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Splinters

A merry heart doeth good like a medicine.—Prov.

Rhineland is to be the center of attraction in Knox County this Fourth and a fitting celebration has been planned for the occasion.

The occasion is the opening of the bridge across the Brazos near this little village which makes the town accessible to all Knox County. Good roads lead to the bridge.

People of Knox County have for years gone elsewhere to spend the Fourth. This year as many as can should go to Rhineland. Not only for the reason that the people there have planned a program with features to appeal to all, whether young or old, but because of loyalty to a community which probably ranks foremost of any in the county in supporting the things that are to the best interest of the county.

The people of Rhineland are a thrifty, energetic people and when one glances at the tax records of the county it will be seen that Rhineland comes nearer paying in full than any other community.

They have done much and asked for but little and having wanted a bridge to cross the river for many years and having gotten it, there is cause for rejoicing and celebration there.

The governor's race this year is evoking less interest than any in our memory. The issues are not clear cut, the candidates are not too outstanding, and the race itself is overshadowed by the national races. People have come to look to the national government to perform the necessary functions, and the state government has kind of lost face.

Old-line Democrats, to which we claim allegiance, deplore the apparent trend toward strong centralized government, having always believed that local self government would more satisfactorily serve the needs of a people. We still believe it, but admit that it takes a strong faith to do so in the light of law enforcement mediocre and incompetent officials, apparent inability of the state to control its own industries, the disgraceful disregard in which the oil industries hold state regulation in regard to production, and the unwisdom of expenditure if public funds.

Our attention has been called to some apparent gross exaggerations in this column concerning the weather. In the absence of any proof to substantiate the theory that we are wrong we are going to consider our selves innocent until proved guilty. It was hot. It was.

Last year was a bad year for plums but owing to the mild winter just preceding this milder summer, there is a bountiful crop in this section. Modern housewives have invented lots of tasty edibles but they yet have to find one that will excel hot biscuits, butter and plum jelly.

Local authorities have in custody a gentleman from Michigan who, it is said, is quite harmless but balmy. Questioning revealed that he had been roaming around on the Salt Fork of the Wichita subsisting on a calf which he killed with a stick, and "Cherries" he called them. The cherries were plums. The calf may have been a jack rabbit.

REUBEN LOFTIN GIVES SENATORIAL PLATFORM



REUBEN LOFTIN

In announcing as a candidate for the office of State Senator for the 23rd Senatorial District which is composed of Wichita, Clay, Wilbarger, Hardeman, Foard, Knox, Baylor, Young and Archer Counties, I wish to say to the people of Knox County, that I appreciate very much the support that they gave me four years ago in my race for this office. I carried this county with a large majority. To those friends who so loyally supported me in that race I want to express my sincere appreciation. I believe that any man who solicits the vote and support of intelligent people, for the high office of State Senator, should be able to tell the people what he stands for and what he expects to try to do when elected. On account of limited amount of space it will be necessary for me to present my platform very briefly, merely touching

Taxation

I believe that our entire Tax system should be reorganized so that those who are now escaping taxation to a great or lesser extent should be required to pay and carry their proportionate part of the burdens of Government. I believe the land should be relieved as much as possible, the burden of taxes that it now carries. In this connection, I believe that the Poll Tax Law ought to be repealed. Many of our best citizens are disfranchised as a result of our present Poll Tax system.

Judicial Form

I shall favor the consolidation of a number of departments of Government. Many of our Courts can be abolished, both District and Appellate Courts and a great saving to the Tax payers of the State can be made in this way. Our legal procedure should be amended so that the trial of cases could be expedited and the cost of litigation cut down. In this connection I shall favor the creation of a larger Ranger force in Texas. Although I regret to say it, our State has become the rendezvous for criminals. We should stop this, whatever the cost may be.

Schools

I shall favor maintaining the present apportionment of \$16.00 per capita. I believe that every boy and girl in Texas is entitled to an opportunity to secure a fair education. I wish to further state that I am in favor of making of the University of Texas, a Senior University and requiring that a person who enters that institution, have at least two years of college work. This would save the State of Texas more than \$300.00 per year per pupil.

Labor

I am in favor of all laws that gives the laboring man and woman the right to organize and bargain collectively through representatives chosen by them. I am in favor of the six hour day and the thirty hour week for labor in all industries.

Old Age Pension

I am in favor of what is known as

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Rhineland Picnic Set For Fourth

Rhineland is busy making preparations for its picnic on July 4. Every thing possible is being done to make this the greatest and most enjoyable affair in its history. The festivities of the day are not only in commemoration of the great historical declaration made by our forefathers on July 4, 1776, but also to celebrate the opening of the new Rhineland bridge across the Brazos.

There will be plenty to eat and drink for everybody. No matter how fastidious your taste is, you will find here just what you want. Rhineland has always been known to serve you what you want and just as you want it.

