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FROM THE EDITOR'S WINDOW

The editor made a business trip to Eastland Monday and was somewhat limited for time, so locating a parking place in front of the court house while we were on the wrong side of the street for parking, we took a chance on swinging across at the corner where we thought it would hardly be noticeable and would save us the time of going up the street to turn and run the risk of someone else getting the parking space. Just as we were ready to alight however a large dignified policeman knocked on the car door. As we lowered the window he asked us if we lived there. We answered, "No," and he then asked if we knew we had violated a traffic rule. Being so much like George Washington we said "yes." The policeman said in a very stern manner, "Back your car and go up to the end of the street and come in this parking place right."

After trying to save time we lost time ever though we gave the policeman our sweetest smile. Ordinarily we do not try to avoid traffic rules for we are heartily in favor of them and think all of them should be enforced. Many cities the size of Eastland and smaller neglect to enforce city regulations of this kind. We felt like a little child being punished at school, which of course was not a very enjoyable feeling for a big business woman. Nevertheless we appreciate the good cooperation of the policeman with the regulations of the city of Eastland and intend to let it be a lesson to us that even though we are in a hurry we are really not in a hurry at any time regarding traffic rules.

New Fairy Tales

Some time ago I wrote that I was looking for a new philosophy. A score of readers tried to help me, but what they offered I had already discarded.

Hendrik Van Loon has written a pamphlet in which he discusses the subject that has perplexed me. It appears that the whole world, particularly the Western world, is in search of what Van Loon calls a "new fairy tale." The old fairy tales that carried us along for so many centuries are dead, he says.

In groping for the new idea, Van Loon lays down this rule: That the purpose of life is to achieve happiness.

He continues: "That man (or woman) is happy who is able to play the role which satisfies him most completely in his own eyes."

Since it is new fairy tales that we are seeking, Van Loon holds that the present time is not an economic revolution but a spiritual revolution. We are not going to find future happiness in having; that is, in economic security. We are bored with the eternal struggle to acquire things. "Living" rather than "making a living" will constitute the true basis for all future happiness.

It boils down to this: To have or to be!

That is as far as he goes in formulating the new ideal, except that he warns that each group and nation must seek salvation in its own way. Acco Press.

Today's Bible Verse

By mercy and truth iniquity is purged; and by the fear of the Lord men will depart from evil. Proverbs 16:6.

Reassuring

The nervous lady approached the captain timidly, and asked: "What would happen, sir, if we struck an ice berg?"

"The ice berg would pass along as if nothing had happened," replied the captain.

And the old lady was very much relieved.

City Girl

Sweet young thing (from New York)—"Oh, what a funny looking cow. Mr. Williams, why hasn't it any horns?"

R. D. Williams—"There are many reasons why a cow does not have horns. Some are born without horns and do not have any until the late years of life. Others are dehorned, while still other breeds are not supposed to have horns at all. There are many reasons why a cow does not have horns. But the chief reason that this cow does not have horns is that it isn't a cow at all. It's a horse."

Ouch

Mrs. Hollis (driving)—"Frank, that little mirror up there isn't set right."

Mr. Hollis—"Isn't it?"

Mrs. H.—"No, I can't see anything but the car behind us."

"Whats in the parcel?"

"Guess. It's something for the one I love best it. 'If the world.'"

"Been buying yourself more neckties?"

NEW FARM PROGRAM TO BE RELEASED SOON

(Ross B. Jenkins, County Agent)

The new 1937 farm program has been released and will soon be in the hands of the county committees. In many respects it is like the 1936 program. Class I conservation payments will be made on acres diverted from cotton not in excess of 35 per cent nor less than 20 per cent at the rate of 5 cents per pound on the normal production. Lands diverted from peanuts will be paid at the rate of 1-4 cents per pound for the average of the yields from the farm. The general base which will include all other crops than cotton and peanuts for Callahan county will be based about as they were for 1936, which means they will be paid according to the productivity of the farm and not to exceed 15 per cent of the general base.

Class II payments will be made for carrying out approved soil building practices and are limited on any farm to the soil-building allowance that has been built up for that farm. Soil-building allowances are built up in two ways:

Soil-building allowances—A. For farms on which a cotton, tobacco, peanut, rice, sugarcane base, or a general soil-depleting base in excess of home needs can be established, the soil building allowance will be determined by adding the following:

1. For each base acre of soil-conserving crops, \$1.00.
2. For each base acre diverted from soil-depleting crops that qualify for Class I payment, \$1.00.
3. For each acre of commercial orchard, Jan. 1, 1937, \$1.00.
4. For each acre on which only one crop of commercial vegetables was grown in 1936, \$1.00.
5. For each acre on which two or more commercial vegetable crops were grown in 1936, \$2.00.
6. For each acre of fence non-crop open pasture, in excess of one-half of the cropland which will carry one animal unit to five acres, 25c.

The soil-building allowance for these farms in no case shall be less than \$10.

B. For farms on which a cotton, tobacco, peanut, rice, sugarcane base, or general soil-depleting base in excess of home needs cannot be established, the soil-building allowances will be determined by adding the following:

1. (a) For each acre of cropland, 65c.
 - (b) For each acre of the soil conserving base, \$1.00.
 2. For each acre of commercial orchard, January 1, 1937, \$1.00.
 3. For each acre on which only one crop of commercial vegetables was grown in 1936, \$1.00.
 4. For each acre on which two or more crops of commercial vegetables were grown in 1936, \$2.00.
 5. For each acre of fenced non-crop open pasture in excess of one-half of the cropland which will carry one animal unit to five acres, 25c.
- The soil-building allowance for these farms in no case shall be less than \$20.

