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## Eastland Co. Tax League Opposes Delinquent Tax Suits and State Sales Tax

Eastland County Taxpayers league memorializes:

Eastland county commissioners court to cause no suits to be filed against the homes of residents of Eastland county during 1933;

The state legislature to again remit penalties and interest on all delinquent taxes till Dec. 1, 1933, on state, county and local taxes;

The state legislature not to enact a general sales tax, but to substitute therefor an income tax and a sale tax on luxuries, only, and to name and define such luxuries that will be subject to such tax.

The state legislature to take such action that will favor using cotton bagging instead of jute, to wrap Texas cotton for market.

With an attendance of 30 or 40 the Eastland county Taxpayers League again came to life last Saturday, Jan. 28, when the president of that body, Hon. D. J. Niel, called a meeting at the court house in Eastland to consider matters affecting the taxpayers of the county. The League had remained dormant for the past several months, in fact this is the first meeting that has been held since the state and county campaign last summer. That interest is not dead in these meetings was manifested by the enthusiasm that prevailed at Saturday's session.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Hon. D. J. Niel, of Gorman, when the body was addressed by Frank Judkins, Milton Lawrence, W. S. Michael, D. J. Niel and others, on the subject of taxation. A committee composed of Frank Judkins, J. A. Beard and W. M. Jamison was appointed to draft resolutions memorializing the legislature and the commissioners court on measures of relief to the taxpayers of the state and Eastland county.

**Road Bond Payments**  
While the committee was deliberating Attorney Milton Lawrence and Auditor W. S. Michael, by invitation addressed the League. The information given by Mr. Michael was of importance, as he gave figures on the bonded obligations and county finances that were interesting. He stated that the interest on the road bonds that became due Jan. 1, as well as other payments that would become due this

year, would not be entirely taken care of by the state from the gasoline tax, as the matter of relieving the county of these payments were contingent upon the state's ability to make these collections. When the first payments became due the auditor was notified that the state would pay 73 percent of the bond payments, but later was informed that only slightly over 50 per cent would be available. "Fortunately the county had the money, and the county was able to make its portion of the payments. We had estimated that the state would be able to take care of about 65 percent of the road bond payment," Mr. Michael said, "and if this could be done the county would be able to take care of the remaining 35 percent. But we find the state will hardly be able to pay as much as was expected, and can count on only so much as the state can find available from the gasoline tax collections."

Discussing the general sales tax measure now pending in the legislature Mr. Michael said it was an unequal tax, and would work a hardship on those least able to pay.

At this juncture the committee announced that it was ready to report when the following resolutions were read by Frank Judkins, for the committee:

**No Tax Suits to Be Filed**  
"To the Honorable Commissioners Court of Eastland County:

"Be it resolved: that the Taxpayers League of Eastland County hereby request that your honorable body will not cause any suits to be filed against the homes of residents of Eastland county during the year of 1933. We believe that such action would result in untold injury to our county, as our citizens are unable to find money with which to pay taxes, and that when prosperity again visits us, our citizens will gladly pay their tax obligations."

**Remission of Penalties**  
The following resolution requested the enactment of a law by the legislature again remitting the penalties and interest on delinquent taxes till Dec. 31, 1933:

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## LOAN COMPANY MAY PROVE A MENACE TO CISCO HOME-OWNER

The Citizen hesitates to divert the attention of the Cisco public from the Community Natural hijackers, but we feel that another menace, more deadly even than the fellonous practices of the Natural hijackers, as this menace takes it all at one fell swoop, now threatens our wellbeing. The Citizen refers to the Collonial Building and Loan association, which is now foreclosing liens on Cisco property in batches of 5 to 10 residents, whose owners are unable to meet their last payments. In many instances only small sums remain to be paid, according to the pass books of the victims, but usurious interest charged by these other land pirates tell a different story.

According to instances coming to the notice of the Citizen some of the borrowers show payments of practically the entire principal, but we were told that the Collonial conspirators are claiming practical-

ly as large as sum as the original obligation.

