

From The Editor's Window

March is with us again and made its arrival on scheduled time and true to custom, blustery with sandy skies.

March is the third month of the year now, but formerly was the first. Julius Caesar was the man who changed the original calendar arranging the months and renaming some of them.

March received its name in honor of the war-god Mars, but really has no significance to the character of Mr. Mars, as in many places the climate during the month is very mild. Stormy, blustery conditions prevail for the most part in northerly and westerly regions.

Texas now boasts of a print paper mill located at Lufkin. The paper is manufactured from our own Texas pine and was brought about chiefly through the efforts of the East Texas Chamber of Commerce.

A certain man thought he had struck prosperity not long ago when he found a quarter in his boot and later when a toe was cramping and he investigated found a dime all the same day. Naturally, he was happy until he found his pocket had a hole and the money was his own and merely changing places.

A few weeks ago this column reported the mining of volcanic ash, a new industry in Scurry county not far from the town of Snyder. Since that time the town of Snyder and the Scurry county Chamber of Commerce have been working in co-operation to bring other new industries to the county and are now taking steps toward securing an oil well supply house, a plant for refining the volcanic ash, and a plant for making fireproof insulation materials from the ash.

It is a big job to be a good governor of a big state such as Texas and we imagine very hard on the nerves at times.

Not long ago a mother and step-father were charged in court with neglecting and otherwise contributing to the delinquency of an eleven year old girl. The girl testified that she had been reared in the home of her maternal grand-parents and preferred living with them.

It is said that Mr. Sadler of the Railroad Commission, recently made the statement that the poet laureate of Texas gets a salary of \$12,000 a year.

Mrs. Lexie Dean Robertson of Rising Star, who is our present poet laureate took exception to the statement and said she doesn't get that much and wasn't especially happy at "having the title I am honored to bear used in the deprecatory manner he implied." She felt Mr. Sadler spoke without due regard of the place the poet laureate holds in the hearts of the people of Texas, which incidentally, is a cherished one.

The Putnam P.T.A. meetings are scheduled for the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. According to this plan, the next meeting will be on Thursday afternoon, March 14.

Mrs. J. E. Heslep left Thursday for a stay of several days in Cisco, where she is nursing a patient.

RED WILLIAMS QUILTS TEXAS & PACIFIC JOB TO TAKE PLACE WITH BIG SPRING POLICE

Eugene Williams special officer of the Texas & Pacific railroad for several years, and a resident of Baird, resigned his position with the company last week, and accepted a position as policeman of the Big Spring force.

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM TO BEGIN IN PUTNAM SCHOOL THIS WEEK

The Putnam school officials announce the government lunch program to begin this week. Mrs. Waters government supervisor will be in charge and WPA labor will be used.

The school is to furnish everything that is necessary for serving and the government will furnish the major portion of the commodities and all labor. The school children who are not receiving government commodities will supplant a portion of the groceries by paying 5 cents per day, in conjunction with the lunch program and the school will begin a garden project at once.

A canery will be operated in connection with the program at the school building this summer and people in the surrounding territory, will be benefited in that they will have the privilege of purchasing garden produce to be canned on shares.

The school is to receive all benefits of canning on the shares as retained by the government.

POLL TAX PAYMENTS ABOUT 1000 INCREASE OVER THE 1938 TOTAL

Table with 5 columns: Pre., Polls, Ex., Pre., Ex. Total. Shows an increase in poll tax payments from 1938 to 1939.

This is considerably over the 1938, payments; but is still several hundred below the high of a few years ago.

CITY ELECTION TO BE HELD APRIL 2

The city election will be held on April 2nd. And the city council at its regular meeting on February 23rd passed an ordinance, requiring all who desire to run for any office in the city, to file their names for a place on the ticket, on or before Saturday night mid-night March 16, A.D., 1940.

There will be no charges for a place on the ticket, and as usual any person may write in the name of any person, they may wish to cast their vote and the vote will be counted, for such person; but no name filed for a place on the official ballot after midnight March 16th, will be considered. The election will be held at the city hall, and Frank Kennedy has been appointed as presiding judge.

Mrs. Bill McMillan is in Baird this week at the bedside of Billy Hall Walls, who is ill with pneumonia. Mr. Walls married Mrs. McMillan's daughter, Miss Felina McMillan.

IS CANDIDATE



ROSS HARDIN

Ross Hardin, one of the famous Hardin Twins in the state legislature, this week actively began his race for state railroad commissioner, opposing Chairman Lon A. Smith.

Promising to "clean up the East Texas oil field" and to institute some economy measures in the Austin office of the railroad commission, Hardin said he favored "cutting down on some of those 'dead-head' employees down there," and prohibiting issuance of allowables on dead wells.

W. C. (BUCK) BROOKS ANNOUNCES IN THIS WEEKS ISSUE FOR COMMISSIONER PRE. 3

W. C. (Buck) Brooks of the Pueblo community was in Putnam Friday and authorized the News to state he was a candidate for the office of county commissioner, from precinct No. 3, Callahan county.