BURIAL AT BAIRD FOR ARIZONA MAN

Body of Lonzo Weldon, former Baird resident who died Saturday at his home in Phoenix, Ariz., arrived in Baird Wednesday morning for burial. Funeral services were held from the Wylie Funeral home at 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, burial following in Ross cemetery.

Survivors are his mother, Mrs. Nancy Weldon, Baird; three daughters, Mrs. J. C. Haynes and Mrs. Eddie Moore, Pampa, and Mrs. Roy Newton, Fort Davis; three brothers, Dock and Ed Weldon, Oatman, Ariz., and Cale Waldon, Oplin; three sisters, Mrs. George Frazier and Mrs. R. R. Stringer of Baird; and Mrs. E. W. Farris, Guion.

MATTHEWS MOVE TO WACO

A card received from Mrs. D. C. Matthews this week states that she and Mr. Matthews are moving to Waco, where Mr. Matthews will enter a hospital there. The Matthews have been living in Pineville, Louisiana, for the past several years, where Mr. Matthews has been under medical care. They are former Putnamites and have many friends in and near Putnam.

CORRECT SPEECH CLUB MET

The Correct Speech Club members enjoyed another program Friday afternoon. President Bill Fields gave an interesting talk on "How a Ten Year old Boy Helped to Save Six Lives." Betty Lou Sharp, Johnnie Bell Smith, and Mary Lois Maynard sang a vocal duet in two part harmony. Benton Pruet related the story of "Honey So Long at the Fair."

—Betty Louise Sharp.

LOST—One little white Spitz female. Answers to name of Hula—Patty Jean and Betty Williams.

Central Figures in Big Birthday Party



President Franklin D. Roosevelt, whose birthday January 30 will be the occasion for a series of 5,000 celebrations to be held throughout the country to raise funds for the nation's war against infantile paralysis. Right, Colonel Henry L. Doherty, for the fourth time national chairman of the world's biggest birthday party.

WOMEN'S STUDY CLUB HAD LUNCHEON AT CISCO

The women's Study Club of Putnam enjoyed a four-course luncheon in the Blue Room of the Laguna hotel Monday at 1:00, with Mmes. L. A. Williams, J. N. Williams, E. C. Waddell, and W. H. Norred hostesses. Mrs. Fred Cook gave the opening speech, giving details of the history of the club, which was established July 10, 1928. During the nine years of its duration, 21 members have moved away. Twenty active members have been maintained at all times. There has never been a death among the members. Mrs. John Cook gave a toast to the club and Mrs. R. D. Williams, president, gave the response. Favors were hidden fortunes which were later read at the conclusion of the program.

Subject for the program which was given in the assembly room, was Humor Poets. Mrs. L. A. Williams discussed humor as portrayed in the poetry of James Whitcomb Riley and Eugene Field. Selected readings from Riley and Field were given by Mrs. Wiley Clinton. Mrs. J. C. Cunningham of Midland, an associate member, gave piano selections. A short business session was held at which time Mmes. E. C. Waddell, Mark Shurwin, and Wiley Clinton were appointed as the piano committee to make investigations pertaining to the purchase of a piano to be presented the high school upon completion of the building under construction.

Members present were: Mmes. R. L. Clinton, Fred Cook, John Cook, S. M. Eubank, Fred Farmer, W. H. Norred, H. A. Pruet, G. S. Pruet, F. P. Shackelford, Fred Short, E. C. Waddell, J. N. Williams, L. L. Williams, R. D. Williams, Miss Mildred Yeager, Mmes. J. C. Cunningham and Wiley Clinton, associate members, Mmes. Joe Shackelford, and W. R. Francisco, of Cisco, and Mrs. Mary Thomas of Los Angeles, California guest.

Independent

"I never clash with my boss."
"No?"
"No; he goes his way and I go his."

WEDDING AT PARSONAGE SATURDAY EVENING

Fred Williams Brock and Miss Martha Wells of Strawn were united in marriage Saturday evening at the Baptist parsonage of Putnam with the Reverend F. A. Hollis performing the ceremony. The couple was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Marris of Strawn. Other witnesses were Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Culwell and Mrs. F. A. Hollis of Putnam. The ceremony was performed about 9:30. Mr. and Mrs. Brock will make their home at Strawn, where Mr. Brock is engaged as service station operator.

PUTNAM BOY COMPLETES COURSE

The commanding officer of the United States Naval Training Station of San Diego, California, informs The News that Gordon Philip Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Crayton Young of Putnam, has successfully completed the course of instruction at that station and has been assigned to sea duty on board the U. S. S. Taibot, a destroyer of the United States fleet, now operating in Pacific waters. Gordon graduated from the Putnam high school with the class of 1936. He is to be congratulated upon his success.

