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## SPLINTERS

Why no splinters the past two weeks? The editor was out of town and the associate editor didn't have any time to aste foolishly. Reports also, that he didn't have many kicks at this department being neglected. Oh well, one subscriber once said that he liked this column but that was so long ago that we've forgotten his name.

Been loafing around the capitol. Saw the 43rd Legislature get started. People have been wondering for a long time what they were good for so this year tried to turn 'em into an employment bureau. Didn't work, though. Why most of those fellows had just gotten themselves a new job and were still wondering how they did it.

Went to the Inaugural Ball. Judging from the attendance it was a huge success, crowd estimated at about 25,000. Part of it was at the Gregory Gym at the University and the overflow at the Austin and the Driskell. Not nearly so many hard-boiled shirt fronts as two years ago and Governor Miriam A. Ferguson led off a square dance.

Visited many different departments of the state government and was surprised at the bad manners of some of the secretaries and clerks drawing public pay. Many are of the type that are willing to lick the boots of the rich and influential but expect the common fellow to lick theirs. The state, being composed mainly of common fellows will resent such atti-

Merely a coincidence but all of the editors of the county papers happened in Benjamin Monday on business of differet sorts and paid this office a fraternal call. Editor Jess Kennedy of the Munday Times and Editor E. L. Covey of the Goree Advocate paired and Editor Sam Smith of the Knox County Herald at Knox City and former Editor H. B. Sweeny of the same place were together. Editor Kreiger of Hansford County passing through stopped in for a minute making the observation that it looked very much like a press association meeting and added some new ideas to the discussion as to the best way of dodging bill collectors, stalling off foreclosures and making pinto beans more palatable.

Many of you familiar with newspaper phraseology have heard of the bull dog edition of a paper. Well, this edition is similar to the bull dog in that it is bob tailed insofar as some of the subscribers are concerned we regret. They failed to pay up on account of the depression, no doubt, and for the same reason many familiar names are absent from the mailing list this week. We do not regret having mailed papers to delinquent subscribers for months after the expiration date and were we financially able would probably continue the practice. But after having devoted a great deal of space, some thought, and considerable argumentation to the matter of "newswills" thru this column as well as many liberal propositions and receiving an answer of neither yea nor nae to say nothing of the dollar and a half, we are forced to conclude that the procedure was much like pouring water on a duck's back. If we had only got some good news that would have been something. We could have passed them on to our creditors. But to be completely red. Alas, alas.

## Reuben Ellerd Victim Car Accident on L. A. Streets Was Buried at El Paso January 18

Mrs. W. F. Snody and son, Lyndol returned Wednesday from El Paso where they had been to attend the funeral of Mrs. Snody's brother, Reuben M. Ellerd, 60, who was injured in an automobile accident on 5th Street, Los Angeles, California, January 9 at 7 P. M.

Mr. Ellerd was struck by a car and drug about 35 feet before the driver was able to stop, according to reports. He was carried to a hospital nearby where a check revealed a broken arm and five fractured ribs, two of which had punctured his lungs. Apparently on the road to recovery, nine days after the accident Mr. Ellerd was packed and ready to take the train for Hot Springs, N. M. when he died suddenly. His son, Truman Ellerd, was with him at the time of his death. He was buried in El Paso January 19. Mr. Ellerd is survived by three sisters, Mrs. W. F. Snody, Benjamin; Mrs. O. L. Howell, Abilene; Mrs. V. E. Messenger, Glendale, Arizona, one daughter, Mrs. Billie Bacon of Breckenridge and a son, Truman Ellerd of Hot Springs, New Mexico. Mr. Ellerd was a prominent member of the legal fraternity in the early days of West Texas, being one of the first county attorneys in Knox County and one of the first district attorneys in the old fiftieth judicial district. He later made the race for Congress in 1916. He has been interested in the mining and ranching business in the Western States in late years.

## INTERSCHOLASTIC RULES IN DECLAMATION CHANGED

A copy of the 1932 Supplement to the Constitution and Rules of the University Interscholastic League has been received by Miss Katherine Rike, recently elected Director of Declamation in this county.

