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SPLINTERS

We would like to take President Hoover's advice and buy a new car this year but we took the advice of Henry Ford last year and while we didn't buy a new one, we got one that wasn't but three years old, a youngster just at the mischievous age when cute little tricks and bright little pranks occur with surprising frequency, and from our past experience with both the operating and the financing of "Junior", we have come to the conclusion that large families may be alright when one is in the position to raise food, clothing and shelter on his own range, but when one's sole method of raising revenue is with a dull cedar pencil, a judicious practice of birth control will oft times save one sleepless nights.

If Ed Murphy of Livingston is successful in his campaign for Railroad Commissioner, the position now occupied by former Governor Pat Neff, aside from the difference in the manner in which the affairs of the office will be conducted, there will be a marked difference in the personal appearance and habits of the two men. Instead of the arrogant self-satisfied air with which one is greeted by the former governor, the people will find on the homely open Irish face of Ed Murphy a broad smile for his friends and respect for his political opponents. One of the most influential members of the Legislature, even his most bitter enemies would hardly accuse him of being stuck up. Of keen intellect and great political ability one finds in him the stuff of which the great Irish statesman are made. People from all walks of life can expect the same consideration from Judge Murphy.

The Baylor County Banner say that a little thing like the editor being out of town shouldn't affect a column. It does not. Our column goes on whether the editor is at home or not. Floods, famines, politicians, uprisings, insurrections, elections, or mutiny does not deter us. The column is better when the editor isn't available to write it.

The wall sent up by the Administration leaders against the tariffs enacted by foreign nations in retaliation against American tariff wall is long and loud. The New York Times says, "Since the classic example of the Gracchi complaining sedition there has been nothing so inconsistent or imprudent as the United States tearfully reproaching Europe for going tariff mad." We always heard that the pot shouldn't call the kettle black.

American exports to all countries have declined 53 percent. War of any kind is what Sherman said it was.

We are often asked how we find enough stuff to fill this column. Sometimes we think and write and then sometimes we just write. The result is about the same in both cases.

Mark Anthony struck the right chord when he said, "Friends, Romans, countrymen, lend me your ears," but our plea is not merely lend us your ears, though we are not adverse to taking the loan, but better still, trade us your ears, then ears you get off the jackrabbits. For only twenty five we will trade you a year's subscription. One year for twenty five ears. Could anything be fairer?

Fishing Season Here Opens First of May

Fishing season will open at Lake Benjamin May 1 and season tickets are now on sale at \$3.00 and can be procured from the city officials or any member of the fire department. The season tickets entitle the entire family to fishing rights at the lake for a year. The lake, being free from carp and other fish of cannibalistic nature, is a paradise for bass and this being the fourth year since the place was stocked, anglers are waxing enthusiastic of the prospects for this year. In addition to bass, the lake has been stocked with perch, blue bream and there are some catfish in the lake. The water is free from salt and gypsum and the lake covers about forty acres. Live and artificial bait may be used. Wading or swimming in the lake is prohibited. If season tickets are not procured a 25c entrance fee will be charged or 50c for a car of five will be collected at the gate.

1270 RABBITS KILLED LAST TEN DAYS IN KNOX CO.

Since the County placed a bounty of five cents on jackrabbits there have been 1270 pair of ears received here. As the minimum number of ears paid for is 20 it is quite probable that many more than this number have been killed that are not accounted for. The rabbits have been doing an indetermined amount of damage to the grain in this section and it is hoped that the bounty offered will rid the county of the pests.

GOV'T LOANS FOR MISCELLANEOUS PURPOSES AVAILABLE TO APRIL 30

Government loans to the amount of \$1 per acre are available for miscellaneous purposes we are informed by the county clerk. No loans will be made after April 30. Persons expecting to make application for such loans should do so at once as the expiration date is drawing near.

RAINS RELIEVE FEELING OF DEPRESSION HERE

A local shower fell here Monday afternoon which measured a little more than one inch which was of some benefit to the grain over the country. Truscott reported but a light shower while Vera reported about three inches. The rain here was accompanied by hail which did but small amount of damage. Some stock water was put out and ranchmen report grass benefited considerably.

