

THE BENJAMIN POST

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SPLINTERS

Well, what we thought was the flu when we had it must have been some thing else. One usually recovers from flu after a certain length of time or dies. We haven't recovered or died. Some of the most prevalent symptoms still remain, which leads us to diagnose our own case as Ergophobia and to save you the trouble of looking it up, it means the morbid fear or hatred or work.

While the balance of the publishing fraternity of the county are taking the week off and giving their readers a rest, we mope around the office calling the guy names that stuck that phrase, "a newspaper of general circulation which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of one year" in those legal notice that issue from the court house all too infrequently.

We know there's nothing to it but when they keep talking about electric dollars we can't get our mind off a man named Insull.

Didn't happen to wake up Christmas night to see but we are told that Old Saint Nicholas wasn't quite as rotund this Xmas as previously.

No, that new closed job you see parked around the courthouse these days isn't a monkey wagon or a banana crate. It's the state surveying crew's sole means of locomotion to and from their grubbing and stob driving activities.

We've heard that the birds fly high in Mobile and naturally drew the conclusion that that place must be the native home of those migratory fowls that abound in this section but which gain such altitude that their "Honk, honk" is nearly a waste of their breath or what ever they use to honk their honker with as nothing is liable to get in their way up there.

Due to divers and sundary reasons, mainly economical and financial ones we have quit so many things already that there is really very little to swear off this New Year.

The local constabulary has been vacationing in other places during the holidays and the village, having no one to watch its morals, its fruit jars, or its car lights, has gone on about as usual, but when the cats away, the mice will play.

Now that the unemployed are employed by the grace of the Federal Government and the weeds, brush and other debris are being removed from around the public square and other parts of the town site, it should behoove every business man through whose veins courses the blood of civic pride to likewise clean up around his establishment. Not only would this improve the looks of the place but would remove a fire hazard be more pleasing to the eye and hence more inviting to customers, visitors and idlers.

Some of the dailies have been raising a howl about Mrs. Ferguson accepting a car as a present from friends. They'll be telling us next that George Purl, the gentleman from Dallas whose social standing is such that he is exceedingly careful of the company he keeps, should not have accepted the bale of hay his Dallas county admirers sent him.

Well, we didn't get the 3.2 percent personal liberty to down this toast with but here's hoping that you find in 1933 all those things you'd hoped for in 1932.

20,000 Bale Increase Probable For This Year

Knox County produced 57,772 bales of cotton from the crop of 1932 prior to December 13 as compared with 29,639 to the same date a year ago. It is probable that the 1932 crop will exceed 60,000 bales as there is yet some cotton to be harvested. Although as a rule, farmers over the county reduced their acreage this year between ten and fifteen percent, favorable climatic conditions and the absence of pests have increased the production enormously. In many of the fields where it was the plan to plant two rows and skip one, the yield amounted to a bale to the acre. The cotton is of good quality both in grade and staple and commands top prices generally.

Ewell Harwell and family from Crowell visited friends and relatives here Christmas. Mr. Harwell is a former resident of Benjamin having been engaged in the mercantile business several years ago. At present he is the owner of a dry goods store at Crowell and one at Truscott.

Emmett Partridge of Munday was here the first of the week. M. Partridge is one of the progressive farmers on the Knox prairie and manager of the cooperative gins at Munday. During the rush season this fall the gins weighed in an average of a bale of cotton on the yard every two and half minute.

Mrs. Chester Griffin and son of Sabinal are visiting her parents here this week.

H. B. Williams and family and Miss Florene Williams of Munday were in Benjamin Christmas visiting friends and relatives. Hary is working for the banking commission and Miss Florene is manager of the telephone exchange.

Chas. Dunn of Bowie was visiting Benjamin friends the first of the week. Mr. Dunn formerly held the position of highway foreman here with the state department and is engaged in that capacity at his present residence. He is a former Baylor County boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Cunningham spent Christmas with Mr. Cunningham's parents at Henrietta. Mr. Cunningham came here a year ago as county foreman for the State Highway Department and at present is the engineer in charge of the surveying of Highway 16. The work is progressing rapidly.

Mr. and Mrs. Prep Mulkey and family of Oklahoma City are visiting Mrs. Mulkey's parents, Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Beavers here during the Christmas holidays. Mr. Mulkey is an enthusiastic sportsman and is taking advantage of the holidays to do a bit of hunting.

