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SPLINTERS

A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance.—Prov.

Attended a fish fry at the home of Mr. Ross Bates this week in company with Mr. Jams A. Stephens and Mr. Leroy Melton. The fry was given in honor of Uncle Bill Guillick, Knox County's earliest settler. Although getting along in years, Uncle Bill is remarkably young looking and aside from his eyesight being poor, he is in very good health. He turned loose a bunch of cattle on the Brazos near here in 1879 and has been living in Knox and Baylor counties since that time.

Although their looks belie their ages, others present at the fry who can remember when, were Lee Coffman, Judge Stephens, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Bates.

The 4-H club at Gilliland postcards us a cordial invitation to attend a meeting of their club next Wednesday when they will have an achievement program. The 4-H clubs the past few years at the Gilliland Club especially has been very active.

Having arrived in Benjamin during the depression of 1907, lived on through 1914, 1917, 1921 the recent set back, we feel that we are now ready for the seven fat years. The past mild boom was characterized by more talking than in our memory. When we wore lingerie made from flour sacks, we didn't complain about that but when we went swimming just got behind a bush to disrobe, not from a sense of modesty but to keep the other kids from seeing what band of flour we used at our house. And this practice seemed to be universal. Now all the little boys that go in swimming even have a bathing suit and yet they claim we have a depression.

Taking the comments of those who attended the convention here last Friday the local firemen were successful in their efforts to entertain their guests. A great deal of credit should go to the city officials, the entire citizenship of the town and especially Earl Sams under whose leadership the fire boys worked with a will. A few bouquets should be thrown at J. A. McCannies, Frank Moorhouse and Walter Snody who were responsible for the barbecue and feed. The convention will be a pleasant memory in the minds of the local people for some time to come.

STATE FIREMEN TO MEET IN CORPUS CHRISTI FOR 57 ANNUAL MEET, JUNE 13-15.

Leroy Melton, Chief of the Benjamin Fire department, has received information from officials of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshall's association that plans for the 57th annual convention of that association to be held in Corpus Christi on June 13, 14 and 15 are complete.

Every city in Texas is urged to send a representative delegation to the convention to study fire prevention as will be presented by a number of the out-standing leaders in this field. Included in the list of prominent speakers appearing on the program are: State Fire Insurance Commissioner Raymond S. Mauk; Chief George Goff of Oklahoma City; Frank Williams of Winters, president of the association; Assistant Chief Johnnie O'Brian of Fort Worth; Deputy Chief W. M. Wolff of Dallas. Assurances have been made by arrangements committees in Corpus Christi that the business sessions will be held in halls swept by cool sea breezes.

West Texas Firemen Hold Convention Here

High spots in the West Texas Firemen's convention held here last Friday were the amateur goat roping contest in which all visiting firemen were eligible to participate and which was won by Fireman Harold Thomas of Throckmorton, the hose races in which the Benjamin team won the engraved nozzle for the third consecutive time thereby making it a permanent possession of the local Fire Department, and the water polo contests, in which Throckmorton won the first prize of \$10.00. In the hose races Knox City entering for their first time chalked up 28 seconds, Seymour made the connection in 29 seconds, Throckmorton in 21 1-2, Benjamin 16 1-2, and Munday no time. In the water polo Throckmorton defeated Seymour in the first heat and Munday defeated Knox City. Throckmorton defeated Munday in the finals. Attending firemen and visitors to the convention were served pot barbecue at 6:30 in the evening at which the estimated attendance was in excess of five hundred. The convention was climaxed by a dance.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING CLASS WILL BEGIN JUNE 4 AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Miss Tillie Smith, an accredited Dean and teacher of Leadership Training Classes, schools, conferences, etc., will be in Benjamin, Sunday, June 4, to conduct a week class in special training for work in the church. One of the Standard Training Units toward a Standard Training Diploma will be given with classes meeting each evening during the week at the First Christian Church. Miss Smith will speak Sunday morning, June 4, at the 11 o'clock hour on some phase of religious work.

Miss Smith is a sister of the minister of the Christian Church here and has been closely associated with him in church work along the way. She is a graduate of T. C. U. and also has a Master of Arts degree, having majored in Education with additional work in Religious Education. During the two years that Miss Smith was a teacher in the Fort Worth schools and Bro. Smith was minister to one of the Fort Worth churches she was very active in religious work teaching her first Leadership Training School of the nine Christian Churches of that city in 1926, 27. Before that time she had been a teacher in the Vocation Church schools for the children in Fort Worth and out.

From that time on she has taught many of these classes and directed several Vocation Church schools most every year. All her activity has not been confined to the Christian Church of which she is a member but she has been employed by the First Methodist Church of Albany to teach a unit in their Leadership Bible School, to direct a Vocational Bible School for the Presbyton Church of the same city and one also for the first Methodist Church of Cisco.

The public is cordially invited to attend these classes and seek credit toward a Diploma also if they like from their own Church Board. Any church affiliated with the International Council of Religious Education will grant credit taken in this local class. Reported.

GILLILAND CLUB TO HOLD LAST MEET JUNE SEVENTH

The Gilliland 4-H Club will meet at the home of the bed room demonstrator, Sybil Spivey, for an achievement program, Wednesday, June 7. All the club girls, their fathers and mothers, are urged to be present. This will be the last club meeting for the summer. Reporter.

