

CALLAHAN COUNTY, in Central West Texas, organized 1877; area 882 square miles, pop. 11,600. Rolling prairies, and wooded areas of mesquite, post oak, live oak. Soil sandy to chocolate loam. Elevation 1800 feet. Annual rainfall about 24 inches.

The Baird Star

BAIRD, pop. 2,000. On "The Broadway of America." Has beautiful homes, fine churches, modern schools, friendly people, and healthful climate—"where there ain't no poor, and there ain't no sick; where the fat get fatter, and the thin get thick."

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BAIRD, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS, FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 1945

MARVIN HUNTER, Jr., Editor

Cross Plains Has Big Street Rally

Cross Plains went over its quota in a street rally Saturday afternoon when sales ran to \$98,750 of which \$85,200 were of the series E denomination. The quota was \$85,000 over all.

Citizens of Cross Plains and vicinity gathered around Major David J. Evans and a military band from Camp Bowie to buy war bonds far in excess of their quota within only ninety minutes. Fred Tunnell, Cross Plains chairman, introduced County Chairman B. H. Freeland, who in turn introduced Major Evans, and the rally was off to a peppy start. Buying was brisk until the band closed the occasion by playing the National Anthem.

Callahan County is still about \$38,000 below the Series E bond quota, stated Judge Freeland today. All who will buy more bonds to help the county meet its quota are requested to make such purchases by June 9, if possible. The 7th War Loan Drive closes June 30, and all bond purchases will count in the drive until that time.

A bond rally will be held at Oplin this evening, according to Frank Windham, chairman. Major Evans will conduct the sale of bonds, and everyone is invited to attend. The Oplin rallies always turn out good with purchases over the quota, and this one will be in keeping with all the others.

PAUL G. LEIFESTE, CLYDE CITIZEN, DIES

Paul G. Leifeste, aged 52, veteran of World War I and II, died at his home in Clyde of a heart attack at noon last Monday. He was ill only a few hours. The remains were taken to Goldthwaite for interment Thursday, the funeral being conducted by the American Legion. He was a member of the American Legion at Baird. He served with the 71st coast artillery during World War I, and after he received his discharge, made his home in Abilene until 1940, when he enlisted a second time. He served with the 131st field artillery, 36th division, two years and eight months, with the rank of mess sergeant. After his discharge he bought a farm at Clyde.

Mr. Leifeste was born in Mason county, May 13, 1893, and moved to Roosevelt, Kimble county with his parents. In 1916 he was married to Miss Hattie Thompson in Goldthwaite, and located in Abilene in 1917. He is survived by his wife, a daughter, Mrs. Clyde Gosdin of Grand Prairie, and two grandchildren.

RETURNS HOME FROM PRISON CAMP

Sgt. Carlisle Hensley, who spent sixteen months in a German prison camp, was in Baird Wednesday with his wife and baby. He now resides in Fort Worth, but was before the war a Baird boy. He was a radio gunner on B-17, and was in the same prison with Buddy Hart, who was recently liberated.

WHITAKER RECEIVES HONORABLE DISCHARGE

E. P. Whitaker arrived in Putnam April 10 after spending over two years with the Sea Bees in the South Pacific. He received an honorable discharge from the Navy April 1. Mr. Whitaker and his wife, who recently underwent an operation, are making their home at Putnam.

BITES FOR TOM MITCHELL

Tom Mitchell of Medina died at the home of his son, Bob Mitchell, in Houston Sunday morning. Funeral services were held in Medina cemetery there. Mrs. Bob Mitchell of Houston is the daughter of Mrs. E. R. Beck.

BIRTH OF A SON

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Haynie Gilliland in an Abilene hospital Wednesday night. The word comes as we go to press that mother and son are getting along fine. Gary, four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilliland, is said to be as happy as a lark over his baby brother.

We Invite—

T. F. McCARTY

And his guest to attend any picture advertised for the coming week at the Plaza Theatre in Baird.

We want you to be our guests.

THE PLAZA THEATRE
THE BAIRD STAR

New T.-P. Officials Are Announced

The board of directors of the Texas and Pacific Railroad Company Wednesday re-elected J. L. Lancaster, Chairman of the Board, and elected W. G. Vollmer of St. Louis, senior vice-president of the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company, to the post of president, held by Mr. Lancaster since 1917.

Mr. Lancaster has been with the Texas and Pacific for more than 30 years. He has been president since 1917, and board chairman since May 18, 1939.

During Mr. Lancaster's direction of the properties of the Texas and Pacific, their develop-



JOHN L. LANCASTER
T & P Chairman

ment and progress was the greatest in the history of that railroad. This was especially true of the prewar advancement.

He was persistent in improving the road bed and rolling stock to such a degree that the line was in a strong position to handle the tremendous war traffic that is now being over it. Road beds were improved and heavier rails were put down on the main line so that now the speed of movement is higher than that of the average road in the United States.

Mr. Vollmer said his desire as he took the Texas and Pacific presidency from Mr. Lancaster was to "be all the help I can in



W. G. VOLLMER

keeping railroad up like Mr. Lancaster has done. I know the people of Texas and Louisiana want it kept up that way."

He said he was "coming in to make myself a T & P man. I want to get to know the men and work with them."

Mr. Lancaster entered the service of the Texas and Pacific in 1915 as assistant to the first vice-president. He was made first vice president the following year and was elected president in May, 1917. From October 1916 to July 1918 he was receiver for the railroad. From July 1918 to December 1919, period of the first World War, he was federal manager of the Texas and Pacific, the IGN, the St. LSW of Texas, and several small lines in Texas. He was again named president of the T & P December 1, 1919, and served continuously in that capacity until Wednesday.

YOUNG PEOPLE ENJOY PICNIC AND OUTING

The young people of Clyde and Baird Churches of Christ enjoyed an outing at Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bryant's country home six miles south-west of town Monday evening. After the picnic lunch, the group enjoyed games, boating and fishing.

Approximately twenty young people, Bro. H. L. Boring of Clyde, Bro. and Mrs. Lloyd Connel, Mrs. Mary Joe Garner, Mrs. Ben Ross, and D. L. Carmen, were in attendance.

SEAMAN IS HOME

Otis Pringle, seaman second class, is home on a five day leave, to visit his wife and four children, in Clyde. Pringle has just completed boot training at San Diego, Calif., and will return there for further assignment.

Sitting As Board of Equalization

Judge J. L. Farmer reports:

The county commissioners are sitting as board of equalization to adjust tax valuations in Callahan County. Beginning last Thursday, May 24, the group undertook their task of examining the valuation on property, block by block in towns and cities and section by section throughout the county area. This is an undertaking estimated to require about three weeks. Tax payers who wish to visit the board during this time are cordially invited to do so.

CLYDE SAILOR HOME FROM PACIFIC DUTY

L. M. Tyler, radio man third class, overseas the past 10 months, and aboard ship for 16 months, is home for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo H. Tyler, at their farm home on Highway 80 east of Clyde.

Tyler served on a small aircraft carrier 11 months, later being transferred to an amphibious transport. He took part in the invasion of Palau island and the Leyte operation where they encountered the Japanese fleet. He also was in the campaigns at Mindoro and Okinawa. His ship took part in covering landings at Leyte and Samar Islands.

Tyler wears the American theater ribbon, the Asiatic ribbon with three campaign stars, and the Philippine Liberation ribbons with two stars.

Tyler reported back to his ship. A brother, Carmie C. Tyler, was inducted in the Army April 10 and is stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.

MRS. JONES HOSTESS TO PRESBYTERIAN LADIES

The Presbyterian ladies met in the home of Mrs. Virgil Jones Monday at 3 p. m. with Mrs. Nettie Gilliland as co-hostess. Mrs. Eastham, president, presided and all members read their favorite scripture and offered comments. Mrs. Lee Estes led the prayer.

Delicious refreshments were served during the social hour.

NORTH TEXAS STATE COEDS ARRIVE HOME

Anne Hill, Irma Lois Jones, Betty Gaye Lidia, and Laura Mae Windham arrived home last Thursday for the summer holidays.

Miss Young and Miss Lidia recently became members of the Kappa Kappa Sorority, one of the outstanding social sororities on the campus.

Just

'Round About

As we walked up and down the street... A run-away team, the first to make a scene on Baird's main street in thirty years, was coming around the corner at the Holmes Drug Company. Folks on the street ran to safety and then came back to see the excited team making its wild dash westward. Two big Greyhound buses were stopped at the terminal and travelers were reminded of early days when the stage coach pulled into a frontier town just in time for the passengers from the city to witness the scene of a run-away team of horses—a common occurrence in those times... Up the street a piece we saw Lee Straley in town from the Oplin section... J. M. McMillan, the commissioner from Cross Plains, and Clyde T. Floyd, Oplin's commissioner, heading toward the courthouse... Then Hub Warren, Baird commissioner, and I. G. Mobley, commissioner from Putnam, started that way, and we just knew something was about to take place. They ganged up in Mrs. Briscoe's office, with Judge Farmer at the head of the table. Before we could turn around and run, they had raised the tax valuation on our house a whole hundred dollars. Saw where they raised some of the others, too, and before we left we caught ourselves praising the commissioners for their efforts to equalize the taxes on property all over the county... Noticed how nice the recently painted floors in the Tax Assessor-Collector's office looked, as well as other signs of maintenance around the courthouse... On our way back down the street to the Star office crowds of farmers were standing in line at Eddie Koneczak's new White Auto Store to buy a certain brand of oil that is especially good for their tractors, and hard-to-get farm implements... About the time we got back to the printing office our good friend Virgil Haile paid us a pleasant visit and brought us some copies of the Comanche Chief, one of the thirteenth newspapers in all this section.

