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## FROM THE EDITOR'S WINDOW

Word was received from Mrs. W. H. Faires, Scranton correspondent for the Putnam News, that her son of Cisco is very ill at the Graham Sanitarium. Mrs. Faires has been at his home since Thursday. He was given a blood transfusion Monday morning and seemed to be better. The News and Mrs. Faires' many friends extend their sympathy and wish for him a speedy recovery.

W. N. Black of Scranton sends us word to send his paper to the W. O. W. Hospital at San Antonio. He has recently been removed there. He stood the trip fine and is liking. Mr. Black has been in ill health for some time.

We had an old fashioned snow this week which was very beautiful, and was our first siege in six years. "Snow-balling" was enjoyed Sunday morning to and from church, ice-cream was made, snow men abounded, and in every respect the snow was a success. Old timers say when we have snow in the winter, crops are better, so that gives us new hope for 1936. In fact we believe the corner of prosperity is almost in sight. In talking with business people and observing various facts we have reason to think the above is true. Most everyone seems optimistic for 1936.

Mr. Lawrence of Holmes Drug Co. has started diving early this season, as he dived from a stepladder into a pile of boxes Wednesday morning. His shirt was torn considerably but he didn't receive a scratch. At another time Mr. Lawrence had a car in which he was riding to run down an embankment and overturn and he received no injury. These two instances are very rare. We are quite sure Mr. Lawrence carries accident insurance.

We enjoyed a luscious coca cola as a compliment of the Little Onion Shop of Baird this week. They sent us word to come by the shop and as a surprise we were presented the drink.

### King George of Great Britain Dead

King George of the British empire died at Sandringham, England, at 11:55 p.m. Monday evening, and his son, Wales, became ruler of the British Empire immediately after the death of his father. The king was 70 years old and had been ruler of the empire for twenty-six years, and no doubt but that he was one of the best known and most beloved men the world has ever produced, and one of the greatest rulers in history. The entire world paid homage to his passing and in London all business houses closed for the day, and business exchanges over the entire world were closed at 11:00 o'clock Thursday in memory of his passing away the night before. He ascended the throne at the age of 45 when a young man and became popular among the people at once as he was a ruler of all of the people and his friends were among all classes, the poor as well as the rich. As a ruler he knew no difference. The new ruler is 41 years old and has been preparing for this work ever since his father ascended the throne and no doubt will carry on the work as nearly as possible along the lines outlined by his father in the last 26 years he was ruler over the empire.

### Big State

DALLAS.—Merle Tucker, radio director for Texas Centennial Celebrations, has traveled more than 4,200 miles by railroad and automobile to conduct nine Centennial broadcasts and has never crossed the state line. The nine programs have been broadcast over the Texas Quality Network including stations KPRC, Houston; WBAP, Fort Worth; WOAI, San Antonio; and WFAA, Dallas. Points of program origination, beside the station cities, include Abilene and El Paso. Other remote programs are being planned for Galveston and Corpus Christi.

The weekly programs are broadcast Monday night at 10:30 o'clock.

### BILL McDONALD FOR LAND COMMISSIONER

Bill McDonald, former district clerk of Eastland county, has announced for Land Commission of the State of Texas. Mr. McDonald is a World War veteran, a self made man, a lawyer, and is well qualified to discharge the duties of the office. Mr. McDonald is a West Texan and the writer has known him for a number of years. He is well known in this part of the state and has many friends especially in Eastland and Callahan counties.

M. Cribbe is recuperating after an illness of several days.

## STATE CONSERVATION OFFICER TO VISIT BAIRD

ROSS B. JENKINS, County Agent. The citizenry of Callahan county and any others interested in saving the soils are invited to hear Mr. J. W. Chapman of the State Conservation Service at Baird Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. It is one of the most interesting discourses that the writer ever heard and was only secured by getting special authorization from the State Department of Agriculture at Austin.

Mr. Chapman will discuss the cause of the recent droughts and how we may hope to stop them, also how the farmers of the county may work with the commissioners' court to secure terracing equipment for their own farms.

The Federal government has recognized the value of conserving our soils and has enacted legislation to further this movement and, too, the new farm program that is being drawn by the agricultural committee at Washington is to go on these lines. Every man interested in agriculture should hear this address.

### DOLORES BRANDON HOSTESS

Miss Dolores Brandon was hostess to the members of the Junior Study Club in her home in east Putnam Thursday afternoon at 3. A Texas program was enjoyed. Mrs. Jack Brandon discussed Texas Under Six Flags; Miss Vella Sandlin, Hall of Fame; and Miss Lera Fleming Texas in the Union. Mrs. Loren Everett gave special musical selections. Officers were elected for next year, who are:

President, Miss Dolores Brandon. First vice-president, Mrs. Clarence Armstrong.

Second vice-president, Miss Frances Cook.

Recording secretary, Miss Bertha Buchanan.

Corresponding secretary, Miss Lera Fleming.

Treasurer, Miss Hazel McMillan. Those present were Mrs. Loren Everett, president who presided for the above, Mrs. Jack Brandon, Mrs. Clarence Armstrong, Misses Hazel McMillan, Vella Sandlin, Lera Fleming, Frances Cook, Bertha Buchanan, Dolores Brandon. Officers were elected by ballot. Mrs. John Cook is sponsor of the Junior Club.

## THINK ON THESE THINGS

(C. C. Andrews, Baird, Texas)  
"For of the abundance of the heart spakest." Luke 6:45.

The mouth or tongue is the index to our hearts, expressing the good or evil that is in our hearts, and people judge us accordingly.

As Paul puts it, "We are known and read of all men."

That is why people say of us, "That man may be a Christian but he certainly does not manifest it in his conversation," or, "have never heard that man use any corrupt language, or speak evil of any one."

In the first instance we have lost our influence for good, and in the second instance, not only have we kept our influence, but have won for ourselves a high estimation from those with whom we come in contact.

