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FROM THE EDITOR'S WINDOW

The editor of the News is away on a month's leave of absence and the "sub" is again at the desk.

The program at the First Baptist church last Sunday morning and evening honoring our public schools was well attended and interesting throughout.

Those who have not read the letter from Will C. Florence of Slaton entitled the "Shame of Texas," should do so at once.

For those planning a motor tour, it is best to get a large road map.

Roasting of our modern speed transportation, our forefathers of one hundred years ago did the same thing.

We heard over the radio this morning that the Duke of Windsor, former King Edward the Eighth, and his wife, the former Wallis Warfield, are planning to sail for the United States this fall.

Our neighboring city, Abilene, is preparing to increase their water supply by building a dam across Elm creek.

The Stanton Reporter tells us

SCRANTON DEEP TEST MAKING PROGRESS

The deep test well in the Scranton community six miles southeast of Putnam is drilling at about 600 feet.

CITY WATER TO BE DISCONTINUED

The water from the city lake or Isenhower lake, is to be cut off Monday, Oct. 11th.

ON PROGRAM AT STATE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Miss Eloise Norred, a daughter of Mrs. W. H. Norred of Putnam, who is teaching music in the Wichita public schools, has been placed on the program for a speech at the Texas State Teachers' Association.

WOMEN'S STUDY CLUB MEETS

The Women's Study Club met Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. R. D. Williams.

Members present were Meses. L. L. Williams, J. N. Williams, E. C. Waddell, Fred Short, Mark Shurwin, R. D. Williams, Fred Farmer, R. L. Clinton, W. H. Norred, H. A. Pruet, Wiley Clinton, and G. S. Pruet.

During the business session the club voted to sponsor a program with the Simmons Cowboy Band in the near future.

To the Top "I am very proud of the way my son has worked his way to the top."

through its interesting columns this week that Martin county is on a sure-though boom this year with a very fine cotton crop.

Mrs. John Cook is visiting in Houston and has been for several days.

Chester Allen and Hollis McKinney were in town Saturday and said they had planted about fifty acres of wheat and oats.

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CALLAHAN PAROLE BOARD PAROLE

Governor Alfred has appointed an assistance parole board for Callahan county consisting of the following: Ace Hickman, Charlie Barr and Roy Kendrick.

GEORGE PEARCE IS SERIOUSLY ILL

George Pearce is seriously ill at his room. Mr. Pearce came to Putnam in 1906 and he lost his wife soon after coming here.

\$35,000,000 INCREASE IN WAGES

Railroad management and labor Sunday night reached a \$35,000,000 compromise in a controversy that has been carried on for several months.

Dr. William Liereson, federal mediator, who for five weeks played the role of peacemaker, announced from his Conference room that the Big Five Brotherhood accepted the carrier's promise.

NOTICE

There will be preaching services at the Church of Christ on next Sunday morning, October 10, at eleven o'clock.

No Change in the Tariff

We have just received a copy of the Texas Weekly, edited by Peter Molyneux, Dallas, and it is so near in line with our views and in line with what ought to be done in the cotton situation.

The Tariff Question is figuring more prominently in discussion of the cotton situation just now, and there seems to be a growing sentiment in favor of a concerted demand that the Democratic majority in Congress do something about revising the Hawley-Smoot rates downward at its next session.

COTTON REPORT

Charley Davis reported 267 bales of cotton ginned by the Farmers Gin Company up to Wednesday night.

WILL JOBE IN CAR WRECK

Mr. and Mrs. Will Jobe and Mr. and Mrs. Rip Kennedy and two children attended the ball game at Throckmorton Friday evening and on their return about 11 o'clock ten miles north of Albany they had a head-on collision with another car.

METHODIST QUARTERLY CONFERENCE SUNDAY

Presiding Elder Curry of the Cisco district will preach at the Methodist church Sunday at 11:00 o'clock.

PANTHERS VS. STRAWN IN CONFERENCE GO

Oliver Davis, Sports Editor The Panthers representing the ole blue and white will take the field this afternoon on the local gridiron against the Strawn Greyhounds for the first conference tilt of the season.

The Greyhounds are leading the conference as the result of a six to one conquest of Clyde last Friday.

Buster Roberson, Panther center who was injured in the game with Throckmorton last Friday night, will not be able to start the game this afternoon, although hopes are high that he will be in the game before the first whistle is blown.