BRAZOS VALLEY LEAGUE OPENS SEASON SUNDAY

The Brazos Valley league opened Sunday with victories for Goree, Bomarton, Rochester and Sunset. Goree, with Blankenship and Lambeth hurling, defeated the Weinert crew, 17 to 3. Bilbrey, first baseman, and Martin, left fielder, aided the Goree nine with home runs. Erph and Leonard pitched for the losers. Bomarton registered an upset in the "dope" by defeating Knox City, runner-up in the league last year. Fowler, catcher for Bomarton pounded Hill and Edwards, losing pitchers for two triples and a double. Rochester defeated Munday 11 to 2, in a slow gam at Munday, and Rhineland lost to Sunset, at Sunset in the other games of the league.

Local Chambers Will Meet Tuesday Night

The Chamber of Commerce will hold its regular meeting next Tuesday night at the Club Rooms. There will be no entertainment program but the short meeting will be given over to certain problems that may come up. Among these will be the selection of a Director for the West Texas Chamber of Commerce and a discussion of the highway situation. Other items will be suggested at the meeting. A large attendance is desired to the end that whatever problems there are may be presented for discussion.

ED MURPHY TO SEEK OFFICE HELD BY PAT NEFF

Ed. T. Murphy of Livingston, serving his third term in the house from Polk and Trinity counties, said Monday he would be a candidate for the place on the state railroad commission now held by Pat M. Neff, when Neff resigned to become president of Baylor university. Murphy said he believed Neff would announce his retirement in time for his successor to be nominated in the July democratic primary. The constitution provides for the governor to fill the vacancy by appointment pending election of a successor in the next succeeding general election. Murphy was author in the last legislature of the two bills regulating the use of trucks on the highways and limiting tonnage to be transported to 7000 pounds to a single vehicle.

COURTHOUSE YARD BEING SET IN OUT GRASS

County boarders are busy working on the courthouse yard removing the dead trees and setting out grass. Low places have been filled in and when the lawn becomes completely sodded, the yard will present one of the beauty spots of the county. Ample water for use of the county is furnished by the city lake.

W. A. and Jack Brown of Truscott were in Benjamin the first of the week on business.

Mrs. J. E. Stover and daughter of Truscott were in Benjamin one day this week.

WTCC NEWS BRIEFS

Post—Dr. A. C. Surman was renominated Thursday to serve as a director of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce subject to election at the annual convention in Sweetwater May 12-14.

Quannah—Frank W. Kinnerly, for many years a director of the WTCC has been renominated by the Quannah Chamber of Commerce to serve in that capacity for another year subject to the election at the annual convention.

Albany—This town will be represented in the Home Town Speaking Contest at the West Texas Chamber of Commerce Convention in Sweetwater by Nancy King. She was recently selected by Supt. D. T. Smith of the Albany schools.

TOGO MOORHOUSE BACK FROM KANSAS

Togo Moorhouse returned from Kansas this week where he had been with a shipment of cattle for the McFadden Ranch. The cattle were shipped to pasture. Mr. Moorhouse reported some rain all up and down the line.

Surfacing of Highway 24 Completed Here

With the completion of the asphalt work hursday evening on Highway 24, another chapter in progress and advancement in good roads in Knox County was finished. While it is true that there is yet some dirt work to be done on the shoulders and drainage areas of the road, traffic can now follow a hardsurfaced route to almost any point in the state east of this place. With the completion of the 12 miles west from Benjamin on Highway 24, Knox County will be traversed by two paved roads, the above mentioned highway and highway 30 which passes through Goree and Munday. Hopes of an early letting of the contract for the balance of Highway 24 are held here.

WEEK OF APRIL 24 TO BE BETTER HOME WEEK

"The week of April 24 to May 1 will this year be observed as National Better Homes Week in every one of the 48 states and by more than 8500 communities" according to Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, Secretary of Interior, who succeeded President Hoover as President of Better Homes in America.

"All persons, whether young or old, have it within their power to make a definite and useful contribution to national welfare by earnest effort to clean up and improve their own homes and premises and to help raise the standards of the communities in which they are citizens. National Better Homes Week offers an opportunity, by individual and collective effort, to provide a more healthful and wholesome environment for the growing child while building a community of which he may well be proud.

