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the Drift

Just when we were beginning to think that the Ground Hog, that almost infallible weather prophet, had lied to us when he came out on the 2nd of February and seeing his shadow, went back for six weeks more to sleep a Norther had to blow up last Saturday night and Sunday morning the ground was covered with a mantle of white, the first snow of 1931. Truly March came in like a Lion, but like most of us West Texans, the Lion was weak, possibly from not getting enough to eat and the Federal Farm Loan being delayed due to some errors in drawing up the application blanks. Anyhow the snow did not last long and the latter part of this week has been typical spring weather, although the nights have been a little chilly.

F. A. Green received the first loan check to be made in this county by the Federal Farm Loan Association. It has been suggested that Mr. Green was accorded this courtesy on account of his age. Some of the younger applicants still live in hopes. They have many years to live before they have obtained the age of Mr. Green.

One of the topics of conversation these days is what the winner of the \$25,000 prize offered by Camel cigarettes is going to do with the money. Everybody that entered the contest feels sure that he is entitled to the prize whether the Judges accord it to him or not. Homer T. Melton has promised if he be so fortunate as to get the money, to buy a Packard car and take all his friends to New York to see the sights. We hope he wins.

We heard a new name for Jack Rabbit the other day. A rose by any other name would smell just as sweet.

J. B. Jones says that he is not a pessimist and never was but at the present is a mighty scared optimist.

In order to stay in practice while waiting to see if he passed the Bar examination, Carl Patterson acted in the capacity of Defending Attorney in a case recently tried in Justice Court. What we would want to know is whether or not Carl can have the case tried over again when he gets his license, this time four sure enough.

School Notes

Milk is being served to all pupils in the first three grades and to underweights in the fourth grade. As soon as small bottles are available, all underweight pupils will report to the home economics room to Mrs. Lytal where milk and crackers will be served. Study will be made of these under weight children, weights kept, and efforts made to place them at normal weight. Some milk is being furnished by the Red Cross while others pay for their own milk.

On March 21st at Sunset School Volley ball and play ground baseball will be played. On March 27th at Benjamin, Senior Tennis is to be played, while track and field meets will be held in Benjamin on March 27th. April 3rd at Truscott all Literary events will occur, and all cups are to be brought to Truscott on that date. April 11, Junior Tennis will be played. Class A and Class B places will be determined separately. Sub-Junior Delamation will be held.

Program to be Given at Benjamin School March 11

Bargains and Spiders. Bargains in good will and friendship, as well as Coats. Then that creeping, er - but here's the program for a real evenings entertainment at the High School Building next Wednesday evening.

Orchestra concert
Bargains, a one act play
Piano Duet, Collins Moorhouse and Chas. Bisbee

The Singapore Spider featuring Miss Francis Moorhouse and Mr. Vernon Brewer

Proceeds derived from the small admision charged will go to the Students Activity Fund.

Joe J. Fox Appointed Managing Editor of New York Paper

We have just received the February edition of the "American Press" in which an advertisement Clure Newspaper Syndicate has recently appointed Mr. Joe J. Fox as its managing editor. This is of special interest in this section of West Texas who remember Joe Fox as the slender enterpris young printer's devil that worked in the office of the old Benjamin Reporter in 1905 while attending school here.

The newspaper profession evidently fascinated Mr. Fox for after leaving Benjamin he stayed with it and later was heard of as the News editor of the Ft. Worth Star Telegram. His newspaper career includes posts with the Houston-Post Dispatch, the Shreveport Times, the Kansas City Journal, the San Antonio Express and the Gainesville Register. His recent affiliation with the McClure Newspaper Syndicate of New York City as its managing editor places him as one of the high ranking newspaper men of the profession. Mrs. Spurgeon Tarpley of Truscott is the sister of Mr. Fox and is well known to the people of Knox County.

Christian Church News

Services for Lordsday March 8th. Bible School, 10:00 a. m.

Preaching, 11:00 a. m.

Snowed out last Sunday and could have no services. Let us rally for next Sunday.

Endeavor 6:00 p. m.

Leader, Iva Dell McCanlies. Subject, Bible Drill on Gen., Ex. and Leviticus.

Preaching, 7:30 p. m.

We hope you will lay aside all the things that hinder you and attend these services. Why can't you do so?

The children always come, but where are the parents? Don't spend the Lords time on your own business. You can never get rich anyhow and you can make a living by using your own time without taking the Lords. Yours for the Lords business, A. R. Caudle, Pastor

Ora Peck, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Peck of Goree enrolled Monday at the Chillicothe (Mo.) Business College for the Complete Business course.

R. M. Cowden, Superintendent of the Truscott Schools was in Benjamin business Thursday.

4-H Club Hold Regular Meeting

The 4-H club met at the school house the last meeting but it was so rainy and muddy we just had 9 present, although we had a real interesting meeting.

The club will meet next Monday March 9, at the home of Mrs. J. A. McCanlies. Miss Nelson will meet with us for the purpose of refinishing a piece of furniture. Everybody be there that is interested in such work.