Mr. Brooks, states he has been reared in Callahan county, living near the Shackelford county line, he was reared on the farm, and has been in the farming and stock raising business the greater part of his life. He moved to Cisco in 1921 and entered the grocery business and remained in that business until 1924 and from 1924, to 1930 he was back in the stock raising and farming business.

In 1930 he was employed by Holland Page, construction contractor and was made foreman, working for him for four years, building and constructing roads of practically all kinds, during the four years which should give him a good knowledge of practically all kind of road work, including maintenance. Since 1934, he has been back in the farming and stock business. Give Mr. Brooks your careful consideration.

Mr. and Mrs. Mit Cook, Jr., and Barney Anthony of Canyon spent Saturday night with Mrs. Cook's relatives in Waco.

WARNING TO CITIZENS TO BEWARE OF SAFETY RACKETEERS WHO ARE GOING OVER COUNTRY

A timely warning to all citizens of West-Central Texas to beware of racketeers hiding behind the skirts of bona fide safety organizations has been issued by J. C. Watson, secretary of the Oil Belt Safety Council.

"I hate to admit it," Watson commented, "but racketeers and confidence men are beginning to take advantage of the goodwill created by regional and local safety organizations."

To back up his warning he quoted from a letter received last week from the Austin Safety Council. "Racketeering is attempting to invade the field of safety and to capitalize on the good intentions of churches, civic clubs, and other bona fide organizations," wrote J. Donald Hill, executive secretary of the Austin council.

"Certain parties are touring the county posing as safety workers, and attempting to 'work' local citizens and reputable local bodies. We have information that suspicious safety workers are currently planning a 'campaign' through local churches, and we take this occasion to ask you to be on guard."

"The function of the safety council is to encourage in every way possible safety work on the part of individuals and organizations of integrity; likewise we consider it our duty to warn against those who would make a racket of the effort to save human lives."

"Any bona fide safety can easily obtain credentials from your local safety council, the chamber of commerce, or the Oil Belt Safety association and the National Safety council and with local and state governmental bodies."

"We respectfully urge that you demand these credentials of all out of town professional safety workers before having anything to do with them. If they are not bona fide, then their inability to obtain these credentials is your protection."

Watson said several citizens and organization of this area had been victimized by racketeers in the past. The Oil Belt Safety council and local councils have broken up as many or more swindle schemes to embezzle in the name of safety.

E. G. SCOTT RECOVERING AFTER SEVERAL WEEKS CONFINEMENT WITH FLU

E. G. Scott a prominent stock farmer and trader, who has been confined to his room for several weeks with a severe case of the flu is recuperating and he thinks he will be able to be up in a short while and be able to look after his business.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Waddell and children were visitors in Abilene Sunday.

TO HOLD HEARINGS ON INCREASED OIL PRODUCTION IN THE SCRANTON FIELD

The railroad commission of Texas, Friday authorized the Schelly Oil Company to clear 17,085 barrels of oil over-production in order to prevent physical waste in the Bay City field in Matagorda county, and at the same time set hearing for increased allowables.

March 12th, is set for hearings on increased allowables for the Scranton pool Callahan county, and the Bowls pool Taylor county.

SAFETY RULES PLACED IN EVERY ENVELOPE WITH LICENSE PLATES

The Texas highway department, in releasing figures which show that there were 1,583 traffic accidents in Texas, resulting in death in 1939. The State Highway Engineer said this represents a slight decrease of 27 deaths over 1938, but a greater reduction could be effected in 1940, if drivers would make a special effort to drive correctly and safely.

The Highway Department and various traffic organizations have worked diligently during the past year to teach safe driving and to install corrective measures for safety on the highways, but it seems from the number of deaths in 1939 that motorists have failed to cooperate as completely as they should.

In an effort to reduce traffic accidents and to encourage correct driving the Highway Department has issued a set of driving rules and has placed a copy of these rules in every envelope containing 1940 motor vehicle license plates. Every motorist is urged to read these rules carefully and to drive carefully in 1940.

WADDELL REAPPOINTED POST MASTER FOR ANOTHER FOUR YEAR TERM

Ernest Waddell received a letter from Congressman, Clyde Garrett at Washington, Friday morning stating that his reappointment to the office of post master at Putnam had been recommended to the senate for re-appointment, and his confirmation would be made within the next few days. Mr. Waddell was appointed by former Congressman, Thomas L. Blanton about six years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Nelson and son Bob from Albuquerque, N.M. visited in the home of Mr. Nelson's parents Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Nelson over the week end. Also Mr. and Mrs. Clark Tabor of Clyde visited in the home of the Nelson's Saturday night and Sunday.

T. A. White federal census business enumerator was in Putnam Tuesday afternoon, and said he had the business census completed.

SAYS ADVERTISING IS INEVITABLE

Donald E. Montgomery told the Consumer Education association Friday that advertising is "as everlasting and as inevitable as eating."