To illustrate: you meet a man today, you spend an hour with him, and his language is vile and corrupt continually.

Then you meet another man, and spend an hour with him, and his conversation is clean, decent and edifying, no need for me to tell you which one of the two you regard the highest.

Jesus spoke this comparison: "good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good, and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil."

### TEXAS SHOULD INJECT COMPLETE SANITATION IN 1936

AUSTIN.—If Texas is going to entertain millions of visitors during the Great Centennial celebration and have them think kindly of us, then every citizen must insist on complete sanitation, declared Dr. John W. Brown, State health officer.

Cities should see that their water systems are free of contamination, that proper sewage facilities are available, and that all public eating places and rooms are spotlessly clean.

Dr. Brown further stated, "Every home owner should start now to clean and beautify their yards, it's would include also sanitating of water supplies and having proper toilet facilities. The State Department of Health will furnish plans upon request.

"Many counties may secure labor for malaria control and rural sanitation. It is hoped that full advantage of this will be taken and that cities are kept sanitary in order that the celebration of one hundred years of independence will not be marred by any epidemic."

## Beach Dressing Bag



VENICE, Calif. Large, colorful cloth bags with drawing at the top, are the newest and most portable beach "dressing rooms" yet introduced. They promise to be popular this season.

## HIGHWAY NO. 23

Judge B. L. Russell, Clyde White, Borah Brame of Baird; Pete King of Putnam; B. H. Froeland and Chas. Hemphill of Cross Plains appeared before the Texas Highway Commission Monday in the interest of securing a highway designation from Cross Plains to Moran by way of Putnam. They also worked on the completion of the road from Baird south toward Coleman, which was designated some time back. They received a favorable hearing on the Baird proposition, but nothing definite on the Putnam-Moran project, to be developed in the near future. The commissioner stated, however, that they would try to get the proposition through sometime in the future.

If this road could be built from Cross Plains to Moran it would connect Highway 23 with the road going north at Albany, saving a distance of about 25 miles. It would also employ a large number of men for six or eight months giving the citizens of Putnam and Moran an outlet both north and south.

### LOIS KENNEDY HOSTESS

Miss Lois Kennedy was hostess to the members of the A. B. O. U. T. Club and a few guests in her home Tuesday evening. Forty-two was the diversion. Miss Vella Sandlin won high score for members and Mrs. Melvin Stuart for guests. Refreshments of frozen gelatin fruit salad, crackers, sliced candy bars, coffee and tea were served. Miss Kennedy gave popular piano selections at the request of the guests at the close. Those present were Misses Hortense Rogers, Vella Sandlin, Dolores Brandon, Betty Mobley, Elsie Kelley, Bertha Buchanan, Thelma Everett, Eva Moore, Willie Kennedy, Lois Kennedy, Mildred Yeager, Mmes. Tex Henry, Will Rogers, Melvin Stuart, Freeman, W. F. Short.

## OIL NEWS

Wittmer Oil & Gas Co., W. G. Bowlus No. 1, in west Baird is drilling at 651 feet.

John L. Reeves, I. N. Jackson, west of Clyde, formerly E. P. Campbell, is closed down for casing at 1440 feet.

R. F. St. John, H. Kniffen No. 1, drilling at 530 feet.

John L. Reeves, J. R. Curtis, location.

Andrew Urban John Crowley, location.

J. F. Jacobs has a rig on the J. R. Reed block in west Baird. He will commence drilling, as soon as he can secure a permit from the Railroad Commission.

Blocks are being secured in Baird, on drilling contracts, and several new wells have been contracted to be spudded in by Feb. 15th and March 1st, respectively.

### W. M. S. MET TUESDAY

The Women's Missionary Society of the First Baptist church met Tuesday afternoon at 3 at the church building. Mrs. S. W. Jobe was leader for the Mission program and led the devotional reading from Matthew 13. Special subject for the program was "Kingdom of Heaven is Like—"

"Thy Kingdom Come was given by Mrs. W. M. Crosby; The King and His Subjects, Mrs. G. P. Gaskin; Nature of the Kingdom, Mrs. O. W. Culwell; It Is Precious Like a Pearl, Mrs. S. M. Eubank; It is Powerful Like the Leaven, Mrs. John Cook; It Grows Like a Mustard Seed, Mrs. S. W. Jobe; Enemies of the Kingdom, Low Moral Standards, Materialism, given by Mrs. Jobe; Race Prejudice, Hatred, War, Mrs. W. E. Pruet; Needs of the Kingdom, Mrs. Fred Goslin; Kingdom of Heaven is At Hand, Mrs. Loren Everett. Those present were Mmes. John Cook, president, E. G. Scott, S. M. Eubank, G. P. Gaskin, W. M. Crosby, Fred Goslin, O. W. Culwell, J. Y. Culwell, Loren Everett, W. E. Pruet, S. W. Jobe.

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### ANNOUNCEMENT

The Church of Christ of Putnam extends a most welcome invitation for you to come worship with them Sunday at 11:00 o'clock and Sunday evening at 7:15. Bro. Batsel Barrett Baxter, Jr., will do the preaching at both hours. Also young people's meeting at 6:30. Everyone invited.

### B. A. U. PROGRAM FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

Part 1—Mrs. Fred Goslin. Part 2—Mrs. W. M. Eatom. Part 3—Mrs. Loren Everett. Part 4—Mrs. J. Y. Culwell. Part 5—Mrs. E. G. Scott.

## Wins "Met" Contract



NEW YORK. Joseph Benton, 33, American tenor from Oklahoma, won high praise in his Metropolitan Opera debut, a performance which won him a year's contract, having taken a role in "Mason" on a day's notice.

### Y. W. A. MET MONDAY

The Y. W. A. of the First Baptist church met at the church Monday afternoon at 4:00, with Reverend F. A. Hollis, pastor, present in the absence of the leader, Mrs. Hollis, who is ill. Opening songs were "In the Garden" and "No Longer Lonely." Miss Ardelia Gaskin, president, presided and led the devotional reading from the 100th Psalm.