Operating under a deed of trust the loan sharks go ahead and take over the property without a semblance of court proceeding. The sale is not even advertised in the newspapers, but notices are posted on some bill boards that no one reads unless it be kindred Shylocks, who who have amassed a bunch of ill-gotten cash, and are seeking an opportunity to add to their fund of tainted money by taking advantage of the misfortune of their fellowman.

Some day there will be a bunch of usury pleadings against this corporate viper that will shake the foundation of legal thievery to its own undoing.

The Citizen has been requested to call a meeting of the next victims who are slated to give up their property after meeting their payments till they are bled white. Such a call will be found in another part of the people's defender, the Cisco Citizen, the only independent newspaper in this section of Texas.

The Citizen is only speaking that wick the victims have told us, for our personal experience with these property pirates are limited. However, the Citizen editor did

have a little experience of petty thievery at the hands of this same home-grabber. When the Cisco Building & Loan association was organized the editor had a loan on his home. The Collonial conspirators later took over the Cisco company, and there was a small balance still due. But that was before finances became so tight, and money was less elusive, and we managed to pay the loan in full. But before a release would be issued the home-grabbers demanded an additional sum of \$2.50, which we paid under protest to prevent clouding the title to the property, but we could never get the home-grabbers to say just what this petty larceny covered, though we wrote two letters to their San Angelo office requesting a specific statement covering this additional hold-up.

The Citizen is informed that the Collonial conspirators are preparing to take over an additional batch of residence Cisco property in a few days. So, you victims, who have signed a deed of trust, better get together and work in unison to prevent this confiscation of your property.

A considerable number of Cisco homes have passed from the owners to the home-grabbers, the Collonial Loan association, since the present depression has been in flower, and others are scheduled to pass into alien hands without due process of law. Will Cisco become a building and loan owned community? When the home-grabbers have taken over the major part of the city we wonder what they will do with it.

## CISCO COTTON GINNED 715 BALES UP TO DATE

The Bankhead gin reports having ginned 715 bales of cotton to date. Manager J. L. Thornton said, while the ginning season is practically over, yet the gin handles one or two bales nearly every day.

The Bankhead Feed Mill and Gin is one of the institutions of Cisco that can be classed as a real asset. In addition to operating the gin the Bankhead carries a stock of flour, feed and grain to supply those needing these commodities, and supplies a needed market for all manner of farm produce, which makes this place general headquarters for all the farmers living in the Cisco trade territory.

Another feature that increases the importance of the Bankhead Feed Mill is the wholesale business that is now being developed. Manager Thornton told the Citizen Tuesday that his firm is enjoying a nice wholesale business, selling merchants in practically all of the neighboring towns Bankhead products and other staple lines. This will be welcomed by those living close to Cisco, as well as to our own people, as it enables neighboring merchants to get their orders filled without delay, a saving of transportation charges, and to Cisco it means bringing into this city considerable money.

One of the features of the Bankhead that has done much to popularize it with the farm, is the custom grinding, as farmers can have their feed ground here at small expense, and thereby increase its food value.

## Demonstration in Meat Curing Made At Stroebel Farm

An important demonstration was made at the Henry Stroebel farm, in the Lutheran community, Jan. 26, when about 75 of the farmers gathered to participate and witness a demonstration in meat curing, conducted by the farm and home demonstrators of Eastland county, assisted by E. H. Varnell, Cisco vocational agriculturist. Those county agents were J. C. Patterson and Miss Ruth Ramey, of Eastland county; assisted by C. M. Heald and Miss Caroline Chambers, of Abilene.

Dry curing and corning of beef and curing pork was followed by the killing and dressing of a calf, during which demonstrations and suggestions were given as to the best methods of killing, cutting, curing and canning the flesh. Improper bleeding is the cause of much loss, Mr. Heald explained, when demonstrating how the neck arteries should be cut to get the proper bleed. Hogs should be held on the back and the arteries cut just where they join in front of the breast bone and allowed to painlessly bleed to death, instead of being stunned, the assembly was told.

