

From The Editor's Window

W. Lee O'Daniel is now in Washington serving the people in the capacity of Junior Senator and has already made his first speech in the senate which was favorably received in the capitol city and by the people "back home."

Coke Stevenson is now Governor of Texas and indications are that he will make one of the best officials in this capacity that the Lone Star State has ever had.

When O'Daniel took the oath about noon on Monday, August 4, Coke Stevenson automatically became Governor of Texas.

With ten or the sixteen counties in the Abilene district still unheard from, collection of scrap aluminum in the central warehouse at the Abilene-Southern depot was raised to 11,823 pounds Monday including 2,015 pounds from Callahan county, and 1,500 pounds from Goldthwaite and Mills county.

Bruno Mussolini, 23, second son of Il Duce, was killed in an airplane accident on the morning of August 7. He was testing a new long range bomber and two others of the crew of eight were also killed.

He was married and is survived by his wife and young daughter, seventeen months old.

As has been expected for some time the price of coffee has gone up. The Brazilian coffee department announced last week an increase in export prices and this increase, according to reports, will cost the coffee drinkers in the United States the sum of \$15,000,000 annually as a whole and will raise the retail price about 1.5 cents per pound.

Since the embargo against Japan products has gone into effect a general rush to the stores by the women of our country to lay in a supply of silk hose has been reported.

Department stores in many of our eastern cities have reported a sharp increase in the sales of hosiery during the week which has led Miss Harriett Elliott, Associate Price Control Administrator, to issue the four following rules for the care of silk hose:—

- 1. Wash hose immediately after wearing.
2. Use lukewarm suds and press gently, do not rub.
3. Dry in shade; sunlight deteriorates silk.
4. Always carry colorless nail polish and put drop at top and bottom of run as soon as it starts.

These are good rules and will be followed diligently by most women, but we predict that cotton hosiery is on the way back into style and all of us will soon be proudly doing our bit in restoring King Cotton to his rightful throne.

We have seen some very beautiful hose made from cotton. Some were embroidered upward from the foot, some were drop-stitched, others plain, mercerized and in practically all colors.

State Press, of the Dallas News in commenting on our recent Tired Woman's Epitaph said, in part, that we put the article in our column just for a joke. He said that we know the women have the best of things on this earth and that we are well-informed concerning conditions which reduce those of the stronger sex to weaklings who no longer take pride in their whiskers.

Why, Mr. Taylor! We have known for a long time that mercuric iodine is the mirror with "safety" in hand early each morning to get rid of his whiskers, but we were honest in believing that our "lords" take pride in being clean shaven because they think they look better that way.

Tired after a hard day a distinguished congressman, whose name has not been learned for some reason, handed the menu back to the waiter and said:—"Just bring me a good meal." A good meal was served and the congressman gave the waiter a generous tip.

"Thanks, sub," said the waiter "and if you has any friends' what can't read, sub, just send them to me and I'll fix 'em up."

Baptist To Start Meeting At Pueblo Sunday, Aug. 17th

The News is requested to announce that the Baptist church at Pueblo will begin a protracted meeting at Pueblo August 17th and continue through two weeks.

DUNAWAY RELATIVES HELD A REUNION AT LAKE CISCO, AUG. 4

The descendant of J. E. and L. D. Dunaway, pioneer families of this part of the state, who came to Texas from Alabama at an early date and settled near Dothan in Eastland county, more than fifty years ago, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Dunaway still living, and Mr. Dunaway being 86 and Mrs. Dunaway 82 years old. They held a reunion of the children, grand-children and other relatives and friends at Lake Cisco, on August 3rd and 4th with 75 or more people in attendance.

THE HAYDEN SISTERS HAVE REUNION AT THE CISCO LAKE SUNDAY

Hayden sisters have reunion at Lake Cisco, from Friday afternoon until Sunday afternoon. This is an annual affair with them, holding the last one at Londoners in 1940.

Mrs. J. B. Brandon is the oldest one of them, and stated they had an awful nice and enjoyable time. The Lake Amusement company have a few cabins they rent at reasonable rates, and they rented some cabins and moved in and were just like living at home.

The sisters present were: Mrs. J. B. Brandon of Putnam, Mrs. J. W. Rhodes, Midland; Mrs. Ira Bromson, Burleson; Mrs. Pearl Wimberly, Haskell; Mrs. Annie Chandler, Amarillo; Mrs. Mabel Jones, Midland.

COTTONWOOD SINGERS TO MEET SUNDAY AFTERNOON

The Cottonwood Community Singing Association will meet at Cottonwood under the tabernacle at 3 o'clock, Sunday afternoon, August 17.

The general public is extended a cordial invitation to attend.

James Clark and Bobbie Williams of Putnam attended the rodeo in Merkel both of them placed in the events.