Miss Naomi Buchanan taught the first two chapters of "People of the Jesus Way." Those present were Misses Artie Cook, Naomi Buchanan, Hazel McMillan, Estelle King, Edna Brazil, Ardelia Gaskin.

### PUTNAM HAS NEW RADIO SHOP

O. M. Reed of Breckenridge is now employed at F. P. Shackelford Hardware Company, as radio service man. Mr. Reed has had six years experience in this line of work in Breckenridge. He comes highly recommended and has all modern equipment for service.

Jim Horton of Eastland was a business visitor in Putnam Friday.

Mrs. E. E. Yeager spent Wednesday in the home of her son, Lawson Yeager and family of Baird.

### GRIGG'S HOSPITAL NOTES

Mrs. W. W. Rose of Rowden underwent emergency appendicitis operation Monday night.

Mrs. Ode Berry was an x-ray patient Tuesday.

Patricia Fernandez was an x-ray patient Saturday for injured hip.

Mrs. R. W. King of Rowden, who was operated last week for ruptured appendix, is doing nicely.

Don Dennis, who suffered fractured femur playing football Thursday, is still in the hospital.

Mrs. A. W. Gibson of Baird left the hospital Tuesday following a double attack of pneumonia.

Clarence Price of Baird left the hospital Tuesday following an attack of pneumonia.

John Rainy of Fort Worth was a car wreck victim Monday and was a patient for bruises over body.

Miss Nancy Tate of Baird, who was operated for appendicitis last week, left the hospital Friday.

A. L. McIntosh, of Eula, was released Thursday.

## NINETEEN YEAR, EIGHT SEMESTER RULE WINS

Oliver Davis, Sports Editor. During a meeting held last week the 19-year and the 8-semester rule won by a majority. It was voted upon by many schools and coaches. There were several opposed to this but there were not enough to stop it. This will enable boys throughout Texas 19 years of age or under to participate in any athletics in the Texas Intercollegiate League. During the 1935 season the age limit was 20 years, in latter part of 1935 it was voted on and changed to 18 years. Many schools opposed this and asked to be questioned, so it was voted on again in January, and made to 19 years.

This will help Putnam high school very much as it will allow high schools in Texas. With this rule passed Putnam will only lose five football players from the 1935 football team. Four of these are seniors and one who has moved away. The four seniors finishing are: Chris Sunderman, Jodie Isenhower, Gordon Young, and J. L. Rawson. The other player is J. W. Brandon who moved to Cisco recently. There were four players who would not have been eligible next year. The four are: I. E. Robinson, Todd Cunningham, T. L. Maynard, and Raymond Jobe. We are sure that these boys are very grateful and will play hard football next year. This will leave a total of eleven lettermen to play this season compared to twelve last season.

The boys' basketball team is developing in fine strength although they have not played a game so far this season. There are about ten players furnishing each other competition for starting line-up positions although there are several others that are not to be overlooked. Whether the boys will match a game before the basketball tournament, to be held February 7th and 8th, is still a question. The boys will be prepared for the county tournament without any alibi.

The Putnam high school girls quintet met the Atwell team on the Panther court last Friday and are scheduled to return the match Thursday of this week. The Panthers lost the game by a score of 13 to 6. This was the first game for Putnam, but have hopes of defeating Atwell Thursday. Both teams will be prepared for the county basketball tournament at Cross Plains February 7th and 8th.

Mrs. Walter Francisco and son, Reed, visited in the home of her mother, Mrs. W. E. Pruet and other relatives through the week-end.

### NEW RULES ON POLL TAX EXEMPTION

Poll tax paying time is here—poll tax must be paid before February 1st and many voters are interested in the new rules governing exemption certificates.

The following rules governing exemptions is given by Vernon King, tax assessor-collector:

In cities of more than 10,000:  
1. Exemption certificates must be secured before February 1.

2. Permanent exemption certificates need not be renewed or reissued.

3. All voters exempt from payment of poll tax who live within a city of 10,000 or more inhabitants must obtain a certificate of exemption before February.

4. Exempt voters moving into another precinct or ward must present their certificates to the collector for endorsement showing the new residence.

5. Exempt voters moving into another county must secure a new exemption certificate in that county before Feb. 1.

In cities of less than 10,000:  
1. Only those voters exempt because they were not 21 years of age on or before January 1 of the year for which the levy was made AND those who have moved into this state after said date are required to obtain an exemption certificate.

2. Certificate-holders of those classes moving from one precinct to another must present their certificate to the tax collector for endorsement showing the new residence.

3. Such a certificate holder moving into another county must present the certificate to the tax collector of that county for reissue or registration and endorsement at least 20 days before any election at which he expects to vote.

4. Exempt voters living outside a city of 10,000 inhabitants who are permanently exempt from the payment of poll tax need not obtain exemption certificates, but may continue to vote as they have in the past.

5. Young people who are now 21 years of age and those who may become 21 years of age during the poll tax year should obtain their exemption certificates before Feb. 1.

## Statement of Condition First National Bank In Cisco, Texas

DECEMBER 31ST, 1935

### RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$ 209,896.24
Cash and Exchange	362,750.61
U. S. Government and Federal Land Bank	
Bonds at Par	408,900.00
Federal Reserve Bank Stock	3,000.00
Banking House	28,132.24
Furniture and Fixtures	11,665.88
	\$1,113,845.00

### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus Earned	50,000.00
Undivided Profits	4,278.40
Deposits	1,009,566.60
	\$1,113,845.00

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Respect, and any kind of entertainments where admission fee or other monetary consideration is charged will be charged for at regular advertising rates.