Beef to be dry cured is cut from the bones, rolled and tied or sewed, then a string tied through the small end for hanging. Every third day until three treatments have been given the beef is rubbed with the reg-

## LIVESTOCK MEETING TO BE HELD AT RANGER 4TH

The next meeting of the Eastland County Better Livestock Association will be held in Ranger, Saturday, Feb. 4, at 2 p. m., according to Rufus Cox who is president of the organization. Mr. Cox advises that those interested in all kinds of livestock including poultry, turkeys and rabbits will find something of interest in the meeting.

## HAS BECOME A FARMER

W. H. Kirby, well shooter, whose residence has been 1501 Avenue C, has moved out on a farm two miles west of Pioneer, on Route 3 out of Rising Star, which will be his post office address, while his phone will be out of the Cross Plains exchange. He has purchased this farm, and will make his living while waiting for new wells to shoot.

ular pork cure mixture of eight pounds salt, three pounds brown sugar and three ounces of salt petre to the hundred pounds of meat. The beef is kept hung for easy dripping. When it is firm and hard it is ready for use. After final rubbing of mixture has remained on three days, wash and let drip 24 hours, then smoke lightly, using green pecan wood, liveoak or corn cobs. Its quality is greatly improved by slicing very thin when being used.

A similar meat school will be held near Gorman on Feb. 23 and 24 with Roy Snider, A. & M. college meat specialist, in charge.

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## BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

But take diligent heed to do the commandments and the law, which Moses, the servant of the Lord, charged you; to love the Lord your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave unto him, and to serve him with all your soul.--Joshua 22:5.

I said to her, there is no God!

For hope was gone;

She told me then that God is Love,

Who leads us on, Forevermore on.

--Marie Engle Johnson.

Speech is precious and should be used not to wound but to heal, not to darken but to enlighten, not to condemn but to release.--Kansas City Freeman.

## R. F. C. FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR UTILITIES

Recently the Cisco Citizen stated that Reconstruction Finance Corporation funds were available for building municipal utility plants, and suggested negotiations with the R. F. C. officials for the purpose of installing a municipal gas plant in Cisco. The suggestion was given the city commission which took some steps looking to this end, but there were plenty excuses to show that this could not be accomplished in Cisco. Just what further results have been reached the Citizen is not informed, but we hope and presume the commission has not abandoned the idea.

We still say "the horse is 16 feet high"—that is, we still believe funds can be secured thru the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to build a municipal gas plant in Cisco if our commissioners would go into the matter whole-heartedly.

The contention of the Citizen is supported by a report from Washington that the little town of Glen Rose, in Somervell county, has negotiated a loan through the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to build a water works and sewer system in that city. The report from Washington, telling of the success of Glen Rose in obtaining this loan is as follows:

"Washington, Jan. 28.—The Reconstruction Finance Corporation today granted Glen Rose, Texas, a loan of \$45,000 for construction of a complete new waterworks and sewer system.

"The loan bonds, secured by general revenues of the water works, will pay six per cent interest. Approximately \$30,000 of the loan will be used to buy materials and 200 men will be employed directly on the project for 90 days.

"The money is to be repaid at the rate of \$1,000 per year for the next two years, \$1,500 annually from 1935 through 1940, \$2,000 annually in 1941 and 1942 and \$3,000 annually from 1943 through 1950."

Note that this dispatch says that this loan is for the purpose of "building a new waterworks and sewer system." Further, it will be noticed, that "\$30,000 of this loan will be used to buy materials." Our city commission feared this could not be done. Then, too, we were told that "consulting engineers stated that it was their opinion that the R. F. C. body would not loan funds to install a competitive system where a similar utility was already in operation." The Citizen cannot believe that the government would sanction any policy that would prevent a municipality from exercising the right of self-defense against a band of hijackers that were robbing the people. If the true

facts were presented to the authorities at Washington, and they were shown that Cisco is at the mercy of a band of legal pirates, and that Cisco was only attempting to prevent these legal bandits from confiscating the property of its citizens by installing its own utility to protect its people, congress would reverse such a ruling had it been promulgated.

