

# The Crockett Courier.

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## AMERICAN ROAD COMPANY GIVES UP ITS FIGHT

Will Return Profits of \$600,000 to State and Cancel Road Contracts.

Austin, Tex., Nov. 20.—The American Road Company late today confessed in court the state should recover from it \$600,000 excess highway profits; that its contracts with the state highway commission should be canceled; that its permit to do business should be perpetually canceled, and that it should pay costs of the suit brought against it by Attorney General Dan Moody.

Terms of the road company's confession had been agreed on with Moody in conference lasting three hours. Judge George Calhoun of the fifty-third district court entered the order. He said, "I don't think it is incumbent upon me to make a long statement. I think under the evidence the agreement between you gentlemen reflects fairly what the state is entitled to recover."

The road company agreed to wind up immediately its affairs in Texas. Moody agreed it was but just for the company to count as part of its restitution to the state approved unpaid estimates of \$314,500 now due the company from the highway commission. This sum will be used in settling the \$600,000 and the court costs.

The \$600,000 recovered by the state is approximately two-thirds of the total profits of the company on its surfacing of 427 miles of state highways at 30c a square yard. In addressing the court, the attorney general said he felt that \$600,000 was all he could reasonably hope to recover under the circumstances.

"I want to say I have no apology to offer to any of the individual defendants or to anyone else in bringing this suit," Moody said. "Had I not believed the contracts were conceived in fraud for fraudulent purposes I never would have brought this suit. The evidence shows that the price paid the company was excessive and the profits unconscionable."

"I am glad to say, however, the state of Texas in recovering \$600,000 will have more than enough money to retop every yard originally topped by this company, if the need arises, and still leave a handsome margin."

## CROCKETT SHIPPING CONTINUES HEAVY

Shipping from the Crockett railroad station this week has been very brisk. The Crockett Cotton Oil Mill has shipped over 100 tons of cake to the markets during the week. This goes to other points for grinding and use, being surplus from the local market.

Several cars of lumber have been shipped, indicating that the lumber movement is recovering from the recent tie-up due to rains and bad roads.

Around 375 bales of cotton were shipped during the past week, bringing the total cotton shipments this season to more than 16,250 bales for the Crockett station.

A car of fat cattle were shipped Saturday by Karl Leediker to the Fort Worth market. Cattle shipments recently have been very heavy.

Lignite shipments of 135 cars were billed from Crockett from November 1 to Tuesday. An average of 30 cars per week of coal are billed out of Crockett. The coal is mined at Wootters, south of Crockett.

## HEAD-ON COLLISION OF TRAINS CAUSED BY CALF ON TRACK

Marshall, Tex., Nov. 22.—A calf got on the track south of DeQuincy switch, three miles south of Marshall, and twenty persons, passengers and crew, of southbound Missouri Pacific-International-Great Northern Sunshine Special, were injured when this train and No. 8 northbound collided at the switch this morning. The two trains had orders to meet at the switch, but No. 8, delayed by the collision with the calf, was just backing into the switch when the Sunshine Special, running two hours late, came tearing around the curve. Engineer Link Gray applied the air service and emergency, but was going too fast to prevent the head-on collision. Neither locomotive, however, left the rails. The crews of both engines jumped, Gray being the most severely injured of the twenty passengers and members of the crew. The others received minor bruises and cuts. Three cooks on the diner were scalded in spots and all were given first aid when the train was pulled back to Marshall.

## CHRISTMAS SEAL SALE BEGINS TODAY

Plans are now under way for the 1925 Christmas Seal Sale, which will be directed by Mrs. J. P. Hail, appointed as county chairman by the Texas Public Health Association. The sale will open officially throughout the state on Thanksgiving Day.

Said Mrs. Hail, in speaking of the sale today: "I wish we might see a 'for health' Christmas Seal on every letter and package that is mailed in our county during December, sending out the news that we are doing our share in the campaign to wipe out tuberculosis, and to make the state slogan 'Health for all' a reality. Christmas Seals make possible a public health program in our county, returning many times to each one their investment in the penny seals improved community health. The purchase of these seals is not charity, for the little stamps are as attractive as any one can buy to decorate Christmas packages and letters, and are at the same time an investment in self-protection, because until tuberculosis is entirely controlled no one is absolutely safe from the disease."

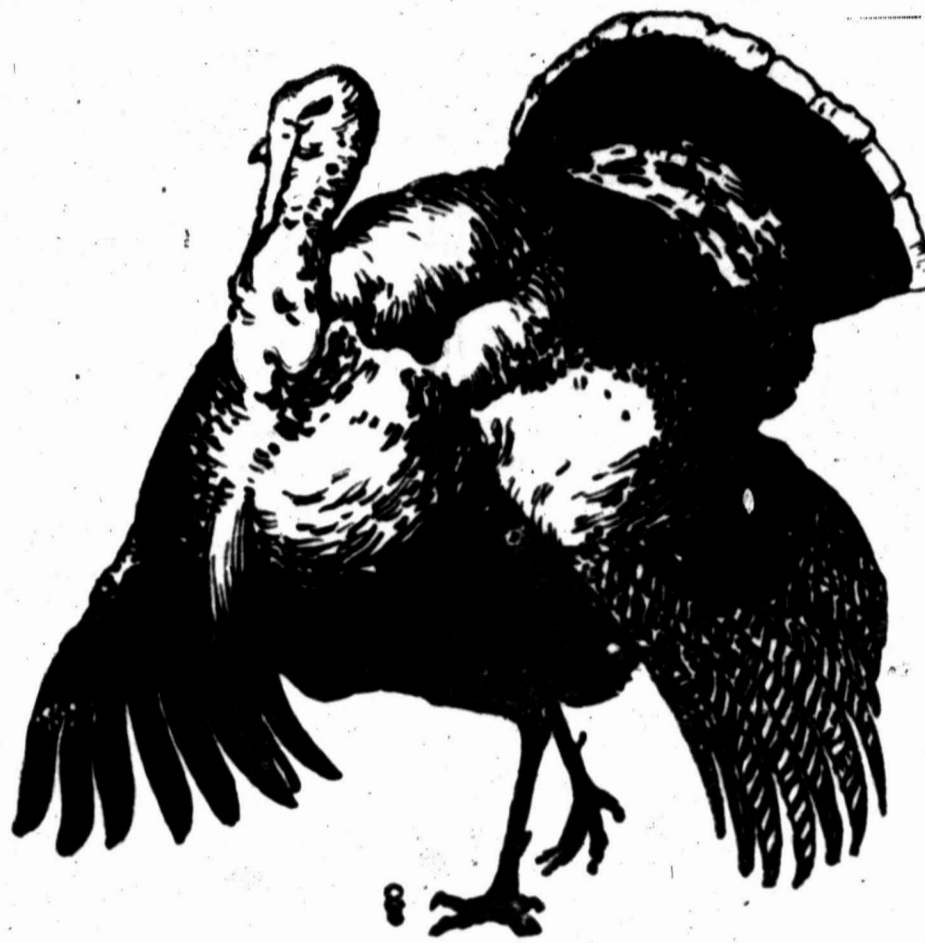
"The Christmas Seal sale is one in which every man, woman and child can help and by each buying a few seals we will be able to raise a fund, which will make possible free clinics, health lectures, the purchase of health books and modern health crusade material for our schools, and other valuable health projects in our own town."

"Let's all buy and use Christmas Seals to our limit and place our county high on the list making the largest contribution for this life-saving work."

### Murder and Suicide.

Skeletons of a man and woman were found on the Indiana tract of land on Trinity river by negroes out squirrel hunting on Saturday, November 14. By means of a knife and pistol found near by they were identified as the skeletons of Jim Henry and wife, negroes. Justice of Peace Gid Webb of Porter Springs held an inquest and decided death was due from murder and suicide. The negroes were last seen about June 19, so the killing was believed to have happened about that time.