UNION H. D. C. MET

The Union Home Demonstration Club met January 13th in the afternoon at the home of Mrs. N. L. Bailey. Eight regular members were present. After business the group was served with coffee and cookies. The next meeting will be held in the afternoon, January 27th, at the home of Mrs. Byrd. Topic for discussion at the last meeting was Our Children. Child Problems was discussed by Mrs. Burette Ramsey; Habits of Children, Mrs. Doyle Gunn; and Motherhood, Mrs. Bud Booth. Let every member be present next time. Visitors are welcome.—Reporter.

GRIGGS' HOSPITAL NOTES

Dock Franklin, who lives west of Clyde, was a patient for back injuries received in a car wreck Sunday.

C. T. Horton of the Bayou was a patient Sunday for fractured leg received at the result of a tractor rolling over it.

Alvin Klepper of Clyde had major surgery last week.

Mrs. Ernest Windham of Oplin was a tonsilectomy Saturday.

R. L. Griggs Jr. returned from the Fort Worth hospital Sunday. He is a patient at the Griggs hospital at Baird.

Mrs. H. C. Samples, who lives north of Putnam, left the hospital Friday following lobar pneumonia.

Don Phillips, 10 year old son of Floyd Phillips of McCamey, left the hospital Saturday following pneumonia.

John Aables, 8 months old baby, left the hospital Friday following bronchial pneumonia.

Shirley Ann Tollett, baby daughter of W. T. Tollett of Baird, left the hospital Monday following pneumonia.

Mrs. Ernest Frankie of Baird left the hospital Sunday following an attack of pneumonia.

Mrs. Frank Johnson, who has been a patient for gall bladder trouble underwent surgery and is doing nicely.

The condition of Mrs. W. B. Griggs is practically the same.

PUTNAM P. T. A. MEETS

The P. T. A. met Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. After attending a program given in honor of the foot ball team, at which sweaters were presented to those who lettered, they met in a short business session. They discussed means of raising money to pay for the equipment in the home economics department.

The P. T. A. invites all parents to attend the next meeting which will be held January 28 at 3:30 p. m.

W. M. S. HAD MISSION STUDY

The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist church met at the church Wednesday afternoon in Mission Study. Mrs. F. A. Hollis led the Royal Service program. Opening song, "I Am Thine, O Lord." The apportionment for the cooperative program of the church was accepted. "Help Somebody Today" was sung. Mrs. Hollis led the devotional reading Genesis 1:1-3. Isaiah 43:1-4. Luke 3:21-22, 4:16-21. Mrs. S. M. Eubank led prayer. Topic for the program was The Anglo-Saxon. Who Are the Anglo-Saxons was discussed by Mrs. Fred Golson; and Anglo-Saxon and the Gospel, by Mrs. G. P. Gaskins. Mrs. W. M. Crosby led prayer. A Chosen Race was discussed by Mrs. S. M. Eubank. "Send the Light" was sung. Mrs. John Cook discussed We Are Debtors, and Mrs. W. E. Pruet, Saving Anglo-Saxon America. Mrs. S. W. Jobe discussed Mountain Missions. Reverend F. A. Hollis led a special prayer. Those present were: Mmes. John Cook G. P. Gaskins, W. E. Pruet, S. M. Eubank, Fred Golson, W. M. Crosby, S. W. Jobe, J. Y. Culwell, F. A. Hollis, Reverend F. A. Hollis.

Surprise

"Haven't you heard? Evelyn has just married Roger Hughes!"
"Roger Hughes! Not really! Why that was the man she was engaged to!"

CARBON BOYS, CROSS CUT GIRLS VICTORS

Oliver Davis, Sports Editor

The Carbon high school boys won the invitation basketball tournament while the Cross Cut girls came through victorious. The Carbon boys won the final game from the strong Cross Plains quintet, the betting champions, by a score of 23 to 21. The Cross Plains five was leading at the intermission, 14 to 6, but saw their lead gradually demolished by the Carbon team. A field goal by a Carbon forward in the last five seconds to tally, with the score knotted at 21 all, proved too much for the Cross Plains team. It was a bitter fought game throughout and the fans received many thrills.

The strong Cross Cut girls' team came through to win the final game from the potent Buffalo team. The score was 28 to 19, however it was a very much harder game than the score indicates. The beautiful trophies were awarded to the Carbon boys and the Cross Cut girls. Cross Plains placed two, Carbon two and Moran one on the all tournament team of boys. The all tournament team for the girls was not found out.

Putnam was scheduled to play Bangs, but when Bangs failed to show up, the locals tangled horns with the Cross Plains "B" team, losing 23 to 17. It was a well fought game throughout.

Panthers Win

The Putnam Panthers defeated Atwell at the latter's court Tuesday 13 to 12 in an extra period, the score being 12 to 12 at the close of the game. The girls' team lost, they made a good showing as it was their first game of the season. Both Atwell teams will play here next Friday.

ALLRED TO STRESS HIGHWAY SAFETY

AUSTIN.—Following closely on the announcement of the appointment of the Governor's Safety Committee of 100, Governor Allred made highway safety one of the principal objectives of his second administration when, in his annual message to the legislature, he stressed the need of a more rigid driver's license law and more effective regulation of trucks and busses, whether common carrier or privately owned. At the same time the governor recommended that the present force of less than 150 highway patrolmen be doubled and that the patrol be equipped with automobiles rather than motorcycles.

Characterizing the present driver's license law as "weak and ineffective," the governor told the joint session of senate and house that he thought the sentiment of the people had been misjudged when that measure was passed. Far from being resentful of rigid state regulation, he asserted, the people want something effective done about the annual death toll of 2,000 persons on the highways of the state.

