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"State of the 320-acre Fry pool lease owned by Henshaw, McGinley and associates to the Texas Company for \$2,000,000, closed in Fort Worth Monday, marks the cashing in on another of the long series of capital strikes which makes the West Central Texas shallow sand belt a favorite playground for the smaller operator.

"The possibilities carried in a well area extending some 200 miles from the Red River boundary of Wichita, Wilbarger, Montague and Cooke counties south to Brown, Coleman and Callahan."

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SUNDAY WAS DAY SET FOR DISCONTINUING SERVICE B. N. & S. R. Y.

Sunday was the day set for the discontinuation of service on the Brownwood North & South Railroad, that runs from Brownwood to May. The matter was thrashed out before a special commissioner sent here by the Railroad Commission of Texas, some two years ago, and all the evidence or testimony on both sides of the proposition was prepared and placed in the hands of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The Brownwood North & South Railroad was built by Brownwood people in the hope that it would connect with the Texas & Pacific railroad presumably at Cisco, and southward to the valley of the Rio Grande, presumably at Del Rio or San Antonio.

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CONTROL OF WEEVIL NECESSARY IF COTTON IS TO BE PROFITABLE

O. P. Griffin, county farm agent, gives some very valuable and useful information for the farmers of this county in an article under the head of "Controlling the Boll Weevil."

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POULTRY SHOW DATES SET FOR DEC. 14-16 NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

Plans for a great record-breaking poultry show for Brownwood, Brown county and all the country adjacent to Brownwood started off with much enthusiasm at the meeting of the Brown County Poultry Association held in the county court room in Brownwood Friday night.

Many brief and enthusiastic talks were delivered and everybody was enthusiastic. December 14, 15 and 16 were the dates agreed upon for the big show and plans were discussed whereby extensive advertising is to be done in order to make the show the largest and best ever held in Central West Texas.

Steve McHorse, vice president; Ancel Forbis, secretary; A. J. McDaniel, treasurer; Ed Wilson, and Clem Longley, grievance committee; Clarence Remington, H. L. Hunt and C. Caruth, finance committee; Clarence Remington and Ed Wilson, Jr., were selected as the building committee.

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COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS WILL BE HELD DURING MAY

J. Oscar Swindle, county superintendent of Schools, makes the following announcement relative to college entrance examinations to be held in this county in May:

The High School Division of the State Department of Education has announced the dates for High School examinations. They will be held as usual during the second week in May. The dates are May 9, 10, 11, 12. In order that pupils may be informed and make preparation, the following points should be noted:

1. The questions are prepared and graded by the High School Division of the State Department of Education.

2. Examinations can be held in only two unaccredited schools in the county and at the office of County Superintendent (Teachers will make this new ruling.)

3. Teachers who desire their pupils to take these examinations should furnish the County Superintendent a list of the names of pupils, giving their addresses, by April 1st.

4. Each student will be required to pay a fee of one dollar which will entitle him to take as many subjects as he desires. This fee is to pay the examiner or person who grades the papers at Austin.

5. All papers are sent to the State Department to be graded. Grading will start immediately and all reports will be sent to the applicants by the first of August.

6. Note books will not be required in any subject this year.

ADVERSE NOTE ON EDUCATION BILL IN HOUSE

AUSTIN, Feb. 10.—(AP)—A joint resolution by Representative Bowen Pope of Hamlin seeking to distribute the pension power between the governor, attorney general and chief justice of the supreme court, was reported favorably today by the House committee on constitutional amendments.

Pope's resolution was amended by the House to provide that any official named in the bill should be appointed after it had been approved by the pardon board. The House calendar is far behind and it may be several days before a House vote on the resolution, which calls for a constitutional amendment can be secured.

Education Bill Dies The House today refused to consider one of the educational measures recommended by the educational survey committee whose work cost the state \$50,000.

Representatives Bowen Pope of Hamlin and Grady Woodruff of Paradise lost a fight to get the bill printed on a minority report. Pope declared he had a long petition from farmers asking that the bill be passed and exhibited letters from sinners favoring it.

Representative E. S. Cummings of Abilene, chairman of the committee which reported the bill adversely, 12 to 8, declared that "if we are going to put everything under the railroad commission, we might as well start with the country store."

District court for Brown county opens March 7th. There is only one murder case on the docket, that of the state versus C. G. Thigpen. The case of the state versus Yancey will rest for the time being at least as the case has been appealed and it may be that it will not be heard for many months.

Following is the list of grand jurors: J. K. McMurray, Bangs; N. T. Bruton, Bangs; N. B. Gist and W. H. Shelton, Zephy; John T. Yantis, Brownwood; Barney Craven, Brownwood; B. E. Hunt, Brownwood, rural route; R. L. Fry and W. J. Odell, Brownwood, N. A. Cropp, Bangs; W. H. G. Chambers, Cross Cut; H. L. Buford, May; D. Pierce, Owens; Lew Stewart, Henshaw; D. C. Woodruff, Cross Cut; W. A. Chambers, May.

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BOXING AND WRESTLING SCHEDULED IN PROGRAM FRIDAY NIGHT AFFAIR

Another good fight program has been carded by the local post of the American Legion for their weekly athletic show to be held Friday in the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall. There will be two wrestling matches on the program, one between Frank Wilson and Jack Dempsey, Brownwood boys, while the second wrestling exhibition will be between Wilson and Weldon Lockhart. Wilson stated last Friday night that he would throw both of these lads in 45 minutes if given a match with the two, so he will have a chance to prove his prowess as a mat artist.

Sergeant Jack Doss, formerly of Coleman, but now a citizen of Brownwood, will mix it with Young Dottie Stallard, of Waco. Doss weighs in at 138 as does Stallard and both boys are good boxers. This part of the program will be an eight-round boxing exhibition. Doss knocked Soldier Boy Wright out in three rounds of hard fighting last Friday and fans still remember the terrific fight between Doss and Kid Dula.

Dill Robinson and Ira Thomas, two husky negroes, the former a Brownwood fighter and Thomas, a Waco scrapper, will mix it for six rounds of what promises to be hard and clever fighting.

The fans will also be treated with a four round boxing exhibition between Stanley Silk and Clarence Robinson, two welter weight boxers of Brownwood. These two boys are rated as good amateur fighters and their four round exhibition promises to be replete with action.

Inasmuch as this week is National Boy Scout week, the American Legion will have as guests Friday night all the Boy Scouts in Brownwood. All the Scouts will be admitted free provided they come in troops and with their scoutmasters. One section of the building will be reserved for the according to John Shockey, local promoter for the American Legion athletic shows.

PLEDGE HALF MILLION DALLAS, Feb. 9.—(AP)—Texas Baptist Young People are to raise \$500,000 of the \$2,000,000 new being sought in the Baptist conquest campaign. T. C. Garner, secretary of the Baptist Young People's Union, announced here Wednesday. The money is to be used in paying off debts of Baptist institutions in this state.

CREAM ROUTE TO BE ESTABLISHED ON ROAD BROWNWOOD-BLANKET

According to a statement made today by O. P. Griffin, county agent, plans are under way to establish a cream route on the highway from Blanket to Brownwood. Stations will be placed at about five different places along the route to which deliveries are to be made in individual cans. It is said in this connection that deliveries will also be made on branch roads, so as to cover the entire territory and bring the cream to market as quickly as possible.

The Alamo Manufacturing Company of Brownwood has agreed to take all the cream that is delivered at 50 cents per pound for butter fat. The cost of delivery from the farms will be from 2 to 5 cents.

This enterprise which promises to develop into large volume, will require the hearty cooperation of all producers in order to give it a good start and to get a sufficient amount of cream together to make the venture possible.

Meetings will be held at Blanket Tuesday night, February 8, Center Point, Thursday night, February 10, and Jones Chapel Friday night, the 11th. These meetings will be called at 7 o'clock and a general invitation is extended to the people of the respective communities to come out and hear the addresses, and take part in the meeting as it is a matter that concerns the building of a big industry in Brown county.

Other Sales. Recalled. The Texas Company price of \$2,000,000 for the 320-acre Fry property was by far the largest single transaction ever made in the Brown-Coleman-Callahan area. The next largest was the purchase of J. S. Cadden, Inc. of the Whitson properties in Cross Cut, widely scattered and comprising more acreage of which only part was productive, and involving a little over \$500,000. This attracted considerable attention by major operators in Brown county.

WOLF CLUB SUGGESTED FOR EXTERMINATION OF PREDATORY ANIMALS

According to a statement given out by County Farm Agent O. P. Griffin, a number of farmers and ranchmen living in the southern part of Brown county, have proposed the organization of a wolf club, modeled somewhat after the club of McCulloch and San Saba counties.

In these counties a fund is raised by collecting from each farmer and ranchman who will help with the work 1¢ for each acre of land he owns. In McCulloch county the club has been in operation for four years, they have co-operated with the government in hiring trappers and serving as hosts to the visiting teams.

San Saba county champions of San Saba county: Rochelle, champions of McCulloch county: De Leon, champions of Comanche county; and Rockwood representative Coleman county, are the only teams to report to "Cops" Shelton, but Mr. Shelton is sure that each county will have a representative at the district tournament.

It has not been decided who will represent Brown county at the tournament, but that will likely be done in time. It is thought that Blanket or May will be the Brown county representatives, as both of these teams were eliminated by Brownwood high school, and since have been given their games by forfeiture, due to the fact that the local team played an ineligible man in the county tournament.

The eight teams will draw for places and as a team is eliminated that team will drop out and the play will continue until there are only two undefeated teams left, and according to present plans these two teams will take the floor in the final game Saturday afternoon.

OUTLOOK FOR FARMERS IN BROWN COUNTY IS SAID TO BE FAVORABLE

At present, which, however, is rather early to begin to prognosticate, the general outlook for farming conditions in Brown county are regarded as very favorable. During the winter season an abundant rainfall has been one of the most promising as well as necessary features, and from every locality good reports come in this regard.

Ground is in good condition, and in many localities large areas have been plowed. It is also said that the grain acreage in Brown county will be much larger this year than it was last year, and that all grain is looking fine. In some places where it has not been planted, by the middle of the month one foot in height and looking fine.

It is also said that the acreage in cotton will be much smaller this year than it was last year, farmers are coming to the conclusion that it will not do to depend on the planting of cotton as the sole money crop, have practically decided to turn their attention to other lines. In many localities where land has been rented it is with the distinct understanding that no cotton is to be planted, by the renter, or if any is planted that the acreage be greatly reduced. If this plan is carried out in Brown county and the season is favorable, the changes are that the cotton crop in Brown county this year will be very small. However, it may be that the acreage will be larger than it is at present calculated, in which event the same old condition will prevail when time comes to market the crop.

There are indications that diversification in Brown county will be given more attention this year than in any previous year, along several lines, each of which will be productive of things that are in staple demand, which bring good prices at all times.