"There are two important changes in the rules this year affecting the declamation contest," said Miss Rike. "First, there is a new division provided for in the county meets accommodating only high school juniors, that is, pupils under fifteen years of age who have been promoted to the eighth grade or higher. This supplants the old rule which allowed such juniors to compete in the senior division.

"Second, the re-classification of schools will cause some schools which last year participated in the rural division to be transferred to the high school division.

"In most other respects, the declamation rules are the same as those of last year. The junior divisions use standard poetry for declaiming, and the senior divisions are confined to prose selections.

"This contest is designed to train boys and girls in the art of sincere and effective public speaking and at the same time contribute to their mental enrichment by requiring them to memorize prose and poetry by the great literary masters. It is hoped that there will be a large number of entries in this contest at our county meet."

Mrs. P. L. Armour and Miss Catherine Jones were in Abilene last week end visiting relatives.

J. J. Driver left Monday for Dallas on a business trip.

Wallace Moorhouse was taken to the Knox County Hospital Thursday. He has a bad case of the sore throat.

## Work Of Paving Remaining 11.5 Miles Of Highway 24 In Knox Begun After Five Years

Work on the State Project 923A, 11.5 miles of paving on Highway 24 from Benjamin to the King County line is getting underway rapidly. The road is closed to traffic and motorists are detouring on the old road which is in fair shape. Water from Lake Benjamin is piped to the highway for ponding and jetting and one half mile is done graded for the 5 1-2 inch sand sub grade treatment. A three quarter yard drag line has been put in operation at the breaks north of Benjamin and hauling is expected to start Saturday. Dams have been built across creeks along the highway to secure additional water supply. It is reported that the concrete work will start by February 15 or earlier. Local labor will be used as far as possible through cooperation of county officials and the contractor, L. E.

Whitham of Childress. State Engineers are B. K. Garrett, resident engineer of Crowell and H. T. Cunningham, assistant resident engineer of Benjami.

## W. T. C. OF C. MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IS STARTED

The West Texas Chamber of Commerce membership drive is underway Membership dues which were formerly accepted at \$10.00 are now accepted at \$5.00 in keeping with the times. The program of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce has as its sole purpose the building of West Texas. It has handled the disbursement of the Federal Relief Funds in a very creditable manner through local directors.

## Sheriff Prevents Jail Break Here Tuesday

Prisoners were frustrated in a jail break Tuesday by Sheriff C. R. Elliott who discovered the attempt before it was put into execution. When the discovery was made one of the hinges of a steel door had been sawed through and the bottom of the door bent up. Five prisoners were in the jail at the time. It is thought that Morgan Peacock, held here on a charge of car theft, engineered the attempt as he has the reputation of being hard to hold having broke jail here in 1928. He was once arrested in Shamrock for Knox County officers but escaped before local officers arrived to claim him. Sheriff Elliott received him from Santa Fe, New Mexico officials last week and placed him in the jail here Wednesday of last week.

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE YARD CONTEST

The following have entered the yard improvement contest since the last list was published, Mrs. W. E. Moorhouse, Mrs. Oran Driver, Mrs. S. G. West, and Mrs. Clyde Stark, whose name was omitted through mistake from the previous list. The contest will do everything possible to help in the work and ask the cooperation of all to improve the appearance of the town and surrounding community.

One of the best ways is to divide our surplus plants. All are urged to do the following: When digging up and re-planting if you have any plants or shrubs to spare, call one of the four chairmen, Mrs. J. W. Melton, Mrs. Art Nelson, Mrs. Fred Jackson, or Mrs. O. D. Propps and they will distribute them to the right ones who are ready to use them.

All entering are urged to get the picture of their grounds made at the earliest possible date, and get their borders in for it is time now that every one is getting to dig and reset, so lets be getting all work together.

Mrs. I. T. White,  
Chairman Contest Committee.

The regular meeting of the Sorosis Club was held at the club room in the Masonic Building Thursday with Mrs. J. J. Driver as leader. The subject for discussion was "Races of the Southwest."

The program was as follows:  
Development of the Negro, Mrs. Max Gardner.

Life on an Indian Reservation, Mrs. J. W. Melton.