Read the News Ads!

Dwight Black Was Severely Burned Thursday Morning

Dwight Black living about eight miles out in the Atwell community was severely burned Thursday morning. He had some gasoline and crude oil mixed and was trying to start a fire in the cook stove, and struck a match to light and the mixture exploded, catching his clothing a fire and burning his arms, face and hands pretty severely before the flames were extinguished.

FRIENDS SURPRISE MRS. W. M. WEED WITH BIRTHDAY DINNER

Sunday, August 10th Mrs. W. M. Weed's children, grandchildren and great grandchildren and a host of friends and neighbors surprised her with a birthday dinner, Mrs. Weed is 74 years old.

Mrs. Felix Rosson, and Mrs. Joe Brown, baked a beautiful birthday cake which was lovely with its 74 candles.

In the afternoon snap shot pictures were made of Mrs. Weed, and her children, then with grandchildren and great-children, then of the friends and relatives after which a few favorite songs were sung.

The guests were: Mrs. L. M. Weed and daughter, Marline, Big Spring; Mr. and Mrs. Claude King and daughter Maxine, Putnam; Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Putnam; Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Weed and family of Putnam; Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Speegle and family, Dothan; Mrs. Ural Holder, Cisco; Mrs. E. J. Abernathy Moran; Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Rouse, Atwell; Miss Mary Ruth Wessons Putnam; Mr. and Mrs. F. Rosson, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Joe W. Brown, Mrs. Cardie Hull and son George B. Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Hull and Johnnie Speegle all of Dan Horn.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Allen of the Pueblo community and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ellis of the Admiral community attended the protracted meeting at Putnam Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Heslep and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Armstrong spent the week end visiting Mr. and Mrs. Milton Heslep at Wichita Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Grisham and daughter Kay spent the week end in Putnam with friends and relatives. Mrs. Grisham is the former Louise Peek.

Mrs. J. L. F. Brown of Sweetwater and Clinton Sanders, of Camp Barkley, visited in the home of Mrs. Brown's brother J. E. Buford, and family over the week end.

Youthful Patriot



Bill Stahl Jr. is only 20 months old, but he is giving his toy autos to Fire Lieut. Edward McLaughlin of New York. The toys contain aluminum, which is needed for defense. It was Junior's contribution during National Aluminum week.

Final Payment Made To Schools On The School Year 1940

The school apportionment paid up in full for the 1940-41 term. This full payment is much earlier than usual. The full \$22.50 apportionment has been paid. The final checks to pay the installment of \$2.00 were issued Thursday and mailed out to the different schools.

Thomas Culwell visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Culwell and other relatives Sunday.

Adrian and Mike Conlin spent the week end with their mother Mrs. J. E. Buford.

C. K. Peek and son L. J. of Crane and Dr. Truman Peek of Dallas spent the week end visiting friends and relatives in Putnam.

Mrs. C. T. Moore of Baird and B. A. Moon of Eden, visited in the home of their son and brother, J. E. Buford and family Sunday.

Mrs. Lula Fleming spent Monday in Clyde looking after business interest.

Miss Faye Warren of Eastland visited her aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sharp last week.

James H. Beal, Jr. Succeeds W. R. Ely In 17th District

James H. Beal, Jr., Sweetwater, has been appointed chairman of the 17th Congressional District for the U.S.L., according to an announcement made by E. B. Germany Dallas, Southwestern Regional Chairman. Beal succeeds Judge W. R. Ely, Abilene, who resigned because of ill health.

Seven counties out of the twelve in the 17th District have been organized or partially organized by State Headquarters, Germany said. Immediate organization of every county is the aim of the new congressional chairman, who is also chairman of Nolan county, the only county in the district which has already raised its quota.

Counties in the district showing chairmen are Eastland, Chas. J. Kleiner, Cisco; Fisher, B. L. Conley; Jones, C. W. Bartlett, Hanson; Nolan, J. H. Beal, Jr., Sweetwater; Palo Pinto, Maj. W. P. Cameron, Mineral Wells; H. R. Owens, Breckenridge; and Taylor, W. V. Womack of Abilene. Five counties will be organized by chairman Beal including Callahan, Comanche, Erath, Hamilton and Shackelford.

The 17th District has two army cantonments, Wolters at Mineral Wells and Berkeley at Abilene.

COUNTY FAIR WILL BE HELD AT BAIRD

A Callahan county fair is to be held at Baird September 27, sponsored by the luncheon club of that city.

All persons who plan to have exhibits, either individual or for clubs must make arrangements with Jack Ashlock, chairman of the committee in charge of this phase of the exposition.

Cash premiums and ribbons are to be awarded the News was told yesterday in a communication from the County Agent's office.

It is pointed out that all livestock exhibited must be breeding stock.