"Over 8500 American communities have organized committees of forward looking citizens and of representatives of civic, educational and business groups to stimulate well considered programs for home improvement in which the citizens can cooperate. These culminate in Better Homes Week which will be observed not only by lectures and discussions but by special programs in the schools, contests for the improvement of the homes, kitchens and gardens, and by demonstrations of new or of reconditioned homes within the reach of families of moderate income. Schools and colleges often share in the preparations made for the furnishing of such demonstration homes or the planting on their grounds. Thousands of persons have been helped to employment through special program on home care and repair as a means of unemployment relief. Hundreds of tours will be conducted of homes that have made specific improvements in the course of the past year so that home owners may be infomed of the better ways of making improvements appropriate to their needs.

"This universal educational movement for Better Homes in America was inspired under the direct personal leadership of President Hoover who is serving still as its Honorary Chairman. Tens of thousands of persons are unselfishly serving their own communities by sharing this year in the direction of their local observance of Better Homes Week.

"Civic service based upon carefully assembled information and study, and educational in its nature, inevitably has a profound and lasting influence. All citizens are urged to take advantage of this opportunity to cooperate in these programs.

Bud Reynolds was in town today on business.

Several Cases Tried In County Court

Several cases were disposed of in the County Court this wk kamong which wre six theft cases and six receiving and concealing stolen property. The defendants in each of the above cases were negroes who lived in Munday. C. A. Dean, John L. Brooks, Willie Lewis, Sane Cherry, and Burton Thomts were convicted and fined \$1 and cost in addition to a light jail sentence. J. D. Stevens, Levy Barber, James Wade, Jack Caver, Mack Searuggs and Malerie Wilson were convicted of receiving and concealing stolen property and fined \$1 and costs in addition to a light jail sentence. One civil case was tried, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas vs J. L. Williams in which judgement was rendered by default.

ONE WEEK LEFT TO GET GOVERNMENT LOANS

Only one week remains in which the farmers of Knox County may make application for a Federal Crop Production Loan according to Owen W. Sherill, Regional Director of the Farmers' Seed Loan office in Dallas. "April 30th is the dead-line as provided in the Act appropriating the Funds," states Mr. Sherill, "and any one who expects to secure a loan must make application on or before that date.

"While local committees have served faithfully in the limited time at their disposal, it is believed that there are many farmers in the State who are worthy and eligible for a loan who have not been fully infomed on how their need for credit may be taken care of. There are perhaps many others sorely in need of a loan with which to make a crop this year who have not made application because of a misunderstanding of the requirements.

"In order that the true facts of the Loan Plan may be carried to all such persons and that every farmer deservng a loan may have the opportunity of making an application, plans are being set in motion in a meeting at the Dallas Headquarters Office on Saturday whereby an intensive educational campaign will be put underway for next week to bring the information to the doors of every community."

"It is not the intention of the Farmers' Seed Loan Office to solicit applications" states Mr. Sherill, "nor do we wish to encourage any one not eligible to apply but we do want to feel that we have made a conscientious effort to see that every worthy person has the correct information and has the opportunity of securing a loan, that there may be no regrets after the application period passes."

METHODISTS HOLD CONFERENCE SATURDAY

The Methodist Quarterly Conference was held at the Benjamin Methodist church last Saturday. Dinner on the grounds was served. The Presiding Elder delivered both the morning and evening message. Several persons from the Vera church were in attendance.

51 GOV'T LOANS MADE IN KNOX COUNTY TO DATE

Government crop loans numbering 51 and totaling \$6,475.00 had been made in Knox County prior to Thursday of this week for the 1932 season. The amounts of the individual loans run from \$42 to \$300 and average around \$125.

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The Jefferson Day rally in Washington this year under the auspices of the National Democratic Committee, the largest ever held on a like occasion, ought to be, doubtless will be, an inspiration to Democrats in all sections of the country in behalf of successful party action and ultimate victory to Democrats.

In the various states there were, all told, more than a thousand Jefferson Day dinners, evidencing nationwide party activity to an unusual degree. But the gathering at the National Capital on April 13 last was much more than a gustatory feast and a display of post-prandial political oratory. It was an exhibition of the machinery of a great party in action, performing numerous pre-convention functions to forward a united preparedness movement in anticipation of the vital decisive contest in November.