We fear our commissioners have not gone into this matter with the determination that should be exercised in accordance with its importance to our people. We hardly think the whole situation has been placed before the R. F. C. body, and we predict results will follow if the commission is determined.

The huge fund made available for the R. F. C. fund was intended to be disbursed for the purpose of relieving unemployment, but the presumption was that localities would be enterprising enough to supply the project to give their local people work to relieve their distressed condition. But it seems the demand for this fund is lacking, as there is now pending in congress a measure to liberalize the conditions of R. F. C. loans by removing the self-liquidation limitation, as the R. F. C. management feels that government loan limits are about reached. Should this measure be adopted the enormous sum of two billion dollars would be available for loans.

But this need concern Cisco but little, as a municipal gas plant here would be a self-liquidating project, and the net proceeds would be available to start liquidation as soon as the gas was turned into the mains, Glen Rose will amortize this debt on a graduating sliding scale by not being required to pay to the government but

4000 the first two years, gradually increasing till the annual payments will be \$3,000 after 1943 through 1950, when the loan will have been discharged.

Yes, the "horse is still 16 feet tall," and the Citizen has not altered its belief that the funds can be made available for the Cisco municipal gas plant if the matter was taken up in earnest with the determination to put it over.

## SALES TAX MANIA

It seems that the sales tax mania has struck most of the Southern states. Over in Alabama, our native state, they are wrangling over the adoption of this method of taxation. The Birmingham Post tells how the sales tax works in the following story:

"It has been said that a sales tax is an income tax in reverse gear. Whereas the income tax takes a progressively larger share of high incomes, the sales tax takes a progressively larger per cent of small incomes.

"Figures quoted in the McGraw Hill publication, Business Week, show vividly just why this is true.

"Families with incomes of \$3,000 or less pay out 73 per cent of the total amount for consumers' goods and services. Families with incomes over \$3,000 pay out, on an average, only 27 per cent of the total amount for consumers' goods and services.

"Assuming that the state of Alabama levied a sales tax of 4 per cent, this tax would take nearly 3 per cent of the income of families receiving \$3,000 or less a year, but would take only slightly more than 1 per cent of the income of families receiving from \$3,000 upward.

"The sales tax, therefore, averages three times as heavy a burden, in proportion to income, on the family with an income less than \$3,000 a year as on the one with an income over that amount.

"If there is any merit whatever in the contention that taxes ought to fall more heavily on the shoulders of the man who is better able to pay, then the sales tax is irrevocably wrong. Its effect is the exact opposite of this principle.

"Enactment of a general sales tax in Alabama would mean bankruptcy of leadership and vision in the legislature."

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## JUNIOR TRACK MEET AT OLDEN MARCH 18; SENIOR EVENTS 24TH

Eastland, Jan. 30.—At a meeting of the interscholastic league executive committee, held at the county superintendent's office in Eastland, Thursday night, Jan. 12, it was decided to hold the junior track meet Saturday, March 18. The date of the senior track meet and literary events to be the following Friday and Saturday, March 24 and 25. Both meets to be held at Olden.

The meeting was called to order by Director General Henry Collins of Olden. The following members of the executive committee were present; Thompson Pickens, Olden, secretary; Mrs. Joe Moore, Cisco, director of declamation; Supt. A. A. Pierce of Carbon, director of arithmetic; Supt. Lewis Smith, Morton Valley, director of extemporaneous speech; Prin. W. W. Jarvis, Ranger, director of spelling; Supt. B. B. Brummett, Scranton, director of athletics; Miss Maxine Henderson, Olden, director of choral singing; Prin. J. T. Weaver, Carbon, director of the three "R" contest; Supt. B. E. McGlamery, Eastland, director of rural schools.