I. H. Spikes of Snyder has been in Benjamin this week on business. Mr. Spikes and his family resided in Benjamin for many years during which time he was engaged in the cattle business, and the family has many friends in Knox County. He is operating a stock farm in Scurry county now.

DELIVERY SERVICE OF STORES TO BE DISCONTINUED

The grocery merchants of Benjamin announce that after the first of the month delivery service will be discontinued.

Benjamin Mercantile Company
General Foods Store
Jackson Grocery

New Years Greetings

Well, old 1932 wasn't such a bad year. Nobody made much money but nobody expected to. It could have been a lot worse. The \$2,000,000.00 cotton crop wasn't bad. And cotton wasn't the only crop raised by any means. The wheat, oats and barley, corn and maize produced a great yield. Gardens were never better. Livestock and fowls added to the income and larder of many a handworking citizen. Course new clothes and new cars are a bit rare but we're getting along. We won a great Democratic victory—one of the biggest in history. Things are looking up. Sentiment is strong for a reduction in governmental expenses and we got out from under some highway bonds. Old notes and mortgages are like old sores but they are healing. Taking it all around, we go into 1933 with a more optimistic feeling, to say the least.

So here's hoping that you do well and prosper.

THE PUBLISHERS

4-H CLUB HONORED WITH CHRISTMAS PARTY

One of the most outstanding events of the Home Demonstration Club occurred last Tuesday afternoon when Mrs. J. W. Melton entertained the club members and a few invited guests.

A very interesting program was rendered and each member was asked to tell "some Christmas I remember" Many happy childhood days at Christmas times were brought back to memory and listened to with much interest.

The Christmas tree was beautifully decorated and there was a gift for each from some other member of the club.

Dainty refreshments were served to twenty and everyone enjoyed the afternoon as only such congenial friends can do.

A business meeting was called with the new president, Mrs. J. C. Patterson presiding.

Mrs. T. A. Parsons was voted an honorary member of the club.

One of the main topics discussed was how to make community kitchen pay expense, as well as give the greatest service to every one. After investigation it was decided that a higher fee must be charged to pay for the gas and lights.

The key to the kitchen will be left with Mrs. Parsons at the Telephone office and the charge for the kitchen will have to be paid in advance.

A unanimous vote of thanks was given our out going president, Mrs. Guy Holmes, who conducted the duties of her office so ably the last year.

The club adjourned to meet on January 9th with Mrs. Chas Moorhouse. Club Reporter.

Editor E. L. Covey of Gore was in Benjamin the first of the week. Mr. Covey, following an old custom of the Advocate, will not publish a paper the last week in the year but will take the week for straightening up a lot of business affairs in his office.

Mrs. D. J. Brookreson and children spent Christmas with relatives in Sweetwater.

MISS GWENDOLYN BEARD AND MR. OMAR CURE OF GILLILAND WED

Miss Gwendolyn Beard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Beard and Mr. Omar Cure, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Cure were married Saturday at Truscott, Rev. Stapelton, pastor of the Truscott Methodist Church officiating. Both of these young people reside at Gilliland and are graduates of the Gilliland High School. Miss Beard took a very active part in school functions while a student and was voted "Miss Gilliland" in her senior year. Mr. Cure attended college at A. C. C. at Abilene and lettered in track. They will reside at Gilliland.

MISS JODIE GOWERS AND MR. CLARENCE MILLER OF GILLILAND MARRIED CHRISTMAS EVE

Miss Jodie Gowers and Mr. Clarence Miller of Gilliland were married Saturday at Seymour, Judge St. Clair officiating. Miss Gowers is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Gowers and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Miller. Both the bride and groom are graduates of the high school at Gilliland and are very popular in the community. After a short honeymoon they will be at home at Gilliland.

Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Denman of Dumas are visiting in the home of Mrs. Denman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Glenn this week. Both Mr. and Mrs. Denman are teachers in the public schools of Dumas.

E. Duval and family of Abilene were visiting relatives during the holidays. Mr. Duval was formerly county clerk of this county and later engaged in the banking business at Munday. At present he is with the International Harvester Company.

E. B. Sams suffered the total loss of his car by fire one day this week. The car was partially covered by insurance and was a new V-8.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Veal were in Graham during Christmas.

Joe J. Fox Dies Houston Following Long Illness

HOUSTON, Dec. 26—Joe J. Fox, 44, former managing editor of the Houston Post and for 13 years news editor of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, died last night at his home here. He had been ill several months.

