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Arthur B. Duncan Dies At Mineral Wells

First County Judge of Floyd County Succumbs to Heart Failure Thursday Afternoon

Judge Arthur B. Duncan, age 68 years, died suddenly in the Milling Hotel, in Mineral Wells, Texas, last Thursday afternoon at 2:15 o'clock, from an attack of heart trouble. Judge Duncan in company with his grandson, Duncan Hollums, had gone to Mineral Wells to consult a doctor and take treatment for high blood pressure, and was in consultation with Dr. Milling, when the end came. At the time of his death he was talking to the Dr. and was planning to go on to Marlin, Texas, when he said to the Dr. "Look out Dr. I am gone," and expired in a few moments.

On receipt of a telegram stating that Judge Duncan was dead, his son, Silas E. Duncan, son-in-law, J. I. Hammonds and R. Fred Brown, and Undertaker F. C. Harmon, left for Mineral Wells, and brought the remains back to Floydada late Friday evening.

Arthur B. Duncan was born in Hopkins County, Texas, on August 12th, 1862. His father was Wm. B. Duncan, who was born in Tennessee in the year 1800, later moving to Texas and settling in Hopkins county. Arthur B. Duncan was educated in the common school of Hopkins and Grayson counties, Texas, and was married to Miss Sarah K. Day, in 1882, and moved to Floyd county, arriving here on June 1st, 1884, settling in the Blanco canyon, south of Floydada, where he intended to homestead on watered land, but had to take up dry land instead. To this union there were ten children born, four boys and six girls. At that time Floyd county was attached to Donley county for judicial purposes, later the county was joined to Crosby county. During this time Judge Duncan was appointed Justice of the Peace, and administered the law in this county from his home in Blanco canyon, this was in the years of 1885 and 1886. His oldest son was born in Montague county, and the balance of the children, nine in number, were born in Floyd county.

He is survived by his wife and all ten of the children, they are: Silas E. Duncan, Floydada; Arthur B. Duncan, Jr., Canyon; Carol W. Duncan, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Mark W. Duncan, Lubbock; Mrs. Maud E. Hollums, Mrs. J. I. Hammonds, Mrs. R. Fred Brown, Floydada; Mrs. Emma Watkins, Petersburg; Mrs. Edith Pitts, Canyon, and Mrs. Mattie Hale, of the Harmony community in Floyd county.

All the children were present at the funeral. He is also survived by one son, brother, Wood V. Duncan, of Waurika, Okla., and three sisters, Mrs. Mollie Levertt, Waurika, Okla.; Mrs. Edith Moore, Tulsa, Okla.; and Mrs. Eugenia Smith, Peoria, Arizona. Mrs. Duncan is a sister to Joe J. Day of Floydada and Marion M. Day of Lockney.

When Floyd county was organized in 1890, Judge Duncan was elected as the first county judge and served for four consecutive terms, 16 years, then he was out of office for two years, and then was again elected judge for two more years. Since that time he has been in the abstract and land business in Floydada, however, he has continued to farm an 1800 acre farm south of Floydada. He had been a resident of the county for nearly 46 years, and is said to be the first white settler to locate in the county. Judge Duncan was the first man to import registered Jersey cattle in the county, also imported the first pure bred chickens, planted the first shade trees on the court house lawn in Floyd county, and introduced several forms of shade and fruit trees into this county. He was popular in all political and civic affairs of the county, and took an active part in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the county and the city of Floydada.

Funeral services were held at the Wall Street Church of Christ in Floydada Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Preceding the services were Dr. C. W. Smith, of Sand Hill, J. A. Hank Copeland, of Lockney, and H. A. Johnson, of Turkey, officiating, and a burial was in the Floydada cemetery under the direction of F. C. Harmon, undertaker. Old time friends from all parts of the Plains attended the funeral, at which there was a large and cheerful crowd present.

Abstract business of Judge Duncan being looked after at present by Dona Covington, who has been in office with Judge Duncan for many years. Within a few days the abstract business of the county will be active. It is believed that the county will have a very successful year.

LAKEVIEW TEAM WINS OVER LONGHORNS FOR TITLE Class B Champions Win in two Straight Victories

Lakeview with one of the finest teams ever to take the floor in a contest in this section today sits crowned as the unchallenged basketball champion of Floyd county. Two thrilling victories over the Lockney Longhorns, winners over Floydada for the Class A title, Tuesday night of last week, 29-25, and Wednesday night, of last week, 26-16, cinched county honors and makes Lakeview county representative in the district meet at Lubbock Friday and Saturday.

The first game of the final series was played in the Andrews Ward Gymnasium at Floydada and the last tilt in the Longhorn corral at Lockney. A crowd of 300 people witnessed both contests, many Lakeview and Floydada fans attending the final encounter.

Coach Henry Horton of Lakeview has developed one of the fastest breaking teams ever seen in action in this section. He has perfected a machine that works like a college crew. Willie Bunch and Herman Nelson for Lakeview crushed the Longhorns' hopes. Tuesday night Bunch was high point man with a total of 10, and Nelson crashed through with 13 Wednesday night for first honors.

Winning Team Small The Lakeview team is small but so fast it makes a person dizzy trying to watch them sling that ball. Scoring Tuesday night was follows: Lockney, F. Dollar, 7; H. Dollar, 9; Myrick, Boedeker 5; Kunkle, C. Feagin, 4; Flournoy. Lakeview: Willie Bunch 10; G. W. Smith, 6; Herman Nelson, 9; Leonard Alexander, Roy Anderson, Etherage Gilbreath 4.

Wednesday night's scoring: Lockney: F. Dollar; Kunkle; H. Dollar, 1; Boedeker, 8; Feagin, 5; Flournoy, 2; Davis.

Mrs. Frank H. Ford Breaks a Rib

Mrs. Frank H. Ford happened to an accident Saturday morning, while doing the chores at her home, when she fell, striking her right side against a board walk, and breaking one of her ribs. Medical attention was administered and she is getting along as well as could be expected, although it will take several weeks for the member to get well.

BILL WOULD SET LIMIT ON HOUSE REPRESENTATION

Austin, Tex., Feb. 21.—Representative Moffett of Chillicothe will introduce a constitutional amendment resolution Monday to limit representation in the House of the Texas Legislature.

Under Moffett's plan, no county would be permitted to have more than five representatives unless the population exceeds 500,000. They would be allowed a representative for each additional 100,000 population.

Moffett said under his resolution a more equitable representation would be assured. A bill has been introduced by Representative Metcalfe of San Angelo to redistribute the state on a straight 38,000 population basis.

This would permit Harris county to have nine representatives, Dallas eight, Bexar six and Fort Worth five. Moffett said precedent for the provision of his resolution has been set in several other states, the representation being based on a prorata apportionment rather than on straight population. Notably among the states was New Hampshire and Rhode Island.

In New Hampshire, each town of 600 population is entitled to one representative while to have two representatives, the town must have a population of 1,800 or more. In Rhode Island, Providence has 40 per cent of the population and 25 per cent of the Representation in the House.

THOMPSON IS SENTENCED TO DIE MAY 8

Eastland, Feb. 24.—Judge Elso Bean Tuesday overruled a motion for a new trial of Clyde Thompson's sanity case and sentenced Thompson to die in the electric chair Friday, May 8.

Thompson was convicted for killing A. L. Shook in this county Sept. 7, 1928.

A petition was being circulated here asking Governor Sterling to commute Thompson's sentence to life imprisonment. It is known all over the Western part of the state. He has been an active and reformed citizen on all business matters. It is believed that this section of the state has been one of the best.

Floydada Rotarians Put On Program

Meeting Breaks Up In Disorder, Occasioned by Big Fight Between Two Floydada Members

The Floydada Rotary Club came to Lockney last Friday at noon, and put on a program for the Lockney Rotary Club. The Floydada club attended in mass, and with the Lockney members and two Plainview Rotarians, Maury Hopkins and Mr. Miller, there were sixty-seven present at the luncheon. President Will Houghton presided at the joint session, and O. P. Rutledge was in charge of the program, after the business session. S. W. Eoss spoke on the "Life of Abraham Lincoln."

After the program was finished, under protest, Roy Snodgrass of Floydada, introduced a resolution favoring the "Soldier Bonus" bill, in which resolution, President Hoover and Secretary Mellon were severely criticized, and moved that the resolution be adopted by the joint meeting of the Floydada and Lockney clubs. Lon Davis of Floydada arose and objected to the resolution, stating that "he thought it out of place in a joint meeting, and that he objected to the abusive terms in which Mr. Snodgrass had referred to those who were opposed to the bill." Whereupon Mr. Snodgrass became very angry, leaving the room; after which Mr. Davis stated that "he was very sorry he had hurt Mr. Snodgrass' feelings about the matter, and that he hoped that no offense would be taken;" at this juncture Mr. Snodgrass re-entered the room with three large bricks, and in his excitement he let one of the brick fall upon the floor, and threw the other two at Mr. Davis, but being so excited the brick drove for J. H. Hohlausa and Artie Baker, who were in the line between the two contestants.

While this fracas was transpiring, nearly all the members present attempted to get under tables, chairs, and other things that would shield them while the fight was on, and some made wild dashes for the doors in an attempt to get out of the house, and there would have been Rotarians scattered all over that part of town within a few minutes, if the Floydada bunch had not give the joke away by howling and laughing. Luther Harris, who was between the two Floydada men, attempted to crawl out of a bad fix; Coach Reid, upon whose foot the brick fell, did a contortionist stunt and put himself in the clear, while Artie Baker became an ostrich and hid his head under the table. J. H. Hohlausa, who received the first brick thrown, had business in other parts of the house, and in some manner every person present found himself at a different point when the fracas ended than he was when the fight began. However, the brick used, other than the one dropped on the floor, were red sponges full of water.

There has been various and sundry accounts of the affair, and some claim they were wise to what was going to happen, but most of the Lockney Rotarians are doubtful to the truthfulness and veracity of those who make out they knew about the affair before it happened, and we all agree that Snodgrass and Davis are far better actors than the far famed "Amos and Andy" ever were or ever will be. We take our hats off to these boys for the clever stunt they pulled and got away with.

SMITH SENTENCED TO FOUR YEARS

Plainview, Feb. 22.—Ira Smith was yesterday convicted in district court before Judge Charles Clements of a series of burglaries on Plainview stores on the night of January 21. He was sentenced to four years in the state penitentiary. Local peace officers unearthed a long record of penitentiary sentences the accused had previously served for similar crimes.

J. C. LeMaster, charged with embezzlement from Robert Crouthers, was given a two-year suspended sentence Friday.

MISSOURI HOUSE FOR IMPEACHMENT

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 24.—The Missouri House of Representatives by a vote of 116 to 5 adopted the report of the special House committee recommending impeachment of State Treasurer, Larry Brunk, Republican, Aurora, Mo., on 12 charges of irregularity in office.