"It started when the first man took a stone and scratched a sign on another stone saying he had a goat to sell," Montgomery said. "It will continue until the next to the last man hoists a flag to announce a superstratosphere plane for sale, guaranteed to reach Mars overnight, non-stop."

Montgomery is consumers' counsel of the department of agriculture, but he emphasized in his address that he spoke as a private citizen and not as a government official.

THE WEST TEXAS UTILITIES SELLS THE REA POWER

The West Texas Utilities company, pioneered in the construction of rural electric lines in West Texas, now is serving six REA units with whole-sale power generated at plants in San Angelo, Quanah and Abilene, the most recent of these connections is the Southwest Rural Electrification Association at Vernon. Others are located at Stamford, Rotan, Coleman, Wellington and Memphis.

CROSS PLAINS, BAIRD HOLD BAND CLINIC SAT.

Special band clinic was conducted Saturday for the Baird and Cross Plains high school bands in joint session at Baird by six members of Abilene Christian college's Wildcat band and the group's director, D. W. Crain.

This event was arranged by the directors of the J. C. class bands: Dale McCook, ACC graduate of 1934, at Cross Plains, and Harrison Matthews, 1938, at Baird. Sectional rehearsals were staged and the ACC students conducted discussions for the four divisions of the band. Charles Dich and Nelson Slater worked with the brasses; Clint Cooke with the horns; James Dabney with the percussion division; Roland Howell and T. H. Gubbert with the reeds.

CIGARETTE TAX BRINGS BIG REVENUE TO TEXAS

Revenue raised from cigarette tax during the fiscal year, 1939, amounted to the sum of \$6,890,109.37, according to the report of the State Comptroller.

The tax on cigarettes, of three cents a package was equivalent to more than one dollar, for each man, woman, and child in the State of Texas.

MODERN BEAUTY SHOP OPERATORS ALL GO TO THE DALLAS MEETING

Mrs. Rogert Estes, manager of Modern Beauty shop at Baird accompanied by the entire force of operators, including Mrs. Marjorie Ray, Misses Joe Boyd, Mae Clair Wheeler and Margaret Selsank and Eliska Gilliland, postmaster at Baird, attended the all Texas Beauty congress at Dallas, Sunday and Monday of last week.

Mrs. Estes has one of the best equipped beauty shops in the district, and believes in keeping up with the latest styles in this line of work. She closed her shop up so that the entire force could attend this congress and familiarize themselves, with the newest methods of work, the people are demanding. She has some good operators as you will find in Abilene or any of the larger places. Why go to Abilene when you can have your work done in Baird, and save the expense?

Mrs. S. E. Ingram was in Putnam Friday and called at the News while here and run her subscription up for another year. Thanks Mrs. Ingram and call again.

J. M. (Dink) Rouse of Santa Anna has been visiting his sister, Mrs. W. M. Tatam this week.

J. D. Allen of the Pueblo community was in Putnam Friday afternoon visiting his son Oliver Allen county commissioner from Putnam, and daughter, Mrs. J. R. Gunn.

Bob Young and Wess Everett of Cross Plains was in Putnam Saturday afternoon.

HULL HAS PIECE OF GLASS REMOVED FROM EYE IN CALIFORNIA

Dolph Hull, Putnam boy now in school in California, has recently had an operation for the removal of a piece of glass from his eye sustained in the car wreck during the Christmas holidays in which Tommie Gunn also a Putnam boy, lost his life.

Dolph wrote his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Hull that he is well pleased with California and the school. His grades are remarkably good considering the short time he has been in the aviation training.

RELIGIOUS DRAMA SUNDAY NIGHT

Sunday night, March 10, at the Methodist church a cast of twelve will present the religious drama "Love Never Faleth." The drama will be given at the evening worship hour of the church, 7:30 o'clock. Everyone is invited to be present.

OLIVER DAVIS HAS EYES BADLY BURNED IN BIG SPRING FIRE

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Davis have just received a letter from Oliver Davis, a son at Big Spring, who has been employed by the Frak's Department store in Big Spring, for some time, stating that they had a fire, in which the stock was damaged several thousand dollars, and that he had sustained badly burned eyes. He states that his eyes are severely burned; but doesn't think his sight will be effected, when the burns are healed up.

BLANTON TO ENTER RACE FOR CONGRESS IN THE 17 DISTRICT

According to a news story in the daily papers of Tuesday, March 6, Thomas L. Blanton, former congressman from the 17th district, will enter the race again this year opposing congressman Clyde Garrett, of Eastland who defeated him four years ago, in a run off primary by about 15,000 votes.

UNION DEMONSTRATION CLUB MET FEBRUARY 28

The Union Home demonstration club met in called session Wednesday afternoon February 28, at the club house.

Mrs. H. G. White presided and all old business disposed of and new business was discussed. Play practice begun Monday night for a three act play comedy to be taken to Putnam.