Negro Literature and Music, Mrs. T. F. Glover.

Indian Music and Religion, Mrs. J. J. Driver.

The story of Jean-Ah Paguein by George W. Cable, Mrs. Chas Moorhouse.

## HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS AND TRUCK LAWS REDUCE SCHOOL FUND MATERIALLY

At least two laws passed by the 42nd Legislature contributed to the present deficit in the available school fund, which will total five million dollars by August 1, according to estimates of the State Board of Education in its report to the governor Saturday.

Nearly four million dollars was lost through homestead exemptions brought about by the constitutional amendment adopted by the last Legislature. Half a million dollars was taken away through reduced consumption of gasoline and corresponding decline in tax receipts, due primarily to the enforced retirement of some 30,000 trucks as a result of extremely unfavorable truck laws passed in 1931.

## THE BENJAMIN P. T. A. PRESENTS

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Bob Davis—His Roommate and Shiek of the College, P. L. Armour  
Wilhelmenia—Bob's Sister who impersonates the Spanish Dancer, "Rita May" Frances at Moorhouse  
Dave Davis—Bob's Brother who impersonates the same Spanish Dancer Wnas been section  
Professor Bang—Eccentric Middle Aged College Professor who chases the "skirts" Paul Padgett  
Mrs. Bumboard—Matron of the College who chases the Professor Mrs. Frank Moorhouses  
Helen Bainbridge—A Guest at the College, Emma Jane Alexander  
Avonelle—Mrs. Bumboard's Daughter, Mrs. P. L. Armour  
Chink—A Chinese Servant, Robert Martin  
Policeman—Hard Boiled Officer of the Law, Jay Marlow.

#### COLLEGE BOYS AND GIRLS

Grace Bisbee LeRoy Bisbee  
Joy Sams Darr Jackson  
Lucille Snoddy Leon Bivins  
Helen Bisbee

#### CHORUS GIRLS

Marjorie Sams Iva Dell McCanlies  
La Verne McCanlies Fanie Doak Laird  
Valerie Atterbury Glenda Grace Qualls  
Nelda Holmes Leona Patterson  
Ila Jackson Julia Propps  
Ruth Jo Marlow

#### BOOKS CHORUS

John H. Atterbury Robert Thomson  
Jimmie Salter Valery Hamilton  
Temple Driver Walter Buck Meinzer  
Ruby Lee Stark Wanda Nunley  
Perry J. Stark Wallace Crenshaw  
Vivian Crenshaw Dean Hamilton  
Billie Ben Benson Jimmie Faye Henson  
Nadene Parker Bill Brookreson  
Bonnie Parker Clyde Edward Williams  
Joe Ed Glover Elizabeth Jones  
Wilma Faye McGlothlin Lee Bivins  
Ruby Adell Salter Helen Reeves  
Maurine Bivins Edward Lee Kirk  
Adrain West Edith Starks  
Betty Jo Crenshaw Jimmie Moorhouse  
David West Marybell Goodrich  
Elda Purl Laird Mary Bell Chambers



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*Editorial*

AN ELECTIVE HIGHWAY COMMISSION

An elective highway commission of five members to replace the existing three-member appointive board introduced in the house of representatives Wednesday is a reform in state government which we have advocated every since we have been advocating. A glance at any road map of the state will tell you why. All roads leading into Abilene, the home of Chairman Ely, have received premier consideration. We make this statement from observations of local conditions. In 1928 the Benjamin road district voted bonds, sold them and has had the money available every since that time for the hard-surfacing of Highway 24 across Knox County, an important link in the shortest and most practical route to the Plains from Fort Worth and Dallas. Work on the remaining 11.5 miles of this project was started at the late hour of January of this year. True this is a by-pass around Abilene and there is a longer route that goes through that place which eventually takes one from Dallas to Lubbock. We have no kick at that but the chances are 100 to 1 that had we an elective commissioner from this district, responsible to the people that elected him, our road would have been completed in 1929 at the latest. On the other hand, there is a road district in the east part of the county through which passes Highway 30, a rather indirect route from Wichita Falls to Abilene. The above mentioned precinct voted bonds several months later than the Benjamin precinct and their paving was completed the same year. Not knocking that road, it was needed, but it is used as an illustration. Incidentally there are several other all paved routes from Wichita Falls to Abilene.