J. W. Hammond, reserve center, is slated to start at the pivot position.

The Panther coach, Mr. Clyde Dean, has been working hard with the Panthers this week in preparation for the game this afternoon.

The following is the Panther line-up that will take the field this afternoon, as released by Coach Clyde Dean:

JOHN COOK ON FEDERAL GRAND JURY

John Cook and Gus Brandon were called before the federal court Monday as grand jurors. Mr. Cook was chosen as a member of the grand jury and made secretary of that august body, while Mr. Brandon was excused and he returned home Monday afternoon.

His Successor?



NEW YORK . . . Confirming reports that he is to retire soon, Postmaster General James A. Farley declines to comment on speculations as to his successor.

Black Is Back



BALTIMORE . . . Home again after sojourn in London, Associate Justice Hugo L. Black, recent Roosevelt Supreme Court appointee, finds himself center of stormy controversy over supposed Ku Klux Klan affiliations.

PANTHERS LOSE TO THROCKMORTON FRI.

Oliver Davis, Sports Editor The Putnam high school Panthers lost to the highly touted Throckmorton Greyhounds last Friday night at Throckmorton, 9 to 0, in a game that was marred with frequent fumbles along with some brilliant runs.

The Panthers were supreme in everything except the score. The locals registered 6 first downs to Throckmorton's 4, and had the upper hand in yards gained.

JUNIOR STUDY CLUB

The Junior Study Club of Putnam met Monday at 3 o'clock in the home of Mrs. Bill Clinton, the president. Roll call was answered by various topics of the news and radio of the day.

LIQUOR REVENUE NETS

The general fund in Texas was richer by \$754,661 from taxes derived from the sale of liquor during the month of August.

W. M. S. MEETS

W. M. S. meeting was held September 29th, with the following program given:

GEORGE MORGAN SELLS GROCERY

George Morgan of Baird, who was formerly in the grocery business in Putnam, but moved to Baird and opened up a grocery, sold his business to Roy Allen of Nimrod this week.

ACHIEVEMENT EVENTS IN HOME DEM. CLUBS

Achievement Day Events are in full swing in the home demonstration clubs of the county. The purpose of these days is for the club to show their improvements and accomplishments they have made during the year.

Clyde H. D. had their achievement event in the form of a tour of the entire club membership Friday, Oct. 1. The club met at the home of Mrs. C. Holden at 9:00 a. m. and visited the following homes during the morning:

Denton H. D. club, under the direction of Mrs. E. J. Barton, president, had their Achievement Event in the home of Mrs. J. T. Gibson, wardrobe demonstrator, Oct. 4, beginning at 2:00 p. m. The president, Mrs. Barton, called the house to order and held a short business meeting, then the program, chairman took charge of the meeting.

Wednesday Cross Plains will have an Achievement Event in the form of an exhibit, which will be held in one of the business houses of Cross Plains.

Thursday the agent will be in Abilene attending the District Canning Contest. Miss Loma Johnson of Denton will represent the 4-H clubs of Callahan county.

Friday afternoon Midway H. D. club will hold open house at the home of Mrs. A. Wilton.

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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.

NO CHANGE IN TARIFF—
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some extent in the West, and even in other sections of the country, and also among non-political individuals, so to speak, who are concerned that the progressive destruction of foreign markets for agricultural products shall be halted. This sentiment is taking the form of a challenge to the oft-repeated statement that some other solution for the problem of our declining foreign markets must be found because "nothing can be done about the tariff." There is a growing tendency to question this latter assumption, to ask, "Who says nothing can be done about the tariff?" and to add that "Nobody has a right to say this until a real attempt is made to do something about the tariff." It is an extraordinary fact, as is now being pointed out with greater frequency, that during five years of Democratic domination of both houses of Congress no bill has been introduced looking to a general revision of tariff rates. Mr. Mansfield of Texas introduced a bill about four years ago calling for a horizontal reduction of all rates by a fixed percentage, but nothing has come of this bill. The Democrats have seemed content to permit the Reciprocal Trade Act to stand as their alibi on the tariff question. The agreements negotiated under that act so far, however, have not been with countries which formerly provided the best markets for American farm products, and consequently there has been no restoration of those markets and no check to the progressive decline in consumption of the American farm products abroad, notable cotton. In the case of cotton, as is well known to our readers, foreign consumption of the American product has continued to decline in the face of record-breaking increases in the consumption of other goods. Moreover, the chief thing that is the matter with the foreign market for American agricultural products is that the dollar purchasing power of foreign countries has been radically reduced because of the high American tariff against their products. In other words, it is the American tariff, and not any barriers set up by foreign countries, that is destroying the markets for American cotton and other farm products. This situation, it is argued, could be improved immediately and ultimately remedied completely by getting down the American tariff. Why not demand that Congress take this action? The usual answer to this question one hears is that any attempt of that kind would "arouse the most powerful lobby that has ever descended on Washington." And now the reply is beginning to be heard: "All right. Let's arouse it then. Let's have a look at it. It would give an opportunity to have the country hear both sides." Whether anything tangible will come of this kind of talk, we do not know. But we certainly would like to see some of our Democratic statesmen put on the spot on this