Those present for the afternoon business session were: Mrs. R. C. Yarbrough, Jim Yarbrough, Otis Tatam, Frank Meyer, D. R. Jackson, Ennis Qualls, Burette Ramsay, Emmett Wood, N. L. Bailey and H. G. White, president.

At 8 o'clock Wednesday night, the community met at the club house where Miss Clara Brown brought all baby chick equipment to demonstrate and county agent, Ross Brison of Baird, and Mr. Hayes and Swartz of Abilene of the soil conservation project gave a very interesting lecture on water facilities. A large crowd attended, and all appreciated these men coming out.

The next club meeting will be held at the school house March 13, and all members are urged to attend and visitors invited.

Mrs. Gus Brandon returned last Friday from Big Spring where she had been visiting her sister who had a severe case of flu.

J. H. Owens of the Pueblo community was in Putnam, a short while Thursday afternoon.

D. D. Jones and R. A. Patk of the Pueblo community passed through Putnam Thursday afternoon on their way to the county capitol and on their return they stopped in Putnam, for a short while.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubry Hull of Longview spent the week end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Hull. They were all dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Richards at Olden Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Watkins of Colerian formerly of Putnam, has been transferred back to the Humble station here.

Miss Lena Flemings of Abilene spent Sunday with her mother Mrs. Lula Flemings.

Advertisement for First National Bank in Cisco, Texas. Features text: 'This Is The BANK that SERVICE', 'A STRONG BANK', 'Transacting business along sound constructive and conservative lines and soliciting the accounts of forward looking and individuals.', 'Modern Safety Deposit Service', and 'FIRST NATIONAL BANK IN CISCO, TEXAS. This Is the Bank That Service Is Building'.

CALLAHAN COUNTY H.D. CLUB TRAINING SCHOOL TO BE HELD MARCH 16

Officers training school for Callahan county HD council postponed last month because of unfavorable weather, will be held at Baird Saturday, March 16. Sessions will begin at 10 o'clock Saturday morning.

Specialists in various departments of home demonstration program will address the assembled officers.

COTTONWOOD H. D. CLUB IN REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Cottonwood Home Demonstration Club was held in the club room at the high school building on Friday afternoon March 7, 1940; with the president, Mrs. Norman Coffey presiding over the business session. Fourteen members were present.

By-laws for the club were read and adopted. Mrs. H. S. Varner was elected kitchen demonstrator, and Mrs. Sam Moore elected poultry demonstrator. The club will sponsor a game night at the school March 12th at 7:30.

Members present were: Miss Beulah Respress and Mesdames: Lloyd Bryan, W. R. Thompson, Floyd Coffey, Elton Jennings, Sam Moore, R. S. Peavy, J. S. Gafford, Norman Coffey, R. J. Willoughby, O. D. Strahan, H. S. Varner, J. F. Coffey and Miss Missouri Strahan.

The next meeting of the club will be an all-day meeting at the home of Mrs. H. S. Varner Friday, March 15th. Miss Clara Brown, county H.D. agent, will be present and give the February demonstration on brooding baby chicks, and also will give the regular March demonstration. All members please be present.

In 1929, agricultural products provided one-fourth of Texas total cash income while minerals amounted to one-fifth. In 1938, agriculture including government subsidies yielded but one-fifth while minerals, principally oil and gas, furnished one-third.

Oil supplanted cotton as Texas' largest money crop in 1929.

High Spots on Record-Breaking Run



Signs of the times in a motor age—these highway markers tell the story of a two-year, 100,000-mile truck test run recently completed by Chevrolet. In Canada, Mexico and every state of the Union, the truck operated on all types of highways and under every conceivable weather hazard, setting a new world mark for sustained and certified automotive operation, under the sanction and official observation of the American Automobile Association. The unit carried a 4,590-pound "payload." An average of 15.1 miles per gallon of fuel was maintained throughout the 100,000 miles, at an average operating speed of 33.07 miles per hour. Oil mileage was correspondingly high—1,071 miles per quart.

Food And Income From Poultry Would Aid Cotton Belt; South's Farm Families Need More Chickens

Even the 102,000,000 chickens on farms in major cotton-growing States fall far below the number needed to provide food for the family and revenue. Southern poultry authorities point out. Estimating that 50 to 100 thrifty laying hens are needed to furnish meat and eggs for the average farm family, they maintain that increased poultry production would raise both living standards and income on nearly 3,000,000 farms of the South.

That poultry raising is being handled more efficiently is indicated by improved methods used by successful Southern poultry raisers. Early-hatched chicks from well-bred, selected flocks are being used to make more profitable layers. Practical recommendations of Colleges and Experiment Stations on brooding, housing and feeding are the foundation for many successful poultry practices.

