rio ordering an outfit of horses and provisions be made for him on the instant for an expedition into the Ladronez. The expedition was made. The mine was never found.

Seminole Bill, inheriting the name due to the fact he had a habit of melting into the Indian tribe of that name on occasion, was heard from, according to fantasy, here and there on the border.

One report had him enjoying the fleshpots of Monterrey, spending lavishly, keeping his women well dressed, disappearing from the city every three or four weeks, for a few days only to return with a few pouches of ore which netted healthy sums.

Whether the Lost Nigger Mine was in the Texas side of the Rio Grande or on the Mexican side offers a conflicting problem. But tradition wrapped about the old mine is enjoyable to read.

And in his "Coronado's Children," J. Frank Debie, Texas, author, dwells extensively upon the old tale and spins about all the available yarns existing concerning it.

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