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## SPLINTERS

Got in from the Houston Convention last week too late to write a column but the associate editor ably filled in and gave Post readers a rest from the monotonous weekly drivel dispensed by this pen. Aside from the usual number of flats on the Hoover Four—it was more appreciated in 1928 than now—the trip was unusually carefree. Houston boasts of swell wagon yards, pardon, they call them tourist lodges now, and the dining service was excellent, the menu consisting of sow belly with the buttons, hen fruit and sinkers, bacon, eggs and biscuit and lightbread, pork and eggs.

Only one blunder was chalked up against the country editor the entire trip; while in the Capitol at Austin he drank a glass of ice water in the office of the Secretary of State, who only have a dime a day to buy ice with, when he should have refreshed himself at the office of the Board of Control where \$50 a day is spent to quench the thirst of the state's employees. No exception was taken by Walt Sanders, however, as his radiator is not as large as that of adrian, and there was some water left in the cooler even though the convention was fresh on our mind.

The tumult and the shouting dies, the captains and the kings depart" leaving in its wake a Democratic Convention, at which was heard the voice of the people, strong men independent thinkers who took the issues of the day and despite the clamor, boos and hisses of the galleries, proceeded to unmask them and present these issues in a true light before the convention and which went on record 100 per cent for John Garner and no second choice, and a referendum on the 18th amendment.

Protests against machine politics were long and loud and bosses, who had heretofore been tolerated, were booted down and were not allowed to speak. Democracy had its day and emerged from the strife with as constructive a piece of work as has been accomplished in a decade.

"Ross Sterling can beat Jim Ferguson. Sympathy will win more votes for Sterling in 1932 than dollars did in 1930."—Geo. I Seitz.

And Gov. Ross Sterling has carried out one of his campaign promises; he told the people that he would conduct the state's business in the same manner that he conducted his own.

A meeting of the County Tax Relief Association has been called for June 7 here. The avowed purpose of this organization is not to give Dives more riches that Lazarus may have more crumbs, but to dispense with all unnecessary expense of operating the county.

Judge Melton's bees swarmed this morning and left him like Hoover's votes in Texas. When last seen they were going south and from all reports they are still going.

## Harvest Operations Getting Under Way

Grain raisers in this section are busy this week cutting wheat, oats and barley. From all reports, one of the best crops in years will be harvested in the Benjamin territory. Several new binders have been put in the fields and J. B. Jackson has purchased a new combine to take care of his crop. Walter Snody has purchased a new thresher and others are getting their equipment in repair. Most of the tractors have been equipped with lights and are running twenty four hours a day. Some wheat has been contracted at forty cents. The exceptionally large grain crop in this section has materially reduced the cotton acreage and from present market reports, the grain men bid fair to make a larger profit this year than the cotton farmers. Cattle and other live stock are in good condition and ranges are holding up although a rain would be welcomed by all but the grain men. All things considered, the country should be in better shape than at this time last year in light of the increased yield, but at prevailing prices old debts cannot be reduced much. Very little of the present crops are being made on borrowed money and government loans in this section are not heavy.

## Pioneer Knox County Woman Passes Away

Another of Knox County's pioneer citizens passed away Wednesday, Mrs. Beck of the Cottonwood community. Mrs. Beck was buried at Vera Thursday and several Benjamin friends were in attendance at the funeral. A more detailed account will be given in a later edition of the Post.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT ANSWERS CALL

The Fire Department answered a call in the west part of town Tuesday evening. A grass and brush fire was quickly disposed of with no damage done.

## IDALOU SURFACING TO BE INCLUDED IN JUNE PROJECTS

The State Highway Commission has included 6.8 miles of Highway 24 from Idalou to the Crosby County line in its tentative list of projects on which bids will be taken June 10 at Austin.

The project was to have been let at the last meeting, but the bids were held up because of a delay in approval by the Federal good roads bureau. Estimated cost of all projects on which bids will be received is \$1,200,00.—Crosbyton Review.

Superintendent and Mrs. Sam Billingsley and family were in Benjamin Wednesday. Mrs. Billingsley has been ill of late but is now improved.

