

# THE PUTNAM NEWS

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## PUTNAM MAYOR AND ALDERMEN RE-ELECTED

In the city election held Tuesday at the City Waterworks office, Mayor Y. A. Orr was re-elected, receiving 50 votes. C. K. Peek received one vote, L. J. Cook, 7; J. S. Yeager, 3; Fred Cook, 1; J. A. Sharp, 1 for mayor. Sixty-four votes were polled. Aldermen elected were R. L. Clinton, receiving 52 votes; Fred Cook, 50; R. D. Williams, 55; W. W. Everett, 51; G. P. Gaskin, 57; J. A. Sharp received 23 votes. The foregoing names appeared on the ballot, the first five of whom composed the outgoing board. J. S. Yeager, Neal Moore, Tex Herring and Jim Moser received one vote each for alderman. L. D. Maynard received 61 votes for marshal. Orr's and Maynard's names were printed on the ballot.

## DEMONSTRATION CLUB MET WITH MRS. CLINTON

Mrs. R. L. Clinton was hostess to the members of the Putnam Community Demonstration Club in her home Thursday afternoon at 3:00. Special plans were discussed and agreed upon whereby funds can be raised for the project of beautifying the public square preparatory to the Texas Centennial.

A social hour was enjoyed and delicious refreshments served. Miss Mildred Yeager, president, presided for the business meeting. The next meeting of the club will be Thursday afternoon, April 11, at 3:00, in the home of Mrs. E. N. Hull.

## BAPTIST ORGANIZE NEW GROUPS

The Women's Missionary Society of the First Baptist church met at the church Tuesday afternoon at 3:00 and had regular meeting after which they were hostesses to the newly organized groups of young people in the church.

Mrs. W. E. Pruet led the devotional taking the 3rd chapter of 1st Peter. Mrs. G. P. Gaskin, president, presided. Reports of the chairmen for the quarter were heard. Those present were Misses S. W. Jobe, J. E. Green, O. W. Culwell, Fred Golsom, S. M. Eubank, John Cook, W. M. Crosby, W. M. Tatam, Willis Culwell, Fred Cook, G. P. Gaskin, Jack Brandon, W. E. Pruet, Loren Everett, E. G. Scott. The Girls' Auxiliary and the Royal Ambassadors of the church were organized under the direction of Mrs. S. M. Eubank, director of young people. Mrs. Eubank led a devotional and spoke upon leadership. Miss Elzie Kelley is leader of the R. A.'s and Miss Attie Cook of the Sunbeams. Mrs. Fred Golsom has charge of the G. A.'s and Mrs. Loren Everett of the Y. W. A. Refreshments of punch and cookies were served on the south side of the church. Those present were Billy Gaskin, Tommy Culwell, Charley Culwell, Annie Culwell, Bennis Ross Everett, Kenneth Gaskin, Fredalya Cook, Margaret Morrison, Ardella Gaskin, Pauline Robards, Edna Brazil, Kathleen Green, Mary Lou Eubank, La Clair Nowlin, Mozelle Springer, Reverend F. A. Hollis.

## SCRANTON NOTES

The Senior girls lost their ball game Saturday to Carbon. The game was played at Eastland. The Junior (Ward school) won fourth place on the same ground Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson of Eastland, have moved on the place recently sold by Homer Laney.

Mr. and Mrs. Benard O'Brien and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Black spent the week-end on the Clear Fork fishing. Judging from the fish heads they were displaying on their car they had above the average fisherman's luck.

Mrs. E. M. Snoddy visited Mrs. T. L. Cooper of Eastland Saturday.

Rev. and Mrs. Houston Scott, of Abilene were visiting in the community Sunday and Monday and attended the services, being protracted at the Methodist church. Rev. Scott is pastor of the local Baptist church.

Bill Blaylock, Abilene high school student, spent this week with home folks.

Mrs. Lynn Faires, of Cisco, and her sister Miss Melrose Henderson of Eastland, visited in the home of Arthur Bailly Sunday.

Mrs. John Leveridge and son, Vernon of Cisco, visited in the home of B. T. Leveridge Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sprawls visited in the home of Rick Holder of Cisco Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Faires and Bill Fair's were Putnam visitors Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Smith and Miss Tempa Harris, of Lorains, were visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Everett Monday.

## Flower Show



NEW YORK . . . At a cost exceeding \$2,000,000 in which about 1,500,000 flowers, plants and trees representing nearly every climate were shown, New York's annual Flower Show this year was declared "the greatest" by the 27,000 who attended the opening day. Pretty girls and flowers were everywhere.

## CO. DEMONSTRATION COUNCIL MET SATURDAY

Members of the Callahan County Home Demonstration Council met in a called session at the County Court room Saturday afternoon at 2:30. Mrs. Al Young, president was in charge. The club prayer was repeated followed by a club song. Yearbooks were presented and plans discussed for their distribution. It was agreed that each member should be asked to purchase a book at the price of ten cents per copy. Other plans pertaining to the future work of the county and state were discussed. Miss Vida Moore, home demonstration agent, explained some of the phases of the state's plans. Those present were Mesdames O. F. Henderson of Rowden, E. J. Barton of Clyde, O. E. Bird of Clyde, Bailey Johnson of Denton, Roland Nichols of Deep Creek, Al Young of Lone Oak, Missouri Ramsey of Cottonwood, G. P. Gaskin of Putnam, Misses Annie Catherine McGee of Deep Creek, Eunice Hembree of Cottonwood, Mildred Yeager of Putnam.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Rev. Smallwood, of Stephenville, will preach a series of sermons at the Primitive Baptist church beginning on Wednesday evening, April 10. His subjects will be:

1. Sermon to the Church. Text, Rom. 1-7.
2. Thursday evening, A Savior Is Born. Text, Luke 1:10.
3. Friday evening, New Things. Text, Rev. 21:5.
4. Sat. evening, Redemption, First of Soul, Second of Body and third, Our Lost Inheritance.

The public is cordially invited.

## IMPORT RUMBA STARS TO DANCE IN RAFT MOVIE

A lengthy search which combed almost all of South America finally ended with the assembling of more than one hundred expert Rumba dancers for Paramount's "Rumba," starring George Raft and Carol Lombard and coming Saturday at 11:00 p. m. to the Plaza Theatre at Baird.

Four of the dancers came from Havana, Cuba, by special invitation of Marion Gering, the director, who spent several weeks there preparing his story.

Two of them are Olga and Louis Barrancos, twelve and fifteen years of age, respectively. They have been the rage in Havana for the past several seasons. The other pair are Ambresio Sardinias and Carmita Curcio, known as the Pimiento Twins.

From Chile came Lara Puente, who for the past five years, has been a leading exponent of primitive dances in South America and Mexico.

Margo, Spanish dancer, who recently became a sensation in New York, originally was discovered at Agus Caliente.