14 Callahan Men Take Examinations

Men forwarded for induction on May 28, from this county were: Ernest Clinton Waddell, Putnam; Clyde Donald Floyd, Alvarado; Lloyd Addison McWhorter, Oplin; L. B. Willingham, Baird; Doyle Vernon Mitchell, Wink; George Porter Lee, Sidney; Elmer Augustus Baugh, Cross Plains; Truett Holmes Holly, Cottonwood; Billy Dan Moore, Midland; Glen Bruce White, Cross Plains; John G. Lee, Burkett; Tom D. Lee, Jr., Cross Plains; George Fred Walls, Baird; Carl Fred McNeel, Jr., Cross Plains.

SENIORS ENTERTAINED BY MR. AND MRS. O. G. SOUTH

Immediately following the commencement exercises last Friday night, the senior class, with their sponsors, Miss Arvin and Mrs. Nichols, were the guests of Superintendent and Mrs. Olaf South at the Plaza Theatre. Manager "Pops" Lee had arranged his program so that an entire show could be seen. After the show the group went to the South home where they were served sandwiches and cold drinks. The entire group remained for play and fun until six o'clock the next morning, at which time they were served breakfast by Mr. and Mrs. Stanley at the T. P. Cafe.

Everyone, except the neighbors, had a good time. In addition to the seniors and sponsors, two room mothers, Mrs. Hickman and Mrs. White, were present. Billy Ray and Billy Gray were also guests.

TUESDAY NIGHT BRIDGE CLUB MEETS

The Tuesday Night Ladies Bridge Club met May 29 completing their year with a chicken dinner at Stanley's Club Room.

The evening was concluded with games in the home of Miss Isadore Grimes. Miss Edith Bowls, acting as hostess, serving punch to the guests.

Those present were Mesdames Schwartz, Brice Jones, Rupert Jackson, Bess Driskill, B. L. Boydston, S. L. McElroy, Lucille Hall; Misses Myrtle Boydston, Edith Bowls, Isadore Grimes and Mrs. Lucille Tankersley was a guest.

ATTEND FUNERAL

Sgt. and Mrs. Harold Ray arrived Tuesday from Laredo to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. (Pop) Lee and his mother, Mrs. W. J. Ray. They attended the Raleigh Ray funeral here Wednesday.

Other out of town relatives attending the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Woodfin Ray and children of El Paso, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Norman of Electra, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Harville of Abilene, and Capt. and Mrs. McKinney of Abilene.

OLD FASHION GARDEN CLUB

The Old Fashion Garden Club will meet with Mrs. Will Boydston, Tuesday June 5 at 4:30 p. m.

The following program will be given: "Roses" Mrs. Justin Anderson; "What To Do In June and July," Mrs. Hubert Short; "The Necklas Tree," Mrs. W. M. Meador; "How To Make Cut Flowers Last Longer," Mrs. Hubert Ross. All interested in flowers are invited to attend the meeting.

S/SGT. MCGOWEN TO RETURN HOME SOON

S/SGT. C. S. McGowen, with the 16th Division in Germany, wrote his mother, Mrs. Joe McGowen, that he will soon be homebound. Sgt. McGowen wrote that he has enough points, but doesn't know when he will get home.

NAVY NAVIGATOR VISITS IN CLYDE

Lt. Joe K. Reed is home on eight-day leave for a visit with his wife and baby, Joe K. Jr., and with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Reed, in Clyde. Lieutenant Reed has been navigator instructor at St. Mary's College, Calif., for the past eight months. He was presented gold wings for qualifying as Navy air navigator.

SGT. WEBSTER WRITES FROM MARIANAS

Sgt. David H. Webster wrote his mother, Mrs. R. A. Webster, from the Marianas that he had been on a raid and downed one Jap plane. He wrote "One Jap is telling his ancestors how he tried to attack a B-29."

HOME AFTER TWO YEARS IN PACIFIC

Adron L. Maner Y 2/c of the U. S. Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Maner, was home on a short leave after being in the Pacific War Zone for two years. Maner is a veteran of six major battles, Okinawa being his last before coming home. He has been aboard a heavy cruiser for two and one-half years.

Our Mayor Gets a Nice Bouquet

Versatile, degreed, aggressive, Hugh W. Ross, Jr., holds the municipal reins in Baird as mayor while operating his large ranch north of the city.

He succeeded the late veteran mayor, Herman Schwartz, in directing municipal affairs, falling heir to all the town's problems and, with the co-operation of the five city councilmen and citizenship, has given Baird a prosperous forward march.

Baird with its nearly 2,000 inhabitants, occupies a top-notch position among the smaller cities of West Texas. It owns the water and sewer systems. Shortly before the war it finished and put into operation a \$200,000 municipal electric light and power plant which has made money and given the town a new lease on life. The latter had just begun its successful operation when Mayor Schwartz, one of the original founders of Baird, passed away after a very long tenure. Ross, then a councilman, had helped Schwartz and other councilmen in securing the municipal plant.

Recently in an interview on post-war problems Mayor Ross expressed the desire and belief that the municipality could in the near future present a tax-free town to its citizens. Such a state would be in deep contrast to the financial condition a few years before the war began. Baird was invariably having difficulty meeting its obligations.

One problem to be solved is augmentation of the water supply. Wells in the Clyde sands do not produce enough water in peak summer days when city and railroad together draw heavily upon them.

Mayor Ross and the council now have under consideration damming a large arroyo near town to provide abundance of water for domestic, factory and other purposes as well as give the city bathing, fishing, and boating.

Mayor Ross, a native of Baird, was born Aug. 31, 1906, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Ross Sr., pioneer cattle family of Baird. He is a graduate of local schools, holds a B. S. degree from Southern Methodist university. He has been a steward in the Methodist church since 1930. He was an alderman from 1938-43, when he succeeded Schwartz. In 1944 he was county democratic chairman and county Red Cross chairman in 1935-1939.

—Hamilton Wright, Staff Writer, Abilene Reporter News

COLLECTING CALLAHAN COUNTY HISTORICAL DATA

J. Marvin Hunter, Sr., editor of Frontier Times at Bandera, has been visiting the Star editor and family this week. While here he made the acquaintance of a number of Callahan county citizens who are well versed in the county's history. The Callahan County Museum was an attraction to him and he complimented local people highly for their interest in preserving rare specimens of Callahan County historic documents, relics of pioneer days and articles of educational value to the younger generation. While here he will visit old Belle Plain and other historical places, and material gathered on this trip will be used in his world famous monthly magazine, Frontier Times.

GRASS FIRE

The fire department responded to an alarm at 3:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon when a grass fire threatened the residence of Eddie Bulloch. No damage was reported.

Popular Couple Married Sunday

Sally Gaye Corn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Corn of this city, and Tom Odom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey Odom, prominent farm and ranch people of the Denton community, were united in marriage last Sunday morning at 9:00 o'clock in the home of the bride's parents.

Lloyd Connel, local minister and high school teacher, performed the double ring ceremony in the presence of the families, close relatives and friends, and several school mates of the couple.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Irvin Corn, while Blain Odom, brother of the groom, and Thelma Joyce McIntosh, cousin of the bride, served as best man and bridesmaid.

Johnny Lee Swinson and Shirley Pool sang "I Love You Truly." The couple entered the beautifully decorated living room as Johnny Lee Swinson played the wedding march.

The bride wore a two piece, pink, summer sheer dress with carnation and sweet pea corsage. The bridesmaid wore a gray dress trimmed in white with white accessories.

Both young people received their high school diplomas Friday night preceding their marriage. In high school, they were very popular. Mrs. Odom having been voted best all round girl in Baird High School the past year. She held membership in various school clubs and was the valedictorian of the senior class.

The bridegroom was outstanding in school athletics. During the past year he played football and basketball, being the captain of the basketball team that represented Baird at the State Meet.

A reception was held after the ceremony. The maderia covered table was lighted by white candles in crystal candelabrum. Ferns with baby breath and pink roses formed the centerpiece.

A three tiered white wedding cake was served by Thelma Joyce McIntosh and Mrs. Frances Corn presided at the punch bowl.

Immediately after the wedding the couple left for Glen Rose and after a few days honeymooning will return to their home in Denton.

They have the best wishes of a host of friends, young and old, in and around Baird, for a long and happy wedded life.

A BELL RELIC

While visiting Mr. and Mrs. Sam D. Jobs, three miles west of Baird, last Sunday, J. Marvin Hunter, Sr., owner of Frontier Times Museum at Bandera, discovered a Cadillac bell, a rare relic, which he purchased from Mr. Jobe, to add to the large collection of bells in his museum. Many of our old timers will remember that when automobiles first came into use, some of them, especially the early Cadillacs, used a bell instead of a horn. This particular bell is of brass and has a clear tone. It is about five inches high and was manipulated with a bell cord or rope, like a locomotive bell. According to Mr. Jobe's recollection, it was used in 1908 on a Cadillac driven by John and Will Spaulding of Abilene.

Frontier Times Museum in Bandera has the most remarkable collection of bells in the South—about 400 bells in all, one of them being a Chinese gong 2,000 years old. There are bells from many different countries and in all sorts of designs: bells of copper, silver, iron, brass, china, glass, wood, clay, and other materials. The bell just acquired from Mr. Jobe will be a nice addition to the lot.

Mr. Hunter is in the market for any kind of an odd or curious bell, small or large.

Award Diplomas to 39 Graduates

Commencement exercises for Baird High School were conducted last Friday evening at the High School auditorium, with Superintendent Olaf G. South presiding. Following is the program:

Processional, Mrs. W. O. Wylie, Jr.