When you lose your temper, a lost ad is of no value.



THANKSGIVING.

Three hundred and five years ago it was decreed by our forefathers that there should be set aside one day out of each year during the month of November, which should be known as Thanksgiving Day and celebrated as a national holiday, and despite those three hundred and five years, which have seen years of growth and development, we Americans still cling to the ideas, forms and customs, established for us then.

Most men begin to feel hungry as soon as they read the

Thanksgiving proclamation, and do not get over it until they arise from the table Thanksgiving Day feeling that they will not want to eat again for a week.

As we gather for the holiday, let us not, in our happiness, forget those who are suffering and to whom this glorious day means just another day. They are all around us if we will only look for them.

Let us not forget Him from whom all good things come and remember that He would have us give thanks and divide with others.

## NUMEROUS THEFTS SATURDAY EVENING

Three automobile thefts were reported to the sheriff's department Saturday and Saturday night. A car, property of a travelling salesman by name of Glenn, was found near Belott, where it had been abandoned by the party or parties taking it. The car had been taken from its parking place Friday night.

A negro reported his car stolen

Saturday night, but it was returned by friends, who had taken it in an emergency for a short trip.

A Ford car belonging to Henry Brown was stolen Saturday night. Mr. Brown, who lives east of Crockett, had been unable to find any trace of the stolen car Monday.

A negro reported his saddle mare stolen Saturday night, but it was said Monday that the horse had been recovered by the owner, although the details were not ascertained.

## C. H. S. ENDS SEASON NEXT WEDNESDAY IN GAME AT GRAPELAND

The Crockett High football team played Palestine High at Palestine Wednesday. No information was available for this week's issue, as the Courier went to press before the game was played. Crockett has never beaten Palestine in football and a victory, though not probable, would be very welcome to Crockett supporters.

Coach Jordan plans to end the season next Wednesday at Grapeland. The Crockett boys are very anxious to win a second victory over Grapeland, and, as several of the players will finish their high school career in this game, the C. H. S. club should exhibit a great fight. Grapeland High is also very desirous of winning, and a great game should result.

## BEATHARD REPEATS "WE WANT TO KNOW"

Editor Courier, Crockett, Texas. Dear Billie:

Little did I think when I asked those two questions that I was starting a newspaper controversy with you. But, nevertheless, I feel able to explain myself clearly in the minds of the public. You will recall carrying an article in your paper signed by Judge Moore in which he promised to keep the public informed as to the proceedings of the commissioners' court. I took it that he meant "informed" and did not mean "misinformed." If you will recall also my calling your attention to articles being carried in your paper that the people did not understand and were misleading, and you repeatedly asked me to inform the people as to the correctness of any article carried in your paper that the people did not understand.

Now, Billie, in my opinion the difference between you and me on the first question is as to what is meant by the county judge's expense account. My idea is that it is the taxpayers' money set aside from any fund that is under the jurisdiction of the county treasurer for the county judge to use at his own will and to his own benefit. Your article proves that my idea is correct—when you stated that the commissioners' court refunded \$45.00 to the county judge's expense account that was paid by the county judge to Mr. Sanders for chairs bought for the county is proper—that this fund was not intended to pay for articles bought for the county.

Now, Billie, the portion of your article I quoted was word for word like it appeared in the paper and was the only portion of your article that had any bearing on the question I asked. It would have been just as reasonable to have charged me with being unfair for failing to quote the entire article as it would for failing to quote the entire paragraph.

Now, Billie, you state that it seems plain to you that the county judge paid for those chairs out of his own money. Since you seem to be the spokesman for the commissioners' court, I am going to ask you the question, "Did he pay for the chairs out of his own money or out of his expense account, like your paper stated?"

Now as to the second question I asked in my former article. I will say the court house and jail fund is for the purpose of either building a court house or jail or repairing same. Since we have neither built or repaired and the expense of maintaining has been very little, there should be a considerable amount of money in this fund; and since it appears

## LANHAM AND BURKETT RESIGN ROAD POSTS

Satterwhite Says Action Will Not Halt Plans for Special Session of Solons.

Austin, Texas, Nov. 23.—Lee Satterwhite, speaker of the house, announced late tonight that new names added to the list for a special called session of the legislature during the afternoon brought the total number or signatures on the document to 53. He said sentiment in favor of the special session seemed to be stronger for the call after the resignation of the two commissioners than it was before.

Austin, Texas, Nov. 23.—Governor Miriam A. Ferguson late Monday apparently failed in her efforts to block the convening of a special session of the legislature by calling for and securing the resignations of Chairman Frank Lanham and Commissioner Joe Burkett of the highway commission.

Fifty-three names had been signed to a petition for a special session to investigate the highway department. The resignations were announced by Governor Ferguson at 2 p. m. Monday. Lanham's resignation was submitted by telegram, Burkett's by long distance telephone. Commissioner J. H. Bickett Sr. of San Antonio, who was here Monday, was not asked to resign and did not resign.

that the commissioners' court has had to transfer \$500 from the road and bridge current fund to the court house and jail fund on account of its depletion, we as taxpayers feel like we are entitled to know what has gone with the money.

Now, Billie, you are like a great many other people. You seem to think that all that a taxpayer has to do is to see that his tax is paid and that the commissioners' court is elected for the specific purpose of spending the money.

Now, what is the matter with Houston county? If a man ever tries to find out anything about his county affairs some friend of the commissioners' court jumps on him like a duck on a June bug, and when they get through with him, he feels like he wished he had never asked any questions. It seems like some people want to apply the same rule that a sportsman does to a bird dog, which is to "whip the bark out of him." Your friend, J. A. Beathard.

(The columns of the Courier are open for a general discussion of the subject brought up by Mr. Beathard. The Courier believes in the people having all the information that it is possible to give them.—The Editor.)

### The Coming School Art Exhibit Commended.

Prof. B. F. Thomas, Superintendent of the Crockett city schools, has secured the school art exhibit of the Colonial Art Company of Oklahoma City to be presented in our city December 8-11, under the auspices of the Parent-Teachers' Association of our city.

The superintendent and the association are to be congratulated for their thoughtfulness in bringing this splendid exhibit here. The cultural value of such exhibits to a community cannot be estimated. The art instinct can only be developed in our young people by placing good examples of art before them.

We confidently believe that our people will give their fullest cooperation in making this affair a success.

C. A. Lehmborg.

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## CROCKETT DEFEATS GROVETON HI 20 TO 0

Battled on even terms during the first half, the Crockett High football team swept through Groveton for three touchdowns and a 20 to 0 victory Friday afternoon in one of the most thrilling games ever staged on the local field. Throughout the battle—he never missed a play—Roth Parker stood out over the field as a brilliant star, offensively and defensively. On the offensive he dazzled his opponents, on the defense he was everywhere that the ball was.

The first half was a see-saw punting duel, each making two first downs, but neither getting an offensive started. Parker and Brunson were kicking far down the field.

Coach Jordan sent five fresh men into the line-up in the second half, and the tide began to turn. Groveton received, failed to gain and punted to Crockett's 45-yard line at the opening of the second half. Brannen and Hester made a first down in three plays, then, on a shift play Parker raced around left end 45 yards for a touchdown, with perfect interference. Foster missed the kick for point. Score: Crockett 6, Groveton 0.

Groveton ran back the kick-off to their 35-yard line, then passed to their 48-yard line. Brannen then intercepted a pass on Crockett's 39-yard line. After one first down Crockett punted. Groveton also punted, and Brannen scooped up the ball and raced 55 yards up the side line for a touchdown. Parker kicked goal. Score Crockett 13, Groveton 0.