Fox resigned as news editor of the Fort Worth paper to become managing editor of the Houston Post, then became editorial council for the Houston Gargoyle. Later he served as public relations director for the Houston Natural Gas company and held that position until appointed managing editor of the McClure Newspaper Syndicate in New York. He remained with that concern until his health failed several months ago.

He was past president of the Houston Advertising association; a member of the New York Advertising club, the National Press club of Washington and the Elks club of Houston.

Survivors are his widow; his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Fox of Truscott, Texas, and two sisters, Mrs. A. S. Tarpley of Truscott and Mrs. Robert J. Smith of Alto, Texas.

Dr. G. H. Beavers and C. H. Burnett, local bankers, were in Dallas the first of the week on business. Both men are well known over the state in ranching circles having been engaged in the livestock business for many years. Mr. Burnett is an officer in the Cattle Raisers Association in Texas.

Misses Lucille and Marguerite Stephens are spending the holidays here with their father. Miss Lucille teaches in Sunset High School at Dallas and Miss Marguerite is teaching in the high school in Chillicothe.

Mrs. H. B. Sams underwent a minor operation at the Knox County Hospital one day this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Abner Hall are the proud parents of a new son born December 22.

Elton Patterson who is attending school in Fort Worth is home for the holidays.

Jim Melton Jr., student in Randolph College, Cisco, is spending the holidays with his parents here.

Gertrude Bluett, efficient telephone operator for the local exchange, spent the holidays with home folks at Seymour.

Chas. J. Tomanek and father of Gilliland were in Benjamin Wednesday on business and while here Chas. renewed his subscription to the Post. He says the family planted one hundred thirty acres of cotton this year and have already gathered 104 bales with about five or six more bales yet to be pulled. Most of the cotton was gathered by the boys but thirty or forty bales were hired picked.

Lee Coffman of Gore has been here this week hunting geese. He reports fair luck. Mr. Coffman is perhaps one of the best known sportsmen in the state and rivals the late Mr. James Partridge as a fisherman. When the fish in Lake Kemp and Lake Wichita went bite for Mr. Coffman there is but little use of an amateur wetting a hook.

Mr. and Mrs. Davey of Munday passed through Benjamin Wednesday enroute Lubbock.

B. B. Cochran of Knox City was in Benjamin Wednesday on business.

George McMillian of Knox City was a business visitor here Tuesday.

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Editorial

TEMPERANCE—NOT PROHIBITION

After more than ten years of prohibition America has awakened to the fact that it's not prohibition that they want but temperance. While we make this statement we are fully aware that there is being organized a movement in the state, the United Forces for Prohibition, who class everyone opposed to the 18th Amendment as "foes of our ideals, personal, social and national." They say "A hundred years of education, sacrifice, martyrdom and achievement shall not be swept aside by any avalanche of nullification and radicalism." Their statements read as though they thought with the passing of the 18th amendment they had achieved their goal, that by keeping the 18th Amendment the cause of temperance would retain that Utopian state which we suppose is a condition in which the universe is as dry as a powder mill, that any change in the 18th Amendment would necessarily be for the worse, that anyone not agreeing with them are foes of sobriety, enemies of organized society, patrons of vice, revelers, debauchers and bacchanalian devotees, hirelings of the brewers and tools of the liquor interests. If such be their opinions, they, instead of those whom oppose, are radicals and fanatics. The past ten years have convinced the majority of Americans that regardless of whether we have the 18th Amendment, Volstead Acts, Dean Laws or prohibition by any other name, we are going to have alcoholic drinks dispensed in any quantity that the consumer has the price to pay for. It is not a local condition but a universal one. The Federal Courts impose penalties for liquor violations which range from fines of five cents to imprisonment in the penitentiaries. State convictions carry penalties of a year or more. Regardless of the penalty, manufacturers, transporters, and sellers are not deterred from their pursuits. Whiskey, wine, beer, gin, brandy or ale can be purchased at practically any cross road with a minimum of trouble. The question of prohibition has evolved into one of temperance and government control. In short, America has found she has her choice of either legal liquor traffic with a semblance of control and an income from the taxation of the manufacture and dispersment of alcoholic drinks or illegal liquor traffic minus the income from taxation and with it a growing disregard of all other laws. With all the high sounding arguments that the Prohibitionists have advanced we have never seen or heard a constructive thought offered in regard to the liquor traffic. As long as present conditions prevail, nothing will convince the majority of the people that the Prohibition law is a success. Opponents of the 18th Amendment are not wishing to ruthlessly set aside the gains of temperance. They wish to improve conditions. And the inflamed bigot who only sees in the efforts of the anti-prohibitionists an attempt to get a drink of liquor is a fool. The anti-prohibitionists can get all the liquor they want. Prohibition isn't going—it's gone.