Invocation, R. H. Campbell.

Prayer, Jone Lee Swinson.

Salutatory, Sarah Parks.

Presentation of awards, E. T. Powers.

Presentation of Key of Knowledge, Bobby Wagner, Vice Pres. Senior Class.

Acceptance, Billy Ray, Pres. Junior Class.

Presentation of Senior Gift, T. A. White, Pres. of Senior Class.

Acceptance, O. C. Yarbrough, Pres. Board of Trustees.

Valedictory, Sally Gaye Corn.

Address, Hon. W. R. Smith, Pres. Abilene Christian College.

Presentation of Diplomas, Olaf G. South.

Benediction, Lloyd Connel.

Recessional, Mrs. W. O. Wylie, Jr.

The 1944-45 term of Baird High School has been one of the most successful and satisfactory, and patrons and friends of the school speak in terms of highest praise of the splendid work of the faculty.

The 1944-45 Senior Class included 22 boys and 17 girls—thirty-nine graduates—as follows: T. A. White, Bobby Wagner, John Swinson, Benny Pierson, Wyndell Rouse, Oscar Jones, Sam Gorman, Billy Bob Johnson, Billy Frank Jones, Coleman Nichols, Tom Odom, Donald Price, C. J. Sampson, C. B. Shelton, Harry Tom Varner, Charles Walker, Weldon Walker, Bob Shoemaker, George Fred Walls, and in the Armed Services, Don Gorman, A. J. Hopkins, Wilburn Faircloth; Misses Rita Campbell, Sally Gaye Corn, Anna Lee Davis, Rena Mae Dean, Dora Frances Eubanks, Vonnice Foller, Nettie Gilliland, Eloise Grant, Beckye Griggs, Betsy Hickman, Nell Higgins, Ann Meredith, Raynelle Miller, Sarah Parks, Reese, Rosa Lee Ryan, and Elizabeth Bruton.

The 1944-45 High School faculty was composed of Olaf G. South, Superintendent; E. T. Powers, Principal High School Math; Mrs. Clyde White, Social Science; Miss Evelyn Frazier, Home Economics; Lloyd Connel, Speech and Math; Miss Jo Ruth Arvin, Commercial; Mrs. Archie Nichols, English and Spanish; Mrs. S. L. McElroy, Librarian, and English; Mrs. Jimmie Settle, Speech and English; Sam Driskill, Science; Mrs. Albert Bales, Science; Mrs. Bill Banks, English and Study Hall.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR E. L. LAMINACK

Funeral services for E. L. Laminack were held Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Savano Presbyterian Church, with burial in the Savano cemetery. Mr. Laminack died in Cross Plains Monday.

His wife, two sons, Moody Laminack of Cisco, and Walter Laminack of Nimrod; a daughter, Mrs. Alice Johnson of Abilene; a sister, two brothers, and eight grandchildren survive.

JEAN K. CAMPBELL REPORTS FOR DUTY

Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Campbell and Ruth went to Dallas Wednesday of last week to be with their son, Jean, who had to report for induction at Dallas, May 24. He left Dallas Thursday to report to San Diego, Calif. for duty with the Navy.

BAIRD IS PROUD OF HER HONOR STUDENTS



Sally Gay Corn



Charles Walker



Sarah Parks

Last week The Star announced the names of the honor students of the 1944-45 graduating class of Baird High School. Above we show the portraits of these three young people: Sally Gay Corn, Sarah Parks, and Charles Walker. All of Baird is mighty proud of this trio, and The Star predicts for each of them a successful career.

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THANK-YOU LETTERS

Editorial from Abilene Reporter-News.

Life prints some boorish anti-Abilene letters on its recent articles about the subsidence of the boom attendant upon Camp Barkeley's heyday, and these letters will strike fire from many an outraged Abilenian breast; but we can't work up any more excitement about the snide comments any more than we could about the piece that gave rise to them.

There is not a community in America that has entertained an army or navy camp, or a war plant, or any other activity connected with the war which attracted more people to a given locality than the locality's facilities could care for in comfort, that won't have to take a cussing. It is just one of those things, and nothing can be done about it.

It is quite true that in every community some local talent extend the welcoming hand, palm upward to all outsiders. It takes only one such character to give a community a black eye and forever damn it in the minds of those who were victims of what they consider unfair treatment.

But these individuals, these practitioners of sharp or discourteous dealing, constitute only a small fraction of the citizenship.

It is equally true that there are some individuals who take all the inconvenience, the discomfort, the real or fancied slights and the unfulfilled needs out on the whole people of whatever community they infect.

Again, the vast majority of such people take it in stride, understand why normal living is impossible, greet and are greeted by the local citizenry on a common level of respect and courtesy, and form fast friendships with their new acquaintances—who likely as not have near relatives fretting over conditions they find in other places.

Provincialism is at the bottom of most such complaints. For the first time in their lives millions of Americans have been uprooted from their native haunts and thrown into contact with millions of other Americans whose ways and customs differ from their own. They are "furriers" to each other. Naturally they think their own ways are best.

The embittered reaction exemplified in Life's letters doubtless was shared by many of the hundreds of thousands who spent some of their war time in Abilene and Camp Barkeley; but Abilene found a majority of its visitors and guests reasonable, likeable and understanding. We prefer to remember them as more representative of the great people of America.

EUGENE SWINSON'S LETTER PRAISED BY JOHN DAWKINS

The editor received the following letter this week from John R. Dawkins of Norco, Calif., in which as may be seen in the following letter, he praised the letter written by Corporal Eugene Swinson in The Star May 11.

Dear Mr. Hunter:
Down through the endless stretches of time there comes occasionally from the lips or pen of man, some immortal epic that becomes even greater—more immortal with the passing of the countless years—such as George Washington's FAREWELL ADDRESS—Abraham Lincoln's address on the battlefield at Gettysburg—Gray's Elegy—Oh Why Should The Spirit of Mortal Be Proud, etc.

Along with such divinely inspired epics have I filed your issue of The Baird Star, of Friday May 11, 1945, in which you printed a letter from Corporal EUGENE SWINSON, to his Mother.

Only a Soul inspired of God could have penned such a letter—a letter that through the endless ages to come should be ranked high among the masterpieces of all time.

Sincerely,
JOHN R. DAWKINS
685 East 7th St.,
Norco, California.

Miss Bernice Roberson of Monahans visited home folks last week.

Early Roads of Callahan County

By B. C. Chrisman

It is error to presume that Callahan county had not been traversed by white men before the admission of Texas into the union in 1845. By that date early frontiersmen were going to practically every part of the state and many landmarks were well known. As early as the 1840's, Comanche Peak in Hood county, Santa Anna Mountain in Coleman county, East Caddo Peak of Callahan county, and the Double Mountains of Stonewall county, were named and were well known landmarks and were important as guides to the early travelers, Indian scouts and buffalo hunters to and from the wilds of West Texas. By 1852, surveyors had covered practically all of Callahan county, and a favorite calling in the early surveys was "so many miles from East or West Caddo Peaks."

The first roads established in the county were military roads and it is possible to trace these roads through the county by the calling of the early surveyors. By 1852 the Fort Belknap and Austin road had been established, crossing from north to south in the eastern part of the county. This military road entered the county on the north line of Section No. 2049 T. E. & L. land and crossed Sections No. 2991, 3197, 3194, 2090, 2088, T. E. & L. land and continued south across Section No. 3 B. O. A. land, about two miles east of Putnam, continuing across the present Heyser land, the Louis Herbert, A. Clement, Levi Bostick, and Robert Pennell surveys and intersected the Fort Phantom Hill-Fort Gates road at a point in the Walter Converse Survey about two miles southeast of East Caddo Peak.

From there it probably followed the Fort Gates road in the direction of Austin, as there is no record of this road south of the Walter Converse Survey. By 1852, another military road had been established in the county, crossing diagonally from the north-west to the south-east corner of the county. This was the road from Fort Phantom Hill in the south-east part of Jones county to Fort Croghan in Burnet county. Surveyors records made in the fifties show that this road crossed the following surveys: Jas. O. Young, John Gillispie, Victoria County School Land, William G. Hays, and Comal County School Land, and crossed the county line at a point south of the present town of Cross Plains. The Fort Mason and Camp Cooper road is another road mentioned a number of times by the early surveyors and this road followed the same route north of the Walter Converse Survey as the Fort Belknap and Austin road. The Fort Mason-Camp Cooper road is of interest to the student of early county history, as this road was traveled a number of times by Robert E. Lee, who was at that time Colonel of the Second U. S. Cavalry.

In the early part of 1856, Colonel Lee was stationed at Fort Mason and received orders to report at Camp Cooper; the records show that he arrived at Camp Cooper on April the 9th, 1856. As the Fort Mason and Camp Cooper road passed through the eastern part of Callahan county, and as the records show that Colonel Lee made several trips to and from Fort Mason and Camp Cooper, it is safe to presume that he passed through the eastern part of Callahan county.

Completing the list of early military roads mentioned in the early deed records of Callahan county is the Fort Phantom Hill and Fort Gates Road. This road entered the county near the east line of the Jesse Dyson survey in the eastern part of the county, crossing the David Thomas survey and continued on to intersect the Fort Phantom Hill and Fort Croghan road at a point in the John H. Dickens survey, which road it followed to Phantom Hill.

As all military posts occupied by Federal troops were abandoned at the outbreak of the Civil War, naturally the use of these military roads ceased when the forts were evacuated by the troops.

County Takes Over the Roads
The outbreak of the Civil War left the frontier unprotected as a result of the withdrawal of Federal troops and consequently there was little use for roads in Callahan county until after the close of the Civil War, at which time a new line of forts was established to protect the frontier.