Reporter

First Federal Loan Check Received in Benjamin

F. A. Green, Benjamin farmer, received the first Federal Loan to be made in Knox County on Thursday of this week. It is probable that more loans will be forthcoming immediately. There will be a meeting at Seymour Saturday to familiarize interested parties with the workings of the Federal Seed Loans and the Federal Four Loans. A Texas office is to be established at Ft. Worth in the very near future which will greatly expediate loans to the needy farmers.

Vera Couple Honored With Shower

A parcel post shower was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester L. Brown on Thursday February 26, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Russell of Eunice, New Mexico.

The elite of the city were present and many beautiful and useful gifts were presented. Each guest wrote a receipt in the Bride book.

With an embroidered quilt that was presented, four young ladies, Misses Lois Hughes, Juanita Robertson, Lillian Spinks and Jalartia Gray played the old game, shake the black cat to see which one is to be married first. Miss Gray being the winner.

The refreshments served were hot tea, lemon, heart shaped sugar, mint and pretzels, with beautiful place cards. We left at a late hour thanking our hostess for a very enjoyable afternoon.

A Guest

WANTED: 1/2 PINT MILK BOTTLES

Thirty two half-pint bottles are needed to facilitate the serving of milk to under-weight children in the Benjamin Schools. Those who have 1/2 pint milk bottles who will lend them to the school for the rest of this school year please send them to the school building or leave at the Benjamin Post.



West Texas Fireman's Association to be Organized

Fire Departments of Olney, Mergargel, Archer City, New Castle, Throckmorton, Seymour, Benjamin, Goree, Munday, Knox City and possibly Haskell are contemplating the organization of an association to be known as the West Texas Firemans Association. The purpose of the organization is to give these towns more education in fire fighting as handled by the smaller town companies than they get at the state meetings. As the plans are now, there will be a district meeting every three months in one of the towns in the district, the place of meeting to be decided at the preceeding meeting. Representatives will meet at Munday on Monday night to lay plans for the first meeting.

School Census to be Taken This Month

Supt. S. G. West wishes to call attention to the following editorial which ran in Thursday's issue of the Star Telegram. This applies to the local situation exactly. If the census taker misses anyone, they can serve the school well by calling 91 and leaving their names, or calling at the Propps Motor Co. and giving their names to Mr. Leon Noel of the children or prospective scholastics. This is urgent. The local school is growing and demands upon it are heavier each year. Every scholastic means much towards the support of the school. Let's not miss a single one.

"Citizens of Ft. Worth are summoned, in the interest of direct public economy as well as civic pride, to do everything in their power to make completely successful the annual school census taking of which begins today. The Ft. Worth Board of Education has found it profitable in the past to conduct a census of its own, not leaving the count entirely to the census made under the auspices of the State board. Every name on the list is worth \$17.50 to the Ft. Worth schools.

The schools are entitled to this sum for each person of school age residing in the limits of the school district, whether or not the person actually attends school. The age is from 6 to 18. Boys and girls who are working, boys and girls who can never go to school, even married persons under 18, all may be counted. It is to Ft. Worth's interest to have the school census list every person of school age. Other districts will get all the names possible; if the records of past years are to be trusted some even will pad the list a bit. The tax payers of the city will have to pay their share of the taxes which provide the money the State appropriates to the schools, and if we don't get our share of the money back the transaction will be a net loss.

Will Herring was in Benjamin on Thursday for business reasons.

Bud Reynolds of the West Texas Utilities Co. from Munday has been in Benjamin this week on business.

I. H. Phillips, service man of the West Texas Utilities Co., has been over from Truscott this week on business.

J. L. Galloway and Walter Hertel were in Wichita Falls on business Wednesday.

Miles Isbell of Chillicothe is visiting relatives here this week.

J. F. Waldron is driving a new Chevrolet Coupe this week.

Echoes From Austin

UTILITY REGULATIONS

The Senate State Affairs Committee begun the consideration of the Holbrook Control Bill of Public Utilities. The bill creates a public utility commission of three members to be appointed by the Governor and paid a salary of \$10,000 per year who shall have original jurisdiction in fixing the rates for gas, electricity, water, street and inter-urban railways, oil pipe lines, gas pipe lines power lines and telephone and telegraph companies. No rate can be charged unless approved by the commission. The bill levies a quarter of one percent of the utilities annual gross receipts to support the commission, but no tax is to be levied in excess of the actual expense.

Another bill by Mr. Petch to regulate the utilities has been introduced and is being considered.

COURT DECISION VALIDATES BONDS

Another bond validation effort is in prospect as a result of the decision of United States Circuit Court of appeals, at New Orleans, reversing the case of the County of Shelby vs the Provident Savings Bank and Trust Company. A copy of the courts opinion was shown to House members on Wednesday and its holds that bonds issued by Commissioners Court funding warrants are invalid and further that there could be no subrogation back of the warrants, originally issued for road and bridge purposes, are placed in jeopardy and probably must be validated. The case probably will be appealed to the United States Supreme Court and, as that will take time the validation may start soon.