Location of exhibits and livestock and premium lists will be announced within the near future.

CROSS PLAINS SINGING CONVENTION WILL MEET SUNDAY, AUGUST 17TH

The Cross Plains Community Singing Convention will meet Sunday afternoon at the Methodist church, beginning promptly at 2:30 o'clock.

Many visiting singers are expected to be present. The general public has a cordial invitation to attend.

Error Corrected In County Valuation Last Week

Last week's News carried a news item headed, "Callahan County Valuations Down \$1,374,000" which was an error. On Sunday morning August 3rd, the Dallas News listed 254 counties valuation and in the list was Callahan County, which showed the county to have \$5,478,030, while the Texas Almanac carried the county valuation for 1940, which showed \$6,851,195, that made a difference of \$1,374,000.

The valuation listed by the State Comptroller in the Dallas News, was after the deduction for the homestead tax. Mrs. Briscoe, Assessor and Collector of Callahan County was in Putnam, Saturday afternoon and stated the figures were correct but the wrong figures had been used. The \$5,478,030 was figures furnished the comptroller for state taxes only, and was an estimate only, and the state valuation would be \$5,478,030 and the estimated county valuation for the county this year is \$6,732,392 as compared with a county valuation of \$6,851,195 in 1940.

Mrs. Briscoe stated she thought the valuation would be larger this year than in 1940. The News is ready at all times to make a correction in any erroneous statement made in its columns and appreciate our friends calling our attention to any mistakes that may be made.

DAVE FOSTER OF ATWELL IN TOWN SATURDAY MORNING

Dave Foster of the Atwell community was transacting business in Putnam, Saturday morning. While here Mr. Foster called at the News office for a short visit. He is one of those farmers who practices what he preaches and never comes to town, without bringing more stuff off the farm than it takes to purchase what groceries and other things he may need.

THE DEMONSTRATION CLUB MET AT ZION HILL MONDAY 8-11

Miss Clara Brown, county home demonstration agent met with the Zion Hill club members at the club house Monday August 11th. Miss Brown talked on saving your garden seed, hot school lunches also fruit salads.

Those present at this meeting were: Mrs. J. A. Heyser, R. B. Taylor, R. M. Johnson, E. G. Johnson, Fred Heyser, S. F. Morgan, E. V. Ramsay, and Miss Lavada Standrich. The club will again August 25th at club house.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Hull are driving a new Chrysler club coupe.

Boy Scouts Will Have Carnival At Abilene August 20

All of the Boy Scouts in the Chisholm Trail Council will hold their first annual swimming meet at the American Legion swimming pool in Abilene August 20th. The Callahan County Boy Scouts are the hosts for this year's carnival.

Some sixty-five troops of Boy Scouts from Haskell, Jones, Taylor, Ruppels, Coleman, Shackelford and Callahan Counties have been invited to attend.

The boys will start arriving at the American Legion pool in Abilene, early Wednesday morning, August 20th, in time to be there for the general practice swim which begins at 10:00 a.m. Each boy plans to bring his lunch or to buy his lunch for the noon meal, and to bring his own swimming suit and towel. The contests between the scout teams will begin at 2:30 p.m.

Each troop will be allowed to enter four boys in any event. Each Scout will be limited to three swimming events and two diving events. Six places shall be counted in each event scoring as follows: 6-4-5 3-2-1.

The Chisholm Trail Council plans to continue this carnival every year if the participation and interest of the Boy Scouts warrant it. The public and all parents and friends are invited to attend this swimming and help cheer the boys on to victory.

COTTON ESTIMATE 10,817,000 BALES FOR THE 1941 CROP

The United States Department of Agriculture made its first estimate on the amount of cotton to be produced in 1941 Friday. The estimate placed the crop at 10,817,000 bales as against a production of 12,556,000 in 1940. Based on present indications yield this will be the smallest crop since 1935.

The estimated average yield per acre was placed at 224 pounds per acre or a decrease from last year of 28.1 pounds; but 1939 pounds more than the 1939 to 1939 average. The condition of the crop was placed at 72 percent of normal. Principal reasons for reduced yield compared with last year was given as unfavorable growing conditions.

ALTON TATOM GOES TO HOSPITAL FOR APPENDICITIS OPERATION

Alton Tatom of Atwell who has been barbering at Putnam on Friday and Saturday for the past three or four years, was taken to the Graham hospital that he is doing nicely and will be in a condition to bring home in a short time, if he continues to recover. He has had several light attacks; but nothing of a serious nature until Thursday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Rawson are the parents of a baby boy weighing 7 pounds and named Kenneth Lee all doing fine except Norman.

Stevenson inaugural Was Simple Yet Impressive Affair---Dodson

By Aubra Dodson

Last Friday about eleven forty a.m., a large ambulance eased up to the North door of the Capitol and attendants tenderly lifted Mrs. Coke Stevenson out and took her to the Speaker's platform of the House Chamber to join her husband for his inauguration as Governor of Texas.