CALAMITIES PREDICTED FAIL TO ARRIVE

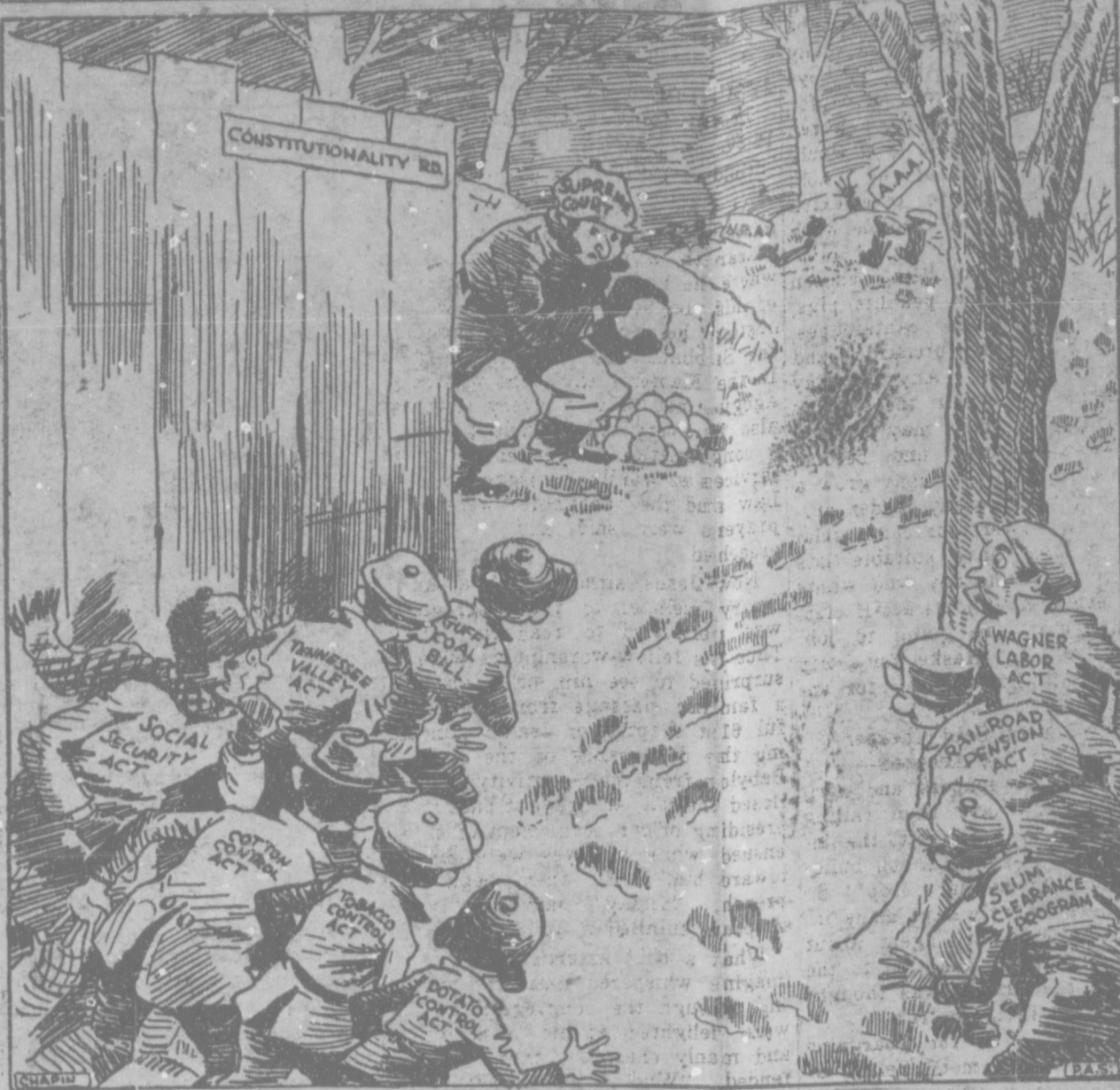
The dire calamities predicted by the politicians at Washington, that if the NRA and the processing taxes were declared unconstitutional everything would go to pieces, have not come true. They tried to make it appear when the NRA was knocked out by the Supreme Court, that factories would close down, wages would be lowered and many other things would happen, and had the people worked up until they did not know but what the world would come to an end on account of the court's action; but business went on just as nothing had happened, and instead reversed itself to a great extent by increasing in volume, and in fact we had made no headway in getting out of the depression until this legislation was declared unconstitutional. The same crowd has pointed out that the price of farm commodities were held up by the processing tax and that prices would drop below the cost of production; but we will see just what has happened: The price of cotton before the announcement of the invalidation of the act for March was 11.26 and the close for March, January 20, was 11.36 or 9 points higher. The price of hogs advanced 1-4 cents and the price of meat went down 3-4 to 4-1-2 cents on the taking off of the processing tax. May wheat was selling for about \$1.01 and the close for May wheat for January 20 was 1-1-8 while the flour market went down \$1.35 per barrel. Extra high patent flour was selling to the retail trade at 2.15 and the same flour can be purchased at \$1.90 for a 48 pound sack. Business of every kind has been hamstrung for the past three years until it has been very nearly impossible to operate a business in a way that the operators could stay in business on account of taxes and additional expenses placed on by regulation under the New Deal. We do not think that we have gotten very far out of the depression yet; but what we have gained has been done in spite of the New Deal and not by it as they would have people believe.

To illustrate, let us review recent happenings in the cotton market for the last three or four years.

While the AAA has been paying American farmers to reduce our production by 4,000,000 bales, to wit: from 15,000,000 to 11,000,000 bales, we have been indirectly paying foreign cotton production to increase their production by 4,000,000 bales, to wit: from 10,000,000 bales to 14,000,000 bales. Even if the AAA has been the instrument in raising the world's price which no one will argue, we were curtailing our production from 15,000,000 bales down to 11,000,000 bales, while to foreign growers we have provided an additional incentive for increasing their production from 11,000,000 bales to 14,000,000 bales and the higher price for 14,000,000 bales, but in spite of all of our pains in curtailing production, the world production remains practically the same. World cotton production is still about 25,000,000 bales, formerly made up of 15,000,000 bales American and 10,000,000 bales foreign, whereas now it is only about 11,000,000 bales American against about 14,000,000 bales foreign. Then what the American farmer has received out of this deal is the loss of the sale of six to eight million bales of cotton and a surplus in the hands of the government of about six millions to be held off the market and used as a lever to hold the market down until the government liquidates this cotton.