Others of the group are seven Argentinians, twelve dancers from Brazil, fifty Mexicans of Castilian extraction and a large number of dancers from various rendezvous of Los Angeles, beach cities and San Diego.

The chief Rumba dancers of the film, however, are George Raft and his three partners, Carole Lombard, Margo and Iris Adrian. They are supported by a cast that includes Lynne Overman, Monroe Owsley, Gail Patrick and Akim Tamiroff.

Mesdames E. C. Waddell and W. D. Clinton were visitors in Cisco Monday.

## DEATH TAKES JIM B. WALKER

Jim B. Walker, old time resident of Callahan county, was buried at Adair this week. He was born in Mississippi September 8, 1856, and moved to Texas in 1877, settling at Adair. He is survived by a brother and sister, Miss Susie Walker. He became a Christian at the age of 49 years.

## CALLAHAN P. T. A. COUNCIL ORGANIZED

A county council of parents and teachers was organized at a meeting held in Baird Friday, March 29. Mrs. W. B. Gunn, vice-president of First District of State Federation of Parent Teachers Associations, presided. Mrs. Ace Hickman of Baird was elected president, Mrs. Harvey Hayes, vice president; Mrs. R. L. Clinton of Putnam, secretary; and Mrs. J. A. Yarbrough of Union treasurer.

Others attending were Mrs. L. C. Cash of Pioneer, Mrs. Norman Finley of Baird, Mrs. T. J. Collins of Clyde, Mrs. D. P. Hollis of Clyde, Mrs. H. V. Smith of Union, Mrs. Charles W. Coats of Baird, Mrs. B. L. Russell Jr. of Baird, Mrs. O. C. Yarbrough of Baird, Mrs. Corn of Baird, Mrs. N. M. George of Baird, Mrs. E. E. Sunderman of Putnam, Mrs. E. N. Hull of Putnam, Mrs. M. A. Burnam of Putnam, Mrs. Olaf South of Clyde, Mrs. W. B. Barton of Clyde, Mrs. D. S. McGee, Mrs. J. H. Hughes of Baird. The next meeting will be held at Baird high school auditorium Friday, March 26, at 2:30.

## ATWELL

The Primitive Baptist had their regular fifth Sunday meeting here beginning Friday night and lasting through Sunday.

Miss Opal Pylans visited with her sister Mrs. Morgan in Putnam this week.

Mrs. S. N. Foster entertained the Choral Club Saturday. All reported a nice time.

Miss Linnie Brashear is visiting her sister, Mrs. Gilbert of San Angelo the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Jones and daughter Cassie, spent Sunday in Abilene visiting her son, Roy Jones.

The ones attending the singing convention at Cisco Sunday from here were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brashear, Mrs. S. N. Foster, Verz, Mary Nathan and Travis Foster.

The Whooping Cough is raging here at present. Those that haven't got it have been exposed. There is between 25 and 30 cases already.

Mr. Gassett from Big Springs, visited friends here this week-end.

Guy Jones and wife from Olney, are visiting relatives this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Howland and baby from Eastland spent Sunday with Mrs. Howland's brother George Purvis.

Mrs. Claus Stoval of Hobbs, New Mexico is spending a few weeks in Putnam the guests of her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Stephen and other relatives.

Miss Lillian Park, teacher in the Rochelle public schools and Leo Park of Knox City visited in the homes of their sisters Misses R. D. Williams and R. L. Clinton this week-end.

## Astor Goes to Work



NEW YORK . . . John Jacob Astor, 3rd, (above), has landed a job and gone to work. Though heir to millions he has taken a job at the bottom of a shipping business at the salary of \$25 per week. He says he intends to learn, "from the bottom up."

## WOMAN'S STUDY CLUB TO PRESENT PUBLIC PROGRAM

The Women's Study Club of Putnam will observe community night, an annual affair, at the Methodist church Monday evening beginning at 8:00. The following program has been arranged under the direction of Mrs. Wiley D. Clinton, chairman of the program committee:

Invocation—Rev. F. A. Hollis.

Song, "Texas, Our Texas"—Assembly.

Roll call—A Native Tree of Texas.

A Song of Texas; Bubble Land—High School Choral Club.

The Centennial—Miss Mildred Yeager.

A Tribute to Texas, Bruce Barton—Mrs. Fred Cook.

Music—Cisco orchestra, directed by Mrs. Ben Krausaupt.

"Texas," by Fritz Lanham—Mrs. J. G. Overton.

"The Raven," by Marquis James—Mrs. Wiley Clinton.

Music, Mealey of Texas Songs—Mrs. E. C. Waddell.

## SEVENTH GRADE HAD PICNIC

The seventh grade of the Putnam public school enjoyed a picnic at Putnam Lake Tuesday afternoon at 4:00. Games of baseball and a general hike around the lake were enjoyed. Refreshments consisted of sandwiches, lemonade, potato chips and cookies. Those attending were F. Y. Cook, Roy Lee Williams, Bennie Burns Williams, Doyle Lee Brown, Wilburn Carrico, James Clark Stanley, Purst, Melvin Crawford, Buster Robertson, Earlene McMillan, Zada Williams, Helen Maynard, Mildred King, Willis Grace Pruet.

## KIZER'S STUDIO MOVES TO NEW LOCATION

Kizer's Studio of Photography, of Cisco, has moved this week from the building occupied on Avenue D to the building which was formerly occupied by Walton's Studio on Avenue D also. Mr. R. E. Kizer, manager, announces the purchase of new equipment. Day or night service is available for customers.

Miss Bertha Buchanan visited Mr. and Mrs. Mark Surnam of Union Saturday evening and attended the singing with them at Cisco Sunday.

## MATTEN WARREN PASSED AWAY TUES.

Matten Warren of Baird, who has been ill for a considerable length of time, passed away Tuesday and funeral services were held Wednesday. Mr. Warren was born March 5, 1895, at Burnt Branch in Callahan county. He was married October 22, 1922. He is survived by his father, J. H. Warren, and has been the father of 7 children, two of whom have preceded him in death. Mr. Warren served in the army during the World War. He became a Christian after the war.

## REVELATIONS AN OPEN BOOK

AND THE KEY TO THE BIBLE. A series of lectures on the book of Revelations will be given by Rev. G. D. Williams at the Methodist church, beginning at the 11:00 o'clock hour Sunday, April 14, and continuing through the week at night only. Lectures will be given from the text of the scripture and not from a denominational standpoint. The general public is invited to attend.