Daily papers report that the bill "was accepted as a gesture by Governor Miriam A. Ferguson to obtain control of the highway commission construction department." The bill was one of the planks on which Mrs. Ferguson was elected. It cannot be dismissed by the 43rd Legislature as a gesture or with a gesture. With the advent of Dan Moody as chief executive of this state there was inaugurated the policy of creating a great number of boards and commissions, appointed by the governor, the terms of office being of six years duration, one member being appointed every two years and leaving the power in the hands of the old members. This was continued during the tenure of the late Ross Sterling. The result was taking the office out of politics. In the light of recent developments we are led to believe that the policy was intended as a means of perpetuating forever in office that faction with whom it originated. How it was taken out of politics was shown by the action of the present Highway Commission during the primary election and especially during the second primary. Of exceeding dumbness is the member of the 43rd Legislature who does not know most of the details of this practice and he who puts his stamp of approval on such mal practices should never have been sent to Austin to represent the people.

When the immortal Jim Hogg advocated the creation of an elective railroad commission he met with the same opposition which the creation of an elective highway commission will meet.

True to form we find one of the dailies that fought Jim Hogg tooth and toe nail coming out editorially with the statement that "the outlined proposal features of the bill mark it as bad legislation. Making the entire commission elective from defined districts at the end of two years as now is an unjustified extension of the present long ballot. It could only result in discouraging the competent from seeking to serve." However they accidentally strike the truth when they say, "the Highway Commission is an administrative, not a policy forming body. Its function should be separate from the Governor's office and free of control by the executive." To this we agree and the only way in which this is possible is to make the offices elective.

Opponents to the long ballot, are in our opinion, presuming on the intelligence of the people. They assume, without justification, that the average citizen hasn't enough sense to vote for the most capable man. By making the office a district one, it is highly probable that the average citizen would know any man of prominence either by sight or reputation who offered for it.

In view of the fact that the proposed commission would receive \$4,500 each annually instead of the present \$2,500, it should encourage more competent men to offer for the place. Past history of this department leads us to believe that members have been more adept at handling their salary of \$2,500 than they have in the handling the state's millions.

One of the rights which we are given under a democratic form of government is the right to express our individual preference as to who shall serve us in our government. A branch of our state government which spends hundreds of millions of dollars of our tax money, responsible to no one not even the governor that appointed it, is on the face of it, absurd. Most assuredly, we have the right to a voice as to who will serve us in this capacity.

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 J. W. Melton,  
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DELICIOUS APPLES, LARGE SIZE, DOZEN	.30
LETTUCE, EXTRA LARGE FIRM HEADS, EACH	.06
ORANGES, California Red Ball, Extra Large, DOZEN	.30
BANANES, YELLOW FRUIT, LB.	.05
LEMONS, 360 SIZE, DOZEN	.25
SPUDS, NO. 1 WHITES, 10 LBS	.17
PEANUT BUTTER, QUARTS,	.23
GALLON FRUITS, Peaches, Apricots, Fresh Prunes GALLON	.39
RICE, CHOICE, 4 POUNDS	.19
SPINACH, NO. 2 CAN, 2 FOR	.25
DRY SALT BACON, POUND	.07 1-2
FLOUR, EL TORO, 48 LBS.	.69
ALMONDS, WALNUTS, BRAZIL NUTS AND LARGE PAPER SHELL PECANS, PER LB.	.19
FRESH OYSTERS, PER DOZ.	.15
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KOTEX	.29
BAYERS ASPIRINS	.19
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MEN'S OVERALLS	.79
BOYS OVERALLS	.59

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Mr. Ross Bates and son of Heifner were in Benjamin the first of the week on business.

Frank Brown of Truscott was a Benjamin visitor Monday.

Parks Wright made a business to Wichita Falls Tuesday.