The first organization effort on the part of the county for the construction of roads was made by the Commissioners Court on January the 16th, 1878, at which meeting the following members of the court were present:

J. R. Brown, County Judge
Isaac Shaw, County Clerk
T. J. Norrell, Sheriff and Commissioners J. D. Merchant, B. L. Patterson and Dave McDonell.

At this meeting the following named persons were appointed as "road viewers" of the various parts of the county. The minutes of the court do not designate the duties of these special "road viewers," as no petitions for the establishment of roads had been presented to the court at this meeting. It is presumed these men were appointed for the purpose of inspecting the land for road possibilities and making recommendations to the court as to the location of roads.

Following the recommendation of the above committee, the Commissioners Court divided the county into road precincts and appointed an overseer for each precinct.

The personnel of the special committee of "road viewers" was as follows: For the southern part of the county, Jasper McCoy, W. J. Maltby, Seville McDonald and John Yarbrough.

For the northern part of county: E. Jackson, James Parish, J. L. Ribble, Jas. Hart and John Hart were appointed.

For the western part of the Taylor county line: Dr. J. D. Windham, C. W. Merchant, N. M. Smith, A. G. Anderson and M. P. Sharp were appointed.

For the eastern part of county to Eastland county line: James Hart, W. J. Westmoreland, John Heyser, J. D. Mitchell and R. Tanner were appointed.

At the next term of the Commissioners Court held on the 13th of February, 1878, the county was divided into five road precincts and the following overseers were appointed for each precinct:

Precinct No. 1, James Parish.
Precinct No. 2, John Heyser.
Precinct No. 3, N. H. Warren.
Precinct No. 4, W. P. Pitts.
Precinct No. 5, N. M. Mattox.

After the organization of the governmental machinery for the construction of roads, petitions began being presented to the court for construction of roads in various parts of the county.

The first petition for a public road to be granted by the Commissioners Court was signed by "eight freeholders" and requested a road to run east from Belle Plain down Grape Hollow to Callahan City, thence east to Shaw's Ranch and on to the Eastland county line. This petition was granted and J. D. Merchant, James Hart, S. R. Dunigan, J. L. Sanders and Henson Wagley were appointed viewers to lay out this road.

On October the 7th, 1878, the second petition for the opening of a road was presented to the Commissioners Court. This petition was signed by B. A. Odell and others and requested a road from Sipe Springs to Spring Gap. With the coming of petitions for the opening of roads, it was necessary for the Commissioners Court to appoint regular road overseers and designate road hands for the various sections of the roads. Consequently at a meeting on the 12th of February, 1879, the following road overseers were appointed with instruction to work the following hands: Jas. H. Parish was appointed overseer of the Belle Plain and Albany road from Belle Plain to "Mayhair," with W. J. Powers, Pendleton, J. E. M. Hedley, Henry Brainard, W. H. Parviz, J. G. Blakley, John W. Newman, J. W. Wills, Powers and employees, Parish, Alf Manning, Montgomery, A. Jackson, Marshalls and Moore.

H. B. Eubanks was appointed overseer of the Belle Plain and Albany road from "Mayhair" to the Shackelford county line, and assigned the following hands: Donahew, John Hart, Patterson, Barkley, A. McLaurie, Pat Woodring, Carr, James Hart, Early Hart, Jesse Hart, G. W. Hooke, W. B. Dodds, W. H. and W. N. Warren, Little, Jas. Eubanks, George Phillips, John Jenkins, Thomas Jenkins, Hardwick, James Dale and Bill Jackson.

W. D. Richardson was appointed overseer of the western section of the Belle Plain and Eastland road with the following hands: E. S. Seay, W. T. Berry,

J. T. Moore, J. M. Polk, N. P. Rice, Thomas Russell, J. D. Merchant, M. L. Jones, Sam Barnhill, Howard Allen, I. N. Thompson, Clayton, Robert Bluford, M. M. Terry, Martin Potts, John Matthews, F. A. McDonald, L. B. Dunigan, C. R. Shapard, Robert Sexton, B. F. Williams, Thomas Smith, John Waldrop, McCloskey, John and M. L. Wilson.

Mr. Platt was appointed overseer of the Belle Plain and Eastland road between Brushy and Battle Creek with James Tanner and Peter Henderson as the only road hands designated to work the road in that section.

T. J. Walls was appointed overseer of the Belle Plain and Brownwood road, his supervision extending as far south as the divide between Burnt Branch and Turkey Creek.

Mr. Walls was assigned the following road hands: J. W. Goodwin, W. L. Henry, George C. Allen, Z. R. Porter, E. B. Smith, Eli Thayer Jr., W. H. Riddle, John Riddle, James Armstrong, Jas. McWhorter, G. Clawson, George Weeks, Weeks No. 2, W. P. Wilcox, Guest, Lacy, George Ellington, Hines, Martin and Taylor.

S. R. Ruark was appointed overseer of the section of the Belle Plain and Brownwood road from the Burnt Branch and Turkey Creek divide to Yorks, and the court assigned the following hands: Sam Harris, J. C. Crawford, Benj. Heath, Charles Heath, Robtson, Goodrich, Jones, Dishman, J. H. F. Reed, Perkins, E. and W. Strickland, Oulds, John Smith, Edward Lee, J. H. Harris, Thomas Smith, W. R. Sawyer, Ransie Jones, Atwoods, Jas. Flannigan, A. J. Henson, Jacobs Hayman, John Hayman, A. W. Potter, Nesmith, C. J. Oglesby, Jas. and A. Pinkston, William Ratchiff and John Roberts.

B. A. Odell was appointed overseer of the Brownwood road from Yorks to the Brown county line with the following assignment of hands: J. G. David, S. McDonald, R. M. Black, O. F. Peterson, Jule Hegler, Mose Johnson, John and Robert Ford, Oliver Hayworth, J. C. Motley, Dick Nordyke, Dockey, Brooks, Elliott, John Smith, E. C. Nichols, William Buch, W. P. Yarbrough, Sparks, Nance, J. H. Green, Johnson, Holmes, Cruise, Andy Leonard, Bert and John Payne, Chas. and Dede McDermott, Joseph Lofton, Henry Hyatt, and Joseph Perkins.

R. J. Harris was appointed overseer of the Belle Plain and Sipe Springs road with supervision from Belle Plain to the five-mile post with the following road hands: W. H. Clett, R. L. Vickery, S. H. French, A. Brockley, David McGee, Harry C. Mercant, English, J. R. Hill, Elbert Hill, George Hill, C. W. Martin, Jas. Walker, Labouev Walker, and Price.

Gabe Smart was appointed overseer of the Sipe Springs road from the five-mile post to the Eastland county line. The court assigned the following hands on this road: Thomas Hadley, Jack Eastham, Josh Hill, Chas. Neil, John and Sam Smart, George Smart, R. M. Dawkins, Frank Burnett, T. J. Funderburg, J. F. Blair, E. O. Watkins, Thomas Garvin, Bill Funderburg, Ben Funderburg, James Heyser, Dock Bell, John Heyer, Thomas Thompson, Aaron Montooth, R. Tanner, C. H. Schoot, A. H. Weaver and Vanderpool.

We have seen how the Commissioners Court appointed overseers and assigned road hands for the construction of roads in the eastern part of the county, all within one year after the organization of the county. Up to March, 1879, no provision had been made for the construction of roads from Belle Plain to the west. Buffalo Gap, in Taylor county had been settled about the same time as Belle Plain, and a number of settlers had established themselves in the western part of Callahan county and it was only natural that on March 16th, 1879, a petition signed by J. W. Jones and ten others was presented to the Commissioners Court asking for a road from Belle Plain to the Taylor county line. This petition was granted and Jacob Hand, John Trent, D. M. Thomas, J. M. Bailey and W. P. Pitts were appointed by the court as viewers with instruction to view the road "by the former residence of J. P. Flores, thence in a westerly direction, passing to the left of Bald Eagle Peak so as to pass the county line near the center of

Section No. 21, Block No. 6, R. R. Survey."

At the same term of court an order was passed making a change in the Belle Plain and Sipe Springs road as indicated by the following court order: "It is ordered that E. L. Huffman, John Carlisle, R. M. Stone and R. B. Brown be appointed as a jury of view to re-view the Belle Plain and Sipe Springs road, said review to be in compliance with order No. 19 made on the 4th of March, 1879, to wit: "To 'commence' at Public Square in Belle Plain, thence South on College Street to Red Bud Street; thence east on Red Bud Street to east boundary line of Belle Plain, and thence in an easterly direction to intersect the Belle Plain and Sipe Springs road at Happy Hollow."

At the next term of court, the report of John Trent and others establishing a road from Belle Plain to the Taylor county line was accepted. This was the first official public road to the Taylor county line, and overseers were appointed by the court and hands assigned for the construction and maintenance of the various section of this road. Daniel W. Coven was appointed overseer of the section from Belle Plain to the Bayou, and was assigned the following hands: W. J. Westmoreland, William Fisher, A. Levi, J. P. Flores, M. Blakley, Lark Hearn, W. A. Austin, Bud Austin, Claiborne, W. Merchant, Jasper McCoy Thompson, G. C. Laird, William Palmore, and R. E. Williams.

West of the Bayou to the county line, J. M. Bailey was appointed overseer with the following hands: A. R. Strother, Thomas Keblinger, Kendricks, Scott, H. Windham, Cal Windham and Thomas Windham.

