

THE BENJAMIN POST

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SPLINTERS

We knew that the prices in cotton following the government report created quite a jar but had no idea that it would assume the proportions of an earthquake. Perhaps the earthquake was the result of the Farm Board's suggestion that we plow up every third row.

Lee Coffman, an angler of no mean repute, takes the prize this week for catching two fish on one hook, this unusual coincidence occurring twice in the course of a few minutes. In both cases a crappie got the bait first and the minnow and the hook came out a gill. The bait was then taken by a channel cat.

Oil's well on the Eastern front. The Lone Star's military have the situation well in hand and few casualties aside from East Texas ticks, are reported.

When Alfalfa Bill came to Texas he left his hay seed and bad English at home but not his wheelbarrow handle whiskers.

Pangborn and Herndon, the American round - the - world fliers, just would take their camera with them on their tour. Tourists are that way, you know. But not in Japan.

Jack Dempsey want a divorce from his wife on the grounds of mental cruelty. Estelle wants \$100,000. That is mental cruelty.

Alfalfa Bill's butler, Jake, "the best damned butler in the state of Oklahoma" is a hell raiser too. Arrested twice Monday, once for loitering around a crap game, and later in the day for beating his wife with a stove leg, he will have to study the Sooner Constitution more if he wishes to stay out of jail hereafter. Maybe Jake's duties did not include helping to write the Constitution, only dusting it off.

The weather man is still playing with us and we live in high hopes that some of the clouds, that abound in this region will terminate in about two inches of precipitation. The results so far include nothing more material than static on the radio.

Work on the High school building is progressing rapidly and the additional windows in the class rooms have improved the lighting conditions wonderfully. Perhaps if this had been done ten years ago when we were going to school in the same building we would not be this way now. However that may be reason that the trustees decided on the improvements — after looking over some of the samples that were turned out in the past, they knew some kind of a change had to be made in something.

MOTTO

"Heed well what some in sorrow have learned,
And don't spend your money until it's earned."

—Selected

More Fish Arranged For To Stock Lake

BASS, CRAPPIE, BLUE BREEM, AND PERCH MAKE UP ORDER

Arrangements are being made by City Secretary Leroy Melton with the State Game Fish and Oyster Commission for more fish with which to stock the Benjamin Lake. The Order includes bass, crappie, blue bream and goggle eyed perch. Delivery of the fish will probably be made in the latter part of October or the first part of November. The lake was stocked with black bass and crappie about two years ago and there is now some very good fish in the lake as will be attested by many of the local anglers. It is the aim of the City Council to make the Lake a real fishing place which will be convenient for the people of this section and they are well on their way toward accomplishing their purpose.

KNOX CITY EDITOR ILL

H. B. Sweeny, publisher of the Knox County Herald at Knox City has been ill, according to an item in that paper and it is with regret that we learn of this misfortune of our fraternal brother. Editor Hammock is, in the absence of Mr. Sweeny, putting out a very creditable paper.

MORE FREE VACCINE IS DISPERSED OVER THE COUNTY

Dr. Stover and daughter, Miss Mary Emma were in Benjamin Tuesday. The Doctor reports that he is making much progress in the administration of the vaccines and serums having administered more than 700 doses the first two days in the week to children in the rural communities over the county. It is the aim of the county to immunize practically all school children against typhoid, small pox and diphtheria and in some communities this has already been accomplished. Benjamin is among the number that have been immunized against these contagious diseases which assures us that our school will not be interrupted by an epidemic of any one of the above mentioned three more common contagious diseases.

Mr. H. L. Caughran and family of Grady New Mexico was visiting in the home of his sister, Mrs. M. T. Chamberlain Tuesday and Wednesday.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH NOTES

Services, Lordsday, Aug. 23.
Bible School 10 A. M.
Communion Service 11 A. M.
Christian Endeavor 7 P. M.
Leader, Jack Goodrich.

