

From The Editor Window

As this column is being written we have just emerged from the coldest weather this winter has ever experienced for this time of year...

Across the ocean in Rumania a series of disastrous earth-quake have been reported and the toll of lives was heavy...

Speaking of the weather, many parts of the country, and especially Texas, have recently been visited with rains varying in amounts...

In looking over our exchanges this week we came across the following, which we believe to be the best definition of this kind that has come to our attention...

In thinking over these two statements one must conclude there are very few statesmen to be found in our public life at the present time...

Mrs. Ferguson, a widely known columnist, says it is the reason. She says our country has fallen into the clutches of the politicians...

We have all heard of the Irish wit and now comes the story of a ruse by an Irishman during the World War to get his garden dug up...

Pat thought the matter over and wrote as follows in the beginning of his next letter:—"Bridget, please don't dig the garden, that's where the guns are..."

According to a recent survey the world at large may have to depend more and more upon the 200,000,000 acre forest of our southern gulf coast...

The beloved Ignace Jan Paderewski, celebrated pianist the world over, and once president of the little country of Poland...

We remember several years ago, after one of his musical tours of America, he bade this country farewell and said he was going home to spend the remainder of his life in his native land...

JAMES CLARK ROPES WOLF ON HORSEBACK AND BRINGS IT HOME

Raymond Clark was in town Thursday morning and said that he and his son James were riding the pasture one day this week...

OPEN HOUSE FETES COUPLE

An open house and gift party honored Roy Lee Williams and Mary Lou Eubank at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. F. A. Hollis...

The couple will be married Nov. 20 at the First Baptist church, Putnam.

Heading the receiving line were the honored couple and Meses M. Eubank, Roy L. Williams, G. W. Thompson...

Janice Strickland presided at the bride's book. From a lace-laid table centered with a three-tiered cake and miniature bride and bridegroom...

Autumn leaves and tall white candles decorated the rooms. Mrs. C. W. Forbus and Mrs. C. E. Waddell played the piano during the afternoon...

Miss Eubanks and Mr. Williams are attending Hardin-Simmons University.

Refreshment plates of pumpkin pie, topped with tinted whipped cream, coffee, spiced tea and mints was served to the following guests...

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Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Nelson visited Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Nelson at Abilene he is with the Pepsi Cola company and also been located at Sweetwater but has been transferred to Abilene.



Pictured above is the girl band of John Tarleton Agricultural College at Stephenville. Several Callahan county girls are included in the highly colorful and extremely unusual collegiate music organization...

JOE COLEMAN RECEIVES PAINFUL ACCIDENT ON THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Joe Coleman happened to quite a painful accident Thursday. While he was soldering a leaky radiator, some water was spilled on the bibbet and acid and some of the acid was thrown in his right eye...

TEXAS & PACIFIC WILL PAY STOCKHOLDERS OF RECORD \$5 DEC. 20TH

The common stockholders of the Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas and Pacific Railway Company will share \$2,242,500 dividend as ordered last Tuesday by directors in a five dollar dividend...

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. West and Mr. and Mrs. Bill West moved to Albany Friday. They have lived here for the past several years and operated in the Putnam shallow oil field.

College at Stephenville. Several Callahan county girls are included in the highly colorful and extremely unusual collegiate music organization. The band is conducted by Harold J. Blum. Three dazzling drum majors lead the band when on parade.

MRS. C. DERR AND MOTHER OF GRAHAM VISITED THE BIGGESTAFFS TUESDAY

Mrs. Clenton Derr, of Graham and her mother, Mrs. Neal who is visiting Mrs. Clenton Derr of Graham, were guests of L. R. and Mrs. George Biggestaff last week...

To know Mrs. Derr's eloquent mother makes very obvious of Mrs. Derr's dignity and most gracious finest personality, in a measure it is hereditary. Mrs. Derr is an active member in various clubs being a talented artist...

REV. J. MORRIS BAILEY GOES TO ELLISVILLE CHURCH FOR 1940-41

Rev. J. Morris Bailey who has been pastor of the First Methodist church in Putnam for the past two years has been transferred to Ellisville for the coming year...

WOMENS STUDY CLUB MET IN THE HOME OF MRS. FRED COOK MON.