Following the complaint turned in at the police station Tuesday night by a man who said he had been hijacked in one of the local hotels, Special Police Carl Adams, following up the clue, filed complaints against five men last night, four charged with gambling and one on a charge of handling intoxicating liquor contrary to the laws of this state and the United States. The man charged with handling liquor was turned over to the county authorities and made bond in the sum of \$1,000. It was not learned today whether the other four had made bond. The arrests grew out of the hijacking story and it is probable other arrests will be made within the next day or two as it was said today some very good evidence is being collected.

SHARP DEBATE IN SENATE ON LAW REVISION

AUSTIN, Feb. 10.—(AP)—The program of law revision, prepared by a committee of the State Bar Association, caused a sharp debate in the Senate today.

The debate arose when Senator Westbrook of Sherman sought to have two of the measures, prepared by the Bar Association committee, printed on a minority report favoring their passage.

The measure in question, would permit a district attorney to change not only the form, but the substance of a faulty indictment and would practically repeal the rules of legal procedure by empowering the judge to rule on the materiality of matter, regardless of the law on the question.

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He made no further comment. In view of the fact that Governor Smith has declined all invitations to speak outside the state, it is generally assumed here that he will not appear before the Lone Star law-makers.

RECORD OF RECENT COMPLETION OF WELLS IN BROWN COUNTY

The Texas Company No. 10 Hickman in Thomas Benson survey, did 75 barrels at 1.165 to 1.185 feet. Tidal Oil Company No. 6 Holnett in Harris survey, did 50 barrels at 1.254 to 1.269 feet.

Humble Oil and Refining Company No. 7, Hickman, in Thomas Benson survey, did 100 barrels at 1.220 to 1.230 feet.

Phillips Petroleum Company No. 2, Hickman, in Thomas Benson survey, did 40 barrels at 1.215 to 1.225 feet.

Sinclair Oil and Gas Company No. 1, Fry, in George Stubblefield survey, did 960 barrels at 1.262 to 1.286 feet.

The Texas Company No. 6, Pugh, in Pugh survey, did 398 barrels at 1.329 to 1.359 feet. Curry and others No. 1, Newton, in Robert Mitchell survey, did 425 barrels at 1.254 to 1.269 feet.

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Couple Married for 62 Years



MR. AND MRS. C. W. BOWDEN.

BROWNWOOD, Texas, Jan. 29.—Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bowden of May, Brown County, are the oldest couple in the county and have been married sixty-two years. Mr. Bowden is 87 years of age and Mrs. Bowden is 82. They have 9 children, 39 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren. The children are W. B. Bowden of May, Mrs. Mattie Harlow of Los Angeles, Mrs. J. W. McAnally of Pueblo, Colo.; W. O. Bowden, Alvarado; Mrs. J. J. Frenette, Fort Worth; Dr. A. H. Bowden, May; N. W. Bowden, Comita; Mrs. L. B. Routh, Blanket, and Dr. H. C. Bowden, Rising Star.

TEXAS AND TEXANS

By WILL H. MATES

Future of Southwest

THE president of the Missouri Pacific railway lines in a recent advertisement said: "The Great Southwest will continue for the next few years the greatest agricultural development and expansion in the history of the country. This development is proceeding along sane and sound lines—not in any sense a boom." The greatest Southwest development is in Texas. Railroads are showing their faith in Texas in the extension and improvement of their lines. More railroad building is under way and in contemplation in Texas than in any other part of the country. This in itself means the spending of millions in construction and many more millions in operation of railway lines. Railroads do not spend money now unless there is an immediate prospect of financial returns. The faith the railroads have in Texas should extend to every citizen. Texas is a State of wonderful opportunities for those who have good vision to profit by its prosperity.

Water Conservation Projects

In his last report the Texas Board of Water Engineers, basing its statement on detailed figures submitted, says there is no reasonable doubt that Texas will in the next ten years spend more than one hundred million dollars in water conservation projects. These consist of water power plants, levee construction and irrigation systems, now under way or on which filings have been made for surveys. The investment in these represents only a small part of the increase in land valuation that will result from the irrigation and an infinitesimal part of the crop production due to control and use of the water. The filings now made do not represent one tenth of the feasible water conservation projects of the State. If you like startling figures get a pencil and attempt to estimate the possibilities to Texas from proper water control.

Huge Road Building Enterprise

Cameron county has voted to issue \$6,000,000 in bonds for road building. That county already has many miles of the best concrete roads in Texas and is eager for more of them. The county has decided that the cheapest roads are the best that money can build. There is not a bit of doubt that before Cameron county has finished building its roads adjoining counties will take up the work and that soon the entire lower Rio Grande Valley will be cobwebbed with good roads. As soon as confidence is completely restored in the Highway

PIPE LINES CRISS CROSS OIL AREAS OF THE NATION; TEXAS IS SECOND STATE IN MILEAGE

A survey of petroleum pipe lines recently conducted by the Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce, shows a total of slightly more than 80,000 miles of pipe lines in the United States. This tremendous pipe line system has a capacity of approximately 51,750,000 barrels of crude oil, which is equivalent to one-fourth of the nation's average production for one month. Oklahoma, with 15,130 miles of pipe lines, is the leading state in total mileage, with Texas second and Pennsylvania third. From point of trunk lines alone Texas is considerably ahead of any of the other states in a position which it owes to its size and to growth in the movement to its Gulf ports. California, though leading state from point of production, ranks only seventh in pipe line mileage. This is due to the fortunate location of the Los Angeles Basin fields, some of which are within sight of the refineries to which their oil is delivered or of the port of San Pedro through which their oil is shipped.

53,000 miles of Lines

The survey on which the present analysis is based was made by the Bureau of Mines as of May 1, 1926. The last survey of this nature, made in the spring of 1924 by the U. S. Geological Survey, recorded a total mileage of nearly 48,000 miles with a capacity of approximately 14,450,000 barrels. This indicates an increase of 5 per cent in both mileage and capacity during the two years.

Pipe lines varied in diameter from 2 to 16 inches, the most common size being six inches. The total pipe line mileage was about equally divided between trunk lines and gathering lines, though the capacity of the former was about four times that of the latter. This was due, of course, to the difference in average diameter, that for the former being 7.4 inches as compared with 3.7 inches for the latter. The common size for trunk lines was 8 inches, and for gathering lines 2 inches. The grand total of tankage, exclusive of producers' storage at the wells, available in the United States for the storage of crude petroleum and of petroleum products at refineries on May 1, 1926, amounted to over 800,000,000 barrels of 42 U. S. gallons, which if confined to a square mile would cover it to a depth of 164 feet.

Most Tanks in Farms

The combined pipe line and tank capacity of the United States is over 830,000,000 barrels of oil. On May 1, 1926 there were 230,000,000 barrels (net) of oil (410,000,000 barrels of crude petroleum and 120,000,000 barrels of refined oils) held in tank farms, in pipe lines, and at refineries. There was also approximately 20,000,000 barrels of basic sediment and water involved in this storage, making a total of 550,000,000 barrels of liquid in storage, indicating utilization of 66 per cent of total capacity.

Of the total tank capacity, nearly 500,000,000 barrels was in tank farms and over 200,000,000 barrels at refineries. Of the latter 80,000,000 barrels was crude storage for crude in the country was approximately 580,000,000 barrels. If allowance is made for basic sediment and water and for tankage not filed in general practice, there was on May 1, 1926, 140,000,000 barrels of untitled crude storage available.

available for use. The distribution of this unused capacity was, however, very unequal. Some localities were using all of the available storage capacity. Of the total storage at refineries amounting to 300,000,000 barrels, 80,000,000 barrels was used for crude petroleum. This represents an average of 600,000 barrels of all classes of oil for each refinery in the country. Since there was stored at refineries about 50,000,000 barrels of crude petroleum and 120,000,000 barrels of refined oils, it follows that the percentage of storage filled by the former was 60 and by the latter, 55.

Tank-farm storage, comprised by far the major portion of the total capacity for crude petroleum of the country, and also the major portion of the total capacity for all oils. This type of storage includes tanks of large capacity and is usually located on farms along the lines. It does not include crude storage at refineries or on producing properties. Owing to incomplete information, storage on producing properties, which is estimated as 10,000,000 barrels, is not considered in this survey.

Four Types of Tanks

There are four types of storage, namely, steel, wooden, earthen, and concrete. Steel storage is by far the most widely used and comprises 50 per cent of the total. The remainder was about evenly divided between earthen and concrete storage, with wooden storage almost negligible. In general evaporation losses are much higher from wooden tanks than from steel tanks, and the few wooden tanks used today are either built on special days or have been built for a special purpose. Evaporation losses are of course higher from earthen storage than from any other type, but each with which it can be built has resulted in its use in flash fields producing heavy oil. Concrete storage is of fairly recent origin and finds almost exclusive use in California, where the presence of much flash production in 1925 made the immediate construction of large reservoirs imperative. Concrete storage is cheaper to build than steel storage, and when used for heavy oils as in California, has a remarkably low evaporation loss.

California, with nearly 200,000,000 barrels of tankage, is the leading state in extent of oil storage capacity. Texas, with 170,000,000 barrels, is second; and Oklahoma, with 140,000,000 barrels, is third. Each of these states has about the same amount of crude storage; that is, 120,000,000 barrels. California, leading in concrete tankage, also leads in earthen storage, with Arkansas a close second. None of the other states has over 50,000,000 barrels of total storage. There is available at Atlantic ports approximately 60,000,000 barrels of tankage, 40,000,000 barrels of which is in oil storage tanks. Exports on the Gulf of Mexico there is storage capacity of about 130,000,000 barrels, the greater part of which, 75,000,000 barrels, is for crude oil.

Further details are contained in Information Circular 6018, "Survey of Petroleum Pipe Line and Storage Capacity for Crude Oil and Refined Products," by G. R. Hopkins and A. B. Coons, which may be obtained from the Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C.

DICKERSON MOORE MARTIN

Dickerson Moore Martin, 80, died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. John R. Stephenson, 112 North Greenleaf Street, at 6:00 o'clock Sunday morning, February 6th, following an illness that was of short duration, being stricken with paralysis a few days ago.

The funeral was held at 11:00 o'clock this morning at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Stephenson and will be conducted by Rev. F. M. McConnell, former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Brownwood and old time friend of the family.

Active pallbearers: Warner Thomas, Dr. A. E. Hillman, M. T. Bowden, W. H. Daniels, A. D. Bradbeer and C. G. Sivells. Honorary: P. M. Seitz, T. V. Bowden, G. H. Chambers, Will Hair, Dr. W. A. Burney, W. M. Ellis, John Fletcher, A. L. Fowler, Charles Andrews, Edgar Wright, W. O. Gray.

For about one year Mr. Martin had been in failing health, but was as such hearty and jovial disposition that he was never heard to complain. He was one of the real pioneers of Brownwood, coming here many years ago. In this part of Texas, he grew from a wilderness to a populous and thriving community. His native state was South Carolina, and the date of his birth was August 8th, 1846. On August 6, 1865 he and Mrs. Mary Ann Hones were married, and later moved to Franklin, Georgia, and still later to Nevada county, Arkansas, and thence to Brown county in 1884.