The vote was taken after the House voted down a motion of Representative J. W. Smythe, Republican, to impeach Brunk.

Watkins Goes to Trial On Murder Charge

Jury Selected Tuesday Morning—Evidence Started Tuesday Afternoon—Was Given 50 Years At Crosbyton

The case of the State of Texas vs. Joe Hawkins, charged with the murder of his father-in-law, S. H. Walker, near Falls, October 28th, 1929, and being tried on a charge of venue to Floyd county, was called for trial at Floydada Monday morning of this week, and the jury for the trial was completed at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning. Thirty-five of the venire of 100 men were examined, and the following jury selected: Lon Blasingame, E. W. Lightfoot, C. W. Henderson, H. L. Broad, S. M. Crawford, Geo. H. Figg, W. R. Dooly, O. B. Gross, W. C. Hubbard, Frank Boerner, J. C. Weathers, and A. V. Womack.

The taking of evidence for the state was begun at noon Tuesday, and followed very much the testimony that was presented at the trial in Crosbyton last year, when Hawkins was found guilty by a jury and given 50 years in the penitentiary, which verdict was reversed and remanded by the higher courts. Five witnesses were examined Tuesday afternoon. They were: Dr. W. C. Snow of Falls, who testified that he found Walker's body lying in the yard at the Hawkins' home, near the porch of the house, and stated that death had resulted from a shotgun discharge at close range; Sheriff Elmer Reed of Crosbyton, in his testimony identified Hawkins' shotgun and shotgun shells formerly of Crosby county, but now a resident of Abilene, and Floyd and Eugene Brents, now of San Antonio, testified as eye-witnesses to the shooting. On Wednesday other state testimony was introduced.

Walker was 78 years of age, and was the father-in-law of Watkins. The dispute that arose that resulted in the killing of Walker by Watkins, was over a dog fight.

The grand jury adjourned for this term Friday, after having been in session for five days, after taking a recess since the first week of court. The total bills returned by the grand jury this term of court were eleven, six felony charges and five charges of misdemeanor.

The only case disposed of since our last report was Rosa Kelley vs. Springfield Fire Insurance Co., the case having been dismissed.

This is the last week of the January term of court, and court will adjourn for the term on Saturday.

HANDLEY WOMAN AND LOCKNEY GIRL LEADERS AT QUILT SHOW

Fort Worth, Feb. 22.—Twenty-one exquisite coverlets, each of them representing the superlative qualities of near-perfect quilts, have been selected by expert judges to carry off honors in the Star-Telegram quilt show, which will complete its two weeks' run Monday night.

Mrs. E. C. Rodgers, Handley, will receive a Garland gas range, given by the Fort Worth Gas Company to the married woman having the most beautiful quilt in that division of the show.

A handsome Frigidaire, presented by the J. P. Anderson Company, local Frigidaire dealer, will go to Mrs. E. F. Goode, Goree, whose entry was selected by the judges as the most attractive one in the division for women over 65.

Annie Mae Bloxom, 13, of Lockney, carried off first prize honors in the children's division and will receive a Shetland pony from Leonard Brothers.

The quilt entered by Grady Leach, 2614 Primrose, won first prize in the men's division of the show. He will receive a \$12.50 fountain pen and pencil set, given by E. R. Conner & Co.

"STAR BRIGHS" AT MUNCY FRIDAY NIGHT, FEB. 27

The pupils of Muncy school will present a three-act comedy-drama Friday night, Feb. 27th, beginning at 7:30 p. m. The cast includes eleven characters, as follows:

- Jewel Mara Mrs. Bright
- Loretta Vandergriff Mrs. Bright
- Flossie Ferguson Sunshine Bright
- Susie Smalley Star Bright
- Joe Ferguson Jake Hoover
- Alva Smalley Melinda Bandy
- Johnnie Race Arthur Westcott
- Matricia Sparks Bird
- M. Vandergriff W. W. Smith
- Earl Ivie W. W. Smythe
- Shirley Race Willie

S. C. SOMERVILLE DIES SUNDAY AT WELLINGTON HOME

Funeral Services Conducted Monday from Methodist Church

S. C. Somerville, one of Collingsworth county's earliest settlers, was claimed by death Sunday at his home in this city. Mr. Somerville had been critically ill for several days preceding his death, which was not altogether unexpected by his family and many friends.

Mr. Somerville who was born Aug. 10, 1871, in Indiana, came to Collingsworth county in 1883, and had made his home in Wellington continuously for the past 42 years. He owned and operated one of the first blacksmith shops in this entire section, located on the present site of the Jack Gilson Filling Station. Mr. Somerville disposed of his blacksmith shop in 1902, and devoted his energies to farming. For many years he farmed two sections of land located just north of the Wellington town section.

Throughout his life, Mr. Somerville was a devoted and conscientious member of the Methodist church, and gave freely of his time, energies, and finances in the promotion of church affairs.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the First Methodist Church, with E. B. Bowen, pastor, officiating. Active pall bearers were Floyd Alexander, Bill McCluskey, Ralph Ball, Otto Buerger, Roger Collins, and Aubrey Dobbs. A large number of friends and relatives of the deceased filled the church to pay their last respects to the memory and honor of the esteemed pioneer.

Immediate relatives who survive are two daughters and three sons: Mrs. John O'Hearn of Lockney, Mrs. Oscar Smith, T. S. Somerville, C. D. Somerville and M. C. Somerville, all of Wellington. A number of more distant relatives also survive.

Interment was made in the Wellington cemetery, with Goodson & Ellis in charge of burial arrangements.

Jno. C. Broyles Announces for Re-election

We are authorized to announce the name of Jno. C. Broyles for re-election to the office of City Secretary-Treasurer, subject to the election to be held on Tuesday, April 7th.

Mr. Broyles was elected secretary-treasurer at the election two years ago, and is serving his first term in that capacity. He needs no introduction to the voters of this city, as he has been raised here and has been connected with the banking business in the city for many years. He is thoroughly capable of taking care of the duties of the office, and will appreciate the vote and influence of the community for election to a second term.

RAULIE AND CAWTHON ARE INDICTED IN CONNECTION WITH SHOOTING

Plainview, Feb. 22.—W. W. (Buck) Raulie and B. S. Cawthon last night faced indictments in connection with the shooting that occurred at a West Seventh street house early last Sunday morning, in which Irving Byars was dangerously wounded and Louis Longshore and Lawrence Dendly less seriously.

Raulie and Cawthon, who are in the Hale county jail, stand indicted by the grand jury from Hale county in the 64th District Court of charges of robbery with firearms of Louis Longshore, robbery with firearms of H. R. Shipman and accessories in these crimes in aiding the escape of the principal offender in these two cases.

Raulie is also charged with assault with intent to murder Irving Byars, who is yet in the Plainview Sanitarium suffering with a wound considered very grave. He is also charged as an accessory to that crime in aiding a criminal to escape.

The arrest of the man who is alleged to have done the actual shooting has not yet been made, but local officers are working diligently on the case.

Grand Jury Returns Fifty-Nine Indictments

Co-operation of County and City Enforcement Officers Commended

Plainview, Feb. 22.—Fifty-nine bills were returned by the grand jury in the 64th District Court, which adjourned Saturday afternoon. Twenty were for felonies and thirty-nine for misdemeanors.

J. H. Hooker signed the report as foreman of the grand jury. It commended the sheriff's department for its vigilance, found the jail and court house well kept, and recommended that the sheriff of Hale county "treat as prisoners" inmates of the jail who do not appreciate the unusually kind treatment that has been given them by the sheriff.

City and county officers are commended on the spirit of co-operation. "Considering the particular conditions that now exist," the report continues, "we find that crime in this county is at a low ebb. We find a few violators of the law, and have investigated many, but crimes are not as numerous as one might think from reading the papers."

CAP ROCK BANKERS' ASSN. MEETS MARCH SECOND

The semi-annual meeting of the Cap Rock Bankers' Association will be held in Floydada, Monday, March 2, at the First Methodist Church. An interesting and educational program has been arranged by the program committee. Lunch will be served at one o'clock and at 2:30 o'clock the delegates will motor to the Country Club for a game of golf.

Matters of unusual importance will be discussed by capable speakers. "Workings of the International Credit Bank," will be the theme of Artie Baker's address and E. S. Lee of Spur, will make a talk on "The Administration of the Drouth Relief Fund." W. B. Lee, of Spur, will lead the round table discussion.

Officers of the organization are: J. W. Weatherall, of Roaring Springs, president; J. Ed McLaughlin, of Falls, vice-president; Mrs. May Garrett, Floydada, secretary.

GRAND JURY FINDS COUNTY JAIL IN SANITARY CONDITION ON INSPECTION

Following is a letter by the grand jury for the present term of court which has just been dismissed. The jury offers only one recommendation, that of the purchase of a docket to be used as a permanent record for the jury. The letter in full is given below:

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Floyd.

In the District Court of Floyd County, Texas, Honorable Kenneth Bain, Judge of said Court:

We, your Grand Jury, after being in session for ten days beg to make the following report:

We have investigated thoroughly all the law violations that have been brought to our attention and we have returned six felony and five misdemeanor indictments.

We have examined the county jail of Floyd County and we find the same in good condition and sanitary and that the prisoners are well cared for.

We have investigated the death of P. G. Stegall and our findings are that he met his death by his own hand, there being not the least suspicion of any foul play and all the facts in connection with his death point to suicide.

We wish to recommend to the Honorable Commissioners Court of this county that a grand jury docket be purchased so that we may have a permanent record of the proceedings of the grand jury.

We wish to thank Your Honor the District and County Attorney, the Sheriff's Department and all the officers of the county for the aid given by them in the work of the grand jury.

Our labors being finished we ask that we may adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Foreman of the Grand Jury,
A. S. CUMMINGS.

Mrs. Whitley Breaks a Finger Mrs. Whitley happened to an accident Saturday afternoon, over a wire, and breaking fingers. The finger was Greer and she was right at last rest.

Both banks will be closed next Monday, March 2nd, on account of the holidays, Texas Independence Day. Most of the bank forces will attend the Cap Rock Bankers' Convention at that day.

ANNUAL EXHIBIT and FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF FLOYD COUNTY, TEXAS, FOR 1931.

Showing aggregate amount Received and Paid Out of each fund, and Balance to their Credit or Debit. Also amount to Debit or Credit of each Officer. Also amount of indebtedness of County, to whom and for what due, with dates of same for the year ending January 31, 1931. Filed 23rd day of February, 1931.

TOM W. DEEN, Clerk.