question. It ought to result in some very interesting revelations. One thing we are quite sure it would reveal would be that most of the Democratic members of the two houses of Congress are not Democrats on the tariff question at all, but dyed-in-the-wool protectionists. And yet there can be no doubt that there is a great deal of sentiment for tariff revision in this country, and there can be no doubt either that sooner or later the statesmen of the United States are going to have to face the duty of adjusting the trade policies of this country to its status as a creditor nation. Such a concerted demand that the Democratic congress do something about the matter might not accomplish its object, but it would be a good way to begin the fight. To go on forever assuming that "nothing can be done about the tariff" will only perpetuate that condition. The real objective of such a move should be that of making it increasingly difficult for the gentlemen at Washington to "do nothing about the tariff."

No change in the general policy is contemplated by the gentlemen of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration next year, which means that the Roosevelt administration, in any event, has no intention of doing anything about the tariff, but expects to "adjust" the cotton and other crop policies to the high tariff system. According to information from Washington the goal to be set by the administration for cotton is a reduction of acreage to somewhere between 29,000,000 and 31,000,000 acres. Each farmer is to be informed before planting time next spring of the acreage he will be expected to hold his cotton to, and he will be allowed a payment of two cents a pound on his "normal production" in consideration of his "cooperation." It is expected that the acreage to be awarded Texas will be in the neighborhood of 11,000,000 acres. In other words, with the prospect of a surplus from this year's crop of about 3,000,000 bales, the aim will be to reduce the crop picked next year by at least that amount below the current crop. There is a possibility that the lower world price for American cotton this year, which was about \$18 a bale below that of a year ago during the past week, will have the effect of increasing the consumption of American cotton abroad and thus reduce the amount of this surplus. But against this possibility there is a record-breaking crop of foreign cotton to be considered, which may have precisely the opposite effect. From the production angle, there is always the possibility, of course, that bad weather late in the season will reduce the normal per-acre yield, and thus result in a much smaller crop than normal from the acreage planted. However, aside from these possibilities, the object of the program next year will again be that of reducing production by reducing acreage, and the program will include no plan whatever calculated to check the decline in foreign consumption of American cotton, to say nothing of restoring consumption to former levels. The high tariff, and all that it means to our export trade, is to be taken for granted, and the effort will be to hold down American production below the level of world consumption of American cotton. If the decline in foreign consumption of cotton continues during the next year, in spite of lower prices, and if there is anything like a normal yield per acre, there is more than a possibility that the reduction contemplated will not be sufficient to keep production below consumption, and the net result will be a continued loss of world markets for American cotton. This kind of "adjustment" to the high tariff policy will mean a continued decline of American production toward the goal of what is euphemistically called "a domestic basis." Those who believe

that the "control" program should be abandoned, if the destruction of our entire export market for American cotton is to be prevented, might well begin their attack with a demand for a reduction of the American tariff level. But falling in this, with the probability of a demonstration that tariff revisions downward is "politically impossible" at this time, they will be compelled to propose some substitute plan for the "control" program. This substitute plan, whatever it may be in detail, undoubtedly will propose the paying of a bonus of two or more cents a pound on "normal production," without the control feature, permitting the farmers to produce whatever amount of cotton they choose and to sell it on the export market for whatever price they can get. We have said that we would regard such a plan as superior to the "control" program, and that is our deliberate opinion. But it will nevertheless be another attempt to adjust American crop policy to the high tariff system.

History of the control program has demonstrated that the more we reduce in this country, the more foreign countries produce, and the more they produce the more foreign cotton will be consumed by the world. We find that this year's crop is an over production from three and one-half million bales to four million bales, and if this program is continued,

how long will it be until even ten million bales will be an overproduction, and the way it is going it will not be five years until even eight million bales will be an overproduction. We do not only lose our export business on raw cotton, but the mills have to depend a great extent on foreign buyers for an outlet for the manufactured cotton goods, and with the clamor for higher wages and in case of higher cotton prices, the mills will lose all of their foreign trade and the consumption by domestic mills will fall off also.