Groveton again received, later punting. Turner recovered Brannen's fumble on the 34-yard line at the quarter.

Crockett started up the field, but Groveton intercepted a pass on their own 10-yard line. Groveton made a first down, but was forced to kick. Parker, Foster and Brannen marched down the field, then Driskell went in and made the touchdown, Parker

kicking goal. Score Crockett 20, Groveton 0.

Groveton received, and completed a pass as the game ended. The Groveton team fought hard, all men showing a spirited game. Brunson's punting was remarkable for a high school kicker.

Parker, Driskell, Brannen, Foster and Hester were Crockett's backfield stars. Dawson, Captain Nelson and Turner played a great line game—and no line-man comes in for censure.

Groveton's line up was Baker, l. e.; Lindsey, l. t.; Collins, l. g.; Atkinson, c.; Arnold, r. g.; Key, r. t.; Stevenson, r. e.; Brunson, q. b.; Dominey, l. h. b.; J. Baker, r. h. b.; Arthur (c), f. b. Substitutions: Lovett for Arnold, James for Lindsey, Hickman for J. Baker, Davis for Dominey, Rensch for Arthur, and others.

Crockett's line-up was Adams and Turner, ends; Bryant and Nelson (c), tackles; Towery and F. Sharp, guards; Dawson, center; Foster, quarter; Driskell and Brannen, halves; Parker full. In the second half the following changes were made: Murphy for Adams, Dawes for Bryant, Cook for Towery, Toliver for F. Sharp, Hester for Driskell. Other substitutes were J. Sharp, Callaway, Durst and Lansford.

Score by quarters:  
Groveton 0 0 0 0—0  
Crockett 0 0 13 7—20  
First downs: Crockett 9, Groveton 5.

Scoring: Crockett—Touchdowns, Parker, Brannen and Driskell. Parker kicked goal twice, Foster missed once.

Officials: Cannon, referee; Stokes, head linesman; McConnell, field judge.

Courier Advertising Gets Business From Missouri.

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November 17, 1925.  
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## PRIZE WINNERS IN RED CROSS CONTEST

Without knowing the names or localities of the contestants, the committee—Judge A. A. Aldrich, Hon. J. W. Young and Miss Sue Denny as contest judges—awarded the prizes offered for the best compositions on the subject named to the following Houston county students:

Composition winning prize in Red Cross contest, elementary grade, "Why We Should Have a Full Time Red Cross Nurse."

In order to keep tab on contagious diseases and keep them from spreading, our school needs a nurse. The nurse keeps accurate weights of the children during the year. The children will become enthusiastic, try harder to do the right thing, either gain weight or lose as the case may be. Martha Goolsby, grade 4, Crockett, Texas. Prize, \$3.00.

Composition winning prize in Red Cross contest, grammar school, "Why We Need a Full Time Red Cross Nurse."

Health! Just what does that magic word bring to one's mind? Visions of happy boys and girls thrilling with the mere joy of living. The road to success is paved with education and without health education would be impossible. Realizing this, parents should exert every effort in keeping their children's bodies healthy so that their minds can be bright and active.

But have parents time to watch the children and to see that they protect themselves? No, and besides the children spend most of their time in school. Then it naturally follows that a nurse should be kept in the school where she can constantly look after the general welfare of the children.

The nurse has spent years studying the needs of growing bodies so that she is capable for this part of work. The children love her, for they realize that she is their friend. They know that she can give them necessary advice about their diet, which is one of the most important rungs in the ladder of health, up which they are steadily climbing, and they will surely reach the top in a glorious victory if the people of Crockett will unite all efforts in getting for our school a "Full-Time Red Cross Nurse." Evelyn McConnell, grammar school grade 7, Crockett, Texas. Prize won is \$4.00.

Composition winning first prize in Red Cross contest, "Why Schools Should Have a Full Time Red Cross Nurse."

The boys and girls of today will be men and women of tomorrow and our nation will be what we make it. We know happy, healthy boys and girls make a great nation. But to be happy we must first be healthy and to be healthy we must form good habits. The formation of good habits begins early in life, then why not have a full-time Red Cross nurse to see that every child has the same chance as near as possible to form the right habits? With a full time nurse every pupil could be examined, dieted or given medical attention.

Often such small defects as tonsils, bad eyes, bad teeth and many other supposedly small things lead to greater and more dreaded diseases, when in a very short time a trained nurse could make an examination and advise as what to do and keep the parents posted on their children's condition. We know this to be true, for it has already been proven.

The pupils, whether normal or not, should have the foods which are necessary to make them both physically and mentally strong so that they will be able to meet the needs this nation will demand in the future. In a few minutes a nurse could make an examination and probably save the student from a great deal of suffering, save the parents large sums of money and then we would not need the many institutions we have in different parts of the country for the invalids and afflicted people.

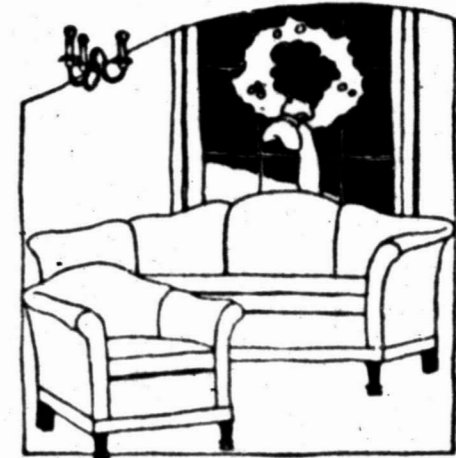
Citizens, all we ask of you is to give us a full-time Red Cross nurse, who can look at the pres-

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### Esquire W. L. Vaught.

Crockett people passing through Weches will miss the familiar face of Esquire W. L. Vaught. The Courier has just learned of the death of Mr. Vaught, which occurred recently at his late home at Weches. He was a native of Nacogdoches county, but made his home at Weches for many years. He was at one time postmaster at Weches, and for twenty-seven years was justice of peace there.

Mr. Vaught was born April 14, 1861. In 1880 he was married to Miss Fannie Birdwell. He leaves the wife, Mrs. Fannie Birdwell Vaught; three daughters, Mrs. J. W. Shaw, Mrs. J. H. Smith and Mrs. Grant Patton; two sons, H. A. and Ramon Vaught, and ten grandchildren. He also leaves a half brother, O. H. Vaught, and two half sisters, Pearl Vaught and Mrs. Ora Madison, all of whom live in Nacogdoches county.

Mr. Vaught was a member of the Christian church and the Masonic lodge. He was a good citizen and will be missed in his community.

### Conner Creek News.

Editor Courier:

Since it has stopped raining and the sun has begun to shine once more, every one in the community seems to feel better and be in a better mood.

The local roads, which have been practically impassable in places for some time, have dried to such an extent that traffic is again about normal.

Because of unfavorable weather there was no preaching service Saturday night, but Brother Kee, who has accepted the call of the church for another year, preached Sunday and Sunday night.

Mr. D. J. Minter and two daughters, Misses Letha and

Bessie, visited Mr. Minter's parents of the Belott community, Sunday.

Messrs. Charley and Alvis Smith, who have been in this community for some time, returned to their home at Belott Sunday.

Mr. D. H. Blackmon spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Blackmon, near Grapeland.

Miss Byrdie Lee Payne was at home with relatives and friends from Friday until Sunday.

Mrs. H. Z. Collier and children went to Ratcliff Saturday.

Misses Edith and Johnnie Ainsworth spent the week-end with their parents.

Mr. J. T. Collier, who was re-

ported ill, is able to be up again.