Thomas Shaw of Abilene, former Knox County citizen, was in Benjamin Wednesday on business.

## A Sermonette

The first and probably the last but an example of to what lengths an editor will go to fill up space.

In these distressing times when by the sweat of our brow and the overtaxing of our senses, we are but able to eke out the barest of an existence, when bountiful crops and droves of fattened cattle are being sacrificed to pay the debts of bygone days and to pay the taxes heaped upon ourselves in the topsy-turvy days of rocketing prices, when we tremble with fear as we take our seat least or threadbare trousers go the way of "the one hoss shay" we are oft times prone to melancholy. that hackneyed phrase "return to normalcy" is a misnomer. When we admit that we are going backward instead of forward, we admit defeat. If our sole aim in life is the accumulation of material things, we may well admit defeat. But have we been so busy worshipping at the feet of the golden calf that when our worldly possessions are stripped from us, we have nothing more to live for? By what do we measure our achievements. Is it by the accumulation of the fickle dollar whose value fluctuates in such short periods of time that we know not its true worth? Although bereft of fine raiment, forced to the commoner foods, though our couch may be hard, who by the loss of his purse loses also his ability to appreciate the songs of the birds, the beauty of the sunset, the fragrance of the flowers? With the loss of material goods do we also forsake honor, sincerity, friendship? The bauble breaks—the child cries. But even in time there comes to him the realization that he has not lost all and his interests turn elsewhere. In the mad chase after the will-e'-the-whip we have had not the time nor the patience to read the work of the masters, nor to ponder their meaning. In their stead we have polluted our minds with trashy blood curdling tales of crime, lowered our dignity and sacrificed our respect with the perusal of vulgar tales of pagan love. Our tastes in art have turned to the brightest hues and the virgin in the shortest skirt so attracts our attention that we look not to see the masterful strokes, the almost imperceptible fineness of detail that marks the true craftsman. Let us shake the dust off that old Puritan standby, "The Pilgrim's Progress", and turn again to gems of like kind that awake in our minds the knowledge that men before us have been added, bewildered and confused but that civilization has been going onward and upward and will so continue even after the last mortgage is foreclosed. These may be times that try men's but he who emerges at the top when the maze has cleared away will be better for having borne the hardships. Fortunes can be rebuilt in time but when we lose faith in the future, we lose all.

The Camp Fire Girls went on a hike to the Lake Thursday night of this week.

## Precinct Tax Meet 4th County Meet June 7th

Pursuant to instructions from County Chairman W. W. Coffman of the Citizens Tax Relief Association, a meeting of the Benjamin Precinct has been called by J. B. Jones at 2 p.m. in the courtroom of the county courthouse in Benjamin for Saturday at which time the body will hear recommendations relative to tax reductions in county, state and national governments. A county meeting has been called by the chairman for a meeting in Benjamin to be held June 7 at 2 p.m. John Rice, T. P. Frizzell, Fred McGuire and Geo. Brown have been appointed a committee to examine the county records and give their report at the county meeting. They are expected to report such items as may be eradicated, curtailed or reduced in an effort to lighten the tax burden of this county. Precinct meetings are being held all over the county and delegates will be sent to the county meeting with such recommendations as they may see fit.

## Lee Satterwhite Wages Active Campaign

Lee Satterwhite, former Knox County citizen and candidate for Railroad Commissioner is to speak Saturday at Brady and Hillsboro. He spoke Monday night at Wichita Falls and Wednesday night at Amarillo. Mr. Satterwhite is making an aggressive campaign over the state and is advocating cutting the expenses of the Railroad Commission. He declares that because of his experience on the appropriations committee in the House that he is able to do this, if elected to office. He is attacking the present administration methods and charging Terrell with gross extravagance. He stands for strict conservation of the states natural resources.

## Collins-Elliott

Miss Nina Collins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Collins of Munday and J. C. Elliott, son of Sheriff and Mrs. C. R. Elliott of this place were married Sunday evening at Munday. J. C. has been a teacher in the Happy Public School for the past two years.