All entries for any interscholastic league events must be post-marked and mailed to Director General Henry Collins, Olden, not later than March 14.

A new feature of this year's league work is to be the primary rhythm band, under the direction of Mrs. Fred Roberts of Rising Star Saturday, March 18, at Olden.

Story telling hour is under the direction of Miss Fay Blankenship of West Ward, Eastland.

Playground ball, class B and rurals, is under the directions of B. B. Brummett, and the championship will be determined by a tournament to be played at Olden.

Ward school playground ball is in charge of P. O. Hatley of Ranger.

High school playground ball is in charge of H. Brannon of Cisco.

All finals in declamation will be held at Olden, both junior and senior class, Friday, March 24, and Saturday, March 25.

Ward school division of declamation will be divided according to the county commissioners' precincts. Two winners to be selected from each precinct to participate in the finals. Date for preliminaries for this is to be March 17.

The tennis tournament is to be held at Cisco and the volley ball tournament at Carbon.

Finals in boys' and girls' debate will be held at Olden, March 24.

Essay writing will be held in Olden, under the direction of Mrs. C. A. Skippy of Desdemona. This contest is to be March 24.

For any information in regard to art memory work write Mrs. C. W. Hampton of Eastland.

Music memory is under the direction of Mrs. Robertson of Colony, route 4, Ranger.

Wild flower contest is under the direction of Supt. B. E. McGlamery.

By unanimous vote, the committee decided that there would be no ribbons, medals, banners or trophies given this year. Winners will receive certificates of award in each event.

The following member schools were assessed as follows to defray the expenses of the 1933 meet:

Cisco, \$10; Ranger, \$10; East-

land, \$10; Rising Star, \$5; Gorman, \$5; each class B school, \$2.50; each rural school, \$1.

Thanks are extended by Director General Henry Collins, personally, to the good people of Cisco and especially to Supt. R. N. Cluck, for their voluntary act of kindness and generosity in assuming the old debt which has been carried from year to year by the interscholastic league, thus enabling the league to start now with a clean sheet this year.

### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH SERVICES

"Spirit" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, Sunday, February 5, including the First Church of Eastland.

The Golden Text is from John 4: "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

Included with other passages to be read from the Bible will be the following from Galatians 5: "This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.—If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit."

The Lesson-Sermon will also include citations from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy; among these will be the following: "To have one God and avail yourself of the power of Spirit, you must love God supremely.

"The flesh lusteth against the Spirit." The flesh and Spirit can no more unite in action, than good can coincide with evil. It is not wise to take a halting and half-way position or to expect to work equally with Spirit and matter, Truth and error. There is but one way—namely, God and His idea—which leads to spiritual being" (p. 167).

### NEW CASES PENDING IN EASTLAND COUNTY COURTS

91st District Court:—In re: liquidation, Texas State bank, Eastland, to collect assessment against J. L. Johnson.

Gertrude Clayton vs. G. P. Clayton, divorce.

In re: liquidation, Texas State bank, Eastland, to approve expense account for December, 1932.

In re: liquidation, Texas State bank, to approve building expense account for December, 1932.

In re: liquidation, First State bank, Carbon, approve expense account for November and December, 1932.

88th District Court:—E. D. Stroup vs. Hamon Oil Co., to collect debt.

Jerecki Manufacturing Co. vs. J. Leroy Arnold, suit on debt.

County Court:—J. B. Eberhart vs. W. A. Branton et al., appealed from Justice peace court No. 7.

James Shaw, banking commissioner, vs. W. B. Peoples, suit on notes.

### Marriage License

Dock Martin and Miss Blanche Holloway, Carbon.

Do not permit your dairy herd to stay out during cold, rainy weather. Such practice will cost you extra feed and at the same time will reduce production.