The following amounts have been received and paid out of each Fund, leaving balances on hand or overpaid at the close of the year, viz:

JURY FUND, 1st CLASS. To Balance \$4,003.67, To Amount Received 3,868.82, By Amount Paid Out \$4,369.42, By Amount Transferred to Other Funds 918.81, By Balance 2,584.26

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND, 2nd CLASS. To Balance \$14,013.24, To Amount Received 42,376.54, By Amount Paid Out \$13,146.95, By Amount Transferred to Other Funds 31,218.08, By Balance 12,024.75

GENERAL FUND, 3rd CLASS. To Balance \$2,234.79, To Amount Received 36,989.87, To Amount Transferred from Other Funds 1,704.76, By Amount Paid Out \$37,527.09, By Balance 3,402.33

BUILDING FUND, 4th CLASS. To Balance \$1,749.64, To Amount Received 3,722.22, By Amount Paid Out \$4,676.21, By Balance 795.65

BUILDING FUND, 5th CLASS. To Balance \$707.89, To Amount Received 6,303.64, By Amount Paid Out \$6,310.96, By Balance 700.57

ROAD AND BRIDGE SPECIAL No. 2 FUND, 6th CLASS. To Balance \$712.63, To Amount Received 3,111.84, By Amount Paid Out \$3,028.87, By Balance 795.60

PRECINCT No. 1 FUND, 7th CLASS. To Balance \$445.39, To Amount Received 6,925.55, To Amount Transferred from Other Funds 10,967.20, By Amount Paid Out \$15,883.40, By Balance 2,954.74

PRECINCT No. 4 FUND, 8th CLASS. To Balance \$4,945.48, To Amount Received 3,347.93, To Amount Transferred from Other Funds 5,328.03, By Amount Paid Out \$7,269.06, By Balance 6,352.38

PRECINCT No. 2 FUND, 9th CLASS. To Balance \$532.90, To Amount Received \$5,707.10, To Amount Transferred from Other Funds 9,704.99, By Amount Paid Out 14,255.15, By Balance 624.04

PRECINCT No. 3 FUND, 10th CLASS. To Balance \$2,968.64, To Amount Received 2,790.60, To Amount Transferred from Other Funds 4,431.91, By Amount Paid Out \$8,730.73, By Balance 1,460.42

PRECINCT No. 5 FUND, 11th CLASS. To Balance \$10,191.15, To Amount Received 1,000.00, To Amount Transferred from Other Funds 1,000.00, By Amount Paid Out \$11,191.15, By Balance 1,000.00

GENERAL FUND

Outstanding Indebtedness of the County at Close of January 31, 1931. Date of Warrant, No. of Warrant, To Whom Issued, For What Due, Amount. Includes entries for Gulf Insurance Co., Home Insurance Co., Fire Association, etc.

PRECINCT No. 1, SEVENTH CLASS

Outstanding Indebtedness of the County at Close of Jan. 31, 1931. Date of Warrant, No. of Warrant, To Whom Issued, For What Due, Amount. Includes entries for Mrs. Smith, W. M. Massie, G. A. Wade, etc.

PRECINCT No. 4, EIGHTH CLASS

Outstanding Indebtedness of the County at Close of Jan. 31, 1931. Date of Warrant, No. of Warrant, To Whom Issued, For What Due, Amount. Includes entries for W. H. Freeman, J. H. McKinney, R. E. Darrell, etc.

PRECINCT No. 2, NINTH CLASS

Outstanding Indebtedness of the County at Close of Jan. 31, 1931. Date of Warrant, No. of Warrant, To Whom Issued, For What Due, Amount. Includes entries for J. W. King, Lee Stephens, J. P. Anderson, etc.

PRECINCT No. 3, TENTH CLASS

Outstanding Indebtedness of the County at Close of Jan. 31, 1931. Date of Warrant, No. of Warrant, To Whom Issued, For What Due, Amount. Includes entries for J. D. Adams Co., Howard Bros., O. H. Norline, etc.

Total Amount of Scrip \$8,837.64. Includes entries for Refund Warrants R. & B. 2nd Class Fund, Jail Warrants, Court House Square Paving, etc.

RECAPITULATION. Total amount outstanding Indebtedness, in Scrip \$8,837.64. Total amount outstanding Indebtedness, in Coupon Warrants \$163,050.00. Total outstanding Indebtedness of County \$171,887.64.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Floyd. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct report for the year ending February 1st, 1931, as required by Art. 935a, General Laws of Texas, approved May 11th, 1893.

PLEASANT VALLEY

Feb. 23—Anna Mae Bloxom won the Shetland pony given by Leonard Bros. for the best farm life quilt by a boy or girl under 14 years of age. We are proud of Anna Mae and her quilt, and hope she wins many more honors through life.

SOUTH PLAINS

Feb. 24—Bro. Bourn filled his regular appointment here Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. L. Lanham are the proud parents of a baby boy. Mr. Sam Gilliland made a business trip to Muleshoe Tuesday.

WHO IS YOUR MASTER

The present crisis should not be your undoing, but should be a stepping stone to better things. It is a testing of the man, a separating of the dross from the pure. Will you come forth a better man or will you weaken and fall by the way?

TEXAS INDEPENDENCE DAY, MONDAY, MARCH 2nd. In memoriam of this great day in the life of all Texans, this will be closed all day, Monday, March 2.

BABY CHICKS — SEEDS — PLANTS. Better Bred Chicks for less money this year by several Dollars. Brooders and Feeds at a saving of many Dollars under last season. Garden and Field Seeds of the highest quality produced in America.

Electric and Acetylene Welding. C. E. WHITE SEED CO. 23 Years PLAINVIEW, TEXAS. I opened up an Electric and Acetylene Welding shop at the Messimer Garage, where I am now available to the public along this line.

A floating generating station serving a gasoline pipe line now under construction between Borger, Texas, and Amarillo, Texas. Service built by New England Service Co., Inc., Dallas, Texas.

SECURITY STATE. Our customer will please arrange their business accordingly.



Coronated Letters are Good Form

No longer is an apology expected for a typewritten letter to a friend. On the contrary, most of us have to apologize when we write in longhand.

Love letters are the only ones that people are willing to take the time to decipher. All others should be coronatyped. And if more love letters were coronatyped, there might be fewer breach of promise suits.

LOCKNEY BEACON

COUNTY BRIEFS

AIKEN

Feb. 24—Bro. Melvin Shaw of Plainview preached a fine sermon Sunday morning. Bro. Fitzgerald also preached a fine sermon Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Shugart took dinner Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hartley.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones and family visited relatives at Floydada Sunday.

Miss Iona Pearson of Plainview spent last Wednesday night with Miss Addie Shugart.

Onelia Morris visited Mary Nell Mangum Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Charlie Jones was the weekend guest of her brother, Mr. J. C. Thomas, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Elam and family and Frankie Shugart took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Farish Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chandler and family and Mrs. J. E. McAvoy and little daughter Alice, were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bruton.

Mr. G. M. Tate returned Saturday from California, where he had been called on account of the illness and death of his sister. This community extends to him our deepest sympathy.

Rev. and Mrs. Fitzgerald, Rev. and Mrs. Phillips and Bro. Weathers took supper with Mr. and Mrs. Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Swift took supper with Mr. and Mrs. Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillips visited with Mr. and Mrs. Phillips Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall, Mr. Loyd, Mr. and Mrs. McElyea, Mr. and Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Shugart, Mrs. Hartley, and Misses Opal Farish, Fay Morrison, Leona Hartley and Addie Shugart.

Mr. Clyde Mullings was sick Monday with tonsillitis.

Charlie B. Elam visited Marvin Glenn Marshall Sunday.

Misses Ruby Nell Morris, Camilla and Melba Campbell, and Alice Virginia Chandler visited Maxine and Charline Bruton Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. Redden, who are attending school at Wayland spent Monday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Shugart and family.

Mrs. O. L. Allen and Mrs. J. C. Thomas were hostesses to the W. M. U. of the Baptist church at a lovely party Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Allen. At the conclusion of several different kinds of games a delicious refreshment course consisting of chicken salad sandwiches, individual cherry pie, and hot chocolate were served.

LIBERTY

Feb. 24—The Liberty base ball teams played the Center girls and boys Friday afternoon. The scores were 5 and 28 in favor of the Liberty girls and 8 and 30 in favor of the Liberty boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Mayberry and son, Harley Joe, of Wellington, visited last week-end with Mrs. Mayberry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mayberry.

Christaline Bean spent Friday evening with Miss Margie Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Cybert returned home Saturday afternoon. Mr. Cybert had been in Haskell, where he had been for the past few months.

Mr. and Mrs. Erma and Berma Bean visited with Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Thursday evening.

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son, Billy, visited Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Jones of Floydada Friday.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Wadlington, is very ill with pneumonia.

Mr. Willard Dunlap and Mr. Ray McCormick were Pampa visitors Sunday.

Misses Erma and Berma Bean and Willie Hill spent Sunday with Miss Elsa Anderson.

J. A. Dunlap and J. W. Anderson visited Mr. A. J. Jetton Sunday evening.

LONE STAR

Feb. 23—The school children presented a program at the school auditorium last Friday evening. The F. T. boys from Lockney furnished some music, which was greatly appreciated.

Mr. J. M. Carthel and family spent Sunday with Mr. Francis Carthel and family of Prairie Chapel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Frizzell of Muncy spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Frizzell and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Rains of Lockney spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Frizzell and family.

Mr. Z. G. Cummings left Sunday morning for Colvis, N. M., where he was called by the death of his sister.

Mrs. Sterling returned to her home at Snyder, Texas, Sunday. Her daughter, Mrs. Cummings, went with her and will visit for some time.

Rev. L. A. Blair filled his regular appointment Sunday and Sunday night.

Services are being held at the Sterling Methodist church every night this week.

Last Tuesday afternoon the young men of the community played a match game of basket ball with the school boys. The score was 14 to 12 in favor of the outsiders.

Mrs. Herman Huffman was absent from school Thursday because of illness. Mrs. C. D. Merrick taught for her.

LUTHERAN NEWS

Feb. 23—A nice shower fell here late Friday night last which was greatly appreciated by the farmers in our midst.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete McLaughlin of the Wilson community were in our midst the first of the week.

Misses Icle and Hazel Crouch of Eagle Springs visited their parents over Sunday last.

Mr. J. A. Batey is able to be out some now. His friends are glad to learn.

Mrs. F. M. Kennedy and little daughter, also Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gamble and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Smith and family of the Snyder locality Saturday night. They were entertained by radio music before returning home. Mrs. Kennedy was the guest of Mrs. Gamble Sunday.

W. A. Boedeker and wife were in Plainview Saturday shopping.

Mr. White and J. A. Zimmerman were at Whitfield Friday last on business.

F. J. Boedeker and daughter, Mrs. Boertz, were in Plainview Saturday shopping.

B. O. Quebe was in the Whitfield community Sunday evening visiting.

Mr. Phillips of Prairieview was in our midst Monday on business.