Mr. Geo. M. Dowdy made a business trip to Crockett Saturday.

Mr. E. A. Anderson made a business trip to Crockett Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. K. B. Ivie and Mr. Jewel Musick made a business trip to Groveton Wednesday.

Messrs. R. S. Tatom and Porter Payne were in Ratcliff Thursday.

Mr. Albert Dowdy of Ratcliff was in this community Thursday.

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## A. & M.-TEXAS GAME IS A BIG ATTRACTION

Howard Payne-Simmons Holds T. I. A. A. Interest; Southwestern May Win Title.

By Brewer Bennett.

Today the big Thanksgiving battles hold the football interest throughout the south and southwest. Last Saturday saw the races end in many sections. Practically all eastern teams are through, with Dartmouth the outstanding team. Michigan and Northwestern hold claims to the "Mythical" Big Ten title. The Missouri team lost to Kansas but won the Missouri Valley title, as Ames gave Drake her second defeat of the year. The Pacific coast title went to Washington, who beat Stanford and California, the big contenders.

The main attraction in Texas will be the A. & M.-Texas battle at College Station for the southwestern conference championship. A. & M. must win to get the title. A victory or tie places Texas in the lead. All hope is off on this game, but A. & M. should win by a close margin. Texas won 7 to 0 last year, though it cannot be said that the best team won.

The only other conference game is at Houston between Rice and Baylor. The writer expects to witness a Rice triumph. Baylor, already weak, was materially hurt by Jack Jones' marriage and suspension. The Bears were outplayed by St. Edwards Friday, though winning 13 to 7. Baylor won 17 to 9 last year.

S. M. U. plays Drake at Dallas. Drake is probably stronger, but the trip, and the game Saturday with Ames, which Ames won 7 to 6, will likely do the Drake team no good. The Mustangs may win this game.

T. C. U. plays Austin College at Ft. Worth. Austin College showed strength in beating Henderson-Brown 7 to 0 last week, but will hardly hold the Horned Frogs.

Second to the Texas-A. & M. game will be the Simmons-Howard Payne game at Abilene. Simmons kept in the T. I. A. A. race by beating Commerce Normal 17 to 0, while Howard Payne was swamping Texas Tech 29 to 0. Howard Payne, largely through Cheaney's brilliance, beat Simmons 23 to 6 last year, and may win this year. Simmons is due to win by a very close score.

Southwestern, by beating Trinity 3 to 0, kept in the race for T. I. A. A. honors. Southwestern plays San Marcos at San Marcos and should win, as was the case last year (12 to 6). Southwestern will win the championship if she wins and Simmons loses.

Trinity should defeat North Texas Teachers at Denton. Denton beat San Marcos last Thursday 10 to 6. Trinity and Denton tied 0-0 last year. Daniel Baker may beat Abilene Christian at Brownwood, but A. C. C. is the favorite. Daniel Baker lost to Canyon 16 to 12 last Thursday. A. C. C. won 3 to 0 last year.

Sam Houston should beat St. Edwards at Austin. The Saints were beaten 3 to 2 last year. Sam Houston beat Stephen F. Austin 6 to 0 Friday.

Canyon plays Texas Tech at Lubbock, and Canyon should win, though either may win.

Stephen F. Austin should beat South Park Junior College of Beaumont, though South Park won last year.

Rusk should beat Lon Morris at Rusk. The teams played a scoreless tie November 11. Marshall beat Lon Morris 7 to 6 last Thursday.

Tulane, victor over L. S. U. 16 to 0, should defeat Centenary, who lost to Butler 9 to 0 Saturday.

Grinnell at Washington (St. Louis) is the only Missouri Valley game.

Other games today include Notre Dame at Nebraska; Georgia at Alabama; Sewanee at Vanderbilt; Auburn at Georgia Tech; Cornell at Pennsylvania; Penn State at Pittsburgh; Syracuse at Columbia; Washington and Jefferson at West Virginia.

Arkansas has a game for Saturday at Tulsa. The Razorbacks, victors over Oklahoma A. & M. 9 to 7, should easily defeat Tulsa U.

Navy and Army have their annual battle Saturday at New York. Army should win, as last year (12 to 0).

Results last week included the following:

T. M. C. S, Wesley 6.  
T. C. U. Freshmen 68, Meridian 13.

Texas Freshmen 46, St. Mary's 7.  
Baylor Cubs 7, John Tarleton 7.  
Beaumont High 19, South Park College 10.

Yale 0, Harvard 0.  
Illinois 14, Ohio 9.

Wisconsin 20, Chicago 7.  
Oklahoma 28, Washington 0.

Southern California 18, Iowa 0.  
Stanford 26, California 14.

Tennessee Medical 9, Dallas U. 7.  
Colorado Aggies 41, Colorado Mines 14.

Montana State 7, Brigham Young 16.

Mercer 21, Oglethorpe 6.  
Florida 12, Mississippi A. & M. 0.

Auburn 20, Birmingham Southern 16.

Marquette 13, North Dakota 0.  
Haskell Indians 16, Creighton 7.

Army 44, Ursinus 0.  
Rutgers 7, New York U. 6.

Indiana 0, Purdue 0.  
Massachusetts Aggies 6, Tufts 4.

La Fayette 14, Lehigh 0.  
Georgetown 27, Fordham 0.

Kansas 10, Missouri 7.  
Notre Dame 13, Northwestern 10.

Carnegie Tech 18, St. Louis U. 2.  
Geneva 10, Waynesburg 0.

Washington & Lee 14, N. Carolina State 0.

## ALL TEXAS CHEERS VICTORY OF MOODY

Austin, Texas, November 21.—Moody gained practically every point he sought in the suit, with the exception that he accepted a recovery of \$600,000 instead of the \$650,000 for which he sued. However, the court costs assessed against the defendant company are considerable.

The attorney general refused to discuss the report that while in Washington he will take steps to bring about a federal investigation of the use of federal aid highway money in Texas. In the trial of the American Road company suit, it was developed there is a discrepancy of at least \$250,000 between the amount turned over to the highway department by the federal government and the amount paid by the government and the amount paid by the department to counties, where federal aid projects have been completed.

Early Saturday Governor Miriam A. Ferguson had issued no statement on the outcome of the American Road company suit. Before the case came to trial, she issued a statement that under her interpretation of the state's asphalt surfacing contract with the road company, the contract contemplated only a reasonable profit. She instructed the highway commission to make every legal defense against cancellation of the surfacing contract and other contracts made by the commission with the American Road company.

When the case came to trial the governor and the highway commissioners sought to intervene for the state, with the admitted purpose of dismissing the charges against the American Road company. The plea of intervention was denied. John Brady of Austin and Lon Curtis of Belton, attorneys for the intervenors, each was paid \$1000 out of the governor's law enforcement fund.

Officials of the American Road company testified the company had made a profit of more than \$900,000 on a single course treatment of 427 miles of roads. Profits on a Parker county construction job and on maintenance of roads in Dallas and Tarrant counties ran the total profits since the company was incorporated in April to more than \$1,100,000. The total mileage in the surfacing contract awarded the company by the commission was 1056. At 30 cents a yard on the remaining 629 miles, on which work had not been started, the state would have paid the company approximately \$1,900,000, had the contract not been canceled.

### Wrong Sorority Mentioned.

In mentioning a Texas university sorority, of which some Crockett girls are members, the Courier last week named the Delta Phi Beta, which should have been the Gamma-Phi-Beta. The Courier must confess its ignorance regarding college sororities.

"Always Something New"

HAVE YOU BEEN TO OUR

# 52nd Anniversary Sale

Don't fail to attend, thousands of bargains await you here. More people attended this sale Saturday, November 21st, than we have ever had on any one day before—there is a reason.