"I think they want the highways made safer for all of us. I know they want to do away with the anguish and tragedy of little children slaughtered and maimed on their way to school," he said.

Success of a more strict driver's license law and more effective truck and bus regulation depends to a tremendous extent on public education and public opinion, the governor pointed out.

The Governor's Safety Committee, recently named, will assist the Public Safety Department and safety councils throughout the state in better carrying out this program of public education and stimulation of public opinion. The committee is expected to hold its organization meeting in Austin within the next ten days on call of the governor, its honorary chairman.

In his message the governor emphasized that the State Highway Patrol, "a magnificent organization," is "woefully undermanned. Today we have less than 150 of these fine young men to patrol thousands of miles of highways." The force should be doubled at least, he said, and they should be equipped for the most part with light speedy cars instead of motorcycles as at present.

Cost of the increased personnel and additional equipment, said the governor, "can and should be paid for out of the State Highway Fund since this organization is primarily charged with patrolling the highways and enforcement of safety measures."

Concluding his safety recommendations to the legislature, the governor said: "No single accomplishment could be greater than intelligent, effective legislation to curb and diminish the astounding, appalling and for the most part, avoidable daily tragedies resulting from our indifference."

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"Oh, dear, no! She's rich enough to have psychoneurosis."

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THE COURT AND THE PRESIDENT

The White House has considered it advisable to squelch another party stalwart who undertook to interpret the presidential attitude toward constitutional changes affecting the supreme court.

Monday Senator Minton of Indiana, after a White House conference, said that the president was calling a conference on the subject and that he, Minton, would withhold his bill requiring a seven to two decision by the court to override the will of congress.

Tuesday a White House statement said the president was not considering any alterations, constitutional or otherwise, in the court's powers. Instead, it was said, Attorney General Cummings is making a special study to determine in what way the economic ends aimed at may be achieved within the constitution as interpreted by the court.

That, obviously, is a gray horse of another color.

President Roosevelt has not been so unwise as to interpret his overwhelming majority of last November as a slap at the supreme court for its decisions adverse to the New Deal.

The people still have a great deal of confidence in the court. Most of them recognize it as an almost un-failing bulwark against congressional encroachment and tyrannical conduct on the part of officials. They believe in the court because they believe in the constitution, whose rightful interpreter the court is.

It might be well for the self-appointed spokesman for the president hereafter, to let him do his own talking. He is amply able to take care of himself.—Abilene Reporter-News.

SUPREME COURT UNDER FIRE

Washington denies that the President intends soon to call a conference to consider possible legislation affecting the Supreme Court, as reported by Senator Minton of Indiana after consultation with the President.

Senator Norris of Nebraska also is to head a conference soon to be called to consider a constitutional amendment that would affect the court. He favors a change that would forbid the invalidation of acts of Congress except by a decision rendered by at least seven Justices.

Minton also is reported to favor that change. It is probable that such a proposal would have to be made by amendment not by statute. The customary method for almost 140 years of voting by the court in making decisions cannot be changed by a mere act of Congress, not based on an amendment.

It is a serious question whether the Congress is wise in seeking to modify the present procedure followed by the court. The Justices hold their offices during good behavior. They may resign but cannot be removed except through impeachment. Yet in due time membership ceases through death or resignation and the President and the Senate then have their innings in respect to new appointments. "Make haste slowly" is not a bad policy in so important a matter.

After all, the Supreme Court throughout its career has done remarkable work and has a dignity held by no other National Supreme Court. It is deeply respected by the mass of

The Outcasts

by A. B. Chapin



our citizens who at heart are not seekers after strange gods and would presumably not favor Norris' proposed amendment.

It would seem the part of wisdom for the President and the Congress to let matters rock along and not raise opposition by trying to dictate the tenor of the decisions of the highest court in the land.—Dallas News.

RENAME DIRECTORS OF CISCO NATIONAL

CISCO.—Annual election of directors of the First National bank of Cisco resulted in the re-election of all the old directors, and the addition of Charles A. Spears. The directors re-elected the same officers that have served the bank during the past year, which was declared to be the most prosperous since 1931.

The directors named are Alex Spears, Dr. F. E. Clark, W. W. Wallace, E. J. Foe and Charles A. Spears.

The officers who were re-elected are Alex Spears, president; Dr. F. E. Clark and E. R. McDaniel, vice-presidents; E. J. Foe, cashier; Vance Littleton, J. D. Lauderdale, Mrs. Lucile Huffmyer and Charles A. Spears, assistant cashiers. The latter official is the only change in the bank official personnel. He is a son of President Alex Spears.

Besides declaring two substantial dividends during the past year, the bank increased the salaries of all employees and passed a neat sum to the bank's surplus.

SAFETY IN THE SKIES

The tremendous toll of lives exacted in recent years by accidents on land and in the air has finally aroused public concern to the point that methods are being earnestly sought to prevent their recurrence in the future. Most of this attention is being directed properly toward automobile accidents, because, being less spectacular and more frequent than mishaps in the air, they have been largely ignored in a world addicted too much to speed and too little to safety.