On May the 13th, 1879, a petition was presented the court for a road to Breckenridge at or near the Narbo crossing on Battle Creek. This petition was signed by John W. Jones, W. T. Berry, Cates and Newman, T. J. Austin, H. B. Eubanks, B. L. Patterson, and others. The petition having been heard by the court, James Hart, B. L. Patterson, H. B. Eubanks, Heslop and Hadley were appointed a jury of view for the purpose of establishing this road.

On July 2nd, 1879, a petition for a second road from Belle Plain to the Taylor county line was presented to the court. This petition was signed by Chas. H. Massie, J. D. Windham, B. L. Bellamy, J. W. Jones and others. The petition called for the laying out of a road from Belle Plain, via Massie's ranch, to the Taylor county line, at a point one mile north of the North west corner of the Seaton ranch. This petition was granted and J. B. Seaton, James Massie, John McCombs, J. B. Cutbirth and H. Blacett were appointed to lay out the road. These men reported at the following term of court, their report being accepted by the court and James Massie was appointed overseer with the following assignment of hands: Sam Clubb, Jam's Clubb, Justin Cook, Wilkinson, Hardin, Blacett, Sam Cutbirth, W. J. Harrison, S. C. Pack, John Schrimshire, William Schrimshire, Sam Montgomery, W. P. Pitts, Mal Shirley, Frank Shirley, Steve Shirley, Red Smith and Fritz Gardner.

We have seen how in the first few meetings of the Commissioners Court of Callahan county the machinery of government was set up for the establishment and construction of roads. This was long before the days of a special road tax and every able bodied man between the age of 21 and 45 was liable for a five days road service each year. Most of the early settlers performed this work willingly, some working more than the law required. Only on one occasion do we find the penalty of the law enforced for failure to work the road. On Nov. 10, 1879, the court allowed a bill for \$1.50 payable to M. J. Blakley for guarding a prisoner one day, who was charged with not working the road.

BUILDING FOR SALE
The trustees of Admiral School District of Callahan County will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at the school grounds on the 14th day of June at 2:30 p. m. the school building, approximately 40 by 60 feet, and the teachers' home, approximately 28 by 32 feet, school desks, fixtures and piano. Also 4 acres of land deeded to school district by Walter Martin.

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H. J. R. No. 11 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas as to provide for continuous salary per diem of all members of the Legislature during their tenure of office.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Section 24 of Article III of the Constitution of Texas be amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

"Section 24. Members of the Legislature shall receive from the public Treasury a per diem of Ten Dollars (\$10) per day during their tenure of office. In addition to the per diem the members of each House shall be entitled to mileage in going to and returning from the seat of government, which mileage shall not exceed Two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$2.50) for each twenty five (25) miles, the distance to be computed by the nearest and most direct route of travel by land, regardless of railways or water routes; and the Comptroller of the State shall prepare and preserve a table of distances to each county seat, now or hereafter to be established; and by such table the mileage of each member shall be paid; but no member shall be entitled to mileage for any extra session that may be called within one day after the adjournment of any regular or called session."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held throughout the State on the fourth Saturday in August, A. D. 1945, at which all ballots shall have printed thereon:

"FOR the Constitutional Amendment providing for continuous salary per diem of all members of the Legislature during their tenure of office" and

"AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment providing for continuous salary per diem of all members of the Legislature during their tenure of office."

Each voter shall mark out one of said clauses on the ballot, leaving the one expressing his vote on the proposed Amendment.

Sec. 3. The Governor shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election and have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State.

Sec. 4. The provisions of this Constitutional Amendment shall be self enacting, and if a majority of votes at said election shall be cast for same the Governor shall, within thirty (30) days after said election, issue a proclamation declaring this Amendment to be a part of the Constitution of Texas.

S. J. R. No. 8 A JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas providing for a Supreme Court of nine members; prescribing their qualifications; and providing of their election, tenure of office and compensation. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Section 2 of Article 5 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as hereafter to read as follows:

"Article 5. Section 2. The Supreme Court shall consist of a Chief Justice and eight Associate Justices; any five of whom shall constitute a quorum, and the concurrence of five shall be necessary to a decision of a case; provided, that when the business of the court may require, the court may sit in sections as designated by the court to hear argument of causes and to consider applications for writs of error or other preliminary matters. No person shall be eligible to the office of

Chief Justice or Associate Justice of the Supreme Court unless he be, at the time of his election, a citizen of the United States and of this state and unless he shall have attained the age of thirty-five years, and shall have been a practicing lawyer, or a lawyer and judge of a court of record together at least ten years. Said Justices shall be elected (three of them each two years) by the qualified voters of the state at a general election; shall hold their offices six years, or until their successors are elected and qualified; and shall each receive such compensation as shall be provided by law. In case of a vacancy in the office of any Justice of the Supreme Court, the Governor shall fill the vacancy until the next general election for state officers, and at such general election the vacancy for the unexpired term shall be filled by election by the qualified voters of the state. The Justices of the Supreme Court who may be in office at the time this amendment takes effect shall continue in office until the expiration of their term of office under the present Constitution, and until their successors are elected and qualified. The Judges of the Commission of Appeals who may be in office at the time this amendment takes effect shall become Associate Justices of the Supreme Court and each shall continue in office as such Associate Justice of the Supreme Court until January 1st next preceding the expiration of the term to which he has been appointed and until his successor shall be elected and qualified."

S. J. R. No. 8
Sec. 2. Said proposed Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at a special election to be held throughout the State on the fourth Saturday in August, 1945, at which election each voter opposing said proposed amendment shall scratch off the ballot with a pen or pencil the following words printed on said ballot:

"FOR the amendment to the State Constitution providing for a Supreme Court of nine members;" and each voter favoring said proposed amendment shall scratch off the ballot in the same manner the following words printed on said ballot:

"AGAINST the amendment to the State Constitution providing for a Supreme Court of nine members."

If it appears from the return of said election that a majority of the votes cast are in favor of said amendment, the same shall become a part of the State Constitution.

Sec. 3. The Governor shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election and have the same published and said election held as provided by the Constitution and laws of this State.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7

proposing an amendment to Article VI of the Constitution of Texas providing that any person in the armed forces of the United States, or the Armed Force Reserve of the United States, or of any branch or component part thereof, or the United States Maritime Service, or the United States Merchant Marine, or who has been a member of same within eighteen months prior to the holding of any election in this state authorized by law, and is otherwise a qualified voter, shall not be required to pay, or to hold a receipt for the payment of, a poll tax in order to vote at any such election, if same is held while the United States is at war or within a certain stated time thereafter; providing that members of the regular Army, Navy, or Mar-

ine Corps of the United States shall not be permitted to vote; providing that other members of the armed forces shall be entitled to vote under certain conditions; providing the form of the ballot for voting on said proposed amendment; fixing the time for holding an election; directing the Governor to issue the necessary proclamations; and making an appropriation.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. There shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the State of Texas the matter of amending Article VI of the Constitution of Texas, by adding thereto a new section which will modify the present restrictions concerning voting. This new section shall be inserted between Section 2 and Section 3 of said Article VI, and shall be known as Section 2a, and shall read as follows:

"Section 2a. Nothing in this Constitution shall be construed to require any person, who at the time of the holding of an election hereinafter referred to is, or who, within eighteen months immediately prior to the time of holding any such election was, a member of the armed forces of the United States or of the Armed Force Reserve of the United States or of any branch or component part of such armed forces or Armed Force Reserve, or the United States Maritime Service or the United States Merchant Marine, and who is otherwise a qualified voter under the laws and Constitution of this state, to pay a poll tax or to hold a receipt for any poll tax assessed against him, as a condition precedent to his right to vote in any election held under the authority of the laws of this state, during the time the United States is engaged in fighting a war, or within one year after the close of the calendar year in which said war is terminated.

"Provided, however, that the foregoing provisions of this section do not confer the right to vote upon any person who is a member of the regular establishment of the United States Army, Navy, or Marine Corps; and provided further, that all persons in the armed forces of the United States, or the component branches thereof, not members of the regular establishment of the United States Army, Navy, or Marine Corps, are hereby declared not to be disqualified from voting by reason of any provision of sub-section "Fifth" of Section 1, of this Article."

Section 2. The foregoing Constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state on August 25, 1945, at which election all voters favoring said proposed amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the following:

"FOR the amendment to Article VI of the Constitution of Texas, providing that any person in the armed forces of the United States or the Armed Force Reserve of the United States, or of any branch or component part thereof, or of the United States Maritime Service, or the United States Merchant Marine, or who has been a member of same within eighteen months prior to the holding of any election in this state authorized by law, and is otherwise a qualified voter, shall not be required to pay, or to hold a receipt for the payment of, a poll tax in order to vote at any such election, if same is held while the United States is at war or within a certain stated time thereafter."

Those opposed to such amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the following:

"AGAINST the amendment to Article VI of the Constitution of Texas, providing that any person in the armed forces of the United States, or the Armed Force Reserve of the United States, or of any branch or component part thereof, or of the United States Maritime Service, or the United States Merchant Marine, or who has been a member of same within eighteen months prior to the holding of any election in this state authorized by law, and is otherwise a qualified voter, shall not be required to pay, or to hold a receipt for the payment of, a poll tax in order to vote at any such election, if same is held while the United States is at war or within a certain stated time thereafter."

Sec. 3. The Governor shall issue the necessary proclamations relating to the publication of the foregoing Resolution, in the various counties of the state, and shall cause the same to be published as required by the statutes and the Constitution in connection with the submission of proposed amendments to the Constitution, to the people for their action at a statewide election. If it shall appear from the returns of the election at which the foregoing amendment to the Constitution is voted upon that a majority of the qualified voters have voted for said amendment, same shall then become a part of the Constitution of Texas.