## COUNTY BTU HAD PROGRAM SUNDAY

The Callahan county organization of Baptist training unions had a special R. C. H. Sunday program at Baird at the First Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Willard Gaskin, president, presided. Clyde reported an attendance of 34, Putnam 32, Baird 15, Cross Plains 3. During the business it was decided to make the quarterly report a special goal of each church. Subject for the program which was rendered by members from Putnam, Baird, and Cross Plains was Our Debtors. Exal McMillan of Putnam read the scripture, which was followed by a piano solo by Miss Elsie Kelley. Those from Clyde on the program were Thelma Graham, Bessie Marie Young, G. O. Summers, Fred Turner, Reuben Cowden, Charlene Good. Special numbers from Clyde were a chalk talk and reading by May Short and a vocal duet by Mrs. Jewel Swanzy and Geneva Emerson. Orchestral music was furnished by the Clyde orchestra under the direction of T. T. Toney. Dr. T. J. Inman of Baird, assisted them. Reverend V. W. Tatara of Clyde delivered the inspirational address. The next meeting of the organization will be at Clyde Baptist church Sunday afternoon, April 7th.

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Gaskin and Reverend F. A. Hollis visited in the Baptist Sanitarium Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Nordyke and sons, Doyle and Don, were dinner guests of Mrs. Nordyke's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Everett Sunday.

Miss Maurine Roberson, student of Howard Payne College spent the week-end in the home of her mother, Mrs. Lora Roberson.

## GRIGG'S HOSPITAL NOTES

Mrs. J. T. Watts underwent major surgery Tuesday night. She is doing very well.

Mrs. Roscoe Higgins of Baird was an appendectomy Friday night.

Mrs. June Montgomery and Dolly Hearn, who were en route from California to Hotwell, were car wreck victims near Dothan Monday. They suffered lacerations.

Audrey Hawley, 10 year old daughter of Clark Hawley, was a patient for appendicitis two days this week. Audrey, with her parents, was hitchhiking from Phoenix, Arizona, to Arkansas.

Miss Gladys Suggs of Abilene Route underwent major surgery Sunday.

Alluco Abrestof of Oplin was a patient Monday for fractured ribs.

Warren Price of Admiral entered the hospital Friday, suffering from pericarditis.

Bill Cargal, of Baird, left the hospital Monday. He is doing fairly well.

Woodrow Parks, who was operated for abscessed lung last week, left the hospital Wednesday.

Cleet Jones, 10 year old son of Andrew Jones of Eula, suffered a fractured forearm Sunday.

Eugene Blankenship of Baird was a tonsilectomy Monday.

Jack McGough, of Clyde, was a tonsilectomy Sunday.

## B. A. U. PROGRAM

Part 1—Mrs. W. M. Crosby.  
Part 2—Mrs. J. E. Green.  
Part 3—Mrs. Lee Collins.  
Part 4—Mrs. W. E. Pruet.  
Part 5—Mrs. Jack Brandon.

## FROM THE EDITOR'S WINDOW

Dock Smith Catches 45lb. Fish. It is time of the year for fish stories again and they are beginning to come in, but Dock Smith came in Sunday afternoon with a story and brought the fish as evidence. It was a catfish weighing 45 pounds caught out of the lake east of the city. Lon McIntosh has been claiming the belt for the last year, for the largest fish which weighed 8 1-4 pounds; but the belt goes to Mr. Smith unless someone catches one larger and it will be necessary to bring along the fish for proof that it weighs more than 45 pounds. Mr. McIntosh however refuses to give up the belt on the ground that Mr. Smith took advantage of the fish by waiting until the water got too low and then wading in and dragging the fish out.

We received a nice little note from Mrs. G. W. Thames of Mineral, Texas, this week. Mr. and Mrs. Thames and their two bright children moved to Mineral about six weeks ago and we have missed them considerably. The note reads:

"Just wanted to tell you that we appreciate The Putnam News more than ever since we have been down here. It doesn't seem like we are almost 400 miles from home when we are reading the News on Mondays. "We have been having real spring weather down here. Some farmers have cotton up, others are planting. See lots of corn and gardens growing. "Best wishes to our News editor and her work.—Mrs. G. W. Thames."

## SACRED HARP SINGING

By W. W. Everett. The Fifth Sunday Sacred Harp Singing Convention at Abilene Sunday was well represented from all parts of the country. Some came a distance of 200 miles which the convention appreciates very much. Those representing Putnam were Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Everett, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Everett, son, Billy Jim, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Hull, and P. L. Butler. We love these songs which our fathers and mothers used to sing, but still they are new. We also appreciate the dinner that the good ladies of Abilene prepared for us. There was a large crowd and the house was filled to its capacity. Those who were there surely missed a treat.

Cook's Garage new electrical sign is very pretty. The crowd notices it carefully each evening as they return from the Adult School.

Billy George Morgan will be a millionaire without fail if he works as hard his entire life as he has the first two years of it. He peeps in at the News office but never has time to stop and visit with us long. He finds something to do all the time and incidentally helps to keep his mother and father busy.

The Soft Ball team seems to be progressing nicely. We have missed them from the center of town. They have headquarters on the Panther's field now, we think. Of course, it is better for them but not so convenient for us.

We are all hoping with all our strength that our bank reopens within the next few days.

## Y. W. A. MET THURSDAY

The Y. W. A. of the First Baptist church met Thursday afternoon. The meeting was opened with the singing of the Y. W. A. song, "O Zion Haste." During the business period the program was discussed for each meeting in the month. A business and an invitation meeting was announced to meet in the home of the sponsor, Mrs. Loren Everett April 4. The Lord's Prayer was repeated at the closing. Those present were Misses Arti, and Lillian Cook, Roberta Pruet, Edna Brazii, Ardella Gaskin, Kathleen Green, Gertrude McCullough.

Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Sprawls and family visited Mrs. Sprawls' sister, Mrs. P. A. Brown of Cisco Saturday night.

Miss Mary Yeager of Abilene, spent Sunday afternoon in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Yeager.

Miss Ruth Shirby of Dallas, who is attending Hardin and Simmons University, and is a roommate of Miss Eloise Norred, spent Wednesday night with Miss Norred here. Miss Norred accompanied her to Dallas where they will spend the week-end at her home.

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**BELCHER LUMBER CASE DISMISSED**

A case has recently occurred where-in the Belcher Lumber Company of Birmingham, Alabama, had violated the code by selling shingles below the prices fixed by the NRA code and a complaint was filed against the company for violating the provisions of the code. A hearing was had before Judge Grubbs, United States district judge for that district, in which Grubbs held in favor of the defendant lumber company; holding the entire set of the recovery act was unconstitutional from the fact congress itself did not have authority to delegate the law-making authority to anyone else, as the constitution delegated this authority to congress only and Judge Grubbs held that they further violated the due process clause of the constitution in attempting to collect charges to maintain codes.

This dismissal is nothing more than any well informed person expected as no one knows better than the justice department of the United States that the entire recovery program is unconstitutional. The matter will go before the court until the 16th of June when the recovery law expires.

**TAKING PROFIT OUT OF BUSINESS**

The United States congress has a bill before it which provides for taking profit out of munition and other war materials used in war. Bernard Baruch was called in and questioned and asked for his advice. He gave his approval of the bill. Why shouldn't they take the profit out of war materials?