JOE J. FOX

Joe J. Fox who died at Houston December 25 was a comparatively young man, a man just in the prime of life. Only forty-four years of age, he had attained marked distinction in his chosen field of work. It will be remembered by most of the oldtimers that Joe Fox began his newspaper career in the office of the old Benjamin Reporter, which at that time was published by the father of the present editor of this paper. Joe worked as a printers devil here and went to school. Of exceptional ability, he continued to rise in the profession and became the news editor of the Fort Worth Star Telegram, later managing editor of the Houston Post, editorial counsel for the Houston Gargoyle, public relations director for the Houston Natural Gas Company and then managing editor of the McClure Newspaper Syndicate in New York. He resigned his New York position several months ago due to failing health and returned to Houston. The Star Telegram makes the following editorial comment:

"To the men and women who do the work of putting this newspaper into print the death of Joe J. Fox at Houston Monday is a deeply personal bereavement. Most of us hold still fresh in memory the long association with him here; we followed with pride the expanding career which led him to bigger cities and bigger jobs; we rejoiced in his successes as one of us. And we shared the shock of the knowledge some weeks ago that disease had put a positive and tragically brief limit on his remaining days. All of us admired him; those of us who knew him best loved him. His was a gentleness of spirit, a fine loyalty, an unflinching generosity which marked him a true vessel of friendship, repository as well as fountainhead.

Our pride in him was justified and exalted in those last weeks of his life. He gave us that spectacle—unequal in ennobling human experience—the spectacle of man facing death unafraid. The disease which put its hand on him in the prime of life and in robust health was of a nature that leaves no appeal from its fateful sentence. He knew that he was to die within a few weeks, and he contemplated that dread finality with the same calmness and gentleness with which he had looked on life. His was a spirit which tapped the well-springs of human strength. He has left us not only a memory of affection, but a heritage of pride and exaltation. He lived and died a man."

TRUSCOTT
 BY VELMETA SOLOMON

Mr. and Mrs. Whatley and son, Bural, and Marian Lee and Miss Edna Lee of Lovland, Okla., visited Mr and Mrs. Whatley's daughter, Mrs. Dee Bivins a few days last week.

Connell Chilcoat who has been attending school at Lubbock has returned home.

J. P. Dae, rady Spivey and Irwin Eubank were in Knox City one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Mills were in Vernon last Tuesday.

Edna Dae, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dae who has been working in Wichita Falls spent the holidays with home folks.

Misses Lelia and Lucille Jones and Madge Craig were in Wichita Falls one day last week.

Mrs. Van Browning entertained the teachers with a bridge party last Tuesday night.

Mrs. J. B. Eubank and son Irwin and daughter Edna were in Vernon one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Storm and daughter Ima Jean spent the holidays with the formers parents in New Mexico. They were accompanied on their trip by Mrs. Boyd Gillispie as far as Williard Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Howard of Chillicothe spent the day with the former's mother, Mrs. Lee, Sunday.

Mrs. Dave Moore spent the holidays with her mother at Tenerson.

Dr. Hughes visited in Wichita Falls Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ottis Cash of Knox City visited Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hutton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Withrow and Miss Helen Glover of Knox City visited in Truscott Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Lacquay and little son of Wichita Falls visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Laquey Monday.

J. W. McDaniel of Foard City visited his sister Mrs. Ozie Turner a few days this week.

Mr. J. M. Steele and family of Trinity are moving to the Magnolia station where he is working.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Woodward and son Edward are visiting the latter's mother, Mrs. S. S. Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Haynie of Amarillo are visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Abbott of San Angelo visited their parents Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Midge Adcock spent Sunday with the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson of Foard City.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Darnell and son spent Sunday with the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. Hardburger of Knox City.

Mr. and Mrs. Calden Boone of Okla. visited the latter's mother Mrs. E. P. Storm here last week. They were accompanied by Tom Angle.