Store Will Be Closed All Day  
Thursday, November 26th  
THANKSGIVING DAY

**Jas. S. Shivers**  
CROCKETT, TEXAS

## BRODNAX-HEYSER ARRANGE CONTRACT WITH HIGHWAY BODY

Heyser Gives His View of Matter in Testimony Before the Investigation.

Austin, Texas, Nov. 20.—The suit brought by Attorney General Moody for cancellation of the American Road Company's permit to do business in Texas, also to collect funds which he claims to be excess profits by the company for work on state highways, was resumed here today with W. Brodnax, stockholder of the company, as the first witness. At the outset of Brodnax's testimony, he admitted that 30 cents per square yard, paid the company by the state highway commission for asphalt surfacing of more than four million square yards of highway, was an unreasonable price. In reply to persistent questioning from Moody, Brodnax said that looking back now he could see that 30 cents was an unreasonable price for the state to pay though when the contract was made he did not think so. Brodnax and E. S. Heyser, another stockholder of the company, arranged with the highway commission the road contracts now under fire.

Heyser, who is also vice president of the Callahan Construction Company of Dallas, was the next witness and told of Chair-

man Lanham of the highway commission offering him a proposition, and gave detailed calculations showing that before taking over the contracts he had estimated the cost of a single course treatment at 16 cents. He said he estimated the cost of a two course treatment, if the company should be required to retreat all roads, at 31 cents, and added, however, that he did not expect the company would have to retreat all the roads.

### Licensed to Wed.

Marriage licenses were issued during last week at the office of County Clerk W. D. Collins to the following couples:

Vandibill Singleterry and Viola Curvey.

Clay Cloud and Hattie Thompson.

Olomon Stell and Leoda Burns. Elbert Elam and Rosie Lee Vester.

Walter Kizzie and Sallie May Ricks.

D. C. Cavanaugh and Willia Collins.

Abe Alexander and Irene Jackson.

Hood Molanders and Gladys Morey.

Jesse Skipper and Miss Letha Mae Jordan.

Harmon Kendrix and Mrs. Ethel Kendrix.

Lewis Denby and Annie Peevy.

### For Sale.

Resident lots from one hundred and fifty dollars up, small cash payment, balance monthly or annually, C. W. Jones, the Real Estate Man.

## Jewelry in Gift Assortments



Christmas Gift assortments of Jewelry are here awaiting your choice. An early selection will insure your choice being engraved as you wish it in time for Christmas.

**John F. Baker**  
Drugs and Jewelry

## Independence

Is the fruit of success.

And to be successful one must buy wisely and economically.

This you can do right here in our store.

Our prices are based on the cost and a small margin of profit. A few trials will convince you.

5 Pounds K. C. Baking Powder...65c  
White Wave Flour .....\$2.25

**CAPRIELIAN BROTHERS**  
Groceries, Feed and Kitchenware.  
CROCKETT, TEXAS

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**THAT "SEARS-ROEBUCK" ADVERTISING.**

For thirty-six years—since its initial number—the Courier has advocated and preached a doctrine of home patronage. That is the economic doctrine it is preaching today. It has always preached and is still preaching a doctrine of "Buy it in Crockett; support the town that supports you." In its advocacy of home patronage in Houston county, it has advocated and now advocates a doctrine of home-town patronage wherever your home is. If your home is in Lovelady, Grapeland, Kennard Ratcliff, Weldon or any other town in Houston county, the Courier brings weekly to you a message of loyalty to your home town. Buy it in your home town if you can get it there. But if you can not, then supply your needs in Crockett, the county seat of your home county and the largest town in your home county. We should all have a pride in our home towns and in our home county and in our home state. We must support our home institutions if we expect them to expand and better meet the increasing needs of our localities. If our necessities cannot be supplied in Houston county, then the citizen is justified in seeking them in the larger marts of the state.

After a thirty-six years' preaching of the doctrine of home patronage, we hear there is criticism of the Courier in certain quarters for carrying the Sears-Roebuck advertising of Dallas. We are very happy to state, however, that this criticism is confined to certain circles which have never been very friendly to the Courier. The Courier's advertising columns have never in any way influenced its editorial columns, and never will so long as the present editor is in control. This our friends know, and this those less friendly will have to admit. The Sears-Roebuck advertising, then makes us no less zealous in the advocacy of home-town patronage. If the objection is to our carrying advertising for a foreign advertiser, we must confess that we do not know on what ground the advertising should have been declined without declining all foreign advertising. If on the ground that it is mail-order advertising, then that would exclude most all advertising, as Crockett business houses do considerable mail-order business with the smaller towns of Houston county. Then what is the objection? Whatever it is, it is a confession that advertising pays. And the thing that gives it emphasis is that the confession comes from non-advertisers.

This Dallas business, as does all other national advertising, comes to the Courier without any manner of personal solicitation. The Courier has only one advertising rate and this advertising pays the same rate as do all other advertisers. It comes from a highly-accredited advertising agency in Dallas and is not the only business we get from this agency. Without any apology for accepting this business, we can say with equal truth and candor that we would prefer seeing some Crockett merchant using that space. But as advertising space is the only commodity the Courier has to sell, what is not used locally will have to be sold to national or foreign ad-

vertisers through the established advertising agencies. The Courier holds this advertising to be preferable to that of patent medicine quacks, travelling doctors and illegitimate schemes to separate the people from their money, and will not accept the latter if we know it. When this Sears-Roebuck advertising subject was up for discussion before the Texas Press Association at Tyler last June, it was decided by the convention that it was legitimate business and could not be legally discriminated against. The postoffice department carries this advertiser's catalogue to every mail box in the United States and we hear of no criticism of Uncle Sam for doing it.

This particular advertising was first placed in the hands of another advertising agency with the request that it be given to all Texas newspapers. When the advertiser found out how many newspapers there were in Texas and what the cost would be, he changed his plans and withdrew the newspaper advertising altogether. Later another advertising agency, on whose list the Courier happened to be, induced the advertiser to use a limited and select number of Texas papers. The business was offered the Courier at our regular advertising rates by the Dallas advertising agency and accepted because considered legitimate.

Now, after having set forth our views in the matter, if there is any one in Crockett and Houston county who is still of the belief that the Courier's business policy is wrong in this instance, we will be glad to hear from him or her and will gladly give space to his or her views. We will be glad to know what you think about it, whether you disagree with us or not.

**ATTORNEY GEN. MOODY'S SWEEPING VICTORY.**

The victory of Attorney General Moody in his suit against the American Road company was a great triumph following a brilliant, smashing attack. Pressed beyond its power to resist, the defendant corporation raised the white flag and surrendered.

It confessed in court that the state should recover \$600,000 of the excessive profits the corporation had taken from the state; it confessed that its contracts with the state should be cancelled; it confessed that its permit to do business in this state should be revoked; and it agreed to pay all the costs of the suit, wind up its affairs and leave Texas.

Addressing the court, Attorney General Moody said: "I have no apology to offer to any of the individual defendants or to anyone else in bringing this suit. Had I not believed the contracts were conceived in fraud for fraudulent purposes I never would have brought the suit. The evidence shows that the price paid the company was excessive and the profits unconscionable."

The attorney general's victory was not an easy one. He had to fight a corporation gorged with abnormal profits sucked from the public treasury through a contract that was outrageous and disgraceful from its incipency.

The offending corporation had, besides the big lawyers it was able to employ with its ill-gotten gains, all the support, moral and otherwise, that Governor Miriam A. Ferguson, her husband and the state highway commission could give it. He had opposing him two lawyers who were paid \$1000 each by Governor Miriam A. Ferguson out of the fund the law places at her disposal for the enforcement of the law.