The Ladies Study club met in the home of Mrs. Fred Cook Monday afternoon. The following program was rendered...

The Shakespeare country. The home life of Shakespeare by Mrs. Mark Sherwin. A trip to Kenilworth and Warwick and Shakespeare memorial Theatre, by Mrs. Fred Cook.

Shakespeare's writings and drama Mrs. Lyn Williams. Duet, Marian Sherwin and Fredaline Cook. The following members were present...

PUTNAM GINNED 486 BALES OF COTTON ON SATURDAY NIGHT 11-16

The Farmers Gin here has ginned to date 486 bales of cotton. Mr. Davis the manager states that they have about four bales in the house, and he knows of two or three more yet un-picked...

MRS. A. A. BRAZEL DIED LAST TUESDAY, BURIED IN PUTNAM CEMETERY

Mrs. (Lillie Mae Turner) Brazel wife of A. A. Brazel died at her home in the south part of town Tuesday afternoon, November 12th. Mrs. Brazel was born in Springfield, Illinois in 1885...

Survivors are her husband, A. A. Brazel, and seven children and 13 grand-children. The children are: Mrs. Ethel Hutchins, Houston; Mrs. Martha Ussery, Ranger; Mrs. Burtha Duckett, Point; Mrs. Kate Stuckey, Laird; Ben Brazel, Putnam; Charles Brazel, Eastland, and Mrs. Edna Cox, Moran.

Funeral services were at the Baptist church and conducted by the Rev. E. A. Hollis, pastor of the North Park Baptist church at Abilene and former pastor of the Putnam Baptist church of which Mrs. Brazel, was a member.

Undertakers in charge were Wylie Funeral Home at Baird. Burial was in the Putnam cemetery Wednesday afternoon.

TEXAS OIL INDUSTRY TAXED \$39 MILLION AGAINST \$4 MILLION

The average Texas tax-payer now has to pay \$3 for every \$1 he paid in state taxes in 1920, a study just completed by the Texas Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association shows.

The study, based on figures in the association's new book, "Important Facts About Texas Oil," shows that Texans in general now pay \$89,000,000 in state taxes against \$23,000,000 in 1920, or three times as much.

During the 20-year period, the cost of state government has become virtually five times as great, while the state's population is less than one and a half times as much. The tremendous increase in governmental expense represents an increase in per capita cost of \$18.57 for each Texan.

DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION OF COTTON IN OCTOBER WAS SECOND LARGEST

The United Census department on cotton, reported Thursday the amount of cotton consumed during October, was the second largest in history for one month.

Total domestic consumption this season so far is 2,064,457 bales as compared with 1,041,301 bales in 1939. It looks like world's consumption for this year would be around 9,500,000 to 10,000,000 bales of American, with world consumption of all growths around 28 to 30 million bales.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Hall of Fort Worth spent several days with Mrs. J. M. Cribbs last week.

J. M. Cribbs who is employed in Brownwood spent Monday night with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bufford spent Friday in Cisco visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Culwell a brother of Mrs. Bufford.

Mrs. L. W. Culwell of Fort Worth spent the week end in the home of her nephew and wife Mr. and Mrs. H. Culwell, Mr. and Mrs. H. Culwell returned to Fort Worth with Mrs. L. W. Culwell where they will spend several days visiting before returning to Putnam.

FELIX RAINS FORMER SHERIFF OF CALLAHAN COUNTY DIED MONDAY

Felix Rains aged 68 years and former sheriff of Callahan county died at his home in Abilene early Monday morning of heart attack. He had appeared to be in normal health at the time he ate his breakfast; but was stricken a few minutes later and died before a physician arrived.

WEST TEXAS OIL AND GAS ASSOCIATION TO MEET DECEMBER 2ND

The 1940 annual meeting of the West Texas Oil and Gas Association will be held in the City of Abilene December 2nd.

Change of the time for this session, from the date, originally announced, was made necessary, Joe Clark, Albany president of the association announced because of a conflict with another program which could not be eliminated.