Many attractions are being secured for your entertainment. The Lone Star Band will furnish plenty of good band music for you during the entire day.

A large outdoor platform, accommodating approximately 100 couples, will be built. The well-known Gordon G. Shay's orchestra of Wichita Falls will furnish the music for the dance.

An effort is being made to get some of the leading state candidates to be present. Of course, all county officers and candidates are cordially invited.

Much interest is being shown by neighboring communities. Liberal donations have been made by business men and friends of these communities. Rhineland has had the chicken-eating contest reaching high popularity. The game Wednesday was a bad day for the Splashers who, having had poor attendance at skull practice Sunday, reflected their lack of training on the field and the Washers, in a fourth inning rally poled out several consecutive hits necessitated a change in pitchers. The Washers, having been in the cellar all season and smelling a victory, were not to be stopped and the Splashers went under for a 13 to 10 loss and second place standing.

Give Shower Honoring Mable Moorhouse

Misses Annie Lee and Sarah Wright, Joy Sams and Francis Moorhouse entertained in the club room with a shower honoring Miss Mabel Moorhouse, bride-elect of Mr. Floyd Lindsey of Anadarka, Oklahoma.

The club room was beautifully decorated with cut flowers and a lovely program was given consisting of: Piano Solo—Mrs. Henry Arledge. Reading—Mrs. Henry Jones. Dance—Miss Jo Anne McKey. Song—Miss Willaims.

The gifts were presented by Little Miss Anne Barton, Gloria Moorhouse and Jo Anne McKey in a large moon.

A lovely refreshment plate consisting of Punch, Sandwiches in shape of hearts and moons, with love birds as favors were served to a host of home friends and visitors.

Mrs. Henry Arledge, Mrs. E. Q. Warren, Mrs. Den Davis, Mrs. Henry Jones, Mrs. Jimmy Ashcroft, Mrs. Brooks Campsey of Knox City; Mrs. C. D. McKee and daughter, Jo Anne of Dallas, Mrs. C. R. Parnell and daughter, Julia of Kemp; Mrs. W. P. Irvine of Mabank; Mrs. Grady Taylor of Farney; Miss Williams of Seymour and Mrs. Thos. F. Glover were out of town quest.

ENTRE-AMIS CLUB

Mrs. D. J. Brookreson and Mrs. L. C. Moorhouse entertained the Entre-Amis Club in the home of Mrs. Brookreson Tuesday morning, June 19th.

After a delightful morning of bridge, luncheon was served to all members: Mrs. A. M. Armstrong, Mrs. J. F. Waldron, Mrs. B. W. Snody, Mrs. L. M. Williams, Mrs. J. B. Moorhouse, Mrs. Walter McMeans, Mrs. J. L. Galloway, Mrs. W. T. Ward, Mrs. Leroy Melton, Mrs. H. T. Cunningham.

LOCAL OFFICERS JOIN CHASE OF ESCAPED JAIL BREAKERS

Local officers Wednesday joined in the chase of the four Lubbock jailbreakers, led by Ed (Perch Mouth) Stanton.

Sighted by Sheriff Ed Skinner of Motley County, Deputy Vol Farris of Shilawater, and Texas Ranger Homer Johnson of Lubbock about dusk Wednesday in the vicinity of the Salt Fork of the Brazos near Aspermont, the bandits fled toward Guthrie and Knox County officers were called in to assist in stopping them in the event that they turned east.

The fugitives were not sighted at Guthrie and it is thought that they doubled back south.

Washers Take 1, Drop 1; Still Standing In Cellar

Soldier's Memorial Field (behind the drug store) Stadium was the scene of two hard fought games this week in which the Washers dropped one and took one. The chicken-eating Stewards, showing increased strength from last week, nosed out over the Footwashing Deacons with a score of 17 to 10, but the game was not won without a price. Posthole Green, a new twirler recently added to the Washer roster, played havoc with some good Steward batting averages, and the Washers had the chicken-eating brewers reaching high popularity.

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How They Stand

	W	L	Pct.
Methodist	3	1	750
Christian	2	2	500
Baptist	1	3	250

Team Batting Average

	AB	H	Pct.
Methodist	174	56	322
Baptist	156	46	300
Christian	161	37	230

Big Six Hitters

	AB	H	Pct.
D. Brown	10	7	700
Chamberlain	5	3	600
W. Bisbee	4	2	500
C. Bisbee	8	4	500
T. Cook	8	4	500
Jackson	23	11	487

Home Runs—L. Bisbee 3; Patterson 2. 3 Base Hits—L. Bisbee 2; Jackson 2; A. Bivins 2. 2 Base Hits—C. Bisbee 4; A. Bivins 3.

NEW TEACHERS ELECTED FOR SCHOOL YEAR '34-'35

Miss Daphne Green of Abilene and Miss Maurine Havis of Lubbock have been elected to the Benjamin faculty for the coming school year. Miss Green will teach mathematics and Miss Havis will teach home economics.