In brief, he won \$600,000 for the state and saved to the people other hundreds of thousands on unconscionable contracts, while the state, acting through Governor Miriam A. Ferguson, was spending its money and using all the influence of the executive office to defeat him.

When a corporation confesses to have received contracts at rates that were exorbitant; to have made profits so swollen that the state ought to recover \$600,000 of them; that its pending contracts ought to be cancelled; that its right to operate in Texas ought to be revoked; that it ought to be kicked out of the state, all the information the people are entitled to has not been elicited.

All the details of this disgrace-



## The Best Christmas Ever

That's what merchants will say when it is all over but counting up the profits, if—

They call on us for help in preparing their advertising and publish the advertisements in the columns of the Crockett Courier.

We have plenty of new cuts, new ideas and ready written copy suggestions to aid you with your advertising. These helps will make your ads more attractive and make them pull more trade. Phone 22 and we will be glad to call.

# Crockett Courier



BASKET BALL NEXT

**THOSE ROAD CONTRACTS.**

In his suit against the Hoffman Construction company, whose 600 miles of highway contracts were cancelled a few days ago by the highway commission, except, as to second course treatments," Attorney General Dan Moody makes even graver allegations than he made in the American Road company and Sherman & Youmans suits.

He charges that Highway Commissioner Joe Burkett is under personal obligations to at least some of the defendants in the Hoffman concern; and that Burkett entered into a gentlemen's agreement with Chairman Frank V. Lanham of the highway commission. Under the terms of this agreement, it is alleged, Lanham was to approve the Hoffman contracts in exchange for Burkett's approval of the American Road Construction contracts, and at the same price for maintenance work.

All of the defendants in the suit reside in Senator Burkett's home county, Eastland, with the exception of C. R. Starnes. The latter formerly resided in Eastland county but now lives in San Antonio.

It is charged that Burkett's "acts in the premises, and the consent of the chairman of the highway commission, constitute in effect, a connivance with the defendants herein named, whereby they should be permitted to defraud the state of Texas."

Senator Burkett has issued a denial of these grave charges, which involve him in a highly personal sense. In his statement he reiterates his former declaration that he relied on the advice of the state highway engineer in awarding maintenance contracts. But the latter has stated emphatically that he never advised the highway commission to accept 30-cent maintenance contracts, or any other contracts awarded without competitive bids.

Senator Burkett's statement made no mention of the attorney general's charge that the contracts were grossly excessive in price. And it is alleged that in Potter county, to take only one instance, the Hoffman company was paid \$120,333 for its maintenance work, while it sublet the work for \$58,144, leaving it a clear profit of more than 100 per cent.

With charges of this nature being made by the chief legal adviser of the state, and supported at least in part by official records, it is difficult to see how a special legislative session to deal with the highway scandal will be sidetracked for any great length of time.—Houston Post-Dispatch.

**REASONABLE COMPENSATION.**

The American Road company, by competent evidence already submitted in open court, took a profit of \$1,112,000 in six months on a capitalization of \$50,000.

The Hoffman Construction company, it is alleged by Moody, made a profit of nearly \$600,000. And of these profits the attorney general avers that \$750,000 was in excess of all reasonable profit, exorbitant, unconscionable and a burden upon the people of Texas.

ful orgy of money-glutting have not been disclosed, and the people are entitled to know all.—Houston Post-Dispatch.

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**LOCAL NEWS ITEMS**

Everything for Christmas at the Gift Shop. It.

R. L. Shivers will sell you groceries cheaper. It.

Edward Capriellan was in Houston on business Monday.

See R. L. Shivers for all kinds of leather goods. It.

Candy—just the kind you want—fresh from the factory, at Bishop's. It.

Who ever reaped a harvest if they failed to sow the seed? Advertise it.

All ladies' work personally supervised by a lady at Purcell's Tailor shop. It.

Diamonds set in white gold mountings at \$15.00 up. See them at Bishop's. It.

Make it a rule to speak of the good weather as much as you do of the bad weather.

Mrs. J. G. Beasley and Mrs. J. W. Young left Sunday afternoon for a visit in Houston.

R. L. Shivers has shoes for all members of the family, both for nice wear and every day. It.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Eastham of Huntsville will spend Thanksgiving with Mrs. Byrde E. Wootters.

Now is the time to protect your car against freezing. Plenty of denatured alcohol at Bishop's. It.

B. W. Francis and Hunter Smith took part in the Dokey ceremonial at Nacogdoches Friday.

We deliver. When you want drug store goods just phone 95 and you will get service. Bishop gives it. It.

Mr. and Mrs. Reg. A. Markham of Kosse are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hassell, in this city.

See R. L. Shivers for the famous Leudinghaus wagons in Bois D'arc fellos, spokes and Locust hubs. It.

J. G. Beasley and J. W. Young left Sunday for San Antonio, where Smith Bros. have extensive business interests.

O. D. Blair left Wednesday for Palestine, where he has accepted employment in the general offices of the railroad company.

**For Rent.**

My home in west Crockett. 2t.\* H. F. Craddock.

George Halyard, Dudley Brewton, Harry Allbright and L. A. Parker composed an automobile party to Nacogdoches Friday for the D. O. K. K. ceremonial. It.\*

Many social festivities are planned for the university visitors at this week-end, among these a dance at the Shrine Club.

**Christian Church.**

Rev. T. F. Weaver of Lindale will preach at the morning and evening service at the Christian church Sunday.

One month from Thanksgiving is Christmas. The Gift Shop invites you to come look the line over for gift suggestions. Your order for engraved personal greeting cards should be placed early. It.

**Another Excursion.**

Another excursion to Catarina will be given December 6. Quite a number of Crockett people made the trip on the first excursion. Mr. C. W. Jones of Crockett is promoting these excursions.

**Notice.**

I will take another excursion to the Winter Garden district on the 6th of December. This will be my last trip for this year. All wishing to go will notify me by twelve o'clock, the 5th. It. C. W. Jones, Agent.

**Clock to Be Repaired.**

The Courier has been informed by county officials that parts have been ordered for the "town-clock" on the courthouse, which is now out of order. As soon as the parts are received the repairs will be made, and the clock started to keeping time again.

**Always Appropriate.**

The gift that is always appropriate, that has personality, that is you—your photograph. Make the appointment today. Time and careful workmanship are required in finishing fine photographs. So don't put off your visit to our studio. 4t. The Warren Studio.

**Preaching Service.**

There will be preaching service Sunday, November 29, 1925, at Grapeland school auditorium at 11 a. m.; subject, "Lost—A Boy;" and at Oakland Presbyterian church at 3 p. m.; subject, "Our Possessions." Edgar C. Oakley, Minister.

**Chiropractor Wins in Austin Court.**

Austin, Texas, November 20.—O. H. Richardson, chiropractor, charged with having violated the medical practice act in practicing medicine without having obtained a license from the state board of medical examiners, was declared not guilty by a jury in the Travis county court Thursday. This was considered a test case, and it is considered likely that complaints against other defendants may be dismissed. It.\*



**Duke & Ayres' Holiday Opening Saturday November 28th**

**HERE ARE A FEW SPECIALS FOR SATURDAY**

Kid Body Dolls, 17 inches high that go to sleep— <b>50c</b>	5 Piece Set Doll Furniture, \$1.00 value— <b>50c</b>	Doll Trunk, \$1.00 value— <b>50c</b>	Toy Pianos, \$1.00 value— <b>50c</b>
A fine assortment of Pictures and Mirrors—see our window— <b>50c</b>	Ma-Ma Doll in Blanket, \$1.00 value— <b>50c</b>	Toy Tool Chests, \$1.00 value— <b>50c</b>	Kitchen Cabinet, \$1.00 value— <b>50c</b>
Nice Morocco Bound Bible, worth \$1.00, now— <b>50c</b>	Character Doll, 20 inches high— <b>50c</b>	Mechanical Toys, \$1.00 value— <b>50c</b>	Toy Train on Circle Track, \$1.00 value— <b>50c</b>
Doll Buggy, good value— <b>50c</b>	Toy Tea Sets, extra value <b>50c</b>	Toy Telephone that will ring, good value— <b>50c</b>	Toy Pistols that shoot fire— <b>50c</b>

The above are only a few of the many values we have to offer you Saturday, November 28. Come at 9 o'clock and get some of the choice values.