The feature of the day will be a banquet and entertainment program at Fair Park Supper Club at 6:30 p.m. This function will be open to both men and women, and officials of the association assert that it will be an outstanding affair. An address by a speaker of national prominence will highlight the session.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB MET WITH MRS. W. W. EVERETT TUESDAY

The Home Demonstration club of Putnam, met in the home of Mrs. W. W. Everett Tuesday afternoon November 12th. Mrs. Weldon Park was acting president. Miss Reed assistant home demonstration agent of Baird, gave a demonstration for the club in the absence of Miss Clara Brown the count agent.

Her demonstration was on table service. The club enjoyed the demonstration. Miss Reed also visited with them.

The following club members were present: Mrs. J. B. Brandon, George Caraway, W. A. Buchanan, W. W. Everett, Jim Heslep, E. N. Hull, E. E. Sunderman, Luther Park, Weldon Park, Janie Moore, Oliver Allen, Bill West, and M. P. Clamper. Visitors Mrs. G. W. Jeter and Miss Reed. Club will meet again Tuesday, November 26th.

LONE STAR GAS SYSTEM GETS NATIONAL SALUTE

A salute to Texas and its gas industry has been given the nation by Gas Age Magazine, which has its entire current issue to the Lone Star Gas System. The magazine is published in New York and circulates throughout the United States and Canada...

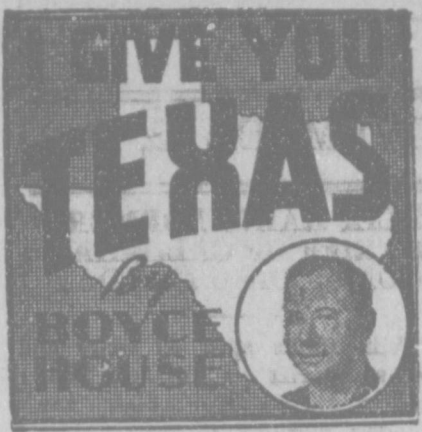
The foreword, illustrated with the Texas State flag, is entitled "Thirty Years of Natural Gas Service." "The story of the growth of the Lone Star Gas System is the story of the growth of Texas," says the foreword.

"It took pioneers with great vision and courage to bring natural gas service to Central Texas in 1900. It has taken continued vision and courage to build from this small beginning one of the nation's leading public utility systems—an efficient combination of men, materials and natural resources providing a population of a million and a half people in some 150,000 square miles of territory with the benefits of dependable and economical gas service."

"First, find out what is the right thing to do... then, what is the right way to do it, has been the Lone Star company slogan for many years. Past accomplishments and present performance of the company evidence the success of this constructive policy."

Advertisement for First National Bank in Cisco, Texas. Features include: 'This is The BANK that SERVICE Built', 'A STRONG INSTITUTION', 'Transacting business along sound constructive and conservative lines and soliciting the accounts of forward looking firms and individuals.', 'Modern Safety Deposit Service', and 'Member of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation'.





As long as there remains anywhere a love of oratory, men will read Mark Anthony's speech and the "Cross of Gold" address of Williams Jennings Bryan...

"We say to you that you have made the definition of a business man too limited in its application. The man who is employed for wages is as much a business man as his employer; the attorney in a country town is as much a business man as the corporation counsel in a great metropolis; the merchant at the cross-roads store is as much a business man as the merchant of New York; the farmer who goes forth in the morning and tills all day, who begins in spring and tills all summer, and who by the application of brain and muscle to the natural resources of the country creates wealth, is as much a business man as

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the man who goes upon the Board of Trade and bets upon the price of grain; the miners who go down a thousand feet into the earth of climb two thousand feet upon the cliffs and bring forth from their hiding places the precious metals to be poured into the channels of trade are as much business men as the few financial magnates who, in a back room, corner the money of the world.

"There are two ideas of government. There are those who believe that, if you will only legislate to make the well-to-do prosperous, their prosperity will leak through on those below. The Democratic idea, however, has been that if you legislate to make the masses prosperous, their prosperity will find its way up through every class which rests upon them.

"Burn down your cities will spring up again as if by magic; but destroy our farms and the grass will grow in the streets of every city in the country.

"Having behind us the producing masses of this nation and the world, supported by the commercial interests, the laboring interests and the toilers everywhere, we will answer their demand for a gold standard by saying to them: You shall not press down upon the brow of labor this crown of thorns; you shall not crucify mankind upon a cross of gold."