J. Lyndal Hughts was in Benjamin today in the interest of his candidacy of county superintendent.

Mrs. C. H. Burnett and Mrs. John H. Atterbury were Wichita Falls visitors Thursday.

Miss Joy Sams is visiting friends in Fort Worth and Dallas this week.

ONEAL ASKS REELECTION TO STATE SENATE



Senator Ben G. Oneal of Wichita Falls, who is serving his first term in the Senate, and who some time ago announced his candidacy for the democratic nomination for a second term, asks the Post to give his statement hereinbelow to the people of the 23rd Senatorial District composed of Knox, Hardeman, Foard, Wichita, Wilbarger, Young, Archer, Clay and Baylor Counties.

Senator Oneal, in the comparatively short time he has served in the Senate, has won the respect and confidence of his able members. Although serving his first term he has been made Chairman of the important Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Stock and Stock Raising and of the Committee on Public Lands and Land Office. He is a member of seven other committees, including that on State Affairs to which more important legislation is referred than to any other committee.

The Senate has honored him and manifested its confidence in his ability by selecting him in 1933 to represent that body in the Interstate Legislative Assembly, a conference composed of a member of the Senate and a member of the House of Representatives of each State Legislature. He was again selected to represent the Senate in 1934. Also he is a member of the Interstate Commission on Conflicting Taxation which was created by the Interstate Legislative Assembly to make a study of the double taxation placed upon the people and the industries of this county by the Federal Governments.

Senator Oneal was one of the first members of the Legislature to begin work for reform of court procedure in criminal cases so as to make the punishment of criminals swifter, more certain and less expensive to the tax payers who have to keep up the courts.

He is also one of the outstanding advocates of economy in the Senate. He believes, however, in liberal support of the public schools.

Senator Oneal has had no other purpose than to represent the interest of the people of this district and of the State of Texas. He has accepted no retainer's fee or other employment from any utility or from any other corporation or person interested in pending legislation. He favors requiring all members of the legislature to state their connection with and employment by any corporation, company or individual interested in pending legislation.

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LOFTIN FOR STATE SENATE. . .

the Old Age Pension Law with proper regulations and restrictions.

Nepotism

I am in favor of strict Nepotism Law in Texas and as your State Senator, I shall undertake to pass a law that will prohibit Heads of Departments of Government from exchanging influence with other Departments and from employing each other's relatives.

Highway Commission

I am in favor of an elective Highway Commission.

Oil, Gas and Utilities

I shall favor the creation of an oil gas and utilities Commission with the power to regulate rates and all other matters with reference to these industries. I would also give them the control of the conservation of the soil, timber, water and all other natural resources of our State.

Prohibition

I am in favor of the submission of a constitutional amendment for the repeal of Statewide Prohibition and if the people shall decide to repeal it, I shall insist on strict laws regulating the dispensing and sale of intoxicating liquors. I am opposed to return of the old time saloon.

Conclusion

In conclusion I wish to say that no man has affected me like it has every one else. I have not the means to do the advertising that those who may oppose me in this campaign have, therefore I request my friends every where to assist me in carrying my candidacy to their friends and neighbors and help me win this race. I wish to say further that I am a candidate for State Senator and not for any other office or position and if elected, I shall not accept any other office or quasi public trust while serving as your State Senator. Again thanking you for your wonderful support which you gave me four years ago, I earnestly solicit your support again.

Respectfully,
Reuben Loftin

Gilliland Home Demonstration Club

The Ladies Home Demonstration Club had their regular meeting in the home of Mrs. Glover Medaris, June 20.

The characters were assigned and the parts handed out for the club play, "The Spinster's Convention" to be given June 29. This play is being given in order that we may send a delegate to A. and M. this summer. As there was no other business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served to Mesdames Jim Parris, Ferris, Lee Sneed, J. J. Cure, O. Solomon, Buck Spivey, Jesse Rutherford, Claude Snow, D. L. Patton, J. O. Cure and Misses Helen Glover, Elizabeth Parris and Aaan Mae Ellis.

—Club Reporter.

NOTICE

On account of danger of fire, I am locking all gates on my ranch, and this is due warning to all trespassers. The plums are all gone and no more fishing.

Clyde Burnett

L. M. Williams, James A. Stephens and Miss Lucille Stephens left Thursday for Dallas and Houston.

Correspondent Courses Suggested For High Schools

New Yory, June 22.—A recent development in high school instruction methods which had its birth in Michigan is giving promise of becoming a major factor in secondary education throughout the United States. Known as the Benton Harbor Plan of Supervised Correspondence Instruction, it has received its latest impetus through inclusion by Teachers College, Columbia University, of a course in supervised correspondence instruction procedure in the 1934 Summer school curriculum. With school boards bogged in the problem of maintaining schools through next winter on reduced budgets, supervised correspondence instruction appears to offer a practical solution for many communities.