**Red Cross Banquet.**

The local Red Cross organization held a banquet in the rooms formerly occupied as rest rooms Monday evening. Judge Leroy Moore presided. Instructive talks were made by Judge Moore, Miss Ahlschier and others. Committees were appointed to secure Red Cross membership. Full membership is expected to be enrolled by Thanksgiving.

**First Methodist Church.**

Sunday, 9:30 a. m., Sunday school; 11 a. m., preaching service; subject, "Duty's Call and Our Answer." 4 p. m., Intermediate Epworth League. 6:15 p. m., Senior Epworth League. 7:15 p. m., preaching service; subject, "Good-Bye, God!" C. A. Lehmborg, Pastor.

**Notice to Automobile Owners.**

I am now ready to issue registration on automobiles for 1926. An act of the last legislature makes it necessary that you present your light test receipt to the tax collector when applying for registration showing that the lights on your car have been tested and adjusted within 30 days prior to registration. If your lights were tested more than 30 days ago it will be necessary for you to have them re-tested and present the new receipt to the tax collector before he can issue registration. Register early and avoid that rush of the last few days. 2t. John L. Dean, Tax Collector.

**Thanksgiving Service Thursday.**

In accordance with the request of our president as well as with our governor and a custom that is very commendable, our people are called upon to gather at the First Baptist church on the morning of Thursday, November 26, at 10:30 o'clock for a Thanksgiving service. Rev. C. A. Lehmborg will deliver the sermon,

and appropriate music will be furnished by the choir of the Baptist church, assisted by others whom they may invite.

Let us pause on this great memorial day and gather in the house of God, and unite our hearts and voices in thanksgiving to Him from whom all blessings flow.

Pastors of the City.

**Farms for Sale.**

79 acres, 8 miles on Huntsville road—fine water, good improvements, \$3250.00.

135 acres, near Porter Springs, good improvements, \$15.00 per acre.

100 acres, 8 miles on San Antonio road, 40 acres in cultivation, balance deadened. Tenant house, all fenced, \$32.50 per acre.

260 acres, 11 miles east of Crockett—150 acres in cultivation, 50 acres in hog proof pasture—three houses, \$25.00 per acre.

Beautiful bungalow 6-room house, all city conveniences, one-half acre of land, prettiest flower yard in town, \$3500.00.

Several choice lots on and off the pavement.

Can arrange suitable terms on above. We have a splendid financing plan for farms or home. See me for what you want and if you have a farm, home or lot if you want to trade or sell, list it with me. It. C. W. Jones, Phone 405.

**Crockett Train Schedule.**

South Bound.  
No. 25, Thru Passenger 1:37am  
No. 23, Local Passenger 9:40am  
No. 21, Sunshine Special 2:03pm  
North Bound.  
No. 28, Thru Passenger 4:00am  
No. 24, Local Passenger 1:30pm  
No. 22, Sunshine Special 4:06pm  
Effective June 7, 1925

**Oh, Maggie.**

Farmer: "Be this the Woman's Exchange?"  
Woman: "Yes."  
Farmer: "Be ye the woman?"  
Woman: "Yes."  
Farmer: "Well, then I think I'll keep Maggie."

**THE ISSUE IS DRAWN.**

Those politicians who profess to see nothing more than a political issue in the highway probe are singularly blind to the temper of a people who look with reverent pride to the bloodstained Alamo and make a pilgrimage each spring to the hallowed field of San Jacinto; who pay proud tribute to the memory of Coke, Roberts, Hogg, Culberson and many other illustrious public servants.

The issue in the highway probe is political only in the sense that the Texas revolution, the civil war, the struggle against the carpetbaggers and other momentous crises in past history were political.

The issue is one of good government against a government that seemingly shows a complete disregard for the honor of the state and the rights of the taxpayers.

And on this ground the course of events will revolve and the fight be decided. Every week's developments in the highway probe have drawn the lines closer and revealed in more intimate detail the need for a new call to arms in defense of good government.

**THE PEOPLE OF TEXAS WILL NOT KNOWINGLY TOLERATE STUPENDOUS WASTE OR DERELICTION OF HIGH OFFICIALS.**

If an accumulation of facts and records reveals waste or dereliction, an attempt to cry these facts down on the ground of "politics" would be in itself a reflection on the intelligence and integrity of the people.—Houston Post-Dispatch.

**St. Cloud Journal Press:**

"In Minnesota a state senator has been sentenced to jail for violation of the 18th amendment and in Kentucky a congressman will spend a session in Leavenworth for the same. Both these men and a lot of officials not yet convicted, held up their right hands and took solemn oaths to uphold the constitution of their state and country. We have noticed that lawbreakers never have the slightest regard for the oath they have taken whether they are on the witness stand, in the legislature or in congress."

Among the many follies of mankind, place vanity among the first, "the stupid vanity of a desire to seem richer and smarter than our neighbors."

**Thanksgiving—**

A day set apart by the Pilgrims who first came to this country as a time to offer thanks to God for the many blessings bestowed upon them.

So we, following their example, keep this day. We are thankful for our friends and customers, and we thank God that our enemies are few and far between.

**Crockett Grocery & Baking Co.**  
The Right Place

**The Holiday Season**

Is rapidly nearing. There will be many whom you must remember this yuletide, both old and young. Since the presents must be bought, it were better to purchase them early and get the pick of the offerings, rather than to wait until the last moment and take what is left.

A small deposit will hold any item in this store for you until you are ready to take it out, when you complete the purchase price.

Come and let us show you TOY LAND. Santa will be with us. Watch for the date.

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**TEXAS TALK**

Austin dispatches carried Tuesday by the Associated Press bore the surprising intelligence that the state highway commission had cancelled the Hoffman Construction company's contract for asphaltic treatment of 300 miles of public highways. And the cancellation was made at the request of the contracting company.

Unlike the Sherman & Youmans company and the American Road company, the Hoffman Construction company of Eastland had not been made defendant in a suit for cancellation, one by Harris county and the other at the hands of the formidable Dan Moody. However, the Hoffman Construction company had been subjected to a penetrating investigation by Attorney General Moody.

The attorney general, by the way, speaks plainly and explicitly in holding the highway commission and, more particularly, Joe Burkett and Frank V. Lanham, responsible for the contract let the American Road company.

"The members of the highway commission were guilty of such negligence as to constitute a disregard of official duty," asserts one pointed passage in the proceedings against the American Road company.

Again the petition recites: "That the said Frank V. Lanham, prior to his appointment as chairman of the highway commission of the state of Texas, was familiar with and engaged in the business of constructing, maintaining and improving public highways, and the said E. S. Heyser and Whitaker Brodnax are, at the time of the aforesaid agreement, experienced highway contractors, and they each and both of them know, or ought to have known, that the price agreed upon between them for the work of surfacing such highways with asphalt and for the

work of maintaining state highways in Dallas and Tarrant counties, and the work of constructing such highways in Parker county, and the prices generally agreed upon for the performance of the work then contracted for, were unreasonable, exorbitant, grossly excessive and unconscionable, and that such knowledge or notice, upon the part of Frank V. Lanham or the said E. S. Heyser or the said Whitaker Brodnax, constituted said purported agreement fraudulent and void as to the state of Texas."

