

FROM WHERE I SIT

By Hila Weathers
Manager Martin County Chamber of Commerce



MEMBER OF THE WEEK FOR this issue, is one of whom we are very happy to announce. You see, this is a farmer member, which is pleasing to note that the membership was voluntary. Our new member is the Zimmerman Hotel, a charter member, and was then under the name of the late Mrs. Georgia Zimmerman. Now, it was our pleasure to have her daughter, Mrs. Ellison Tom of Midland, to come to the office and state that all places of business should support their Chamber of Commerce, and she said: "It is so essential to the building of any town! Wasn't that nice? Makes us work a little harder toward building our community. Thanks, Mrs. Tom. We shall always be mighty happy to have Mrs. Tom come by the office when in town. And we DO appreciate this new, or re-newed, membership."

WE HAD TWO VISITORS from out-of-town, representatives of our new member, the Texas and Pacific Railway Lines. These visitors were A. C. La Croix and B. R. McDowell. We really do appreciate their visit, and we can say that every time any of the Railway officials have business in Stanton, they always drop by the office. We do like to know that they are interested in our efforts. And that new spur west of town shows they are interested in our area.

OUR NEW RESIDENTS THIS week, include Mr. and Mrs.

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Stanley Brown and small son, who are living at 500 West Third Street; R. M. McAlpine with the Westland Drilling Company, has a room in the Jim Hopkins home. Four other families are to be with us soon, as they plan to move to Stanton around March 1. So, we are gradually increasing our population. We promise you that we shall do our best to help all newcomers.

THERE'S ALWAYS A FIRST in everything, and we had our **FIRST** committee meeting in our new office on Monday afternoon, when Bob Deavenport, chairman of the Red Cross work in this county, called his Directors together. The meeting was held at 3 o'clock, and not too many members were present, but a lot of good work was done. Read the full story of this program. We do want all organizations to feel that this is their home, and is centrally located for committee meetings; just notify us, and we shall arrange the office for your convenience.

BE SURE TO PLACE FRIDAY, February 27, as an important date. This is "Irrigation Day" in Stanton. The Cap Rock Electric Cooperative will sponsor a school on that date. As you know, we are in a growing irrigation section, and depend much on this activity, and I'm told that YOU are invited. Out-of-town speakers who will appear on the program from Denver, Colorado; Hammond, Indiana; Washington, D. C.; three men from Lubbock, one from Big Spring, and several from Stanton and Martin County. And, there's going to be "dinner all day, and singing on the ground!" Seriously, this is a well-rounded program being offered to all who are, and should be interested in irrigation! We'll be seeing you there.

AND HERE COMES A REQUEST for some literature of Stanton, as well as a sample of soil. Now, what kind of dirt does he want? Some of that which was foating through the air Monday? No, that might have been from Lubbock. Some of that kind that ripples before the breeze which gently but firmly covers vegetation. Now! That could be from Dawson County. Now, I'm in the market for some good, rich dirt (soil, that is), and have asked Ray Hastings, County Agent, Charles Daniels of the PMA, and Martin Vavra, Soil Conservationist, for their help. So we should get the correct type of soil to mail out.

ONE OF OUR RECENT VISITORS was W. W. Beene, representative of the Pioneer Airlines. His home is at Terminal, and was kind enough to leave a schedule of flight service, so if any of you folks want to "fly away," come by and I'll tell you when to go. Really, the information may be helpful to some of you.

Martin Named "Pilot County" in Study By Superintendents

Martin County has been selected as one of fifteen counties in Texas to serve as "pilot counties" for a County Superintendents' Study. Representing Martin County will be James McMorris, Ex-Officio Superintendent.

In designating Martin County, McMorris was told: "You may regard this as a distinct honor, because the primary factor in the selection was outstanding leadership, along with cooperativeness, initiative, and possibilities of future growth. An attempt was also made to select counties representing a good cross-section of the various geographical areas, and with many different types of problems."

"The success of our efforts, during this and the next year, in defining the new role of the county superintendent and in demonstrating the service that the office can provide, will undoubtedly be a major factor in determining whether the county superintendency in Texas will occupy a position of educational leadership or be abandoned."

A SATISFIED CUSTOMER

Among the many letters received from Reporter subscribers living in other counties, enclosing checks for renewal of their subscriptions, comes one from Miss Birdie McArthur, Lorraine, a subscriber who says, "Sure do like your paper for the oil news it carries each week. I'm not very well acquainted with the people over there but I have a farm 1 1/2 miles from the Valley View School. Am always glad to get rain and oil reports from that part," and ain't we all, Miss McArthur.

if so, we'll be happy to serve.