The Endeavor now numbers 44 members and is constantly growing. Let those who are older show an interest by attending and hearing the members of the Endeavor carry out an interesting program every session.

Bro. Caudle begins a short revival at Truscott Thursday evening Aug. 20. Come up to Truscott and attend.

A. R. Caudle, Pastor.

Public School To Open September Seventh

INCREASE IN SCHOLASTICS AND NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS FEATURE THIS YEARS OPENING.

The Benjamin Schools will open Monday Sept. 7th, with a Faculty meeting called for Saturday Sept. 5th, at ten o'clock. Improvements on the building will have been completed by that time. Lighting conditions will be greatly improved and the new room arrangements are being made to allow the best lighting situation for each pupil. The new study hall will be the home room for the sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, and eleventh grades. The room arrangements for the other grades will be announced at a later date.

In face of the rumors of shortened terms, plans are being made for a full nine months term. The budget for 1931-32 has been carefully prepared to keep within the funds that are in sight. With a fair tax payment the local schools will be able to finish on a cash basis.

In a later issue of the Post the high school schedule will be given. This will allow work to start Monday morning with shortened periods for preliminary work and the making of assignments.

The school looks forward to the largest enrollment in its history with a total of three hundred and fifty, a gain of twenty over last year. There is a possibility of an additional teacher in view of possible increased enrollment. Plans are underway for increasing the number of affiliated credits held by the local school. The school will be strengthened from the Primary grades thru high school in preparation for the new plan of accrediting.

M. E. JONES PURCHASES KNOX CITY BARBER SHOP

From the Knox City Herald we learn that M. E. Jones has acquired the Allred barber Shop of that place and merged it with the one already owned by him. Mr. M. E. Jones is well known over the county and was a resident of Benjamin several months.

Donnell Dickson, attorney from Seymour passed through Benjamin Tuesday on his way to Knox City. Mr. Dickson tells us that his brother, Temple, is now Court reporter for this district having taken over the position the first of this month. Temple was located at Corsicana in this same capacity for the past year and a half but has now moved his family to Seymour. This position was formerly held by J. C. Redder who is visiting in East Texas at present and will probably accept a position as reporter at Tyler.

Byron House of the 6666 ranch was in town Saturday.

REVIVAL MEETING OF BAPTIST PROGRESSING

The revival meeting at the Baptist Church is progressing nicely here. The meeting started last Friday night and there has been excellent attendance.

More Than \$1,000,000 Cotton Crop Is Forecast For Knox County This Season

School Improvements Near Completion

NEW BUS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT GIVES SCHOOL BETTER FACILITIES.

Repair and improvement work at the School building is going forward rapidly and we are informed that every thing will be in readiness for the opening of school early in Sept. Two, two unit steel frame windows of forty panes each have been installed in the rooms facing the front of the building and one two unit, forty pane to the unit window has been installed in one of the rear rooms, in addition to four 8 ft. by 14 ft. light windows and one 10 ft. by 14 ft., one 9 ft. by 14 ft., 24 pane window, and two 8 ft. by 14 ft., 18 pane windows in the other rooms of the building. The ceilings of the classrooms and the study hall are undergoing two coats of white paint and the walls are to be calsonimed a cream color. The woodwork of the rooms are black. Two toilets have been installed, one in each end of the building.

New desks are to be installed in the study hall. Other equipment is to be added in the science laboratories and the shops. The school has purchased a new school bus which will carry about forty children. The bus is equipped with an all steel body, shatter proof glass and good upholstery. Comfort in the transportation of the rural students is assured in all kinds of weather. The school as a whole is looking forward to one of the most successful years in its history.

Carl McGlothlin is spending his vacation making some extensive repairs at his residence.

MISSSES STEPHENS AND BISBEE ENTERTAIN

Misses Lucille and Marguaritte Stephens and Helen Bisbee entertained with a bridge party at the home of the Misses Stephens. High score was won by Mrs. J. J. Driver, second high by Mrs. J. C. Veale and the cut by Mrs. Mercer Armstrong.