THE WHEEL THAT DOES THE SQUEAKING GETS THE OIL.

It has been estimated that Texas will share in the Federal Aid to the extent of \$250,000,000 which should amount to about \$41 per capita according to the latest census. The 1930 Federal census gave Knox County a population in excess of 11,000 and should the money be divided evenly over the state that would mean that we would participate in the money to the extent of about \$466,000.

President Roosevelt's message to Congress in which he recommended the \$3,200,000,000 public work program said, "We must by prompt and vigorous action over ride unnecessary obstructions which have in the past delayed the starting of public works programs.

Public works are "any publicly owned instrumentalities or facilities, including highways, water supply, sewerage, flood control, buildings, etc."

There are many things which Knox County needs but none perhaps more than a modern, well lighted, solidly constructed court house. The present structure erected in 1891 has served the purpose but only by reason of necessity. The building has been condemned repeatedly and in order to keep it in usable condition it has been necessary to brace it with steel rods throughout, remove the cupola, and constantly repair it at quite an expense.

Should the citizenship pass up this opportunity the entire burden will eventually fall on them to build the needed structure. We entertain no doubts but that this proposal would meet with the hearty approval of the authorities in charge of the disbursement of the Federal monies.

AWARDED LOVING CUP

The loving cup, an annual presentation of the Sorosis Club to the student making the highest average in the Benjamin high school, was awarded this year to Jim Bob Bisbee, eighth grade student whose average was 94 1-2. This is the first year since the trophy has been presented by the club that it has been won by a boy. Jim Bob was the youngest student in the high school.

YARD CONTEST

The beautiful yard contest sponsored by the Sorosis Club and the local Chamber of Commerce has been set up a year by agreement of all contestants. This action was taken because of a feeling that it would give more time for improvements among those already entered and possibly induce others in the town to take part in the contest.

BENJAMIN 4-H CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. WARD AS HOSTESS

The Benjamin Home Demonstration Club met May 22 with Mrs. T. B. Ward as hostess and Mrs. J. C. Patterson as leader.

After the usual business hour we had round table talks on the "History of Knox County", the early days and the improvements of our town since that time.

An article on the early days in Texas written by Mrs. Harbert's mother was read. She told how they use to spin and weave all the cloth for their clothes, make shoe leather, buckskin and cloth and make hats of straw.

Refreshments were served to 30 members and visitors.

The next meeting will be June 12 with Mrs. Guy Holmes. Each member is urged to be present and visitors are always welcome. Reported.

Legislature Ends Long Session This Week

A communication from the Hon. Geo. Moffett, Representative of the 114th District of which Knox County is a part, summarizes some of the acts of the 43rd Legislature which will adjourn this week. Mr. Moffett informs us that during the present session \$12,000,000 has been cut from the state budget. He says further:

"One of the laws which has been repealed by this Legislature was that one which levied three dollars for a truck driver's license. I think this law was one of the biggest nuisances on our books. Mr. Bob Alexander of Childress and I were the authors of the bill which repealed this three dollar driver's license law, and I consider its repeal one of the best things that this Legislature has done.

However, we did not have the same good fortune in lowering the license on passenger automobiles and small trucks that we had with the repeal of the three dollar chauffeur's license. Five of us in the House of Representatives drew up a bill which reduced the automobile license by one-third and the license fees on small trucks by one-half. This was House Bill 394 and passed the House by a vote of one hundred and sixteen to one. When this bill reached the Senate they delayed action on it for more than two months, and finally on last Friday night, at a night session, they killed the bill by a vote of more than two to one. Be it said to the credit of Senator O'Neal, however, that he voted for the bill when it was before the Senate. I sincerely regret that this bill did not pass, as I think the license fees in Texas are too high, more especially on small trucks. Under the present law, it costs \$35.00 per year to register a small truck in Texas. This is undoubtedly too high. It is just as sensible to reduce fees on automobiles and small trucks as it is to reduce any other kind of taxes which the people pay, therefore, I think the Senate of Texas made a mistake in killing this bill."

INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FEDERAL FARM ACT

W. E. Jones, County Agent

A brief summary of the Federal Farm Act can be covered in 3 parts.

1. The Secretary of Agriculture may arrange with individual farmers to reduce their acreage or production by a specified amount, and to compensate them either by paying rentals or by making direct benefit payments. This would be immediate relief, with only the participating producer receiving the benefits.

2. By entering into marketing agreements with processors and others to reduce wasteful and price reducing competition, excessive handling charges, etc. the Secretary of Agriculture may bring about better prices to farmers.

3. Cotton growers who reduce their acreage at least 30 per cent can be given an option for an equivalent amount of cotton, from stocks now owned by the Federal government, more than two million bales. If cotton prices rise, the grower may have his option sold, and take the profit. In no case would the grower be liable for losses incurred in holding this cotton. This plan may be used either alone or in conjunction with rental or other benefits for lands taken out of cultivation.

For Farm mortgage loans or loans for redemption of foreclosed farms or for farms that are about to be foreclosed write Federal Land Bank, Houston, Texas. Further information can be had from the County Agent.

Home T. Melton and Bob Sams are in Lubbock this week.

H. B. Sullins Dies After Lingering Illness

Ben Sullins, well known and highly respected citizen of the vera community, died Friday afternoon following a lingering illness. Mr. Sullins had lived at Vera for the past 20 years. Although he raised a good garden and orchard each year he never sold the produce but divided with his friends and neighbors, which practice is typical of his character.