But while attention is being placed on safety campaigns to curb automobile accidents, the necessity of inquiry into causes of air mishaps should not be forgotten. The Henderson Times, for instance, reports that last year the Department of Commerce declared that there were 138 airplanes in Texas being operated without licenses. The Forty-first legislature passed a bill requiring all Texas pilots and airports to meet the regulations of the Department, but its enforcement was left to the limited staff and facilities of the Federal organization, and the situation remains largely uncorrected.

This is a matter which the present legislature could profitably investigate, particularly since the crackup of poorly equipped and unlicensed planes contributes quite as much as accidents suffered by large airliners in imperiling the future of commercial aviation. But it would not be inappropriate for the legislature to go even further, perhaps to the extent of appointing an aeronautical supervisor and department charged with the duty of compelling all planes, private and commercial, to adhere to the strictest standards imposed by the Department of Commerce and utilize every safety device recommended by experts in aeronautical research.

Within the past several days, two transcontinental airliners have crashed in the Rockies, and in one case

BRUCE BARTON Soap



days elapsed before the charred and mutilated bodies of the victims were recovered. Mystery shrouds the causes of many such accidents; many are unavoidable, it is true, but doubtless some could have been prevented if the airlines had kept pace with the rapid advancement in scientific research.

One of the victims of the latest crash was Martin Johnson, world famous wild game hunter, who had jokingly remarked only the day before that he would be glad to get back to the jungle, which was much safer than civilization. A few hours later he was dead, and his humorous quip, which newspaper headlines had made much of, suddenly became something of an epitaph—a grim reminder that many a true word is spoken in jest.—The Texas Weekly.

UNEMPLOYMENT AGENT STATIONED AT ABILENE

AUSTIN.—L. Thurmond Krueger, special representation of the Texas Unemployment Compensation Commission, will be stationed in Abilene to assist employers of the surrounding district during the next few weeks, Chairman-Director R. B. Anderson announced this week.

Krueger's headquarters will be in the Abilene Chamber of Commerce and all employers of that district are urged to go to Krueger for help on problems arising under the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act, Anderson stated.

The district for which Abilene will be headquarters consists of the following counties:

Yoakum, Terry, Lynn, Garza, Kent, Stonewall, Haskell, Throckmorton, Gaines, Dawson, Borden, Scurry, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Stephens, Eastland, Callahan Taylor, Nolan, Mitchell, Howard, Martin, Andrews, Midland, Glasscock, Sterling, Coke, Rundell, Coleman, Upton, Reagan, Irion, Tom Green, Concho, and McCulloch.

First contributions under the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act will be due January 25, and Krueger will be prepared to assist employers in filling out their contribution report form and in determining their status under the law.

Krueger, a resident of Houston, is a former student in the University of Texas Law School. For the past year and a half he has been inspector for the Texas Liquor Control Board, from which position he resigned to join the staff of the Texas Unemployment Compensation commission.

Spring is the time for placing your monuments, at the graves of your loved ones. Let us have your order now to insure prompt delivery. We represent the San. L. Dryden Monument Works of Abilene, Texas, an established company of long standing.—The Putnam News, agent.

Let's Have Humor, Please

I once had some correspondence with the alumnae secretary of a woman's college, an estimable lady seeking to raise money for her institution, which it well deserves.

Our letters developed quite an interesting exchange of ideas on education, until I made the mistake of sending this comment:

"I am a believer in woman's colleges, and I think they receive much less than their rightful share of legacies and gifts. But I sometimes think they have pushed their scholastic standards too high, and are applying them too rigorously. Two of the most successful and attractive middle-aged women of my acquaintance are college graduates. Yet, if the present standards were in force during their day, both of them would have been 'thrown out of college' at the end of the first semester. They were poor students, but they are great women."

I added rather facetiously: "After all, a majority of college girls are going to enter the profession of matrimony. My idea of a college program would be to teach them to look after their health, cultivate their sense of humor, and then add whatever amount of book learning they could absorb without spoiling their good looks."

This stopped the correspondence. The lady regarded me as lacking in seriousness, and wrote me no more.

Yet I have the temerity to publish the comment, and to add this firm conviction: that the world does not need more knowledge as much as it needs more humor.

Do you remember the famous session of the Cabinet at which Abraham Lincoln presented the Emancipation Proclamation? He preceded it by reading one of the humorous essays of Artemus Ward. He laughed until the tears came and then, looking around at his associates, and finding them all solemn, he exclaimed: "Gentlemen, why don't you laugh? With the fearful strain that is upon me night and day, if I did not laugh I should die; and you need this medicine as much as I."

Business Has No Grumble
I was lurching with a group of high executives, and the discussion turned to economic problems. Presently out came the usual line:

"Congress is a bunch of idiots. How can we hope for any sensible program when laws are made by such men?"

I was annoyed. All my business life I have listened to that sort of talk. I have known a good many Senators and Congressmen. My judgment is that they are fairly representative of the nation, neither better nor worse than the rest of us. They do not originate very much in the matter of national policy and legislation. They merely record in law the sentiment that grows up around them. They respond to public opinion.

And what does big business do to create and guide an intelligent public opinion? Practically nothing. My father was a distinguished clergyman. He never hesitated to have views or to give them vigorous expression. Sometimes parishioners criticized him. He said to me once: "If I do not know better than the

KNOW TEXAS

DENTON.—Have you ever noticed just how flat your food tastes when salt is omitted? It's really surprising how a few tiny grains of the crystal will bring out a flavor, and how necessary it is to your daily life.