In making spring preparations for baby chicks successful poultrymen move brooder houses to new ground where oats or wheat provide green feed, or plow or spade old ground and sow oats or wheat. After the brooder house floor has been scrubbed with a strong lye solution and the brooder stove is set up, sand is spread under the "hover" of the stove. For an inexpensive litter, cottonseed hulls are frequently spread 4 to 6 inches deep on the floor, where they may be left 6 to 8 weeks if stirred weekly with a rake. Sanitation is aided by spraying hulls, weekly, with a solution of 94 per cent kerosene and 6 per cent cresol.

To develop strong, healthy layers, experienced poultry raisers start feeding when chicks are one day old, using carefully selected rations. Because it has been proved to be an economical and dependable source of essential protein, cottonseed meal is widely used for growing chicks and pullets in the South.

DOCKET SET IN 42ND DISTRICT COURT NOW IN SESSION AT BAIRD

Criminal and civil dockets for the 42nd district court term which opened at Baird last week have been set by Judge Milburn S. Long.

Case of West Texas Utilities Co. et al. vs. City of Baird, et al. bond litigation, was set for March

first. Following cases will be called March 4; State vs. Archie Nobles, indicted on a charge of wife and child desertion; state vs. J. F. McGee; state vs. George E. Morris, billed on a charge of driving while intoxicated; state vs. C. M. Gresham; state vs. E. R. Brown, wife and child desertion; state vs. Edward J. McCormick, wife and

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Parents Should Warn Children Not To Kill Song Birds

It has been called to my attention that in several communities, children have carelessly been killing some of our valuable song birds and other non game birds. Because of this fact I am requesting parents to warn their children not to kill these birds. They are protected by law, besides being the most valuable birds found in our cities and towns. They are valuable to farmers in their war on insects.

Most cities and towns have city ordinances against shooting rifles in city limits. Many small boys use their air rifles and practice their marksmanship on these beautiful song and other non-game birds. Surely this is a practice that parents should help to stop. It is true that every boy is born with the desire to kill and he will in nearly every case start out with a toy gun and acts the part of shooting everything that gets in his way. Parents usually warn these tots to Never point a gun at a human being even if it is a toy. In the same manner it would be easy to teach them the value of these birds.

In a short time this boy is old enough to own his first air gun, then is the time he will spend hours trying to slip up on a red bird, mockingbird wren or any other bird that moves in the trees. Gradually his skill is improved and soon he is able to kill many birds in a day's time. Just think of the great loss that our bird life suffers every year in every city in the United States, where its boy population with the small air rifle starts murdering the beautiful birds and just lets them lie on the ground, where they fall and go on their way to hunt another. Soon this boy is a few years older, and he is presented with a 22 rifle. With this higher powered gun he can increase the number of birds per day that he can kill.

This March continues on through manhood and does not stop when the air rifle and 22 age stops. Every year during hunting season we see very often in the newspaper where a man who was deer hunting shoots and kills a man thinking that it was a deer. Besides this, cows, horses, mules and other forms of livestock are killed by the hunters who in nearly every case grew up under the impression to shoot any and every bird that moves. Identification of birds is very valuable to every boy.

The following is a list of the unprotected birds. Parents are asked to help teach their boy to identify them on sight. These include English sparrows, crows, ravens, vultures, or buzzards, rice birds, road runners, goshawk, Copper hawk, or blue darter, sharp-shinned hawk, duck hawk, jay birds, sapsuckers, blackbirds, starlings, woodpeckers, butcher birds, or shrike; and the great horned owl. All other birds are protected by the laws of our State and our federal government and it is unlawful to kill or possess

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Cross Plains and Clyde Lead Gains in Poll Tax Payments

Poll tax payments in Callahan county for the current year show an increase of 101, over 1938, the last election year. The figures this year are 2,762 poll tax payments as compared with 2,661 two years ago. Of the 19 voting precincts in the county, nine showed a loss in poll tax payments, eight showed gains and two remained unchanged. Largest gain was at Cross Plains and Clyde, each of which increased 51. Other voting precincts gained or lost as follows: Baird lost two, Belle Plaine lost eight, Cottonwood gained three, Tecumseh lost 29, Clyde gained 51, Cross Plains gained 51, Admiral lost nine, Putnam gained 11, Erath broke exactly even, Eula gained 11, Caddo Peak gained nine, Egal Cove lost four, Atwell lost 12, Lanham gained 10, Dressy broke exactly even, Oplin gained 29, Rowden lost five, Denton lost three, Hart lost one.

POLL TAX PAYMENTS

Boxes	Polls	Exempt.
Baird	662	30
Belle Plaine	37	1
Cottonwood	114	1
Tecumseh	2	
Clyde	382	7
Cross Plains	413	5
Admiral	55	
Putnam	324	13
Erath	30	
Eula	30	
Caddo Peak	24	
Egal Cove	43	1
Atwell	35	2
Lanham	34	1
Dressy	70	4
Oplin	216	2
Rowden	70	2
Denton	87	4
Hart	26	2
Total	2762	79

79 certificates of exemption were issued to new voters, those who attained the age of 21 years after the first day of January, 1940. The exemptions were apportioned as follows: Baird 30, Belle Plaine one, Cottonwood one, Clyde seven, Cross Plains five, Putnam 13, Eula four, Egal Cove one, Atwell two, Lanham one, Dressy four, Oplin two, Rowden two, Denton four and Hart two.