Archer County Case Recalled

Six years ago in the Archer County case the United States Supreme Court held void some \$86,000,000 of Texas road bonds. Now the United States Circuit Court does the same thing for a different reason as to bond funding warrants, where they had been issued without a vote of the people. The court holds unequivocally that bonds so issued are invalid and denied the claim on interest coupons. The court says the Texas Constitution requires the bonds to be voted on by the people. A number of Texas counties, Shelby one of them, have special road laws authorizing the funding of warrants into bonds and without the vote of the people. These are held void by the court's decision and the extent of the damage is yet to be computed.

The above clipping from the Dallas News is interesting to the people of Knox County, especially so, in view of the fact that with the permission of the last Legislature the Commissioner Court issued over \$50,000 worth of bonds to take care of some warrants previously issued. We are wondering what effect that this will have on these bonds.

W. S. Dickerson of the West Texas Utilities Co. at Munday was over the first part of the week on business.

Julian Madole of Truscott was in the city Wednesday.

Tom Arnett of Guthrie was here Wednesday on business.

J. C. Patterson is in Dallas, Austin and San Antonio this week on business.

Bring your Custom hatching now. Fine hatches, better chicks. Munday Hatchery

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THE PRESIDENT'S TERM

Exactly one half of the term for which President Hoover was elected has been completed. Only a little more than a year from now his party will decide whether to renominate him or select somebody else to carry the Republican banner. Between now and June of 1932 both parties will concentrate their attention not upon the administration of the Government of the United States but upon how best to hold or to seize the reins of Government for themselves.

There is something radically wrong with a system which gives the President, whether he be Democrat or Republican barely time to get settled in his job before the whole country is thrown into a turmoil over the question of his successor. Everybody with good sense recognizes that that is true, but the problem is how to change it.

One proposal which has been seriously put forth many times and which might work better than the present system is to amend the Constitution so as to make the President term seven years, with no reelection. That would relieve the President of all necessary for "playing politics" in office with an eye to renomination, and it would give him time to master the job and prove his constructive ability.

Probably it will be a long time before that plan can be put into effect, if at all. Another suggested system is to shorten the term between the election of a President and his assumption of the office to cut down the ideal campaigns.

THE CASH

My own experience I have been surprised by having bread which I had cast on the waters and forgotten come back to me spread with good butter and even considerable jam. One of the most valuable contacts of my business life grew out of work which I did for a certain charitable organization, with no thought of personal gain. And a large piece of business once walked into my office sent by the brother of a man whom I had been able to help many years before and in an entirely different part of the country.

Speaking generally, I should say that the chance of being rewarded for good work is sufficient so that any man is justified from a purely selfish standpoint, in going out of his way occasionally to be kind. To say nothing of the fact that doing things for other people brings a personal satisfaction which is, in itself a reward.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron House of the 6666 Ranch in King County are visiting friends and relatives in Benjamin this week.

THE WAY OF LIFE

By Bruce Barton

DOING THINGS FOR PEOPLE

I have a friend who occupied a prominent official position in Washington for a number of years. After his retirement he opened an office and let it be known that he would act as an adviser to individuals and companies having business to transact with the government.

Recently he told me that his first years income was about ten times as large as he had dared to hope for.

"The only way I can explain it is that I am now cashing in on my life-time habit of doing things for people," he said. "When I was in office I never could see why it was not worth while to go to a little trouble for folks if you could do it properly. So when a man came to me I didn't try to side step by saying 'You will have to take the matter up with such and such a department. I just tried to help him out.'

"I wasn't shaming about it. I had no conscious notion that I was laying up treasure in Heaven, or anything of that sort.

"But apparently people remembered and appreciated, and now they are taking pleasure in paying me back."

Neither by temperament nor conviction do I belong to the United Brotherhood of Pollyannas. I do not hold that we live in the best of all possible worlds, nor that selfishness is always punished and virtue always rewarded.

On the contrary, I see many notable examples of men who have apparently never done a gracious thing in their whole lives who yet have achieved fortunes and are quite serene and contented in the enjoyment of good things of the world.