Funeral services were conducted at Vera Saturday afternoon at five o'clock with Rev. J. R. Balch of Seymour officiating. His loss is mourned by a host of friends at Vera and in neighboring towns.

TRUSCOTT COUPLE MARRIED MAY 23 IN OKLAHOMA

Mr. Seth A. Woods and Miss Madge Craig gave their many friends quite a surprise by motoring to Altus and being married Tuesday, May 23.

They were united in marriage by Rev. Wheatley, Pastor of the Christian Church of that city.

This popular young couple represent two of the oldest and most prominent families of Knox County. Most of the early settlers will remember J. S. Woods as one of the first Baptist Ministers in the County. Seth is the youngest son.

Madge is one of our city's most popular and attractive young ladies and is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Craig who were among the first settlers in the County.

Mr. Woods is at present connected with the ~~Moore~~ ~~Moore~~ ~~Moore~~

On their return from Altus they were entertained with a luncheon at the home of the brides mother, Mrs. J. R. Craig. They left immediately for California where they will spend the month of June.

Their vast host of friends wish them much happiness and will gladly welcome them home to be permanent residents of our city. Reported.

Chas. Moorhouse, local commission man, reports the following sales of cattle made by him: R. H. Farmer and Son, Olney, 1000 head steers to Kansas parties, J. L. Greer, Rock Springs, 300 head steers to Monroe Kirkland, Sonora, 200 mixed cattle to Baylor County parties, also J. H. Kindley, Graham, 100 cows and calves to Baylor County parties. He reports good rains in Southwest Texas and the sheep men jubilant over the price of wool.

MISS BROWDER RECEIVES MUSIC DEGREE FROM C. I. A.

The following news item was taken from the Denton Record Chronicle of May 16, 1933:

Miss Virginia Broder was presented in Senior piano recital by the C. I. A. Music Department Monday evening and was well received by an enthusiastic audience. Her program of four difficult numbers was opened by "Fantasy in C Minor" by Mozart, followed by "Concert Etude" Chamade, a characteristic group of four Debussy numbers was given, and the program closed with Grieg "Concerto."

In all these selections Miss Browder showed a technique revealing the many beauties of ideas and designs of the composers and displaying unusual judgement in tempering her natural effusiveness for delicate effects and more subtle meanings. She is the pupil of Miss Elizabeth Leaks.

Miss Browder is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Browder of Truscott. She receives her B. M. Degree from C. I. A. this June and will be home immediately after the presentation of the Degrees.

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TRUSCOTT
 BY VELMETA SOLOMON

Mrs. K. M. Moore and daughter Evelyn visited relatives in Oklahoma the first of the week.

Mrs. T. H. Westbrook was in the Knox City Hospital a few days last week for treatment.

J. A. Griffin of Iowa Park was here seeing after business at the Humble Station last week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Calden Boone May 23, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Barham, May 23, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Collier, May 23, a girl.

Miss Sue Stover who has been visiting relatives here returned to her home at Denton last week.

The Bible School which has been running for the past ten days closed Friday with a program Friday night also an exhibition of the many different things the boys and girls made at school.

Mrs. Jack Whitaker was hostess to the Demonstration club at her home last Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Woodward of Endee N. M. are visiting the latter's mother, Mrs. S. S. Turner. They intend to stay until after the harvest. Mr. Woodward is going to haul grain.

Mrs. W. H. Patrick and Miss Mary Howren of Clarendon have been the guest of Mrs. Lona Shawver the past week. Mr. Patrick and daughter arrived Sunday for a visit.

L. M. Jones of Dallas is visiting his grandfather, L. P. Jones this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Stewart are at home after visiting a few weeks in East Texas.

Grandma Solomon was in the Knox City Hospital Saturday for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Goode were called to the funeral of the former's mother at Dallas last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Brown and family were in Paducah Sunday.

M. and Mrs. S. E. Mills and daughter Neva were in Margaret Sunday.

Rev. C. V. Allen of Crowell filled his regular appointment here Sunday at the Christian Church.

Elise and Kenneth Brown of Paducah are visiting their grandmother and other relatives here this week.

Mmes. Pearl Lee, Ruby Minnis and G. D. Lee were in Quanah Sunday.

TRUSCOTT CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. JACK WHITAKER

The Truscott Home Demonstration club met the 25 with Mrs. Jack Whitaker with a large crowd attending. Plans were outlined to send a delegate to A. and M. Short Course, also the encampment.

The next meeting will be at the school auditorium the second Friday in June at 8 p. m. Everyone is invited to attend. Reporter.

VERA 4-H CLUB MEETS

The Vera 4-H club met with Mrs. H. McGuire May 23. Eight members and three visitors were present at the meeting. Miss Faulkner, County Demonstration Agent, attended the meeting and discussed the benefit of commercial patterns. Each club member is to make their own patterns. With the help of the new agent the club is hoping to make this year a big success. Reporter.