A. L. Duff of Seminole, former superintendent of the Benjamin Schools, and C. I. Duff and father of Weinert were visiting old friends in Benjamin Wednesday. C. I. is a graduate of the Benjamin High School and is the pastor at Weinert.

Judge G. M. Bryan of the south side was a Benjamin visitor Thursday and paid this office a pleasant call. The entire Post force anxiously await the ripening of the Judge's melons, which he assures us he will have this year despite the fact that he is making the race for county commissioner.

K. M. Moore, newly appointed postmaster at Truscott, was in Benjamin Wednesday.

## Work On Park At Lake Shows Potentialities

San Antonia boasts of her Breckenridge Park, Galveston of her pretty boulevards, Austin has Deep Eddy and Amarillo is near Palo Duro Canyon. Benjamin is rapidly forging ahead to take her place in the forefront with one of the beauty spots of the state. It is Jones Park, so called because of the efforts of our diminitive mayor, and still in the embryo but enough work has already been done to give folks here an idea what may be accomplished with a reasonable amount of co-operation from the citizenship. An excellent arbor has been erected on a site immediately below the dam of Lake Benjamin near a rippling stream which meanders its way to Dutchman Creek and to the Brazos. On this creek willows have been planted and near the waters edge, cannas. Lily pads have been started growing in the stream as well as other beautiful water plants. A miniture water fall has been built and the water trickling over the rocks gurgles and babbles musically. Tiny fishes dart among the water vegetation. Electric lights are being installed at the arbor and the swimming hole and water pipes are to be put in later. Ovens and a place to build open fires are provided near the arbor for picnickers.

Three bridges have been built for vehicles to cross the stream and numerous foot bridges have been placed at convenient points. It is the intention of the mayor to set out cotton woods and fast growing shade trees, vines, flowers, cattails, grasses and salt cedars. Wall street financiers might gasp at the amount of work that has been done to date with a capital outlay of less than five dollars of the city money, but the secret lies in the fact that most of the work and materials was paid for with fishing passes to the Lake.

## MISS ELIZABETH WYLIE HONORED WITH PARTY

In a pretty appointed afternoon bridge party complimenting Miss Elizabeth Wylie of Santa Anna, given by Mrs. W. T. Ward, former classmate of Miss Wylie at Randolph College at the home of the hostess mother, Mrs. J. W. Melton Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Thelma Rickert of Seymour won high score and the honoree was presented with a guest prize.

Dainty refreshments of apricot ice and angle food cake were served to Mmes. A. C. McGlothlin, J. L. Galloway, Wallace Glenn, Homer T. Melton, L. C. Melton, J. C. Veale, J. F. Waldron, Misses Frances Moorhouse, Juanita Chambers, Grace Bisbee, Joy Sams, Avis Williams, Emma Jane Alexander, and Mrs. R. D. McDonald of Abilene, Mrs. G. K. Denman of Dumas, Miss Thelma Rickert of Seymour, the honoree and the hostess.

Miss Thelma Rickert of Seymour is spending the week in the home of the Parsons. Thelma used to live here and has many friends here who are always glad to have her with us again.

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No one has the right to tell the ginner how to run his business, no law can make him practice the fundamentals of sound business; moreover, if he wants to give all his profit back to the farmer, that is his business. This is as far as he can go, however. He must pay his debts and keep up his plant. He can't get any more credit unless his business at leastret urns sufficient to pay his obligations. His sources of credit are shrinking up, and unless better rates prevail generally for ginning service, a great number of gins will not be active the coming season.

To obtain the greatest possible price for his cotton, the farmer must have it ginned in the best possible manner and this he cannot do if the gin is in poor state of repair. In figuring the cost of ginning a bale of cotton, there must be taken into consideration all the elements of gin costs. These include maintenance or repairs and depreciation, management, labor, power, insurance, taxes, office supplies, interest on investment and profit.