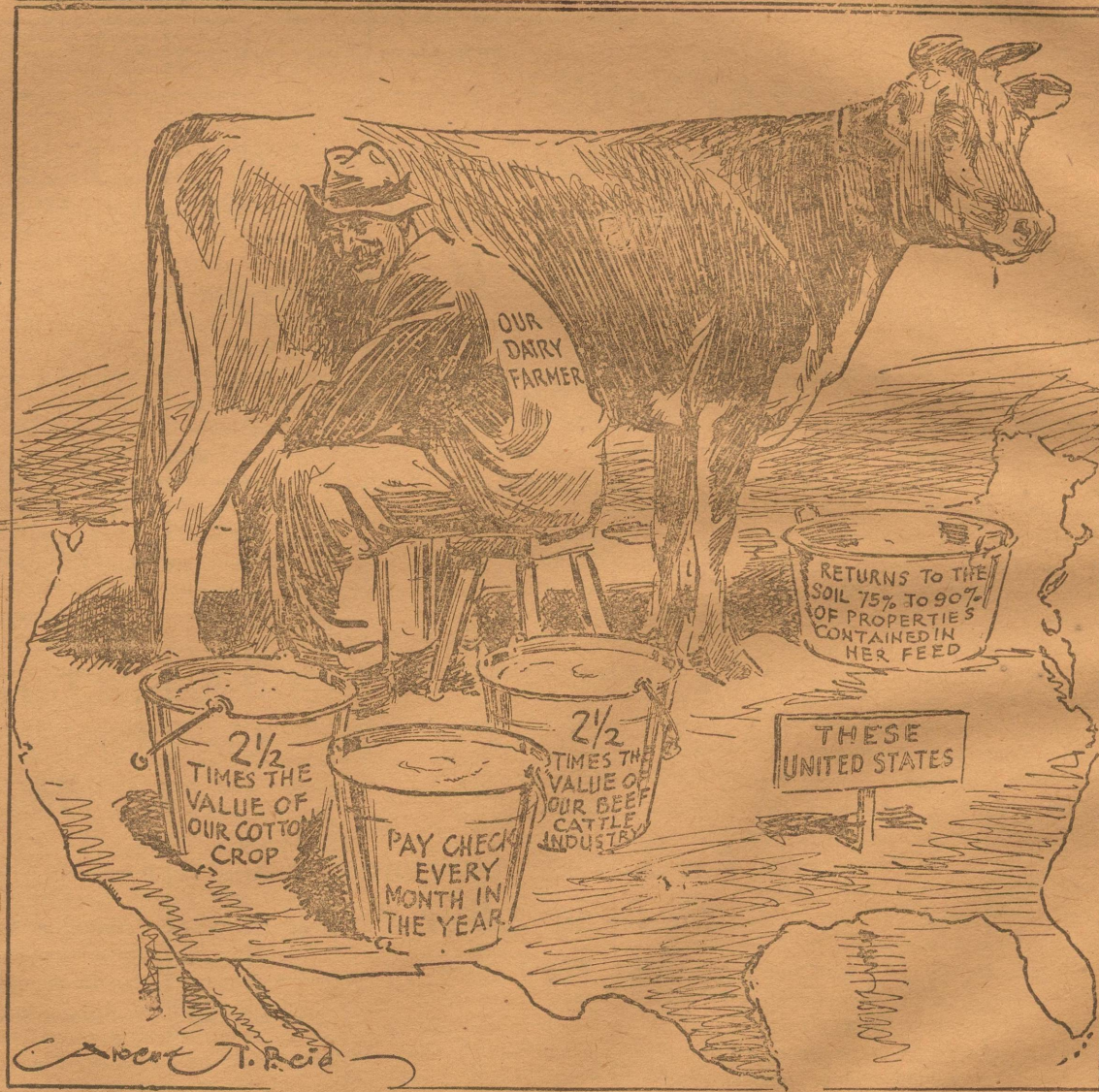
At several different times in my own experience I have been surprised by having bread which I had cast on the waters and forgotten come back to me spread with good butter and even considerable jam. One of the most valuable contacts of my business life grew out of work which I did for a certain charitable organization, with no thought of personal gain. And a large piece of business once walked into my office sent by the brother of a man whom I had been able to help many years before and in an entirely different part of the country.

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ON THE MAP

By Albert T. Reid



NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals addressed to the Commissioner's Court of Knox County, Texas will be received at the office of the County Clerk of Knox County, Texas at Benjamin, Texas until 10 o'clock A. M. March 9th, 1931, for furnishing all necessary material, labor, and equipment for construction of certain improvements, to-wit:

Concrete curb and gutter on the parts of Hinton, Cedar and Stewart Streets contiguous to the Court House Premises in the City of Benjamin, Texas, for Knox County, Texas, Owner.

Bidders must submit Certified check for \$200 (Two Hundred) Dollars, payable without recourse to the order of the County Judge of Knox County, Texas as a guarantee that Bidder will enter into the contract and execute bond and guarantee in the forms provided within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract to him. Bids without required check will not be considered.

Successful Bidder must furnish Bond for the sum bid, on the Statutory form, from a responsible surety company, or from good and sufficient personal sureties satisfactory to Owner.

All lump sum and unit prices must be stated in both script and figures. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive formalities. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating the prices in the bids, the Owner reserves the right to consider the most advantageous thereof, or to reject the bid. Unreasonable (or "unbalanced") unit prices will authorize the Owner to reject any bid.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and inform themselves regarding all local conditions.

Instructions to bidders, proposal form, specifications and plans are on file at the office of the County Clerk of Knox County, Texas, at Benjamin, Texas.