One of the very enlightening and, under Moody's contention, substantiating recitals of the entire petition charging excessive prices is the allegation that a substantial part of the work let to the American Road company was by it in turn sublet to other contractors.

Not only did the American Road company net an enormous profit out of its contracts with the state, but it gave, hardly beyond doubt, a neat profit to the sub-contractors.

The American Road company, originally a small co-partnership between E. S. Heyser and Whitaker Brodnax, was incorporated under the laws of Delaware. The nominal incorporators were Samuel C. Wood, Harris C. Hand and Raymond J. Gorman, all of New York, "but whom your petitioner is informed," to quote Dan Moody's petition, "had in fact no interest, or at most only a nominal interest, in said corporation, which was the creature solely of E. S. Heyser and his associates."

Such was the American Road company, operating solely and only in Texas, with fat highway contracts, by virtue of a state permit to do business. Cancellation of that contract is sought by the attorney general "by reason of the unlawful conduct of said corporation, and the fraud practiced by it upon this state."

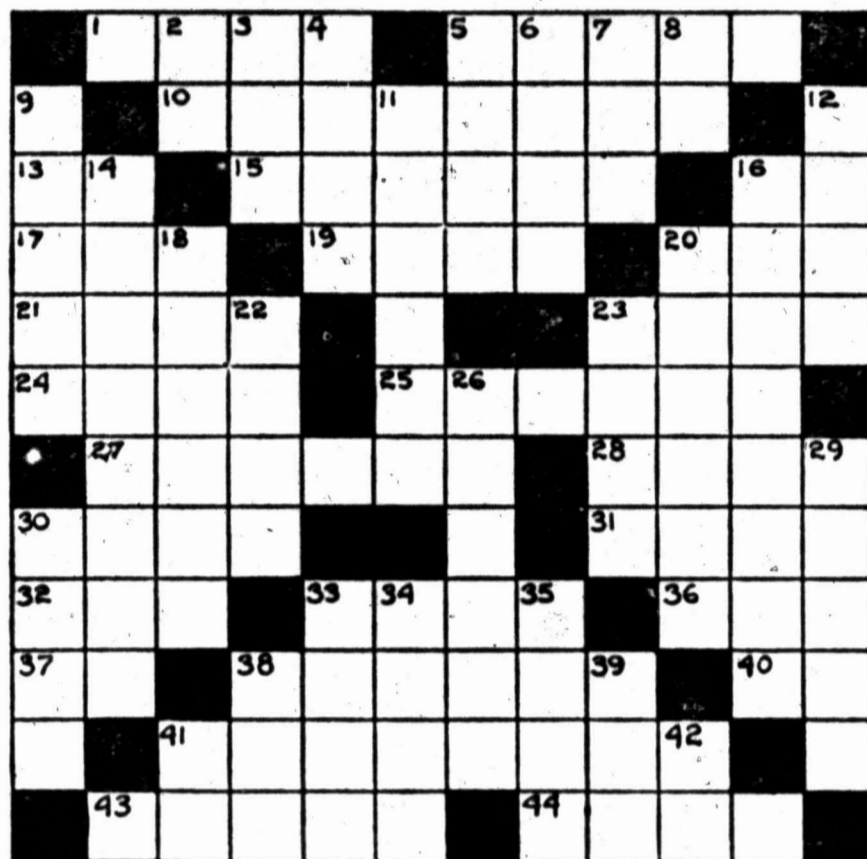
But let us examine what this corporation is alleged to have done for its originators, Heyser and Brodnax of the three Fords and the asphalt plant; Heyser and Brodnax, who agreed with Frank V. Lanham, chairman of but not the highway commission, on state highway contracts.

"Upon information and belief," says the petition, "it is alleged that the said Heyser and Brodnax have each been paid approximately \$171,948 under the theory that it was a commission for procuring said contracts. Said Heyser and Brodnax have each been paid also a dividend of \$40,000 and that each of the other stockholders of said corporation have been paid a dividend of \$30,000." Two hundred and twelve thousand dollars each for Heyser and Brodnax, who landed the contracts!

The American Road company was incorporated for \$50,000, which was the optimistic and

**HOW TO SOLVE A CROSS-WORD PUZZLE**  
When the correct letters are placed in the white spaces this puzzle will spell words both vertically and horizontally. The first letter in each word is indicated by a number, which refers to the definition listed below the puzzle. Thus No. 1 under the column headed "horizontal" defines a word which will fill the white spaces up to the first black square to the right, and a number under "vertical" defines a word which will fill the white squares to the next black one below. No letters go in the black squares. All words used are dictionary words, except proper names. Abbreviations, slang, initials, technical terms and obsolete forms are indicated in the definitions.

**CROSS-WORD PUZZLE No. 57**



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| <p><b>Horizontal.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1—Fight between two</li> <li>2—Footwear</li> <li>10—Portrait</li> <li>13—Bone</li> <li>15—Group of actors</li> <li>16—What you wouldn't say if offered a million dollars</li> <li>17—Anthropoid</li> <li>18—Contributes to</li> <li>20—Female deer</li> <li>21—Holds down</li> <li>22—Tear</li> <li>24—Crack</li> <li>25—Images (var. sp.)</li> <li>27—Doubt</li> <li>28—Vestiger's stock in trade (sing.)</li> <li>30—Hide</li> <li>31—Vessel to heat liquids, consisting of a cup fixed in a saucer in which alcohol is burned</li> <li>32—Through (prefix)</li> <li>33—Pervasive ruler</li> <li>34—Place of business (abbr.)</li> <li>37—Measure of land area</li> <li>38—Exploded</li> <li>40—Short for the science that investigates the conditions and laws affecting the production, distribution and consumption of wealth</li> <li>41—Any lawful rule for measuring</li> <li>42—Berserking of a fortified place by an armed force</li> <li>43—Funeral pile</li> </ul> | <p><b>Vertical.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3—Preposition</li> <li>4—Take nourishment</li> <li>6—Monetary unit of Turkey</li> <li>8—Device used in place of buttons on a dress shirt</li> <li>9—Thigh joints</li> <li>7—Single</li> <li>5—That is (abbr.)</li> <li>11—Cleaning substance (pl.)</li> <li>12—Sleepy person</li> <li>14—Short for woman student at college admitting men and women</li> <li>14—Old maid</li> <li>16—Foolishness</li> <li>18—In name with love</li> <li>20—Point out</li> <li>22—Vomit</li> <li>23—Heavy line</li> <li>26—Body of land surrounded by water</li> <li>29—Equal in every detail</li> <li>30—Box</li> <li>33—Party for men only</li> <li>37—Sharpening stone</li> <li>35—Pile</li> <li>38—Licked up</li> <li>39—Object of prohibition</li> <li>41—Name of musical scale</li> <li>42—Physician (abbr.)</li> </ul> |
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Solution will appear in next issue.

generous value put upon the three Fords, the asphalt outfit, etc., plus \$10,000 in bank in which Heyser and Brodnax shared equally.

And all of the money taken by the corporation came from the treasury of the state of Texas—\$1,719,480 gross of which \$1,115,711 was profit! In six months.

The last chapter in a sordid drama of high finance was written Saturday in federal court. Jacques Blevins, founder and president of the Southern Motors company, faces a three-year penitentiary sentence and a \$10,000 fine. Several of his associates face fines and jail terms, the latter to be served in two instances and suspended in the rest.

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