The guest list included: Mmes. C. H. Burnett, John H. Atterbury, G. H. Beavers, J. J. Driver, T. F. Glover, Lewis Williams, A. C. McGlothlin, D. J. Brookreson, J. B. Moorhouse, Max Gardner, Coleman Moorhouse, A. M. Sams, E. B. Sams, Mercer Armstrong, H. T. Melton, W. T. Ward, J. C. Veale, J. F. Waldron, Grady Hudson, Leroy Melton, Wallace Glenn, J. A. Stephens, Myrtle Bisbee, Oran Driver.

Mmes. Francis P. Mulkey, Oklahoma City, Dee McStay, E. Duval, Florence Williams, Harry Williams, Munday, H. B. Sams, Floydada, Henry Jones, Knox City.

Misses Mable Moorhouse, Joy Sams, Eunice Vickers, Francis Moorhouse, Annie Lee Wright, Grace Bisbee, and Elizabeth Myers and Florine Williams of Munday and the hostesses.

BASIS IS ON 5 1-2 CENT COTTON HIGHER QUALITY EXPECTED IN THIS YEAR'S CROP. TEN YEAR PRODUCTION FIGURES BASIS OF ESTIMATE.

A conservative estimate of the Knox County cotton crop for this year, basing the price of cotton at 5 1-2 cents per pound, would have a total value of more than a million dollars. Cotton production for Knox County for the last ten years is as follows: 1920, 38,960; 1921, 25,640; 1922, 24,914; 1923, 28,944; 1924, 47,622; 1925, 38,637; 1926, 44,930; 1927, 48,251; 1928, 29,833; 1929, 22,656; 1930, 23,470. We may conservatively estimate that Knox County will raise around 30,000 bales this year. All cotton on the South side of the river is looking good. The Vera and Gilliland country have good prospects, although a little moisture at this time would help. Taking the country as a whole, the prospects are better than they have been since 1928 for a heavy production although some of the land that was normally put in cotton, was put in wheat and other small grain the past season. Figures are not available on how much money was loaned to make the present cotton crop in comparison to the amount used to finance crops in the past, but it will run less than half we estimate. At any rate, the farmer is facing the winter with better prospects this year than in 1930. Several cars of certified seed were distributed over the county this year and the quality of Knox County cotton will be higher this year, commanding a better price.

COLLECTION OF SEED LOANS

Mr. Ralph L. Hunter, Representative of the United States Dept. of Agriculture, with the Farmers Seed Loan office at St. Louis is in Knox County this week making investigations of crops under mortgage to the United States Government.

The farmers are to make remittances direct to the St. Louis office making the checks payable to the disbursing clerk United States Dept. of Agriculture.

BRIDGE PARTY GIVEN AT CLUB ROOM

Mmes. A. C. McGlothlin and Lewis Williams entertained with a bridge party at the Club room last Thursday afternoon. High score was won by Mrs. J. H. Atterbury and Mrs. W. T. Ward won the cut.

The following were present, Mmes. J. G. Hudson, Leroy Melton, Frank Patton, Homer T. Melton, Coleman Moorhouse, Frank Moorhouse, J. B. Moorhouse, Earl Sams, J. C. Veale, Mercer Armstrong, W. T. Ward, Joe Brown, Hedrick, Thos. F. Glover, Max Gardner, R. R. Rouse, J. F. Waldron, G. H. Beavers, J. H. Atterbury, Clyde Burnett, Oran Driver, J. J. Driver, Mmes. Benedict, Jamison, Pyeatt, Jones, Knox City, and Mrs. C. H. Stewart of Winnsboro.