Four children were born to the union thus formed in South Carolina: W. W. Martin of Moran, Radford C. Martin (deceased), Mrs. Georgia Reeves of Gorman and Mrs. John R. Stephenson of Brownwood. 14 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. All the children were present at the hour of death.

Deceased was a devout member of the Baptist church, joining 49 years ago in Nevada county, Arkansas, and living as a consistent member with the passing years. He leaves a record that shows that he was a good man and citizen, a kind and loving father, and loyal friend at all times.

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COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT SUGGESTS PROGRAM FOR AIDING RURAL SCHOOLS

After visiting all the schools of the county the rural school superintendent, J. Oscar Swindle, has this to say in regard to the rural school problems of Brown county: "After visiting most of the schools of the county, I wish to express my appreciation of the school work in general and to offer some suggestion which I believe will tend to create a more friendly disposition and a greater school spirit among the various schools. I appreciate the great work that is being done in all of our schools and believe that Brown county is to be congratulated for her splendid group of teachers. However, we must look forward to greater things in an educational way, not only in our county, but in our state, and lay the foundation for a more efficient rural school system.

Organization Plan

"To this end I wish to submit a plan of organization and cooperation which I believe will increase the interest in our schools, tend to unify and standardize the work on the primary and intermediate grades, and encourage more thorough and efficient work in all elementary subjects. The plan may be outlined somewhat as follows: "The county should be divided into some eight or ten districts each of which are to be organized for community programs and contests in literary work with some athletic features to break the monotony and give all round expression to children in mind and body. Some central school should be selected as a meeting place where the children and parents of the entire district could come together in a general community meeting and join in these contests. "Suggested program for a community meeting: "Literary contest for grades one, two and three (spelling, writing, reading and language). "Literary contests for intermediate grades (spelling, arithmetic, reading, language, group singing,

WARRANT DEEDS

Clyde McIntosh et al to G. W. Powell, lot 5 block 7 Grandview Addition, Feb. 4, 1906. Sam J. Chandler to J. F. Bruns, part of block 32 Rankin Addition, Oct. 11, 1920. Sam J. Chandler to Roy Vaughn et al, part of block 31 Rankin Addition, Oct. 11, 1920. Ferris Bass and wife to A. H. Bell, lot 5 block 6 Coggin Addition, Jan. 21, 1925. A. H. Bell et ux to W. R. Ellis et al, lot 5 block 6 Coggin Addition, Jan. 24, 1909. John F. Robertson and wife to E. C. Robertson, 1.125 interest 2400 acres S. A. and M. G. Ry. Co. survey, Feb. 5, 1906. Walter J. Stewart et ux to J. W. Bennett, part of lot 500, Feb. 4, 1920. J. B. Shofner to W. A. Cashon, 65 acres G. W. Pentecost survey, February 5, 1925. Mrs. Maude Leach to C. V. Carroll, part of lot 294, Jan. 31, 1925.

MINERAL DEEDS

S. M. Kesler et ux to Paul V. Harrell, 1-2 interest 160 acres H. T. & B. Ry. Co. survey, Jan. 15, 1909. A. F. Willis to Taylor Bond, 1-16 interest 160 acres H. T. & B. Ry. Co. survey, Jan. 17, 1909. C. D. Stone to J. T. Arledge, 1-16 interest 160 acres H. T. & B. Ry. Co. survey, Jan. 18, 1909. J. A. Bell and wife to E. H. Byrd, 1-2 interest 132 acres W. B. Collier survey, Jan. 31, 1910. Thomas J. Beasley and wife to E. H. Byrd, 1-4 interest 153 acres T. and T. C. Ry. Co. survey, Jan. 29, 1910. R. F. Gilman et al to W. D. Milley, 1-4 interest 120 2-10 acres Martin Flood survey, Feb. 1, 1910. Paul V. Harrell to B. B. Bond,

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# Broken Threads

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by Clifford L. Webb and Ernest Lynn

**WHAT HAS GONE BEFORE**  
To the home of Prof. and Mollie Elwell in Candenville, Ind., one night in October, 1898, comes Martha Dalton, a nurse, bearing a woman who had been traveling. Elwell is an artist. He has a son Jim, aged five. Late that night two girls are born to the woman who dies without revealing her identity. Her name indicates she is a person of wealth and refinement. The Elwells adopt the girls.

The story then moves forward eighteen years. The twins, now growing to beautiful womanhood, have been named Margaret and Elizabeth and nicknamed Rusty and Betty.

The United States enters the World War and Jim Elwell enlists with the first and enacts his will. The Elwells get a contract to turn out scenery for two Chicago theaters and Jim takes Dick Canfield, a friend, to come to help them.

Canfield comes, helps them turn out the job and after three weeks goes to join an aviation unit. Mobilization now begins in Candenville.

**NOW BEGIN THE STORY**



He held her close until her sob-shaken body was still.

**CHAPTER VII**

IT was early in June when the call was issued to Candenville's enlisted men.

During the days that followed time didn't just jog along by any means. It flew by with a speed that fairly took the breath and gripped the hearts of the Elwell family.

And on the twins fell a sort of tragic calm, as if they had just awakened to the tragedy at hand and were resolved to bear it like the Spartan maidens of old.

The next to the last evening before Jim was to go away found him and Rusty and Betty in the Elwell parlor. Jim was stretched out in his customary pose on the sofa. But Rusty and Betty, both dressed alike in lavender-colored frocks, occupied a big leather chair, Betty half hidden in its depths and Rusty sitting on its cushioned arm.

It was reminiscent of that other evening in June, just a short year ago, when Jim had come in with the bestleek dressing on his eye and had demanded music to ease his sufferings.

This was the setting tonight when Prof. and Mollie Elwell entered the room as the darkening shadows were falling. But gone was all the happy, joyous spirit of that other June evening. The hearts that then beat in the peaceful breast of that little assemblage now were gripped with foreboding. In truth, from appearance, it might have been the night after a funeral in the house.

It was Rusty who broke the pall of silence with a low-pitched request. "Oh, sister," she began, with a little catch in her voice that was half a sob, "get your harp, will you, dear, and sing 'When Other Tongues and Other Hearts?' My heart is going to break anyhow, and it might as well break tonight."

Ordinarily optimistic people, it has been said, can on occasion get a sort of morbid enjoyment out of the most dolorous prospect. Perhaps Rusty was of that nature. And that, perhaps, was the reason why Prof. Elwell brought Betty's harp from its place in the corner and stood it up in front of her. Probably, like Rusty, he felt that they might as well get the agony over with.

Mollie Elwell, in a darkened corner of the room, was silent, and Jim on his couch was in an agony of spirit.

Elizabeth Elwell began to play. Softly, like the breathing tones of a fairy melody, the low notes of the little prelude to the old song fell on their ears. Then:

"When other tongues and other hearts Their tales of love shall tell, In language whose excess imparts The power they feel so well; There may, perhaps, in such a scene, Some recollection be Of days that have as happy been. There you'll remember me, you'll remember, remember me."

A sweet contralto voice died away in a low cadence of drifting melody. Silence fell on the little group. Then suddenly from one of the shadowy forms in lavender came a stifled, tearing sob.

Jim Elwell arose from the sofa and left the room. He walked blindly, feeling his way along out through the kitchen. At the door he paused and lifted his eyes toward the sky. "God!" he said softly, and then he walked to the woodshed, where he dropped down in a chair in a dark corner and cupped his chin in his hands.

He sat there for some minutes, staring at the shadowed floor. Then the sound of a footstep fell on his ear.

It failed to stir him at first, but another sound brought him to his feet. He looked up just in time to catch a fleeting glimpse of a lavender-colored dress where the moon-beams touched it as it crossed the yard. A moment passed, in which he stood thinking solemnly; then he stepped across to the doorway.

From under the trees in the back yard came the sound of sobbing. Jim Elwell slipped quietly out and across the lawn, pausing under the shade of the maples.

Why, he thought rebelliously, did this have to happen? Why couldn't he, like his friend, Dick Canfield, be alone with no one to care too much if he never came back? Why?

The form of a girl became visible in the hollow of her arms as they rested against the tree trunk. He was half crying as he moved softly up behind her and placed his hands on her shoulders.

Then she turned around, but her face was hidden from the moon by the shadow of the great tree.

"Don't cry, little pal," he said to her, his own voice husky; "it'll probably come out all right in the wash, you know."

No words came from her for a short space, as she stood there leaning against him, her body shaking violently. Then, "Oh, Jim," came the startling response, the words broken

by short, gasping sobs, "don't call me just—just a little—little pal—tonight! Call me—call me your—oh, Jim you're going—going away—to the war! I know! You'll—oh, k-kiss me, won't you Jim? Not as you've—you've always k-kissed me before—but—oh, Jim!"

Tenderly he took the shaking form in his arms and drew it close. He bent his head and his lips touched hers. But the quick, passionate cling of those lips of hers was something far different from anything Jim Elwell had ever known before. The blood leaped to his heart and then went pounding through his arteries in a hot, fierce drive.

He felt the young breast held close to his own left and fall in throbs of short, quick breath. After a minute he raised his head and drew her out from the shadow of the tree where he could see into her upturned face.

The big full moon shining down through the leaves reflected its silvery splendor to the dark eyes looking up into his, and he saw there the light "we're set on land or sea." He read there the old, old story of the things that are—the revelation of life, of nature itself. In their humid depths he saw revealed the great underlying secret, the immortal story of the Universe. Jim Elwell was awake at last. He loved and was loved. With a fervent exclamation, he kissed her again and again.

"Dear," he said, "and I was so blind..."

Her arms tightened around his neck. "I love you, Jim. I can't bear to see you go away to war. It will kill me."

He tried to comfort her, tried to tell her that he was coming back safe and sound. "With America in the war, dear, it can't last long. Why?" he laughed bravely—"those fellows will be ready to quit the minute we land in France. You know that, honey. Don't worry. Jim doesn't want you to. It would make him feel badly if he thought you were worrying as to him. Be brave, sweetheart."

He held her close until her sob-shaken body was still. Thirty minutes later she left him to go into the house. But before she went she had confided in him another secret and given

**J. E. J. WARREN**  
J. E. J. Warren, 63, died Monday evening, following an illness that extended through a long period, although deceased was not compelled to take his bed until only a short time ago.

The funeral was held at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at First Baptist church, officiated by Rev. Carroll. Deceased had been a member of the Baptist since he was 13 years old. Born in North Carolina, he moved away from the old home locality while quite young, and finally made his way to the Southwest, a railroad conductor in Brownwood in 1912. At the time of death he was owner of the news and periodical stand on Center Avenue in the vicinity of the Peasey Store, and was building a fine business connection with other things that belong to the sale of newspaper and kindred articles.

He leaves a widow and one brother, J. N. Warren, of Palestine, Texas, also one who is near and dear to the family by reason of his having been a member, so to speak many years, Mr. Percy Warren, a railroad conductor. Deceased was an active member of the lodge of Odd Fellows and following the religious features, the Odd Fellows will take charge of the funeral.