Salt is found in natural brines and in rock formation. The industry in Texas is rapidly taking a foremost place in mineral production. Large areas, including the coastal region and plains of West Texas are underlain with a thick stratum, and there are surface outcroppings in a number of places.

Principal production in Texas is from Grand Saline in Van Zandt county, where a national salt manufacturing company operates a large mining and manufacturing industry. There is an extensive mine in the rock stratum 700 feet beneath the surface of the earth.

Falestine in Anderson county also boasts of a large salt producing industry which has been in operation for a long period of time, and a salt enterprise was opened at Houston years ago. There has been a small commercial production in recent years from the salt flats north of Van Horn. This great surface deposit was a source of supply for a large area in the early history of West Texas, and it was the attempt of private interests to effect a monopoly through obtaining mineral rights that caused the so-called "salt war," in the '80s.—Texas State College for Women (CIA).

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Local Happenings

Birthday cards for sale at the News office.

Mrs. Gertrude Sprawls of Baird was a Putnam visitor during the week-end.

W. M. Crosby and Fred Golson, who are employed in the oil industry at Markey spent the week-end in their homes here.

Herbert R. Voelcker of Voelcker and Dixon, Architects, of Wichita Falls, was a business visitor in Putnam Saturday. Voelcker and Dixon are architects for the new Putnam high school.

Miss Mildred Yeager was a business visitor in Cottonwood Monday in the interest of the monument business, making some deliveries and interviewing prospects.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Ross have returned to Gorman, after having lived in Putnam during the past six months, where Mr. Ross has been connected with the building of the new high school, for which T. S. Ross and Sons were the contractors.

Honorable T. S. Ross, florial representative from Eastland and Callahan counties, was a business visitor in Putnam Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Ross and daughter, Miss Jack, are living in Austin during the session of the legislature.

Willie Geter, accompanied by Miss Marjorie Dobbs of Hamlin, who is a student at Hardin-Simmons University, and Mr. Geter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Geter, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Ramsey Sunday. Willie graduates from Hardin-Simmons University this year.

Cards of sympathy, get well cards, and other special occasion cards are in stock at the News office at all times.

7,548 NEW CARS REGISTERED

AUSTIN.—A total of 7,548 new passenger cars were registered in fifteen representative Texas counties during December, an increase of 10.1 per cent over November, and 29.2 per cent over December, 1936, the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research has reported. For the entire year 1936 sales in these counties totaled 76,770, an increase of 22.4 per cent over the year before.

"The sharpest gains in December were made in the two highest price brackets, thus continuing a tendency toward more liberal expenditures which has been noted for a number of months," the report added.



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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

by Charles E. Dunn

Two Miracles of Mercy
Lesson for January 24th. John 6 and 6.

Golden Text: John 5:36.
The sick man at the Pool of Bethesda inspires us with a sense of pity. After shattering his health by a life of sensual indulgence he lay for 38 years a hopeless paralytic. Bethesda is perhaps the Virgin's pool, near the Temple, the only natural spring in Jerusalem. The stirring of the water was perfectly natural, but popular superstition ascribed it to supernatural power.

The tragedy of this pathetic case is that people had ceased to notice this invalid of such long standing. A forlorn, lonely soul, he just didn't count. Such a case of neglect made an instant appeal to the Master. "Do you wish to become a healthy man?" he asked. Of course the poor fellow did, but it is doubtful if he expected a cure after so many long years of disappointment. Besides he did not know Jesus at all (vs. 13). Instead, then, of healing the man as a reward of faith, which was the usual practice of Jesus, the miracle was wrought to produce faith. Note also that the paralytic was cured without being touched, and without the use of gestures or formulae.

The great 6th chapter of John's gospel on the "Bread of Life" which we have reason to believe, was a talk given by John at a communion service, is of vital importance. The miracle of the feeding of the five thousand marked a crisis in the ministry of Jesus. The people were so impressed that they insisted, much to his annoyance, that he should be crowned King of Israel. Precisely how our Lord managed to feed so many families in the crowd is a mystery. It may be that many of them had provisions hidden under togas and shawls, and that all that the Master did was to set an unselfish example by distributing the five loaves and two fishes donated by the boy. At any rate the miracle teaches effectively that the greatest results are possible from the smallest means.

CLIPPINGS

ANSON EATS 70 TONS BEANS
If you eat beans, and who doesn't in West Texas, you will pay out several cents extra during the coming year for them, based on an impending price of around 1c a pound.

Of course that will not mean much to you, but to the town of Anson, well that's different, because it will require \$1,404.00 additional to buy beans for the town next year.

Anson annually consumes approximately 140,400 pounds of beans—seventy and one-fifth tons. For these beans, at the prevailing average retail price of nine cents a pound, you pay \$12,636.00—that's for beans alone, too.

And here's what the government says about beans: "The supply of dry beans from the 1936 crop is much below the average because of a smaller yield in the pea-bean area." And the merchants here expect an advance of about one cent per pound before the new crop comes in and that means that instead of digging up \$12,636 for beans, as you did the past year, you'll have to pay about \$14,040.00 for the same amount of beans this year. These figures are based on the average yearly sales of Anson merchants and the present and expected price.—Anson Western Enterprise.