Joe Zimmerman and wife were in Plainview Saturday shopping.

Mrs. Ooley of Plainview was in our midst Friday on business.

MUNCY

Feb. 23—The rain last week was appreciated by the farmers very much, approximately an inch of rain being reported for this section.

Miss Georgia Bryant and brother visited in the E. E. Huskey home Monday night.

Curtis Husky has been seriously ill for the past few days, but we are glad to report him better.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Muncy spent the week-end with their parents and returned home Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Claude Carpenter visited Mrs. E. E. Huskey Sunday afternoon.

Rev. R. E. L. Muncy and T. S. Stevenson of Floydada left Sunday night for Dallas and Fort Worth, where they will attend the banker's convention.

Mr. W. G. Ferguson was in Floydada Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Nergus Richards was also a Floydada visitor Saturday afternoon.

The school will present the play, "Star Bright," Friday night, Feb. 27.

40,000 CHEVROLET DEALERS WILL MEET IN 52 DISTRICTS

The most energetic move made by an automobile manufacturer so far this year to bring volume up to normal levels is to get under way next week when the Chevrolet Motor Company embarks on a sales promotional activity said to be the most extensive ever put on by a national manufacturer.

Upwards of 40,000 people in Chevrolet domestic retail organization will be summoned to the 52 zone headquarters in 52 key cities to attend meetings presided by factory officials for the first time. The meetings will be held in the grim chamber of factory and surrendered her life to the... should... not... as has... who seem... that...

tatives and other members of the field staffs are being pressed into service to aid members of the home office in holding the sales conventions, which are under the general direction of H. J. Klingler, vice-president and general sales manager.

The move represents an extraordinary activity by Chevrolet, attempted for the first time this year, and is based on the belief that unusually good business in 1931 will reward the organization which goes out after it. While similar meetings have been held on a national scale by Chevrolet and other manufacturers, this is said to be the first instance of national conventions being held solely for retail salesmen.

The purpose, according to Mr. Klingler, is to school the retail salesman in every phase of car merchandising in the interest of improved service to the public, which in turn will add to the good will of the dealer's establishment and the product, and add to sales volume.

Meetings in each town last for one day, beginning with a luncheon and terminating with an afternoon business session in a leading theater or auditorium. A feature of the luncheon is the installation of officers of the "100-Car Club," a star salesmen's organization composed of those retail salesmen who disposed of one hundred or more cars the calendar year. Each zone has its local organization, with the four sales leaders in that zone as honorary officers, and a national organization also is maintained.

The afternoon business sessions, as worked out by W. G. Lewellen, sales promotion manager, consist of stage scenes and playlets with factory men in the role of actors. Each group of officials is accompanied by a carload of special scenes, drops, stage settings and other theatrical equipment to aid in the effective presentation of the program. Even talking motion pictures form a part of the presentation to the salesmen and dealers across the footlights.

The equipment carried, rivals that of a theatrical show, and makes possible a dramatic presentation of the particular phase of selling under con-

sideration. Instead of illustrated lectures, the salesman has demonstrated to him the correct procedure in any given situation.

In inaugurating this series of meetings the Chevrolet Motor Company is continuing the aggressive policies adopted last fall when, despite general conditions, the 1931 Chevrolet sixes were announced nearly two months in advance of the normal schedule. National dealer meetings also were held before the customary time in an effort to make business better.

The revision in the company's normal program had an almost immediate effect. Production in November and December set new high records for those months, and Chevrolet passenger car registrations in December lead all other makes, a position of leadership which the company seems destined to maintain during January in view of the trend of early reports.

HELPING TO BUILD TEXAS

While total building permits in principal Texas cities in 1930 were considerably below the total for 1929, a number of Texas towns and cities went ahead of their 1929 records. Figures from the Texas Business Review of the University Bureau of Business Research show in this favored list Amarillo, Beaumont, Corsicana, Dallas, Denison, Port Arthur, Sherman and Tyler.

Forty-nine Texas counties had producing oil wells and fourteen producing gas wells, according to the Oil and Gas Division of the State Railroad Commission. During the year 4,361 oil wells, and 356 gas wells were brought in, and 2,889 wells were sunk without finding production.

Allocation of funds for beginning work on eighteen Federal buildings in Texas towns was recommended by the Treasury Department, the total for purchase of sites and actual construction included being \$3,060,000. Towns for which funds were recommended include San Antonio, Waco, Beaumont, Atlanta, Big Spring, Breckenridge, Cisco, Crockett, Galveston, George-

town, Harlingen, Jacksonville, McAllen, Memphis, Pampa, San Benito and Seguin.

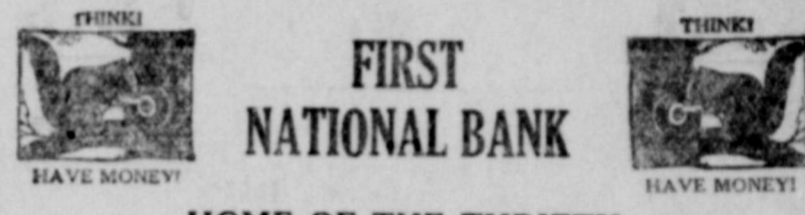
Ozona has let contract for a \$137,000 high school. Huntsville has sold \$150,000 bonds preliminary to starting work on a new school building. Slidell voted \$15,000 for a new building.



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- 10c TABLETS Each
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- 5c MEMO BOOKS Each
- 5c Paper Clips, 100 to box, regular 10c box, now
- 5c RUBBER ERASERS, regular 5c, Now 2 for
- 5c THUMB TACKS, regular 10c now

OTHER ITEMS REDUCED

- 15c WESTAB CONSTRUCTION PAPER, Regular 10c packages 2 for
- 25c MASTERPIECE CONSTRUCTION PAPER Regular 20c Package 2 for
- 10c CARTER OR WATERMAN BLUE-BLACK INK, regular 15c size
- 10c 20c CRAYOLAS, 16 colors in box Only
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MARRS HAS PLAN TO KEEP SCHOOLS OPEN

Austin, Feb. 23.—S. M. N. Marrs, state superintendent of schools, said today he would have a bill introduced which would enable many public schools to carry out their contracts with teachers and keep open for the desired length of terms. He said emergency legislation was deferred until October 15.

Under the plan trustees would be authorized to issue interest-bearing warrants in payment of salaries this year. "The warrants will be negotiable and teachers will be able in the majority of cases to cash them at face value," Marrs said.

NEED BETTER LAWS. NOT MORE LAWS

This country is surfeited with laws. There are so many statutes that it is utterly impossible for the average citizen to be conversant with them, even superficially. This superfluity of statutory law tends to lower general respect for law. It should be the purpose of all legislative bodies to keep down to the minimum the number of legislative enactments.

Fewer laws, and laws of better quality, is the supreme need of the hour throughout the Nation.

MONDAY EVENING MUSICAL AT GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Miss Lillian Hoeftin, pianist, will present a group of students in a musical program Monday evening, 7:45, in the grammar school auditorium. Some interesting and varied numbers have been arranged including duets and two-piano selections. The Lockney High School Orchestra together with a two-piano accompaniment will be a special feature.

Those who will be on the program, are Mary Glenn Huff, Lawrence Hohlaus, Mary Elizabeth Broyles, Joyce Thomas, Wyatt Hanks, Mary Margaret Ridings, Mary Alice Baker, Billie Jenn Biggers, Melba Simpson, Milton Adams, Virginia Hohlaus, Hazel Ford, Mary Leda McAdams, and Opal Floyd.

The orchestra includes, Opal Floyd, Kenneth Hohlaus, Glenn Stevenson, Douglas Adams, Fred Beall, Hazel Ford, Virginia Hohlaus, Milton Adams, Melba Simpson, Mary Leda McAdams and Anice Stewart.

The public is invited.

DATES ARE SET FOR HERD IMPROVEMENT SCHOOL AT CANYON

Canyon, Feb. 21.—Announcement has been made of the tentative program of the second annual Panhandle Herd Improvement School which will

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| RED & WHITE TOMATO or VEGETABLE SOUP 3 cans for | 25c |
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| GALLON BLUE BRER RABBIT SYRUP | 75c |
| CHOICE PEACHES 3 lbs. | 37c |
| SLAB APRICOTS 3 lbs. | 42c |
| No. 1, WHITE POTATOES 10 lbs. | 19c |
| RED & WHITE MILK, 6 Baby or 3 Tall cans | 25c |
| 1 lb. RED & WHITE COFFEE | 39c |
| 3 lbs. RED & WHITE COFFEE | \$1.12 |
| BLUE & WHITE SARDINES, Tomato or Mustard can | 12c |
| No. 2 ALL GOLD SLICED PINEAPPLE | 25c |
| FANCY HEAD RICE 5 lb. Sack | 30c |
| BLUE & WHITE CHINA OATS, Cup or Bowl Per package | 28c |
| ORANGES Per dozen | 17c |
| CELERY bunch | 13c |

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Lockney, Texas

be held in Canyon April 2, 3, and 4. The school held as an extension project of the West Texas State Teachers' College with members of the agricultural department planning the program.

Among the specialists whose names appear on the tentative program are: E. M. Rogenbrecht, A. & M. College of Texas, College Station; C. C. French, Fort Worth Stock Yard Co.; R. V. Miller, State Department of Agriculture, Austin; J. H. McClain, Washington, D. C.; E. N. Holmgreen, A. & M. College; R. B. Galloway, Amarillo, Texas; D. L. Jones, Lubbock, Texas; Dr. Verne Scott, John Tarleton Agricultural; J. R. Edmunds, A. & M. College, and A. L. Dornell, College Station, Texas.

DROUTH SEED BILL PASSED BY SENATE

Austin, Feb. 23.—The Senate Monday voted 30 to 0 for final passage of a bill by Senator Cunningham of Abilene, authorizing Commissioners' Courts in drouth stricken counties to make purchases of feed and planting seed for the residents. The residents would give their personal notes in exchange.

The bill was amended to limit each county to a maximum expenditure of \$50,000 for feed and seed.

Mrs. Tom McGhee spent Tuesday in Plainview.

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| MUSTARD | 29c | Once More SAUSAGE lb. | 15c |
| Per bunch | 5c | BEST DRY SALT BACON lb. | 25c |
| TURNIPS AND TOPS | 5c | COUNTRY HAM Halves lb. | 16c |
| Per bunch | 5c | While they last SPARE RIBS lb. | 35c |
| Fresh and Tender | 5c | Pasturized Creamery Brookfield BUTTER, lb. | 25c |
| ONIONS bunch | 2c | Beef BRAINS lb. | 25c |
| LEMONS | 19c | | |
| Per dozen | 29c | | |
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| ONIONS lb. | \$1.50 | | |
| Fresh and Good | 59c | | |
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INDEX TABS—To school children We now have plenty of blank index tabs.—Beacon office.