Though her body may have been in pain she wore a soft smile. A large bouquet was placed in her lap by friends. I have never seen a gathering in Austin where there were so many just plain folks. A large crowd had come from Kimble County, the home of the Stevensons, and they were seated together in a section of the House gallery and a large banner hung from their section down in the Chamber it read, "Coke's and May's friends from Kimble county"

Seated on the platform were seven former Governors: James V. Allred, James E. Ferguson, Mrs. Ferguson, Pat M. Neff, Dan Moody, W. P. Hobby, Ross Sterling some of them had been bitter opponents in the past but they were talking friendly, and there to pay tribute to a new Governor.

As Coke Stevenson repeated the oath and kissed the Bible that has been used for many years, and then signed the document he turned and he and Mrs. Stevenson looked at it together, and she looked at him as only a loving wife can. Mrs. Stevenson has always stayed in the background but those who know them well say she has played a great part in the rise of this man. Yes it was a grand inauguration folks, simple and yet beautiful. As I sat there and looked around at the old Capitol of red granite dug from the hills over which he has roamed for many years of his life and watched the people I felt that Texas is the greatest place in all the world. Sunday while waiting at a little church out near where I live I looked and squinted my eyes and then hollered Virginia. Yes it was the former Virginia Anderson and her husband. They both looked so well and I learned they live out near there. I am going by to see them some time. Most all politicians have left Austin but today as I sauntered through a hotel lobby I saw an old gentleman with his arm around the shoulders of Gov. James E. Ferguson and he was telling him what a great man somebody was. In the coffee shop I saw the Fat Senator Joe Hill from Henderson Texas devouring a large slice of watermelon, and had a chat with former Senator Wilbourn Collier.

Advertisement for First National Bank in Cisco, Texas. Features include: "This is the Bank that Service Built", "Modern Safety Deposit Service", "THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK UNDERTAKES TO BE THOROUGHLY CONVERSANT WITH YOUR PARTICULAR BUSINESS, AND RESPONSIVE TO YOUR NEEDS; A FRIENDLY PLACE TO TRANSACT BUSINESS, AND ALIVE TO EVERY OPPORTUNITY FOR GENUINE SERVICE".

# Home Making Hints

By CLARA BROWN

**Summer Care of Plants**  
What some people call "good luck" in growing trees, shrubs, and flowers is instead good management, in the opinion of Sadie Hatfield, specialist in landscape gardening for the A. and M. College Extension Service.

During the dry, warm summer months, a period when plants especially need intelligent care, they often suffer from more mismanagement of moisture than from any other one thing, she says. Shrubs and trees set out this year or last need an ample supply of moisture until they can establish a good root system. Even the native and hardy introduced plants require about two years in getting well enough established to withstand dry weather.

Miss Hatfield quotes R. E. Dickson, superintendent of the Spur Experiment Station, as saying: "An intelligent use of God-given rain will mean more to the beautification of Texas than all other factors combined." In places where there is scant rainfall, Miss Hatfield recommends depressions, contours and small dams for diverting water to trees, shrubs and flowers. These same devices will help hold the water for a few days after each rain.

Once moisture has soaked into the soil, mulches may be used to keep it there. Well-rotted leaves, rotted straw and hay, and rotted barnyard fertilizer may be put on in layers of one or two inches. All of these materials when worked into the beds next year will help hold water in the soil as well as when used on top as a mulch.

The specialist warns against deep cultivation as it may destroy roots. However, shallow cultivation is good for keeping a loose top on the soil prevents evaporation from below.

**Kill the Bagworms**

Cedar bagworms, which are now destroying arborvitae, cedar and cypress should be sprayed when

first hatched with lead arsenate, using two or three level teaspoons to one gallon of water. Be sure the spray reaches all parts of the plant.

But, says Sadie Hatfield, extension specialist in landscape gardening as it is perhaps a little late to control the pest by poisoning, the bags should be picked off and buried. Better still, place them in a box covered with screen wire to keep young worms from crawling out next year. As the bagworm grows older it seems to develop resistance to poison.

There is a parasite which lives with the pest and destroys it. By putting the bags in a screened box protected from rain, the newly hatched larvae will be prevented from escaping, but the parasite, which is very small, will escape through the meshes and attack bagworms outside.

The pest is easily recognized. It makes a strong bag of soft waterproof silk, which is covered on the outside with bits of leaves and twigs. The worm lives inside during its life and at death leaves behind in the bag a large number of eggs which hatch the next year.