Misses Annie Lee and Sarah Wright and Mable Moorhouse are in Houston. Miss Sarah Wright is attending a state convention of the county tax collectors.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF TEXAS
 S. J. R. NO. 32

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Section 1-a of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

"Article VIII, Section 1-a: Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) of the assessed taxable value of all residence homesteads as now defined by law shall be exempt from all taxation for all State purposes; provided that this exemption shall not be applicable to that portion of the State ad valorem taxes levied for State purposes remitted within those counties or other political subdivisions now receiving any remission of State taxes, until the expiration of such period of remission, unless before the expiration of such period the board or governing body of any one or more of such counties or political subdivisions shall have certified to the State Comptroller that the need for such remission of taxes has ceased to exist in such county or political subdivision; then this section shall become applicable to each county or political subdivision as and when it shall become within the provisions hereof."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitu-

tional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held throughout the State on the fourth Saturday in August, 1933, at which election all voters favoring said proposed Amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words:

"For the Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas exempting Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) of the assessed taxable value of all residence homesteads from State taxes."

Those voters opposing said proposed Amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words:

"Against the Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas exempting Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) of the assessed taxable value of all residence homesteads from State taxes."

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State of Texas is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election and to have same published as required by the Constitution and Amendments thereto.

W. W. Heath, Secretary of State. (A CORRECT COPY)

TO TRADE: Clear Apartment house three stories, brick, thirty furnished apartments in Kansas City, Mo. for clear ranch.

Frank L. Johnston,
 403 N. W. 5th Ave.
 Mineral Wells, Texas.

Itinerary for the 1st week of June as given by Jewell Faulkner, County Home Demonstration Agent.

Monday—Office.
 Tuesday—Rhineland and Hood girls in morning. Hefner girls and women in afternoon.
 Wednesday—Gilliland girls and women.
 Thursday—Vera girls and women.
 Friday—Truscott girls and women.
 Saturday—Office.

CLOTHES CLOSE BUILT AT A COST OF LESS THAN \$.50

A clothes closet built to meet the requirements sent out from the Extension department, A. and M. College is the latest addition to the home of Mrs. Odessa McGuire, wardrobe demonstrator in the Vera Home Demonstration Club.

"By using scrap lumber, beaver board and still cardboard, the only cost was the paper, paint and hinges. The latches were some that I had on hand," Said Mrs. McGuire.

This closet is built to the ceiling with a drop ceiling in the upper part making it possible to use it for storage. The main part of the closet is equipped with a rod for hanging clothes, a shelf and shoe bag.

COUNTY CLUB NOTES

The demonstrations for the month of June for the women is Quality Canned foods. The first demonstra-

tion in June for the old girls club is an achievement program in which the work of the year is exhibited and the girls are hostess to their parents and anyone else who should care to attend. The first meeting for the new girls clubs will consist of a demonstration on color and design and finishes for the club dress.

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Dearborn, Mich.
 May 22, 1933

I suppose that I may claim to be the first Ford Dealer. I not only made cars, but sold them and frequently delivered them myself.

The "drive away" is not new; often I have driven cars from Detroit to towns in Ohio or Indiana or Michigan to make delivery.

There were no good roads in those days, and the people where I drove had never seen a motor car before.

My first really enthusiastic customers were Country Doctors. They were the first to realize the value of dependable transportation to a widely scattered practice.

Even today I occasionally hear from some of those first Ford users.

We had to teach local mechanics how to care for the cars. That is how Ford Service began, which is now found everywhere in the world.

We believed from the beginning that a sale does not complete our transaction with our customer — it creates upon us an obligation to see that our customer's car gives him service. Ford Dealers know their duty to the public in this respect.

I can say of Ford Dealers generally that they have been and are men of character and standing in their communities. Most of them have been with us many years, which indicates that we agree on basic business principles. The Company provides that the methods used to sell the Ford car are consistent with the self-respect of the Dealers who handle it.

The present Ford V-8 is the peak of our 30 years experience.

We have never made a better car. Its eight-cylinder engine is powerful and smooth running. The car is admittedly very good looking and has comfortable riding qualities. It is economical in operation because of advanced engine design and low car weight. It is the fastest, roomiest and most powerful car we have ever built.

Henry Ford

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF TEXAS
S. J. R. NO. 3
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Article IX of the Constitution of Texas be amended by adding thereto a section to be Section 3, which shall provide:

"Section 3. (1) Holding the belief that the highest degree of local self government which is consistent with the efficient conduct of those affairs by necessity lodged in the Nation and the State will prove most responsive to the will of the people, and result to reward their diligence and intelligence by greater economy and efficiency in their local governmental affairs, it hereby is ordained:

"(2) Any county having a population of sixty-two thousand (62,000) or more according to the then last Federal Census may adopt a County Home Rule Charter, to embrace those powers appropriate hereto, within the specific limitations hereinafter provided. It further is provided that the Legislature, by a favoring vote of two thirds of the total membership of both the Senate and the House of Representatives, may authorize any county, having a population less than that above specified, to proceed hereunder for the adoption of a Charter; however, as a condition for such authorization, it is required that notice of the intent to seek Legislative authority hereunder must be published in one or more newspapers, to give general circulation in the county affected, not less than once per week for four (4) consecutive weeks, and the first of such publications shall appear not less than thirty (30) days next prior to the time an Act making proposal hereunder may be introduced in the Legislature. No County Home Rule Charter may be adopted by any county save upon a favoring vote of the resident qualified electors of the affected county. In elections submitting to the voters a proposal to adopt a Charter (unless otherwise provided by a two-thirds vote of the total membership of each House of the Legislature) the votes cast by the qualified electors residing within the limits of all the incorporated cities and towns of the county shall be separately kept but collectively counted and the votes of the qualified electors of the county who do not reside within the limits of any incorporated city or town likewise shall be separately kept and separately counted, and unless there be a favoring majority of the votes cast within and a favoring majority of the votes cast without such collective cities and towns, the Charter shall not be adopted. It is expressly forbidden that any such Charter may inconstantly affect the operation of the General Laws of the State relating to the judicial, tax, fiscal, education, police, highway and health systems, or any other department of the State's superior government. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to authorize the adoption of a Charter provision inimical to or inconsistent with the sovereignty and established public policies of this State, and no provision having such vice shall have validity as against the State. No Charter provision may operate to impair the exemption of homesteads as established by this Constitution and the Statutes relating thereto.