J. W. Melton, County Judge, Knox County, Texas.

ATTEST:

M. T. Chamberlain, County Clerk, Knox County, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Sams and family of Floydada were visiting in the City last week end.

Roy and Lyndol Snody and Miss Lucille Snody were visiting relatives in Abilene last week end.

Business Houses Close at 6 P. M.

We, the undersigned business men of Benjamin, Texas, agree to close our places of business at 6 p. m. beginning March 1, 1931, and to continue until it is mutually agreed to do otherwise.

- SIGNED:
- Jackson Grocery
 - West Texas Supply Company
 - Cash Market
 - Benjamin Mercantile Company
 - G. M. G. Store
 - Williams Barber & Tailor Shop

K. Combest left Tuesday for McKinney on a business trip.



SPECIAL

For awhile I will make full sets of teeth, rubber plates \$17.50 to \$35.00

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March 6th, 7th and 9th, 1931


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- Ketchup, 25 c. value .19
- Pickles, Qts, sour .25 Sweet .35
- Snowflake crackers 2 lb box .25
- Onion sets, red, per lb .10
- New Potatoes, seed or table, per pk. .53
- Tomatoes, small .06 large .09
- Laundry soap, Luna, 10 bars .35
- Sugar, 10 lb bag .65 25 lb bag 1.48
- Flour, 48 lb bags, 1.10 to 1.35
- Tennis shoes, 1.25 value .98

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Call Or Write

J. J. Handley, Agent, Benjamin, Texas.

T. B. Gallaher, General Passenger Agent, Amarillo, Texas.

Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Benjamin, Texas, determining the necessity of levying an assessment against the property and the Owners thereof on portions of Stewart street, Cedar street, Hays street and Hinton street, in the City of Benjamin, for the cost of improving streets, and fixing a time for a hearing of the Owners or agents of said Owners of said property or of any persons interested in said improvements, as provided by Chapter 9, title 28, revised statutes of Texas of 1925, and the Ordinance of the City of Benjamin, and directing the City Secretary to give notice of said hearing and examining and approving the statement or report of the City Engineer, and declaring an emergency

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF Benjamin, Texas: That, whereas, the City Council of the City of Benjamin, Texas, has heretofore by ordinance duly passed and approved ordered the improvement of the following streets, to-wit: The parts of Stewart, Cedar, Hinton and Hays streets contiguous to the Court House premises by constructing concrete curb and gutter thereon.

Which said streets or portions thereof named to be improved shall each be and constitute an entirely and wholly separate and independent unit of improvement. The assessments hereinafter provided for on each street or portion thereof named to be improved shall be made in accordance with the prices of the improvements on that particular street or portion thereof named to be improved, and in accordance with the benefits accruing to the property by reason of said improvements on that particular street or portion thereof named to be improved, wholly and entirely independent of the cost and the benefits accruing by reason of the improvements on any of the other streets or portions thereof named to be improved. The construction of said improvements on each particular street or portion thereof named to be improved shall be made wholly independent of and separate from the improvements on any other street or portion thereof named to be improved; and:

WHEREAS, plans and specifications for the improvements of said streets have been duly prepared and approved as required by Chapter 9, Title 28, Revised Statutes of Texas of 1925, and the Ordinance of the City of Benjamin; and, contract will be let for constructing said improvements by said City Council on March 9, 1931.

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENJAMIN: THAT the report or statement of the City Engineer filed with the City Council, describing the abutting property and giving the names of property owners and number of front feet and the estimated cost of improvement chargeable against each abutting property and its owner, having been duly examined is hereby approved. That the City Council does hereby determine to assess the entire cost of curbs, and gutters, against the owners of the property abutting thereon, and against their property, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 9, Title 28, Revised Statutes of Texas of 1925, and the Ordinances of the City of Benjamin. That the said assessment shall be made after the notice to such property owners and all interested persons and the hearing herein mentioned, and that the said cost of improvements to be assessed against such property owners and their property shall be in accordance with the Front Foot Rule or Plan in the proportion that the frontage of the property of each owner on each particular street or portion thereof named to be improved bears to the frontage of the whole property on that particular street or portion thereof named to be improved; provided, that after such hearing, if such plan of apportionment be found to be not just and equitable in each particular instance, the City Council shall so apportion all said cost as to produce a substantial equality between all such property owners abutting on said portion of each particular street or portion thereof named to be improved, having in view the enhanced value of that property and the benefits derived from such improvements and the burdens imposed upon them by such assessments and that in no event shall any assessment be made against any owner or his property in excess of the enhanced value of such property by reason of such improvement.