**Grow Fit**

Has it ever occurred to you that it might be your patriotic duty to learn to eat foods you may not like and to help your children grow up without food prejudice? Being healthy and keeping that way is a patriotic responsibility in time of war and in time of peace. And to be healthy you and your family must eat the right foods.

**James' Family if Building For Defense**

James' parents are anxious for him to grow up to be strong, healthy man. They know that good bones, sound teeth and steady nerves require foods of certain kinds and in sufficient amounts. They know that James would not be born liking certain foods and disliking others, but that this matter of food likes and dislikes is something a person learns just as he learns to count or read.

James' parents were anxious for him to have a good start in growing up so they saw that his mother got the right food before he was born. They wanted to help him to grow into a healthy, happy individual. These were some of the things they were careful about because they saw that James was imitating the things they did: His parents.

Learned what foods he needed and then ate those foods themselves. Never discussed food dislikes at the table.

Had regular meals and no one ate between regular meals.

Served him the right food and expected him to eat it.

Ate at the table with him but gave him his own utensils.

Taught him to serve himself at an early age.

Served him new foods occasionally and in very small amounts.

Gave him no food until the next meal, if he refused to eat. When he refused to eat, they learned that he was usually overtired, too excited, worried or unhappy. And they calmly tried to remove the cause.

They never compared his eating habits with those of other children.

They made his food attractive and served it well. They encouraged him to rest a short time before each meal. They were casual but firm. James is four years old now and his strong sturdy limbs, bright eyes, and happy disposition are proof that he is getting a good start in life.

**How Fit Are Texas Children?**

All Texas children are not getting a good start in life. Here is what the Texas State Department of Health knows about the health of Texas children. In 100 average children.

- 10 have visual difficulties.
- 5 to 10 are "month breathers."
- 20 have poor posture.
- 80 to 90 have decayed teeth.
- 5 show signs of chronic fatigue.
- 50 do not have (optimal nutrition) or good diets.

Some will have definite signs of nutritional diseases.

Obviously, many children are not "growing fit", and one reason is they don't eat the right food. They may not have the needed food or their food habits may be poor. If they do not eat the right food they might as well not have it. People eat the foods they are accustomed to eating.

**You Can Build For Defense**

Yes, food habits as well as food production and preparation play a large part in determining the diets which people follow. These habits have been formed through years of experience and can't be changed over night. Changes in food habits require will power, patience and patriotism, but the American people have all of these qualities.

If learning to eat raw cabbage and carrots and learning to drink milk and tomato juice will build for defense, are you willing to go to work at it? How patriotic are you if you leave your carrot salad uneaten? Whole grain cereals, turnip greens, cabbage, carrots, milk, and tomatoes can help build for defense, if you will eat them and help others to eat them.

Vitamins and minerals and proteins may protect us. They are important like guns and gas masks.

**This Is How To Change A Food Habit**

Once you have the right food eating it is largely a matter of habit. It is a habit that must be learned, and the sooner it is learned the better. Usually, the older a person is, the more difficult it is to change his notions about what he likes and what he doesn't like.

## Farm Loan Agency Sets Meeting For 9th Of September

Saturday, September ninth, has been set as the date for the annual meeting of members of the Citizens National Farm Loan Association, President H. C. Cotton announced following a meeting of the association directors at Clyde recently.

The annual get-together this year is expected to be a large and important conference of land owners of this territory. Mr. Cotton said. The meeting will be held at the Clyde school building starting at 1:30 p.m. Details will be announced later.

Committees in charge are planning to make this year's meeting one of the best in the history of the association which began making Federal Land Bank loans in Callahan County in 1917, President, H. C. Cotton said.

M. H. Perkins, Secretary-Treasurer, heads the program committee. The board of directors will serve as the attendance committee, including G. J. Fleming of Clyde; R. E. Bourland of Clyde; C. M. Johnston, of Clyde; Joel Griffin of Baird and H. C. Cotton of Clyde.

## Get Right-Of-Way For Final Gap In Road To Abilene

Indications yesterday pointed to an early completion of the last gap in state highway 36 connecting Abilene with Cross Plains.

District Engineer S. J. Treadway wired the state highway department at Austin Friday morning that right-of-way had been obtained through the last tract in the gap—an approximate eight-mile stretch extending northwest from the inter-

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Use variety in methods of preparing foods.

Keep at it until your dislike is overcome.

Build for defense by learning to eat the right food and helping others to eat the right food.

section of the route with U. S. highway 183, which runs north and south through Albany and Coleman. Treadway wound up work on obtaining the right-of-way Thursday afternoon when he secured easements on the final tract from Earnest Windham. Returning to his office at Abilene, he found a telegram from the Austin department inquiring if right-of-way had been obtained.

He reported Friday that it has been, and also will recommend that a state contract be let for grading and building of drainage structures on the eight-mile gap.