FOR TRADE—1-2 section land in Randall county, fenced and clear of debt, for land in Floyd county. Will assume some indebtedness.—Glad Snodgrass, Floydada, Tex. 24-21-c

CARD OF THANKS—We wish to again thank Mr. O'Hearn for allowing us to sell tickets for the Isis Theatre during last December. The proceeds were used to buy our uniforms, of which we are very proud.—The Girl Scouts.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—A well built nine room dwelling, good for apartments, in Lockney, Texas. Clear of debt. Will consider sale on same, might accept good notes or land.—See or write John C. Broyles, Lockney, Texas. 18-1f-c

FOR SALE—Buick Brougham sedan, in first-class shape every way, five Double Eagle Goodyear tires, engine good as new, will sell cheap for cash.—See H. B. Adams, Beacon office.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Some choice town lots, free of indebtedness, will sell worth the money, or trade for Jersey cows or automobile.—See H. B. Adams at Beacon office.

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SEWING WANTED—Alterations and dresses made over.—Mrs. Leslie Floyd. 23-4t-c

SELLING OUT—We are selling out our entire stock of tender, sweet turpentine greens for canning or eating fresh. Special, the first five hundred customers can get them at two-bits per bushel. Bring a gunny sack please.—Sunshine Gardens. 23-1f-c

WANTED—A jam up good young milk and butter cow, must be gentle, easy to milk and good tests.—A. D. Major, Lockney, Texas.

SORE GUMS—PYORRHEA Foul breath, loose teeth or sore gums are disgusting to behold, all will agree. Leto's Pyorrhoea Remedy is highly recommended by leading dentists and never disappoints. Druggists return money if it fails.—Stewart Drug Company.

NOTICE "There will be held a meeting in the county court room at Plainview, Texas, on Saturday, Feb. 28th, at 2:30 P. M. in the interest of the organization of a Farmers Mutual Hall Insurance Company. All wheat framers are urged to attend and bring their neighbors with them." 11-c

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"IRON IRENE" GOES CALMLY TO HER DEATH Dies in the Electric Chair For Murder: Dague Meets Same Fate Bellefonte, Pa., Feb. 23.—Calm and collected, Irene Schroeder and Walter Glenn Dague went to their deaths in the electric chair at Rockview penitentiary today just after break of dawn.

The state claimed of them the supreme price for the killing of a guardian of its highways. The woman went to the chair first, at 7 a. m. one contact was made and she was pronounced dead at 7:05. Dague was placed in the chair at 7:08 and five minutes later was dead. Mrs. Schroeder's face was pale, almost ghastly, except for a slight bit of rouge on either cheek, as she was brought into the death chamber. Her eyes were open until she was seated in the big chair, then she closed them and kept them closed until the death hood was placed over her head.

Dague came in with steady stride and as he sat down in the chair, grazed left and right at the witnesses. Then the hood was adjusted and the electric contact was made while the prison chaplain still was offering up a prayer for the condemned. Neither of the slayers spoke, nor was any word spoken to them. The woman who once wielded a gun with her gunman lover in merciless bloodshed, was unflinching at her doom as ever she had been during her days of banditry and subsequent flight and fight for life. "Iron Irene," they termed her at her trial. "Iron Irene," she was until the end. The spirit that bore her up when the jury in the Lawrence county courts pronounced death as her sentence, held with her as she walked into the grim chamber of death here and surrendered her life for the sake of a man who had loved her.

She was clad in a gray artificial silk dress, loose and poorly fitting. She wore beige stockings and black slippers. The hair, was clipped away from the back of her head at a spot where an electrode was attached. Mrs. Schroeder, who leaves a five-year-old son was the first woman ever to pay the supreme penalty in the electric chair in this commonwealth and the fourth woman to be put to death in this manner in the United States. She was 22 years old. She was a native of the Wheeling, W. Va., section and at one time was a waitress. Dague, whose widow and two children reside at Benwood, W. Va., once was an insurance salesman and Sunday school teacher. Together they took part in a series of holdups and robberies which culminated in the slaying of Paul. After the shooting they fled to Arizona, where they were captured after a second gun fight with officers. Brought back to Pennsylvania, they were convicted in the Lawrence county criminal court at New Castle in March 1930, and shortly thereafter were sentenced to be executed. Appeals were taken to the high courts and all were denied. Petitions for clemency to the state pardon board also failed, and grant other than a stay without a recommendation from the pardon board. Mrs. Schroeder, as well as Dague, displayed an indifference to their fates, this attitude marking their long imprisonment at New Castle and the two days they were in the death house here. Both ate heartily on their last day on earth, and among Mrs. Schroeder's last requests was that she be provided with "funny papers." A lurid page in the crime history of the nation was written by Irene Schroeder and Walter Glenn Dague. Irene, was 20, and mother of a four-year-old son, when she became gunwoman and killer. Her husband had ceased to live with her. Dague had been a Sunday school teacher, a Wheeling automobile salesman, husband of a school teacher, and father of two children. The woman, stolid and unromantic in appearance, and Dague paleyed and dapper, were bound together in an illicit love and a short career of banditry. Petty robberies and bold holdups perpetrated by the pair were climaxed by the killing of Corporal Brady Paul, of the Pennsylvania highway patrol, near New Castle, Pa., Dec. 27, 1929. Patrolman Ernest Moore was wounded at the same time. Later, as they fled west, the killers fought a policeman at St. Louis, Mo., and kidnaped and wounded one deputy sheriff and fatally wounded another in Arizona. On the morning of December 27, 1929, Mrs. Schroeder, Dague and Tom Crawford, the woman's brother, had robbed a grocery store at Butler, Pa. A report of the robbery was sent to New Castle. Corporal Paul and Moore sped out along the New Castle-Butler road and stopped all approaching automobiles. Dague and the woman stepped from the automobile with drawn weapons. There was gun fire. Moore testified at the woman's trial that she fired at Paul. The woman admitted she actively engaged in the shooting. Paul and Moore fell, the latter rendered unconscious by a bullet. The bandits then sped on. Paul died about an hour later. Moore recovered to tell his story at the trials of Mrs. Schroeder and Dague. Days after the gun battle, the authorities found Mrs. Schroeder's little son with relatives near Wheeling, the boy, investigators said, unknowingly furnished information that linked his mother with the crime. Mrs. Irene Schroeder, who died in the electric chair at Bellefonte, Pa., today was the twenty-seventh white woman to be legally executed in the United States since the respective states were chartered.

Much complaint was raised last year by railroads tapping the Gulf that trucks had taken away practically all of their cotton freight, having hauled to ports about 1,000,000 bales.

Next Friday night the committee will hear the famous "McDonald bill" introduced by Representative J. J. Olsen of Yoakum, which seeks to establish a new state commission with powers to enforce reduction of cotton acreage, with penalties for violation. This bill was offered in the Forty-first by J. E. McDonald of Waxahachie. It was defeated, but McDonald continued to fight for this legislation, making it his platform when he ran for agricultural commissioner.

He was elected and is still arguing the measure is needed for decreased cotton acreage. Another bill over which a fight will be waged is by Representative G. Y. Lee of Eden, which compels weighing of all cotton offered for sale by public weighers under the supervision of the agricultural commissioner. The measure prevents any one connected with a gin, compress, warehouse or cotton firm to qualify as a weigher.

At the same time a bill by Westbrook will be considered, this giving voters of any political subdivision the right to determine whether only one variety of cotton shall be raised.

Under the terms of a measure introduced by Representative E. P. Shelton of San Marcos, cotton ginners must take out a state license and operate under more strict state regulations. This measure is also scheduled for a hearing next Friday night.

Several farm bills have not yet been scheduled for hearings. One of the latter prescribed that when a farmer raises more than one bale to every four acres he shall be penalized \$5 for each extra bale. There is another measure that puts a tax of \$1 on every bale of cotton raised in Texas. On Monday, March 2, a measure introduced by Representative R. E. Sparkman of Italy will be threshed out. This measure requires all public utilities, railroads, pipelines and refineries to prevent Johnson grass growing on their respective properties and the proposed fine is heavy. If 100 acres or more are found in Johnson grass or Canadian thistle a fine of \$150 is to be asked.

Directly the Farm Bureau Federation has been of but little help to the farmers of Floyd county because they have not availed themselves of the benefits that it has to offer. In fact, it seems that many of the farmers of Floyd county are very suspicious of any move among the farmers that is made in an effort to help themselves. The very fact that the farmers are behind any move to forward their own interests is a signal to many of their number to let it alone or to criticize it.

Notwithstanding this condition, the Farm Bureau has been the starting point of some things that have played an important part in the economic condition in the county. It is true that some of the things that it has sponsored have failed, but they have shown what the farmers might do if they would work together. Indirectly, it has given the benefits of reduced overhead expenses in marketing commodities, reducing the spread in prices between the producer and consumer. For instance, the A. C. C. A. guarantees that the expenses of handling a bale of cotton shall not exceed \$2.50 per bale. When the cotton bureau first began to function the expense was two or three times as much. The same, to an extent, in wheat and other commodities.

Everyone that raises these commodities gets the advantage of these. But many are not willing to give the commodity associations credit for it. The Farm Bureau Federation and kindred organizations have set our state and national legislatures to thinking and acting in the interest of agriculture. It is sometimes claimed that the farmer does not need any legislation in his behalf. Then why does he have to sell in an open, world market and buy in a protected market? Many farmers are opposed to joining an organization, but it is certain that many things can be done by team work that cannot be done individually.

Read the editorial in Farm and Ranch of February 21 on the surplus land problem.—W. B. Jordan.

TEXAS has 1,223,774 families (1930 census) living in 1,218,474 homes. Texas has a county—Winkler—which showed a population gain of 8,775.3 per cent between 1920 and 1930, respective totals being \$1 and 6,784. In the preceding decade it showed a loss of 7 per cent.

IMPORTANT FARM LEGISLATION IS ON CALENDAR AT AUSTIN Agriculture Affected By Many Bills

Austin, Feb. 23.—The House Committee on Agriculture will begin functioning this week on some of the most important farm legislation ever proposed in Texas, some of the bills having been declared of a radical nature, but which proponents assert are necessary for the farmers' welfare. Representative Lawrence Westbrook of Waco is chairman of the committee.

Among the measure the committee will take up is that offered by Representative George C. Stephens of Sulphur Springs to compel all motor trucks hauling cotton to unload and compress the staple en route under regulation of the State Railroad Commission. This hearing is for Wednesday and railroads already unloading cotton in order to save space. Should the trucks follow the same course, they would put them out of the business, some legislators on the other hand what is one common carrier should be fired of another, some

population increases of more than 5,000 per cent in the 1920-30 decade; Winkler 8,775.3 per cent; Hockley 6,686.9 and Crane 5,902.7.