SCRANTON

Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Leveridge and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Clinton attended the funeral of Bob Townsend at Pigh Sunday afternoon.

J. D. Sprawls, Jr. and family of Putnam and Budie Reed and family of Eastland were visitors in the J. D. Sprawls, Sr., home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cook were Putnam visitors Sunday.

Coleman O'Brien and sons Atral and Gale of Stephenville visited W. N. Black Saturday night and Sunday.

A birthday party was given at

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Home Making Hints

BY CLARA BROWN

Hot rolls on the table means a thoughtful cook in the kitchen. Home-made rolls are a welcome addition to any meal in any season. For generations, baking day has meant fresh bread as a family treat for supper. But there's always special cause for celebration when mother takes the time to shape some of the bread dough into rolls. Even today many homemakers, who have a bakery in the neighborhood to supply their bread, still like to make a special batch of rolls for a company dinner. And in the home that is equipped with a refrigerator it's easy enough to make a week's supply of dough and bake the rolls fresh each day.

Rare is the family that would ever grow tired of plain rolls when they are hot and fluffy with a tender brown crust. But for the ambitious homemakers, who like variation in her meals from day to day, there are dozens of ways to change the shape and even the flavor of the home-made roll.

Beginning with the plain roll, any standard recipe can be made to yield an endless number of shapes and forms. To make this plain roll, cut or tear the dough into small pieces after the second kneading. Have your hands lightly greased as you shape these pieces into small balls with smooth tops. Then place the rolls close together on a greased baking sheet and let them rise until double their bulk. Or, if you like rolls with crusty sides, place them farther apart so they will not come together as they rise.

The finger roll, sometimes called the dinner roll, is a simple variation. To make it, shape the dough until it is long and narrow—about the size and shape of your finger. Crusty bread steels are made in the same way, except that you roll each piece of dough between your hand, until it is very long and thin. Or you might like to braid three of these long, narrow strips together to make a braided roll.

If you'd like to try some tricks with baking rolls in muffin tins, there is the always popular clover-leaf roll. To make this three-sectioned roll, pinch off very thin pieces of dough and shape them into balls. Drop three in each muffin tin and, presto, when they rise they'll be joined like the lobes of a clover leaf. Of course, you can make twin rolls by using only two bales in each tin; and if you want to hurry the job, you can get attractive looking rolls by putting just one larger ball in each tin.

Another favorite is the parker house roll, which is also known as the pocket-book roll. The name "parker house" comes from a famous old hotel in Boston, where this particular kind of a roll is believed to have originated. The usual meth-

od for making the parker house is to roll the dough out flat and cut it into rounds with a biscuit cutter. Brush each circle with melted butter, then crease in the middle with the handle of a knife, and fold the top over double.

And if you have the dough rolled out, there are all sorts of other tricks to try. Cut the dough into triangular pieces and roll them up, starting at the bottom of the triangle and rolling towards the point. Then shape the roll into a crescent by bringing the ends around to the front. A sprinkling of poppy seed. Brush top of roll with egg white first, to make the seeds stick.

Pinwheels with all sorts of fillings are always tempting. When the dough is rolled out thin, spread it with soft butter and your favorite filling. Then roll like a jelly roll and cut off the rolls about one inch thick. Cinnamon and sugar makes a good filling, and you can add any kind of nuts or dried fruit. Candied fruit peel, grated orange rind, and spices of all sorts, with honey or with brown or white sugar—can also be used in making delicious sweet fillings. For a change, try filling the pinwheel roll with ground ham or peanut butter or grated cheese.

Glazed rolls always hit the spot for breakfast. Put plenty of butter in the bottom of the pan—a deep pie plate or individual muffin tins—with brown sugar and nuts or raisins. Then put in plain rolls or pinwheels with a sweet filling. Let them rise, and bake as usual. When they are turned out there will be a syrupy glaze on top.

But whatever shape you make the rolls, be sure to make them small and dainty, and to serve them hot. Remember that all except the glazed rolls look most attractive when served in a folded napkin on a plate.

Here is a standard refrigerator roll recipe, which has been worked out by the Bureau of Home Economics.

1 cake (1/2 ounce yeast)
 1/4 cup lukewarm water
 1/2 cup fat
 1/2 cup sugar
 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
 2 cups scalded milk
 1 pound 15 ounce (8 cups) sifted soft-wheat flour.

Soften the yeast in the lukewarm water. Add the fat and sugar to the hot milk. Combine lukewarm, add a beaten egg (if desired), and combine with the rest and water. Stir in the sifted flour and salt until the dough is stiff enough to knead. Knead thoroughly, form into a ball, and put into a greased bowl to rise. Cover the bowl and set it in a pan of warm water to keep it at a temperature of 80 to 85 degrees F.