SOME OF THE VISITORS TO the new office during the past week include Mrs. Alma Thornton, Donald D. O'Connor, Mrs. Lee Turner, J. W. Weidell, June Graham, Mrs. Wallace Kelly, Jack Bentley, Mrs. Ray Kelly, Elbert Steele, Ira Brown, Jack Arrington, Cliff Fisher, of Big Spring, and of the Southwestern Telephone Company, Mrs. S. W. Henson, Mrs. W. H. Wilson, Ida Peters, Coats Bentley, Dwayne, who helped us with our file cabinet, and you know what? There were several others, but we lost our paper. Sorry!

OUR QUOTE FOR THE WEEK: "The true test of greatness is to recognize your smallness and then DO something about it!"

Representative Mahon Reports on Problem Of Agricultural Labor

George Mahon, local representative in the United States Congress, made the following special report to The Stanton Reporter today.

"If we make a cotton crop this year, and we hope we will, we will again be plagued with the problem of agricultural labor. A few days ago, I went to a conference room in the Department of Labor and listened to the new Secretary of Labor, Martin P. Durkin, discuss the problem. He pledged himself to try to help the farmers with this problem, and he came out in favor of a bill to continue, in 1954, the present law which permits negotiations for labor from the Republic of Mexico.

"The present law expires at the end of this year. Previous contracts have been lopsided in favor of Mexico. I feel, as most farmers feel, that the administration of the farm labor laws should be transferred from the Department of Labor to the Department of Agriculture, where, in my opinion, a better job could be done. I have asked President Eisenhower to explore the possibility of transferring the administration of the Mexican National labor program to the Department of Agriculture under authority recently granted him by Congress to reorganize the Government agencies.

"The meeting with Secretary Durkin was attended by a special nationwide advisory committee on farm labor. The committee had come to Washington to formulate farm labor recommendations for 1953.

"In talking with officials, I've said that under no circumstances would we be willing to tolerate a recurrence of the ordeal which we had in West Texas last year over the cotton-pulling wage scale. They seem to think that no difficulty will be encountered in avoiding this pitfall.

"It is too early to predict what will happen to the plan to extend the law which provides for the importation of labor from Mexico. I have reintroduced my bill

Martin County Exceeds Early Estimate of 15,000 by 937 Bales

The estimated 15,000 bale production mark generally agreed upon by cotton growers and ginner of the county for the 1952 cotton yield, made at the outset of the growing season, has been met and exceeded by 937 bales, making the total of 15,937 bales. This announcement of bale production comes from last week's report issued by the United States Department of Agriculture. The department's census covers seventeen counties in the San Angelo district with Martin County numbered among the seventeen.

The seventeen counties produced 276,449 bales, the top county was Reeves with 103,740 bales. Reeves is one of the counties of West Texas that in the past few years has gone extensively to irrigation, and as a proof of the additional acres going under irrigation in Reeves County is revealed in the number more bales of cotton ginned in 1952 than in 1951. In 1951 Reeves ginned 68,561 bales compared with 103,740 bales in 1952.

The three counties bordering on Martin County for the 1952 crop ginned: Dawson, 46,941, compared with 58,427 in 1951; Howard, 2,618, compared with 23,889 in 1951; Midland, 3,090, compared with 2,649 in 1951.

The total number of bales ginned in the seventeen counties for 1952 was 276,449 compared with 316,743.

BUS DEPOT RE-LOCATES

The American Trailways, a bus line serving Stanton, has located their depot at Wheeler Motor Co. Tickets and travel information are available at the motor company's office on highway 80 or by telephoning 9501.

which proposes that the question of child labor in agriculture during school terms, be left to the determination of the several states where I think it belongs."

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BROTHERS WIN AT FORT WORTH SHOW—Billy Bradford (left) and his brother, David, of Colorado City, Texas, whose Hereford steer won the grand championship of the junior show at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth are shown receiving the handsome trophy presented by Roy Boswell on behalf of the Texas Livestock Marketing Association. The steer, which also won the reserve championship of the entire exposition, brought \$3,850, the purchaser being Leonard Bros.