**FINGERPRINTING INFANTS**

There are two bills before the Texas legislature, one of which provides for fingerprinting the baby on birth certificate. The purpose is supposed to be a mark of identification to be a future aid in running down and identifying criminals. The other bill provides for a master scholastic census of every person under the age of twenty-two years. The authors of the proposed legislation think this will aid in getting convictions, making it easier to identify criminals in later years.

**CLIPPINGS**

FROM WEST TEXAS PAPERS

B. W. Cox of Newcastle, whose vast stores of wine were seized for nonpayment of taxes by federal officers several months ago, will regain custody of his 5,153 gallons of choice beverages, according to a statement Sunday by Clyde O. Eastus, federal district attorney.

Mr. Eastus said he had become convinced that Cox had tried to comply

**On the Gasoline Circuit**

by A. B. Chapin



with the law and that he would recommend that the Young county man not be prosecuted at the session of federal court opening there Monday. However, to become again the owner of the best cellar of wine in North Texas, or perhaps in the state, Mr. Cox must pay taxes and penalties amounting to \$600, which will qualify him as a winery operator, and pay the damage cost of moving the wine from Newcastle to the federal building at Wichita Falls where it is now stored.

The great store of wine was seized on the complaint that Cox had not paid federal taxes for its manufacture and had evidenced no attempt to do so. Cox, owner of one of the largest vineyards in this section, contended he had made repeated efforts to pay the taxes.

The loading of the wine into trucks for removal occupied the perspiring efforts of federal officers for one whole night. Again on the arrival in Wichita Falls the officers spent several hours removing it from the trucks to the storage place.

The wine was valued at \$2 a gallon or slightly more than \$10,000.—Newcastle Register.

**A KIND WORD OF THE MOVIES**

In these days of bitter differences of opinion on almost everything it is refreshing to find one topic on which public opinion is pretty nearly unanimous. That is the tremendous improvement in the character and quality of the current motion picture offerings. Even compared with those which were being shown only a year ago, the movies have made great strides, not only in the artistic form and manner of their presentation, but in the class of material upon which the screen presentations are based.

For the first time, stories and dramas of genuine literary merit are being transferred to the films without being mutilated or distorted in the process. And the response of the public to these truthfully artistic presentations has completely confounded the cynical producers who professed to believe that only smut and sex appeal would draw paying audiences to the movie houses.

It is refreshing to learn from the recent report of Will H. Hays, president of the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America, that the recent splendid productions of great stories and plays are to be followed by many more of equal quality. Such films as David Copperfield, The Barretts of Wimpole Street, The Lives of a Royal Lancer, Little Women, One Night of Love, Sequoia—no name but a few—are forerunners of a long list which Mr. Hays tells us, will include the great works of Shakespeare, Sir Walter Scott, Rider Haggard, Jules Verne, Thackeray, Tolstoy, Victor Hugo and a host of other truly great writers, while others that are in preparation will deal with the lives of great historical figures such as Cecil Rhodes, General Grant, Florence Nightingale, Garibaldi, John Paul Jones and Joan of Arc.

It looks to us as if the motion picture has at last justified itself as a great moral and educational force, as well as the world's most popular form of entertainment.

**THE BOOK**

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**PRICE BARTON**

**JOHN THE BAPTIST**

If one were to seek out the most unselfish hero of history it would be difficult to name another worthy to stand even as close second to John the Baptist. He inaugurated a great movement which he might very easily have utilized for his own use; just how great it was we can imagine from the fact that St. Paul, coming to Ephesus a full quarter of a century after the crucifixion of Jesus, found a little group of men who were still disciples of John and knew hardly anything about Jesus. We find the same situation existing in far-away Alexandria, and we know the potency of John's name from the fact that Jesus used it in the last week of His earthly life for His own protection. The priests, His hecklers and baiters, were silent when He spoke it, fearing the people "for all held John as a prophet."

Go back to the very beginnings of the Gospel; how did it start? By the preaching of John.

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God;

As it is written in the prophets: Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare the way before thee.

The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

John made his camp by the banks of Jordan, clothing himself in skins and eating locusts and wild honey; and there he began to announce the coming of the kingdom of heaven and to call upon men to depart from all. How did he know that the kingdom of heaven was at hand? Who told him to proclaim the dawn of a new day?

John's success was almost instantaneous. Crowds went from the city to attend his meetings; he became a sort of fashionable fad, attracting not only the leaders of the smart set but a sufficient number of thoughtful and important people so that even the Pharisees began to give respectful attention.

One day an impressive committee went down the long winding road from Jerusalem to the Jordan, and after patting up at the most reputable tavern in the vicinity and leaving the traces of their travel they waited on John in solemn array and asked him to declare whether he was the Christ, and, if not, what honorable title they might confer upon him.

And he confessed, and denied it not; but confessed, I am not the Christ.

And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No.

He had his chance to claim the great place for himself and he refused it. He was only a "voice crying in

the wilderness," he said, the "forerunner of a Greater One to follow. Next Week: Non: Greater Born.

**NOBODY'S BUSINESS**

By Julia Capers, Jr.

Austin, March 25.—The raiding rangers and Gov. Jimmie Allred's policy of using them to close open saloons and gambling houses in the state's principal cities has temporarily diverted public attention from the legislature. The first reaction from the large cities was rather severe criticism of the governor.

But the secondary reaction has proved again that Jimmie Allred is perhaps the keenest judge of what is going on in the minds of the majority of people of Texas who sat in the governor's chair in many years. It also proved the governor makes few political mistakes.

The governor has talked rather freely about his action. He has pointed out that law enforcement was one of the principal planks in his platform, and his friends say he warned the saloonkeepers and gambling house operators from every platform in Texas last summer that he intended to enforce the law.

Actually the governor has no idea or intention of trying to enforce the laws with the handful of rangers at the disposal of Adj. Gen. Carl Nesbitt. But already, sheriffs and district attorneys have been falling all over themselves to assure the governor it isn't necessary to send rangers to their communities, and begging for a chance to enforce the law in their own counties and districts. All the governor ever intended to do was "turn the heat" on these delinquent local officials. The spectacular rains in Galveston, San Antonio, Fort Worth and Houston and elsewhere have sent the criminals who have defied the law openly scurrying for cover. The rangers were criticized by some well-meaning citizens for smashing the expensive furnishings of the gambling houses. But the governor, in his radio talk, quickly pointed out they were directed by the law to do just that.

There is a good story going the rounds in Austin which may or may not be entirely true, but it is given wide credence. It is said that the proprietor of one of the smashed night clubs in a south Texas city sent a check for \$25,000 as a contribution to

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Allred's campaign fund during the campaign last summer. The check, so the story goes, was promptly returned from Allred headquarters. The club operator, loudly bewailing his smashed night club, is said to have cursed Allred loudly for his "ingratitude." The ease with which certain local enforcement officials have been persuaded to ignore open saloons and gambling houses makes it difficult for their operators to understand a governor who makes campaign pledges and then goes right out and fulfills them.