Texas showed mineral production in 1929 valued at \$438,706,584. Petroleum contributed \$323,540,667 of the total.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gross spent Sunday with Mr. Gross' mother. Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Sisson of the Allmon community spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Morton. Mrs. Emery and children of McCoy spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jake Brock. The Sand Hill basketball girls played the Dougherty girls at Floydada last Wednesday night, the scores being 35 to 32 in Sand Hill's favor. Artis Smith spent Sunday with Ora Murgraves. Joy Grigsby spent Sunday with Beauna Weems. A good many from this community attended the funeral of Judge Duncan at Floydada, Sunday. Mabel Roberts spent Sunday with Oleta Standifer. Everyone is invited to attend our community party ever other Wednesday night. Our next party being on March 4th.

CEDAR

Feb. 24—Another good rain fell here Friday night. Sunday school and church attendance was small Sunday, we suppose on account of so much sickness in the community. Bro. Jones preached for us Sunday morning and Bro. Clarence Love of Childress preached Sunday night. Mr. E. C. Durham and wife visited in the Jim Dunlap home Sunday. The baby of Mr. and Mrs. Arleigh Wadlington has been very sick with pneumonia the past week, but is some better now. Mmes. Nora Brown and Annie Campbell and Mrs. Addie Smith were Sunday visitors in the Tom Fortenberry home. Mr. and Mrs. Zariah Starkey's baby is slowly improving this week. We are hoping for its recovery. Mrs. J. C. Fortenberry spent Sunday afternoon in the Joe Fortenberry home. Next Sunday is our regular singing day. Everybody come and bring your book, if you have one. Mr. and Mrs. Bishop Wiggington visited in the Tom Gill home in the Center community Sunday. Mattie and Agnes Taylor are out of school this week on account of vaccination, which is going pretty hard with them. Mr. Ben and Dozier Dillard attended the ball game at Floydada last Tuesday night without the knowledge or consent of their wives. They were seen at the store the next evening caring for a baby each, wondering where their women could be.

IRICK

Feb. 24—The B. Y. P. U. Federation rendered a very interesting program Sunday afternoon with a large attendance. Misses Laura Mae Terrell, Ruth Tyer, and Cherry of Robertson, Tex., spent the week-end with Miss Laura Mae's mother, Mrs. Monroe Terrell. Mrs. Mattie Downs of Lockney spent Sunday with her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Ashby. Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Moreland visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Murphy, east of Lockney, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Dawson Robertson visited in the Roseland community Sunday. Bro. Hicks of Plainview attended the program here Sunday afternoon and took supper with Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Howell. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lamb of Aiken and Mr. and Mrs. Ira Chambers visited in the W. E. Taack home, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Minor of Floydada visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Robertson Sunday afternoon. Bro. Coe and family visited in the Pernel home Sunday. Miss Geraldine King of Plainview visited Miss Aline Terrell Sunday. The Pleasant Valley boys played the Irick boys a game of baseball Friday, the scores being 22 to 2 in favor of Irick. The Senior B. Y. P. U. of Floydada will render a program here Sunday afternoon, March 1st. Everyone cordially invited to attend. Mr. S. T. Cooper is visiting his sons, Tom and Roe, on the ranch at Clayton, N. M. this week. Mr. Dow Colston was a Plainview visitor Saturday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Baker visited Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Graham Sunday afternoon. Earline Byars spent Friday night with Louise Lynskie. The play "Dixie Rose" presented by Sterley Friday night, was enjoyed by a large audience. Mr. Elvis Roberson visited Mr. John Cooper Friday night. Miss Aileen Taack visited Miss Fay Baker Sunday.

WHY IT PAYS TO BUY BABY CHICKS By W. F. Munnerlyn, Texas A. and M. College. In the poultry industry today the most common means of replacing the flock is by purchasing baby chicks from a reliable breeder or hatchery. The hatching capacity in the State of Texas has increased several thousand per cent in the past decade, and this tremendous increase has been brought about because it pays farmers and poultrymen to buy their baby chicks, rather than trying to hatch the chicks with troublesome settings hens or small incubators. The advantage of buying baby chicks is the first place,...

AIKEN VOTES TO ABOLISH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

At an election held in the Aiken School District on Wednesday of this week, the voters of that district voted by a vote of 36 to 32 to abolish the Aiken Independent School District, and to revert the district back to a common school district. There were 67 votes polled at the election out of a possible 71 voters, if all qualified voters of the district had voted, there being four voters that did not vote. The result of the election is a culmination of a three years' fight over the school affairs in the district, the opposition to the Independent District having begun in April, 1928.

COUNTY BRIEFS

FAIRVIEW

Feb. 23—The attendance was very low at both of the churches. There was no B. Y. P. U. at the Baptist church Sunday night. There is to be a social Friday night at the Methodist church. Every one is invited to come. Mr. and Mrs. McCAda and family visited Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Hodges and family. We regret to lose Mr. and Mrs. Edd Bullard from our community. They will make their home at New Mexico. Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Horton, Mrs. W. B. Wilson, and Misses Iris Horton, Edna Beth Wilson, and Jennie Mae Sisson took Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Stewart. Jennie Mae Sisson spent Sunday evening and night with Edna Beth Wilson. Miss Hazel Brown was absent from school last week on account of sickness. There are several cases of smallpox in the community. We hope the one's that have them will be back in school and the church again soon.

PRAIRIE CHAPEL

Feb. 24—A nice rain fell in this community last Friday night. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Allen of Amarillo spent Sunday here visiting in the home of Mrs. Allen. Mr. and Mrs. William Carthel visited Mrs. Herman Marlock of the Center community Wednesday. Misses Reva and Oleta Harrison, Gladys and Laella Carthel visited school last Thursday. Mr. John Griffith and family returned from Duhart last week. Gladys Wilbanks has been absent for the past two weeks on account of illness. Mr. G. E. Tannahill left Monday for Fort Worth. We are very busy working with the different events for the Interscholastic League Meet. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Boyd visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Tannahill Sunday night. Grandma Carthel was given a surprise birthday dinner Sunday at the home of her son, Mr. Francis Carthel, celebrating her seventy-first birthday. Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Clements were Plainview visitors Saturday.

SAND HILL

Feb. 24—We had a good rain Friday night, which everyone appreciated. There was a good crowd out for school Sunday. There is to be a play here last night, entitled "Vagabond". The play was given by the Goldbergs. The school took dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hester Sunday night.

poultryman desires. This is certainly not true when you are dependent upon one or more hens going broody. In buying baby chicks a definite number of chicks are assured and all the risk and bother of incubation is eliminated. Furthermore, chicks hatched in big mammoth incubators, where all of the factors of incubation are under absolute control, are better chicks and more vigorous chicks. Incubating and brooding with setting hens is a very expensive practice due to the enormous amount of labor involved. The present outlook is that prices for poultry products will be back to normal if not higher by fall of this year. Do not let present prices discourage you, and keep you from placing your order at once for baby chicks. Remember these chicks will be laying pullets by fall and should be in a position to turn in a nice profit.

WEST TEXAS MAYORS AND CITY OFFICIALS MEET AT LUBBOCK

Body Names Goodman of Midland Head of Association Lubbock, Feb. 24.—In spite of muddy roads caused by recent rains, 50 West Texas mayors and other city officials gathered here Tuesday for the second meeting of the West Texas Officials' Association. A number of telegrams supporting House bill No. 306 giving city and county officials authority to regulate utilities were sent by the organization and by members of the organization to representatives at Austin. A. B. Davis, manager of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, made the welcome address to the association at a luncheon given the out-of-town visitors. Paul T. Vickers of Midland responded. Mayor J. J. Clements of Lubbock, president of the temporary association, presided. Goodman Elected President J. B. Caldwell, mayor of Plainview, chairman of the committee appointed on Feb. 13 at the time the association was formed to investigate protests filed against charges made for natural gas over West Texas, made a report and the question was discussed through most of the afternoon meeting. Mayor Leon Goodman of Midland, appointed to draw up a constitution and by-laws, made a report which was adopted. The constitution and by-laws call for a permanent organization and regular meetings. Goodman was elected president of the permanent organization; other officers follow: Clements, first vice-president; Caldwell, second vice-president; and Mayor E. D. Ireland, Hereford, third vice-president. The president will name the secretary-treasurer. Group Changes Name The name of the association was changed to West Texas Municipalities Association. Every town and city in West Texas will be invited to join and special invitations will be sent to city officials that met at Abilene recently to consider a similar program as the one considered here. The officials voted to arrange a meeting of a committee from the association with officials of the West Texas Gas Company in reference to the gas controversy, at which time the association will demand a public accountant audit the books of the association to determine profits the company is making on the investment in this section. President Goodman indicated the association will take a hand freely in legislative matters. In a statement made after his election, he said: "This section of the State never has been given the proper recognition in legislative matters. To get this recognition is a real job and this association will work to this end. Officials and the executive committee of this association must study problems of the section carefully for this is a huge empire. As president, I pledge myself to answer any call to serve. I will go to Austin, to Washington or anywhere else in an effort to forward the interests of West Texas."

TWO TOBACCO TAX BILLS OFFERED

Austin, Feb. 21.—Although the war ended more than a decade ago, Texas is going back to wartime taxes and stamp acts if two bills now with the House Revenue and Taxation Committee should pass. These measures not only impose an occupation levy on cigars and cigarettes, but additional license fees and restrictions surrounding manufacture, distribution, and sale, state stamps to be required at every step. There is a third bill which prohibits cigaret posters which show women smoking. How much the tobacco tax bill would add to the state revenues has not been disclosed and no definite estimates have been furnished either the committee or House. But Representative Preston Anderson of San Antonio declares they would add about \$10,000,000 to the tax burden. "Why such a nuisance tax at this time is sought I do not comprehend," he added. "The World War closed 12 years back, at which time we ceased putting on all sorts of new sales taxes, for it was no longer necessary to support the Army of I make loans to the Allies. Perhaps the private information about the United States is being carried into,...