It comprised among other activities a business meeting of party leaders in the various states who are carrying on the Democratic victory before campaign to balance the party budget before the meeting of the National Convention and also to provide a surplus with which to inaugurate the post-convention election campaign for the Presidency. One half of \$1,500,000 sought has been obtained and the meeting had the effect of giving fresh stimulus to the "army" of Minute Men to complete the task set by National Chairman John J. Raskob and Executive Chairman Jouett Shouse, under the General Chairmanship of John W. Davis of the Victory Fund Committee.

The occasion gave opportunity for a general survey of political conditions in all the states, and the roll call revealed a united and militant Democracy, eager for the decisive contest and confident of the result. Even states ordinarily considered as rockbound Republican are reported as Democratic possibilities.

While practical affairs were given adequate consideration, the occasion was made memorable and inspiring by the tribute paid to the latest of the great Democratic Presidents, Woodrow Wilson, whose exalted idealism twice led the party to victory in recent years. Around his tomb in the National Cathedral members of the party heard a eulogy pronounced in simple eloquence calculated to exalt the spirits of men and women in furtherance of the greatest of all human desires, world peace and national integrity, even through efforts to achieve them may involve the sacrifice of life itself.

With rebaptism in the original font of Jeffersonianism, and recalling the self sacrifice of Wilson to his ideal of world accord, the Democratic incentive to high aims and purpose in seeking to redeem the nation from the slough of despond into which it has fallen through disregard of Democratic principles as exemplified by the first and the last Democratic President ought to be measured strengthened.

In the messages that went out to the people from the Washington assemblage, there were naturally some difference of opinion as to the detail of the methods by which the nation may be redeemed through Democratic leadership, but the forthcoming convention will provide the leader and the declarations of policies through which it may be expected that all minor differences will be smoothed out and victory won.

Upon the most important actions looking to such success, the speakers,

at the Washington Jefferson Day observance were practically united—the selection of the strongest possible candidate for the Presidency and unequivocal platform declarations, constituting a program for the redemption of the country.

In the face of a great national crisis, there was little disposition to reiterate the numerous and long continued failures of the existing administration to anticipate or to deal effectively with the depression. Rather it was taken for granted that they are well known to the electorate of both parties and that the present regime is foredoomed to defeat.

The fact that all sections of the country were represented at the Jefferson Day rally, and the assurance that the party will enter the campaign well organized and equipped to win upon constructive issues must be heartening not only to all Democrats, but the Republicans and independents, who realize through sad experience the futility of further dependence upon the party in power to deal successfully either with local or world conditions.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Miss La Verne Webb and A. J. Ballersted of Seymour spent Sunday in the home of the former's aunt, Mrs. T. A. Parsons.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Moorhouse were in from their Stonewall county ranch this week.

John Veale Wheat of Seymour, candidat for District Attorney, was a visitor in Benjamin Monday.

W. R. Moore of Munday was a visitor in the city this week.

Sheriff C. R. Elliott is driving a new Chevrolet this week.

J. W. Chowning of Truscott was in the city Monday on business.

Bill Zinn, manager of the Stamford and Western Gas Company of Seymour was in Benjamin this week on business.



When Rudy Vallee visited the White House the other day the President promised him a special medal if he would compose and croon a song that would get the country out of the depression.

BAPTIST MASS MEETING TO BE HELD IN SEYMOUR SUNDAY APRIL 24th.

Under the direction of Miss Grace Conn, Associate State B. Y. P. U. worker, will be held a general mass meeting, at the First Baptist church Seymour, Texas, Sunday afternoon, 2:30, April 24th. This will be the initial meeting for the promotion of B. Y. P. U. study course in the following churches during the following week: Seymour, Vera, Gilliland, Red Springs, Bomarton, Shawver, Plainview, Truscott and Richland. At this meeting on Sunday afternoon, April 24, at Seymour, plans for the following week will be discussed, the basis for the aarding of banners will be explained. It is highly important that representation from the above named churches be present Sunday afternoon.