## CHICKS! CHICKS! CHICKS!

THIS IS THE GREATEST OPPORTUNITY IN YEARS TO GET THAT FLOCK OF PULLETS CHEAP. PREPARE NOW FOR THOSE EXTRA \$ \$ \$ NEXT FALL AND WINTER. A SMALL AMOUNT SPENT NOW FOR CUSTOM HATCHING ON BABY CHICKS IS THE SAFEST INVESTMENT THAT CAN BE MADE ON THE FARM.

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SALMON, RACELAND, PER CAN	.10
TOMATOES, NO. 1, PER CAN	.05
MOTHER'S COCOA, 2 LB. BOX	.25
TURNIPS, CARROTS, ONIONS, MUSTARD AND MUSTARD GREENS, PER BUNCH	.05
LETTUCE, FIRM HEADS, EACH	.05
FLOUR, FIVE ROSES, 48 LB. SACK	.68
WHEAT CRISPIES, PER PKG.	.10
SPUDS, PER PK.	.25
SUNNYLAND SYRUP, 1-2 GALLON	.30
COFFEE, DANCO, VACUUM PACKED, LB. CAN	.27
SLICED BACON, LB.	.15
BORAX WASHING POWDER, 2 FOR	.05
LUNA LAUNDRY SOAP, 2 FOR	.05
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### GILLILAND BY ELIZABETH PARRIS

Mr. Dan E. Horne and son, L. O. Mr. and Mrs. Onie Welch were in Seymour Monday on business.

Mrs. Author Horne is seriously ill at the time of this writing. Mrs. J. T. Cook, Mrs. Ed Feemster and Mrs. Chester Pogue were in Truscott Saturday.

Mr. Orval Burgess of Petersburg visited friends here Saturday and Sunday.

Doris Stoker of Truscott and Grady Spivey visited friends in Gilliland Sunday.

Erma Eubanks and Louie Cure spent the week end with their parents here.

Miss Ardell Briggs and Miss Dannie Groves were in Seymour Saturday.

Mr. Marian Ryder is on the Plains this week on business.

Mrs. Noel Brown and Mrs. George Solomon were in Benjamin Monday on business.

Supt. and Mrs. B. B. Chamberlain Mrs. Bess Porter, Miss Frances Porter and W. C. Porter Jr. were in Goree Saturday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Young Campsey left Saturday for Coleman where they will make their home. Mrs. Campbell nee Miss Gladys Crofford, was before her marriage in Frederick, Oklahoma.

Henry and Lottie Lowrey visited friends in Crowell Sunday. They were accompanied home by Mary Lowrey who has been visiting there for the past week.

Roy Welch of Vernon visited Mr. and Mrs. Onie Welch here Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Snow and family were in Truscott Saturday.

Miss Lula Hurd was in Benjamin Saturday on business.

Mrs. Tim Kenner and her mother Mrs. Olsen were in Truscott Saturday.

Mrs. Sewell was in Munday Thursday on business.

Mr. Glover Medaris and Mr. Jake Hollis were in Plainview Sunday on business.

Miss Sybil Spivey entertained the girls of the sophomore and junior classes with a slumber party in the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Spivey Monday night.

Mr. Homer Jamison was in Benjamin Saturday on business.

The Senior Adult and Junior B. T. S. took a good representation to Vera Sunday and brought back the B. T. S. Banner. The B. T. S. is growing each Sunday night; come and help to make it grow.

### ON TEXAS FARMS

By W. H. Darrow  
Extension Service Editor

"During the six years I have owned a steam pressure cooker, canned peas have paid the doctor, the groceryman, the blacksmith, the beauty parlor operator, and even for my husband's tobacco", declares Mrs. Selon Lea, president of Mitchel home demonstration club in Haskell county "By boarding 11 cotton pickers out of my pantry this year I have paid for a piano. When I need the chicken yard grubbed, hot bed made, or garden work done, I pay for the work with canned products."

Fifty one farm yards were beautified in Travis county last year by home demonstration club women at an average cost of \$5 per yard.

Ten Bexar county farm women acting as wardrobe demonstrators in their home demonstration clubs have found that they could dress becomingly for an average of \$32.71 last year. It took planning and wise buying to do it, they explain, but declare the result is worth the effort.