No man—until the advent of the radio—was ever heard by as many people as was Bryan in the campaign of '06. He made as high as 30 speeches in a single day, including brief addresses from the back platform of his train; and millions came under the spell of his magnificent voice. Few candidates have stirred a greater enthusiasm and

those whose hearts were broken when his colors trailed in the dust can understand these lines:

- "Election night at midnight: Boy Bryan's defeat. Defeat of western silver. Defeat of the wheat— Defeat of the aspen groves of Colorado valleys, The blue bells of the Rockies. And blue bonnets of old Texas— Defeat of alfalfa and the Marioposa lily, Defeat of the Pacific and the long Mississippi— Defeat of my boyhood, defeat of my dream."

(Quoted by permission of Macmillan Company from Vachel Lindsay's "Selected Poems") Though thrice failing to reach the goal of the Presidency, Bryan saw many of his reforms made into law and, even greater than these tangible results, was the influence of his grand character.

Joke-of-the-moment:

An American, planning to visit Germany and knowing the rigid censorship, told a friend that if conditions were bad, he would write a letter in red ink and then, regardless of the words, the friend would understand. In due course, a letter arrived. It read: "Conditions are great in Germany. Everything is wonderful. All these stories you hear are the bunk. We have plenty of food, plenty of clothes, plenty of fuel, plenty of everything. The only thing I have been unable to get is red ink."

A variant of that is the story about the American, writing from Germany to a friend in the United States, who declared, "Everything over here is grand. I wish you would tell this to my father and my brother; in fact, tell it to everybody and, above all, tell it to the marines."

H. D. COUNCIL HAS MEETING SATURDAY

County Home Demonstration Council met in the district court room at Baird Saturday in a regular meeting. The following announcements were made after the business session:

Eula and Enterprise Home Demonstration Clubs will have an Achievement Day November 20, Wednesday, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The following homes will be visited to view completed demonstration: Mrs. Will Young, Mrs. W. E. McCollum, Mrs. M. D. Farrar, of Enterprise; Mrs. N. H. Stephenson, Mrs. Lester Farmer, Mrs. Clyde Johnston, Mrs. C. B. Young and Mrs. L. E. Lewis of Eula.

A cookie school will be held at the Home Economics room at the Baird High School at 2 to 3 p. m. Each club of the county is invited to send one to two delegates.

Mrs. Paul Shanks of Enterprise received the feather comfort. Miss Anna Mae McIntosh won the feather comfort lining.

A feather comfort demonstration will be given at Denton, Monday afternoon, on November 18; and at Oplin in the home of Mrs. C. M. Morse, Friday, November 22, at 2 p.m.

Mattress center will open at Tecumseh, November 19; Baird for Rowden, Belle Plains, Baird and Bethlehem applicants, November 20, Wednesday; and Dudley, Nov., 21, Thursday. When these centers have completed, there will have been 676 mattresses in the 17 centers of the county since June.

How can I meet my obligations unless the people who owe me will pay?

All who know themselves indebted to the late Dr. Brittain or the estate, will please call at the News office and pay same. If you can not pay all of the bill pay a part of it, as I must raise some money.

Mrs. B. F. Brittain Putnam, Texas

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MATTRESS MAKING PROGRAM WILL BE HELD AGAIN IN '41

Applications for Mattresses to Be Taken in 12 Communities of County Saturday the 23

A 1940-41 Cotton Mattress Demonstration Program was inaugurated by the Land Use Planning Committee, County Home Demonstration Council, Extension Service, and AAA, Saturday in a county-wide meeting Saturday, attended by representatives from Atwell, Admiral, Clyde, Cottonwood, Cross Plains, Denton, Eula, Enterprise, Midway, Oplin, Union, Putnam, and Zion Hill.

In general, the 1941 program will operate in the same manner as the 1940 program under which, 161,900 mattresses are being made in Texas according to Mildred Horton, vice-director and state home demonstration agent for the Extension Service. The scope of the program is limited to groups financially unable to purchase mattresses from commercial concerns and will interfere in no way with the sale of mattresses through commercial channels, she explained.

Families are eligible if they live in the country and had a total income of not more than \$500 for the previous calendar year. For each member of the family in excess of four, this figure may be raised \$50.