J. E. J. Warren was a man and citizen, whom everybody who knew, loved and respected for his genuine worth and manly integrity. He practiced his religion in his daily walk and talk—lived it from hour to hour and day to day, charitable, loving, forgiving, he died in full assurance that there is a crown of righteousness laid up for all who walk in his footsteps.

The family residence is at 461 North Greenleaf Street.

**LONDON, Feb. 10.—(P)—**The Arrival of 300 American marines in Shanghai is reported in an exchange dispatch received here today. Two battalions of British troops are expected tomorrow, the

## NEW PRODUCER REVIVING OLD SHALLOW FIELD

A new well on the Shaw tract only two miles from the court house on Coggin Avenue, is the beginning of the revival of a shallow field in which operations ceased in 1919.

The new producer was drilled in Monday by Jess Hassell, trustee of Dallas, and H. Hamilton, who is here in charge of the drilling operations. It is a ten barrel well, and the depth is only 217 feet. It was drilled in 72 hours from the time it was spudded in.

These people will drill fifteen or twenty wells on their 139 acre lease, Mr. Hamilton states.

## Heavy Hailstorm At Childress Is Followed by Rain

**CHILDRESS, Texas, Feb. 8.—(P)—**Childress and vicinity experienced a terrific hailstorm last night. Hail and torrents of rain fell for 30 minutes. The area of the storm was about 18 miles wide, and it came from the southwest, extending into Oklahoma. There was a brilliant electrical display, which came suddenly after a sultry day. Many automobile tops were damaged. There was an indication of snow this morning.

## TEXAS CITIES GAS SERVICE JEOPARDIZED

**AUSTIN, Feb. 7.—(P)—**Because of a ruling by the Oklahoma attorney general that gas from the state cannot be piped into Texas, Denton, Sherman, Dallas and other cities may be faced with a temporary shortage, E. Bell, head of the state oil and gas division, said today.

At least two lines extending from Eastern Oklahoma to North Texas points, with a capacity of 95,000,000 cubic feet per day will be shut off if the ruling is upheld, he said.

**Another Line Affected**  
Another line, thought to extend from Oklahoma into Wichita Falls and Pottsville may be affected. Records of the division did not show whether the line crosses the Oklahoma border.

Bell said he is practically certain that all North Texas cities affected by the ruling will be without gas from Stephens, Shackelford, Palo Pinto and Eastland counties and that the question involved is whether the West Texas supply will be sufficient.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has ruled that gas pipeline lines comes under its jurisdiction and cannot be controlled by any state, Bell said in predicting a possible conflict between the two rulings.

## Cars Damaged by Head-on Collision Saturday Evening

Two automobiles, one driven by Lee Brumley and the other operated by a Mexican, collided Saturday night on Center Avenue in front of the postoffice building. The accident occurred about ten o'clock. Mr. Brumley was driving west on Center when the car driven by the Mexican cut across the street and headed into the side of the Brumley car. It was stated. Both cars were damaged, the left front fender and running board of the Brumley car being smashed and the front part of the light car driven by the Mexican was badly torn up.

## SIX WELLS OF SINCLAIR MAKE 4,680 BARRELS

The production for the Sinclair Oil and Gas Company on its J. H. Fry lease in the Fry field gauged 4,680 barrels from their six wells on that tract. The producers are the Sinclair's Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 8.

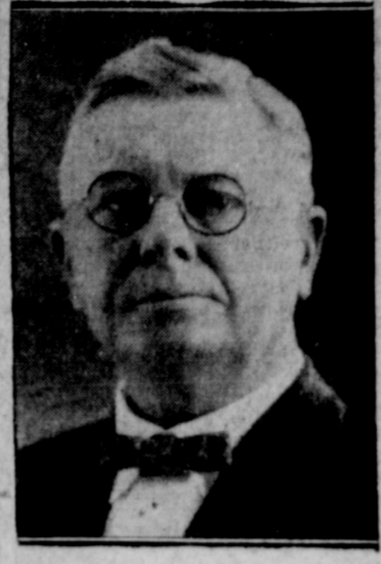
The Sinclair Company has now fourteen other wells drilling or rigging up on the same lease. The No. 7 is drilling at 975 ft. No. 9 is drilling at 300 feet and No. 10 is drilling at 200 feet. The others are rigging up.

## Cross Cut Area Extended Further to North and East

Late completions in the Cross Cut field have widened the producing area to the east and north, following the north extension made by the wells on the Willis and Newton tracts a couple of weeks ago. A half mile extension was made by the Valley Oil Company with a 100-barrel well on north-east corner of the A. B. Teston tract.

The Valley Oil Company's well is more than half a mile southeast of the Newton and Willis well, and the production is said to have brought large number of new locations.

## BROWNWOOD SURGEON DIES IN NEW ORLEANS FOLLOWING OPERATION



**DR. THOS. J. PIER**  
Dr. T. J. Pier, one of the outstanding surgeons of Mid-Texas and beloved by hundreds of people in this section of the state, died Saturday night at 11 o'clock in New Orleans, where he had been under treatment for some time. In September, 1926, he was stricken with gall bladder trouble, and this resulted in his death after an operation was performed in the Toussaint Infirmary on Friday, last. His death came in relief of intense suffering, after all that science and kindness could do for him. Dr. Ralph Matas, Dr. Lucien Landry and Dr. R. E. Stone, of New Orleans as well as many friends in that city, attended him during his illness.

The remains arrived in Brownwood over the Santa Fe this morning, accompanied by Mrs. T. J. Pier, Miss Clara McKinstry of New Orleans, Norris Pier, a brother of Bay City, Miss Lelia Pier, a sister, of Bellville, Miss Emma Collins of Orange, Dr. and Mrs. Billy Barnes of Brenham, W. F. Tottenham of Brenham, Dr. J. W. Tottenham of Brownwood met the funeral party in Houston, and accompanied them to this city, his son, John Tottenham, joining them at Milano last night.

**Funeral Tuesday**  
The funeral services will be conducted in the McLanis Funeral Home Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. G. E. Cameron, pastor of the First Methodist church, followed by interment in Greenleaf cemetery. Active pall bearers will be Dr. W. H. Paize, Dr. A. L. Taylor, Dr. Ben M. Shelton, C. M. Carpenter, R. E. Lee, Hugh Grove. Honorary pall bearers include all the members of the Brown County Medical Society, and Messrs. John Yantis, Ernest Wood, D. S. Camp, J. F. Renfro, Dr. J. N. Arvin, Dr. Herbert Arvin, Roy Duncan, John Shockley, Jess McAdams, Emmett Evans, John H. McKee, H. H. Stigman, Brooke S. Ramey, O. W. McDonald, W. D. McCully, Dr. Rudolph Matas of New Orleans, Dr. Lucien Landry of New Orleans, Dr. R. A. Stone of New Orleans, R. K. Hallum, R. G. Hallum, Tom Posey, C. D. Philney, Charles Hallum, Dr. Billy Burkes, Guy Knolle, Waldo Knolle, J. R. Williamson, R. E. Nicholson, all of Brenham, J. B. Turner, Ben A. Pain, Dr. B. E. Bell, W. L. Turner, C. L. McCartney, E. B. Healey, Warner Thomas, J. K. Wilkerson, Jas. C. White, Lee Watson, Sr., Roy Yantush, Dr. John Snyder, Wilbur Smith, R. M. Ramsey, Burt Norwood, Dr. Irad Cochran of Comanche, H. G. Lucas, Will Latham, Oscar Kunitz.

## Biographical

Thomas J. Pier was born April 24, 1870, his father being Samuel Bradford Pier and his mother Emily Cochran Pier, of Austin county. His boyhood days were spent in Austin county. He graduated in medicine at Tulane University, and then practiced medicine in Carmine and Brenham, coming to Brownwood in August, 1920, and buying the Brownwood hospital, at which place he practiced surgery until his death. He was a valuable member of the Brown County Medical Society, the State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He was a member of the First Methodist church, of the Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias lodges, and until ill health caused his retirement was a member of the Brownwood Rotary Club.

A most skillful surgeon, Dr. Pier had not only established an enviable reputation in this part of Texas as a professional man, but had won the lasting friendship of hundreds of families as he labored from day to day in operating room and ward. His kindness and liberality were proverbial, and his memory will long be cherished by those whom he helped over the rough places from time to time. His interests were manifold, for he never turned a deaf ear to any appeal for aid, and both in his profession and in the citizenship of the city his death has caused widespread grief because his place in the community life will be most difficult to fill.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 6

The Sunday schools showed a slight increase in attendance on Sunday when the total attendance was 2858, 126 more than on the previous Sunday. The report follows:

Attendance	Attendance
First Baptist .....	504
First Methodist .....	450
Coggin Avenue Baptist .....	142
Central Methodist .....	351
Church of Christ .....	294
First Christian .....	247
First Presbyterian .....	195
Melwood Avenue Baptist .....	86
Belle Plain Baptist .....	51
Edwards Street Presbyterian .....	39
Central Methodist Mission .....	39
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## OIL CORRESPONDENT WRITES OF VISIT TO FRY FIELD AND GREAT DEVELOPMENT NOTED

BY F. M. GWIN  
Special Correspondent

CROSS PLAINS, Texas, Feb. 9.—Production figures that grow weekly by leaps and bounds has brought the Fry field, located in the western part of Brown county into the front rank as a major oil producer among the shallow sand areas of West Texas.

This field's discovery dates only from June 1925 and its main development covers only a few recent months. So rapid has this development come that from a negligible gross output in October, 1925, production figures mounted to 15,000 barrels daily prior to the end of January, 1927, and the closing week of that month saw the completion of nine wells that ranged from 300 to 2,000 barrels each, and but little of this oil was included in the little pipe line quoted for that week.

An idea of the importance and extent of the territory being developed can perhaps best be conveyed by a mention of its outline, that now covers a territory approximately six miles from northeast to southwest, with a maximum width of about four miles that is proven and semi-proven territory.

**Few Dry Holes**  
Within this scope but few dry holes have been drilled and the average producer comes in at from 200 to 400 barrels, with a number of recent wells that show an initial flow of 1,200 to 1,400 barrels, with at least two wells that have exceeded the 2,000 barrel mark.

The depth varies from 1,250 to 1,350 feet, depending on surface elevation, and the sand has an average thickness of 20 feet. The oil tests 43 baume gravity and sells for \$2.25 per barrel on the present market.

These are but a few of the outstanding facts that forcibly present themselves to the observing visitor, but things in that territory are happening so fast that absolutely definite figures on many angles of development are very hard to obtain. This for the reason that figures that were accurate last week may be immensely overshadowed by later developments, prior to another week's beginning.

**Talked With Operators**  
On a recent visit we asked many operators who have been identified with the development since its inception, for definite figures on the number of producing wells. Some said 250, others estimated 300, and as high as 325, and judged by location numbers on the many leases it appeared that the actual number of producing wells might well exceed the 250 estimate made by our conservative operator friend.