Mr. and Mrs. Turman Abbott of San Angelo visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

Mmes. Ozzie Turner and Tom Westbrook, Class mothers of the 6th and 7th grades entertained the classes with a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. urners last Wednesday night. There was a tree which contained presents for all. Hot chocolate cake and all day suckers were served.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bates had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. B. Bishop of Wichita Falls, Mrs. R. I. Palmer of Demmit, Mr. and Mrs. Benedict and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Propps of Knox City.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Chowning had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cox and daughter of Iowa Park, and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Ellis of Jacksboro and Mrs. Hail Kirby of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Westbrook had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Joe Crump of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Westbrook of Clovis N. M., Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Morgan of Amarillo, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl L. Kent of Amarillo, Mrs. E. G. Kennedy of Chillicothe.

The **Red & White** Stores

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Friday and Saturday December 30-31

- ORANGES, NICE SIZE, RED BALL, DOZEN19
- LETTUCE, FIRM HEADS, 3 FOR10
- GRAPE FRUIT, 6 FOR19
- CELERY, WELL BLEACHED, BUNCH15
- APPLES, DELICIOUS, NICE SIZE, DOZ.24
- APRICOTS, SELECT QUALITY, 4 LBS. FOR39
- CATSUP, 14-OZ. BOTTLE, 2 FOR25
- HOMINY, KUNERS, PER CAN10
- MUSTARD, QUART SIZE, PER QUART JAR15
- LYE, RED AND WHITE, 3 CANS FOR25
- TOMATOES, NO. 2, 2 CANS FOR15
- BRAN, Red and White, 10-oz. pkg. per package10
- MACARONI or SPAGHETTI, PER PKG.05
- OATS, Blue and White with premium package,21
- SUGAR, Pure Granulated, 10 LBS FOR45
- SPUDS, NO. 1 WHITES, PER PECK25
- BACON, SLICED, PER POUND19
- FRESH OYSTERS, SELECT, PER DOZEN,15
- LAMBS BLACK EYED PEAS, Shelled and Snapped13
- HOMINY, PER CAN08
- WALNUTS, ALMONDS, BRAZIL NUTS19
- BOYS LEATHER FUR COLLARED COATS, SIZES 12 to 16 REDUCED FROM \$2.98 to\$1.98

MENS THREE PIECE SUITS, MAYFIELD WOOLEN MILL GARMENTS, ONLY THREE SUITS LEFT, SIZES 36, 38, 39. \$19.95 VALUES, NOW ONLY\$7.00

MENS DRESS OXFORDS,\$1.95

OUR LINE OF WORK SHOES ARE MOST COMPLETE, AT POPULAR PRICES.

IF IT IS A DRESS SHIRT YOU WANT WE CAN PLEASE YOU IN BOTH PRICE AND QUALITY.

OUR FREE DELIVERY SERVICE, OPERATING AT A LOSS, WILL BE DISCONTINUED AFTER THIS WEEK, WHICH ANNOUNCEMENT WE REGRET TO MAKE.

BENJAMIN MERCANTILE
 PHONE 97

The **RED & WHITE** Store

ON TEXAS FARMS

By W. H. Darrow
Extension Service Editor

There have been seventeen trench silos and five pit silos dug in Caldwell county this year. Several dairymen have told the county agent they have found a silo is just as important as a barn.

Making his hens pay fifty cents per bushel for the corn used in his home grown, home mixed big five ration, Emil Glueck has made a small additional profit from his flock of 150 hens and 150 pullets every month of the year. He is a Colorado county

poultry demonstrator.

Land must produce one third bale of cotton per acre or 25 bushels of corn per acre to pay the farmer a labor income, 160 4-H club boys in Van Zant county have learned in their demonstration this year.

Although meat has been cured for home consumption in the Panhandle from the time of its earliest settlement, this well be the first year in Armstrong county that practically every farmer and rancher will have a plentiful supply of quality pork, obtained by following "The A. and M. Way", declares the county agent.

To put variety into meals and

make them healthfully balanced a housewife needs a big open shelf pantry so organized that she can look over the entire store at once, says Mrs. Ben McGregor, pantry demonstrator for the Thrall Home Demonstration Club in Grayson county. She arranged such a pantry with storage space for 1000 containers at a cost of \$4 for shelving and curtain materials.

Seven home industries demonstrators working with Miss Ruth Causey home demonstration agent of Polk county, have made \$109.50 on hooked and braided rugs and mats within the past two months, and two others have made \$51 on a quilt and the sale of home canned tomatoes and peas.