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ANOTHER SPECIAL SESSION LOOMS

Another special session of the Legislature looms, following the inability of our lawmaking body to pass any kind of legislation dealing with the present cotton situation. Had the break in the market come earlier, in all probability something might have been done during the past called session, but the Cunningham-Olsen bill was killed Saturday 8th, prior to the Government report which brought the price of cotton tumbling down on the various exchanges. The Farm Board's proposal that every third row of cotton be plowed up has met with derision, and although it is unquestioned that, by taking a third of the cotton off the market, it would improve the price of this commodity, it is absurd to think that when the farmer refused to cut their acreage any appreciable extent this spring, that they are going into the field now and destroy a portion of the crop they have already made. A drastic reduction in cotton acreage for next year seems to be the sentiment of the cotton farmers and owners of cotton lands and the only way out seems to be legislation restricting the acreage. If a law of this kind is passed, not only in Texas, but in major cotton growing states, it will help the market price appreciably. This is not going to solve the cotton farmers problem however. It will take years of a well rounded out program of diversification and marketing to put the farmer back on a sound economic basis. Five Cent cotton has demonstrated the fallacy of the one crop system.

SCHOOL SITUATION REFLECTS ONE CROP EVIL

An article in the Munday Times, "School Opening Postponed Until First of October" brings home to us the evil of the one crop system in West Texas. Munday is not alone in her inability to collect enough taxes to carry on a full nine months school this year, nor is she the only independent district in the county that is facing the same problem. The Knox County towns South of the River are essentially farming communities and entirely dependant on the prosperity of this industry for their welfare. The success or failure of agriculture is linked inseparably with the success or failure of the businesses that comprise the towns there.

Benjamin, being in one of the largest common school districts in the state is looking forward to having a full nine months term in addition to making some improvements on the buildings and equipment and adding a school bus for the convenience of the rural scholastics. This, in the face of the low price of cotton, wheat and cattle is fortunate but, were the district not in a large measure dependant on its agricultural success, it could make a much better showing in an educational way.

WHAT BENJAMIN NEEDS

In order to weather hard times, financial depressions, and plain panics a town should be built on a firm economic foundation and although Benjamin has weathered them all so far and at times comes out scratched and bleeding, she has always comes back with a smile. True, she is one of the oldest towns in this part of the state and has grown but little during that time, but Rome was not built in a day. Looking about the state at the towns that have sprung up like mushrooms, overbuilt during the boom times and are now toppling, we should be proud that we are not in that condition also. Today there is one of the greatest opportunities in the history of the town for industrial expansion. A cotton mill would find an ideal location here. Cheap land for building sites, low taxes, an ample supply of water, a ready transmission of electric service, gas and an unlimited supply of raw materials with all West Texas fora market. An oil mill would find an outlet for their cotton seed cake, meal and hulls for Benjamin is in the heart of one of the largest ranching sections of the state. A flour mill would find here a good location with an ample supply of the raw material in the surrounding territory and a market in this section for a high grade flour. Bran and shorts and the other by products would find a ready market in the livestock industry here. A few short years will find this town linked to the larger markets in every direction with hard-surfaced roads.

While all commodities are at the lowest price in years, the present would be the time to build for when this depression is over we will witness one of the greatest eras of prosperity the world has every known.