Families are eligible if they live in a village, town or city and receive at least one-half of their total income during the previous calendar year from agricultural occupations, providing of course, the total income was not more than \$500.

Each eligible family may receive one mattress for each two persons in the family, not to exceed a total of three mattresses.

In interpreting the regulations of the program, R. T. Price, state administrative assistant of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration and AAA supervisor for the project, explains that "total income" means the cash income received from all sources earned and collectible, plus the local market value of unsold farm products raised for sale or received as payment for services or rent and bid for sale, minimum farm rent paid or to be paid in cash. As in the 1940 program, eligibility of rural families will be determined by county agricultural conservation committees.

Applications for mattresses under the 1941 program will be taken in Callahan County Saturday, November 23, at the following places: Admiral, Eubank's store, 2 and 5 pm Atwell, Foster's store, 8 am to 5 pm Clyde, Pyatt's grocery store 8 am to 5 pm.

Cottonwood, Mrs. Floyd Coffey's home, 9 am to 5 pm. Denton, Padon's store, 9 am to 5 pm Eula, Eula store, 2 pm to 5 pm. Midway, Mrs. George Jones' home 9 am to 12 pm.

Oplin, Morse store, 9 am to 5 pm. Union, Mrs. H. G. White's home, 9 am to 5 pm.

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ATWELL

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Rev. J. O. Folkes of Edna Hill will preach at the Missionary Baptist church next Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night.

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Aunt Mary Pillians has returned

from Snyder where she has been visiting her sister Mrs. Bob Kincaid.

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Mr. and Mrs. Newman Jackson and son visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Foster.

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Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Jones and Rita Mae and Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Jones spent the week end at San Angelo visiting relatives.

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Mrs. Clint Brashear and Reba Joe visited in the Olan Elliott home near Moran recently.

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Horace Brashear of Martin, Tex. visited in the home of his mother Tuesday and returned home Wednesday accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Guy Brashear and Miss Linnie

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Mr. and Mrs. Truett Foster and children of San Angelo spent the Thanksgiving holidays with home folks.

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Mel Rouse who is employed at Brownwood visited home folks Sunday.

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Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Foster and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Harlow at Cross Plains.

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Ben Riffe and sons were business visitors in Albany Saturday.

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Miss Juanell Foster left last week for Abilene where she will attend Draughtons business college.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Morgan and children of San Angelo were here for Thanksgiving.

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Miss Dorothy Souder of Cross Plains was the guest of Juanell Foster recently.

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Mr. and Mrs. Glen Purvis and son of Brownwood visited home folks Sunday.

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Charnel Grimes Hutchins spent last week in Abilene with Mr. and Mrs. Delma Lavender.

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Helen Riffe returned home from Brownwood recently where she had just finished a six months course in Beauty culture at the Texas school of beauty culture. Helen went before the state board Nov., first, and passed the examination. She received her license to work in that profession recently. Helen is a graduate of Cross Plains high school in the class of '39. She is now employed by the Key Beauty shop of Cisco.

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COTTONWOOD

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George W. Coats is visiting his son, Mr. and Mrs. George Coats, Jr. of Knox City.

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Mrs. Sally Allen and Mrs. Joste Strahan of Arlington visited with Miss Missouri Strahan last week.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cox's and baby visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell of Merkel last week.

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J. H. Strahan and Walter Respass were business visitors in Mineral Wells last week.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morris and son of Abilene visited with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Coppinger.

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Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Griffin and children visited his grand-mother,

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Mrs. N. G. Borden last week end.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Brock and Mrs. J. D. Mitchell were business visitors at Baird Monday afternoon.

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Miss Mary Beth Palmore visited home folks at Williams last week end.

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Mmes. Floyd Coffey, Norman Coffey and Erya Bennett attended the council meeting at Baird Saturday afternoon.

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Rev. E. L. Redden visited home folks at Sweetwater the first of the week.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charley Coats and daughter of Baird were visitors here Sunday afternoon.

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Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Waldrop of Abilene visited with his mother, Mrs. Nettie Waldrop last Wednesday evening.

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The Cottonwood Home Demonstration club had a very nice achievement day, at the home of Mrs. H. S. Varner, Friday, November 15. Mrs. Norman Coffey, the president, presided over the business session.