E. M. Agee, Dist. Missionary.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Sams and family of Floydada spent the week end in Benjamin visiting relatives.

Edward Adams of Gilliland was a visitor in Benjamin Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Deaton Moorhouse and son of Sayre Oklahoma, were visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Moorhouse Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Griffin and son of Sabinal are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McCanlies this week.

BENJAMIN HIGH NETTERS PLAY IN DISTRICT MEET

La Verne McCanlies and Janis Patterson were defeated in the semi-finals by Itan in Senior girls doubles at Abilene April 8 and 9. They drew a by the first round. In the second round Benjamin defeated Roscoe in two straight sets, 6-1, 6-2. Itan defeated them in the third round 6-2, 6-3. Benjamin and Pryon were the losing semi-finalists. Itan defeated Abilene High School for the district meet.

Iva Dell McCanlies defeated North Park 6-3, 6-3, but lost to McCauley 9-7, 6-0 for senior girls singles.

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 County 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
- For Public Weigher, Prec. 3: W. W. Gleason, Henry Abbott

M. F. Billingsley of Munday was attending County Court here Monday.

Miss Mable Moorhouse of Knox City spent the week end in the home of her mother Mrs. W. E. Moorhouse.

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News of Neighboring Communities

VERA

(By Special Correspondent)

Mrs. Pierce Rogers and children of Abilene are visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Spinks.

Miss Virginia Hanna visited with friends in Wichita Falls last week end.

Earnest Branch of Red Springs was a Vera visitor Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stockton, Mrs. Hubert Shipman, Mr. Allen and Thurman Allen, Glenn Trainham, Mr. Henry Patterson and Mr. and Mrs. Rabee attended the funeral of Mrs. Dobson, Mrs. Sutton's mother last Friday at Jacksboro.

Mrs. Buck Sanders has been very sick, but is better. Her sister and family have been to see her but have returned home.

The Methodist Ladies Missionary Society met with Mrs. Alta Roberson Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Denna Hamm has the mumps.

Mr. Richard Partin's baby who has the bronchial pneumonia is better.

Mr. Collier and Bro. Copeland went to Vernon Monday.

Mr. Warner was able to be brought home from the Knox County Hospital last Thursday. He is doing nicely.

Several children in the community have the Whooping Cough.

The Senior B. Y. P. U. was taken serenading Tuesday night by Mrs. Hubert Shipman and Mrs. Elmer Murphee. The music, sandwiches cake and wagon ride seemed to be enjoyed by all.

Bro. Turman Holcomb of Bamorton was in Vera Saturday.

Jack Timberlake sustained a black eye Monday evening while watching the cyclone. A screen flew back, broke a window light, and shattered the glass in his face.

TRUSCOTT

(By Special Correspondent)

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Masterson and son, Bennett, of Amarillo spent a few days last week with Mr. T. B. Masterson and family.

Janis Patterson of Benjamin was a week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Stewart.

Ruth Browder and Elsie Graham were in Benjamin Sunday.

G. V. Bostic, one of Truscott's former teachers was here on business last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Chowning and Mrs. Van Pelt attended Womens Missionary Society Meeting at Abilene last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Storm and daughter, Ima Jean, are visiting in New Mexico. They were accompanied as far as Wildrado by Mrs. Boyd Gillespie who is visiting her father, and other relatives at that place.

Madge Craig happened to an accident last Saturday morning while out at the ranch. She fell and badly sprained her ankle while on a rabbit hunt.

Mr. Boyd Gillispie has been to Stamford visiting his mother and she accompanied him home to spend a few days.

Claude Gerrald is on the sick list this week.

T. Burg who has been seriously ill was taken to the Quannah Hospital Sunday.

Cleo Abbott is in San Angelo visiting her brother.

The Baptist Revival is being held this week by Rev. Swain.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Maddox entertained the Juniors in their home last Thursday evening. After many games, custard and cake were served. All reported a wonderful time.

The Methodist held their quarterly conference here Sunday. Rev. Stewart of Vernon preached at the eleven o'clock hour. Dinner was served at the church. Bro. Nichols talked to the stewarts of the church after dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Mills Mrs. Will Ferguson and sons of Foard City attended the conference.