That the cost of such improvement which is contemplated to be assessed against such owners and their properties shall become due and payable as follows: One-fifth upon completion and acceptance by the City of Benjamin of said improvement on the particular street or portion thereof named to be improved; one-fifth on or before one year after said date; one-fifth on or before two years after said date, one-fifth on or before three years after said date; and one-fifth on or before four years after said date together with interest from said date at the rate of eight percent per annum, and reasonable attorney's fees and all costs of collection in case of default. That the total part of such improvement which is contemplated to be assessed against such owners and their respective properties and the names of the owners of property abutting upon said streets aforesaid, properties to be improved, and the description of that property and the amounts proposed to be assessed against them respectively, for curb and gutter, is as follows:

The property described below is all in the Town of Benjamin, Texas as shown by the plat of said town of record in the office of the County Clerk of Knox County, Texas.

CEDAR STREET

OWNER	Description of property	Front Feet	Amount of Assessment
G. H. Beavers	E 1/2 Lot 1, Blk 6	25 Feet	\$31.25
J. H. Atterbury	W 1/2 Lot 1, Blk 6	30 Feet	\$37.50
Bush and Burnett	E 1/2 Lot 2, Blk 6	25 Feet	\$31.25
J. H. Atterbury	W 1/2 Lot 2, Blk 6	25 Feet	\$31.25
E. M. Sanborn Est.	E 1/2 Lot 3, Blk 6	25 Feet	\$31.25
W. M. Moore	W 1/2 Lot 3, Blk 6	25 Feet	\$31.25
G. H. Beavers	E 1/2 Lot 4, Blk 6	25 Feet	\$31.25
L. M. Williams	W 1/2 Lot 4, Blk 6	25 Feet	\$31.25
J. H. Atterbury	E 1/2 Lot 5, Blk 6	25 Feet	\$31.25
J. S. Johnson Est & W. M. Moore	W 1/2 Lot 5, Blk 6	25 Ft	\$31.25
J. D. Jeffcoat	All Lot 6, Blk 6	55 Feet	\$68.75

STEWART STREET

1st State Bank & T. Co.	S 1/2 Lot 6, Blk 4	25 Feet	\$31.25
Mrs. Mollie Sams	N 1/2 Lot No. 6, Blk No. 4	30 Feet	\$37.50
J. F. Wellington	All Lot No. 5, Blk 4	50 Feet	\$62.50
W. M. Moore	All Lot No. 4, Blk 4	50 Feet	\$62.50
Templeton and Jones	S 1/2 Lot 3, Blk 4	25 Feet	\$31.25
R. L. White	N 1/2 Lot 3, Blk 4	25 Feet	\$31.25
J. F. Wellington	S 1/2 Lot 2, Blk 4	25 Feet	\$31.25
A. A. Green, III,	N 1/2 Lot 2, Blk 4	25 Feet	\$31.25
Mrs. Avadne Poore	S 1/2 Lot 1, Blk 4	25 Feet	\$31.25
H. F. Waford	N 1/2 Lot 1, Blk 4	30 Feet	\$37.50
West. Tex. Supply Co.	All Lot 1, Blk 5	23 1/2 Feet	\$29.38
J. H. Atterbury	All Lot 6, Blk 3	23 1/2 Feet	\$29.38

HAYS STREET

J. W. Houser	W 30 feet Lot 7, Blk 2	33 1/2 Feet	\$41.87
Panhandle Refg. Co.	E 1/2 Lot 12, Blk 2	33 1/2 Feet	\$41.87

HINTON STREET

W. C. Glenn	Lot 12, Blk 8	55 Feet	\$68.75
W. M. Moore	N 1/2 Lot 11, Blk 8,	25 Feet	\$31.25
Mrs. Ella Barnard	S 1/2 11 Blk 8	25 Feet	\$31.25
Mrs. Beulah Henry	N 21 1/2 ft. Lot 10 Blk 8	21 1/2 Feet	\$26.92 1/2
T. E. Bentley	S 28 1/2 ft. Lot 10 Blk 8	28 1/2 Feet	\$35.62 1/2
J. A. Stephens	N 1/2 Lot 9 Blk 8	25 Feet	\$31.25
J. W. Melton	S 1/2 Lot 9 Blk 8	25 Feet	\$31.25
J. W. Melton	N 1/2 Lot 8 Blk 8	25 Feet	\$31.25
A. C. McGlothlin	S 1/2 Lot 8 Blk 8	25 Feet	\$31.25
Mrs. W. F. Bisbee	N 1/2 Lot 7 Blk 8	25 Feet	\$31.25
D. J. Brookreson	S 1/2 Lot 7 Blk 8	30 Feet	\$37.50
Propps Motor Co.	Lot 12 Blk 7	23 1/2 Feet	\$29.38
R. Browder	Lot 7 Blk 1	23 1/2 Feet	\$29.38

Provided, however that the actual cost of constructing said improvements differs from the assessments as above set out, then such assessments shall be raised or lowered in proportion to such difference.