Mrs. H. S. Varner, who is the kitchen demonstrator this year, had her kitchen nicely done in white and red.

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Symbols of Thanksgiving... STOCKS of grain in a moonlit field... Pumpkins... Turkey... Fruit. Those are the symbols of Thanksgiving, handed down by our ancestors. Today, though, we can be thankful for much besides a bountiful harvest... Thankful for the American way of living that has grown out of private initiative and enterprise... thankful for the Freedom which has been inherited from those ancestors through reverence for the Constitution. And we can be thankful for the modern comforts of every-day home life provided by Electric Service, which has been made both plentiful and cheap. This is our contribution to Thanksgiving, this plus jobs for a thousand men and women and almost one-half million dollars annually, in taxes. West Texas Utilities Company

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Mr. and Mrs. Will Rogers and Mr. Rogers' mother, Mrs. Ida Rogers spent week end visiting Mrs. Will Rogers father at Alvarado, who was reported to be seriously ill, but his condition was much improved when they arrived.

Oliver Fleming superintendent of the Freeport public school spent several days in Putnam, this week visiting his sister and mother Mrs. Dan Flemings and Mrs. John Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Abernathy who have been living in the Hart community for several years have moved to Putnam and are now living in the house just made vacant by the Wests moving to Albany.

The I. G. Mobley family had as their guest the past week end Mrs. Z. O. Mahaffey and children of Gorman, Miss Martha Ray Hill of Cisco, Mrs. Francis Barber, Mrs. Lester Harrison and Mrs. Mabel Carico, of Fort Worth.

Mrs. Ed Logue and daughter Jean of Crane, were visiting the Mobley family Sunday.

Mrs. Wilda Shackelford Thompson and Mrs. Mary Shackelford of Glendale, California, who have been visiting in Fort Worth the past week, are visiting in Fort Worth the past week, are visiting in the home of their brothers Joe and Pierce Shackelford this week.

Gilbert Shackelford attended the horse show in Fort Worth last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Crosby and Mrs. Fred Golsen and Miss Lois Crosby visited in Brownwood Sunday.

J. W. Harrison, Bennie Nettles, and Chicken Hawk visited home-folks through the week end. The boys are stationed at Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Yeager and daughter, Ruth were visitors in Brownwood Sunday.

Alvin Hespel of Jal, New Mexico visited in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hespel, this week.

J. D. Allen was in from the Pueblo community Wednesday afternoon. He said the most low down man that had ever been in his community was there a few days ago and had stolen the gate off of the cemetery lot. He said he was sure if the guilty parties would bring it back the dead would never mention it.

J. H. Fisher living about three miles northwest of Putnam on the R. D. Williams ranch was in town Saturday and stated that he was through picking cotton and had gathered seven bales off about 20 acres.

D. D. Jones, R. A. Park and Jeff Odell of the Pueblo community were in town Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Gus Brandon and Mrs. E. E. Butler were shopping in Cisco Saturday afternoon.

The Putnam high school lunch room is furnishing lunches for about 140 pupils, and is furnishing employment for seven people, who would be without employment otherwise.

Mrs. Charles Denny of Pittsburg Pennsylvania spent a few days visiting with Mrs. Mary Guyton of the Mission Hotel the first of the week.

Mrs. Flora Adkinson and Mrs. Browder left Saturday morning for their home in San Antonio, after a several days visit with Mrs. Adkinson's brother, Y. A. Orr.

Joe Green received a message Saturday morning that his aunt had died in a Hollis, Oklahoma hospital. He, together with Lewis Scroggins immediately left for Oklahoma to attend the funeral.

**FIRE DEATHS SHOW DECLINE PAST MONTHS**

AUSTIN, November 22—A sharp decline in the number of fire deaths during the months of September and October was reported this week by Marvin Hall, state fire insurance commissioner.

The monthly average through August had been approximately 32 deaths, but only 47 Texans were burned to death during September and October. This report reflects a great deal of improvement, but the record is far from perfect," he said. "Our most dangerous fire-death months are upon us, and I want to impress upon every person the importance of exercising caution, particularly in the home."