Several of the ladies attended the P. T. A. Meeting at Quannah last Tuesday and Wednesday. Among those who attended were Mrs. T. B. Masterson, President, Mrs. George Brown, Delegate, and Mrs. Boyd Gillespie, who made a talk on tree planting.

Connell Chilcoat and Eula Mae McGuire who are attending Tech at Lubbock spent the week end at home.

Mrs. Wesley Tipton and children of Jacksboro are visiting her sister Mrs. Ada Gleason.

The Seniors have begun practicing on their play, "The Poor Married Man." It will be given the 29th of this month.

A. S. Tarpley and daughter La Moine of Abilene spent the week end in Truscott.

Leslie Smith of Gainsville visited Buddy Lee a few days last week.

The Truscott High School pupils have begun to put some pep in school with the coming of spring days. Last Thursday the Seniors sponsored by Phil Davidson took a holiday.

They went to Lake Pauline, then to Acme where they were taken through the mines and then attended a show at Quannah. They reported a wonderful time and were honored to have as their guest Miss Marene Davenport of Lubbock.

The community is rejoicing over the fine three inch rain we had Monday evening. Very few people stayed on top of the ground to watch the cyclone go by. It was too close.

The 11th grade commercial geography class has been assigned the job of studying the "Depression," its cause and cure. The problem should be solved soon.

The Sophomores had their day Wednesday. They were greatly thrilled over having their flag waving

for an hour and forty five minutes. Their Class Mothers, Mrs. Frank Brown and Mrs. Oscar Solomon, served them with hot chocolate, cake and bars of candy.

Mrs. T. B. Masterson, one of the Freshman Class mothers, entertained the class with a party at her home last Saturday night. On arriving they were served sandwiches, potato chips and fruit. After many games they were served punch and cake. All reported a nice time but a few had eaten too much. Just like a silly "Fish" to be nibbling at every bait.

GILLILAND

(By Special Correspondent)

Luie Cure went to Abilene, Friday where he entered the district track meet in low hurdles. Luie did not win a place but the school appreciates his effort. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cure also J. O. Cure accompanied Luie to Abilene. They visited relatives before returning.

Nina Cook spent Saturday with Mozelle Mercer in Dixon community.

Leona Faye Horne visited in the J. D. Cook home Saturday.

Ethlyn Cook spent Saturday night with Winnifred Horne.

Mrs. Chester Pogue, Mrs. V. Dixon Mrs. Ethie Pogue, Mrs. Venta Horne and children visited Mrs. J. S. Cook Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Olie Iising visited Mrs. Olson Sunday.

Doyle Horne spent Saturday with W. T. Cook.

Mrs. Inez Johnson is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dockey for a few days from Breckenridge.

H. H. Williams, Orbie and Bonnie Williams and Velma Dixon made a trip to Wichita Saturday.

Avis Williams from Benjamin spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Williams.

Edward Adams and Arlin Timberlake went with their pupils to the brakes Saturday. They were accompanied by the following pupils and parents, Winnifred and Derward Horne, Valoise and Alton Cook, Dalton Sewell, Doyle Lowrey, Jake and Malinda Mae Hollis, Melvin Ryder, Deward Sewell, Ray Lynn, Wayne Lowell, Geraldine and Mrs. Cure, Mr. and Mrs. Hollis. All these enjoyed the nice lunch and outing.

Thursday night the Seniors B. Y. P. U. had a picnic in the brakes. The following were present. Eliza, Glenn Earnest and Weston Parris, Lura and Doyle Hughes, Everett and Bessie Tucker, Mary Lowrey, Otis Hogan, G. W. Byrd, Doshie Reed, Erma Eubank and Edward Adams.

Miss Faye Adams is visiting her brother, Edward, this week.

Miss Thelma Nelson visited Mrs. Noel Brown Saturday and Sunday. Miss Nelson is from Avoca.

Mr. Willie Knowles from Stamford visited in Noel Brown home Sunday.

The following had lunch at Sug Ryders Sunday, Eliza Parris, Glenn Parris, Weston Parris, Earnest Wright, Arlin Timberlake, Foy Adams and Mary Lowrey.

The Feemsters were visiting Gilliland and Vera from Truscott Sunday.