WE MUST FACE THE FACTS IF WE WOULD HELP OURSELVES AND AGRICULTURE

With the price of farm products below the cost of production and the farmers frantic and bewildered can we afford to be swept on with the tide of tumultuous events, making no effort to divert their course when the solution of the problem is at hand? Every economic writer for the past decade has been telling us that until the farmers perfected a system of marketing, they would be at the mercy of over production, capitalistic profiteering, graft, Wall Street manipulations and destructive foreign competition and the truth of this is borne out in the situation of agriculture today. An article by E. R. Thomas of Miami Florida, entitled "A Feasible Plan to Restore Prosperity in 60 Days" of which 15,000 copies were mailed last week and the same number to be mailed this week, contains, according to our opinion, the solution of the problem of a marketing program for agriculture. He says: "The salvation of the nation depends upon the quick action formation of a National Welfare Board, governed by the best brains of the nation, (whose prosperity depends on the prosperity of the people, patriots who have the best interests of the people at heart), under the supervision of the most expert directing-marketing specialists and accountants that money can hire. A governing Board with the power, prestige and influence to arrange employment for the surplus of labor at living wages; with power to equitably limit production to demand, at reasonably profitable prices; with power to fix uniform f. o. b. prices for the farmers, and to fix reasonable prices, plus freights, that retail dealers must charge consumers, as in the automobile industry, (a business policy that enabled American automobile manufacturers to almost double the wages of employees and to reduce the retail selling prices almost fifty percent) will insure reasonably profitable uniform prices to every farmer who produces the average good crop at the average costs; will furnish more continuous employment to labor, with greatly reduced costs of living, (equivalent to the handsome increase in wages), all of which will vastly and permanently increase the purchasing power of 123,000,000 Americans, also increase the stability and prosperity of business for all time to come. As consumers prices will be lowered, no laws will be violated.

The money is still in the country and Americans purchase 90 percent of production."

He goes on to say, "With organization, obstacles will melt away like snow under the summer sun. Unquestionably the efficient organization and operation of the National Welfare Board will free more than a hundred and ten million Americans from a discrimination and oppression in some respects worse than slavery, and will make the people and business prosper as it never prospered before.

If very banker, manufacturer, merchant, newspaper man, professional man, farmer, wage and salary worker will aggressively cooperate with the president or community leader in your locality, who has been urged to organize monstrous mass meetings of all loyal citizens on August 29, 1931, to pledge their loyalty to the Nation and to assure their cooperation with the business leaders to organize the National Welfare Board, it is believed that public confidence will be at once restored and that 90 percent of the business prosperity will be restored within 60 days."

Mrs. Wilson Davey and children of Terrel were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Glover last week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Propps and Miss Mable Moorhouse were Wichita Falls visitors Wednesday.

Miss Eunice Vckers of Quitman, former Benjamin teacher, is visiting here this week.

Gray Hudson was a visitor in Jayton Wednesday.

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

Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crenshaw the latter part of last week.

J. L. GALLOWAY RECEIVES WORD OF HIS MOTHER'S DEATH FRIDAY AUGUST 14

J. L. Galloway received word last Friday of the death of his mother who fell dead at her home in Troup about noon Friday. Mr. Galloway left immediately for that place and as he has not yet returned details are not available. Mr. Galloway has a host of friends here who sympathise with him in his bereavement.

MRS. GLOVER ENTERTAINS WITH BRIDGE PARTY

Mrs. Thos. F. Glover entertained last Thursday with a bridge party in honor of her house guest, Mrs. Wilson Davey of Terrel. High score was won by Mrs. J. H. Atterbury, and low score by Mrs. Grady Hudson. Those present were Mmes. Atterbury, Brookreson, O. Driver, Jay Driver, Gardner, Hudson, Patton, J. B. Moorhouse, Beavers, Mulkey, M. Sams, Miss Lucille Stephens and the honoree and the hostess.

BRIDGE PARTY GIVEN AT TRUSCOTT

Mrs. R. M. Cowden entertained Thursday evening with three tables of bridge in honor of her sister, Mrs. Wylie Pippin and Mrs. Jack Smith.

The guest list included the honorees, Mrs. J. E. Stover and daughter Mary Emma, Mmes. H. Chowning, Tarpley, Burnett, Charlie Browder of El Paso, Miss Theda Mae Brewer of Oklahoma City, Mrs. T. F. Glover of Benjamin and the hostess. Mrs. Glover won high score and Mrs. Browder second high.

James A. Stephens and Lee Coffman returned Thursday from East Texas.

Parks Wright and Collins Moorhouse were in Wichita Falls Thursday on business.