These are strange times, but occasionally a peep into the pages of history reveals a perfect answer to some of the troublesome questions that present-day officials think are entirely new. To the surrender control of her oil industry to Washington bureaucrats, James Stephen Hogg, one of Texas' greatest chief executives, once gave a perfect answer. It was contained in a veto message, when he killed a bill the legislature passed authorizing the state prison system to accept a bounty from the federal government for raising sugar on prison lands. He said: "In the management of her affairs, she (Texas) is sovereign, supreme, subject only to the control of the people within her dominion. To accept this bounty for sugar, she would surrender the supervision and inspection of one of her most important industries from the federal government for spoils she would open the way for the invasion and final destruction of her independent autonomy. For a mess of pottage, seasoned with the sacrifice of principle, she would surrender her birthright." He might have been talking to the boys who want to accept federal control and "aid" for a Texas oil industry that is returning more than \$45,000,000 in state taxes alone to Texas.

The hearing before a senate committee on the proposed constitutional amendment to exempt homesteads up to \$3000 assessed valuation from all except school taxes was a remarkable session in several respects. There was virtually no "opposition" to the plan, although a score of city officials appeared as nominal opponents. They were for relief for the small home owners on a practicable basis, and merely cited figures to show what would happen to the cities and towns if the amendment should be adopted in its present form. Bailey Jones of New Braunfels, Mayor Tom Miller of Austin, City Manager Bill Taylor of Longview, Mayor Pats Renfro of Beaumont, and others all pointed out that exemption of \$3000 homes would cripple municipal services and force many to default on bonds heretofore issued in good faith.

"I don't believe that we ought to carry the man who owns a \$3000 homestead for a free ride on municipal service," said Mayor Tom Miller. "I believe any good American wants to pay a little something for what he gets from his community. I think the idea of this exemption originated in the minds of members of the legislature, and not with the people and asked for it—and if the people of Austin demanded it some of them would have been in to see me."

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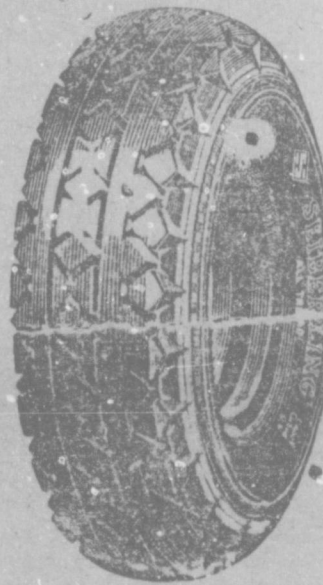
CHICAGO... Thomas J. Courtney (above), State's Attorney for Cook county, rode safely through a fusillade of racketeer's bullets while returning home last week. Eight bullets hit the car but he was unharmed.



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# Local Happenings

Mrs. Mary Guyton was a business visitor in Baird Wednesday.

Walter Holly visited relatives in Cross Plains Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brandon and Mrs. Fred Golson were visitors in Brackenridge Monday.

Mrs. Reg Putnam, Mrs. Lucile Kelley and children were visitors in Baird Thursday.

I. L. Sprawls, who has been visiting his father, J. G. Sprawls of Stanton returned home Friday.

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Jerse Hamilton of Odessa visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Teague Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Chester Emerson of Clyde visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Armstrong, this week.

Big Rodeo and Big Bargains in Dry Goods. Come see.—W. D. Boydston, Baird.

J. S. Yeager and Charlie Davis are attending the State Ginners Convention at Dallas this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Buchanan and son, Douglas, attended the Plaza Theatre at Baird Tuesday evening.

Will trade several subscriptions to the Putnam News for sweet milk.—MILDRED YEAGER.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Farmer and Mrs. W. H. Norred were visitors in Abilene Sunday.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Everett and family visited in Abilene Sunday.

Billy Gaskin attended the Plaza theatre at Baird Sunday afternoon.

Wilda Rutz and Jack Ledbetter of Scranton spent the week-end with Lloyd and Maxine Sprawls.

Mrs. Roy Williams and son, Stanley Neil visited Mrs. Williams' father, B. F. Speegle of Scranton Tuesday.

Charlie Miller and Earl Sunderman of Howard Payne College, spent the week-end in the homes of their parents.

## TYPHOID FEVER

AUSTIN, Texas—A warning against the hitch-hiking germ of typhoid fever has just been issued by Dr. John W. Brown, State Health Officer. They must catch a ride from an infected person to the well person; this is generally accomplished by water, milk, flies, fingers, or food. Every case is contracted by way of the mouth and digestive system.

A carrier is a person who has had typhoid fever at some time and who even after recovery carries the germs of the disease in the urine and discharge of the bowels. Carriers who are careless in their personal habits are likely to infect any food they handle with unwashed hands. Some of the most serious and alarming outbreaks of the disease have been caused by drinking milk or eating foods that have been handled by carriers. Persons may be carriers without knowing it.

Typhoid fever is unnecessary, and preventable. Every case is due either to community negligence or to the ignorance or carelessness of some individual. Persons planning a vacation or trip where sanitation may not be rigidly enforced should protect themselves against this disease by being vaccinated. Three inoculations with typhoid vaccine, a week apart, are all that is necessary to secure protection against this disease for two years. The purity of water, milk, or food cannot be judged by looking at it so the best thing to do is to play safe and have your physician protect you.

## FARM NOTES

(By: E. Jenkins, County Agent)

**Certified Sweet Potato Plants**  
Many sweet potato growers have asked what Porto Rico certified plants will cost per thousand and in answer to that question a portion of a letter from Joe Gustiss will answer fully. Quote: "I can deliver Porto Rico plants in 5,000 or more lots to Baird for \$1.50 per thousand for the State Certified and the State approved for \$1.25. I can deliver trailer loads at a better price."

"I have found this hill selected seed to be an improvement to any in my experimental last year. I have only disease free plants. They will not be ready for delivery before May as I have just finished bedding 500 bushels."

This office is much interested in seeing the sweet potato come back into its own in Cellahan county and in order to assist growers in ordering plants will accept orders from all interested parties who sign a request for same and it may be found that enough orders will accumulate to get the trailer load rate. Any interested should drop a line to the county agent's office and state the needs.

**Wheat Measuring Started**  
Wheat land is being measured in time this year. Three supervisors went into the field Wednesday and hope to be through measuring in 6 days.

W. R. Williams of Clyde, Claude M. Morse of Oplin, and Norrell Long of Cross Plains are the wheat supervisors from Callahan and have their commissions from the State Wheat Board.

Twenty-five second wheat payments on either 1933 compliance or the 1934 first payment was received and began to be distributed Wednesday. About \$625 was being given out by N. M. Georg, treasurer of the Callahan Wheat Growers' Association.