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CRUMBS

From Exchange Table

A. E. Richards, of the Anton News, has purchased a weekly newspaper in Levelland, stored his News plant in Anton, and moved to Levelland. He sold the circulation and goodwill of the News to Mrs. Opal Stephens of Lubbock, who gathers all the news of Anton, advertising, etc and sends it to Richards where the paper is printed in his plant and sent back to Mrs. Stephens for mailing and distribution in the Anton post office. Mr. and Mrs. Stephens will move to Anton as soon as they can obtain suitable living quarters. The Stephens own ranching interests near Bangs in Brown county.

Editor Edgar of the Munday Times woke up one morning last week to a radio alarm and heard the announcer say: "Possible thundershowers during the late afternoon of Monday." As he visited the business places of Munday for advertising, news, and job printing, he scanned the clear sky for a rain cloud. His tooth started to ache and had to visit a dentist. He'd peep

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out the window between the jabblings of the dentist, and the sky was still clear. That vexed him so, he concluded to have all his teeth pulled out but changed his mind. Went to bed at 9:15 with the whole lower jaw hurting. Woke up in the morning found all pain in the jaw had disappeared — it was raining, and it continued to rain 1.38 inches worth by the time the day was over. As he walked down into town everybody he met had broad smiles on their faces and a happy greeting. But with all that came the remark, "what we need now is more of the same." Edgar concluded it was the toothache that forecasted the rain, and when it did come the aching stopped.

The City Commission of Post, Garza County, has purchased the water rights on 157 acres eight miles west of town. The purchase price to be paid the farmer is 3c 1,000 gallons on 10-year contract. One well on the farm is producing 300-gallons per minute. The contract stipulates that as many as four wells may be operated on the 157-acre tract. The city owns and operates 17 wells, and with this addition of water the Commission hopes to get from the new wells, the supply will be sufficient to provide plenty of water for a peak consumption of 1,000,000 gallons daily.

Dog Days in Stamford last

week, and Editor Roy Craig of the American was right in the middle of them. The canine disruption came when a pet dog was run over and killed in the street. From that point a rumor started that a mad dog had bit a man and was on the loose. Roy armed himself with hydrophobia preventatives, his pencil and notebook visited all the doctors' offices in the city and made a "fine tooth comb" inspection of hospital, but could find no one that knew anything about a man being bitten by a mad dog. The mad dog scare wound up by someone reporting a man tried to pick up a run-over pooch, and the pooch had enough life in him to bite the man. It was a dog-gone story that ran Editor Craig dog-gone near crazy in writing an editorial that required the greater portion of two-columns down the page of his newspaper to explain about the dog-gone story to start with.

There will be a "hot time" in Cochran County come March 7. That will be the day the voters of the county will buckle on their armor and do battle with their ballots on the proposition of whether or not Cochran county will legalize the sale of alcoholic beverages. A petition bearing 180 names requesting the election was trimmed down to 116 qualified voters after examination by the commissioners' court. The Morton Tribune reported.

A \$3,000 to \$5,000 was the estimated damage done by fire to the block-long \$1,000,000 school building at Whiteface. The fire started while the school was in session, which probably saved destruction of the entire school plant.

Sue White, Howard County 4-H club girl and student at Howard County Junior College, sold her grand champion steer of the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show for \$6,000. She added another \$1,100 to bring the proceeds of the calf to more than \$7,000. Her investment was \$700. Sue White, 18, plans to use the money to carry on her college education, according to the Big Spring Weekly News.

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mention the error Editor Joe Hayden made in his Big Spring Weekly News last week. He won't see this anyway, for I doubt if he reads this column. Joe published the names of 17 counties in the San Angelo area, giving the number bales of cotton ginned in 1952 and 1951. He had Martin County listed as ginning 1,937 bales in 1952, when the correct figures should have read 15,937 bales. Joe lost a "FIVE" which is a common loss among folks outside of the newspaper business. Joe, just add another figure to that five you lost and bring me over a carton of SIX.

McCamey citizens, according to the News, are planning to observe Public School Week, March 1 to 7, by visiting the school during the week. It is the expressed desire of the school committee that every citizen visit the school one day during the week. Cooperation of the citizenship is necessary to have a good school.

And it's ever thus. When a fellow leaves his old home town with the idea that success is awaiting him in whatever venture he undertakes in the big city, he lands back in his old home town and says, "the old home town looks mighty good to us after living in Big D." That quote was made by a Hamlin citizen on his return home after trying to make a go of it in a big city, and published in the Hamlin Herald.