The United States Department of Agriculture made a study of gins in Texas, reported in Technical Bulletin No. 13. The total and average cost, all items itemized for the cost of ginning per bale, expressed as a percentage of total cost, according to the number of bales ginned give us an enlightening basis of making this comparison. These figures were based on normal conditions, and not the high priced times. A total of 66 gins, having an average of 1,594 bales per season was as follow:

Management, .75; labor, 1.38; power, .72; insurance .36; taxes .10; office expense, .08; maintenance, 1.20; interest, .88; other expense, .12. Total cost, \$5.59.

Schedules of cost as a asis of fixing his charges is provided herein for the benefit of the ginner in making up his season's schedule. Ginning charges are determined to a great degree in normal times by competition.

The major activities of a ginning business are as follows and are the only source of income by which the ginner may make a profit: Custom ginning, bagging and ties, seed cotton business, purchase and sale of baled cotton.

It is therefore conclusive that the ginner needs to study his cost; he must, if he is in debt, be sure he is not losing money, for he must pay his debts, including taxes, and keep up his plant, or he will not be permitted to operate.

The farmer is bringing disaster upon the ginner and himself when he insists upon the present rates for ginning service. The farmer is intelligent enough to see this when it is pointed out to him. With credit sources already shrunk to the limit, the ginner faces great difficulty unless he enforces a rate that will enable him to liquidate his present obligations and meet those immediately necessary for repairs and upkeep.

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Calling in conference a group of newspaper publishers to consult on the industrial and economic dilemma of the United States is bound to raise a question whether President Hoover, himself uncertain of the course to be pursued, was seeking advice or attempting to avert criticism.

Leaving out the circumstance that included in the gathering were the representatives of approximately three newspapers that supported Mr. Hoover in the 1928 campaign to one that opposed him, the imposition of secrecy on these journalistic White House guests raises a considerable doubt as to the value of the conference. The President has often expressed an abhorrence of lobbyism and lobbyists. Is it not pretty nearly the despised process when the President seeks to commit the agencies for the expression of public opinion to his own position on the processes of reconstruction, and perhaps more particularly to his controversy with Congress?

A cursory survey of the personnel of the conference reveals the unexplained absence of the publishers of many of the great Democratic newspapers, those of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Illinois, Indiana and Missouri, to name just a few of the omissions. The one exception to this generalization appears to be that the owner of the New York Times was invited but declined.

It is hardly a tenable hypothesis that the President invited these gentlemen in order to convey to them information not generally known. Every conspicuous newspaper in the country has its Washington correspondent whose business it is to keep abreast with public affairs and, in such a situation as at this time afflicts the country, there can be no secrets. The President's Cabinet officers have been before executive sessions of committees of both branches of Congress. It is inconceivable that they would withhold from the national legislature any element of importance in their efforts to support an Administration program.

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**Secretary Stimson's Military Aide Dropped by Congress Over Protest—He Performed Social Duties**

Another Cabinet Officer, this time the Secretary of State is protesting against a cut in departmental appropriations, although the President has been reported to favor the most drastic reductions Congress could make.

A provision of the Army appropriations bill eliminated the Secretary of State's military aide, and an appeal was made by the Assistant Secretary that the official be restored. The Army bill already had been passed, but Rep. Collins in charge of the bill, changed the provision in any event, saying that no other Secretary of State has had a military aide and did not need one.

It appears from what has been made public that the military aide of the Secretary of State accompanied the Secretary on his three trips to Europe at government expense. His duties as stated are to look after the social list of the Secretary and Mrs. Stimson, to keep the social calendar of the couple and to prepare the guest lists for the Stimson dinners. On the army roster the aide is carried as a captain of cavalry and as assistant editor of the Cavalry Journal, but War department officials are reported as saying that he performed no services in this capacity, but devoted all of his time to Secretary Stimson.

The worst political hoax this country has ever known is the Hawley-Smoot trade-destroying tariff guaranteed to bring back prosperity.

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**Political Announcements**

Subject to the action of the Democratic Party in the July Primary.