### CISCO PASTOR MEMBER OF CONFERENCE BOARD

Dr. C. C. Selectman, president of Southern Methodist University, has announced the members of the Methodist conference board for the Cisco district, which includes Rev. O. O. Odom, pastor of the Cisco First Methodist church; Supt. P. B. Bittle, of Eastland schools; and Mrs. M. H. Hagaman, of Ranger.

### "TECHNOCRACY"

Some of our most highly educated men, are our technicians. Not only have they obtained knowledge from "the books", but, in their daily work, life is one continued avenue of higher education; hence, when they bring forth new discoveries they demand our respect and consideration. Now, a body of these technicians have been carrying on an investigation, covering a period of ten years or more, and from this labor has come forth a word—Technocracy.

One remarkable thing stands fourth in the matter of this investigation—No one has paid for it. This work is a donation to the public welfare. A contribution from Science. No ulterior motive enters into it. It has been a labor of love, as such have been all great constructive social movements. We cannot afford to disregard these findings, as they strike at the very roots of our economic difficulties.

There has been a body of students in the fields of social economics, who, for the last fifty years or more, have held a theory as to the proper base of governmental activities. Now comes these scientists and largely substantiate these views. We are now face to face with an alternative—shall we, peaceably and orderly, through our present established form of government, proceed to put a new foundation under our economic system? A foundation built to accord with present needs, or shall we through prejudice and indifference ignore these scientists, who have labored without pay, and see our political institutions crumble into chaos?

Civilization has outgrown our present "price system". Some remedial legislation might enable it to totter on a few years longer, but

as our scientists have pointed out, it is doomed to go into the discard of other outgrown public institution, and the sooner the better for the welfare of all.

W. B. Starr.

### WHAT IS TECHNOCRACY?

Technocracy, the economic doctrine expounded by Howard Scott at Columbia university, is an old theory, professors at the University of Texas maintain.

Both C. A. Trimm, professor of government, and E. T. Miller, professor of economics, describe technocracy as a theory existent for many decades.

"Technocracy is socialism, an old subject, presented in a new way to avoid scaring the people, although the

inevitable results of both systems are the same," said Timm.

"It is an attempt to study our whole economic structure from the point of view of energy and resources and is calling attention to the fact our means of production have jumped ahead of our means of consumption."

Miller said: "Technocracy is a theory as old as the Marxian doctrines and more recently those of Thorstein Veblen, an economist who wrote about the effects of technological improvements of society."

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—The hand of compromise smoothed the way today for early enactment of a bill which will mean millions in credit for the farmers of the country to use in getting out their 1933 crops.

Before the senate agriculture committee meanwhile the "domestic allotment" bill for raising farm prices reached the stage of public hearings.

The compromise of the crop production loan bill passed in slightly different form by the house and senate was reached in speedy fashion by conferees on the part of both bodies.

As agreed upon, it would make available \$90,000,000 of Reconstruction corporation funds for distribution through the secretary of agriculture in loans for the production and harvesting of the year's crop.

The senate originally voted the entire unexpended balance of the \$200,000,000 fund employed for the same purpose last year. This would total about \$103,000,000 but the house cut it to \$75,000,000 and in conference the \$90,000,000 figure was hit upon.

The conferees also retained a house provision which would permit the secretary of agriculture to require a borrower to curtail his production up to 30 per cent but would not force him to do so.

Likewise retained was a senate provision permitting funds to be loaned for feed for livestock in drouth and storm-stricken areas but a \$1,000,000 limitation was placed upon the sum to be used for that purpose.

The loans are to be made on the security of a first lien on the crop or livestock.

### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS

To those indebted to or holding claims against the estate of J. E. Dunaway, deceased:

The undersigned having been appointed the administrator of the estate of J. E. Dunaway, deceased, late of Eastland County, Texas, by the Honorable Clyde Garrett, county judge of Eastland county, on the 9th day of January, 1933, during the regular term of said county court, hereby notifies all parties indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present to him, within the time prescribed by law, at his residence, Midland, Midland county, Texas, where he receives his mail.