We do not believe the curtailment of the production had anything to do with the market or if it did, it was very little and we are of the opinion the devaluation of the dollars put the prices of farm commodities up and not so much credit to the curtailment of production. We find that in April, 1933 cotton was selling at 6.01 and in May, 1933 it was selling at 8.02. At that time the price of gold was 20.67, and since that time gold has been bid up to \$35.00 per ounce so that each dollar in terms of gold is only worth about 59c, or in other words it will take \$1.69 to buy the same amount of gold that one dollar would buy before devaluation. Then if the value of gold has been reduced to 59c or there about and cotton was selling for 6.01 then 6.01 would be only 59 per cent of the value of cotton under the devaluation or cotton should be selling at \$10.18 or if the market had been

Running the Gauntlet by A. B. Chapin



8.02 when the devaluation took place cotton should be selling without any curtailment for about \$13.50; but taking the figures at 6.01 and cotton selling at the indicated price based on the price of gold to 10.18 then there is very little left to the credit of the AAA. Possibly there would have been a greater advance had the demand for labor decreased as production decreased.

There are millions of people who were employed in the different cotton industries who are out of employment at the present time on account of the curtailment of production. Farm labor in 1933 was about \$1.00 per day and under the devaluated dollar farm labor should be \$1.69 per day, but it still remains at about \$1.00 per day; and the reason is that the demand has decreased, therefore keeping labor from increasing to where it should be. We do not say that a curtailment of production to where it is scarce will not under ordinary circumstances increase the demand and raise the price but in this case decreasing the supply also decreased the demand as the people who were put out of employment used the greater part of the cotton goods and therefore had no buying power. If the same demand for cotton as we had before the program started had been maintained, there is no question but that prices would have gone considerably higher than they are. No program that does not take into consideration the entire people of the United States instead of trying to build up certain classes at the expense of the rest of the country will not bring prosperity as we are all one family and must prosper or perish together. No one after studying the decision of the Supreme Court will have any criticism of their action in the NRA or the processing taxes as the federal constitution does not give congress any such authority as was contained in either law thrown out by the highest court in the land.

POLITICIANS PERTURBED BY PERPLEXING PROBLEM

Hope springs eternal from the human breast. When the AAA was dealt the fate previously administered to the NPA by the U. S. Supreme Court, it witnessed a walking up of hope for the future by all of those interested in the production, marketing and spinning of American cotton. That hope was based upon the belief that sound policies would be adopted, policies which could not and would not be overturned by the highest court because they were hastily thrown together, ill-advised, fundamentally wrong and unconstitutional in fact. Unquestionable cotton was more affected by the decision than any other commodity or industry.

The situation does not seem to us to be so very complicated as some would have us believe. Secretary Wallace has very frankly stated that the farmer must be protected against our high tariff system, just as long as that system is in force. The Supreme Court has not said that we can not further reduce our tariffs. And we find it rather difficult to reconcile some of the utterances of the Secretary of Agriculture with the fact that practically nothing is being done about our tariff system.

This publication favors a subsidy for cotton producers so long as our present tariff walls are maintained. There is no use in beating around the bush, the cotton producer is forced to sell his product in a world market and at world prices. He must buy all things which he needs in a tariff protected market. This throws his economic position all out of gear. The only temporary aid must come

BRUCE BARTON Says



through a subsidy. It is such a plan which is being considered in Washington following the devastating decision.

In our humble opinion the domestic allotment plan is the solution to the perplexing situation which confronts official Washington, providing that situation can be called perplexing. If we are willing to get down to hard facts, sincerely offer some protection to the cotton producers, and at the same time permit him the privileges and freedom which our constitution provides, then it will not be difficult to write a domestic allotment bill, and pass it through congress. We venture to say that almost any cotton man in the South could sit down and write out a simple bill, which would stand the rigors of the Supreme Court, if need be, and which would serve the purpose without difficulty.

But the difficulty seems to be that we are going off on tangents, attempting to please certain classes such as farm organizations which in fact do not represent the true dirt farmers of the South. We are casting aside the wishes and needs of the thousands upon thousands of small cotton producers who are unquestionably the ones who need genuine aid more than the larger producers, in order to satisfy a political clique.

If President Roosevelt has the interests of the cotton farmers of the South at heart, we wonder what is holding up the parade?

Why is there any bickering about what is to be done? It seems rather simple to us to provide for a domestic allotment, giving the producer a subsidy on the domestically consumed portion of his production. It rather seems to us that such a plan would put it squarely up to the farmers themselves, and what more could be desired? Are we going to wet nurse the farmers until the end of time? Are we going to tell them how many acres they can plant of this or that crop, how much they shall receive per pound or bushel or ton for their or that crop?

This idea of renting land from cotton producers looks to us just about the same as the idea of sending an army into the woods to scrape up the dead sticks. Some of that work is being done in Texas today. It smacks very much of political plunder and a lack of genuine desire to solve the problem confronting us. We have bureaus and granges and co-operatives and what not, all going to Washington to learn in on what is being done and what is going to be done. But sad to state, the dirt farmer doesn't know much about it. He only waits and hopes, and the politicians pick the plums and laugh, and the tax-payer foots the bill. Cotton Digest.

BEARDEN SERVICE STATION
SINCLAIR PRODUCTS
FEDERAL TIRES
Automobile accessories
FRANK BEARDEN, Mgr.
Baird, Texas

Dancing Alarms Russia
A new danger is threatening the noble Russian experiment. Insidious enemies are seeking to undermine Communism by encouraging the young people to go in for the tango, theumba, and the foxtrot.