THAT a hearing shall be given to said owners, their agents and attorneys, and any person or persons interested in said improvements, before the City Council of the City of Benjamin as provided by provisions of Chapter 9, Title 28, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas 1925, and the Ordinances of the City of Benjamin, which said hearing shall be had on the 6 day of March, 1931 at 10 o'clock A. M. in the city Hall of the City of Benjamin, Texas and which said hearing shall be continued from day to day and time to time, as may be necessary to give all property owners, their agents or attorneys, and any interested person or persons a full and fair hearing, and said owners, their attorneys or agents, and any interested person or persons, shall have the right to appear and be heard in any manner concerning the said improvements or said assessment, or the benefits thereof to their said property, or to any other matter or thing in connection herewith, or to contest said assessment and at such hearings a full and fair opportunity shall be extended to said property owners, their agents or attorneys and to all interested persons, to be heard with respect to such improvements.

THAT after the conclusion of the hearing above mentioned such sum or sums that may be determined by the City Council to be payable by said property owners shall be assessed against them respectively and against their respective properties, by ordinance or ordinances, in the manner prescribed by the provisions of Chapter 9, Title 28, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas 1925, and the Ordinance of the City of Benjamin.

THAT the City Secretary of the City of Benjamin is hereby directed to give notice to said property owners their agents or attorneys, and to all interested persons, of said hearing, as prescribed by the provisions of Chapter 9, Title 28, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas 1925 and the Ordinance of the City of Benjamin by publishing this Ordinance three times in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Benjamin, the first of said publications to be made at least ten days before the date set for said hearing. Said City Secretary may also mail a copy of said notice by registered letter to each of said property owners or agents or attorneys if known, said letters to be deposited in a postoffice in the City of Benjamin at least ten days before the date set for the hearing. However said notice by registered letter shall be cumulative only, and notice by publication shall be full, due and proper notice of said hearing. It shall not be necessary to the validity of said notice of hearing to name the property owners abutting said streets or portions thereof named to be improved, and the fact that any such property owner or owners are incorrectly named or not named at all, shall in no wise affect the validity of the assessment against said property owner nor the personal liability against the real and true owner or owners of said property. No errors or omissions in the descriptions of the properties abutting on said streets or portions thereof named to be improved shall in any wise invalidate said assessment, but it shall be the duty of such property owner or owners, whose property is incorrectly described to furnish a proper description at the hearing or hearings provided for. No error or omission of any character in the proceedings shall invalidate any assessment or any certificate issued in evidence thereof.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENJAMIN: That the fact that said portions of said streets are in such urgent need of repair creates an emergency and imperative public necessity for the preservation of the public peace, public health and public property requiring that the rule requiring three several readings be and the same is hereby ordered suspended and that this ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED, This 20 day of Feb. A. D. 1931

J. B. JONES, Mayor.

ATTEST

Leroy C. Melton, City Secretary.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals Addressed to the City of Benjamin, Texas will be received at the office of the Mayor of the City of Benjamin, Texas until 9 10 o'clock A. M. March 9, 1931, for furnishing all necessary materials, equipment and labor for constructing certain street improvements, to-wit:

Concrete curb and gutter on the part of Hinton, Cedar and Stewart Streets contiguous to the Court House Premises in the City of Benjamin, Texas, for the City of Benjamin, Texas Owner.

Bidders must submit Certified Check for Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars, payable without recourse to the order of the City of Benjamin, Texas as a guarantee that Bidder will enter into the contract and execute bond and guarantee in the forms provided within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract to him. Bids without required check will not be considered.

Successful Bidder must furnish bond for the sum bid, on the Statutory form, from a responsible surety company, or from good and sufficient personal sureties, satisfactory to Owner.

All lump sum and unit prices must be stated in both script and figures. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive formalities. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating prices in the bids, the Owner reserves the right to consider the most advantageous construction thereof, or to reject the bid. Unreasonable (or unbalanced) unit prices will authorize the owner to reject any bid.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and to inform themselves regarding all local conditions.

Instructions to bidders, proposal form, specifications and plans are on file at the office of the Mayor of the City of Benjamin, Texas.

J. B. Jones

Mayor of the City of Benjamin, Texas.

Attest:

Leroy C. Melton, Secretary.

Take advantage of our Special Prices on all chick orders booked during the rest of this month. Get your chicks any time you wish. High production, Blood Tested S. C. White Leghorns, Barred Rocks, Buff Orpingtons, Silver Laced Wyandottes. Munday Hatchery

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W. R. Moore of Munday was here Thursday on business.
E. B. Sams and Thos. F. Glover were week end visitors in Lubock.
Tom Haynie of Munday was in the city Thursday.

Classified Ads

We set each Monday but you can bring in the eggs any time.
WALDRIPS HATCHERY
Knox City, Texas.

LOST: Two suitcases on the road between Benjamin and Guthrie: one brown suitcase with name and address; other black over night bag. Finder return to office of Benjamin Post for reward.

Bring your Custom hatching now. Fine hatches, better chicks.
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FOR SALE: Have considerable pole wood for sale or will trade for maize. \$2.50 per load. Jeske Farm 6 mi. West of Benjamin. West Bros.