"(3) a. A Charter hereunder may provide: the continuance of a County Commissioners' Court, as now constituted, to serve as the governing body of a county to operate hereunder; or may provide for a governing body otherwise constituted, which shall be elective, and service therein shall be upon such qualifications, for such terms, under such plan of representation, and upon such conditions of tenure and compensation as may be fixed by and such Charter. The terms for service in such governing body may exceed two (2) years, but shall not exceed six (6) years. In any event, in addition to the powers and duties provided by any such Charter, such governing body shall exercise all powers, and discharge all duties which, in the absence of the provisions hereof, would devolve by law on County Commissioners and County Commissioners' Courts. Further, any such Charter may provide for the organization, reorganization, establishment and administration of the government of the county, including the control and regulation of performance of and the compensation for all duties required in the conduct of the county affairs, subject to the limitations herein provided.

"b. A Charter hereunder may provide that Judges of County Courts (including that County Court designated in this Constitution), and Justices of the Peace be compensated upon a salary basis in lieu of fees. The jurisdiction of the County Court designated in this Constitution, and the duties of the Judges thereof, may be confined to that general jurisdiction of a probate Court which elsewhere is defined in this Constitution. The office of Justice of the Peace may be either elective or appointive. Other than as herein provided, no such Charter shall provide for the altering the Jurisdiction or procedure of any Court. The duties of District Attorney or County Attorney may be confined to representing the State

in civil cases to which the State is a party and to enforcement of the State's Penal Code, and the compensation of said attorneys may be fixed on a salary basis in lieu of fees.

"c. Save as hereinabove and hereinafter otherwise provided, such Charters, within the limits expressed therein, may invest the governing body to be established for county electing to operate hereunder with the power to create, consolidate or abolish any office or department, whether created by other provisions of the Constitutions or by statute, define the duties thereof, fix the compensation for service therein, make the same elective or appointive and prescribe the time, qualifications and conditions for tenure in any such office; save, that no such Charter other than as hereinbefore authorized, shall provide to regulate the status, service, duties or compensation of members of the Legislature, Judges of the Courts, District Attorneys, County Attorneys, or any office whatever by the law of the State required to be filled by an election embracing more than one county. Excepting herefrom nominations, elections or appointments to offices, the terms whereof may not have expired prior to the adoption of this amendment to the Constitution, at such time as a Charter provision adopted hereunder may be in effect (save as to those offices which must continue to be elective, as herein elsewhere specified), all terms of county officers and all contracts for the giving of service by deputies under such officers, may be subject to termination by the administrative body of the county, under an adopted Charter so providing, and there shall be no liability by reason thereof.

"d. Any county electing to operate hereunder shall have the power, by Charter provision, to levy, assess and collect taxes, and to fix the maximum rate for ad valorem taxes to be levied for specific purposes, in accordance with the Constitution and laws of this State, provided, however, that the limit of the aggregate taxes which may be levied, assessed and collected hereunder shall not exceed the limit or total fixed, or hereafter to be fixed, by this Constitution to control counties, and the annual assessment upon property, both real, personal and mixed, shall be a first superior and prior lien thereon.

"e. In addition to the powers herein provided and in addition to powers included in County Home Rule Charters, any county may, by a majority vote of the qualified electors of said county, amend its Charter to include other powers, functions, duties and rights which now or hereafter may be provided by this Constitution and the statutes of the State for counties.

"(4) Any county operating hereunder shall have the power to borrow money for all purposes lawful under its Charter, to include the refunding of a lawful debt, in a manner conforming to the General Laws of the State, and may issue therefor its obligations. Such obligations, other than those to refund a lawful debt, shall not be valid unless authorized by a majority of all votes cast by those resident qualified voters of the area affected by the taxes required to retire such obligations, who may vote thereon. In cases of county obligations, maturing after a period of five (5) years, the same shall be issued to mature serially, fixing the first maturity of principal at a time not to exceed two (2) years next after the date of the issuance of such obligations. Such obligations may pledge the full faith and credit of the county; but in no event shall the aggregate obligations so issued, in principal amount outstanding at any one time, exceed the then existing Constitutional limits for such obligations and such indebtedness and its supporting tax shall constitute a first and superior lien upon the property taxable in such county. No obligation issued hereunder shall be valid unless prior to the time of the issuance thereof there be levied a tax sufficient to retire the same as it matures, which tax shall not exceed the then existing Constitutional limits.

"(5) Such Charter may authorize the governing body of a county operating hereunder to prescribe the schedule of fees to be charged by the officers of the county for specified service, to be in lieu of the schedule for such fees prescribed by the general Laws of the State; and, to appropriate such fees to such funds as the Charter may prescribe; provided, however no fee for a specified service shall exceed in amount the fee fixed by General Law for the same service. Such Charters as to all judicial officers, other than District Judges, may prescribe the qualifications for services, provided the standards therefor be not lower than those fixed by the General Laws of the State.