In Nacogdoches county home industries demonstrators have been busy making and selling 51 hooked rugs according to the report of Miss Norma Stokes, home demonstration agent of that county, for which seven demonstrators received \$216. Eleven of these rugs were sold at the State fair at Dallas, while the forty others were sold locally.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR SPECIAL LAW

Notice of intention to apply to the Legislature of Texas, which will convene in January, 1933, for the passage of an Act or Acts authorizing Panhandle and Santa Fe Railway Company to purchase or lease the properties now owned, or hereafter acquired by Clinton-Oklahoma-Western Railroad Company of Texas, Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railway Company of Texas and North Plains and Santa Fe Railway Company.

The undersigned will apply to the Legislature of Texas, which will convene in January, 1933, for the passage of an Act or Acts, authorizing the Panhandle and Santa Fe Railway Company to purchase or lease the railroads and other property now owned, or hereafter acquired by Clinton-Oklahoma-Western Railroad Company of Texas, and to purchase or lease the railroads and other property now owned by Kansas City, Mexico, an Orient Railway Company of Texas, and to purchase or lease the railroads and other property now owned or hereafter acquired by North Plains and Santa Fe Railway Company, such lease or leases, if executed, to include the branches and extensions of such railroads, and each of them, that may be hereafter constructed.

PANHANDLE AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY,
By (Signed) W. B. Storey, President
CLINTON - OKLAHOMA - WESTERN RAILROAD CO. OF TEXAS,
By (Signed) W. B. Storey, President
KANSAS CITY, MEXICO AND ORIENT RAILWAY COMPANY OF TEXAS,
By (Signed) W. B. Storey, President
NORTH PLAINS AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY,
By (Signed) W. B. Storey, President

POSTED: B. R. Jeske land west of Benjamin. Positively no hunting or wood hauling.

B. R. Jeske.

GILLILAND
BY ELIZABETH PARRIS

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Whiles and Alvin Combest of Kentucky are visiting Mr. and Mrs. K. Combest during Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Dixon of Edinburg are visiting relatives and friends here during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Noel Brown and son Jr. spent Christmas with the latter's parents at Stamford.

Mr. Earnest Wright spent Christmas with his parents in Haskell.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Woods are visiting the latter's parents in Crosbyton. Misses Mildred and Murial Williams are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Williams in Archer City during Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Pogue of Wichita Falls visited relatives and friends here during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilford of Lockney are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Miller.

W. A. Cure and J. J. Cure were in Seymour Thursday.

Mrs. J. S. Cook and Mrs. Author Horne were in Seymour Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Cook and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cook spent Christmas day in Vernon with the latter's parents.

Mrs. Ruby Booth of Colorado is spending a few days with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Crafford.

Alvin Cure, Owin Cure and Bunard Cure of New Mexico are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cure.

Mr. and Mrs. Corley are announcing the birth of a girl on December 19, Donnie Ga.

COMMENTS FROM TEXAS TUBERCULOSIS ASSOCIATION

Along with checks, money orders and currency received at the offices of the Texas Tuberculosis Association at Austin for the purchase of Christmas Seals, there are received annually hundreds of communications of good will and encouragement in the fight against tuberculosis Miss Pansy Nichols, executive secretary of the association, said recently.

Almost the first one opened for 1932 said, "You have brought unusual pleasure to me again by giving me the opportunity to contribute my small mite to this worthy cause."

A note accompanying a check for \$2.00 said, "Wish this were a thousand."

An unusual number of contributors this year comment upon personal experiences with tuberculosis among their family or friends. One check was sent "with many good wishes for the work of stamping out tuberculosis—it took two of my darling children."

A check for \$2 was enclosed in a letter which stated in part, "It is a real pleasure to contribute to so worthy a cause. My own beautiful and brilliant daughter—honor graduate of three best colleges in the south—now lies ill at Sanatorium. Thus, you see, I understand."

A contribution was made by the children of a man who recently died of tuberculosis. His daughter wrote,

"We are interested in the tuberculosis problem because we know what our father went through."

The vice-president of a large corporation enclosed his check in a letter in which he stated, "My youngest brother died of that terrible disease, and I hope that some day it may be arrested in its entirety. My heart goes out to anyone afflicted with it."

Workers of the tuberculosis association hope that by the time all the returns are in, the sale of seals will equal in not surpass, that of last year. The need for funds to continue the fight against tuberculosis is greater at this time than ever before, Miss Nichols said.

WEIGHT AFFIDAVIT REQUIRED FOR 1933 TRUCK REGISTRATION

Phares Notifies County Tax Collectors of Requirement.