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ORANGES, Small, "Ball O' Juice"19
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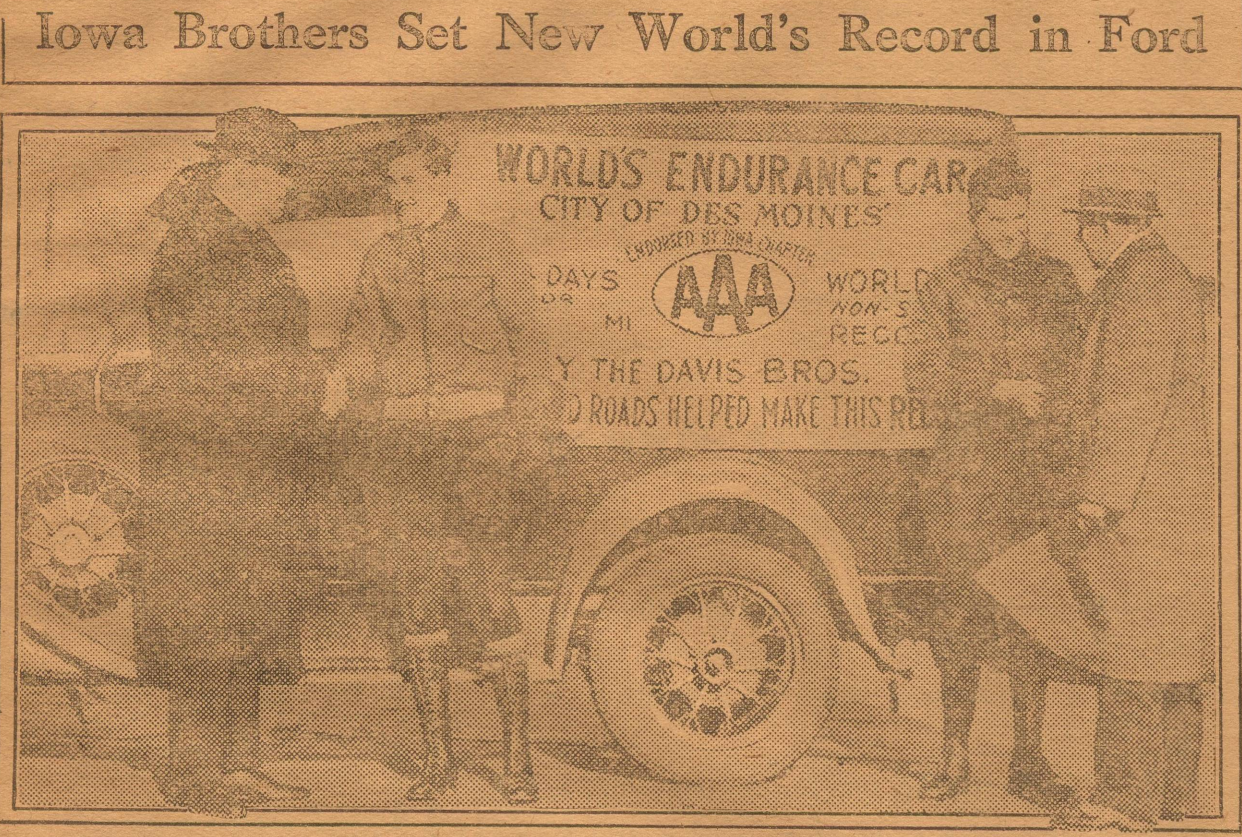
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Governor John Hammill of Iowa (left) and Walter Ferrell, executive secretary of the Iowa chapter of the American Automobile Association (extreme right), congratulating the Davis brothers on the establishment of a new world's non-motor, non-wheel stop automobile endurance record.

IOWA state officials and civic leaders witnessed the establishment of a new world's non-motor, non-wheel stop automobile endurance record recently, when Ralph and Rolland Davis, brothers, brought their Model A Ford to a halt at the east entrance of the state capitol in Des Moines after 2,775 hours and 46 minutes of continuous driving.

When Governor Hammill, standing with Walter Ferrell, executive secretary of the Iowa Chapter of the American Automobile Association, gave the signal to stop, the Ford had traveled a total of 47,138.3 miles over all sorts of roads in all sorts of weather and had exceeded by 33,680 miles and more than 2,335 hours the American non-stop endurance record which, theretofore officially recognized, was made by a much heavier car under almost ideal conditions on the Indianapolis speedway last year. In the course of the endurance run, the car, known as "The City of Des Moines," covered practically the entire state of Iowa.

Engineers who examined the Ford at the conclusion of the run asserted that neither engine nor chassis showed evidence of the grueling strains to which they were subjected during the 116 days of continuous driving. Both apparently, according to the engineers, would have been good for another 50,000 miles or more.

Billie Brown of Truscott was here on business Thursday. Mat Verholan of the South Side was in Benjamin this week.

Frank and Hill Allen of Goree were Benjamin visitors in Benjamin Thursday. Cullum Campbell of Munday was in Benjamin this week.