"Apparently this big war is about to come upon us, and we should not limit ourselves to cigars and cigarettes, but should tax phone calls, telegrams, soft drinks and safety pins. But the most productive tax of all should be \$10 for every bill introduced in the House. One member would have to pay a vast fortune under such a tax, as most of our bills came from his mighty hand. All of his tax bills so far tax nothing that would cost him one cent." There are two tobacco tax plans with the committee, one by Representative C. E. Farmer of Fort Worth and the other by Representative Joe Hatchitt of Wichita Falls. Both of them levy an occupation tax, but the Farmer bill carries the stamp requirements, providing for complicated machinery with the comptroller in charge of the sale and affixing of stamps on cigars and cigarettes. There are five pages to the Hatchitt bill and 13 to Farmer's. Cigar and cigaret dealers, by the way, already are paying a state occupation tax, and have been for many years. The two tax bills will be heard by the committee March 4, Representative Dewey Young, chairman, presiding. Thousands of men purchase cigars at a retail price of 12 1-2 cents to 15 cents, and on this class of cigars the Farmer bill places a tax of \$15 the thousand, Hatchitt asking for a similar tax. Both bills require that the State shall be paid 10 per cent of the sales price of cigars weighing no more than three pounds per 1,000 and retailing at 5 cents. The usual state gross receipts or production tax is not more than 2 per cent, the proposed tobacco tax being five times as much for certain brands of cigars and cigarettes. Both bills place a tax of \$2 the 1,000 on "cigarettes. Hatchitt's bill merely requires dealers to report regularly to the comptroller, but the Farmer bill goes much further. To begin with he places a permit tax or \$25 on all wholesalers, this including railroad trains, while the retailer must pay an annual fee of \$20. The machinery of his stamp system contains many provisions. The bill also specifies what kind of cigaret packages shall be offered for sale. If a consumer, any John Smith, should order from other states a few cartons of cigarettes the bill makes him a dealer and he will have to pay the tax. In fact a consumer will have to obtain a permit from the State before he can order tobacco from outside the State, and he will have to use the stamps too. The twenty-ninth section of the Farmer bill, dealing with disposal of revenues from the tax, allots three-fourths of the fund to various state supported colleges and the other fourth to the rural school fund.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Covert and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Morter visited relatives and friends in Lockney Sunday. Mrs. H. R. Adams, Mrs. Geo. F. Kinyon, and Miss Reta Blankenship spent Friday in Plainview visiting with friends. Mrs. Edd Reeves of Abilene, Texas, is in Lockney this week visiting Mrs. W. K. Early, and other friends. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Brown have gone to Phoenix, Arizona, where Mr. Brown will assist with the oil mill in that place for some time. Mrs. W. L. Whitt has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Everett Randolph, at Abilene, this week. Mrs. Hubbard, mother of W. C. Hubbard, who has been visiting a daughter at San Antonio for several months, has returned to her home in Lockney. Mr. and Mrs. Olan Ridings and Mrs. J. H. Hohlaus visited in Plainview Saturday. Mrs. Robin Baker returned home from Abilene Monday. Robin Baker spent Wednesday in Amarillo on business.

WHAT THE RAILROADS DO FOR THE NATION

The strong relation that exists between the railroad industry and general prosperity is shown by statistics covering operations in 1929. In that year the lines paid about \$1,086,802 in taxes each day—\$755 a minute. Their bill for materials and supplies totaled \$1,329,535,000. Twenty-three per cent of the nation's output of bituminous coal; 19.2 per cent of fuel oil; 20 per cent of timber cut, and 17 per cent of iron and steel were purchased by the railroads. About 20,000,000 persons—a sixth of the total population—are directly or indirectly dependent on the lines for their livelihood. There are 1,000,000 railroad bondholders and more than 800,000 stockholders. To this must be added the vast army of persons who own insurance policies, as insurance companies are large purchasers of railroad securities. Facts such as these vividly demonstrate the seriousness of the present railroad situation. The lines, due to overtaxation and unregulated competition from other transportation agencies, have watched their profits dwindle almost to the vanishing point. The inevitable result must be decisive retrenchment and decline in standards of service. No other agency can yet replace the railroads in the mass-transportation...



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of commodities. The time is ripe for a complete overhaul of railroad regulatory laws, and an unprejudiced inquiry into the entire transportation situation. The public will be the principal sufferer if our suicidal railroad policy is maintained much longer. "There seems to be a widespread belief that you can restore prosperity from the public treasury. It is not only a false theory, but a vicious theory."—Senator Borah of Idaho. Wharton voted \$65,000 for municipal betterments including a new city hall and fire station and street paving Columbus received bids for a new city hall and fire station. Atascosa District No. 4 sold \$221,000 worth of road bonds and Howard county is planning a vote soon on \$900,000 for the same purpose. WANTED TO BUY few good brood sows, also good Duroc boar.—E. R. Bryant. Telephone 9066F15. 24-tf-

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CHURCHES

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Lockney Methodist Church Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Preaching at eleven. Subject, "Building the Brotherhood." All Leagues meet at 6:30 p. m. Preaching at 7:30 p. m. Subject for the evening hour, "Cure for the Blues." We extend a hearty welcome to all. H. W. HANKS, Pastor.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Mo. Synod) Corner 9th and Oakland Streets, Plainview, Texas. W. H. REMMERT, Pastor. Services Sunday at 10:45 a. m. Sunday School at 10:15 a. m. Mid-week Lenten Services every Thursday night at 7:45 p. m. Sermon topic: "Jesus Manifests His Redeeming Love to His Enemies." "We preach Christ and Him crucified."

Baptist W. M. S. The Baptist W. M. S. met in a regular business meeting Monday with Mrs. Allen, with Mrs. Humphreys as joint hostess. The meeting was opened with devotional led by Mrs. Bourns. After the business meeting a splendid program was rendered honoring our old ministers. Mrs. Allen had a very interesting paper. We were favored with a duet by Mrs. Bourns and Mrs. Suits, and while Mrs. Humphreys gave a very appropriate poem regarding the old ministers, we had a free will offering for same. The hostesses served delicious pop corn balls and home made candy. Ladies, don't forget the program next week at the church. The meeting will begin at 3 o'clock and a good program will be planned for each meeting. All the ladies of the church are invited to attend these meetings.

Epworth League Social The members of the Epworth League entertained with a Valentine party Saturday night, Feb. 14, in the basement of the Methodist church. The basement was beautifully decorated with red and white streamers and hearts, and looked especially pretty after the recent "dressing up" it has been given. On arriving each person was given a ticket and told to find their partner, they were then sent on the "Honeymoon Special" which proved to be very exciting. The first four to reach the destination given, were presented with hearts and told to do what the hearts said. A list of ladies of history and Bible were handed to each couple. The couples were told to name their lovers, much merriment was the result of this. Then the drawing of names and making valentines for the name drawn took place. After many other games of similar nature the girls were auctioned off as partners for the serving of refreshments. A delicious plate of tuna fish sandwiches, heart shaped cookies and hot chocolate was served to those present. The Leaguers were then led in some songs and yells and after the league benediction departed for home having enjoyed another evening of delightful entertainment and at that time the party was in charge time the fourth department, of which ranchman Shelton is superintendent, ended subt.

Home Demonstration Club After the Home Demonstration Club, held at the home of Mrs. M. J. H. on Feb. 16 at eleven o'clock a. m. in the club room for an all-day affair. There were 14 members of the club and 15 visitors. Miss Marie of the County Home Demonstration Club, gave the club a lesson in canning. The club was shown by the and visitors of Floyd county. The members of the club will be ready to help each taxpayer for real estate tax.

in their regular meeting with fourteen members, 2 new ones and one visitor present. We had a splendid program rendered. Our next meeting will be March 6 at 2 o'clock. The subject will be "The Family Garden." Mrs. Ford will be hostess. Every one come, we will have miss Strange with us.—Reporter.

SOCIETY NEWS

Entre Nous Club Entertained On Saturday afternoon at 2:30 the Misses Nancy Wardlaw and Ethyl Martin entertained the members of the Entre Nous Club and a few invited guests with a lovely bridge party at the home of Miss Wardlaw. Four games of bridge were enjoyed and Mrs. Bryan Wells was given high guest prize and Miss Almira McComas high score for the members. At the conclusion of the games pink and white brick ice-cream with angel food cake was served. The guests who enjoyed the afternoon were Mrs. Irene Morris, Mrs. Bryan Wells, Miss Aminette Wardlaw, Miss Melba Reid, Plainview, and Mrs. J. A. Darden, Plainview. The club members present were the Misses Hula Coleman, Melba Thomson, Laura Boedeker, Juanita DeFord, Pauline Shelton, Macon Meriwether, Almira McComas, and the hostesses Miss Nancy Wardlaw and Miss Ethyl Martin.

SCHOOL NEWS

Primary News 1A was visited this week by Mrs. Rose, Mrs. Elland and Monty Brewster. The pupils of 1B have been writing some very interesting stories of George Washington. Three of the best are given here. George Washington was born in February, 1732. He was a surveyor. He was a good honest man. He never told a lie. He was the first president. He was rich.—By Jimmie Sams.

George Washington was rich. He was a good honest man. He never told a lie. He was a leader of the army.—By Dorothy Graves.

George Washington was a leader of the army. George Washington was rich. He bought their clothes for the soldiers. George Washington was a honest man. He never told a lie.—By Robert Davis.

Alton Newman visited in Lubbock during the week-end and was absent on Monday. G. T. Meriwether Jr. was also absent on Monday. Mrs. Harding Nall visited 3B on Wednesday morning and Mrs. C. F. Reves visited 3A at the same time. Mrs. Grady Crager visited 2A on Monday. Lockie Mae Handley entered 3A on Monday. She has been attending school in Floydada.

The pupils of 4B gave a very interesting program on Wednesday. The following numbers were given: 1. An Acrostic—Ten boys and girls.

2. Reading, "As Joe See's It."—Allene Warren. 3. Song, "Brave Washington."—Fourth Grade. 4. Play, "Our First Flag"—Characters—General Washington—Wyatt Hanks General Morris—Henry Ford Betsy Ross—Mary Margaret Ridings 5. Reading, "Little Boy Abe."—Luella Bourns. 6. Little Historians—5 boys. 7. Song—Hatchet Drill—Boys of 4B. 8. Reading, "Three Valentines."—Pauline Hutton. 9. Story of Our Flag—Fourth Grade B. 10. Song, "George Washington."—4B. 11. Piano solo—Mary Margaret Ridings.

The visitors at this time were Rev. Hanks, Mrs. Ridings, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Hutton, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Thornton, and Mrs. Ford.

Intermediate Grades 5th Grade Eunice Belle Handley entered the fifth grade this week. She moved to Lockney from Floydada. Mrs. Hutton was a visitor in the fifth grade on Tuesday. Helen Ruth Busby has returned to school after being absent for two days. The Picture Memory students are working diligently for the contest that is to be held during the fair. Frances Humphries and Helen Ruth Busby scored 100 on a try-out test.

6B Grade Joe Handley is a new pupil in 6B room. The boys and girls baseball teams are improving every day. With a bit more practice they will be hard to beat. Mrs. Wall and Mrs. Hodel are devoting much of their time to the coaching of these teams.