5000 MEAT SHOPS CLOSE

In New York a shut-down of more than five thousand meat shops were ordered Saturday on account of the high price of meat. How many shops participated in the shut down could not be determined immediately. More than 5,000 belonging to the Federation of Koscher Butchers and serving an estimated Jewish population of more than 2,500,000 were called upon to keep their doors locked. David Greenwood, attorney for the federation, said flying squads of pickets were being sent into Manhattan and Brooklyn to picket any stores that might ignore the order.

The women are quitting the markets and turning to other meats, such as fish, oysters and other sea meats that can be had for much less money, as they contend that

meat cannot be eaten at the present prices.

CENSUS TO BE TAKEN

The United States government is going to take a census of the unemployed at an early date. They are contemplating mailing out a questionnaire to the thirty one million homes with a lot of questions asked, and are asking the people to return them within two or three days at least from the time they are received, stating how many in each family are unemployed if any. These questionnaires are to be mailed out between the 15th and 20th of this month as we understand the news reports. Each family may be on the lookout as they will receive one. The question arises at once who are going to be unemployed, as many people will be employed in the cotton fields and other places that is not permanent.

LESS AMERICAN COTTON USED

Exports of American cotton shows that they are running about 50,000 bales ahead of last year, but the figures given out by the secretary of the New Orleans exchange show that the mills are taking less American by 355,000 bales than was taken by the mills last season. This report is from August 1st to the night of October 1st. Figuring on the above

Shrewd

Grandma was helping Peggy make out a list of little guests for her party.
"How about the Morton twins?" Grandma asked.
"Well, there's no need to ask them both," Peggy answered, "they're 'zactly alike."

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This interior view showing a gas circulator type heater was taken in the home of one of our customers.

5 Simple Rules of the "Heating Photo Contest"

1. All photos must include a view of the gas heating equipment used to heat the room or adjoining room in which the photo is taken. (See sample)
2. The house in which you reside must receive its gas service from one of the companies of Lone Star Gas System and all photos submitted in the TEN WEEK CONTEST must be taken in a home served gas by one of the companies of Lone Star Gas System. These companies are: Lone Star Gas Company; The Dallas Gas Company; County Gas Company; Community Natural Gas Company; Texas Cities Gas Company.
3. Employees of any company of Lone Star Gas System and their immediate families and professional photographers or persons engaged in the business of making photographs for commercial purposes are not eligible to enter this Heating Photo Contest.
4. All photos submitted must have your name and address (including the town) PRINTED PLAINLY ON A SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER AND PASTED TO THE BACK OF EACH PHOTO ENTERED IN THE CONTEST.
5. All photos submitted should be delivered to your local gas company office or mailed to LONE STAR GAS SYSTEM, ADVERTISING DEPARTMENT, 305 S. HARWOOD ST., DALLAS, TEXAS.

The contest is for a TEN WEEK Period from October 11, 1937 to December 18, 1937 (inclusive). All photos submitted will become the property of Lone Star Gas System to be used as desired by the company. Photos entered in the contest will not be returned and weekly prize winners will be advised by letter. At the close of the ten week contest a complete list of prize winners will be available for inspection at your nearest gas company office.

YOUR gas company wants to buy one hundred photos or "snap-shots" to be used to illustrate various types of gas heating appliances used in homes of the Southwest.

Note the sample photo in this advertisement and read the five simple rules of the contest and submit your entries NOW. No matter what type gas heating equipment you prefer — floor furnaces, gasteam radiators, gas circulators, or gas radiant type heaters — take pictures of your living room, dining room, or bed room and submit them in the TEN WEEK PHOTO CONTEST. Be sure to include a view of some type of gas heating appliance.

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Weekly prizes of \$10.00 each will be awarded the ten best photos submitted each week during the contest. A total of one hundred prizes of \$10.00 each will be awarded for the best photos submitted between the dates of Oct. 11, 1937 and Dec. 18, 1937. At the close of the contest additional grand prizes will be awarded as follows: 1st grand prize, \$100.00; 2nd grand prize, \$75.00; 3rd grand prize, \$50.00; 4th grand prize, \$25.00. Send in your entries EACH week. Yours may be just the kind of photos we need.

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