**More Certificate Per Checks**  
There were 30 certificate owners who were not included in the first batch of checks received on the Bank head Pool checks but 18 of this number received the 2 cent advance on Tuesday. That leaves but 12 more to receive the first advance. No time has been given out from Washington as to when the remainder of the money will be paid above the 2 cent first advance. It has been reported that 80 per cent of all certificates pooled were sold. If that be true, there will be something like 1 more cent per pound to be paid less the necessary expense of handling the pool. Any unused or unsold certificates will be returned to the original owners for use this year. Any unused certificate will be valid for this year's use.

**Cotton Voluntary Sign Up Complete**  
The supplemental cotton form that was to be signed by every 1934-35 signer to state whether 25 or 35 per cent was to be cut has been executed and the county committee, composed of Aaron McKee of Clyde, chairman, V. F. Jones, Baird, and Steve N. Foster of Atwell, report that most every cotton grower in the county has signed the new 1935 contract.

The county committee is very busy getting these contracts in form to present to the State Review Board.

The committeemen were roundly complimented on getting the job done so quickly this year. They signed the entire county in 8 days this year while it took 3 months last year. This speed has been accomplished by good organization and by requiring each grower to sign the contract with his respective committeeman rather than go to Baird for that purpose.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ledbetter of Scranton, visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Williams Saturday.

Mrs. F. L. Armstrong and children, Mrs. Alice Armstrong and Mrs. Clarence Armstrong were visitors in Clyde Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Emerson.

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## TODAY AND TOMORROW

Frank Parker Stockbridge

**FAME** . . . . . a woman I can't find any figures that tell how many of the votes cast at the last Presidential election were cast by women, but there certainly were a good many millions. Not one of them could have voted if it had not been for the lifetime of work by the late Susan B. Anthony, the great pioneer of Woman Suffrage in America.

I was glad to have had an opportunity to be one of those to nominate her as a candidate for the Hall of Fame of New York University. As a very young reporter I had occasion once to interview Miss Anthony, then more than seventy years old. I recall vividly her spurs figure and her quiet but determined manner.

"Government," she said, "is a job of housekeeping. Economy and common sense are the main requirements. Now honestly, don't you think your grandmother, has more common sense than any politician you ever met?"

I wasn't so sure about it then, but as I grow older I think Miss Anthony was right. I hope they put her statue in the Hall of Fame. It is already in Statuary Hall in the Capitol at Washington.

**PERSIA** . . . . . now Iran The announcement from the State Department that Persia desires hereafter to be called "Iran" reminds us of P. I. Barnum, the circus man. Mr. Barnum built himself a great house at Bridgeport, Connecticut, all tricked out with spires and minarets, and named it "Iranistan," which was the name in common use sixty-odd years ago for the country we now call Persia.

We are getting to know more about those nations of Western Asia, since oil has been discovered in their territory. Adjacent to Persia—beg pardon "Iran"—lie Turkestan, Afghanistan and Beluchistan, all with potential wealth in oil and minerals as yet undeveloped.

The Government of the United States quietly recognized the independence of Afghanistan a short time ago, that nation having declared its independence of Great Britain in 1921. If I were still an adventurous youth I think I would like to take a whirl at exploration in that part of the world. I might find an emerald mine or an oil field, or a chance to build a rail road.

**HOWE** . . . . . his aim

No man whom I ever knew gave his entire life so single-heartedly and devotedly to the service of another as Louis McHenry Howe to Franklin D. Roosevelt. I have known Louis Howe for more than twenty years. In all that time he had but one goal in life. That was to put Franklin Roosevelt in the White House. The two men first met when Mr. Roosevelt was a young State Senator in Albany and Louis Howe a smart young newspaper correspondent, with a decided instinct for politics. He managed Mr. Roosevelt's successful campaign for reelection, and from then on the two were inseparable.

Tr. Louis Howe more than to any other man Franklin Roosevelt owes the fact that he, and not someone else, was the Democratic nominee in 1932. As far back as 1913, when Mr. Roosevelt was Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Louis Howe used to tell us newspaper men that his chief was headed for the White House. He made himself a master of political strategy with no other end in view. Mr. Roosevelt himself is perhaps the ablest politician who ever sat in the White House, but most of his political education he got from Louis Howe.

**JOBS** . . . . . today

I have yet to be entirely satisfied with the available statistics of the number of unemployed, nor can I agree with the widely held belief that all of them would rather work than subsist without working at the taxpayers' expense.

I know that in the East it is next to impossible to hire farm workers, while in the villages, towns and cities

thousands are loafing at public cost. A Jersey City man advertised in a farm paper a few days ago that he would be glad to work for \$10 a month and "keep." He got more than 300 replies, many offering more than the \$10 he asked. But when he tried to get other unemployed men whom he knew to take up some of these jobs, they refused, and the relief agencies to which he gave the letters said they did not think they could induce men to take them.

"Idleness breeds idleness" is an old saw that I have often heard in my youth. It is still true.

**"ERSATZ"** . . . . . again

During the World War we used to hear a great deal of the word "ersatz" which means, in German "substitute." People wore "ersatz" clothes, ate "ersatz" food and so on. We learned then that Germany was a nation very short of all sorts of raw materials, but very ingenious in inventing substitutes.

I remember some twenty-five years ago meeting Dr. Carl Duisberg, perhaps the foremost of Germany's industrial chemists. He showed me a set of ersatz rubber tires that he had made for the Kaiser's automobile. Germany was trying even then to make itself independent of natural supplies of raw materials. Duisberg's ersatz rubber was not very satisfactory, however, and very expensive.

Now the word ersatz appears again in the news dispatches. Germany is rearming, as she did in 1914. Her people are wearing ersatz clothes again. Her foreign commerce is falling off. To me the signs seem ominous.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

by Charles E. Dana

THE HEAVENLY FATHER

Lesson for April 7th, John 14:8-24.  
Golden Text: Psalm 103:13

The lessons of our second quarter deal with a number of the central teachings of the Christian faith. The first of these is the doctrine that God is Father, Jesus put new meaning into this glorious truth. Perhaps the best way to prove this is to say that he made God an absolutely trust worthy channel of unfailing grace and power for all men. He found a local, tribal deity in the religion of his fathers, a God who limits His parental control to one particular people and place. By his example and teaching he made it clear that the Father is without frontiers in His outreach, for He embraces within His providential care the poor, the despised, the ignorant, and the misunderstood of every land. He found also, in the Jewish tradition in which he was nurtured, a God of physical might and vengeance, and it was his privilege to place a moral meaning at the heart of God.