"(6) a. Subject to the express limitations upon the exercise of the powers by this subdivision to be authorized, such Charters may provide (or omit to provide) that the governmental or proprietary functions of any city, town, district or other defined political subdivision (which is a governmental agency and embraced within the boundaries of the county) be transferred, either as to some or all of the functions thereof, and yielded to the control of the administrative body of the county. No such transfer or yielding of func-

tions may be effected, unless the proposal is submitted to a vote of the people, and, unless otherwise provided by a two thirds vote of the total membership of each House of the Legislature, such a proposal shall be submitted as a separate issue, and the vote within and without any such city, town, district, or other defined governmental entity, shall be separately cast and counted, and unless two thirds of the qualified voters cast within the yielding defined governmental entity, and a majority of the qualified voters cast in the remainder of the county, favor the proposed merger, it shall not be effected. In case of the mergers hereby authorized, without express Charter provision therefor, in so far as may be required to make effective the object of the proposed merger, the county shall succeed to all the appropriate lawful powers, duties, rights, procedures, restrictions and limitations which prior to the merger were reposed in, or imposed upon, the yielding governmental agency. Particularly, it is provided that the power to create funded indebtedness and to levy taxes in support thereof may be exercised only by such procedures, and within such limits, as now are, or hereafter may be, provided by law to control such appropriate other governmental agencies were they to be independently administered. Such mergers may be effected under proposed contracts between the county and any such yielding governmental agency, to be approved at an election as hereinbefore provided for. In order to increase governmental efficiency and effect economy the county may contract with the principal city of the county to perform one or more of its functions, provided such contracts shall not be valid for more than two (2) years.

"b. In case of the partial or complete merger of the government of a city operating under a Home Rule Charter, with the government of a county operating hereunder, those city Charter provisions affected thereby shall cease to control, and the county Charter provisions shall control.

"c. When any embraced incorporated city or town elects to merge its governmental functions with those of the county under the provisions hereof, such Charter may provide for defining or redefining the boundaries of such cities and towns, provided, however, that in defining or redefining the boundaries of such cities and towns, such boundaries may be extended only to include those areas contiguous to such cities as are urban in character; and as to such cities or towns and for the benefit tax herein authorized and any other lawful district tax, may levy and collect taxes upon the property taxable within such city or town as defined or redefined, within the limits authorized by Sections 4 and 5 of Article XI of this Constitution, (or any Amendment thereof) for incorporated cities according to the population, provided that no tax greater than that existing at the time of such merger or for any added purpose shall be imposed upon any such city or town unless authorized by a majority of all votes cast by the resident qualified voters of such city or town.

"d. Areas urban in character though not incorporated, under appropriate Charter provision may be defined as such by the governing body of the county, provided, however, that no portion of the county shall be defined as an urban area unless it has sufficient population to entitle it to incorporate under the then existing laws of the State; and no such urban area, when created, shall be vested with any taxing or bonding power which it would not possess if it were operating as a separate incorporated unit under the then existing Constitutional and Statutory provisions of this State; and provided further that the governing body of the county for the government of such areas shall have and exercise all powers and authority granted by law to the governing bodies of similar areas when separately incorporated as a city or town, and such areas shall be subject to additional taxation within the same Constitutional limits as control taxation for a city or a town of like population. Likewise such Charter may provide for the governing board of the county subject to existing Constitutional and statutory provisions to define, create and administer districts, and have and exercise the powers and authority granted by the Constitution and laws relative to the same.

"(7). No provision of this Constitution inconstituent with the provisions of this Section 3, or Article IX, shall be held to control the provisions of a Charter adopted hereunder, and conforming herewith. Charters adopted hereunder shall make appropriate provision for the abandonment, revocation, and amendment thereof, subject only to the requirements that there must be a favoring majority of the vote cast upon such a proposal by the qualified resident electors of the county; and, no Charter may forbid amendments thereof for a time greater than two (2) years. The provisions hereof shall be self-executing subject only to the duty of the Legislature to pass all laws (consistent herewith) which may be necessary to carry out the intent and purposes hereof. Further, the Legislature shall prescribe a procedure for submitting

to decision, by a majority vote of the electors voting thereon, proposed alternate and elective Charter provisions."

Section 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the State on the fourth Saturday in August, 1933, at which election all ballots shall have printed thereon the following:

"For the Amendment to Article IX of the Constitution of Texas, adding Section 3, providing authority for the adoption of a Home Rule Charter by the voters in counties having a population of sixty-two thousand (62,000) or more, to effect more sufficient and economical government within such counties, and to authorize mergers of separate governmental agencies within such counties as may from time to time be authorized by vote of the people thereon."

"Against the Amendment to Article IX of the Constitution of Texas, adding Section 3, providing authority for the adoption of a Home Rule Charter by the voters in counties having a population of sixty-two thousand (62,000) or more, to effect more efficient and economical government within such counties, and to authorize mergers of separate governmental agencies within such counties as may from time to time be authorized by vote of the people thereon."

Each voter shall scratch out one of the above listed clauses on such ballot, leaving unscratched that particular clause which expresses his vote on the proposed Amendment to which it relates.