This 17th day of January, 1933  
G. W. DUNAWAY  
Administrator of the estate of J. E. Dunaway, deceased.  
Jan. 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17

FOR RENT—Four room apartment on third floor of Gude Hotel, southern exposure, nicely furnished. Terms reasonable, with gas, water and lights paid.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Model T truck, first class condition. Bargain. Schaefer Bros., 1105 Ave. D.

## TAX LEAGUE

(Continued from page one)

"Whereas: The taxpayers of Eastland county and the Eastland County Taxpayers League deeply appreciate the favor shown the citizens of Texas by the last legislature in remitting the interest and penalties due on delinquent taxes; and

"Whereas: The financial condition of our people has continually grown worse, and it is now impossible for a large percent of the home-owners of Texas to pay their taxes; therefore be it

"Resolved: That we, the members of the Eastland County Taxpayers League most respectfully petition our state legislature to again, by appropriate legislation, to relieve the people of Texas of the interest and penalties incurred by reason of their inability to pay their taxes prior to and including the 1932 state, county and local taxes till Dec. 31, 1933."

**Favors Income Tax**  
The following resolution on the sales tax was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved: By the Eastland County Taxpayers League that we heartily endorse the move in our state legislature for the enactment of an income tax law. We believe that such tax, when supplemented by a sales tax on luxuries only, will enable the state to soon abolish the ad valorem tax on real property. We recommend the enactment of a law authorizing the collection of such taxes to our senator and representatives in the legislature."

After the reading of these resolutions, upon motion, they were unanimously adopted, as was a resolution by S. A. Davis providing for the enactment of a measure that will cause cotton bagging instead of jute, to be used by gins in wrapping Texas cotton for market.

The petitions to the legislature and commissioners court now being circulated, calling for drastic economy in state and county administrations by the elimination of many departments and bureaus was read, which upon motion of Frank Judkins was tabled, subject to call at the next meeting of the League, Feb. 11th.

A motion prevailed that the secretary of the association transmit a copy of the resolutions adopted to the commissioners court. Senator W. B. Collie and Representatives Chastain and Lotief.

Judge Roland, of Ranger, told the League that the people of Eastland and Callahan counties made no mistake when they elected Cecil A. Lotief as their flatorial representative, that he was one of the hardest workers in the lower house. This fact was ascertained, Judge Roland said, after he had spent two days on the floor of the house by courtesy of Lotief. "But this does not mean that Chastain and Collie are not proving true representatives of their constituents, for they, too, are working hard, as are many other members of the house and senate. I found that Representative Burns, of Hidalgo county, was one of the most active members of the legislature. He was not a candidate, but something like 1,200 voters wrote his name on the ticket and elected him," Judge Roland said.

The next meeting of the League will be held at Eastland Feb. 11, and every taxpayer in Eastland county is requested to be in attendance.

### SKILES AND DENERSON BUY COUNTRY PRODUCE

We call attention of Citizen readers to the advertisement in this issue of Skiles & Denerson, buyers of all kinds of merchantable country produce, for which they are paying the highest market prices.

Asa Skiles, senior member, told the Citizen Tuesday that they are loading out from 3 to 4 truck loads of poultry and eggs daily now for

### THREE-CITY GAS SYSTEM STATED AS PROBABILITY

Wednesday's Eastland Telegram carried a story relative to the probable building of a municipal gas plant in Eastland, which might include the cities of Ranger and Cisco. Just why these towns have not pooled their resources and installed a gas system for the three cities is not understood, as a real system could be built, and the three cities could be supplied gas at a minimum cost, and not be hijacked by the gas trust.

The same would apply to a central water system. The plant could be built at Eastland, and the water piped from Lake Cisco, thence distributed to the three towns much cheaper than these cities could maintain separate units.

The Telegram, relative to the gas system, says:

"Plans looking toward an independently owned and operated gas system for Eastland and possibly for Ranger and Cisco, are reported to be in the making in Eastland. Local capital, it is stated, will be used if the plans are developed and the systems installed.