It was a scene re-enacting the "old-time-religion" camp meeting with folks shouting all over the place when a rain measuring 1.38 inches fell in Knox County one day last week. The Munday Times said it was "hilariously" welcomed by everyone, more especially by the wheat growers of the county.

The folks over at Wink are stirred up over the failure their

affecting the heart and circulatory system caused 763,000 deaths in a single year and have disabled millions of Americans, many of them Texans. In a specially prepared proclamation, Governor Shivers said, "These diseases are recognized as the most important medical problem affecting the life and health of citizens in this community and throughout the nation."

The month of February is sponsored each year by the American Heart Association and its affiliates to focus public attention on the medical, social and economic aspects of this leading health problem, and to secure the fullest cooperation of

the people, science, government, health agencies and social agencies, in devising means to combat this menace," the governor said.

The goal of the Texas Heart Association is \$400,000 which will be raised by volunteer workers from every walk of life. Edgar M. Brown, executive director of the Texas Heart Association, said that schools, churches, scientific bodies, civic associations, business establishments, social and fraternal organizations and the Texas people generally have been asked by Governor Shivers to cooperate wholeheartedly in the activities of American Heart Month.

Deaths From Heart Disease 763,000 In Single Year

In a state-wide appeal for all Texans to support the current Texas Heart Fund, honorary chairman, Governor Allan Shivers, pointed out that diseases

bank wasn't made the County's Depository, when its bid was for a higher pay of interest. The Wink Bulletin reported that the bid of the county commissioners' court to accept the bid of the Wink bank, would be an "estimated loss to Winkler County taxpayers of some \$12,000 a year."

A partial "moving in" of equipment by the Matador Tribune into its new building last week, the first item of equipment to be moved in to the office was a Bible, leatherbound, 100 years old, owned by grandmother of Douglas Meador, editor of the Tribune. The type was handset. A brief ceremony was held in which a local minister, Rev. Keith McCormick, gave a short prayer. There was a small group of employees and associates attended. Formal dedication and "house-warming" will probably be held on the Tribune's birthday, March 14, Editor Meador said.

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Highlights and Sidelights FROM Your State CAPITOL

By VERN SANFORD
Texas Press Association

AUSTIN—One step in the direction of solving the state's difficult highway problem was taken when the Legislature passed a resolution asking the federal government abandon its two cents per gallon gasoline tax.

States now levying an income tax have agreed to give up that revenue source if the federal government will stop taxing gasoline. Texas has no state income tax, so Texas has everything to gain and nothing to lose.

The resolution was introduced in the House by Rep. Will Lee Smith of Beaumont and in the Senate by Sen. Johnnie B. Rogers of Austin.

A campaign to bring about retirement of the federal government from the field of motor fuel taxation was initiated by Governor Allan Shivers and the National Conference of Governors.

Farm and highway user groups are supporting the campaign.

The resolution urges the governor to send suitable representatives from Texas to Washington to appear before congressional committees and urge repeal.

If the federal government abandons its two-cent tax, the state could impose that additional amount and thus, without actually increasing the gasoline tax as paid by the consumer, boost Texas' revenues by about \$60 million a year.

That amount has been going to the federal government annually from Texas highway users. But Texas has been receiving only about \$29 million per year in federal aid to highways.

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Rep. Charles Murphy of Houston has offered a constitutional amendment to require that all taxes on motor fuel and lubricants must be spent on roads.

One-fourth of the gasoline tax now goes to the public schools of Texas. If the schools should lose this revenue, they would have to find other funds.

What's the right way to finance roads, and what's the right way to finance schools? Members of the Legislature would give you a rousing vote of thanks for an acceptable answer to that one.

If you want to see what the road situation is, one source of information would be the 1953 Texas official highway map, now released by the state highway department.

The map is a 100 per cent Texas product. Wood pulp for the paper was grown in East Texas. The paper was made near Houston. The plates were made and the printing done in Austin.

When you buy your 1953 car license you can get a special pre-addressed card that you can use to send for the map. Or you can get one at any highway department district office or by writing direct to the department in Austin.

The maps are free.

Members of the House of Representatives have voted for a proposed constitutional amendment which, if approved by the citizens, would raise the pay of legislators from \$10 per day to \$25 per day for the first 120 days of the legislative sessions. If approved, the amendment would become effective January 1, 1953.

The proposal, introduced in the House by Rep. Robert Patten of Jasper, who advocates the

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BY EDNA MILES

IN this age of miracle fabrics, women are beginning to expect a truly remarkable performance from nearly any fashion they buy. In woolens, it's the washable woolens that are making fashion news.