The Benton Harbor Plan was initiated by S. S. Mitchell, Superintendent of Schools, Benton Harbor, Michigan, eleven years ago. Since that time it has spread gradually throughout the country until today it is used in about 100 high schools. Basically it consists of an arrangement between the local high school and a recognized correspondence school or university extension division, whereby the high school is able to present to its students a course of study which is approved by the correspondence school.

One student or a group of students are able to take specialized courses to fit them for a vocation or to meet their particular interests.

In general it has been found that costs per pupil for supervised correspondence study run from a fourth to a third the cost of regularly taught high school subjects. A Michigan State Committee of Educators appointed to study the plan, has reported among its advantages the fact that it broadens the scope of the high school curriculum, that students are able to take the courses they are interested in at the time they are needed, that each can progress as rapidly as time, energy and ability permit, and that the cost to the school system is lower than for ordinary high school subjects.

Within the last few years the University of Nebraska through its extension division has adopted the principles of the Benton Harbor plan to enable small high schools within the state to provide courses their funds would not otherwise permit. As a rule supervised correspondence courses have been in technical or vocational subjects, although the University of Nebraska has offered high school courses in English literature, French, algebra, trigonometry, and general science.

The plan is fundamentally simple in operation. A prominent part in developing it has been taken by the International Correspondence schools, of Scranton, Pennsylvania, and the system in use between the International Correspondence Schools and the local high schools is generally followed. The lessons are prepared at Scranton and are sent at the proper intervals to the instructor appointed by the local school administration to supervise the correspondence courses. The instructor forwards the completed student's papers to Scranton, where they are graded, and from where they are returned to the students through the instructor. Since the International Correspondence schools alone offer courses in some 400 subjects, the students field of choice is tremendously expanded.

Itinery of County Home Demonstration Agent for first week in July

Monday and Tuesday—Out of the County.
Wednesday—Holiday.

Thursday—Collect material for July demonstration on Tomato Products and the making of Tomato Juice.

Friday—Knox City women.
Saturday—Council Meeting, Benjamin 2:30.

Union Grove Wardrobe Demonstrator Tells Story of Years Work

"I have enjoyed my wardrobe work this year real well and I feel that it has helped me very much with my sewing," said Mrs. J. C. McGee, Union Grove wardrobe demonstrator and winner of fourth place in the class 1 wardrobe demonstrators division of the County Dress Contest.

In October I decided to build a closet in my bedroom. I only had one in the house that I had to use for everything. My new closet is 5x2 1-2 x8 feet and has 3 large shelves and two rods for hanging clothes in it. It is papered with light paper. It was made of new material and cost \$5.

My demonstrations have not been what I would have liked for them to be on account of sickness. My club is not 100 percent but I have really tried to make it so by giving 4 all day demonstrations and making 11 patterns that are individually fitted.

I gave one demonstration on the foundation patterns in Knox City and made six patterns.

District Judge in 4-H Bedroom Con-in County June 20

Miss Myrtle Murray, District 2 Home Demonstration Agent, was in the County June 20 to judge the bedroom of Mary Helen Partridge, who was the county winner. Miss Murray is judging all the county winners in District 2 and from the 9 district winners over the state the State winners will be selected. These state winners will not be announced until the Annual Banquet that will be given July 10.

The winners of the contest were announced at an early date.

Gillis Wardrobe Demonstrator Realizes Value of Such a Demonstration

"When I enrolled as first year wardrobe demonstrator in my club last year, I just had one small clothes closet in my house. The closet is in the spare bedroom and to reach it, I must pass through two rooms. Of course I had to use it, and only those who face the same problem, know the many needless steps taken," said Mrs. R. M. Almonrode, Gillispie Home Demonstration Club, second place winner in the Class 1 wardrobe demonstration.

One of the things that made me so interested in the wardrobe work, was that I must have standard closet. I know that if I enrolled as a wardrobe demonstrator that in some way I could get this closet. Last fall we laid a new floor in the dining room.

Using the best of the old flooring, an dwith my husband helping, we built a closet 5 1-2x4 1-2 feet to the ceiling. I lined the walls and ceiling with heavy cardboard boxes, before papering. I have one big shelf extending across the top to be used for storage for hats. At one end I have three deep shelves to be used for folded garmets. The space under the bottom shelf is used for storing my little five year old daughter's toys. It is a happy arrangement for us all" Mrs. Almonrode stated.

In addition I have a rod extending from the end of the shelves for hanging garments. I have made three hat racks of quart milk bottles and I find they are just right. I had my shoe rack and sleeve ironer carved out at the lumber yard as I had nothing with which to saw them. I am very much pleased with both and only regret is that I did not have them long ago.

The door, hinges and catch were the only things that I had to buy for my closet. With the cost of the sawing of the ironer and the shoe rack ends included, the total cost was \$1. The shelves were generously given by my husband, and all are of new material except one board.