Mrs. Marion Ryder and Helen Glover were in Gilliland from Crowell for the week end.

GOVERNOR STERLING INVITED TO ATTEND WEST TEXAS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CONVENTION

SWEETWATER, April 23.—Governor R. S. Sterling has been invited to address the Fourteenth Annual Convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce in Sweetwater, May 12, 13, and 14. The invitation was extended in a telegram from President Houston Harte.

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LETTUCE, Firm heads, each,	05
SPUDS, 15 lbs. Idaho Rurals,	29
COMET RICE, 2 lb. pkg.	15
SALMON SARDINES, 15 oz. can	10
APPLES, Evaporated, 4 lbs for	39
BEANS, Great Northern, Large white, 6 lbs for	25
GALLON FRUIT, Peaches Apricots, Pears	49
Blackberries	49
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PICKLES, Qt. Sliced,	15
SLICED BACON,	19

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Balanced Farming Would Help Farmers, Says Chicago Banker

Melvin A. Traylor Would Make Modern Farm More Self-Contained

Speaks From Own Experience

Speaking before the International Chamber of Commerce at Washington, Melvin A. Traylor, President of the First National Bank of Chicago, said in part:

Like all of us, in every line of activity, the farmer was deceived by high values in the time of his prosperity. In a well-intentioned, but what now seems at least an unfortunate venture, the Government provided abundant credit facilities for the farmer's use. These facilities were supplemented by other large and liberal lending agencies which, likewise, were misled by land values. The result was that millions of farmers assumed obligations out of all proportion to any possible normal farm income.

All of us interested in farm activity and farm finance must assume our share of responsibility for this situation. We are learning our lesson and will have to take our medicine with the farmer himself. For this mistake, time and hard work seem to be the only remedy. Certainly, more credit will not solve the problem.

Agricultural Industry Relief
I wish I possessed some prophetic vision that I might suggest an easy way by which the agricultural industry could be relieved of its distress and started on a course of well-being and profit. God has not given me that power, but I think there is at least a partial remedy which the farmer himself can apply. That remedy will start him on the only course which, experience and observation convince me, any of us can hopefully anticipate: the making of a comfortable livelihood.

When we find that on approximately 20 per cent of the farms in the United States there is not a milk cow nor a chicken, and that on more than 30 per

cent there is not a hog, and on approximately 90 per cent not a sheep; when we know, further, that on many farms in our large agricultural states, no gardens are kept and almost every article of food is purchased at the store, we are forced to the conclusion that the farmer, by and large, is not farming as he should. I know that there are certain sections where some, or all, of these means of increasing farm income cannot be applied, but, so far as possible, every farmer should produce his own milk and dairy products, his own meat, and his own poultry, raise his own garden truck, and can the fruit and vegetables he requires for winter use.

Pigs and Chickens Help

Until he obtains from his farm every item for personal consumption which it is humanly possible for him to produce, he has not done his job properly. Pigs and chickens and cows are worth more to the individual farmer than all the government relief programs that may possibly be conceived.

Once the farmer lives at home, then I believe that whatever kind of money crop he may produce, whether it be large or small, the price high or low, his major difficulty will be solved and his margin of income for the necessities and luxuries he so much deserves will be greatly increased.

There is no romance about farming. If it is successfully done, I know it means hard work day in and day out. But so does any other business successfully performed. I know the privations of farm life. They are much less now than they were thirty years ago. I should like to see every farm home equipped with the modern conveniences of urban life. I should like to see every farmer with an automobile, a radio, and all other modern inventions which have contributed so much to social welfare.

No one is more entitled to these advantages than the farmer; but the farmer, like everyone else, should have them only when he can pay for them. The income for such purposes will be largely determined by the extent to which the farmer exhausts every possible means of supplying his necessities from the farm itself.

His way out for the farmer is not an easy one. Neither is the course smooth for industry, finance or government, and the problem in one sphere is little less difficult than in any other.

Calhoun Opens His Campaign at Sherman

Clem Calhoun, lawyer and soldier, widely known as the fighting prosecutor who cleaned up the "bad lands" of Borger, was carrying to the people of Texas today a militant campaign for the office of Attorney General of Texas. He opened his campaign last Saturday at Sherman, his oldhome town. Dr. T. S. Clyce of Austin College, Calhoun's friend and teacher, indorsed and introduced him.