Work is under way on a five-mile stretch from Cross Plains to the intersection with U. S. 183. Treadway predicted the project, for grading and drainage structures, will be completed within 30 days.

Grading has been completed and drainage structures built for some time on approximately eight miles of the highway nearest to Abilene. With similar construction on the center section, the route would be open to traffic.

More than 8,000 young officers will go on active duty in the United States Army this summer upon being commissioned second lieutenants at the completion of their training in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps, and upon being graduated from college, the War Department announced May 6. In addition, the Army will commission 10,000 from the Officer Candidate Schools set up for enlisted men and warrant officers.

Unlike World War days when the Army began its tremendous expansion with only about 3,000 Reserve officers to draw upon, in the present defense emergency there is a pool of more than 100,000 Reserve officers, of whom 44,000 are on active duty. This Reserve officer reservoir has been built up from graduates of the R. O. T. C., C. M. T. C., United States Military and Naval Academies, Air Corps Training Schools, enlisted men and warrant officers of the Regular Army, and qualified civilians.

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Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Gaskins visited Mr. Gaskins brother Luther in San Angelo the first of the week, returning home Wednesday.

Mrs. E. E. Yeager of Lubbock was visiting friends and relatives in Putnam and Cisco this week.

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**4,000 Are Expected At 6th Annual Event; Old Timers Come From Distant Points**

Staff Writer

Callahan county, which emerged from frontier settlements into an organized governmental unit on July 30, 1877, is making ready for its sixth annual pioneer homecoming.

The reunion will be held Friday, August 15, at the Tabor and Bryant parks at Clyde. For the first time, the homecoming also will be a reunion for the "exes" of the old Belle Plain college which had its rise and decline at old Belle Plain in the 1880's.

Officers of the Old Settlers association met recently to make final plans for the all-day celebration and to add new bits of history to the already detailed story of Callahan county and its college, Belle Plain.

The first reunion of Callahan pioneers was held in 1936, at the McCoy ranch in Pecan Bayou. Two Baird women, pioneers themselves, were the investigators. They had talked of a homecoming for five years. One day in July, 1936, Mrs.

L. L. Blackburn of Baird walked into the office of The Baird Star to talk again of reunion with Miss Eliza Gilliland, who had inherited the newspaper, on which she had worked 41 years, from her father in 1929.

They reached a decision. "Let's just put it in the paper that there will be an old settlers reunion at Pecan Bayou on August 14," Mrs. Blackburn proposed. "We'll see what happens."

Miss Eliza published the story on the front page that week. It happened—more than 3,000 persons came to talk over early days in Callahan county and join together in a basket dinner at noon.

"We don't have much formal program. The main thing is for the old settlers to be given a chance to say a few words over the microphone and get together and talk over the early days afterward," says Mrs. Blackburn.

Miss Gilliland has been secretary-treasurer from the first year. She was born in a new log cabin on Hog creek in Brown county, but moved to Belle Plain with her parents in 1882. Working with the sheriff's department, her father moved the records to Baird in 1883 when the county seat was changed here from Belle Plain. The family next lived at Tecumseh four years, but returned to Baird to found The Star in 1887.

Mrs. Blackburn is another charter office—vice president and historian. She is a native of Callahan county, daughter of Captain John Trent of the Confederate army and Mrs. Trent, who had moved from Memphis, Tenn., to this vicinity in 1878. Mrs. Blackburn was born at Eagle Cove (now Dudley) which had been named in 1875 by her grandfather, Tom Anderson, who had come out from Tennessee to pick a home site that year.

Elected president in 1939 and re-elected last year was Roy Kendrick of Denton community, named for a surveyor, Denton, who was paid in land in that section for his work, with Hancock, in surveying for the government. Kendrick has lived in Callahan county 54 years. He was born at Denton. His parents moved from Hill county in 1876.

Second year as vice president also has been marked by W. P. (Nick) Brightwell, who has lived in the Bayou country since 1876. He, too, is a native of Brown county. His parents were J. P. Brightwell and Mary Ann Gilliland Brightwell.

The first president was Jesse Hart, oldest settler of the county, who came from Palo Pinto county with his family in 1868. First to

serve as vice president was Judge B. L. Russell of Baird. Both have been named to the same offices in honorary capacities.

Friday morning when the folk assemble, Kendrick will give the welcome address following invocation by the Rev. Dick Bright of Potosi and singing led by J. B. Easterling of Clyde, early day singing teacher.

The day's chief speaker is to be Bob Norrell, cashier of the First National bank at Baird and son of the T. J. Norrell. This is in keeping with a custom to honor each year the descendant of an early resident. Jack Scott of Cross Plains serves each year as master of ceremonies.

The afternoon spotlight will center on Belle Plain "exes" with old fiddlers contests, square dancing and a baseball game to follow the Belle Plain college history and introductions.