Lyndol Snody returned this week from Placious where he has been attending the National Guard camp.

Travis Howel of Abilene is visiting in the home of W. F. Snody this week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Brookreson and Mrs. Coleman Moorhouse were in Wichita Falls Thursday.

T. F. Glover and J. J. Driver were in Wichita Falls on business Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Brown and daughter of Levelland were visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Moorhouse Thursday. Mr. Brown was formerly superintendent of the public school of this place and at present is in the Levelland school.

J. C. Black and D. C. Hutton of Truscott were in the city Tuesday.

G. V. Bostic and R. M. Cowden, school men of Truscott, were here Tuesday on business.

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NOTICE

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D. D. Collins

News from the Gilliland Community

By Special Correspondent

Mr. Kelly and family have recently moved to Gilliland.

Mr. Combest and family have returned to Gilliland to live.

Vernon Dixon and Scot Gardner of Edinburg are visiting in Carlsband this week.

Velma Horne is visiting friends in Lubbock and Leveland this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Lacquey were the guest of his mother Mrs. Joe Lacquey Sunday.

Mr. Earnest Wright of Haskell is over to lead in the singing during the Church of Christ meeting.

Mrs. Hugh Eubank and children are visiting her mother on the plains.

Mr. M. G. Williams of Dun-dee left the Seymour Sanitarium Saturday after an operation for appendicitis.

Fred McGuire of Gilliland was in Benjamin on business Tuesday.

The Cooks from Gilliland attended the Cook reunion at Seymour Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

CONTROL FOR HONEYDEW

Honey-dew is caused by plant lice and is causing great damage in parts of the county the following formulas will help control these lice:

For this part of Texas the most practical remedy to use will be Black Leaf "40". Mix 2 teaspoonfuls of Black Leaf "40" to one gallon of water, and add an inch cube of laundry soap to insure equal spread on the slick surfaced leaves, dissolve the soap thoroughly.

For dusting purposes where the morning dew is heavy the following preparation of dust will be useful:

- Nicotine sulphate 10 oz.
- Hydrated lime 12 oz.

It is very important that the nicotine sulphate be thoroughly mixed with the lime in preparing the dust.

W. E. Jones, County Agent.

NOTICE

I am back at the bench again backed up by 17 years experience. Repairing watches, clocks, guns, phonographs and jewelry of all kinds. Located at Ward's Second Hand Store, trading for old oil stoves and other things to good to throw away and not good enough to keep.

J. H. Ingraham, Knox City

I would like for every turkey grower in Knox County to send me his name and the number of turkeys, to be marketed this fall.

W. E. Jones, County Agent.

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Local Happenings Around Vera

By Special Correspondent

The Clinic met at Vera at nine o'clock Monday morning. There were about four hundred people who took the serum.

Jimmie Jeffcoat of S. M. U. is spending a few weeks with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Jeffcoat.

Byron Hughts and Edward Soloman have returned home from New Mexico where they have been at work.

Mrs. C. G. Stephens has returned to her home in MsCamery.

Bro. Copeland is holding a revival meeting at Throckmorton this week.

Mrs. Leona Alexander of Grape Vine is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Feemster.

Mozell and Audrey Hamilton of Wichita Falls are visiting Ina Pauline Hurd.

Mrs. Floyd Feemster of Munday is visiting relatives here this week.

Mrs. Wilson, more formally known as Aunt Lizzie is visiting her uncle in Elmer Okla. Muleshoe.

The B. Y. P. U. went on a picnic Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Chancie Castle of Bomarton are spending this week with the laters mother, Mrs. Jernigan.

Bro. Liles is holding a revival meeting at Red Springs this week.

The Baptist meeting closed Sunday night with several new additions to the church.

Mr. A. B. Sams was in town this week and renewed his own subscription and that of his son, Ted, who is with the Tuscon Steel Corporation in the capacity of Civil Engineer. Mr. A. B. Sams is a breeder of fine Hereford cattle and does some farming.