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Washable woolens are now done in stripes, checks, plaids and in both dark and pastel solid colors. They're sold by the yard for home sewers or in ready-to-wear fashions, many of the latter are ideally suited to the active life of a housewife.

One New York sportswear house has done a whole group of jerseys in blouses and skirts that are dressy but simple enough for home washing. Blouses are coordinated with accordion pleated, pleated, or unpressed pleated skirts.



Decorative snap closing is used on wing sleeves by designer Carol Caldwell. Flannel blouse un-snaps and opens flat for ease in washing and dressing. Skirt and jacket are of sanforlan flannel.



Hip-buggy middy jacket is used to top a tulip-flared skirt in this interesting design. Fabric is sanforlan wool flannel, and is completely washable. Above all it will not shrink out of fit.

creation of a public utilities commission.

According to the terms of the bill, the governor would appoint members of the three-man commission for six-year terms.

The commission would be empowered to set telephone, gas, and electricity rates, except those of consumers' co-operatives or those owned by cities.

Patten said the commission is "necessary to assure just and reasonable rates for services and utilities products and thus protect the legitimate interests of the consumer and of the utility and assure adequate and non-discriminatory services."

Authority for fixing utility rates with the cities, and it is felt by proponents of Patten's bill that a state commission would tend to bring about more uniformity in the pricing of utility services.

Approved by a House committee is a bill authorizing the state to issue \$6 million in revenue bonds and use the money to build a state office building in Austin on property which is publicly owned.

Author of the measure is Representative Bill Daniel of Liberty, who says that construction



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of the new building would save Texas \$441,520 per year in rents now paid for office space in privately-owned buildings around the capitol.

Speaking for the bill at the committee's hearing were Supreme Court Justices St. John Garwood, Meade Griffin, and Robert Calvert, who said working conditions in their offices in the capitol are crowded and uncomfortable.

E. R. HAMMOCK IMPROVED

Word has been received here that E. R. Hammock who suffered a sudden illness while attending a mission conference in San Antonio and is confined to a hospital in that city is improved. Hammock is home missionary to Latin-American people of Martin County.

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State of Washington Is Where All Our Rain Has Gone

This small news item will have a tendency to make your mouth water. Mrs. Jack Adams, the former Miss Mildred Louder of Stanton, enclosed a newspaper clipping in a letter to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Louder of Stanton, from her home at Forks, Washington. The clipping was laden with water, and it was rain water, too. In the month of January, just passed, Forks had a rainfall of 41.70 inches, compared with 90.95 inches in 1952. There was only one day in January it didn't rain. The heaviest precipitation in a single day was 4.10 inches.

The nearest approach to the rainfall recorded in January was in January 1935, when 40.89 inches of rain was recorded. Albert Louder, the father reported to The Reporter that Mrs. Adams said in her letter that she would like to trade some of their water for a Martin County sand-storm.

166 Gallons Per Minute Well Extends Irrigation Area in Martin County

Martin County's great underground water reservoir is being tapped for irrigation purposes in ever increasing trend to better farming practices in this area. Less and less dependence on natural rainfall marks the progress of farmers who are putting Martin County on Texas' agricultural map.

Martin Vavra, Martin-Howard Soil Conservation Service Engineer, reports that irrigation well development is extending into the north part of Martin County where a recent well drilled on the M. B. Usry farm, eleven miles north of Grady School, and operated by Grady Turner, was measured at 166 gallons per minute, by the Soil Conservation Service personnel. Plans are to use a sprinkler system with the possibility of adding another well.

Irrigation well locations were staked recently for E. W. Holcomb and W. E. McKinney. The McKinney farm is operated by Claud Glaspie, Jr. Both farms are located in the Courtney area.

C. L. Russell, prominent Martin County farmer, will be operator of 100 acres of flood irrigated land on the Dr. K. F. Campbell ranch, and 160 acres of sprinkler irrigated land on the W. C. Westfall farm this year. Both farms are located in the Tarzan area.

RESIGNS AS DIRECTOR

Bill Shearin announced this week that he had resigned his job as Music and Education Director of the First Baptist Church in Stanton.

Bill said he hoped to visit his mother in Chattanooga, Tenn., following which he will lead singing in a revival at Wilson, Texas March 14-24. He did not announce plans following that date.

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Miss Do Ray has been admitted to the Melbourne, Australia Conservatory of Music. Those Aussies do things on a grand scale.