Five Kaufman county farmers who conducted pasture demonstrations last year on 189 acres have made returns averaging \$8.15 per acre for an average investment of less than 50 cents per acre.

Seventy 4-H club boys fed pigs in Childress county last year made slightly less than \$1 per animal for their labor and investment even though they produced pork at the low feed cost of 2.2 cents per pound. 15 boys who raised litters of pigs made an average of \$17.01 for their labor and investment.

It cost 11 Burleson county farmers \$45.54 to bud 580 native pecan trees to improved varieties last year. The buds on 401 trees were successful, and the owners gave to the county agent their estimate that the improved trees are worth \$819.20.

A check over Foard county made Dosca Hale, home demonstration agent, showed that about 1000 gallons of pickles has been cured out by home demonstration club women using the brinnig method. In order that all the women might have a chance to see products from all over the county a pickle show was held December 10th.

## SAVE MONEY

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### TRUSCOTT BY VELMETA SOLOMON

Mr. and Mrs. Woods and daughter Zon of Wellington visited their daughter and sister, Mrs. D. C. Hutton a few days last week.

Ozie Turner and E. P. Storm were in Benjamin Monday.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Ozie Turner and children visited in Foard City Sunday.

Jack and Frank Brown were in Knox City one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Jones and children of Memphis have moved to Truscott.

Mrs. Farris of Gilliland was in Truscott on business Monday.

The P. T. A. County Council met at Truscott last Tuesday afternoon. A good number was present.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Mills and daughter were in Foard City Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Patterson and children of Benjamin visited Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Steart Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Griffith of Iowa Park visited Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Smith one day last week.

Chap Campsey and sons of Godlet visited the formers sister, Mrs. S. S. Turner Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wills of Benjamin were in Truscott Monday.

Miss Margaret Browder who is teaching at O'Brien visited home folks Saturday and Sunday.

Earl Brasher, formed manager of the Farmers Gin was in town Monday.

Mrs. L. A. Haynie and Oma Falkner were in Munday Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hayne and children of Crowell have moved to the Antelope Flat.

Ralph Randolph was in Abilene on business Monday.

Mrs. K. M. Moore and Mrs. Julian Madole were in Vernon Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Masterson had as guests Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Weymouth, Mrs. Kritzer and Mrs. R. B. Maserson of Amarillo Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Edgar Curry and little son of Dallas visited Mrs. Julian Madole a few days last week.

Jack Brown was in Benjamin on business Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Barham of Wellington are visiting his brother, Homer Barham this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Randolph and little daughter visited the latter's mother, Mrs. Witt in Abilene Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Chowning and children were called to Fort Worth to see the latter's mother, Mrs. J. E. Stover.

J. H. Darnell was in Dallas a few last week.

Mrs. L. A. Hayne and Ama Falker and Mrs. Van Browning were in Crowell last Wednesday.

Mrs. Barber and children of Knox City were the guest of Mrs. J. H. Darnell last week.

Truscott and Thalia basket ball boys played ball at Crowell last Saturday night, the score being in favor of Truscott.

The Truscott and Gilliland junior basket ball boys played ball at Truscott last Friday afternoon the score being in favor of Truscott.

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That 30 bushel peanut land can be made to yield 60 bushels per acre and double the usual amount of peanut hay has again been demonstrated in Eastland county according to the report of J. C. Patterson, county agent. Kokomo peanut growers in that county who raised winter cover crops of barley on peanut land, pastured the crop during the winter and then in the spring plowed the barley under to be followed by a crop of peanuts, attained a yield of 60 bushels per acre whereas adjoining property left bare during the winter made only 30 bushels per acre.

The grazing more than paid all expenses of the small grain planting and plowing under. Stock running on the pasture also added fertility to the soil. The sand does not blow with such a crop on it which is a big advantage on blow sand. Winter rains do not leach plant food from such land as the growth holds much of the moisture. The planting of six to eight rows of peanuts then an equal

of corn or grain sorghum is another practice which is being adopted to prevent the sand from drifting. The stalks are left on the land and later are plowed in for fertilizer.