Ben Wunningham of Muleshoe was through here Wednesday returning from a fishing trip to Oklahoma and Arkansas. Mr. Wunningham is a former resident of Benjamin and is well known over this section having been in the cafe business in different towns in this locality. He is at present in the produce business at Muleshoe.

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FRIDAY - SATURDAY

COFFEE, Cabinet Brand, 5 lb.	.98
BANANAS, Per doz.	.15
GALLON FRUITS,	.59
DRIED PEACHES, lb.	.13
YAMS, lb.	.06
MATCHES, Carton,	.15
KETCHUP, Bottle,	.15
TOILET PAPER 12 rolls	.75
RINSO, 3 pkg.	.25
PRUNES, pkg.	.22
SARDINES, in tomato sauce, can	.12
OATS, 3 minute, 2 for	.25
CRACKERS, 3 lb. box	.39

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Financial Report Of The City Of Benjamin

Benjamin Texas, August, 15, 1931

To the Mayor and All Concerned:

I have made a careful check up on your city accounts commencing with January 1st, 1929, closing with August 15th, 1931 inc., and wish to submit the following report in detail of my findings.

Cash on hand January 1, 1929	\$390.50
Receipts from sale of water bonds and int.	48,836.92
" " water connections	4,116.55
" " City tax penalty	10,797.98
" " Sale of City warrents	5,000.00
" " Fire truck warrents	1,500.00
" " Lake (1931)	660.45
Cash Over	418.77
Total Receipts for period	\$71,721.17
Detailed Cost	
Dam and Water Plant	
Paid State Water Bond Engineer	\$235.21
N. B. Roberts Engineer	2,269.62
J. A. Stephens, Land	500.00
Patton, Land	2,244.00
Jones, Land	440.00
Lusk, Land	500.00
Total cost Dam Site	3,880.00
C. Woodward, Estimate	3,484.39
J. R. Phillips, Bond Fee	200.00
H. C. Burt, Bond Fee	200.00
West Tex. Utilities, Pump and Lights	1,626.25
J. B. Winslett (Distribution)	25,860.00
Burnes Construction Co. (Const.)	14,393.52
Lake Fence, Labor	59.55
Lake Fence, Material and Dray	227.74
Well	70.70
Stock Gap	10.50
Extra Labor	7.00
Freight and Dray	139.78
Printing and Advertising	66.60
Total cost of Water Plant Complete	\$52,730.92
Bond payment	2,000.00
Bond interest and misl. expense	16,912.09
Cash on hand at end of period	78.16
	\$71,721.17

RESOURCES

Water System	\$52,730.92
Fire Department	4,075.00
Accounts Receivable	368.91
Delinquent Tax	5,566.12
Cash	78.16
	62,819.11

LIABILITIES

Water Works Bonds	\$48,000.00
City Warrents	5,000.00
Fire Truck Warrents	1,500.00
Bills Payable	813.40
Accounts	364.65
	62,819.11

Trial Balance, August 15th, 1931.

Water Works (Value)	\$52,730.92
Fire Department (Value)	4,075.00
Bank (Deposit)	75.66
Cash (Safe)	2.50
Water Accounts	368.91
Water Works Account	470.79
Fire Dept.	816.90
General Funds	20.75
Tax	5,566.12
	\$64,127.55
Water Bonds	\$48,000.00
City Warrents	5,000.00
Fire Truck	1,500.00
Bills Payable	813.40
Accounts	364.65
Loss and Gain	8,449.50
	\$64,127.55

Conclusions,

A strenuous paying spirit must obtain on the part of both water and taxpayers if the City's credit is maintained.

I feel very grateful toward your splendid, Mr. Jones for the excellent assistance rendered me in compiling the data that makes up this report.