RATTLESNAKE BOUNTY

PAID BY TAYLOR COUNTY
County Auditor L. R. Thompson reports that Taylor county paid out last year \$1,625.38 as bounty on rattlesnakes killed throughout the county. This report shows an increase of some \$883.79 over that of last year. The amount paid out is for this county only. Parties receiving the bounty get 3c per snake dispatched up to five, and then are paid 2c for the rest. Years ago the rattlesnake was a real and dangerous menace to the people of West Texas but a concerted drive of the deadly reptile has greatly thinned it out.—Abilene Times.

DISMISS BLANTON SUIT AS TO LAYTON

Dismissal of a \$100,000 civil suit for libel brought by Thomas Blanton, former 17th district congressman, as to E. E. Layton, one of three defendants in Blanton's original petition, has been ordered in 42nd district court in Abilene. Judge M. S. Long ordered the action upon request of Thomas L. Blanton, Jr., of Albany, attorney for his father.

The dismissal leaves Clyde L. Garrett, who succeeded Blanton as congressman, and J. W. Cokill, Garrett's secretary, as defendants in the suit.

OPENINGS ON STATE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

Merit examinations to establish new eligible lists for the positions of Senior Interviewer and Junior Interviewer and Senior Stenographer in the State Employment Service and the National Reemployment Service in Texas have just been announced. Future vacancies in the operating staff of the local employment offices are to be filled on a merit basis from eligible lists established through these examinations.

Application forms, detailed announcements, and information concerning the nature of the examinations can be obtained from Professor J. Alton Burdine of the University of Texas, who has been designated as Special Representative of the United States Employment Service to cooperate in the conduct of this program. Feb. 10 has been set as the closing date for filing application. Examinations will be held for the positions of Senior Interviewer, Junior Interviewer, and Stenographer. All examinations are open alike to men and women who are citizens of the United States, and who have resided in Texas for a period of one year immediately preceding the final date for filing applications, (February 10, 1937).

Minimum requirements for admission to the written tests are set forth in detailed announcements, which may be obtained upon application to the Special Representative's office at 2400 Whitis, Austin, Texas. (Mail should be addressed to Box 1877, University Station, Austin, Texas). These minimum requirements in terms of experience and education vary in accordance with the responsibilities and duties of the several positions. A general condition, however, is that competitors must have had a background of full-time paid employment in work definitely providing familiarity with employment problems and practices such as are found in industrial, commercial, professional, and labor fields. In addition to these requirements, qualifications for admission to the written tests for various positions are as follows:

Senior Interviewer: Salary range, \$1380-\$2100. Duties: under general supervision of the manager, to register and place applicants, receive and solicit orders and perform necessary related work. Minimum age 21. Alternative combinations of education and experience: (1) high school graduation or its equivalent and 4 years of special experience; or (2) 4 years of college or university training and 2 years of special experience; or (3) lieu of formal education record, 6 years of special experience; or (4) 1 year of employment as a junior interviewer in a public employment office.

Junior Interviewer: Salary range, \$1200-\$1620. Duties: under the direct supervision of a manager or a senior interviewer, to register and place applicants, receive orders and perform necessary related work. Minimum age 21. Alternative combinations of education and experience: (1) high school graduation or its equivalent and 3 years of special experience; or (2) 4 years of college or university training and 1 year of special experience; or (3) in lieu of formal education record, 4 years of special experience; or (4) 1 year as receptionist or as a senior clerk or senior stenographer involving experience in conducting preliminary interviews with applicants equivalent to that required by a receptionist in a public employment office.

Senior Interviewer: Salary range, \$1200-\$1600. Duties: to perform, under general supervision, somewhat difficult or responsible clerical work as required or to supervise clerks of a lower grade performing simple, routine duties. Minimum age 20. Alternative combinations of education and experience: (1) Graduation from a standard four year high school or completion of a comparable course of education in other institutions of accredited high school standing; and 3 years of office experience including six months of supervisory work, within the last 5 years; or (2) four years of college or university training; and 1 year of full-time paid employment demonstrating the abilities required for the position, within the last 5 years; or (3) in lieu of formal education record, 4 years of office experience including one year of supervisory work, within the last 5 years; or (4) one year's employment as clerk in a public employment office: To demonstrate ability to type at a speed of 60 words a minute; and to take ordinary prose dictation at a speed of 100 words a minute and to transcribe the note neatly and accurately.

Applicants who meet the specifications as set forth in the detailed announcements will receive an admission card to the written tests, which will be held simultaneously in Abilene, Amarillo, Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, El Paso, Houston, Longview, Mercedes and San Antonio on March 6, 1937.

Mrs. L. B. Williams was a Baird visitor Wednesday.

SCRANTON NOTES

The W. M. S. of Scranton Methodist church met in a called session at the church at 3:30 Sunday, Jan. 17, 1937. Mrs. I. L. Gattis, president, in charge. A pledge service was held and the year's work outlined. Mrs. Gattis lead in prayer and discussed briefly the location and number of Foreign Fields, in which our church works. Mrs. G. C. Williams dismissed the society with prayer. Those present were: Mmes. Oran Speegle, Travis Hughes, Jack Jackson, I. L. Gattis, G. C. Williams, and Miss Mollie Brown.