The number of fire deaths for the first ten months of the year totalled 337. The leading causes of fatal

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**DEFENDANTS FREED IN SKELETON CASE**

Echoes of the notorious "hanging skeleton" case of several years ago were heard in district court at Eastland Monday morning when cases against Della Henry, Raymond Henry and Lynn Smith, defendants in trials growing out of that incident were dismissed on motion of the district attorney.

The "skeleton" trials grew out of the finding on Saturday, December 22, 1934, by two rabbit hunters of the skeleton of a man dangling from a wire in a little thicket about 300 yards north of the Rising Star cemetery. The bones were identified as those of H. L. McBee, 40, a highway worker who had disappeared about a year before.

It was charged that McBee had been killed on May 2, 1933, his body taken by car to the wooded scene and hanged from a limb to simulate suicide.

No convictions were obtained.

**ALIENS REQUIRED TO REGISTER BY DEC. 15**

Alien registration will end on December 26 and all non-citizens who have not yet registered are warned that severe penalties will follow failure to comply with this Federal law.

All aliens, 14 years of age and older, must register in person and be fingerprinted.

Alien children, under 14, must be registered by their parents or guardians.

Registration takes place at the post offices.

There is no charge of any kind connected with alien registration.

The Department of Justice warns aliens to beware of racketeers.

The Post office department and the department of justice will willingly assist the alien in every possible way.

Earl G. Harrison, director of Alien Registration of the Department, suggests that those aliens who have not yet registered do so as soon as possible and avoid the Christmas rush at the post offices.

**F. S. A. HOLDS MEETING EACH SATURDAY; EXPLAIN PLAN OF MONEY LENDING**

There will be an educational meeting for the purpose of explaining the loan program of the Farm Security Administration, to new borrowers on Saturday, November 23, and every other Saturday thereafter through the fall and winter.

The Farm Security Administration has been instituted for the aid of farmers who can not secure loans through other agencies. The following are steps to be taken by new borrowers in securing a loan through FSA.

1. Call at FSA office and ask for "Application Form."
2. Both husband and wife attend Educational meeting on the Saturday listed.

**150TH ANNIVERSARY OF COTTON GINNING**

**COLLEGE STATION.**—The month of October, 1940, marks the 150th anniversary of the invention of the cotton gin by Eli Whitney.

Prior to 1790, seed and lint were laboriously separated by hand.

No other event can claim equal economic importance in Texas and the South. F. E. Lichte, ginning specialist of the Texas A. & M. Extension Service, has pointed out. It paved the way for greater development in agriculture, industry and world trade.

While the first cotton was ginned

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When Whitney's patent was granted March 14, 1794 by President George Washington and signed by Thomas Jefferson, it was for a period of 14 years. At the end of that time he faced competition from a number of gins that had been developed in the interim.

When his application for renewal of the patent was refused, Whitney became discouraged with the whole cotton business and moved to New Haven, Conn., where he was successful in the manufacture of fire arms.

Although many improvements have been made in gin machinery, the actual principal of ginning as worked out by Whitney remains unchanged.

**HARDIN-SIMMONS U HOME COMING WILL BE HELD SATURDAY**

Hardin-Simmons University will hold its annual homecoming on Friday and Saturday, with all indications that the event will be an outstanding one for recent years on the campus of the pioneer Abilene school.

Feature attraction for Saturday will be the annual home-coming football game, with the undefeated and untied H-SU Cowboys entertaining the University of San Francisco, at 2 The Cowboys, coached by Frank Kimbrough, a Haskell boy, are riding high, and are getting notices along with Stanford, Minnesota, Texas A. and M., Boston College and a handful of others, as the only teams in the country still unbeaten and untied at this advanced stage of the football season.

After the San Francisco hurdle, the Cowboys have only their arch foe through the years, Howard Payne at Brownwood, between them and an all victorious season.

Hardin-Simmons alumni and students are rallying, too, to honor Dr. W. R. White, university president, on the first homecoming season in his administration.

Between halves at the football game, the famous Cowboy Band and Cowgirls will present a colorful and spectacular show. The Dads of 13 Cowboy seniors will sit on the bench as honor guests.

The day's calendar adds up as an attractive one, and a delegation from here is making plans to attend the game and celebration.

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