Silage beats sargo, thinks O. W. Gandy of Mt. Vernon. Mr. Gandy has his own syrup mill and planted three acres of sargo to make into syrup but after the price of syrup went to 30 cents per gallon and buckets to 8 1-2 cents he decided to use the cane for another purpose. Under the supervision of the Franklin county agent V. O. Teddlie, he built and filled a trench silo with this sargo and other red top cane which he had planted for roughage. This silo holds approximately 40 tons of feed. When the silo was opened up December 10 it was found to be more than 98 per cent cured. Mr. Gandy is supplementing his concentrates with this silage for 12 dairy cows. He likes his silo so well that he is going to build another next season.

**HUNTERS VIEW ON TAXATION**

AUSTIN, Jan. 19—"No one tax will reach all alike; we must have a blended tax system to properly allocate the burden," declared Tom Hunter of Wichita Falls, who is in Austin attending the sessions of the State Legislature.

"If we are to have a sales tax, one third of it should be retained by the counties in order that the county and school real estate tax might be reduced. Governmental expenses must be reduced.

"One pipe line company, in a depression year, showed a net earning of \$20,157,642.42. It paid a 40 per cent dividend. It paid a total state tax that year, of only \$471,877.47. The total tax to the state was only 2.3 per cent of their net earnings, while the home owner of Texas paid 100 per cent of the net return value of his home in taxes. A part of the 2.3 per cent was the 69 cents on the \$100 valuation, state ad valorem tax. To pass the sales tax and abolish the state ad valorem tax and to quit at that would mean that their tax was reduced 25 per cent on the one hand and no increase by reason of the sales tax, because they are not buyers.

"The voting of the constitutional amendment, exempting a \$3,000 valuation on a homestead, was a great victory for the plain people. It contemplates the shifting of that part of their burden to the organized few of wealth that have heretofore evaded their just portion.

J. J. Driver left Monday for Dallas on a business trip.

Martha Mae Crenshaw was a guest over the week end of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Gregg and family of Wichita Falls.

Max Gardner, Chas. Moorhouse and J. L. Galloway were in Wichita Falls the first part of the week.



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"WILD HORSE MESA"  
with Randolph Scott and Sally Blane

Saturday Night  
Hoot Gibson in  
"CLEARING THE RANGE"

Monday-Tuesday  
"THE DEVIL IS DRIVING"  
with Edmund Lowe and Wynne Gibson

Wednesday-Thursday  
"MADAME BUTTERFLY"  
with Sylvia Sidney, Cary Grant and Charlie Ruggles

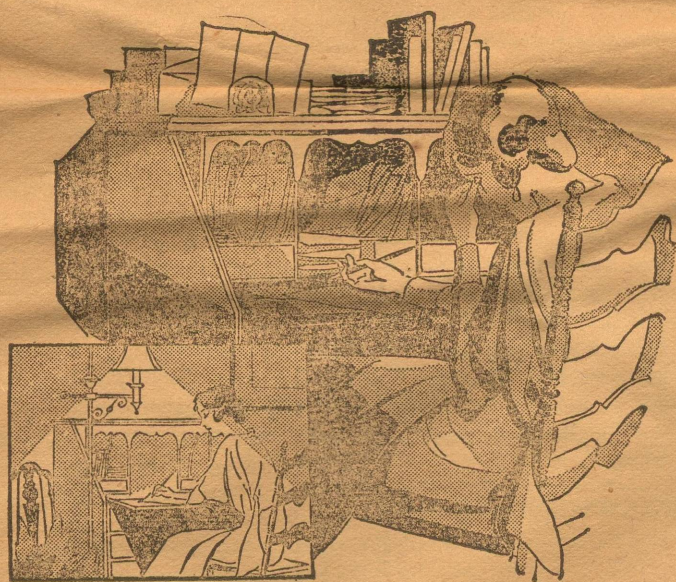
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Matinee 1:45  
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Tuesday Night—Family Night  
The family for two adult tickets.

J. D. Kethley of Munday was in Benjamin Thursday. Mr. Kethley has recently opened a modern exclusive optical office separate from his jewelry store.

Geo. Isbell of Munday was in the city one day this week.

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