Not only our youth, but our workers are being corrupted by these dancing teachers," says a Communist writer in Moscow. "It is impossible to foxtrot and be a good Communist. We cannot believe that all this is of spontaneous origin. Back of it there must be an organized movement which is intended to bring a glorious chapter of history to a disgraceful close."

The fears of this Communist writer are well founded. Dancing leads to laughter, and nowhere in the world is a politician who does not tremble when he hears a hearty laugh. Can you possibly imagine a drier lot of human beings than the solemn faced leaders of the Soviet? Is it conceivable that Hitler ever sees a joke? Or that the august front of Mussolini could heave and quake in the throes of a belly-laugh?

Also, young people at a dance are curiously conscious of the unequal distribution of sex appeal. Look in on any dancing party and you discover something which must be very disturbing to the Soviet mind—a few girls with a dozen young men around them, and dozens of girls with none.

The Soviet has sought to level down sex appeal by putting the women into ugly costumes and making them as homely as possible. But once let the pretty girls make themselves up fancy, and right away the competitive spirit breaks out like measles all over the boys. The smarter ones immediately want to make more money in order to outdo their rivals. Indeed, the principal prop of capitalism is the desire of man to make more money so that he may get the girl he wants and give her more after he gets her.

By all means let Stalin stop this business of dancing and laughter. And dancing presently will suggest to the minds of youth that the Five Year plan is not nearly so important as the Plan for Tonight.

The Fast, Fast Years
An unknown, slender young fellow sat an airplane down at the flying field near Paris, and said: "I am Charles Lindbergh." Calvin Coolidge was in the White House. New highs were being recorded daily in the stock market. Model T Fords outnumbered other cars on the road. People were flocking to Florida to make fortunes.

Stream-lined and air-conditioned trains were unknown, and some of the smartest motion picture men were sure that the "talkies" never would amount to anything. Hardly any one heard of Rex Tugwell or General Hugh Johnson or Huey Long or Father Coughlin.

If at this period you had predicted the imminence of the nation's worst period of depression, the collapse of thousands of banks, the abandonment of the gold standard or the appearance in Washington of J. P. Morgan with a circus midgot on his lap, you would have been regarded as a fit subject for pathological observation.

From all the above you may suspect that the writer has been fiddling around with a newspaper nearly ten years old, and you are correct. It is an interesting experience, once in a while, but as a daily habit it would be depressing. One is reminded too vividly of the rapid flight of time.

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# Local Happenings

Mrs. J. E. Heslep was a visitor in Baird Wednesday.

Miss Jessie Tatom is still confined to her room on account of illness.

C. C. King and son, Calvin, left for a business trip to Fort Worth Tuesday night.

Abilene Daily Reporter delivered 60c per month. See Calvin King, Putnam, Texas.

Mrs. McCarver has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Marvin Snoddy, of Seranton.

Mrs. W. D. Clinton is reported improving after an illness of several weeks.

S. W. Jobe and George Morgan were business visitors in Baird Wednesday.

Mrs. Sprawls and small daughter, Kathleen, are visiting in the home of Mrs. Sprawls parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Reynolds of Seranton.

Misses Ruby and Opal Pillans of Atwell spent several days in the home of their sister, Mrs. George Morgan, this week.

Mmes. J. E. Wood and Burette Ramsey of Union were visitors in the home of Mrs. Alton Lunsford Thursday.

Rev. and Mrs. F. A. Hollis spent from Monday until Friday in Abilene attending the Pastor's Retreat at University church.

Mrs. S. W. Jobe, Mrs. Loren Everett, Mrs. W. M. Crosby, Mrs. E. G. Scott, and Reverend F. A. Hollis attended the Workers' Conference at Baird Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Kennedy, and Mrs. Henry Powers and baby of Fort Worth visited relatives in Putnam this week.

Mrs. W. P. Thompkins returned to her home in Corpus Christi after spending several weeks in the home of her brother, J. S. Yeager and family and other relatives near Cisco. She was accompanied by W. P. Thompkins who spent Friday and Saturday with relatives.

### INTERMEDIATE PROGRAM

B. T. U., January 26, 1936:

1. Pictures of Africa—Zada Williams.
  2. A Look at Nigeria—Sylvia Phillips.
  3. Developments in Nigeria:
    - (a) Material—Billy Gaskin.
    - (b) Education—Mary Douglas Williams.
  4. Spread of Christianity—Keith King.
  5. B. Y. P. U. Work in Africa—Willie Grace Pruet.
  6. An African Intermediate—Benjie Burns Williams.
- Songs:
1. I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go.
  2. Rescue the Perishing.

### Simple

"A little boy after his first day at school was asked what happened at his first day.

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## FARM NOTES

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### 4-H Club Boys are Enrolling—

The boys of the county are showing great interest in the various 4-H clubs that are being organized in the many schools in the county. About 20 boys in the Baird school signed cards for enrollment last week and Supt. Boren said he hoped all eligible boys would enter the work. Most of the school officials have agreed to give extra credit to the boys doing credible work in their clubs.

Among the projects being chosen are: bee culture, cotton, peanuts, pigs, tomatoes, watermelons, cantaloupes, poultry, calf feeding, orchards, and pasture improvement. Any boy may enter whether he live in the country or in town. Town boys may learn to live a swarm of bees and become good bee men, also they may grow a patch of tomatoes, or any garden project, or grow flowers for commercial purposes. Some have suitable lots for berries. It's the boy who wants to do something that joins a 4-H club.

Callahan boys are going to join those of Taylor and Haskel for a trip this summer to Buffalo Gap for enlightenment.

### Northern Soy Bean Seed Cheaper in the South But Not Adapted—

The various newspapers and agricultural journals have been calling the attention of the farmers to the importance of soy beans as a soil builder and as a commercial crop. So many farmers recently have made inquiry from the county agent about soy beans and their adaptation to the soils of Callahan that it was thought that this article should be run.