Sec. 4. There is hereby appropriated out of the General Fund of the State of Texas, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay the expenses of advertising said Resolution in each county in the state and for such other purposes as may be necessary, or required by law, or by the Constitution.

JURORS SUMMONED

The following Callahan County citizens have been summoned to serve as Grand Jurors and Petit Jurors during the forthcoming June term of District Court:

GRAND JURORS

I. H. Hall, Cross Plains
Archie Nichols, Baird
T. O. Dulaney, Clyde
W. L. Bowler, Baird
A. E. Dyer, Baird
R. H. Morrisette, Lanham
Hugh McDermott, Cross Plains
L. V. Caldwell, Rt. 2, Clyde
R. F. Joy, Cottonwood
Earl Smith, Cross Plains
W. O. Strickland, Putnam
V. L. Lowry, Putnam
S. S. Nichols, Eula
E. P. Foster, Atwell
Chas. D. Straley, Oplin
Ray Wilbanks, Hart

PETIT JURORS

J. E. Faircloth, Baird
J. S. Bentley, Baird
Ben Brazil, Putnam
H. O. Price, Baird
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H. C. Cotton, Clyde
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L. H. Hayhurst, Dudley
Ernest Higgins, Admiral
Porter J. Davis, Cross Plains
J. P. McCard, Cross Plains
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J. O. Connel, Rt. 1, Clyde
Dick Young, Belle Plain
M. E. Joley, Rt. 2, Clyde
Tommy Harris, Dressy
J. L. Moore, Caddo
Medford Walker, Baird
Leo Clinton, Baird
R. T. Walls, Rt. 2, Clyde
T. M. Allen, Rt. 2, Clyde
C. C. Reed, Baird
Dwight Black, Atwell
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W. J. Brown, Cross Plains
N. L. Long, Dressy
Carl Cook, Baird
Clifford Taylor, Bayou
Bryan Bennett, Cross Plains
W. M. Black, Cottonwood
Roy Campbell, Oplin

Jimmie Wright of Ropesville is visiting his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Granval Wolfe.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Luke of Arlington were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Warren.

Jackie Womack of Ozona is visiting his grandmother and uncle, Mrs. Lua James and S. T. James, for a few days.

The editor and family enjoyed a peach cobbler made with some of the first peaches of the season from B. H. Freeland's orchard. Our many thanks for the delicious peaches.

Mrs. W. S. Holder of Galena Park is visiting her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Boring, and sons in Clyde.

Miss Bernadine Fulton of Los Angeles is a guest of of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Fulton.

ESTRAY NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Clyde T. Floyd, County Commissioner of Precinct No. 2 of Callahan County, Texas has this day legally estrayed the following animal:

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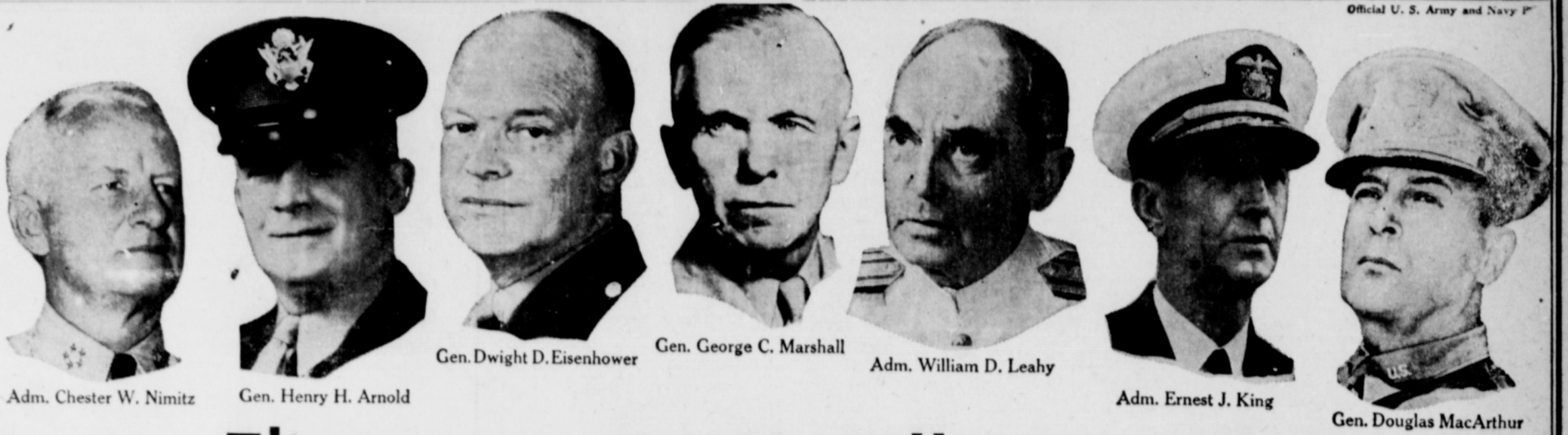
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Doings of a Delightful District De-tailed Without Discrimination.

By Mrs. H. L. Turner

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Esman and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Alton Davis Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim George visited Mr. and Mrs. N. M. George Sunday.

Visitors in the Curtiss Gilliam home Saturday night were Mr. and Mrs. N. M. George, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Jacobs, I. B. Robertson and Billy, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Davis and Tommy, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Esman, Gene and Ronald, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Duncan and Duane.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Truitt and Lona visited with Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Turner Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Duncan and Duane, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Davis and Tommy visited with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mercer Sunday night.

Nolan Duncan of Baird visited Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Duncan and Duane Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Davis and Tommy visited in the H. L. Turner home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Turner received a phone call from their son, Pvt. William D. Turner the 24th saying he had just landed in San Francisco, Calif. He said he was able to walk and would be home in three weeks. He was being sent to Palm Springs, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hughes visited in Baird Sunday.

Mr. and H. L. Turner, Ruth, and Donald visited with Mr. and Mrs. Alton Davis Friday night.

PFC. VIRGIL HUGHES WITH FAMOUS 66th

Pfc. Virgil L. Hughes, 23, of Baird is fighting with the famous 66th (Black Panther) Infantry Division, in the Lorient Pocket of France.

Pfc. Hughes graduated from Baird High in 1937 and has been in the Army for over three years. He is a member of one of the daring "Panther Patrols," made up of volunteers from men in the division. All men in these patrols must be expert with their particular weapon and in patrolling.

In a recent encounter against the enemy, Pfc. Hughes forced the enemy to disclose their point of fire so that this information could be passed on, resulting in the wiping out of the emplacement.

His brother, 1st Lt. Marvin C. Hughes, is presently stationed at the Fort Worth Air Field. A brother-in-law, Sgt. H. M. Buckner, is also serving in France.

EUGENE POINDEXTER REACHES WAR ZONE

WITH THE 32nd INFANTRY DIVISION IN PANGASINAN PROVINCE, LUZON, P. I.—Private Eugene Poindexter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Poindexter, Olin, Texas, has arrived in the Philippines and has been assigned to the veteran 32nd Infantry Division.

Pvt. Poindexter, will serve in the division's crack 128th Infantry Regiment. The Division, which for three years has fought its way up the "road back" from Australia to the Philippines, is currently fighting amid the precipitous mile-high peaks of Northern Luzon's Caraballo Mountains.

Pvt. Poindexter entered the Army in August 1944, trained at Camp Wolters, Texas and left the U. S. for overseas duty in February 1945.

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Mrs. Errol Haley of Big Spring, arrived last Monday to visit her mother, Mrs. W. G. Bowlus, and other relatives. She will return to her home Sunday.

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Cottonwood Chips

Community Clatter Carefully Collected for Your Consideration.

By Mrs. H. S. Strahan

Arnet Bennett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Bennett, who attends school in Austin, is home for the summer.

Wilma Jones left for Abilene Sunday where she will enter Draughon's Business College on Monday.

Nelma Jean Thompson and Mrs. Clifton Fortune also left for Abilene Sunday where they will enter Scroggins Beauty School.

Earnest Clark, who is now a sailor, is stationed at San Diego, Calif.

Mrs. S. E. Archer, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Melvin Hargrove in Levelland, has returned home.

Simultaneously with the furlough-ending of Coxwain Albert Lovell, Mrs. Lovell was called to attend the death of her mother, Mrs. William Fore, of Pioneer. Lovell returned to duties in the Pacific.

Burnett Fleming of Kermit and Callie Ray Fleming of Williams are visiting their aunt, Mrs. S. B. Strahan.

Brother and Mrs. U. S. Lucky have been spending a few days among their membership, after their school term ended at Howard Payne.

Truett Holly left Monday for Army induction.

Mrs. Ross Respass and Pat of Goodlet are visiting Mrs. Respass' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Brock.

The county Baptist Sunday School Association met at the local church Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Banta, and baby, Leon, Mr. and Mrs. David Collier, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Collier of Odessa are visiting W. B. Allen and Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Banta this week.

Douglas Collier of Loraine visited friends here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rice and family of Indianapolis, Ind., a niece of Mrs. Banta's is visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Banta this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Alexander and children of Sweetwater are visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Banta this week.

Pvt. and Mrs. Morris Neitzey, formerly Miss Ruth Ramey, are visiting her mother, Mrs. J.R. Ramey.

ERNEST NETTLES OF BAIRD IS PROMOTED

15th ARMY AIR FORCE IN ITALY—ERNEST NETTLES, 20, of Baird, Texas, has been promoted to the grade of Staff Sergeant, according to an announcement made at this base in Italy.