With an enrollment of ten active members we have seven foundation pattern finished, and have two started, in my club. I have met twice and helped make patterns for a newly organized club. The first afternoon I measured and cut out five patterns. At the next meeting those had been finished and five more were fitted, ready to be finished. In all I have made 18 patterns.

My wardrobe was planned so as not to exceed \$25.00. To date, I have spent eleven dollars and ninety cents. My club dress cost sixty eight cents including thread and trimmings.

I know that I owe the pleasure I get from my closet and from a well planned wardrobe to the Extension workers. To whom I give thanks.

In thinking of all our extension workers and of their great work with rural people, I think of these lines

"To have done whatever had to be done;

To have turned the face of your soul to the sun;

To have made life better and brighter for one;

This is to have lived."

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Supt. P. L. Armour was a visitor in Lubbock Tuesday and Wednesday.

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ONEAL FOR STATE SENATE.

Members of the Legislature are paid only during a session of the Legislature, but Senator Oneal has not on account of that fact failed to keep in touch with the needs of the 23rd Senatorial District. At his own expense and time between sessions he has informed himself on the conditions of the district. Many of the citizens of Knox County will recall the visits that he has made here to meetings of farmers and stockmen.

Senator Oneal's statement follows: Any person who has been a member of the Legislature and asks again to be returned to that body should be able to point to some accomplishments as a member of the Legislature which commend him to the consideration of the voters for such position. And while I ask for nomination for a second term based upon my entire record as your Senator, and not upon any single issue or single vote in the Senate, I desire to call your attention to some of the bills that I have been the author of or sponsored or have supported in the Senate during the comparatively short time that I have served there:

Economy in Government with reducing State support of Public Free Schools

I have stood for economy in government and helped to reduce the general appropriation \$14,000,000, but with this reduction in the cost of government I believe in keeping the per capita apportionment for the public schools up to the \$16.00 per student. I also favor and voted for liberal appropriations for rural schools more nearly to equalize the advantages of the children in the distant rural sections with those in the larger schools. I opposed a heavy cut in the appropriation for the work of the County Agents and Home Demonstration Agents, believing that the money thus appropriated gives real returns to the State of Texas for the amount involved. These policies I shall continue.

Tax Relief

I am the author of and have supported a number of bills seeking to afford tax relief, some of which I give below.

I am the author of the substitute bill in the Senate giving the auto owners until the 31st of March of each year to pay their auto license. This law allowed the hard pressed auto owner this year to pay his license fee as late as March 31st with out penalty, and provided that the payment for this year covered fifteen months, that is, to April 1, 1935.

I am the author of the split tax bill which permits the owner of property to pay his ad valorem taxes in two installments if he so desires, but lets him pay all at one time, as heretofore, if he prefers.

I supported the bill allocating 1c of the 4c gasoline tax to the fund to pay off the county and district road bond indebtedness incurred for money used to build the highways that were taken over by the State of Texas.

The effect of this law is to lower the amount each county has to raise by taxation for road purposes. In Knox County it lowers the amount annually approximately \$20,000.00.

I voted for and supported the resolution submitting to the people the constitutional amendment exempting family homesteads from all State taxes up to \$3,000.00 assessed valuation, which was adopted by the vote of the people; also the constitutional amendment combining the office of Tax Assessor and Tax Collector, and I sponsored in the Senate the bill combining the two offices under this constitutional amendment. This is another matter of economy.

Reform of Criminal Procedure and Apprehension of Criminals

Some time ago it became apparent to me that the criminal situation in Texas is such that reform in criminal procedure is imperatively necessary, and that the handling of the whole criminal problem needs methods of greater efficiency. In March 1933, during the regular session that year, I and Senator Collie of Eastland, working together, introduced eight bills all of which had for their purpose reforming the code of crim-

inal procedure to the end that criminals may be brought more swiftly to trial; that the punishment meted out to them may be more certain; and that there may be fewer reversals of convictions and thereby much expense saved to the tax payers. We succeeded in getting favorable reports from the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence on all of these bills but by reason of the large number of bills on the calendar these could not be reached for final passage.

Again during the called session of thirty days this last February, when the Governor by message about the middle of the session had opened the way for the consideration of reform of criminal procedure, Senator Collie and I, (this time joined by three other Senators), introduced again the eight bills. And again we procured a favorable report from the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence. The shortness of the called session after the Governor submitted the question prevented the consideration of all but one of the bills. That one was passed by a vote of 24 out of the 31 Senators, but in the House it was defeated by some members who were opposed to the bill.

Not only does the Code of Criminal Procedure need reforming but the method of apprehension and identification of criminals should be strengthened. The Associated Press in September 1933, carried a notice that I would propose a bill calling for the establishment of a combined State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Detection, to be placed under the supervision of an expert in matters of criminology and to be given the support of all law enforcement agencies in the State, including the State Highway Patrol, Texas Rangers, Sheriffs and Constables and City Police; and providing for close connection to be maintained with the Federal Bureau of Identification at Washington, as well as with the Central Bureau of Identification of other States. This improvement can be made at practically no additional expense by using existing governmental agencies.