For Representative, 114 Dist. George Moffett

For District Attorney: Donnell Dickson Dick Dresser John Veale Wheat

For County Judge: J. W. Melton Roy Smith

For Tax Assessor Earl Sams E. L. Covey

For District Clerk Roy Phillips

For County Treasurer J. T. (Uncle Trav) House.

For Tax Collector: Miss Sarah Wright.

For Couny Clerk: M. T. Chamberlain

For Sheriff C. R. Elliott

For Commissioner, Prec. 2. W. C. Glenn O. L. Patterson J. W. West A. B. Sams

For Commissioner, Precinct 3. J. W. Chowning Bryan Lowery O. W. (Onie) Welch G. W. Solomon Henry Williams

For Justice of Peace, Prec. 1 M. F. Harbert

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## Local and Personal News Items from Neighboring Communities

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### VERA

BY AGNES BRANCH  
Special Correspondent

Mrs. Hubert Shipman entertained a few young folks with a musical Tuesday evening. Our local talent is improving rapidly.

Clota Murphee celebrated her sixteenth birthday by giving a party Saturday evening. Lemonade and cake was served.

Miss Agnes Taylor and Marvin Lane were united in marriage by Rev. Knoy Sunday afternoon. Agnes is a Vera girl and Marvin's home was at Benjamin. They are making their home in Benjamin.

Bro. Copeland and Edith returned from a visit to Elbert last week. Scarborough and Buddy remained with their grandparents there for a visit.

Mrs. Alford Boone has returned home from Knox City sanitarium. She is getting along fine.

Mrs. Buck Sanders was carried to the Knox City Hospital Monday to undergo an operation.

Agnes Branch returned Monday from a visit to Slaton and Plainview.

Mary Virginia Jefcoat and Beatrice Collier are home from Abilene where they finished High School.

### GILLILAND

BY ELIZA PARRIS  
Special Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Hughes were in Knox City Tuesday. They visited Mr. Hughes' sister who is ill.

Hill Lowery, who has been critically ill, is improved.

Misses Helen and Beatrice Collier of Vera visited in the Parris home Sunday.

Julian Bartlett of Abilene is visiting Glenn Parris.

Mrs. Jim Banks and children left Wednesday for Denton, where she plans on being in school for the summer term. They were accompanied as far as Vernon by Henry Lowery.

Mrs. Olie Ilsing entertained her Junior B. P. U. Saturday night with a social. Ice cream and cake was served.

Ernest Wright and his sister Mildred of Haskell visited friends here Thursday.

Eliza Parris returned home Saturday from Abilene where she has been visiting friends.

Farmers are wearing an optimistic smile, due to crop prospects. Good many farmers are harvesting the small grain this week.

### TRUSCOTT

BY VELMETA SOLOMON  
Special Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Tarpley, who have been living in Abilene the past winter where their two children have been attending school are moving back to Truscott this week. Mr. Tarpley is employed in the Feemster Brothers Grocery Store.

Frank Brown took a load of cattle to Fort Worth last week and was accompanied by his nephew, Billie Brown and P. H. Davidson who was on his way home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Sikes, Mr. and Mrs. Ozzie Turner and children went on a jolly picnic last Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Midge Adcock visited in Foard City last week.

Miss Oma Falkner is in the Quannah Hospital. She underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Last Sunday night the young people of the Methodist church gave a program on college

life. Rev. Chas. Ferguson of Crowell gave a talk on the Asbury College of Kentucky. Mr. Ferguson is a graduate of that institution. Several young people from Crowell and Foard City were present.

Little Billie Smith is visiting James Moorhouse in Benjamin this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Smith and Mrs. J. R. Craig were in Quannah Monday.

Mrs. G. W. Brown was in Abilene Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ozzie Turner and children, Mrs. S. S. Turner and Grundy Campsey visited relatives in Knox City Sunday.

Mrs. Hadley of Antelope is visiting her daughter Mrs. Harvey Sikes.

Ruby Minnis is visiting in Wichita Falls this week.

Seth Woods who works at the Masterson Ranch is at the Truscott Hotel under a Doctor Treatment with an injured foot.

Mrs. Chesser, Mrs. W. W. Clark, Brooks and Miss Annie Chesser of Fort Worth are in Truscott this week.