A radio-operator gunner on a B-24 Liberator Bomber, Sgt. Nettles is a member of the veteran 456th Bombardment Group, commanded by Col. Thomas W. Steed, of Etotah, Tenn. The 15th Air Force Heavy Bomber Group has flown more than 225 combat missions against vital enemy targets in Southern Europe and the Balkans.

Sgt. Nettles entered the service, May 20, 1943, and won his gunner's wings at Yuma, Ariz. since his arrival overseas, he has been awarded the Air Medal. He also holds the European-African-Middle Eastern Ribbon, with one Battle Star.

His wife, Eva Pearl, resides in Baird.

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Midway Musings

Miscellaneous Melange and Minor Mention of Men and Women.

By Mrs. W. B. Tarver

Mr. and Mrs. Jerald Webb and sons of Marfa are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Webb and other relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Jones of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. George Jones Sunday.

Mrs. Virgil Smedley and daughter have returned from a visit near Coleman and are now visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Griffin.

Mrs. Joel Griffin, Mrs. R. W. Cook and W. B. Tarver, wife and son, Joe visited in the Schaffrina home Sunday.

Mrs. Paul Roger and sister, Mrs. Ray Clipper were in our midst Sunday from Clyde.

Rev. Leverett filled his appointment here Sunday afternoon. Accompanying him were his daughter, Dorothy, Mr. Tyler, Mr. Easterling and another gentleman. We always welcome visitors to help us in our services.

It's to be remembered we are to start Sunday School promptly at 3 p. m. with preaching services to follow immediately afterward.

Rev. Griffin of Clyde preaching first and third and Rev. Davis of Baird second. Rev. Leverett of Clyde fourth Sundays.

Tommy Davis of Baird called on Joe Tarver Wednesday evening.

Mr. Schaffrina is about the same but we are glad he can be at home.

Berry picking is in full swing with combines starting.

Putnam Putterings

Pertinent Pointers Purposely Prepared to Please and Perplex People.

By Miss La Verne Rutherford

Pfc. Raymond White is home on a thirty day furlough visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. White.

Lou Ann Boutwell of Woodson is spending a few days this week with Maxine King.

Lewis Harper and Wesley Robinson left Thursday for the Navy.

Miss Glyn Maynard spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Maynard.

Eldon Ellis of Fort Worth visited his brother, Hurbert Ellis and wife.

Clinton Waddell left for Dallas, Monday May 28, for induction in the armed forces.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Everett and Billy Jim, Mrs. Loren Everett and Jo Verl and Mrs. Jack Everett went to Abilene Sunday to meet Cpl. Loren Everett. They all went to the park and had lunch.

Then they all went to see Harley Prichard who is just back from overseas where he has been a German prisoner.

GASOLINE COUPONS VALUE INCREASES

According to an announcement from the local Community Service office this week, automobile owners will receive more gasoline with the expiration of A-15 coupons. The statement from Katherine Hinds, Community Service member, follows:

Starting with A-16 Gasoline coupon value will increase to six gallons. This is effective 22nd day of June. "B" ceiling effective the 11th of June will go from 475 to 650 miles. Boards should handle applications and renewals on present regular basis until 11th of June. That is any renewals or new applications processed until 11th of June shall be for the full renewal period on present regulation basis. The following is stressed, Applicants, where eligible for increase in "B" ceiling, should not apply to Local Boards before June 11. Existing over issuance of gasolineration makes it imperative that present regulations be strictly adhered to.

KENNETH M. GEORGE TRAINS IN FLORIDA

Kenneth M. George, 27, seaman first class, Sp.Y., is now on duty at the naval air station, Melbourne, Fla., after completing operational tower training at Atlanta, Ga.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. N. M. George of Baird, he has been in service since last November. He received boot training at San Diego.

George was graduated from Baird high school and attended John Tarleton college, Stephenville, where he played in the school band, and Bob Jones College, Cleveland, Tenn. He took a diesel engineering course at Memphis, Tenn., and went with North American Aviation when the company opened its Fort Worth plant.

He was still there when he volunteered for service.

His wife, the former Willie Stephens, has been making her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Stephens of Cisco.

The sailor's only brother, Capt. Norman L. George, was killed just a year ago in a plane crash, May 23, 1944 in California.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to our friends for the many deeds of kindness, words of sympathy and beautiful floral offerings at the passing of our beloved husband, father, son and brother. Our special thanks go to the ladies of the Baptist and Methodist churches for serving lunch. May the Lord's richest blessings rest upon each one of you.

THE RAY FAMILY

GODS WORD

NEWNESS OF LIFE

"Dead to the world, to voices that call me

Living a—new, obedient but free; Dead to the joys that once did enthrall me,

Yet 'tis not I, Christ liveth in me."

It is when one is "buried with Christ" in baptism that the old life of folly and sin is dead to him.

From the baptismal waters, he is raised in Christ a new creature having begun the transformation of his life. (Rom. 6:4; 12:2; Col. 3:1). One is baptized "into Christ" (Rom. 6:4; Gal. 3:27; 1 Cor. 12:13) predicated upon faith and repentance. (Heb. 11:6; Acts 17:30).

God adds such to His church, the body of Christ, (Acas 2:47; Eph. 1:22, 23). "And he is the Savior of the body, the Church." (Eph. 5:23). Hence to be a Christian is to be a member of Christ's body, His church.

Before God and man in becoming a Christian, one takes the solemn obligation to concentrate, devote, and sanctify himself to the service of God. His entire being, together with his faculties and opportunities are buried out of self, and raised in Christ, that he henceforth be God's servant to do His will (Matt. 16:24; Rom. 6:17, 18).

Life in Christ is new. The new motive is love of God; the new aim is glorification of God; the new purpose is to put on the Lord and no longer make provision for the flesh. "What would Christ do" becomes the new standard; life eternal, the new hope. The outlook is broadened to the limitless eternity. The uncomparable reward yet ahead is the new incentive.

Among his new duties are attendance at the house of God, ministering to the needy, and giving the Gospel to others. (Heb. 10:25; James 1:27; 2 Tim. 2:2). Being "bought with a price," the child of God is no longer concerned with worldly successes or with self, but with his influence on others, paying homage to God in reverence, loyalty, service, and love.

All things are from God in this new Relationship in Christ. Among them are the forgiveness of sins, salvation, and all spiritual blessings. (Col. 1:14; 2 Tim. 2:10; Eph. 1:3).

The proper conduct to this new life is best expressed in the figure of walking. Paul tells us that the Christian is to walk by the Spirit, in wisdom, and in love. (Gal. 5:25; Eph. 5:2; Col. 4:5).

Surely all can realize that life in Christ, or being simply a New Testament Christian, is a precious privilege. The quality of that life is made lasting by the Divine expression, "newness of life."

Address communications to Lloyd Connel, Church of Christ, Baird, Texas.

(Paid Adv.)

CARD OF THANKS

Each day during my extended illness I have been the recipient of so many blessings, and so many deeds of kindness.

Beautiful flowers, delicious things to eat, and so many enjoyable visits and all the lovely cards; there have been many. This kindness includes each Sunday School, Dr. Griggs, nurses at the Hospital, How it strengthened my endurance. Please accept my thanks for the prayers and intercessions that I feel sure followed your gifts. I thank the Lord unceasingly.

MRS. W. T. HENSLEY AND FAMILY.

COAST GUARDSMAN VISITS IN CLYDE

J. B. Paylor water tender third class, with the U. S. Coast Guard, arrived in Clyde recently on a 14-day leave, to visit his wife and son, Johnny W., and his mother, Mrs. Pierce Paylor.

Paylor has been on duty in the Atlantic since Dec. 1, 1944. His wife and son are making their home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Barton. When his leave is over Paylor will return to New York.

LIFE'S Little TROUBLES

-CAN'T EAT-

You don't have to worry and fret because CONSTIPATION or GAS PRESSURE discomforts won't let you eat. Instead of feeling nervous—blue or bewildered, take a dash of

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to quickly expel gas—to soften and assist food wastes thru a comfortable bowel movement. Enjoy that clean, refreshed feeling that lifts spirits—rekindles smiles—improves appetite. Buy it! Try it! You'll never be without Adlerika again. Caution, use only as directed.

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Your old mattress fitted in layers and guaranteed. A card to Western Mattress Co. will bring truck to your door. San Angelo, Texas.

FREE!—If excess acid causes you pains of stomach ulcers, indigestion, heartburn, belching, bloating, nausea, gas pains, get free sample, Udga, at Holmes Drug Company. 15tp

Carry your washing machines and have them repaired at J. T. Loe's Laundry. We carry a full line of parts at all times for Maytag.

Monuments of Marble and Granite placed and guaranteed. See C. W. Conner, Baird. 3tp.

WANTED: Two water wells dug, or drilled. See S. A. Ribble, 2 miles South of Clyde.

FOR SALE: Buffet \$15.00, Bookcase \$25.00.—Elva L. Smith.

STRAYED—Dun mare with black mane and tail. \$25.00 reward for return.—Edgar Smith.

LAST CHANCE to buy baby chicks for late summer fryers. Only four more hatches—May 28, 31, June 4, and 7. Star Hatchery

WANTED—light trailer, 16 in. wheels. E. P. Whitaker, Box 121, Putnam. 2tp

COTTON SEED, Summerout Hybrid. \$2.00 per bushel. 2nd year.—Mrs. Olivina Loven. 2tc.

LOST—Black and green mixture Schaeffer good grade fountain pen lost on Main Street. Gift of service man to mother. Reward for return to Rev. R. H. Campbell or The Star office. 2tp.

Puerto Rico Potato slips for sale. \$1.00 per thousand, 3 miles west of Baird on Highway. S. L. Owens. 1t.