To many today this conception of divine fatherhood is incredible. "How can God be father," they cry, "when the world is so saturated with disaster and pain?" Our trouble, as Dean Wicks, of Princeton says, is that we wrongly assume that if God be per-

sonal, everything else, too, should also be personal. And Dr. Wicks well expresses the Christian idea of God by comparing Him to the high-minded editor of a newspaper whose influence is altogether good. On the top floor is the editorial staff, the men who control that paper and see that its policies are beneficent. They, in turn, are dominated by the editor-in-chief, who has consecrated himself, with complete devotion to the service of the journal and all its employees. Tragic accidents happen in that building on occasion, but the dominant force there is the noble personality of this editor. Even so the universe, at times, reels with woe, but God's paternal love is regnant at its heart.

## Orleans Knife Girl



PAS  
NEW ORLEANS . . . Marian King, 23, (above), writer, brought romance to a tragic end with her drinking companion John I. Pierce, 23, when she stabbed him with a knife he handed her in a night club quarrel. "He died like a gentleman," she said.

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## SENIOR NEWS

**Biography of Lawrence Thompson**  
Lawrence Thompson was born May 9, 1918, at Union, Texas. He started to the Putnam school in the seventh grade and has attended here since. This being his last year. Lawrence is liked by all his teachers and class mates.

In the class room he is always ready to respond when a question is asked.

It is an honor to Senior class to have such an intelligent student as Lawrence, and we are proud of him. May his name echo through the halls of success.

## Revised Proverbs

Look before you cheat.  
He that flunks and knows his bizz lives to flunk another quizz.  
Procrastination is the sign of the times.  
If at first you did not win, date, date and date again.  
All are not girls that giggle.  
He who hesitates is the boss.  
A miss is as good as her environment.  
Love suppereth long and he that dines her must pay the piemen.

## Making It Dramatic

The English class was given a test of writing four lines of dramatic poetry. The results were various, and selecting the verse of an unusually bright boy, the teacher read: "A boy was walking down the tracks, The train was coming fast; The boy stepped off the railroad track To let the train go past."  
"This verse is very well done," said the Miss Settle, but it lacks drama. Try again Jack and make it more dramatic."

Whereupon, in a surprising short time Jack produced the following verse: "A boy was walking down the track, The train was coming fast; The train jumped off the railroad track To let the boy go past."

## Donkey Base Ball Game

A donkey base ball game was played at the football ground Wednesday evening. The high school boys and teachers played the town boys. The game proved to be very interesting.

## JUST JUNIOR ITEMS

District track is to be held in Breckenridge Friday and Saturday of this week. Our girls' debate team will go to this meet and I believe we have a plenty good chance to win. Coach Masur has several track boys working diligently and have been since county track meet. Chris Sunderman, Raymond Jobe, Buel Everett and Adrain Conlin are the boys. Chris Sunderman won three first places at the county track and we hope that he will be successful at district.

The first and second year Spanish classes have been asked to sing several Spanish songs Monday night at the Methodist church. We have accepted and will do our best to please you. Betty Merser, Louise Peek and Willie Mae Stephens will sing a Spanish song. The Putnam high school choral club will sing for several songs. Boy, but dear old PHS produces some sing wizzards.

Exams come Thursday and Friday, so naturally the students are studying just a little more this week. Some of the students are praying for exemptions, but whether their prayers will be answered will not be known until Thursday and Friday.

We are welcoming the Seniors of last year to our school. And we will do all we can to entertain them. They do not realize how we have missed them this year. We are always glad to have some of them to drop in and visit our classes.

It is getting near the end of school—some are glad and some are sad. The Seniors of this year will be gone and we, the Junior class, will take their places. What I mean, we are really going to fill their places. But we hate to think that the Seniors of this year will not be back. We will miss them as we have missed other senior classes before them.

## Junior Jibes

**What! Never?**  
A woman's ways you can't define,  
Her meaning often she obscures,  
Mae wote she never could be mine,  
And signed it, "very truly yours."

## Discovery

Curious old lady—"Why, you've lost your leg, haven't you?"  
Cripple—"Well, I'll be darned if I haven't!"

Uncle, to little girl he is bouncing on his knee: "Do you like riding on my knee?"  
Muriel—"Not much. You see, I once had a ride on a real donkey."

Mr. Smith: My wife is trying very hard to reduce, but isn't succeeding very well.

A Friend: Tell her to have faith. Remember, faith will remove mountains.

Mr. Smith: You may have seen mountains, but you have never seen my wife.

"Do you think of me always, dear?"  
"Always, darling. Why can't you marry me so I can forget you?"

We know a boy who buys his sweetie's lipstick because he doesn't like her taste.

**Believe It or Not (Apologies to Ripley)**  
If all the automobiles were five passenger cars, every one in the United States could go riding at one time.

Baldheadedness doesn't make an old man—take a glimpse at babies.

The larger a telephone company is, the less money it makes.

The Junior boys are working out for spring training in football. Royce Pruet likes to argue.

Francis Armstrong likes to explain geometry problems.

**Can You Imagine?**  
Norris Park with his 'own' cigarettes.

Franklin Shackelford sleeping at night or loafing all day.

Roberta Pruet being in love.

Coly Maynard with nothing to say.

Gordon Young missing a dance.

Louise and Royce not fussing.

Miss Settle keeping order in class.

J. L. with a girl.

Myrlene being late to class.

An interesting chapel program. Mr. Webb using slang. Arcelia asking a question. Jodie with pink eyes.

## P-H-S

**DUCKY NEWS FROM THE SOPHOMORES**  
Girls and "Dates"

The Sophomore girls have been inquiring into the subject of "dates." They report that there are no less than six different classes of dates. They rate as follows:

Perishable Dates, Standard Dates, Dry Dates, Bread Dates, Off-dates and Cull Dates. This information is going to be of great value for the young people—especially those Sophomore girls who are always looking for more "dates" and who are never quite satisfied at that. The Sophomore girls have done a monumental service to society in this respect.

Hereafter there will be no excuse for a girl is tricked into accepting a "date" which is not up to the "quality standard." We take it that "Perishable" dates are those which have to be accepted right off the bat—the take-it-or-leave-it sort. If a girl were to say in general way "Come around and see me sometime"—that would not classify as "Perishable," it is too vague. It looks as if she were fed up with dates. "Standard" dates we should interpret as the stand-by type—the regular old reliable style, exemplified by the young couple who meet every Saturday night, year in and year out, and still without getting anywhere or going anywhere.

"Dry" dates might be described as those where nothing stimulating of any sort is served. "Bread" dates are probably all right, provided some butter or other spread is also served. "Off grade" dates we would not recommend any girl to accept. And the same thing applies even more strongly to "Cull" dates. Many a girl has drawn a "cull" date—but up to this time she didn't know the name of it. A "blind" date—where a girl agrees to go out with somebody she has never seen before—is apt to prove of the "cull" class. Hereafter any girl who values her reputation or her future should inquire what sort of date it is going to be when some fellow gives her an invitation. Is it Grade 1; is it Grade 2—or is it possibly Grade 6? Don't hesitate to ask.