Hi-League Program For Sunday, March 1st "How May We Discover and How Remove the Obstacles to Our Achieving Maturity in the Christian Life?" Scripture Reading, Mat. 13:3-17. Prayer—Mrs. W. L. Thomas. Leader—Agnes Cooper. A Study of the Incident of Jesus' Calling.—Alice Stewart. There Are Many Ways of Testing Our Lives.—Glenn Stevenson. Do You Feel Capable of Judging Yourself.—Kenneth Hohlaus. Announcements. Benediction.

Grammar School P. T. A. The Grammar School P. T. A. met Thursday, Feb. 5th. Several pupils from Miss Wardlaw's room entertained us with a Valentine play, which was enjoyed by all. The next meeting will be the first Thursday in March.

SOUTH PLAINS MUSIC FESTIVAL Lubbock, Texas, Feb. 24—Approximately 900 music students from over the South Plains will be in Lubbock as contestants March 4, 5 and 6, for the eighth annual Spring Festival, sponsored by the South Plains Music

Teachers' Association, it is estimated. Mrs. Lillian Butler of Slaton is president of the organization and Mrs. M. E. Ware of Ralls is secretary, while Miss Mary Dunn of Lubbock is director of the contests. Committee chairmen in the piano department are: Juanita Nugent, Levelland; Pauline Buck, Crosbyton; Carrie T. Bier, Plainview, and Jeanette Ransey, Slaton. Mrs. Roy Hollingshead of Lamesa is chairman of the violin contest, H. A. Anderson of wind instruments and bands, and Mrs. L. J. Von Tunpeln is chairman of the voice department. In addition to the regular contests guest artists will appear on the program. Hazel Griggs, pianist, of Houston; Flossie Lee Harper, soprano, of Dallas, and the Abilene String quartette will appear on the program. The piano program by Miss Griggs will be rendered at 3:45 P. M. Wednesday, March 4, at the high school auditorium.

The other program will be rendered Wednesday evening, March 4, at the high school auditorium. Two complimentary luncheons and a "refreshment hour" program will be given for the benefit of the association and guests. A luncheon will be given at noon, March 4 by the South Plains Teachers' Association for guests and the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce will be host Thursday, March 5 at noon at a complimentary luncheon for members of the association and guests.

RACE HORSE BILL DEFEATED 9-8 IN COMMITTEE Austin, Feb. 24.—The House Committee on State Affairs voted 9 to 8 to report unfavorably a bill by Representative Dwyer of San Antonio to permit the contribution system betting on horse races in Texas. The bill will be brought to the House floor on a minority report. The bill will be brought up for floor consideration on the minority report probably Wednesday. The motion to report it out unfavorably was made by Representative McComb of Dallas. As a substitute,

Representative McGregor of Austin moved it be reported out favorably. McGregor's motion failed on a tie vote at 8 to 8.

"Law East of the Pecos," Judge Clark M. Mullican. "Athletics," C. F. Reynolds.

N. J. WARDLAW DIES; FUNERAL IS TODAY Fort Worth, Feb. 26.—N. J. Wardlaw, 76, Glen Rose, father of L. J. Wardlaw, Fort Worth attorney and owner of three West Texas ranches, died Wednesday at 2:20 p. m. in a Dallas hospital. Funeral services will be held today at 2 p. m. at Balingier, his former home. Mr. Wardlaw, a native of Arkansas, came to Texas 41 years ago and settled on a farm in Runnels county. He farmed there until he retired and moved to Glen Rose. Mr. and Mrs. Wardlaw recently celebrated their fifty-third wedding anniversary and his death was the first in the family, in which there are nine children. He is survived by his wife and nine children, C. B. Newt, and L. B. Wardlaw of Del Rio; M. B. Wardlaw, Balingier; Jack Wardlaw, Sonora; L. J. Wardlaw, Fort Worth; Mrs. Eddie Dillingham and Mrs. Maggie McCamey of Dallas, and Mrs. Ione Osborne, Carrizo Springs. A. Wardlaw of Lockney is a cousin of the deceased.

TEXAS EXES TO BE ENTERTAINED Lubbock, Texas, Feb. 24.—All Alumni and Ex-Students of Texas University on the Plains are being invited to the Texas Exes dinner at Lubbock at the Hilton Hotel, beginning at seven o'clock Monday evening, March 2, Mrs. Wm. Dingus, president of the local organization has announced. Reservations, at seventy-five cents each, may be made with Miss Doris Baugh, of Lubbock, chairman of the reservation committee. The program will be short, informal, with no speeches over six minutes. Those in charge of the banquet here do not want to interfere with banquets in other towns, but where no banquet is being held, those Texas Exes are most cordially invited to our banquet here, Mrs. Dingus says. Among the talks on the program are the following: "Appendix of a Texas Ex," Dr. J. T. Kreuger.

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NUISANCE TAX

Three bills have been introduced in the Texas Legislature, the purpose of which is to put a special tax on cigarettes and cigars.

Such laws would be a nuisance on the statute books, a detriment to every grocery, drug or confectionery store in the country, and a curse to every smoker of cigarettes and cigars.

If the legislature desires to place a tax on cigarettes and cigars, why can't they be sensible about it and force the manufacturers to affix the stamps and conform with the law upon every package of cigarettes and every cigar that they ship into the state before they are allowed to send them into the jobber or local dealer.

SHOULD BRING DOWN RENDITIONS

The time of the year has arrived when the tax assessors are busy assessing the taxes for the coming year.

The renditions of all property has been raised nearly every year from the organization of the county, the incorporation of the city and the formation of the school district.

If the people will protect themselves in these matters, when tax paying time come most all of us will be able to pay our taxes, instead of having to let them go delinquent, like the majority have done this year.

for the present conditions of affairs, for the people have taken the word of the tax gatherers and the boards of equalization as to what they should and must pay, and through the negligence of those in power, have allowed outrageous rates and renditions to stand.

Now is the proper time to act. When the assessor reaches your place to take your rendition, cut your rendition to what you could get actual cash for your property, and figure your depreciation on all your property.

Such laws would be a nuisance on the statute books, a detriment to every grocery, drug or confectionery store in the country, and a curse to every smoker of cigarettes and cigars.

Now render your property as low as is fair and just, tell the assessor that you will tolerate no raise, when the board of equalization meets and attempts to raise your rendition, which they will do, go before them and tell them emphatically that you will stand for no raise.

They take the word of the institution that they are acting for as to the amount of money they must have to operate on, and do not question the amount they are asked to raise.

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RASMITUMS

(By Rasmitum)

It used to be "consider every man honest until he proves himself otherwise," today it is "consider every man dishonest until he proves himself honest."

The reason things are as bad as they are at this time is not because there is a shortage of money and crops, but because people have been living so high for the past ten years that they are not satisfied if they can not get everything they want.

It is not always those that are worthy that receive help from the Red Cross or charity organizations. It is those who ask for help that get the most of it, and those people will ask for help when they are deserving, but just too late.

ing for themselves. We know some good widows in this town that should be helped by the charity organizations, and are worthy of help, but because they have too much pride to ask for assistance, they are not receiving the help that they need.

A great difference in time—when we went to school, we used a slate, and the old rough tablets were a specialty, but today the children must have nice slick paper to do their writing and figuring on.

What we would like to know is, after this bonus bill passes and the loan value of the soldier's policy is raised to 50%, where is the money coming from to make these loans.

Another thing—there are a lot of town mayors over the country, who are clamoring for a reduction in gas rates, at the instigation of a host of gas users whose bills were higher than they expected in January.

country that is on the lines of the West Texas Gas Company, states that the rate will be 67 1-2c per 1000 cubic feet for domestic use. Of course, it would be very nice for the company to cut the rate, if they so desire, but if they don't desire to do so, then what? They have lived up to their agreement, and they are only charging 67 1-2c per 1000 cubic feet for their gas.

There is a lot of petty thieving going on over the county. The county jail is full of offenders; so full the board bill that is necessary to feed them is giving the commissioners' court a lot of trouble.

knew that he was going to be put to work on the roads and made work out his fine. We suggest that Floyd county organize a chain gang for a few months and get some returns for the beans they are feeding out of the tax payers money.

INTERESTING FACTS

Seven hundred and forty-six thousand, six hundred and thirty-seven mechanical electrical refrigerators were sold during 1930 according to Census Bureau figures.

With pipe lines considered in some quarters as a competitive threat to the railroads, the Rock Island Railroad has leased 180 miles of its right-of-way for the laying of two 24-inch gas mains between Texas and Chicago.

Investment of life insurance companies in public utility securities increased 1,250 per cent between 1906 and 1931. That particular kind of investment now represents almost

one-tenth of the insurance companies' total investments and reserves.

FIFTEEN ESCAPE ARIZONA PRISON; ONE RECAPTURED

Florence, Ariz., Feb. 23.—Fourteen convicts, including one murderer, who clambered over the state penitentiary walls here yesterday while a guard was not watching were being tracked through sagebrush and cactus of surrounding desert today.

Fifteen escaped, but one was captured. A steel girder, taken from a prison construction job enabled the convicts to climb to the top of the wall and drop 20 feet to the ground outside. The last man was seen by a guard as he sprinted for cover.

Warden William Delbridge immediately released bloodhounds and a guard detail. He personally relieved the wall guard, J. M. Day, whom he described as "inattentive."

A baseball game had been in progress in the yard and several hundred prisoners had been taken from their cells to witness it. The warden said the escape plot apparently had been hatched on the spur of the moment.

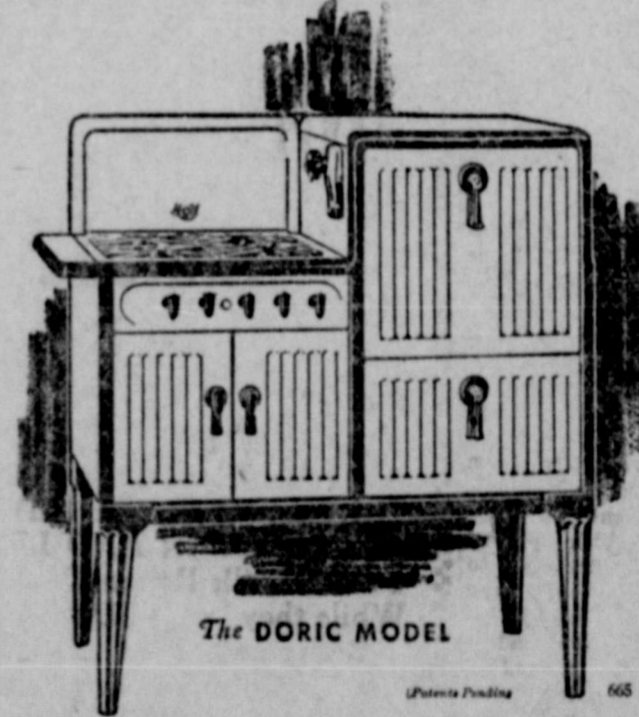
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