With car registration now in progress in many counties of the State, L. G. Phares, chief of the State Highway Patrol, has issued the following instruction concerning the registration of motor trucks and similar commercial motor vehicles.

"Upon application for registration of any commercial motor vehicle, truck-tractor, trailer or semi-trailer, the applicant shall deliver to the tax collector, or one of his duly authorized deputies, an affidavit, duly sworn to before an officer authorized to administer oaths, showing the weight of said vehicle, which affidavit shall be kept on file by the collector."

Truck owners must present these affidavits, according to the law before they can register their vehicle and receive their license plates.

MILLEDGEVILLE TIMES BOASTS OF SOUNDNESS OF ITS BANKS

As a sort of nation-wide challenge by its home town, H. E. McAuliffe, manager of The Milledgeville (Ga.) Times, calls attention to the fact that though Milledgeville was founded and incorporated 129 years ago, the town has never experienced a bank failure or a bank run.

More than a century ago Georgia's second bank was established in Milledgeville. The government census for 1930 gave Milledgeville a population of 5,534. The town now has four banks, the youngest of which is more than 22 years old and, so far as generally known, no one has ever expressed lack of confidence in one of the institutions.

These revelations quite naturally suggest the question: is there another town in the United States possessed of such banking record?

W. E. Jones is spending the holidays with friends and relatives at Hillsboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Propps of Gilliland were here this week.

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Alex Holt is visiting friends in Matador this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Deaton Moorhouse and son of Sayre, Oklahoma visited friends and relatives here and at Knox City during the holidays. Mr. Moorhouse is with an automobile agency located at Sayre.

If you can't remember the last time that you paid your subscription you probably didn't. Don't think that worries us, however, but if you have any sympathy for your neighbors, friends and fellow countrymen who do business in this immediate section, get your dollar and a half in action. They'll appreciate it.

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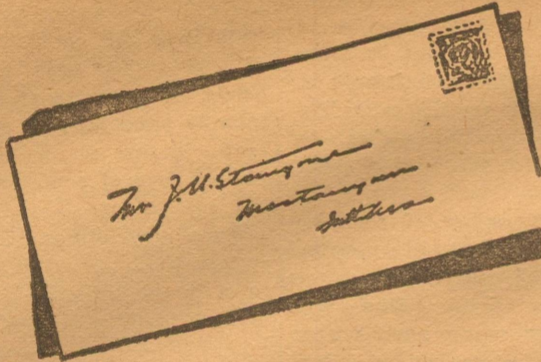
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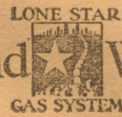
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CRONOLOGY OF THE YEAR—KNOX COUNTY

Jan. 1. Road work Resumed by McClung Construction Co. on Highway 24.

Jan. 8, W. W. Ballard of Vera Dies Jan 6.

Jan. 22 Goree and Munday Banks Consolidate. Candidate announce for county offices.

Jan. 29 Funeral services for Mrs. Tom Bedford held here.

Feb. 5. County Red Cross Meets in Benjamin. More candidates announce

Feb. 12. Chamber of Commerce elect officers.

Feb. 19. Highway meeting called at Guthrie. District Court Meets.

Feb. 26. Pall tax payments number 1984.

March 4. Highway Association perfected at Guthrie.

March 11. New bus line opened thru Benjamin.

March 18. Santa Fe Special visits Benjamin.

March 25 Paving of square begins.

April 1. County track meet held in Benjamin.

April 8. County elects school trustees.

April 15. W. S. Britton dies April 9.

April 22. Surfacing of Highway 24 project completed.

April 29. Okla. Bank robbers captured near Rule.

May 13. Tax Relief Association organized in County.

May 27. Federated Clubs meet in Benjamin.

June 3. Grain harvest begun.

June 10. George Kennedy buried here June 4.

June 17. Mrs. James A. Stephens dies June 15.

June 25. Equalization Board assesses candidates.

July 1. Benjamin elects sponsor for Cowboy Reunion at Stamford.

July 8. 4-H Club open canning kitchen here.

July 15. Commissioners petition Governor for special session.

July 22. Henry Coody buried here July 15.

July 29. Returns from first primary.

Aug. 5. Gov. asks delay of tax levy in Knox County.

Aug. 19. Mrs. Barney Welsh buried at Gilliland Aug. 10.

Aug. 26. First bale of cotton ginned Aug. 23.