We visited well No. 20 of the Amerasia Petroleum company on their 75 acre Fry lease. Hoffman and Page are the owners of perhaps an equal number of wells, and Henshaw and company were drilling on well No. 24 on the famous Lowe lease. The daily production of the Amerasia and Henshaw properties approximates 5,000 barrels each. The Texas company, the Sinclair interests, Rex-Tex and Fry-Tex are also owners of important production, and more than a score of other operating companies are pushing drilling machines and supplies into the field at a rate that has brought a condition bordering on traffic congestion on the highways leading from Cross Plains, Brownwood, Coleman and Santa Anna, from whence supplies of all kinds are trucked in.

**25 Wells Drilling**  
As to its shallow depth most wells are being done by spudding machines and a sum of \$100,000 from the general public indicates that about 75

## FRIENDLY SUIT TO DETERMINE LEGAL ISSUES

AUSTIN, Feb. 9.—(AP)—Test of the validity of Texas road bonds, sought in a petition to file mandamus against Attorney General Claud Pollard, today was granted by the state supreme court. The road district seeks to compel Pollard to approve the sale of \$500,000 of road bonds, the remainder of a \$1,500,000 lot voted by the district in November, 1922. Plaintiff Pollard refused to approve the sale on the ground that the United States supreme court in the Archer county case held him invalid and because, in his opinion, the special session of the 35th legislature had no authority to pass the general bond validating law or the special validating law for Anderson county.

## AUSTIN NEGRO CHARGED WITH 1923 MURDER

AUSTIN, Feb. 8.—(AP)—An Austin negro is being held here by officers conducting a renewed investigation of the Engler triple murder mystery and the slaying three years ago of H. C. Greer, wealthy grain man. It is known that the negro is not suspected in both cases, but it could not be learned from officers which case they are holding the negro in connection with. Greer was robbed and killed in February, 1923, in his feed store here.

## LITTLE BOY MAY DIE AS RESULT OF KICK BY HORSE ON SUNDAY

D. L. Tipton, Jr., five year old son of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Tipton of 406 Mayes street, was rushed to a local sanitarium Sunday morning after being kicked in the forehead by a horse. The little fellow with two other playmates were playing with a football on a vacant lot near the Tipton home Sunday morning when the accident occurred. It was stated by those who saw the horse kick the little boy that the boy was tossed fifteen or twenty feet by the force of the blow. The boy's forehead was badly crushed and little hope is held for his recovery, although he is resting as well as could be hoped for today.

The boy's parents did not see the horse kick the boy, in fact the mother did not know that her little son had been hurt until he was brought to the house. They immediately rushed the lad to the hospital, where everything that is possible is being done for him. Upon examination it was found that the boy's skull was crushed by the impact of the animal's foot. The little fellow is lying unconscious, but resting very little today and there is, still, but very little hope, held for his recovery.

## Wheeling Asks Authority for New Stock Issue

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—(AP)—The Wheeling and Lake Erie railroad asked the Interstate Commerce commission today for authority to issue 222,276 shares of new common stock to relieve a stock shortage which has retarded the construction of the New York expanse.

## Embezzlement of Funds Admitted by Dallas Banker

DALLAS, Feb. 9.—(AP)—William G. Spangler, a church treasurer and assistant accounts collector of the North Texas National Bank here, pleaded guilty in federal court here Wednesday to embezzlement of about \$35,000 from the bank, some of which he said was used to pay church debts. Judge Williams H. Atwell deferred sentence until later. Spangler has a wife and two small daughters.

## Holding Company to Consolidate Several Concerns

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—(AP)—Creation of Remington-Rand, Inc., a holding company to consolidate Remington Typewriter Company, Rand Handicraft Bureau, Inc., Dalton Adding Machine Company of Cincinnati, Baker Vawter Looseloff Ledger Company of Benton Harbor, Mich., and one or more other companies, was approved unanimously by directors of the Remington Typewriter Company today.

PORT WORTH.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook, Polar explorer, serving a 14 year sentence in Leavenworth for hatching a revolt around Matagorda island.

## GRAND JURY IS INVESTIGATING BRIBERY CASE

AUSTIN, Feb. 9.—(AP)—Representatives F. A. Dale of Bonham and H. H. Moore of Cooper, expelled yesterday from the House because of bribery charges, were not announced whether they will run for re-election. Questioned today, Moore declined to make any statement. He is taking charges against F. A. Dale of Bonham and H. H. Moore of Cooper, expelled Tuesday from the House of Representatives, were left Wednesday solely within the province of the Texas county grand jury, which probably will report before Saturday.

Proclamations calling elections to fill Dale's and Moore's seats probably will be issued today by Governor Dan Moody. The House may see another fight like the one preceding the Dale-Moore billoting before it disposes of a resolution introduced last yesterday by Representative Corry T. Sheats of Franklin, proposing investigation of lobbying activities of Willis Chamberlin, Houston politician who "tippled" rangers before the alleged bribe transaction. The resolution was referred to the committee on public affairs.

Sheats said he had "heard" that Chamberlin claimed to know of "other things, too" but Chamberlin last night said he must have been misunderstood, that if he had known of other cases, he would have reported them. Chamberlin heard himself alternately praised and condemned Tuesday during debate preceding the Dale-Moore voting. Some claimed that his coming with the accused in the alleged bribery, and handing Dale \$1,000 made him "guilty," too, while others held that "he made a sacrifice to public service and should be praised" for warning rangers and House officers in advance of the purported transaction.

## YOUTH DIES WHEN CAUGHT IN MACHINERY

BORGER, Texas, Feb. 9.—(AP)—With a cable entwined about his neck and dragging him over the bull wheel, Leon Polk, 19, was accidentally killed here early this morning while working on an oil derrick for the Phillips Petroleum Company. The son of the well saw the youth's body as it circled the wheel and stopped machinery to rescue him. The cable had caught the man about the arm and neck. Polk came to Borger about two weeks ago from Watauga, Okla.

## STRIBLING FAILS TO INTEREST SPECTATORS IN BOUT WITH HUFFMAN

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—(AP)—The figure of William L. (Young) Stribling, stocky boxer from Georgia, cast but a pale shadow over Tex Rickard's heavyweight tournament today.

Although victorious in his ten round match with Eddie Huffman, Los Angeles light heavyweight, at Madison Square Garden last night, Stribling failed to impress fans with his ability just as he failed in his 1926 fight with Paul Berlenbach. Stribling mauled his way to victory over Huffman in a feature, but match, marred by clinching, bounding and acrobatic feats. Stribling from the start waged a defensive campaign that left the spectators yawning. There was little snap in his long left jab, little desire to force the milling. He flitted about the ring slinging punches at the awkward Huffman from long range, closing now and then to maul away at the Californian. Huffman plied forward rarely landing effectively, but continually forcing his way into a defense that he could never quite solve.

Huffman was unable to evade Stribling's long left hand consistently. At close quarters, the southerner lifted a jarring right at Huffman's head but at no stage were the blows heavy enough to bring a semblance of a knockdown. Blood trickled in the late rounds from cuts in Huffman's left ear and mouth while a mixup in the sixth frame drew blood from Stribling's nose. Both men scaled 177½ pounds—less than three pounds over the light heavyweight limit.

## Directors for Tech College Are Appointed

AUSTIN, Feb. 9.—(AP)—Governor Dan Moody today announced and sent to the Senate the names of 120 nominees for places on the board of directors of Texas Technological College at Lubbock. They are George C. Comer, Collin county, chairman to succeed Amos G. Carter of Fort Worth, resigned; and Henry P. Kimbro, Lubbock county member to succeed himself for a term of six years.

Harding, a Howard Payne student, is sick in a local hospital.

## VESTED RIGHTS NOT AFFECTED BY GAS RULING

DALLAS, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Transportation of natural gas from Oklahoma to North Texas cities will not be affected by the ruling of the Oklahoma attorney general that gas may not be transported from that state. E. A. Crawford, vice president and general manager of the Lone Star Gas company, said here Tuesday. The ruling, he explained, does not affect vested rights, such as those previously given the Lone Star company under its permit. The decision of the attorney general was given on application of a Delaware corporation for a permit to do a natural gas transportation business, the company wishing to extend its lines into Texas. Three gas pipe lines are operated by the Lone Star from Oklahoma and Texas.

AUSTIN, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Texas cities supplied partially or wholly with gas from Oklahoma fields will not be affected by the recent ruling there, H. E. Bell, head of the Texas Gas company, today said he had been notified. Bell said Carl Griffith of Dallas, attorney for the Lone Star Gas Company, informed him in a telephone conversation that the ruling prevents future installation of lines to pipe gas out of Oklahoma but specifically exempts lines already functioning. Reports yesterday indicated the decision was to be construed as retroactive.

## MOODY MAKES APPOINTMENTS JUDICIAL JOBS

AUSTIN, Texas, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Eight appointments to judiciary and other state positions today were announced by Governor Dan Moody and will be sent to the Senate for confirmation. They are: Roy I. Briggs, Reeves county, district attorney of the 70th district to succeed Henry G. Russell, resigned; M. S. Long, Taylor county, judge of the 42nd district to succeed W. R. Ely, resigned; W. E. Gee, Potter county, judge of the 48th judicial district; W. M. Slay, S. C. Wroes, Cliff Barnes and N. L. Davis, all of Tarrant county, and O. O. Touchstone of Dallas county, members of the board of managers of North Texas Junior Agricultural College; G. H. Arnsfeldt, Galveston county, and A. A. Ferrell, Dallas county, members of the state board of optometry; W. L. Weatherall, M. Craig, J. S. Edwards, P. P. Butler, all of Jefferson county, and O. H. Campbell of Orange county, pilot commissioners for Sabine district; W. B. Prince, Dallas county; Forrest Mathis, Dallas county, and J. A. Phillips, Harris county, members of the board of public accountancy.

## Stockholders Ask Accounting for Huge Sum

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—(AP)—Ten individuals representing themselves and more than 50,000 stockholders of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, today filed suit in the supreme court here to compel Clarence Dillon, president of Dillon, Read and Company of Akron, Ohio, to remove him from management power in the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, and to account for \$15,000,000 profits alleged to have been "wrongfully made" through the acquisition of management stock.

## Capt. Schreiner Philanthropist and Pioneer, Dies

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Feb. 9.—(AP)—Captain Charles Schreiner, 88, founder of Schreiner Institute, banker, wool buyer and cattle baron, died at his home in San Antonio. He had been confined to his bed since last August. Captain Schreiner, one of the best known philanthropists in the United States, was born in France, but came to the United States and settled in Texas in 1852.

## Livestock Board Without Funds to Continue Duties

AUSTIN, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Reports here Saturday were that employees and officials of the state livestock sanitary commission have been discharged because of failure of Senate Finance committee last week to vote an emergency appropriation of about \$425,000. Senator I. D. Fairchild of Lubbock, member of the committee, stated that the commission, chairman of the commission, said at the time he would be forced to dismiss immediately "every man in the organization."