Little Jo Anne Solomon and Ima Jean Storm spent the week end, visiting Mrs. G. W. Solomon at Gilliland.

W. A. Brown was in Benjamin on business this week.

### Bowers Tells Why Democrats Did Not Reduce Rates of Hawley-Smoot Tariff

Claude G. Bowers, in a recent radio address over a coast to coast network of the National Broadcasting co., stated the reason, so often asked, why the Democratic House had not reduced the exorbitant rates of the Hawley-Smoot trade wrecking tariff. After telling how the tariff act had almost destroyed American foreign trade and threw millions of people out of employment, Mr. Bowers said:

"You ask, then why something has not been done?"

"The answer is that something has been done, by Congress. The Democratic House received a clear mandate from the people in 1930 to do something for the restoration of our foreign markets. Now, even under normal conditions, it would have been impossible for the Democratic House to pass a general tariff reduction measure, with the Senate Republican and the President waiting with a veto. But under the abnormal conditions created by the Grundy act it would have been impractical; so long as we are excluded from the markets of other nations we cannot permit other nations access to our own.

"Under these circumstances the Democratic House passed a tariff act instructing the President to enter into negotiations with other nations for such re-open the markets of the world and restore foreign trade. The Senate concurred.

"Now that was not even a partizan measure. It did not even strike at the protective principle. It proposed to give nothing without an agreement for something in return. It is a plan that financiers, merchant intelligent manufacturers, chambers of commerce and economists of the highest order have been urging.

"And what did the President do? He killed it with a veto. He took his stand against taking any steps for the restoration of our lost markets that would keep our factories at home and put our working men back upon their jobs.

"And on what ground did he veto it? On the ground that since his administration has done the damage we must wait until the other nations act first.

"Well the answer to that is that this country was the first to take the step that destroyed international trade; that other nations would not have built barriers against them, and that having taken the initiative in the policy of stupidity we must take the initiative in leading the world back to a policy of economic common sense."

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LETTUCE, Firm Heads, 2 for	.09
ORANGES and APPLES, each,	.01
PINEAPPLE, Blue and White, broken slices,	.10
STEAMBOAT SYRUP, gallon,	.49
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COMPOUND, 8 lb. Pail,	.57
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SUGAR, Pure Cane, 25 lbs.	1.05
MACARONI, Package	.05
BRAN FLAKES, Red & White, pkg.	.10
SALMON, Nile Grade, Can	.10
SLICED BACON, pound,	.19
BACON, DRY SALT, pound,	.08
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While the seal of secrecy on the publishers might perhaps embarrass them in their handling of the news of Washington, there is small likelihood that what they were told by the President would influence them. The pro-Hoover newspapers papers will continue to support the President in any course he takes. The anti-Hoover newspapers are hardly likely to be moved to mitigate their attacks on his administration by anything less than the President's abandonment of the policies they have criticized.

In short, the President's effort must represent either an attempt to control the distribution of news over the heads of the accredited Washington correspondents or to create a backfire on Congress from which he is so constantly asking cooperation.

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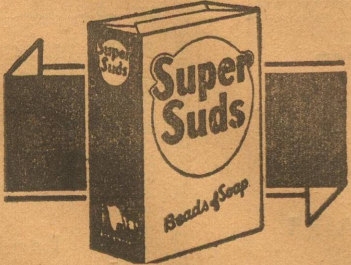
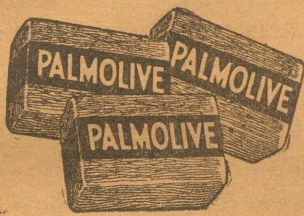
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**LOCAL NEWS ITEMS**

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Parsons were called to Seymour to be at the bedside of Mrs. Parsons nephew, Charley Frank Webb who passed away Sunday evening and was laid to rest in the beautiful cemetery on the hill, on Monday afternoon. A host of friends were present to attend the funeral and offer their sympathy to the bereaved.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Sams have had as their guests this week Misses Mary and Frances Bedford of California, Mr. Hinton of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Fancher of Seymour.