Farmers who shoot for bargains when they buy Mammoth Yellow or Laredo seed for planting may find that they have purchased instead the early Yellow Macoupin or Norredo. These last two named varieties are not adapted for the South. They belong in the North and even should they be sold at a much cheaper cost than the Mammoth Yellow or Laredo they are not worth the price. The Mammoth Yellow or Laredo are well adapted in the South and will mature in the fall and maintain a heavy foliage until, in most cases, the first frost. The northern varieties when planted in the South mature too early during the hottest part of late summer and immediately shed off the foliage. This is not desired in the South. Extension experimentation in counties all around us have proven that the soy bean can well be planted in Callahan and the two varieties recommended above should be insisted upon by all who plan to plant soy beans this year. It is in line with the government program of soil improvement and soil conservation that farmers plant such crops this year. These beans mature in approximately 145 days. They make luxurious growth and make one of the richest feeds when ground or even fed alone, also produces a crop that is gaining favor on the American table.

The historical background of Texas, as chronicled by Ikin, Texian consul from England, was as follows:

"The history of Texas, previously to have furnished its recent chapter for the annals of the Anglo-Saxon race, presents but few and meagre details of secondary interest. Prior to 1690, the country formed a remote and merely nominal part of the conquest of Cortes, inhabited only by predatory Indian tribes, from principal of which, the Comanches, it is said to have received its appellation of Texas—pronounced gutturally Taygh-has—which, in Comanche language, is understood to signify, paradise, id est, 'happy hunting-ground.'"

"The French, who seem ever to have entertained a special leaning towards this territory, first aroused the attention of Spain to its neglected condition, by taking possession of it (1685) in the name of the French king, and establishing a colony in Matagorda Bay.

"In 1689, an expedition, under Alonso de Leon, drove out these intruders; and in 1690 the Spaniards made their first permanent settlement in Texas, which was the 'mission,' or monastic establishment of San Francisco. Several other missions were soon after raised, three or four of which, holding out to settlers the protection of a fort, as well as the benefit of a church, became the nuclei around which gradually grew well-built and considerable towns.

"Most of these edifices, which were formed of stone remain more or less entire, many of them possessing much architectural beauty, and imparting to the landscape a feature of the picturesque unknown to the more northern parts of America.

"The first settlers were monks, soldiers, and a small colony from the Canaries; though their present descendants show as much of the Indian mixture as in other parts of Mexico. The cultivation of maize, but fruitful, fields, and the tending of large herds of cattle, formed their easy occupation; in which, and in the enjoyment of the cigarito,

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

by Charles E. Dunn

### JESUS DECLARES HIS PURPOSE

Lesson for January 23rd. Luke 4: 16-30.

Golden Text: Luke 4:18-19.

At the beginning of his Galilean ministry Jesus visited his home town, Nazareth, a place of no importance where he had spent the obscure years of his boyhood. There, as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read. In the Master's day there was a synagogue not only in every town, but also in every village able to provide a congregation of ten men. In the services of worship passages from the Law and the prophets were read, prayers were said, and a sermon preached.

Now Jesus, although he was an ordinary member of the congregation was permitted to read the lessons. Thus his fellow-worshippers were not surprised to see him arise and read a familiar passage from the beautiful 61st chapter of Isaiah announcing the deliverance of the exiles in Babylon from their captivity. He then closed the roll, and gave it back to the presiding officer. A moment of silence ensued while all eyes were directed toward him. He then began to preach. "Today," said he, "is this scripture fulfilled in your hearing."

What a bold assertion! We can imagine whispered murmurs spreading through the congregation. Some were delighted at his winsomeness and manly charm. Others were offended. "Who is he," they asked themselves, "that he should instruct us? Is he not the child of Joseph, the commonplace carpenter? Why should we listen to this upstart?"

Jesus knew what they were thinking. But he did not allow their resentment to soften his message. With characteristic audacity he showed how God's favors are showered upon outsiders like the widow at Zaraphath (1 Kings 17) and Naaman (2 Kings 5), and are denied to those, like the Nazarenes, who expect them but are unfit.

This was too much. In fury the people wanted to cast him out of Nazareth. Some even were eager to kill this foolish prophet. But they did not dare to touch him.

### Financial Genius

"Dad," it says here that a certain man was a financial genius. What does that mean?"

"That he could earn money more quickly than his family could spend it."

siestas, fandangos, and monte tables, for more than a century, little occurred to disturb them, save the molestations of the Indians, who, invited by the champagne character of the country, soon became expert horsemen, frequently robbed and murdered the Spanish muleteers, and sometimes even attacked the settlements.

"The Texian Indians have always been represented as peculiarly savage and treacherous, addicted to cannibalism and other unnatural crimes, and possessing few of the redeeming traits of character accorded to the more northern red men. (Note: The following extract from the account of a Texian engagement with Indians, which took place some time ago, will give an idea of the character of these tribes. The writer, after an account of the atrocities which had caused the Texians to take arms against the savages—including a touching recital of the anguish of a young and beautiful mother, whose infant was snatched from her arms, tossed up, and caught, as it fell, by an Indian on his spear—proceeds to relate the bloody victory obtained over them: after which, he states that, in aiding over the battle ground, they observed a crowd of Tonkubus (Indian allies of the Texians gathered around the fallen Comanche chief, and busily engaged in cutting off his hand and feet, and the choice pieces of flesh from his body; and with perfect indifference attaching it by strings to their saddles, with the buffalo and venison they had prepared for the expedition. The next morning, he continues, we found the Tonkubus broiling and eating the fat yellow flesh of the Comanches for their breakfast, reserving the feet, hands, etc. for their squaws. We drew near their camp fire, and Placedore, the chief, holding up a nice piece of broiled Indian, cried out in broken Spanish, 'Comanche mu-a-a wano,' which meant that the Comanche was very good."