From Abilene will be Mrs. Laura Perry, daughter of the college's founder—the Rev. J. T. L. Annis, pioneer Methodist minister and presiding elder of the Belle Plain district in the 1880's.

Still other "exes" expected from Abilene are Henry James, president of the Farmers and Merchants National bank; Eunice and D. D. Parramore, members of an early-day ranch family; Mrs. Kate Irving, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Austin and Lucian Larsh.

Among the Baird "exes" are Claude Flores, Mrs. Billie Barnhill and Spike Blakeley.

Others expected: Arthur Young, Burkett; Mrs. George B. Scott,

Cross Plains; Sam Cutbirth, Fresno; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cutbirth, Big Lake; John D. Lige and Will Merchant, Mrs. Morgan Price of Rowden, Mrs. Emma Austin Santel, Wagner, Okla.; Ed Hart, banker in Okmulgee, Okla.; Ben Dulaney, Sweetwater; T. D. Dawkins, postal inspector at San Antonio; Cyrus A. Bowman, Clyde; Mrs. Della Wilkerson, Lubbock; Al Young, Clyde; G. R. McManis, Breckenridge; W. R. Williams, Clyde.

G. A. Walters of San Saba, one of the teachers in the old college, has written he will come if it is possible. He also wrote that Captain Robert S. Goss, West Point graduate who was head of the military school of the college, died about three months ago at his home in Boulder, Colo.

**Bits of history:**

The first authentic written record of Callahan county is found on a tombstone, located in the old Hart cemetery. This stone bears this inscription: "F. L. Whitten, born Nov. 11, '63; died Nov. 24, '63, and J. A. Whitten, died July 23, 1865."

It is believed that the elder Whitten died at the hands of a Mexican named Mexia, for whom Mexia creek was named.

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\* **COTTONWOOD** \*  
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Mrs. Allen Whitel and daughter Miss Rozelle and little Raymond Whitel of Loop visited Mrs. M. E.

Respass last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Thompson and W. R. Thompson visited relatives at Munday, Quanah, Paducah and Vernon last week end they were accompanied by Miss Pearl Rylee of Baird.

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Mrs. Lula Hinsley of Abilene and Mrs. H. H. Ledbetter of

Fort Worth and Mrs. Roy Speegle and Doris Ann of Putnam visited Eunice Hembree Saturday night and Sunday.

John Cochran visited in Baird and Abilene Sunday and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy J. Clark and family have moved to the Mrs. T. A. Coppinger farm.

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The purpose of the supplementary cotton program, for which an additional \$25,000,000 was allotted this year, is designed to reduce still further the cotton acreage allotment under the 1941 agricultural conservation program. The cotton stamp program is operated on an entirely voluntary basis and does not affect any other payments earned under the farm program.

Checking a 1941 compliance under the agricultural conservation program is approximately 70 percent complete in Callahan County and farmers are being issued stamps as rapidly as possible after the cotton acreage has been measured and approved by the operator. Until the cotton acreage is measured, it is impossible to determine the exact amount of participation in the program and the amount of stamps producers are eligible to receive.

went steadily upward. Twenty-five miles an hour was a good speed. Three thousand feet of absolutely empty space yawned beyond the brink of the highway which however is well-constructed and not difficult even for a driver as lacking in mountain experience as I was. The air grew chilly, then downright cold and there were wisps of fog, then a quick rain before we reached the crest of 7,000 feet, then dropped rapidly to 4,500 feet into the pretty little town of Jacala for luncheon.

Beyond there the drive on into Mexico City while long, is much less spectacular though a still greater height actually is reached—8,300 feet, but you don't realize it, for the country seems to have flattened out.

On the day after the "Glorious Fourth", your columnist attended the horse races at Brady. Five thousand people were there and, the day before, the attendance was twice as much. There are a lot of people in Texas who like to see thoroughbreds run. One observer sums it up: "The fact that the law prohibits a man so inclined from adding to the zest of things by backing his judgment with a dollar or two has virtually banished horse races from the State." Most of the Brady races had 10 horses and the jockeys really did some riding, the crowd surging to its feet with a yell as the horses came down the home stretch.

A wealthy old woman who was very ill sent for her lawyer to make her will. "I wish to explain about the disposition of my property," she said. The attorney as sympathetic: "There, there! Don't you worry about it; just leave it to me." The woman replied, "I suppose I might as well—you'll get it anyway."