When the dough has doubled in bulk, punch the center, pull the



EASTLAND COUNTY HAS TWO LEAP YEAR BABES

least two leap year babies. A girl was born last Thursday at Eastland to Mr. and Mrs. Henry De Los Eastland county can claim at Santos, and at Ranger a girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Dickson.

W. T. C. C. CONVENTION TO BE AT BIG SPRING

The dates for the 1940, convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce has been set as May 13, 14, and 15. West Texans will gather at Big Spring on those dates for the 22nd, annual convention of the regional organization.

A convention steering committee was named by the WTCC and the Big Spring organization, as follows: Ted Goebel, president, Big Spring Chamber of Commerce; Edmund Notestone, Big Spring, convention chairman, Bob Whipkey, editor, Big Spring Herald; and J. H. Green, manager, Big Spring chamber of commerce; President, Fawcett; A. F. Achford, San Angelo, WTCC first vice-president; J. S. Birdwell, Wichita Falls; WTCC second vice president, and D. A. Banded, Abilene, WTCC manager, J. A. Bix, Fort Worth, assistant WTCC manager. A meeting will be held at Big Spring at an early date, or the steering committee to complete the preliminary plans for the May convention.

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- Grammar School Girls: First place—Edna Earle Barrow... Second place—Janelle Roberson... Grammar School Boys: First place—Dale Ellis...

Senior Girls:

- First place—Wanda Woods... Second place—Betty Woods... Third place—Janice Jean Damon

Senior Boys:

- First place—Troy Caraway

Junior Girls:

- First place—Estelle Lunsford... Second place—Mary Ames... Third place—Betty Lou Sharp

Junior Boys:

- First place—Billy Mac Jobe

The judges were from the schools of Cisco. The grammar school divisions are under the direction of Miss Theda Smith and the high school divisions under the direction of Miss Hamilton.

TO THE PEOPLE OF PUTNAM AND THE PUTNAM TRADE TERRITORY

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For District Clerk: RAYMOND YOUNG
For County Treasurer: MRS. WILL McCoy, JENNIE HARRIS
For County Assessor and Collector: B. O. BRAME
For County Clerk: MRS. S. E. SETTLE
For Commissioner Preetinet No. 3: O. D. ALLEN

TO THE CITIZENS OF CALLAHAN COUNTY

I hereby announce to the citizens of Callahan County that I am a candidate for the office of County Treasurer, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, July 27, 1940.

I was born and reared at Adminal, in this county, (daughter of the late R. J. and Virginia Harris) and have lived here all my life except at a few intervals when my employment was elsewhere.

I have had a number of years experience in public service, which included several years as saleswoman in the Dry Goods Dept., in the general merchandise stores of B. L. Boydston, at Clyde and Baird; approximately 8 years with the Texas & Pacific Railway Co., as clerk in the mechanical department, and served 18 months in the State Department of Public Welfare, in the division of old age assistance, in Texas.

LAKES AT BROWNWOOD AND CISCO MAY HAVE INLAND SEAPLANE BASE

Lake Brownwood and Lake Cisco are two of eighteen Texas lakes being considered by the Civil Aeronautics Authority as inland seaplane bases.

Most of the lakes are in Central, North and West Texas and were suggested by Capt. Hester M. Smith acting regional airport engineer of the CAA.

Purpose of the bases would be to provide a place where seaplanes might land. Most rivers in Texas do not contain enough water during the dry season for safe landing.

Under a plan advanced at CAA headquarters, Fort Worth seaplane landing out would be built by National Youth Administration labor with the various cities as sponsors of the project.

Other Texas Lakes suggested as possible sites are Fort Panon Hill Reservation, Dilene; Lake Euchaean, Austin; White Rock Lake, Dallas; Lake Weth, Fort Worth; Red Bluff Lake; Lake Nasworthy, San Angelo; Medina Lake, San Angelo; Lake Waco, Waco; Lake Wichita, Wichita Falls; Lake Cisco, Cisco; Possum Kingdom Dam Lake, Graham; Lake Mineral Wells, Mineral Wells; Lake Kemp, Vernon and Seymour; Lake Austin; Bridgeport Lake, Bridgeport; Lake Dallas, Denton; and Lake Paris, Paris.

MA. FERGUSON MAY MAKE THE RACE FOR GOVERNOR

The Comanche Chief had the following to say in last weeks issue of the Chief in regard to Mrs. Ferguson running for governor. "James E. Ferguson was in Dallas, last week, and said that his wife, "Ma", had come out for Roosevelt for a third term and that should make Roosevelt favor a third term for "Ma". He says that, "Ma", is getting many letters to make the race and, "If we think that we are needed, we will see if we can't do something about it."