## INVITATION TO M'ADOO STARTS HOUSE DEBATE

AUSTIN, Feb. 9.—(AP)—A move by Representative Sam Gates of Runge to table a Senate resolution inviting William G. McAdoo to address the Texas legislature was making fair headway toward a warm house squabble shortly before noon today when proceeding were interrupted by a joint session to hear Captain Richmond P. Hobson make a temperance speech. Decision on the invitation probably will be made this afternoon. The House a few minutes before had adopted a Senate resolution inviting Governor Albert C. Ritchie of Maryland, as much a "wet" as McAdoo is a "dry," to address the legislature when his speaking itinerary brings him to Texas. The resolution was by Senator J. H. Bailey. The McAdoo resolution was signed by Senator Love, Reid, Neal, and others.

Representative George Purl attacked Gates motion to table, declaring that "this house cannot vote to make a slap at a man who has twice been the choice of Texas for president." Gates had not gotten a chance to answer when business was halted. The House adopted a Senate resolution calling on the federal government to cut channels through Padre Island on the gulf coast to allow gulf currents through Laguna Madre, and thus preserve fish said to be worth thousands of dollars.

## ICY WEATHER SWEEPS OVER NORTH TEXAS

DALLAS, Feb. 9.—(AP)—A vagrant winter wind from the country of Jack Frost blew over Texas today bringing ice and snow in the north part and rain in the south. Green grass was beginning to sprout under the spring-like rains of the last few weeks, when King Winter, who had been ignoring this state for more than a month, decided to give it a little attention. At Wichita Falls the mercury dropped from 41 to 29 last night, and at 8 a. m. the city was covered with ice. The thermometer was 16 above at Amarillo. Rain or sleet was reported from Fort Worth north to Texline. Heavy icicles hung on telephone and telegraph lines and telephone, telegraph, and transportation companies feared damage. A fifty mile an hour wind drove a hard rain down on San Antonio, causing many flood streets. The temperature there was 56 at 8 a. m. The southern tip of the state seemed to have escaped the attention of the ice king. The skies were clear at Brownsville and the temperature was sixty.

## Assets of Bankrupt Jeweler to Be Sold Arkansas City Soon

WICHITA, Kans., Feb. 9.—(AP)—Property of Max Bernstein, former Arkansas City and Borger, Texas, jeweler, who is awaiting charges of concealing assets while filing a petition of bankruptcy, will be sold at Arkansas City, Feb. 16, it was announced here today by Geo. R. Bassett, trustee.

The items that will go on sale are approximately \$5,000 worth of diamonds and watches recovered in the safety deposit boxes of a local bank, \$2,000 worth of jewelry found at Kansas City and what remains of stock in Arkansas City and Borger.

## JEWELRY ROBBERY

TEMPLE, Texas, Feb. 9.—(AP)—The J. H. Hempel Jewelry store was entered by burglars last night and robbed of goods worth \$10,000. The robbers removed a skylight and descended into the store by a rope.

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POWERS ASKED TO NEGOTIATE NEW TREATIES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—(AP)—Once more the United States has undertaken to lead the world toward a sealing down of naval armaments.

In a note to Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan, President Coolidge has suggested that treaties to that end be negotiated without delay at the Geneva conference.

The proposal would extend downward to smaller warships, the limitations imposed at the Washington conference on first class naval craft. The same proposal was made by the United States at the Washington conference but failed of acceptance.

Message to Congress. In a special message to Congress announcing what he had done Mr. Coolidge declared that despite the principles laid down at the conference here in 1921, "certain powers" have laid down for reaching naval building programs suggesting the shadow of another world war race among nations to out-build one another.

He suggested also that the Geneva discussions initiated by the League of Nations, are threatened with deadlock if the powers proceed along their present lines of negotiations.

So far as land and air armaments are concerned, the president evidenced a willingness to let foreign powers work out an agreement of their own.

The land and air forces of the United States, he said, are at a minimum and "constitute a threat to no one."

Came Unannounced. The message fell upon Congress without warning, in the midst of a controversy over construction of three new cruisers. Overriding the president's recommendations the Senate has voted to authorize this construction and the House although it once has rejected the proposal, appears somewhat disposed to accept the Senate viewpoint, in conference.

Some of the most influential leaders of the president's own party including Speaker Longworth have thrown their support behind the building plan.

Should Mr. Coolidge's suggestion be accepted by the powers, and treaties negotiated to carry it into effect, cruisers would be one of the classes of ships directly affected by any limitation agreed upon.

Sent to the capitol by messenger, the special message was read in Senate and House early in today's session, but the possible effect on the three cruiser plan was not immediately apparent.

Secrecy Observed. Great secrecy had been observed in preparation and transmission of the American note to the powers. Apparently but a very small handful of senators or representatives had any inkling of the move until the message reached the capitol, and some members of the cabinet expressed surprise when they heard of it.

Announcements have been made, however, for publication of the note through the American embassies abroad simultaneously with delivery of the president's message to Congress.

Text of Note. The text of the note to the powers was included in the message to Congress. It said in part: "Although hesitating at this time to put forward rigid proposals as regards the ratios of naval strength to be maintained by the different powers, the American government, for its part, is disposed to accept, in regard to those classes of vessels not covered by the Washington treaty, an extension of the 5-5-3 ratio as regards the United States, Great Britain and Japan, and to leave to discussion at Geneva the ratios of France and Italy, taking into full account the special conditions and requirements in regard to types of vessels in question."

"Ratios for capital ships and aircraft carriers were established by that treaty which would not be affected in any way by the agreement covering other classes of ships."

The president said the American delegates at Geneva would have full powers to negotiate definitely regarding measures for further naval limitation, and if they are able to reach an agreement with the representatives of the other signatories of the Washington treaty to conclude a convention embodying such agreement in tentative or final form as may be found practicable.

Leads to War. The American government, and people, the president said, are convinced that competitive armament constitutes one of the most dangerous contributing causes of international suspicion and discord and are calculated eventually to lead to war.

Despite the hope of the United States to complete the work of the Washington treaty and extend limiting treaties to cover cruisers, destroyers and submarines, the message continued, "far-reaching building programs have been laid down by certain powers, and there has appeared in our own country, as well as abroad, a sentiment urging naval construction on the ground that such construction is taking place elsewhere."

DELIVERED IN LONDON. LONDON, Feb. 10.—(AP)—President Coolidge's suggestion that the delegates to the preparatory disarmament conference be empowered

BROWN COUNTY GAINS 55,000 BARRELS DURING MONTH

Brown county produced 590,000 barrels of oil in January, making a gain of 55,000 barrels over the December output, according to production figures made public Wednesday. The county's production for December was 535,000 barrels. The daily gain for the month will be observed, is very close to 2,000 barrels.

All predictions of the rapid increase of oil development with the new year, which were made in the closing days of 1926, are proving to be fully justified.

The Brown county oil in January at a conservative estimate sold at above \$1,327,000. The royalty on that basis, which practically all came back to citizens of Brown county, was above \$165,000.

The figures for the North Central Texas district show a total gain for the month of 550,000 barrels. The total runs for the district during January were 3,423,250 barrels, while the December totals were 2,876,120.

Deliveries out of the district in January were 3,595,118 barrels while stocks remaining in storage Jan. 31 totaled 5,510,455 barrels.

Stevens county dropped 29,000 barrels in its production in January from the figures for December. The January total shows 295,000 barrels, while December showed 315,000.

James county registered a large increase, jumping from 25,300 barrels in December to 63,000 barrels in January.

Shackelford county showed a slight drop in production, producing 407,500 barrels in December and 390,500 barrels in January.

WARRANTY DEEDS. F. F. Abney et al to T. R. Havens lot 5 block 6 Oats addition city of Brownwood, September 24th, 1925, \$500.

Leland L. Aton et ux to A. C. Wilhelm lot 2 block 5 Coggin addition, February 5, \$3,476.73.

W. M. Inglet to Noah Inglet lots 6 and 7 Fitzgerald addition town of Bangs, February 5, \$425.

C. L. Weedon et ux to S. M. King lot 10 block 21 Coggin addition, February 2, \$750.

F. W. Crenshaw et ux to W. L. Deiminger part lots 15 and 16 Forts addition, February 7, \$4200.

Hogs 300; higher; top 11.80; bulk 11.60 up.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 10.—Cattle 2,000; calves, 600; steady; steers 10.40 to 10.75; good heavies 9.85; other killing classes unchanged; veal top 12.00.

Hogs 8,500; other; top 12.25; packing 10.60 to 11.00; stock pigs 11.75 to 12.50.

Grain and Provisions

CHICAGO, Feb. 10.—Wheat rallied quickly today from initial declines that were associated with larger shipments from Argentina and from Russia. Starting unchanged to 1-2 cent off, wheat sagged a little more, but then rose to above yesterday's finish.

Corn and oats swayed with wheat, corn opening 1-4 cent lower, and subsequently scoring gains. Provisions held steady.

Grain Futures

Table with columns: Wheat, High, Low, Close. Rows for May, July, Sept. for both wheat and corn.

POTATOES

CHICAGO, Feb. 10.—Potatoes held steady; Wisconsin sacked round whites 1.90@2.10; Idaho sacked russets 2.65 @2.85.

BUTTER AND EGGS

CHICAGO, Feb. 10.—Butter higher; creamery extras 49 3-4; standard 49 1-4; extra firsts 48 3-4@49 1-4; firsts 46 1-2@47 1-2; seconds 44 @45 1-2.

Livestock

CHICAGO, Feb. 10.—Hogs 36,000; cow; heavy hogs 11.75@12.00; medium 11.50@12.25; light 11.50@12.40; packing sows 10.40@11.15; slaughter pigs 11.50@12.15.

Cattle 9,000; steady; top yearlings 12.15; fat steers 9.00@10.75; stockers and feeders 7.25@8.25; vealers 12.50 @13.50.

Sheep 22,000; slow; fat lambs at 13.15; fat ewes 7.00@8.25.

EAST ST. LOUIS, Feb. 10.—Hogs 10,500; higher; top 12.50; pigs 11.75 @12.00; packing sows around 11.00.

Cattle 1,800; steady; hogs 8,000; steady; choice vealer; top 15.00; steers 8.00@9.50; mixed yearlings and heifers 8.25 @9.00; heifers 6.00@8.00; cows 5.25@6.25; cutters 4.00@4.50; bulls 6.25.

Sheep 1,000; no early sales.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Feb. 10.—Cattle 1,100; steady; plain steers 8.25@8.60; short feds 6.75@7.75; cows 6.00; bulks 4.75@5.25; vealers 9.00@10.00.

Hogs 300; higher; top 11.80; bulk 11.60 up.

New York Stocks

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—(AP)—Concentrated buying broke out in the stock market today in several industrial and specialties, notably Baldwin locomotive, which rose 3 points to figures never before attained. The effect of the demand for railroad equipment, motors, sugars, foods and chemical issues offset the unfavorable liquidation produced by the steady efflux of railroad stock shares, some of which were down three points or more.

Wheeling and Lake Erie common suffered an extreme break out in the market, subsequently making up half of its loss. The preferred shares moved in a much narrower orbit, but managed to recover an early loss of four points.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—The stock market, which went through a period of convulsive movements yesterday, opened relatively steady today, with a slight tendency upward.

Reading and Matheson Alkali each opened about a point higher and most of the other standard industrials and rails improved fractionally on initial sales.