Sept. 2. Returns from 2nd. primary.

Sept. 9. Good rains fall over county.

Sept. 16. R. D. Bell buried at Haskell Sept. 15.

Sept. 23. Horse thief escapes posse. Leaves stolen car.

Sept. 30. Fireman attend meet at Throckmorton on 27th.

Oct. 7. District Court opens fall term on 3rd.

Oct. 14. Mrs. Florence Williams buried here Oct. 10.

Oct. 21. Balolts for general election delivered.

Oct. 28. Highway 24 contract let first of week.

Nov. 4. Car stolen at Crowell recovered here.

Nov. 11. Returns from general election.

Nov. 18. Light snow falls.

Nov. 25. Knox County Herald sells out.

Dec. 2. Vera business burglarized.

Dec. 9. County purchases \$60,000 road bonds.

Dec. 16. Cotton report show large gain over 1931.

Dec. 23. School closes for flu. Dave Eiland of Munday dead.

WHATS IN A NAME

Lecturing before a recent meeting of the Ney York Business paper Editors Doctor Vizetelly told them as follows:

First borne by the stork, man in his early stages creeps and crawls and squawks and skueaks. Later in life he is a poor fish and a sucker, but often acquires horse-sense. Road hogs flourish, end-seat hogs obstruct, and the early bird gets the worm. Some people look sheepish, act like crawfish, orthey grouse and growl, or snap like turtles. Some men are bullheaded; others cow-licked. Husbands have

lived to be mere insects. Occasionally one meets a consummate ass. We have wise old owls and sly old foxes. The eagle eyed prey upon their fellowmen. Sometimes a dirty dog runs amuck. Kangaroo courts are common. Clodhoppers hop and jay walkers walk. But most of us get stung with out a bee in sight.

"The female of the species is more deadly than the male. Old maids get cattish, and maids that are not so old kittenish. Men are sharks, old bears, or wolves in sheep's clothing, and pull the wool over your eyes. Some folks are 100 per cent bull. We lionize heroes, and everybody knows some old

crab, some dumb cow, or some silly goose. Men are lobsters the wise ones shut up in season like oysters or like snails, they draw back into their shells. Every county seat has its courthouse rats; every town has its chickens and old hens. The whole human world is infested with parasites.

"We develop elephantiasis, horse's neck, Charlie horse, and a whale of a lot of other things. We are land lubbers, and sea dogs, turtle doves and otherwise fine birds, such as lame ducks or early birds. We are dark horses, hunks of cheese, little shrimps, and mites, so often wiggle out of things. We do the goose step, the turkey trot, and the camelwalk while we get a hump on ourselves. We have our bear-cats, ham actors, and jackleg lawyers. We sing like canaries, laugh like hyenas, grin like Cheshire cats, shed crocodile tears, and hound and buffalo one another. We are stubborn as mules, slick as eels, but often have to pony up. We are the iggest toad in the puddle or the smallest tadpole in the pond. We make 'em pigeon toed, chicken hearted, walrus toothed, pug nosed, monkey faced, and cockeyed; and all of us are more or less cuckoo. Finally, we sing our swan song and croak. Now, isn't the science of words just wonderful?"

W. M. COFFMAN

William Martin Coffman passed away on Christmas day, at 1:45 p. m., at his home in Cottonwood community in East Knox County. He had been in falling health for several years, and an attack of the flu had weakened him. However, it might just be said that he played out. He had done lots of hard work in his life and he knew the time had comewhen he would have to give it up.

Funeral services were held at 3:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon by Rev. J. R. Balch of Seymour, with interment in the Vera cemetery. A large crowd gathered to pay last respects to this good man.

Mr. Coffman was born in Parker county, Texas, August 4, 1854, being 78 years, four months and 21 days old at his death. He moved to Young county in 1876 and to Knox county in 1886. For several years he lived in Lake Creek country, south of the river, but for the past 35 years he and family had lived on their farm just north of the Brazos river. This farm is one of the best in that section, comprising 400 or 500 acres.

Mr. Coffman was one of his community's best citizens. He was one of the county's pioneers, and he could tell thrilling adventures that took place in the early days. His pioneer spirit, and his hospitality never wore off. With his passing, and men of his type, goes out a stage of history that will not e repeated. The country has suffered a severe loss in the death of Mr. Coffman. His family has suffered a great bereavement, and the tenderest sympathy is extended to them.—Baylor County Banner.

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