A New Jersey boy asked a G.I. in Korea to send him some hand grenades so he could blow up the



kid next door because he played his bugle too much. That boy's destined for big things in South American politics

This is the season when a married man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of how to sneak golf clubs out of the house.

A British psychologist says women should give their seats to men in buses because men age faster and are weaker. As any woman knows, modern males have anticipated this announcement.

New Irrigationist for The 1953 Crop Year

J. P. Stroud, substantial farmer in the Courtney community, has his "hat in the ring" as a new irrigation farmer for the 1953 crop year. He has recently drilled his first irrigation well that came in 1,000 gallons per minute. He is using 800 gallons of that amount to irrigate 160 acres for planting of cotton.

"Oh, of course, my wife has already set her head to have a slice off that 160 acres to plant a garden," Stroud said.

The Strouds have a son, Wayne Stroud, attending Sul Ross College at Alpine, and J. P. was in The Reporter office Thursday renewing his son's subscription for another year.

Electric Lines Present Danger to Kite Flyers

Texas Electric Service Company today appealed to parents to caution their children about flying kites near electric wires.

"The windy season brings kite flying time and this traditional sport is one that is lots of fun for children if it is done safely," Cecil Bridges, Texas Electric Service Company manager, pointed out. "Many youngsters don't realize the dangers in this innocent pastime if certain safety rules are not observed, the most important of which is to never fly kites where there is the possibility of them getting tangled in electric power lines."

Other dangerous practices in connection with kite flying includes using metallic cord or wire for the kite string, making the kite frame of metal, flying kites in the rain when even a cotton kite string can become a dangerous conductor of electricity and trying to retrieve a kite in case it does get caught in electric wires.

"Local youngsters who fly kites have been careful and cooperative in the past and we've had no serious mishaps in several years, but each year, over the nation, there are many cases of injuries to kite flyers," Bridges said. "If kites are made right and flown right, kite flying is an enjoyable, wholesome sport."

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fortunate areas. The outlook for the continued growth of industry and employment should be heartening to residents of the district.

No matter what happens, there's always somebody coming along who knew it would.

THIS COLUMN IS IN TOBACCO heaven, having been elevated to that position by his good friend "Jiggs" Hall, the popular pharmacist and all-round druggist of the Hall Pharmacy. It was while supping a cup of coffee in his drug store one day last week, that "Jiggs" presented me with what I at first took to be a policeman's blackjack. But it was a cigar measuring 3 3/4 inches around and 10 inches long. It's brand is, "TEXAS Cigarillo." This cigar strolled into "Jiggs'" store along about Christmas-time, more for advertising purposes to attract attention, and too, if it met the gaze of a tobacco varmit, who thought his tobacco desire was incapacitated to consume the giant weed, he could plunk down two-bits or four-bits and try his hand. As it is a free parcel of the tobacco weed to this column, he is grooming his appetite to lead Mr. "TEXAS Cigarillo" a merry

chase to save his life. I consumed one of these 10 by 3 3/4 inch behemoth of the cigar world one time several years ago, when "Jiggs" daddy, the late J. L. Hall, thought he had me buffaloed when he presented me one. If you boys see a sort of a twisting serpentine-like creature coming down the street with billows of smoke emanating from his mouth, eyes, and ears, don't become alarmed, it's me and Texas Cigarillo.

A youthful figure is something you get when you ask a woman her age.

GOING OUT OF TEXAS I FIND there is a joining State that is running desperately low on water in artificial lakes. Hobart, Oklahoma, who depends on water from its artificial lake announces its lake down to 10-weeks supply. An effort is being made to find water by drilling wells. The city has taken drastic steps to conserve the water supply it has

by prohibiting the use of water for washing cars, sprinkling lawns, shrubbery, trees, etc., and a fine is imposed on the consumer who is found allowing water to leak from a leaky faucet. Hobart hopes to find wells that will produce 200 gallons of water per minute.

A nickel goes a long way now days. You can carry one for several weeks before you find anything it will buy.

Grapevine Lake, near Dallas, that covers 7,000 acres, the dam and giant conduits, are complete standing high and dry waiting for the rains to come.

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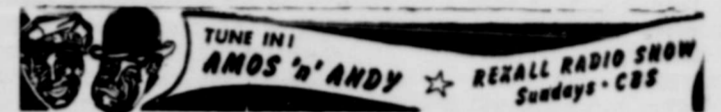


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