Section 3. The Governor of this State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation ordering an election in conformity herewith to determine whether or not the proposed Constitutional Amendment set forth herein shall be adopted, and the Governor shall have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State.

W. W. Heath, Secretary of State.
(A CORRECT COPY)

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF TEXAS
H. J. R. NO. 43

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Subsection (a), of Section 20, of Article XVI, of the Constitution of Texas, be amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

"(a): The manufacture, sale, barter or exchange in the State of Texas of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors or medicated bitters capable of producing intoxication, or any other intoxicant whatever except vinous or malt liquors of not more than three and two tenths per cent (3.2 per cent) alcoholic content by weight, (except for medicinal, mechanical, scientific or sacramental purposes) are each and all hereby prohibited. The Legislature shall enact laws to enforce this Section, and may from time to time prescribe regulations and limitations relative to the manufacture, sale, barter, exchange or possession for sale of vinous or malt liquors of not more than three and two tenths per cent (3.2 per cent) alcoholic content by weight; provided the Legislature shall enact a law or laws whereby the qualified voters of any county, justice's precinct, town or city may, by a majority vote of those voting, determine from time to time whether the sale for beverage purpose of vinous or malt liquors containing not more than three and two tenths per cent (3.2 per cent) alcohol by weight shall be prohibited within the prescribed limits; and provided further that in all counties in the State of Texas and in all political subdivisions thereof, wherein the sale of intoxicating liquors had been prohibited by local option elections held under the laws of the State of Texas and in force at the time of the taking effect of Section 20, Article 16, of the Constitution of Texas, it shall continue to be unlawful to manufacture, sell, barter or exchange in any such county or in any such political subdivision thereof, any spirituous, vinous or malt liquors or medicated bitters, capable of producing intoxication whatsoever, unless and until a majority of the qualified voters in said county or political subdivision thereof voting in an election held for such purpose shall determine it to be lawful to manufacture, sell, barter and exchange in said county or political subdivision thereof vinous or malt liquors containing not more than three and two tenths per cent (3.2 per cent) alcoholic content by weight, and the provision of this subsection shall be self-enacting."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Amendment to the Constitution shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held throughout the State on the fourth Saturday in August, 1933. At this election all voters favoring the proposed Amendment shall write or have printed on their ballot the following words: "For the Amendment to the Constitution of Texas, authorizing the sale of vinous or malt liquors of not more than three and two-tenths per cent (3.2 per cent) alcoholic content by weight." Those voters opposing said proposed Amendment shall write or have printed on their ballot the following words: "Against the Amendment to the Constitution of

Texas, authorizing the sale of vinous or malt liquors of not more than three and two-tenths per cent (3.2 per cent) alcoholic content by weight."

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State of Texas is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for such election and to have same published as required by the Constitution and Amendments thereto.

W. W. Heath, Secretary of State.
(A CORRECT COPY)

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF TEXAS
S. J. R. NO. 30.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto another section, Section 51a, which shall read as follows:

"Section 51a. The Legislature shall have power to authorize by law the issuance and sale of the bonds of the State of Texas, not to exceed the sum of Twenty Million (\$20,000,000) Dollars, bearing interest at a rate not to exceed Four and one-half (4 1-2 per cent) per centum per annum; and payable serially or otherwise not more than Ten (10) years from their date, and said bonds shall be sold for not less than par and accrued interest and no form of commission shall be allowed in any transaction involving said bonds. The proceeds of the sale of such bonds to be used in furnishing relief and work relief to needy and distressed people and in relieving the hardships resulting from unemployment, but to be fairly distributed over the state and upon such terms and conditions as may be provided by law and the Legislature shall make such appropriations as are necessary to pay the interest and principal of such bonds as the same becomes due. The power hereby granted to the Legislature to issue bonds hereunder is expressly limited to the amount stated and to two years from and after the adoption of this grant of power by the people. Provided that the Legislature shall provide for the payment of the interest and redemption of any bonds issued under the terms hereof from some source other than a tax on real property and the indebtedness as evidenced by such bonds shall never become a charge against or lien upon any property, real or personal, within this State.

Section 2. The foregoing Constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the State on the Twenty sixth day of August, A. D. 1933, at which election all voters favoring such proposed amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words, "For the amendment to the Constitution providing that the Legislature may authorize the issuance of bonds of the State of Texas, not to exceed Twenty Million (\$20,000,000) Dollars, for relieving the hardships of unemployment and for the necessary appropriations to pay said bonds"; Those voters opposing said amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words, "Against the amendment to the Constitution providing that the Legislature may authorize the issuance of bonds of the State of Texas, not to exceed Twenty Million (\$20,000,000) Dollars, for relieving the hardships of unemployment and for the necessary appropriations to pay said bonds."

Section 3. The Governor of the State of Texas is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election and to have same published as required by the Constitution for amendments thereto.
W. W. Heath, Secretary of State.
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SIDELIGHTS

BY MARVIN JONES

Member of Congress from Texas
One of the most important phases of work in Congressional committees during recent years is the investigation now being conducted before the Senate Banking and Currency Committee.

Already a number of facts have been brought to light concerning the international banking establishment of J. P. Morgan and Co., which has come to be looked upon by the American people in an almost legendary light because of its great power in the financial world.

The outcome of this investigation, which will embrace not only the Morgan interests but other big banking institutions as well, will no doubt result in beneficial legislation which will enable the federal government to strengthen its control over the money and credit of the nation. It may also lead to further banking reform and to strengthening of other laws as well. Work along this line has already been started.