Speculative interest switched from the rails to the industrials, with new high records being established in the first hour of trading by Baldwin, Crucible Steel and Producers and Refiners.

The first sale of Wheeling and Lake Erie common took place at 80, an outright drop of 10 points, while the preferred opened four points lower at 83.

Foreign exchanges opened firm with demand sterling ruling around 84.81 3-8 and French francs around 3.92.

CLOSING PRICES

Table listing closing prices for various commodities like American Can, Am. Car & Foundry, etc.

Anti-Evolution Bill Defeated

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Methodist Oppose Anti-Evolution Law

MEMPHIS, Feb. 10.—(AP)—Southern Methodist educators in convention here today went on record as opposing any legislation that would interfere with the proper teaching of evolution or scientific knowledge generally in American schools and colleges.

Shaw Tract Well on Pump, Good for 14 Barrels

The new well drilled in by Jess Hassell, trustee, of Dallas, and H. Hamilton on the Shaw tract, two miles from the court house on Coggin road, which returned today's Bulletin as coming in for a 10 barrel well, is being placed on the pump today and is reported to be good for 14 barrels a day.

The depth of the well at the time for the former report was 217, and it has been drilled to 230 feet.

This well is known as the Petro No. 1. Another well will be spudded in Saturday, 300 feet down the road from this location, toward Willis Creek. Mr. Hassell and Mr. Hamilton and their associates expect to drill fifteen or twenty wells on their 139 acre lease, reviving a shallow field in which the last operations took place about 1919.

Investment of \$90,000 Grew to a Million

About one month ago, at the time of his making a visit to Brownwood, The Bulletin carried a story of the entrance of Wm. McKinley into the Brown county oil field, which took place with his purchase of a half interest in the 320 acre Lowe lease in the Fry field from George A. Henshaw, Jr. and associates for a consideration of \$90,000, the last of September.

McKinley is reported to have held the largest individual interest in this lease at the time of its sale to the Texas Company last Monday. He bought a half interest on September 30th, last, and a few days later let a Chicago business friend have a part of his interest. He still owned one-third of the total lease when the sale was made. The next largest individual interest was that of George A. Henshaw, Jr., who is said to have owned one-fourth of the total. The first well on the lease was brought in October 8th, just eight days after McKinley had invested \$90,000 which returned this week \$1,000,000 on the investment.

After getting into the Fry field, McKinley acquired other holdings in the county, and is now interested in considerable acreage and some drilling operations in other parts of the county.

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## County Notes

### Blanket

Senior League program for Sunday, February 13, 1927. Subject: "Many Churches, One Body." Leader: Hazel McLaughlin. Opening song: "Saved, Saved!" No. 159. Song: "He Lifted Me." No. 155. Scripture lesson: Eph. 4:1-6; John 17:11-12, by leader. Song: "I Would Be Like Jesus." No. 251. What Does the Scripture Mean? (a) One Body—Benita Yantis. (b) Home Spirit—Glen Moore. (c) One Faith—Alline Ramsey. (d) One Baptism—Helen Ashley. (e) One God—Jack Ramsey. Why the Various Denominations in this Community Should Work Together.—Lois Fuller. Questions for discussion, led by Mrs. W. E. Harrell. See Era for questions. Song: "Will There Be Any Stars?" No. 198. Announcements. Benediction. Last Wednesday the members of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church gave Mrs. T. M. Curry a surprise birthday dinner. They kept their plans so perfectly from her she never suspected anything. About eleven o'clock the guests began to arrive, and in a short time Mrs. Curry had to enjoy the delicious dinner. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Moore, Mesdames H. L. and Frank Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dabney, Mr. and Mrs. Curry, Mrs. Curry had to plan to have a birthday dinner on Sunday for herself and Mr. Curry as Monday was his birthday, but the ladies gave her her dinner on Wednesday and then she prepared a dinner for Mr. Curry Sunday and the present was given, and Mrs. W. E. Harrell and children, Mrs. H. M. Boyer, Mr. and Mrs. Damon and children of Brownwood, and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Smith.

The death angel again visited our community last Friday night and took from her home and loved ones Miss Belle Falls. She had been sick for several days with the flu. Her remains were laid to rest in the Eureka cemetery Saturday afternoon. Rev. Huie conducted the services. Arrangements were affectionately called by all who knew her, leaves a number of relatives and a host of friends to mourn her home going. To the grief-stricken ones we offer our deepest sympathy. Rev. and Mrs. Huie visited friends at Sweeden Monday and Monday night. Rev. W. E. Harrell filled his regular appointment in the Methodist church Sunday. The sermon Sunday night was especially for the young men. Everyone was invited, and the sermon was to the young men and was fine. His text was: "And Jesus increased in wisdom and in knowledge and in stature, and in favor with God and man." Quite a crowd of young men were present to hear this splendid discourse. Miss Mary Smith, who is teaching in one of the Brownwood schools, spent the week-end with her folks here. Mr. and Mrs. Wes Damon and children of Brownwood attended church and Sunday school here on Sunday and were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Curry. The Blanket Sunday school report for last Sunday as follows: Baptist 58, Methodist 59, U. S. A. Presbyterians 45. Cumberland Presbyterian 28. There was no Sunday school at the Christian church but Rev. George Lambert preached Saturday night, Sunday morning and Sunday night at that church. Rev. Pleasant filled his regular appointment in the Cumberland church here Sunday morning and Sunday night. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Allen and son visited Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Ballew in Santa Anna Sunday afternoon. County Superintendent J. Oscar Swindle visited our school one day last week and made a very interesting talk to the school. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hicks visited their daughter and family in De Leon last Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Smith and H. M. Boyer spent one day last week in Pioneer with Mrs. Smith's daughter, Mrs. Lane. Mrs. J. R. Dean and Miss Gussie Hansard were shopping in Brownwood one day last week. Mr. and Mrs. Luke Rogers were in Brownwood on business last Thursday. Paul Henderson is real sick with flu. We hope to soon hear of his recovery. G. C. Levisay is on the sick list this week. We hope he will soon be able to be in school again. Elizabeth Nix is back in school this week after having been absent several days with flu. The revival at the Methodist church is to begin Friday night before the second Sunday in March. Mr. M. M. Chunn, pastor of the Methodist church at Whitney, will do the preaching. Rev. Henderson preached two fine sermons in the Baptist church here Sunday. A large crowd attended both services. Rev. and Mrs. Huie spent last Sunday in Zephyr and Rev. Huie filled his regular appointment in the U. S. A. Presbyterian church. All the measles patients seem to be improving and it is hoped they will soon be all well. Several of the school children have had to be absent from school quite a bit on account of measles and flu. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith were shopping in Brownwood last Friday. The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church met with Mr. Clifford Smith Monday afternoon. They had a very interesting mission study.

### Clio

The weather has been doing very nicely—pretty and warm. The mad does have been visiting this part of the country lately. Clio played Center Point Friday. The girls scores were 31 to 6 in favor of Clio high. The Clio girls have beat Blanket, May, Center Point and Center Point. They will play in the League Friday or Saturday at Brownwood. The players are: Irene Fry and Ruth Cathey; centers, Inez Bowden and Fay Bowden; forwards: Lorene Alford and Louise Hill. There will be a program at Clio school Friday. Also Uedo and Jett Hood were recent visitors. Albert Skilles was visiting Clio school Friday. Also Uedo and Jett Hood were recent visitors.

### Bangs

Mrs. J. W. Mosier and children returned to their home at Menard Sunday after several days visit to relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Custer Woolridge of Brownwood visited Mrs. Woolridge's mother, Mrs. Fannie Butler, Sunday. Miss Winnie Swinson of Daniel Baker college visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Swinson Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Bird Smith Sunday night. Mrs. Wagner of May attended the funeral of R. A. Fitzgerald here on Monday afternoon. Mrs. E. T. Sonendriker visited her daughter at Temple last week. Miss Era Nix of Brownwood visited her parents here Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Guyger and sons went to Proctor Friday remaining over Sunday with relatives. J. Claud Smith of Brownwood was here Monday to attend the funeral of R. A. Fitzgerald. Friends Dr. and Mrs. Sonendriker sympathize with them in the death of the doctor's mother, which occurred at her home at Golden, Texas, last Saturday. Rev. R. C. Tennyson of Brownwood attended the Workers Conference at the Baptist church here on Tuesday. An oil well is being drilled on the West Phillips tract of land, in the edge of town, just west of the cemetery. Miss Lorene Dickerson of Abilene is a guest in the home of Dr. and Mrs. T. D. Holder. The Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist Church met at the church Monday afternoon in a business meeting. Mrs. J. S. Wilson signed as president. Mrs. T. D. Holder was elected to fill the expiring term. The Brown County Workers meeting that met at the Baptist church Tuesday was indeed enjoyed by all who attended. The prayer and song service by Mr. Trussel of Brownwood was indeed the preparatory service for the rest of the program, in the absence of Dr. Godbold, Mr. Milan of Brownwood was chosen to speak on the subject: "What Are Our Investments?" and handled his subject to the delight of his hearers. The eleven o'clock hour was given to Dr. Howard, pastor of the Cogan Avenue Baptist Church, Brownwood, who brought a wonderful message. Mrs. Emmett Smith, president of the Brown County W. M. U. spoke on the woman's part in the conquest. Dr. M. E. Leach of Howard Payne college brought a soul stirring message to the Sunday school officers and their teachers. Rev. D. H. Peoples gave us some wonderful advice on the work of the B. Y. P. U. This day was well spent for the Lord's cause, in Bangs.

## Spring Clothing

The patterns in the new Spring Clothing are most attractive. Fancy worsteds and cashmeres in plaids and stripes are shown in profusion. The long and the short, the thin and the fat, all will find a style and pattern particularly adapted to the contours of their anatomy. The best clothiers in the business have supplied us with unusually good fitting models for this season and we will take much pleasure in showing you how your appearance can be improved in one of these new suits. They are made by Kuppenheimer, Rico, Kirschbaum and Frat. The prices are as low as quality material and tailoring will permit. Most all suits come with two pairs of trousers.



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whom he had made his home for the past several years. He was seen to fall, his daughter ran to him, also neighbors, but he had already breathed his last. When they reached him he had seemed usually well and happy that day, and had been to town on business, was returning home, when the Lord called him to a better home. Mr. Fitzgerald leaves to her his demise, his daughter and her husband, Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Nichols of Coleman, one son, Chester C. Fitzgerald of Weslaco and four brothers, T. P. and T. C. and H. L. of this place and Jim of Childress, besides other relatives and a host of friends.