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# Panther's Scream

## SENIOR NEWS

The senior class has won more distinction in athletic than any other class in school this year. When the lettermen in football were announced we learned that five senior boys would receive sweaters: Chris, captain and 3 year letter man; J. L., end and two year letter man; and Jodie, center and 4 year letter man, will all receive letters as players. Royce will receive a sweater as manager.

On the girls' basketball team two of the players are seniors and they should ably account for themselves. J. L., Chris, and Jodie are coming out for the boys' team and should get to play a lot. Gordon is the singles tennis player, and both the girls and boys double teams should be composed of seniors.

We all are interested in news and yesterday I came across a poem that gives a vivid description of the people's thirst for news.

The news! our morning, noon and evening cry,  
Day after day repeat till we die.  
For this the city, the critic and the boy

Dally the hour away in tonsor's shop;  
For this the gossip takes her daily route,  
And wear your threshold and patience out;

For this we leave the parson in the lurch,  
And pause to prattle on our way to church,  
Even when some coffin'd friend we gather 'round,

We ask, "What news?"—then lay him in the ground.

## JUNIOR NEWS

The juniors have just completed their mid-term exams. We have not received all of our grades yet, so we do not know just exactly how we stand. We hope we all get out of detention hall this six weeks, because a lot of us had to stay in last six weeks. We all feel like we didn't make as good as we really should have. So I am sure that all the juniors will just try that much harder next time. We had several juniors that were exempted in most of their subjects.

The junior girls were well represented on the basketball court last Friday. We played the Atwell girls on our court. The junior girls that played were Kathleen Green, Dorothy Roberson and Edna Brazil as forwards. Guards were Martha Jean Rogers and Juanita Yeager. The other players who played on the team were Frances Armstrong and Louire Peek as guards and Juanita McCullough forward. The score was 6 and 12 in favor of Atwell. We are going to return the game soon, and we intend to do our best to win, and have the next game in our favor.

## Jokes

Raymond—"At the party the other night I won the prize for being the handsomest man present."

Esen—"Well, you chump, what did

you want to attend for and take such chances?"

Raymond—"Because I thought you were going to be there."

Tood—"Why do you call my girl a silent belle?"

T. L.—"I kissed her the other night and she never told."

Eugene—"Honey-bunch, when did you first realize you loved me?"

Martha Jean—"When I got annoyed because people said you were an idiot."

## SOPHOMORES SPEAK

By Oliver Davis

Ready for the last semester. The Sophs have finished the first semester pretty good but hope to make the last semester much better. The mid-term are finished and started again. The sophomores took the exams as follows:

Thursday morning—algebra  
Thursday evening—Spanish  
Friday morning—history and English.

Some passed, some did not. Who didn't? We wonder.

It is interesting to note that grammar in English has passed away for most of the remaining year. We were issued Julius Caesar books Monday and began work on them immediately. We hope we make better grades on the classics than we did on the grammar. Mr. Webb is our instructor and seems to know how to make classics interesting. We hope so, anyway.

Several failed algebra II, and a few passed. The exam was over logarithms, graphs, sines, cosines, and tangents. Mr. Overton is the algebra instructor and he does his best to teach us something but it seems impossible to some, practically all, or shall I say all.

We handed our history notebooks in and we are anxious to know what we made on them. There were some good grades on them and we hope to make better ones the last semester. Mr. Wright is our teacher.

Spinach, I mean Spanish, comes next on the very well planned program. We are beginning on the last semester in high style, and hope we finish still flying. Miss Settle is our teacher, or should I say commandr? She says something in Spanish to us and we guess what it is and do it. Then we really do have some Spanish. Oh well, I guess it was planned that way.

Look, jokes.

Billie—"What is your brother in college?"

Jack—"Halfback."

Billie—"No, no. I mean in his studies."

Jack—"Oh, he's way back."

In English I. B. was asked to say a poem. Stunned, I. B. stepped forward and quoted:

A mule cannot pull  
While he is kicking.  
And he cannot kick  
While he is pulling.

Say, do we have a poem written in our class. Mr. Eugene Brandon wrote. The following lines are to be hummed by the tune of America.

"My country NRA—Sweet land of AAA—EPIC. Land of the RFC and of HOLC, from XYZ let freedom ring."

Jiggs working in a store, waiting on a customer:

Lady Customer: "Of course you understand I want my shoes comfortable but at the same time good-looking and stylish."

Jiggs remarked: "Yes ma'am. I think I understand perfectly. You want them large inside and small outside."

This is station SOPHS signing off until next week.

## Tha's High Gear

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## DR. INMAN RETURNED FROM OPTOMETRIC MEET

"Unruly children and poor students can be made into well behaved, successful students, in many instances, by the modern optometric process of solving their visual problems," said Dr. T. J. Inman, optometrist, who returned today from Abilene where he has been attending the Graduate Clinics in Optometry, conducted by Dr. A. M. Skeffington, internationally known optometric authority and technician.

"Particularly startling were the results shown by the newly developed methods in the detection of physical and social maladjustments as revealed by the condition of the eyes, even before they manifest themselves in any other way" said Dr. Inman. "In the course of the Graduate Clinic it was shown by actual researches that the usual school testing of children's eyes, merely for visual acuity was utterly ineffective and frequently dangerous, because of the false sense of security given. The eyes of a child and its visual habits are not completely set until the child is 12 years old. In these formative years, not only the directly visual problems of acuity, ability to converge the two eyes comfortably on one object, depth perception, fusion and perception of movement in the peripheral field are controlled by preventive optometry, but the child's actual pattern of behavior, the capacity to learn, the balance between outdoor and indoor life, its social and economic capacity are all improved by the methods of the graduate clinic.

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Dr. Inman is very enthusiastic about the work given. The optometrist taking this extension work under the direction of the Texas Optometric Association will continue the study of the material presented at the clinic by a series of periodical meetings and clinics throughout the year.

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law, assure the respect of other men and win a place for its possessor in thinking society. I am referring, of course, to Confederate money."—Gilbert Seldes, in The Saturday Evening Post.

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