"Just how far the plans have advanced could not be learned. However it is reported on good authority that a surveying crew is now in the field making a preliminary survey. This survey, it is understood, is being made for the purpose of determining the cost of construction as well as numerous other facts necessary to be established before the plans are further considered."

### EVASION NEPOTISM LAW WILL BE INVESTIGATED

Representative Cecil A. Lotief has introduced, and secured passage in the house of representatives of a resolution which provides for an investigation of violations and evasions of the anti-nepotism law. Lotief's resolution instructs the committee on appropriations to investigate the alleged evasions of the law by trading among heads of departments to get their relatives on the state payroll. This evasion is in violation of Article 434 of the criminal code, and if the provisions of the Lotief resolutions are carried out, and the practice stopped, Lotief will have done a real service to the state, and corrected an evil that has prevailed with brazen effrontery.

Though not bearing his name Lotief is also co-author of the Pope bill, which seeks to regulate utilities.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Johnson and two children, of Eastland, were Sunday dinner guests at the Mobley.

the wholesale market. "We pay the best prices for this produce," Mr. Skiles said, "and the farmers are paid in cash. However, we appreciate their business, and if they are in need of groceries we give them the advantage of the low prices we are selling quality merchandise, and in addition, if they prefer groceries to cash, we can give slightly better prices for the produce we handle.

"The amount we buy is not limited, as we take all that is offered, and if those who have poultry and eggs to sell have no conveyance to bring them in, we will send our truck after them and furnish the coops."

They are located at Skiles Bros. grocery, D at 14th street.

### MEETING OF LOAN VICTIMS IS CALLED FOR SATURDAY NIGHT

The Citizen has been requested to announce that there will be a meeting of the victims of the Collonial Building and Loan association at the Denslow hotel next Saturday night, to consider what action can be taken to prevent the confiscation of their property. One victim said his loan of \$10,000 had been paid with the exception of less than \$400, but the home-grabbers were still demanding a balance of nearly that of the principal. All who are in danger of losing their homes are requested to be at the meeting and discuss what steps may be taken, if any, to prevent this contemplated confiscation of property. Your interest is at stake.

WANTED—Good second hand saddle. Citizen office 24—tf.

Jimmy Gray, now assistant manager of the Ltbbock hotel, at Lubbock, was here Wednesday on a brief visit to his brother, Tommie Gray, assistant manager of the Laguna, and L. V. Campbell, of the Gude. Jimmie was assistant to Mr. Campbell while the latter was manager of the Laguna. He made the trip here in his airplane, having recently been granted his pilot's license.

### CARD OF THANKS

In appreciation of the many acts and words of sympathy from friends of the family during the last sickness and death of our beloved mother, Mrs. Josephine Elizabeth Kincaide, we desire to convey some measure of our feeling to those who so sympathetically ministered to us and our parent. Especially are we appreciative for the beautiful floral offerings, mute but effective testimonials of love and esteem.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Kleiner, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Kleiner, Jr. and Mrs. R. W. Kleiner, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Kleiner, Mrs. Ethel Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Woodard, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Woodard.

### CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Cisco Citizen is authorized to announce the following persons as candidates for city office, subject to the general election to be held April 4:

For Mayor.  
CRIGLER PASCHALL  
For City Commissioner:  
W. J. FOXWORTH.  
HOMER S. McDONALD.  
JONAH DONOVAN.

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These are real outstanding Bargains. Be sure to see them—on sale, starting

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**ALTMAN'S STYLE SHOP**

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**DOMINO PARLOR**  
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**MRS. ETTA HART**  
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*Gas Fitter*  
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Spading Forks ..... \$1.00  
14 Tooth Rakes ..... 70c  
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### DON'T FORGET

**Regular Sunday Dinner**  
**SUNDAY 35 CENTS**

Why Worry to Prepare Sunday Dinner? You Save Money by Eating at

**THE MOBLEY HOTEL**

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