Hurling the gage of battle squarely at Attorney General James V. Allred, "Fighting Clem" Calhoun charged that Mr. Allred is a "tax eater who plays politics with a public trust."

"He has the imperial ambition and instincts of a dictator who would further centralize government and rob the people of the right of home rule," Calhoun declared. "He is spending the people's money with

careless disregard of these depressing times. Already he has spent \$70,000 more than the office cost the people under his predecessor, and his record is one of personal publicity and public bluff. He is all bark and no bite, is 'Jazz-Boy' Jimmie."

Calhoun charged that Allred had "betrayed the great mass of overburdened people that he had promised to befriend." He explained that indictment as follows:
"Jimmie's meddlesome attempt to cheat the poor people of their exemption from paying of penalties and burdensome interest on delinquent taxes," said Calhoun, "convicts him of gross sacrifice of the public welfare in favor of his personal and political career. I refer to his efforts to invalidate the law passed by the legislature to remit penalties and interest on taxes delinquent up to and including October 1931."

"This was a relief measure enacted in a time of great public suffering and distress. It was urged in Governor Sterling's message and ad-

vocated in the Ferguson platform promises. Jimmie was the only public official who rose up to strike down that benevolent law. Sworn to safeguard the public interest, Allred assailed the law as unconstitutional. The Supreme Court of Texas, awake to public need in time of calamity, overruled Allred. He was defeated in his reckless effort."

Calhoun charged the Attorney General with flagrant inconsistencies between election pledges and his official record of policy in office. He said:

"Posing as a champion of the poor, who are now even poorer, he tried personally to get through the legislature a bill which would have set him up as dictator over county commissioner's courts sitting as boards of equalization to fix tax values on property in which tax remissions had been granted. Moreover, he would have made it so that county boards were required to call him to sit in and dictate to them in such matters. The law, if passed, would have required county clerks to notify the Attorney General of the approach of such meeting so that he could fix the date to be present. Failure of the county clerks to do this was defined as official misconduct, subject to removal from office."

"Further to entrench himself as a dictator, Mr. Allred had written into the bill a clause which would have made county clerks subject to trial at Austin where, already, too much county government is being dragged from the people. The Legislature balked at such undemocratic bill proposed by Jimmie. The bill failed."

"That was an attack by Jimmie on the right of home rule, both in the matter of taxation as well as in the matter of democratic justice. There is too much centralization of government. The right of home rule should be jealously guarded instead of cunningly abrogated. It is outrageous that the law should compel an accused to stand trial among strangers."

Calhoun next referred to the Small River Bed bill, which Allred attacked as unconstitutional, as an "instance in which the attorney general deprived landholders of their titles to river bed land in good faith from the state."

Referring to the attorney's ouster suits against the major oil companies of Texas, Calhoun said:

"After putting the state to enormous expense at a time when economy is the watchword and taxes are ruinous, Jimmie is in the awkward position of finding himself at this time with virtually no case whatever because the trial court ordered so much of it stricken that there is nothing left but Jimmie's desire for what he hoped would be a sensational stunt and a popular issue. It is not. He went off half cocked."

In closing Calhoun said: The office of the attorney general should not be used as a political football or prostituted for private political ambition. If I am elected to it I shall not become a candidate for any other office while occupying it or during the period for which I am elected.
Clem Calhoun is a lawyer and a soldier who began the lean road to achievement as a farm boy in Grayson County. He worked his way through Austin College, through a law course at the University of Texas, and, at the outbreak of the war, into the army as a private. He came out as a lieutenant.

He began his record as a dynamic prosecutor at Pecos, serving there and at El Paso before Gov. Miram A. Ferguson named him district attorney of the 39th judicial district. There he became the terror of bank robbers and killers and earned the sobriquet of "Send 'Em Up" Calhoun. He is 36 years old.

When Borger gangsters topped their terrorism with the assassination of District Attorney John A. Holmes, Gov. Dan Moody drafted Calhoun to "go in and end outlawry." Nineteen days later the governor's laconic was, "And he did it."

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