I also appreciate the City officials for having installed a splendid comprehensive system of accounts.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. Reese, Auditor.

News Items of Local Interest

Miss Martha Mae Crenshaw returned the first of the week from a visit with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson of Miami.

W. S. Lanham, former Benjaminite, but now a teacher in the Dallas School System, is visiting old friends here this week. Mr. Lanham teaches Math and coaches athletics.

R. J. Doggett of Wichita Falls was here on business Wednesday.

Owen Mayberry of Gilliland was in the city the latter part of the week on business.

Mrs. Ruby Minnus of Truscott was in the city the first of the week.

B. J. Glover had the misfortune to get a piece of steel in his eye while at work on the highway construction job East of town but is improving rapidly and will soon be back at work.

Hugh Jones of San Angelo is here on business this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will McClain were in the city Tuesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. West and family were here from Lubbock over the week end. Mr. West is doing work on his Masters Degree in Teck this summer.

News from Truscott and Vicinity

By Special Correspondent

Miss Mary Ziegler of Wichita Falls spent several days with Mary Emma Stover.

Miss Theda Mae Brewer of Oklahoma City is visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. G. V. Bostic and sister Merle of Lingelville were here this week on business.

Mr. J. D. Tumilson and family are leaving here for Spearman where Mr. Tumilson has a position in a drug store.

Mrs. R. A. Chilcoat and sons Reed and Orland of Hedley and former residents of Truscott were through here Wednesday in route to Commanche

Word was received here of the birth of a son, Joe Reed, to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Jones of Memphis, former residents of Truscott.

E. Duval of Munday was in Benjamin one day this week on business.

James A. Stephens returned from Austin the latter part of the week where he had been on business.

Mrs. W. P. Clark has been visiting her sister, Mrs. N. S. Kilgore here this week. Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Kilgore spent a few days in Munday visiting the Broaches and Ousleys, people that they have known for many years.

Dr. J. E. Stover, County Health Officer, has held immunization clinics at the following places: Vera, giving 390 Typhoid, Toxid and small pox, Rhineland, 365 serums, Hefner, and Hood administered in 150 doses. Clinics will be held at Lone Star and Brock, Friday Aug. 21, Truscott and Gilliland, Saturday Aug. 22. This material is being furnished by the County and is free to all persons desiring it.

Mrs. L. P. Jones and daughters Lelah, Lucille and Mrs. Robert Berg visited Mr. and Mrs. Louis Jones of Memphis.

Mrs. S.S. Turner has returned from a visit in New Mexico where she visited her daughter Mrs. C. S. Woodward.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Clark and daughter Mrs. Storm have returned from a trip in South Texas.

Mr. C.A. Bullion has returned from a business trip in New Mexico and West Texas.

Ozzie Turner, K. M. Moore, J. H. Glasscock, J. C. Eubank, Claude Gerald and E. P. Storm, trustees of the Truscott school district were in Benjamin Tuesday on official business.

Mrs. Chesser and daughter Annie of Mineral Wells were here this week on business.

GET THE HABIT!

IT WILL SAVE YOU MANY A PENNY
FOR SATURDAY AUGUST 22

Look these Bargains over

FLOUR, <i>Mighty Good</i> , 48 lb.	-	\$1.10
FLOUR, <i>El Viejo</i> , 48 lb. sack, guaranteed	-	.85
SOAP, Luna Laundry, 3 bars	.	.10
LUX FLAKES, two	.	.25
POST BRAN, two	.	.25
QUAKER CRACKLES, two	.	.25
MEAL, twenty pound sack	.	.50
BROOMS, <i>Regular 65c value</i>	.	.45
SUGAR, ten pound sack	.	.65
COFFEE, Fulk, three pounds	.	.50
OCEDAR Polish, <i>Regular 75c val.</i>	.	.50
SOAP, Ivory, three bars	.	.25
PORK & BEANS, 3 for	.	.25

G. M. G. STORE

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