An example of the inadequacy of present statutes can be found in the testimony that J. P. Morgan gave to the Senate investigating committee, in which he said that he paid no income taxes during 1931 and 1932, and very little in 1930. However, he did pay income taxes in England.

The American people may well be astonished by such a revelation. The fact that America's symbol of monied power paid no income tax is startling. Mr. Morgan explained this fact by saying that he had no partake of the losses of his company as well as the profits.

In this country capital losses are not taxable, while in Great Britain they cannot be deducted in making individual returns.

Another interesting revelation which has been made is the extensive control which the company has through its twenty partners. These partners hold eighteen directorships in banks and trust companies and 167 directorships in corporations.

These points are only a few examples of the many things which the Senate committee is learning, and as the hearings progress, more interesting developments are likely to result.

It is the intention of the investigators to bring into the open the practices of these private interests which have held such a grip on our economic structure.

If present laws have been violated punishment should follow immediately. If the laws have been evaded by various methods, then they must be tightened and revised to insure justice to every American citizen.

No matter what the final outcome of the investigation may be, already the little individual has come to realize how insignificant he is in the midst of this enormous centralization of holdings and control.

he balance must be restored, and the irregularities must be corrected.

SUNDAY DINNER SUGGESTIONS

BY ANN PAGE

Memorial or Decoration day as many of us still call it, begins outdoor season. Fresh air encourages an appetite to raid the picnic hamper.

Picnic meals need not be sandwich meals when the markets offer all sorts of interesting fresh and prepared foods at prices to suit even lean pocketbooks.

Potato salad and deviled eggs or cheese offer good cold fare, while frankfurters or bacon and spaghetti in tomato sauce cooked over an open fire are warming. Peanut butter and a box of crackers will help to fill up the youngsters.

Among particularly good buys for this week-end's marketing are new potatoes, spinach and oranges.

The Quaker Maid Kitchen has planned three interesting menus which make use of foods which are plentiful and in season.

- Low Cost Dinner**
Pork or Veal Chops with Gravy
Boiled Rice
Sauteed Bananas
Sliced Cucumbers
Bread and Butter
Snow Pudding Custard Sauce
Tea or Coffee Milk
- Medium Cost Dinner**
Baked Half Ham
Baked New Potatoes
Buttered String Beans
Prepared Mustard Dill Pickles
Bread and Butter
Fresh Pineapple Cookies
Tea or Coffee Milk
- Very Special Dinner**
Cantaloupe
Roast Leg of Lamb
New Parsley Potatoes
Mint Jelly Buttered Lima Beans
Rolls and Butter
Lettuce and Cucumber Salad
French Dressing
Pineapple Shortcake
Tea or Coffee Milk

Bree Campbell was a visitor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Atterbury Sunday.

D. J. Brokreson was a visitor in Galveston this week.

Mrs. M. Alexander returned from Abilene Sunday where she has been for the past several months.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Duval of Abilene were visiting in Benjamin Sunday.

J. L. Galloway returned Thursday from Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Veale were visiting in Graham Sunday and Monday.

L. M. Williams left Wednesday for Austin.

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June 2-3**

LETTUCE, Iceberg, Large Crisp Heads, 3 FOR	.10
STRAWBERRIES, Fancy Arkansas, Full Quarts, 2 FOR	.25
ORANGES, SWEETEST YET, DOZEN	.24
APPLES, FANCY WINESAP, DOZ.	.15
GRAPEFRUIT, TEXAS SWEET, 3 FOR	.10
BANANAS, GOLDEN FRUIT, LB.	.05
PEAS, EARLY JUNE, NO. 2 CAN	.09
TOMATO JUICE, Red and White, CAN	.05
PEACHES, EVAPORATED CHOICE, 2 LBS.	.19
MAYONNAISE, PINT Red and White, EACH	.29
PINEAPPLE, CRUSHED IN JUICE, GAL.	.39
RAISINS, Thompson's Seedless, 2 LBS.	.15
MARSHMALLOWS, Red and White, LB.	.18
GRAPE JUICE, PINTS, Red and White,	.19
CORN FLAKES, Red and White PKG.	.10
BEANS, GREAT NORTHERN, 5 LBS.	.27
LUNCH MEATS, PICNIC SPECIAL, LB.	.15
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ORANGES, PER DOZEN,	.15
APPLES, PER DOZEN	.15
BANANAS, PER POUND	.05
RAISINS, 2 POUND PACKAGE	.15
MARSHMALLOWS, ANGELUS, 1-2 LB. PKG.	.10
GRAPEJUICE, PER PINT	.15
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VANILLA, 3 OZ. BOTTLE,	.15
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Friday, Saturday Matinee

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Also a Crazy Cat Cartoon and and Clancy of th Mounted No. 8

Saturday Night

Kay Francis and Geo. Brent in An Alice Duer Miller story

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with comic, Allen Jenkins and witty, Glenda Farrell also an Oswald Cartoo nand Clancy of the Mounted No.8.

Monday-Tuesday

Mischief and melody with delicious humor and a beautiful romance in

"BED TIME STORY"

with Maurice Chevalier, 'His Babies' and Helen Twelvetrees also Phil Baker in 'Poor Little Rick Boy'

Wednesday-Thursday

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