Spring training started off with a bang. Thirty two showed up for the first day of training. Coach Masur appointed three captains for spring training. They are Jodie, Chris and Gordon.

There are eight Sophomore boys coming out for football. We hope that the interest in the training will grow and that we, the Sophomore boys, will help to make it grow.

There is some good material coming up from grammar school. They are small but enjoy playing football. They are going to work hard so as to receive a sweater next year.

The Sophomore girls wish the football boys much success during spring training and football season during September.

## Jokes

T. L.—Does your wife sing the baby to sleep?  
Esen—No, the neighbors said that they had rather him cry.

Mrs. Bray: What did you learn in your cooking lesson today?  
Joyce: Nothing, the teacher was home with indigestion.

Mr. Overton—How many pounds in a long ton?  
Tood—Twenty-two hundred and forty.

Mr. Overton: In a short ton, Bill?  
Bill—That depends on the dealer.

## FRESHMAN HEADLINERS

Oliver and Adrain  
The freshman class is working very hard now as the last six-weeks exams are here. Next time we take an exam it will be the last roundup. There are about 9 or 10 freshmen coming out for spring training and we hope to letter at least 6 of the 9.

The freshman class was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ashbanner last Saturday night. Every one enjoyed it very much. We certainly appreciated the party and wish to thank them.

When school first started there were 17 boys and 4 girls. Well, the boys have fallen down to 14. We certainly hope that no one decides to move or anything that will cause them to have to drop out. The freshmen have one of the largest classes in high school and we want to increase instead of decrease.

The freshmen and senior classes sponsored a program at the high school. The freshmen presented two plays and the seniors presented some verses. Both were enjoyed by every one (we hope). It seems as if the freshman class is going to turn into a music class. At the first of the year Dolpha Hull was our only player. He plays the harmonica. Then J. C. Yeager started to school and he plays the guitar. Now Bill McMullan has joined, he plays the jews harp. They all three played together Monday. They were pretty good together by the way the students applauded. The sophomore and junior Spanish classes will put on the next chapel program. Every one is invited to attend.

Since Track is nearly over the boys will start to work out for football. There were about 29 out Tuesday and there were some more who hadn't got suits yet. We hope that the football boys can stay and none of us have to quit unless our parents make us. There are a large number of good prospects out this year and some of the boys are really going to have to work to beat them out.

There will not be so many large ones but the others are little but fast. There are many hopes from the seventh grade. They have some pretty good football players down there. There are some pretty good prospects from the freshman class. There are about nine freshmen out for football and there are about eight from the seventh grade and about eight sophomores. Then from the junior class there are about four out for football. The seniors are very courteous for coming out and helping coach. Mr. Masur appointed Buel, Alvin, Norris and R. D. as coaches. The coach appointed Chris and Jodie Gordon as captain.

The Track team is going to Breckenridge this Saturday, 6. There will not be so many of the track boys entering up at district. There are just four boys entering. They are: Buel Everett and Chris Sunderman are entering in 220 yd. dash, 100 yd. dash, high jump and other events. Then Raymond Jobe is entered in the 880 yd. run. Then come Lawrence Thompson and Adrain Conlin in the mile run. We hope that these boys can bring back a few medals for the sake of good old PHS. We want them to put in every ounce of strength that they have in any event they enter. Although we won't be down to see you run we will be hoping that you win. These boys will try to win although we may face some of the best competition in this district. There are some pretty fast runners in this district. We also hope that if don't win that we can say that we did our best. I guess that the track news will not be in the Putnam paper after district because nobody will go to state. We hope some one does.

## Freshman Jokes

Mother (at dinner)—Johnnie, I to wish you would stop reaching for things. Haven't you a tongue?  
Jack—Yes, but my arm can reach farther.

Eugene—Ma, can me and Glenn have some cake?  
Ma—Not until you ask for it gratefully, Eugene.

Eugene—Well, then, mother, can I have some cake?  
Government Agent—We are taking a census of ultimate consumers. Are you one?  
Catolyn—I used to be—but now I go without.

Billie—I don't believe you're going to like that new job you've just got in Arizona. They say it's 100 in the shade out there.

Keith—Yes, but I won't be working in the shade all the time.

Jiggs—Why isn't supper ready?  
Mary D.—I've been down town bargain hunting all the afternoon and I just couldn't get home in time.

Jiggs—Huh! Lookin' for somethin' for nothin', I suppose?  
Mary D.—Yes, looking for a birthday present for you.

—P-H-S—  
**THE KITTEN'S MEOW**  
By Doyle Lee Brown

**FIFTH GRADE NEWS**  
Louise Lambley

Every one is getting ready for exams, hoping they will get exempt. There is more study than play in every neighborhood. We have been making very good grades which are remarkable.

Since the picture memory team went to Baird in track meet, they know how to appreciate good paintings by historical artists of the past. Even though we didn't win, we can help our school to win that much.

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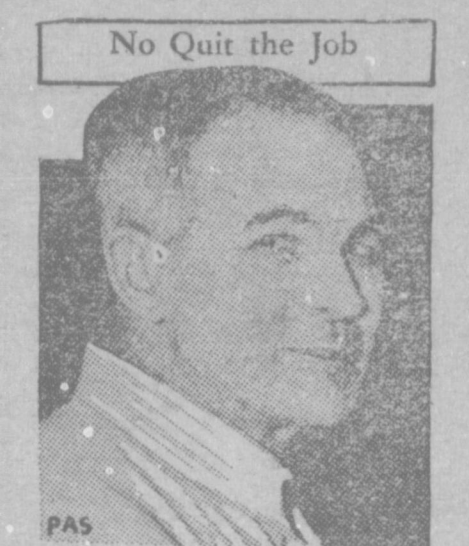
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**SIXTH GRADE**  
Mary Lou Dubank  
The Texas History Club met Friday at the usual time. The president took charge, and the treasurer's report was given. The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting. Then the preamble was given by Osie Stephens and an interesting story of "The Last Raidings of Old Victoria," was given by James Kennedy. We decided to get a photographer from Cisco to take a picture of the many different projects we have made this year. We also talked about giving a San Jacinto Day program. The president appointed Mozell Springer to help the program committee prepare the program for San Jacinto Day. We adjourned to meet Friday, April 5, 1935.



NEWARK, N. J. . . . Michael Bellotti, 47, (above), is going right ahead shining shoes at his stand here despite a telegram which informed him that he and his brother, a book-binder, are heirs to a \$5,000,000 estate from an uncle in the Argentine.



WASHINGTON . . . Herbert D. Stephens, former U. S. Senator from Mississippi, has been appointed a director of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

Mrs. Thomas Kila of Union is reported to be very serious ill this week suffering from the effects of a stroke of paralysis.  
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Coffey and son, Jimmy Glenn and daughter, Patsy Helen, of Cottonwood, were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Everett Sunday.



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