Mrs. J. W. Farris of Gilliland has been visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wheeler this week.

Mrs. R. D. McDonald of Abilene is visiting in the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Alexander this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Onie Welch of Gilliland were visiting in the city this week.

Mrs. Frank Patton and Mrs. A. C. McGlothlin were in Wichita Falls Thursday in the interest of the Sorosis Club.

Miss Helen Bisbee is visiting friends in Abilene this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Td Myatt and daughter left Wednesday for Canyon where Mr. Myatt will continue his work with the McClung Construction Co.

Miss Lucille Stephens returned to Benjamin this week from Dallas where she has been teaching in the Dallas City schools.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Stewart left Wednesday for Denton to attend school this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hampton of Sayre Oklahoma were visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Moorhouse this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hunter and daughter are visiting Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Coffey this week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Brookerson and children left Thursday for Sweetwater to visit relatives.

Mrs. Ethie Lee P'Pool has been visiting in Dallas this week.

Mr. Ruddy of Wichita Falls, ardent fisherman with headquarters at Lake Kemp, was in Benjamin Thursday and reports that fish are biting good now. The editor has a kindly feeling for all persons afflicted with fishitis as it is all he can do to stay on the job long enough these days to even make a pretence of putting out the weekly allotment of news and other space filler.

The worst political hoax this country has ever known is the Hawley-Smoot trade-destroying tariff guaranteed to bring back prosperity.

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**BACK TO NORMAL**

Several years ago, O say, back in 3 B. H. A. (Before Hoover's Administration) we had what we called normal times. And in about the year 2 D. H. A. (During Hoover's Administration) we heard lots of rumors about we were just on the verge of getting back to normal or prosperity was just around some corner, etc., ad infinitum. But it appears to us that we are just about back to normal.

When we used to be normal we wore patched breeches, ragged shirts, breeches made out of pa's old ones, went bare footed, came home at dark, sat around awhile and went to bed about 9 o'clock. Got a good night's rest without listening to the neighbor's radio playing some jazz music until midnight, got up early and felt fit as a fiddle.

Then we got to living fast lives. We went at breakneck speed all day long, sat up half the night, and when we got up next morning our mouth felt like the inside of a motor-man's glove and we were not worth a dime all day. We tear around over the country like mad, noises drive us nutty and we don't know it and we have nervous bust-downs, have to go to the seashore to rest, or to the mountains and all that kind of stuff.

But the country went and claimed an insanity plea when the election came off in 1928 and elected a man who would keep the wheels of industry turning, give everybody a limer bean to ride in, cause you to get rich without working, and so on and so on. So when the jury returned and said, "We find the defendant O. K. and without a brain cell working," it made everybody mad and they started buying stocks and bonds and all the money moved from the South to Wall Street. We are broke and they have all the money. They have to sit up nights worrying about what to do with it besides loan it to the government to pay off in installments, while we are lulled to sleep by the pangs of hunger gnawing at our "innards", and wonder if we will be able to get together a few more red beans for dinner tomorrow.

But we sleep the sleep of the just for we don't fear the robbers for we don't have anything they'd want; we don't have to worry about any income taxes for we don't have any income. All we have to do is go through the motions of eating a little, carry a toothpick in our mouth so neighbors will think we are still living off the fat of the land, and keep our hands deep in our pockets so the coat cuffs will hide the frayed edges of our trouser pockets.

So, filks this stuff about getting back to normal is about right. We are there. We have reached the point where we can be satisfied on dern little and feel like a millionaire if we just get to eat regular. We would not be surprised any day to see the lowly horse and buggy come back. We look to see Sam Hogsett riding to work on his bicycle and perhaps Les Johnson riding to work on a horse and going to the ranch in a buggy or surrey if he want to take along some company.

Henry Ford was once joked about by saying he was going to put everybody under a steering wheel. What we need right now is a man who can take the country off its feet and put them on a horse at least.

—Vernon Record.

Walter Hertel was in Wichita Falls on business Thursday.