FOR SALE—Cabinet radio in A-1 condition, 9 tubes, a Frigidaire bottle cooler, one used electric iron, 4-ft. Frigidaire, G. E. Refrigerator, hot plate, air conditioner motors. Parsons Electric and Refrigeration Shop.

BLUE BACK SPELLERS—The real article. Just like grandfather studied while he sat on a split log bench in a one-teacher school. A limited number for sale at The Star office. 60c each.

WANTED—Texas books. What have you? Write Frontier Times, Bandera, Texas.

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JIMMY Wakely
In
Saddle Leather Law
Plus
Jennys Hide Cat
And
Zorro's No.5

OWL SHOW
SATURDAY NIGHT
Jungle Woman
Starring
ACQUANE HA
Plus
Pagliacci Swing It

SUNDAY AND MONDAY
June 3-4
Keep Your Powder Dry
With
LANA TURNER, LARAIN DAY
Plus
Chew Chew Baby
And
PARAMOUNT NEWS

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After a hard day's work, relax at the movies. The cost is small and THIS Theatre is convenient. You don't have to go to the bother of dressing. Just get the family together and visit this theatre. You'll find your favorite stars and finest attractions always showing here.

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DENNIS O'KEEFE
HELEN WALKER
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MARCH OF TIME
WEST COAST QUESTION
And
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Also
PARAMOUNT NEWS

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June 7-8
The Merry Monahans
With
DONALD O'CONNOR
PEGGY RYAN
JACK OAKIE
ANN BLYTH
Plus
Popular Science

Holiday Notice

This bank will be closed on Monday, June 4th, 1945, in observance of—
Jefferson Davis' Birthday

Customers are requested to be governed accordingly in the transaction of their business.

The First National Bank of Baird

Pvt. Earl Green of Camp Wolters recently visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Green.

Misses Mary and Aurelia Bowyer of Fort Worth were weekend guests of Mrs. Maria Leache.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hollingshead of Lamesa are visiting Mrs. Hollingshead's parents in Clyde.

Lt. and Mrs. Joe K. Reed and son, Joe K. Jr., of Clyde, visited friends in Wichita Falls Wednesday.

Mrs. J. H. Bailey has returned to Clyde from Houston where she visited her daughter, Mrs. Alfred Bacon and family.

H. B. Terry of the USN has returned to his base in San Diego after a visit with his mother, Mrs. Homer Terry, in Clyde.

Mrs. Glenn Boyd and daughter, Barbara, left Tuesday for Memphis, Tenn., where they will visit Mrs. Boyd's brother, Lt. Sterling Reynolds, and Mrs. Reynolds.

Mrs. Frances Sparks began work in Lucille's Beauty Shop May 25. She was previously an operator in the shop and her many customers are glad to welcome her back to the beauty shop.

Edgar B. Connel son of Mr. and Mrs. Oran Connel of Denton Community has been promoted from Seaman second class to Seaman first class. He is a cook in ship's galley, stationed at Orange, Texas.

Mrs. Granval Wolfe's father and sister, Ira Ray and Mrs. A. J. Bruce of Abilene; Mrs. Curtis Jones and baby of Moran; Mrs. Clayton Butts and children, Carrol, Erma Louise and Jacqueline of Hobbs, N. M., are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Granval Wolfe and children of Moran.

Doyle Truett, the new butcher at Morgan's Food Store, began working in the meat department Saturday, May 16. He formerly worked for Mr. Morgan, but had been working in Fort Worth several months before coming back to Baird. The Truett's live on their farm between here and Putnam.

Mrs. Gus Hall left Thursday for a visit in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Reese entered the hospital Tuesday, suffering a heart attack.

Mrs. Shine Phillips of Big Spring is visiting Mrs. Maria Leache this week.

Mrs. Crow of Cross Plains was a weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brashar.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Warren visited Mr. and Mrs. Hilary Windham in Houston recently.

Mrs. Laura Payne left Wednesday for Eastland to visit her daughter, Sylvester.

Rev. D. C. Lawrence and Harley Dodd of Dimmitt visited Mrs. Rosa Ryan and family Thursday.

Mrs. Donald Floyd and children and Mrs. Fuller Beaver and children were here from Oplin Tuesday.

Little Charles Matson of Kilgore is spending several days with his grandmother, Mrs. J. W. Matson.

Mrs. E. R. Beck left Wednesday to visit her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mitchell, in Houston.

Miss Rosa Lee Ryan has accepted a position in the office of Wylie Funeral Home entering upon her duties this week.

Mrs. Rosa Ryan has as her guests this week, her sister, Mrs. J. E. Heslep, and Mrs. Heslep's grandson, Gene Armstrong, of Jal, N. M.

1st Sgt. and Mrs. J. P. Copping are in San Antonio after Sgt. Copping received a discharge from the army. They will arrive in Baird in ten days.

Mrs. Fabian Bell arrived Wednesday after a nine weeks stay in Ventura, Calif. with her husband, Motor Mechanics 2c Fabian Bell, who is stationed there.

Mrs. Connie Brown and son, Mickie, and Mrs. Arnold Coleasure and Arnold, Jr. spent the weekend in Olney visiting their sister, Mrs. J. C. Taylor and family, and attended the graduation of Doris Marie Taylor.

MERRY MONAHANS, CLICKS

"The Merry Monahans," one of Universal's biggest productions of the season, which will open Thursday and Friday, June 7 and 8 at the Plaza Theatre adds up to screen entertainment at its very best.

The Universal film projects the considerable talents of Donald O'Connor, Peggy Ryan, Jake Oakie and Ann Blyth, mounted against a background of vaudeville in its halcyon days. The supporting lineup of topflight performers includes Rosemary De Camp, Isabel Jewell, John Miljan and Gavin Muir.

Although the production offers twenty melodic tunes, fifteen of them oldies, and five originals, plus several lavish dance spectacles, these are part and parcel of the plot, which concerns the dramatic rise of a family of troupers.

Both the maturing O'Connor and his professional partner, Miss Ryan, reveal new facets to their versatility. They are capable of moving an audience to tears as well as to amusement and applause.

In his sixteen years before the cameras, Oakie has never had a finer role nor acquitted himself more creditably. He plays the head of the Monahan family, father of O'Connor and Peggy Ryan. His comedy is spontaneous, his serious moments poignant and convincing, and his dancing unrestrained.

Talented Miss Blyth, a newcomer from the New York stage, is sincere and charming as the youthful romantic interest of O'Connor.

Directed by Charles Lamont, the screen play by producers Michael Fessier and Ernest Pagano, and dance staging by Louis Da Pron and Carlos Romero, all measure up to the film's high standard.

Mrs. Barlow Young of Eula entered the hospital Wednesday.

Rev. Collins will fill his appointment at the Presbyterian church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Brashar and daughter, Nell, of Spur visited Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brashar last Sunday.

Miss Dreida Izard of Sweetwater spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Izard in Baird.

Little Miss Laquita Joy Shelton, daughter of Mrs. Lorena B. Shelton, left this week to stay with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Huff, of Eastland, for the summer.

Mayor Hugh W. Ross returned from Dallas Wednesday after spending two weeks with his family there. He reports that Mrs. Ross and the new daughter are doing fine.

Mrs. A. E. Dyer, delegate of the Wednesday Club, and Mrs. W. P. Brightwell, delegate of the Delphian Club, attended the one day State Meet of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs in Austin.

KEEP YOUR POWDER DRY IS SUPERB ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

Make a bee-line for the Plaza Theatre, movie fans, for one of the really stirring entertainments of the year. It's called "Keep Your Powder Dry" and its stars are Lana Turner, Laraine Day and Susan Peters, three of Hollywood's loveliest and most talented young ladies.

In presenting "Keep Your Powder Dry," M-G-M, the producers, have made a picture in the tradition of its many outstanding photoplays over the years, among them, most recently, "Meet Me In St. Louis," "Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo," and "Music for Millions," to cite just a few.

Crammed with all the ingredients that go to make up really fine film fare, "Keep Your Powder Dry" is the story of three girls from different walks of life who, through different motivations, enlist in the Women's Army Corps.

Lana plays Valerie Parks, who joins in order to show the executors of her father's estate that she is not just a night-club habitue. Laraine is Leigh Rand, an "Army brat" who tries to lord it over her comrades, and Susan is Ann Harrison, the wife of a serviceman who has enlisted to do her bit as well. The conflict, from the start, between Val and Leigh, with Ann as mediator, motivates the story through their training together until the long-awaited graduation day.

Always primarily in the entertainment groove, "Keep Your Powder Dry" its fascinating picture also details the role of women in the war.

Mary C. McCall, Jr., and George Bruce, two of Hollywood's top-notch scenarists, have turned in a bright, fast-moving, compelling script; and Eddie Buzzell's direction is expert. George Haight has produced the film handsomely and with the dignity befitting the subject.

The starring trio are supported by a sterling supporting cast which include Agnes Moorehead, Natalie Schafer, Bill Johnson, Lee Patrick, Marta Linden, Tim Murdock, Jess Barker and June Lockhart. All are highly competent in their roles.

Sgt. and Mrs. Bill Bragg visited Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Mills last week.

Mrs. W. E. Davis of Sweetwater and Pfc. James Wall of Laredo attended the graduation exercises of their brother, George Fred, Friday evening. George Fred reported for induction in Dallas Monday following graduation and is stationed at Fort Sam Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Tee Baulch had as their weekend guests Mrs. Baulch's brother's, Robert D. Smith and daughter, Coleen, of Los Angeles, Calif. and J. W. Smith, advertising manager of San Angelo Standard Times, of San Angelo; and her sister, Mrs. Fred Mitchell, and children of La Mesa.

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