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Tribute will be paid by the spellbinders to "the horny handed tillers of the soil" and the speakers will refer in touching tones to the days when they themselves "pulled a bell-cord on old Dobbin down the long rows." One such orator in a previous campaign assured an audience:

"I was born on a farm; I was raised on a farm; I've plowed; I've milked; I've mended cotton; I've milked—in fact, there's nothing done on a farm that I can't do."

The stump—speakers will praise George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Andrew Jackson and Woodrow Wilson has been dead long enough now that it's safe to praise him, too.

Another story comes to mind: A campaigner was orating: "Our grand and glorious country stretches from the rocky coasts of Maine to the golden strand of California; it stretches from the Great Lakes to the glittering waters of the Gulf of Mexico."

Remembering faces and names is difficult enough for a county or district candidate so think how difficult it is for a state candidate, as big and as populous as Texas is. One veteran of the political wars has evolved a system so good that it ought to be passed on:

In a crowded hotel lobby, he will introduce himself to a group of men; then, spotting an important-looking man in a nearby group, the official will say, "Isn't that Judge Blank of Dimmitt?" and someone will say, "No, that's Mr. Soandso of Forney" and the official will then rush over, grab the man by the hand, call him by name, ask him how everybody is in Forney, get introduced all around in that crowd, then use the same method to get the name and town of one man in the next group.

Speaking of difficulty in remembering, there's the story about the candidate at a picnic who introduced himself and among other questions, asked, "How's your father?" to which the citizen replied, "My father is dead." The candidate "Of course, of course" and then, as he continued mingling in the crowd, ran across the same voter and, in asking about the state of health and prosperity of the voter's relatives, inquired, "How's your father?" to which the citizen answered, "He's still dead."

There's nothin' as uncommon as common sense—as my grand- used to say.

The list of Texas newspapermen who've written books lengthier: Fred Massengill, Sr., of Terrell, whose volume tells the origin of the names of Texas towns; Paul Yates, Austin political commentator who has written a book on the mythical Paul Bunyan; Ed. Kiman of the Houston Post, whose volume deals with Texas history; Byron Utecht, Fort Worth Star-Telegram representative in the Capitol, who has written a book on the Texas legislature. Col. Dick McCarty,

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COTTONWOOD

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Coffey and children, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Strahan visited at Comanche Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Weldon and son were Abilene visitors Saturday. Miss Palmore visited relatives at Stephenville last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Arvin and daughter, Jo Ruth of Baird visited with Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Varner Sunday.

J. M. Hembree of Abilene spent Wednesday night of last week with Eunice Hembree.

Mr. and Mrs. Thaxton Evans of Brownwood visited with grandmother Evans Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mountain Warren of Baird, Mr. and Mrs. Connell of Denton attended services at the Baptist church Sunday.

Mrs. Tom Earl Bryant is visiting at Hobbs, N.M., and Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Peavy of Oplin, Mrs. Muri Mitchell of Clovis, N.M., visited with Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Peavy Saturday.

Bro. Redden with five other preachers of Abilene, Bro. Hollis and Mr. DeShazo of Putnam put on a program Friday night and organized a Brotherhood.

Rev. and Mrs. D. Van Pelt and son attended services Sunday night at the Baptist church.

Rev. Beaty Miss Todd and Roy Lee Williams of Hardin-Simmons with Bro. Redden put on a Missionary program Sunday night.

Mrs. W. W. Everett of Putnam, Mrs. Neal Moore, Mrs. Truman Mize of Cisco and W. P. Everett of Abilene visited with Mrs. Floyd Coffey Thursday.

Mrs. Ed Nance spent last week with her mother Mrs. A. J. Windham of Doole.

Elder Jack West and wife of Evant were visitors here Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Fulton and Miss Hazel Respass attended the singing convention at Rowden Sunday evening.

Jack Cook spent Sunday afternoon in Abilene with his sister Malcolm Hayes.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Cook of Cross Plains spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Cook.

grand old man of West Texas newspaperdom, attracted such wide attention with his picturesque style of writing that he was offered a place as a columnist on a big Eastern journal but turned it down to remain in his beloved Albany. Get Carl White of the Peoples Press at Port Arthur to tell you about an "extra" which he got out; it consisted of only one copy and when it was presented to a group of editors who had been out of touch with the world for three days on a fishing trip on the Gulf, the wild statements and happenings, (all imaginary in the paper really created consternation till they learned it was a hoax. Some humorist once said: If a judge makes a mistake it becomes the law of the land; if a doctor makes a mistake, it is buried; if a preacher makes a mistake about the hereafter, nobody will know it until the next world; but if a newspaperman makes a mistake, there it is in cold type and everybody knows about it.

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METHODIST CALENDAR

Sunday, March 10: 10:00 a.m.—Church School. 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. 3:00 p.m.—Junior Intermediate League. 6:30p.m.—Young People. 7:30 p.m.—Religious drama: "Love Never Faleth."

Wednesday, March 13: 3:00 p.m.—Woman's Division of Service. 7:30 p.m.—Choir practice. Pre-Easter Revival Meeting. March 17 to 24. J. Morris Bailey, pastor

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