The called sessions are limited by the Constitution to thirty days and the two since that announcement have been crowded with many measures and this subject has not been submitted to the Legislature, and for that reason I have not heretofore introduced such bill but I propose to go fully into this matter and to press such bill for passage.

The criminal conditions in the State have become such that all of these reforms are urgently needed and I believe that with the beginning we have made, these reforms can be accomplished at the next Regular Session of the Legislature. The demands of the people for better protection from the criminal element have become so insistent since Senator Collie and I began work on these reforms that practically all the candidates for Governor and some for other State offices are now advocating these reforms.

Regulation of Utilities

I favor the regulation of utilities. Ever since I entered the Senate I have supported proposed laws for that purpose. I am taking space to mention some but not all of these bills.

It was on my motion in the Senate Committee on State Affairs, that Senate Bill 609, By Senator Loy, (not a member of the committee), was reported favorably to the Senate with recommendation that it pass. This bill had for its purpose giving better regulation of gas utilities. I supported the bill in the Senate. It passed both Houses but was vetoed by the Governor.

I procured on my motion in the State Affairs Committee a favorable report on Senate Bill 50 by Senator Blackert, (not a member of the committee), and favored the passage of the bill. It was passed by the Senate but killed in a committee of the House of Representatives. This bill gave fuller regulation of gas utilities; and particularly gave aid to small incorporated towns and unincorporated towns as to gas rates.

I supported and urged in the Senate passage of a House Bill having

for its purpose prohibiting the ready-to-serve charge by gas utilities. I also supported in the committee on State Affairs and tried to get a favorable report for passage in Senate a House Bill making pipelines transporting natural gas Common Carriers, and regulating them.

At the last called session I sponsored in the Senate House Bill No. 95 by Tennyson, for the better regulating utilities, and giving small towns and villages further powers over utilities, and particularly giving protection to towns owning their utilities. The Senate over my objection radically amended the bill. It went to Conference Committee between the Senate and House. I was one of the Senate Conferees. In the Conference committee we restored the House Bill and I then procured the adoption of the House Bill in the Senate. This bill the Governor vetoed.

Old Age Pension

President Roosevelt in a message to Congress recently said that he is looking for a sound means which he can recommend to the next Congress to provide security against several great disturbing factors in life, among them destitution in old age, saying he believes this insurance should be national in scope but that there should be a maximum of cooperation between the States and Federal Government.

I shall favor the State of Texas cooperating with the Federal Government to the end that all the destitute aged may be properly cared for.

Oil

I stated in my announcement for the Senate when I was elected that the oil business is one of the main industries that has built up this section; that the condition of the oil industry affects almost the entire citizenship of the district. That condition is as true today as then. And I shall continue in the future as in the past to favor and vote for such measures in the Senate as will be to the best interest of that industry.

Prohibition of the sale of liquor to people for the purpose of drinking. If this amendment is adopted I shall favor careful limitations by law upon the method of bottling or selling intoxicating liquors to the end that nothing like the old time saloon may return to Texas.

Publicity of Employment of Legislators

I favor a law requiring all legislative candidates to make under oath and file with their application for a place on the ballot and publish a statement of their corporate connections and employment; and further requiring each member of the Legislature to show under oath any and all of his employments either on a retainer fee or other compensation by any corporation, firm or person, interested in pending legislation.

I am not employed by nor connected with any corporation. I have not since I have been a member of the Senate received a retainer's fee or been employed in any capacity by any utility or other corporation or concern or person interested in any legislation pending in the Legislature.

I have not since I was elected to the Senate sought to put any relative of mine on the payroll of any department of the State Government. So far as I know I have no relative on the payroll of any department of the State Government. I so reported under oath to the House General Investigating Committee, and the Chairman of the Committee in a letter to me confirms my statement.

I make the foregoing statement merely as a fact and not to criticize any Legislator some relative of whom may be employed by the State.

Conservation

I expect to continue both as an official and as an individual citizen my best efforts toward saving and bettering for the younger and the coming generations the fishing and hunting and other outdoor recreations we have enjoyed, and conserving for them our natural resources.

I am deeply appreciative of the confidence the voters of the 23rd Senatorial District expressed in me when they elected me to the Senate

of Texas. In campaigning nine counties it will be impossible for me to see everyone, but whether or not I get to see you, I assure you and every one of you that I will appreciate your support and influence for a second term.

STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT ISSUES WARNING AGAINST JULY 4th ACCIDENTS

Austin, June 28.—Taking note of the approach of the great patriotic National holiday, July 4, which this country has celebrated for one hundred and thirty-eight years, Dr. John W. Brown, State Health Officer, calls attention of the people of Texas to some of the dangers of careless celebrating. Each year on the 5th of July one reads of the appalling number of accidents which occurred over the Fourth.