### Zephyr

Mrs. Russel Matson spent Sunday and Sunday night visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Matson. W. L. Clark of Brownwood was visiting in Zephyr Sunday. Ted Gist of Brownwood spent Sunday with home folks. Mrs. Huie filled his regular appointment at the Presbyterian church Sunday and Sunday night. Friday night Charles Cabler entertained the Senior class of the Methodist Sunday school. Progressive 42 was played for a while, then other games were played. Lala Cunningham won high score and Mary Joe Shelton low score. A dainty refreshment of cocoa, sandwiches and cake was served to the following: Misses Ida Petty, Virena Stenson, Lala and Helen Cunningham, Mary Joe Shelton, Vernice Scott, Ina and Thelma Piller, Vivian Belyin, Lucile Dabney, Azalee Spurlock, Lona Lee Bingham, and Messrs. Fred Wright, Carl Blevin, Harvey Kesler, Lynn Coffey, Leslie Kimbrell. Miss Stella Dabney returned from the hospital last Friday. Miss Mattie Mae Matson left Sunday to visit in Eastland and Ranney. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis S. Black of Brownwood were visiting in Zephyr Sunday. Mrs. Allen D. Forsythe spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Matson. Miss Martell Shelton left Saturday to visit her sister near Best. Tom Matson of Eastland spent last Sunday with his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Matson. Mrs. H. G. Cobb of Brownwood was visiting friends in Zephyr Sunday. The play—the Fern Folks—was given in the Blanket auditorium last Thursday night. A good crowd attended. Miss Minnie Cole of Brownwood spent a few days last week with home folks. Mrs. Carrie Hooper of Brownwood spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Cole. Mrs. Bennie Drannon of Brownwood spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Gist. Mrs. C. H. Cole left Saturday for her home in Arkansas. Perry Matson spent the week end with home folks. Miss Virena Stenson was shopping in Brownwood Saturday. Miss Anna McKinney visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar McKinney Sunday. Miss Mary Houston spent the week end visiting friends in Brownwood. Mr. and Mrs. Good Graces and family of Desdemonia spent Sunday with

relatives at this place. Miss Vada Shelton of Mullin was in Zephyr Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. N. Cobb spent Sunday with Mrs. Cobb's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matlock. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Bynum of Brownwood visited relatives near Zephyr Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Odie Matlock of near Brownwood spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Matlock. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wilson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Thorp. Miss Nona Cobb was in Brownwood Sunday. Rev. Harrell and wife of Blanket were visiting in Zephyr Monday. The Ladies' Missionary Society met Monday evening at the Methodist church. An interesting meeting was held. Mrs. J. N. Quirl was elected president. Mrs. R. H. Scott and daughter, Bernice were in Brownwood Saturday. FOR SALE—S. C. Rhode Island Red Eggs, heavy layers, \$1.00 for 15, \$6.00 per hundred. Mrs. Fred Greer, Zephyr, Texas. 17wp

### Real Estate Transfers

WARRANTY DEEDS F. B. Wilson to G. C. Leach, part Lot 1 Block 3 Brothers and Smith Addition, Sept. 27, \$1,250.00. H. T. Williams to Lee M. Hall, part of city Outlots 250, 251 and 252, Jan. 31, \$1,750.00. J. L. McMurray to A. T. Wright, 1-12 interest 47 acres Sec. 27, H. T. & B. R. Co. survey, Jan. 19, \$1,000.00. A. T. Wright to Charles A. Doub, 1-64 interest 47 acres Sec. 27, H. T. & B. R. Co. survey, Feb. 5, \$1,000.00. A. Koehler et ux to L. H. Mayfield, 1-12 interest 37 1-2 acres J. J. Green survey, Feb. 5, \$100.00. A. Koehler et ux to L. H. Mayfield, 1-12 interest 36 acres J. J. Green survey, Feb. 5, \$100.00. OIL AND GAS LEASES G. R. Russworn to J. W. Storrell, 7-8 interest 30 acres survey 43 T. & N. O. R. Co. survey, No. 14, \$1,000.00. J. L. Kelly and wife to F. L. Sawyer, 7-8 interest 50 acres, Moses Little survey of 1920 acres, Oct. 29, \$1.00. J. L. Ellis to C. L. Eschelman, 7-8 interest 65 1-2 acres H. T. & B. R. Co. survey, section 29, Feb. 5, \$70.00. Theron Huggins et ux to H. A. Schaffer, 7-8 interest 60 acres Richard Nixon survey, No. 101, Feb. 7, \$100.00. T. H. Hardy, Jr. to Lee Crawford, 7-8 interest 20 acres Sec. 17, B. B. & C. R. Co. survey, April 7, \$1.00. ASSIGNMENT OF OIL AND GAS LEASES Mar T. Anderson to James McCamey, 1-4 interest 10 acres J. M. Harris survey, Feb. 2, \$1.00. A. H. Bowers et al to Prairie Oil and Gas Company, all rights 100 acres Thomas Belknap survey, No. 633.72 acres Moses Little survey, No. 40, Nov. 30, \$1.00. W. R. Bowden to Prairie Oil and Gas Co., all rights 100 acres Sec.

5, H. T. & B. R. Co. survey, Aug. 23, \$1.00. W. R. Bowden to Prairie Oil and Gas Co., all rights 80 acres Sec. 10, B. B. & C. R. Co. survey, July 31, \$1.00. B. H. Bettis to W. R. Bowden, all rights 100 acres Sec. 5, H. T. & B. R. Co. survey, June 24, \$1.00. Lee Crawford to C. B. Pyson, all rights 20 acres Sec. 17, B. B. & C. R. Co. survey, Jan. 19, \$1.00. C. W. Kirkwood to Independent Oil and Gas Co., all rights 58 acres Jesse Williams survey, No. 144, Dec. 21, \$1.00. C. H. Goodwin to W. R. Bowden, all rights 96 1-2 acres Sec. 10, B. B. & C. R. Co. survey, July 21, \$1.00. A. T. Wright et al to Wright and Doub, 7-64 interest Jesse Chandon survey, Feb. 5, \$1.00. F. L. Sawyer to the Prairie Oil and Gas Co., all rights 59 acres Moses Little survey of 1920 acres, Nov. 30, \$1.00. Shuler Davies Co. to Empire Gas and Fuel Co., all rights 144 acres Moses Little survey No. 40, Jan. 3, \$1.00. J. W. Sorrells to the Prairie Oil and Gas Co., all rights 80 acres T. & N. O. R. Co. survey, No. 43, Jan. 11, \$1.00. Inland Oil Co. to R. N. Moses, all rights 20 acres survey No. 43, Comanche county school lands, Jan. 25, \$1.00. C. B. Pyron to Mrs. Ruth M. Martin, all rights 20 acres Sec. 17, B. B. & C. R. Co. survey, Feb. 7, \$1.00.

### VERDICT READ AFTER NIGHT'S DELIBERATION

GEORGETOWN, Texas, Feb. 9.—(AP)—A verdict of death was returned here today against Harry J. Leaky, charged with the murder of J. A. Ramsey of Mathis. The case went to the jury at 6 p. m. yesterday after a week's trial, and the jury came in with its verdict at 10:15 a. m. today. There was no demonstration, and Leaky appeared to be the coolest man in the courtroom. His wife was with him but she showed no emotion. Leaky's aged parents, who had testified in his behalf, were not present. In a previous trial Leaky was given a sentence of 50 years, but the trial court ordered a new trial at the defendant's request. The court today denied a motion for new trial presented by H. F. Bonham, one of Leaky's attorneys. No tie-up of appeal then was given. Attorneys for the state would now say what disposition they expected to make of the case against Roberto Martinez, the state's principal witness. Martinez testified he called Ramsey from his home at the request of Leaky and took the physician to the hills near Mathis, where, he said, Leaky struck the doctor on the head, cut his throat and buried him.

## CONFESSION IS ADMISSIBLE IN PROSECUTION

AUSTIN, Feb. 9.—(AP)—The death sentence imposed on F. M. Snow of Erath county in connection with the slaying of his stepson, Bernie Connolly, November 27, 1925, today was affirmed by the court of criminal appeals. The youth's head was severed from his body, presumably by an axe and found in a cellar of a country house near Stephenville. Snow's wife and mother-in-law were also killed but he was never convicted of these offenses. The state introduced at Snow's trial signed confessions that he killed young Connolly and also Mrs. Snow and her mother, Mrs. Olds, burning the bodies of the women in the first place with half a cord of wood, bones were found.

## New Tire Concern Managed by Miller Launches Business

The rapidly increasing business family has another addition with the opening of the new Tire Company, located at 465 South Broadway, in the building formerly occupied by Serimkeour and Son, and more recently by Pouncey and Low. The new tire company will handle the Hood Rubber Company products, featuring Hood tires and tubes for all sizes of automobiles and trucks. The company has a complete stock of tires on hand, as well as other products, including boots, cold patch and so forth, necessary for the convenience of the automobile owner. The new company is under the management of J. T. Miller, for the past two or three years connected with the Looney Mercantile Company. Mr. Miller was in the mercantile business in May for 20 years prior to coming to Brownwood about three years ago. He feels that his company is handling one of the best tires for the money on the market and his company will be able at all times to meet any demands made on them by car users in Brownwood vicinity. The Hood Rubber Company has been doing business for more than thirty years and the home plant has grown from a very small building until at the present time the plant covers 95 acres and has almost 2,000,000 feet of floor space. There are more than 65,000 dealers handling Hood Tires and products in the United States and the sales for the past year passed the \$35,000,000 mark. Brownwood is fortunate in getting the products of the company in the hands of a local dealer, one that promises to make the Hood tires and products take the rank they deserve with the car owners of the city and county.

## Council Will Meet Frisco Officials Here Monday Night

Next Monday night officials of the Frisco will be in Brownwood in their special car, and they have invited the city council to meet with them, and there are some matters about which they desire to have a heart to heart talk. So the council will meet next Monday night in the private car of the Frisco officials instead of on Tuesday night which is the regular meeting time. While nobody has the least idea of the nature of the conference, many have expressed the hope that the Frisco people, if they have the authority, will donate to the people of Brownwood, the strip of land covered by the right-of-way of the former Brownwood North & South railroad. It is said that if the city of Brownwood owned this right of way, it could be turned to good purposes, and would in fact be a valuable industrial asset.

### Texas Briefs

AUSTIN.—The Senate passed a measure providing for issuance of bonds by constables for the intracostal canal. SAN ANGELO.—The man found dying in a pasture near here Monday has been tentatively identified as Andrew Brown of Kerrville. BROWNSVILLE.—Release of five agrarians captured after an attack on the Fernandez ranch near Matamoros was followed by requests of ranch owners for protection against possible retaliation. HUNTSVILLE.—Bryant Satchell, negro convicted of slaying A. Watson, Waco storekeeper, was brought here by Sheriff Stegall and placed in the number 1 death cell to await electrocution on March 17. AUSTIN.—Jonas Kaiser of Houston was appointed state game, fish and oyster commissioner by Governor Moody to succeed T. E. Hubby. FORT WORTH.—El Paso won its fight for the 1927 convention of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs at a board meeting here. JASPER.—A windstorm at Blom blew down parts of buildings and also knocked a railroad car off the track.

### REFUSES OFFICE

AUSTIN, Feb. 9.—(AP)—Jonas Kaiser of Houston, who has been tendered the office of state game, fish and oyster commissioner to succeed T. E. Hubby of Waco, resigned, told friends today he will not be able to accept the appointment.