A good many readers have asked me to comment on the recent article about Texas which appeared in American Mercury (which used to be a light good magazine) and which was reprinted in Readers' Digest. It was just one more case of Eastern editors preferring to have an outsider pass through Texas in a fast automobile and then write something to the effect that

Notes about people you know: When W. J. Barnes, well-known Houston lawyer, was prosecuting attorney of Eastland County and when former Senator W. B. Collie was district clerk, Collie owned a Model T coupe of which he was quite proud. They made a trip from Eastland to Dallas and, upon their return home, Barnes said, "We were just arriving in Dallas and I was feeling very tired; and, no wonder! I looked down and the floor boards had fallen out and I had trotted all the 33 miles from Fort Worth"

Lieut. James E. Taylor, publisher of the Corsicana Democrat and one of the ablest members of the House, will be a candidate for the State Senate.

When the United States Senate race returns made it appear as though there would be a Congressional vacancy in the Austin district, Ralph Yarborough—highly popular former district judge and former Assistant Attorney General—received a flood of phone calls and letters pledging support if he made the race.

Some years ago, E. H. Whitehead, now the efficient manager of the Temple Chamber of Commerce, was in Houston. He had urgent business in Fort Worth that would require only a few minutes and he had to be back in Houston next morning. Of course, a plane trip was the answer. So he dashed to the airport in a taxi just in time to catch the ship, landed in Fort Worth and hurried uptown to a bank whose official he wished to see. But the door was closed and it bore a sign, "Holiday—Columbus Day." Since then, before making a rush trip, Whitehead looks at his calendar as well as his watch.

We had gotten as far as Valles on our motor trip into Mexico in last week's column. Valles is a small town with four or five modern tourist courts; we stopped at Las Palmas. There were banana plants with bananas actually growing pineapples; a papaya tree and orange groves. Next morning we were really traversing the tropics—about 100 feet above sea level; straw-covered huts, the smoke making its way out through crevices in the roof; yards bright with big flowers; and, pressing close on all sides of the little clearings, the jungle, into which one could have squirmed for two steps and been as if miles away.

Children along the road called "Allo" and waved their hands, not with a motion of the arm but with the slightest fluttering of the fingers, and their faces were lit with smiles.

At Tamazunchale (called "Thomas an' Charley" by the tourists) we began the climb into the mountains. Soon we were winding around and around on a roadway that had been blasted and chopped through solid rock. The pass between Nuevo Laredo and Montepey two days before had been a mere dress rehearsal as, mile after mile, we

**Letters To The Editor**

I see numerous indications we are rapidly approaching the day on which a fateful decision will be made by our government, because our oppressors know we are unprepared for war.

There is a call from the common people to go slow, and think this thing over, the people don't want to be stamped into war, doped up with inflammable speeches and bellicose statements until they will plunge forward into hasty actions that might paint in the blood of our loved-ones the dawning of tomorrow.

I am for our country, no matter what the decision might be. I know the common people feel that way too; but I shall always contend that the blood of our American boys, if it must flow, should be on the soil of our home land, and shed in defense of our liberties and our way of life and not spilled on the battle field of Europe, in one mere attempt to determine whether England or Germany shall be the controlling country in Europe.

Our destiny is here at home and not in Europe, in the preservation of American principals and the American way of living. This should come first with every American citizen.

SAM A. COOKSEY,  
Baird, Texas

The State Department has nearly 6,500 employees along with 20 embassies, 33 legations, 49 consulate generals, 172 consulates, 13 vice-consulates and 24 consular agencies.

the heroes of the Alamo were a group of suicidal maniacs rather than have some Texas writer who knows Texas to do the writing. I have spent years in collecting Texas jokes and some of the best were appropriated in the article without so much as a "By your leave" or a word of acknowledgment.

**CROSS PLAINS**

Benton Jones attended a family reunion in Strawn Sunday.

Mrs. Jack Graves was an Abilene visitor one day this week.

R. E. and T. B. Wilson was in Baird Tuesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Peyton Smith visited relatives in Lampasas Sunday.

Miss Mary Souder of Abilene, spent the week end here with her mother, Mrs. Flora Souder.

Jimmy Burks of San Angelo, is visiting here this week in the T. B. Burks home.

Anderson Barr was a Coleman visitor Monday.

Miss Mary Beth Palmore of Williams was a week end visitor here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Moore were Baird visitors Sunday afternoon.

Pete Moore was an Olney visitor the past week end.

Mrs. L. J. Erley has as her guest this week, her sister, from Denison.

Bill Cowan, of Wichita Falls, was a week end visitor here.

Miss Pauline Payne has returned here after a weeks visit with friends and relatives in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Caton have been visiting in Fort Worth, Dallas and Clarksville the past week.

**Callahan Man Asks Wider Cotton Uses To Assist Markets**

In outlining the efforts of the Cotton Producing Industry and Cotton Trades Industry to cooperate with the Surplus Marketing Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture to increase our domestic consumption of 100% American cotton products, Hugh Curtis, chairman of the Callahan County Cotton Industry Committee, says that cotton clothing is more suited to Southern climates than any other fabric.

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