It is not alone the wounds received from explosives that increase our death toll. Injuries from automobile accidents, splinters, nails, and other penetrating wounds in which dirt may be carried into the skin heighten the hazard of tetanus or lockjaw. Such wounds should be promptly treated by a physician.

If the days pleasure includes a swim, caution should be used and no attempt made to do more than your strength will permit. If a drowning takes place, artificial respiration should be started at once and continued until a doctor arrives.

Automobile accidents have usually one of three causes—exceeding the speed limit, driving on the wrong side or failing to grant the right of way. It can be seen that the chief factor in auto accidents is the judgment of the "machine" within the machine. Caution should be guide the holiday activities so that the day may be remembered with joy instead of sorrow.

Henry Williams of Gilliland was a business visitor in Benjamin Tuesday.

Lee Coffman of Goree was a visitor in Benjamin Thursday.

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SENATOR CONNALLY OPENS CAMPAIGN THIS WEEK IN GREENVILLE

Dallas, June 28.—(Special) United States Senator Tom Connally will open his campaign for re-election to a second term in the Senate with a northwest Texas rally and speaking in Greenville on Saturday night, June 30, at 8 o'clock, J. P. Rice, state campaign manager, announced here today.

Following his big home-coming celebration at Marlin last week, the Senator spent several days at his home there, conferring with his friends and supporters, and resting.

Immediately after the Greenville meeting, he will begin an intensive speaking tour of the State, which will take him into towns and cities in every section of the State. His itinerary for next week includes the following engagements:

Monday, July 2, 3 p. m. at Center; 8 p. m. Nacogdoches; Tuesday, July 3, 3 p. m. Orange; 8 p. m. Beaumont; Wednesday, July 4, 10:30 a. m. Liberty; 3 p. m. at Livingston; 8 p. m. at Port Author; Thursday, July 5, 3 p. m. at Victoria; 8 p. m. at Corpus Christi.

Additional speaking engagements will be announced next week.

The Greenville speech will be held on the Courthouse lawn and will be sponsored by the Hunt County Tom Connally Club, of which Marvin Love of Greenville is chairman. Senator Connally will be introduced by Judge Lee Clark.

Friends of the Senator from half a dozen Northeast Texas counties have advised campaign headquarters here that they will send delegations representing their counties to the Greenville opening, and believe five-minute addresses will be made in the Senator's behalf by representatives of these delegations.

DRESDEN IS OUT AND JOHNSON IN AS RELIEF HEAD

Austin, June 28.—Adam R. Johnson was restored Wednesday at a stormy session of the State Relief Commission and an investigation was ordered to ascertain whether he had displayed political animosities in administering relief in Travis county.

Miss Marie Dresden of Wisconsin, in Texas but a few months, who was named director April 9 when Johnson was ousted by Speaker Coke Stevenson, who substituted Julius Dorenfield Jr. of Amarillo for R. L. Holiday of El Paso, as a member of the board, resigned when the new majority of the commission voted five to four that Johnson has been unseated illegally. She quit the place of social service consultant, held by her prior to her election as director, but the board requested that she remain and complimented her work.

In resigning Miss Dresden criticized Johnson as not understanding relief work, called him an inefficient executive and charged that the cooperation he wanted from her was resignation and that she would give it to him.

Ed Hussion warned the members that if the majority ever absented itself, the others would put Johnson out and restore Miss Dresden.

This brought a protest from E. B. Giesecke, who had voted with the minority.

Names were bandied about, the lie was passed and the meeting was in a snarl much of the time.

Mothers find LUCKY TIGER ANTISEPTIC OINTMENT better than a whole medicine chest for children's vacation accidents. It soothes the pain and prevents infection. At all druggists.

SUNDAY DINNER SUGGESTIONS

By Ann Page
Heavy rains have ended the drought in the chief butter-producing states. Improved pasture will end the threat of butter shortage and consequent high prices.

A great variety of small fruits is available, including late strawberries, raspberries, dewberries, huckleberries, sweet and sour cherries, and currants. Apricots, plums, early peaches and seedless grapes are also in market along with the year-round standbys.

Local gardens are supplying such produce though certain vegetables must still be imported from other sections. Salad ingredients are plentiful, and for them a variety of salad dressings is desirable. Greens are best with a French type dressing, while most fruit, vegetable, meat and fish salads—after marinating—are improved by a thick cauld dressing.

The Quaker Maid suggests the following menus:

- Low Cost Dinner**
- Fresh Brains in Tomato Sauce
- New Potatoes
- Green Beans
- Bread and Butter
- Watermelon
- Tea or Coffee
- Milk
- Medium Cost Dinner**
- Green Onions
- Radishes
- Broiled T-Bone Steak
- New Potatoes
- Fresh Corn
- Bread and Butter
- Jellied Fruits
- Coffee
- Milk
- Very Special Dinner**
- Fruit Cup
- Fried Chicken with Cream Gravy
- Boiled Rice
- Green Beans
- Currant Jelly
- Cole Slaw in Tomato Cups with Dressing
- Bread and Butter
- Blackberry Cream Pie
- Coffee
- Milk

GOREE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TO PRESENT PLAY AT LOCAL SCHOOL

"Amy From Arizona" is the three-act comedy which will be presented by the Goree Christian Endeavor, Friday evening, June 29, at 8:15.

There will also be several short subjects such as "Speak Up Ike and 'Sprees Yo-Self" a negro dialogue and "Romeo and Juliet" and others.

Everyone is cordially invited to come and help make it a success. Admission, Children 10c, Adults 20c.

Horton Ward is a new addition to the Post list of subscribers this week. Mr. Ward is now located at Boulder City, Nevada where he is at work on the construction of the Boulder Dam which is being built by the United States Government in the Black Canyon of the Canyon of the Colorado where the river forms the boundary between the states of Colorado and Nevada.

The estimated cost of this gigantic project is estimated at \$120,000,000. In order to move the huge amounts of materials it has been necessary to build railroads, highways and a long electric transmission line. A temporary little city which houses the more than 6000 workmen on the project has been built and is under the strict supervision of the government. Boulder City, as it is called has a gross payroll which exceeds \$600,000 a month.

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COTTON FARMERS REQUESTED TO GET TAGS FOR COTTON BY JULY FIRST

Under terms of a regulation signed by the Commissioners of Internal Revenue and approved by the Secretary of Treasury, cotton harvested and ginned prior to June 1, 1934 may be "transported, sold, purchased or opened at any time before July 1, 1934 even though a bale tag is not attached. Anyone having old cotton on their farms should make a written application to the cotton agents of office immediately for bale tags for this old cotton on hand. These applications will be held here until further instructions are received.

Senator Ben G. Oneal of Wichita Falls was in Benjamin the first of the week in the interest of his campaign for re-election.

When accidents happen—you need a dependable germicide quick to prevent infection. LUCKY TIGER ANTISEPTIC OINTMENT is dependable. Order it from your druggist.

LOST—Dark Blue Swimming Shorts. Finder return to John H. Atterbury Jr.

Lee Haymes of Munday, candidate for Tax Assessor and Collector, was a visitor in Benjamin Thursday.

Athlete's Foot and other forms of itchy quickly healed with Lucky Tiger Antiseptic Ointment. Have a jar handy to prevent infection. At druggists.

TO OUR CUSTOMERS AND FRIENDS

We are asking our customers and friends not to forget that we are giving you a 5 percent discount on purchases of from \$1.00 to \$5.00 and 10 percent on purchases over \$5.00 except on flour and sugar.

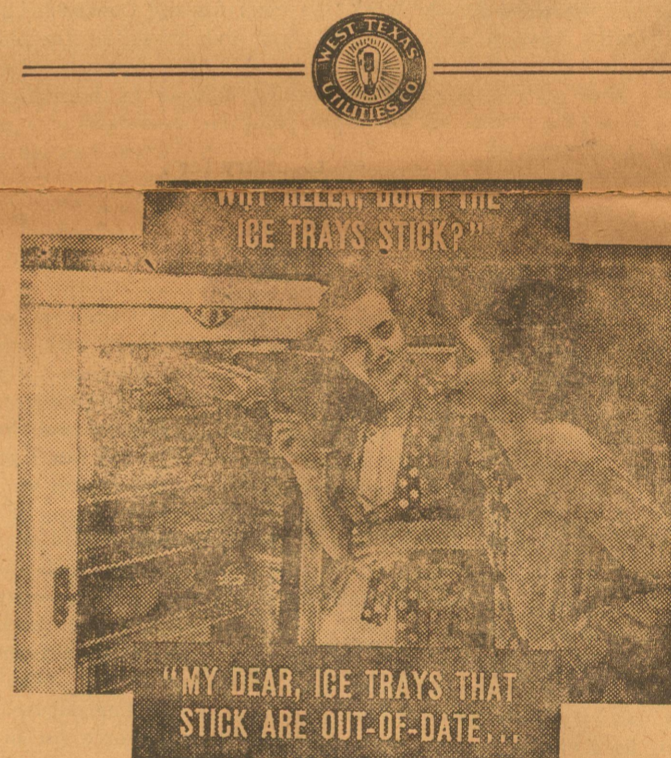
This is a temporary measure to give our customers as low prices as might be found, and will hold until we can revise our prices on a basis as favorable as you will get at any all cash store, in any town, quality of merchandise considered.

With much gratitude we can say that we are overjoyed by the cooperation we have received in this way of doing business (in which we had no choice) and hope to merit your patronage by giving you better service.

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