Rev. G. C. Williams and family spent from Tuesday till Thursday night in Fort Worth attending the "Bishop's Crusade" at First Methodist church, and also visiting Rev. Williams's sister, Mrs. A. F. Stewart of 725 Holden Street, Fort Worth.

Mrs. Felix Bolan is spending a short time at the bedside of her brother-in-law, Will Bolan, in Tulsa, Okla.

Marvin Snoddy Jr. returned the last of the week from McCamey, where he had spent ten days in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter McCamey.

Mrs. Orville Reese left the first of the week to join her husband and make their home in McCamey.

Mrs. Stell is on the sick list this week.

Mary Ann Bush is out of school with a case of mumps.

L. E. Cozart suffered a painful injury Thursday evening while chopping wood. He cut his foot with an axe. Several stitches were required to close the wound.

Mr. George Gattis, Mrs. Robert Gattis and daughter, Miss Myrtle, have moved on the William Gattis place near town.

Mr. Clarence Chapman, who has been laid up with a knee injury received in a car accident since before Christmas, is recovering nicely in Hendrix Memorial Hospital, Abilene, inasmuch that he has been getting around on crutches and Mrs. Chapman is thinking it won't be long now 'til she can bring him home.

Mrs. John Sharrier and son, John Hammond and Mrs. W. E. Fairies visited Mr. Chapman at the hospital Thursday afternoon. John Hammond spent the night with W. P. Ledbetter in Abilene and Mrs. Shrader and Mrs. Fairies visited in the home of Rev. and Mrs. M. F. Richardson.

The sophomore class in high school enjoyed a party and marshmallow roast at Elm Bend Thursday evening, sponsored by Miss Clara Patterson, primary teacher. Those present were: Jean O'Brien, Jackie Ledbetter, Helen Ray, Mildred Harris, Mary Ruth Shrader, Nell Bailey, Mary Lee Black, Edgar Bailey, Edwin Bradshaw, Sambo Morgan, Paul Brashear, Albert Morgan, Lee Starr, R. W. Purvis, Rube Harris Jr., Gilda Purvis, Blynn Stewart, John Johnson and Johnnie Pearl Leveridge.

The Methodist W. M. U. met Sunday afternoon with six women present: Mrs. W. T. Hughes, Miss Mollie Brown, Mrs. B. O. Speegle, Mrs. R. H. Jackson, Mrs. G. C. Williams, and Mrs. I. L. Gattis. Two members absent. Their program for the year, includes a special effort to enlist new members, a budget to take care of the finances of the church, each member present subscribing liberally and planning to make this year the best year in their church life. They are to meet each Monday afternoon, and will study mission, both home and foreign, besides their regular Bible study.

INFANTILE PARALYSIS AMONG MOST ANCIENT DISEASES

NEW YORK.—Infantile paralysis against which modern science wages a courageous but so far not completely victorious battle, is not, as many have supposed, a disease of modern times. It did its fatal work in ancient Egypt and in medieval Europe, according to a survey recently made by Dr. LeRoy W. Hubbard, director of the extension work of the Warm Springs Foundation of New York.

Only in recent years, however, and since the disorder has from time to time reached epidemic proportions in parts of the United States has the medical fight against it been scientifically directed. Medicine in the United States has been assisted by the contributions of the people of the country through the annual birthday balls in honor of Mr. Roosevelt, and this year it is expected further sinews of war will result from the parties to be held on January 30th.

In his review of infantile paralysis in ancient and modern times Dr. Hubbard points out that Dr. Clarence Victor Vaughan, the medical historian, found definite traces of the results of the disease in Egyptian mummies.

"The first big modern epidemic in the United States," Dr. Hubbard writes, "occurred in 1916. It reached every state in the union and struck down more than 25,000 persons, the majority of them children."

The difference between the situation of the Egyptians and that of Americans is that sufferers in 1937 are treated with all the skill of modern science which continues a pointed-up research in an effort to stamp out the disease to the extent of the interest and funds supplied by the public, largely through the President's birthday balls.

ATWELL

Rev. Ivey filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night.

Mrs. Sam Jones visited last week with her daughter, Mrs. Morgan, in San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Lovelady and children received a message Wednesday that Mrs. Lovelady's mother at Rockwood was seriously ill, but before they got there her mother died.

We can deeply sympathize with Mrs. Lovelady in the loss of her dear mother and her best friend.

Nathan Foster and Woodrow Jones made a business trip to Fort Worth this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Mercer and children received a message Wednesday that Mrs. Mercer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Brashear.

Mrs. J. A. Brashear and baby returned home with Mr. and Mrs. Mercer to make Kilgore her home, as her husband has a job there.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Tatom from Putnam visited with their sons, Alton and Roy Tatom, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Rouse and children visited with Mrs. Rouse's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell at Cottonwood Sunday.

MINERS PROSPER, FAIL TO ATTEND MINERS' INSTITUTE

EL PASO.—Prosperity in the mining business in the Southwest is at too high a pitch at the present time

try to have a prospectors and miners' institute, Prof. John F. Graham of the College of Mines and Metallurgy, a branch of The University of Texas, asserted. Only thirteen registered for the five-day Institute for Miners and Prospectors being held at the College of Mines last week.

"I attribute the small number of registrants to the fact that most of the miners and prospectors in this section of the United States are employed at this time. They just don't have time to attend an institute."

The re-opening of mines and smelters throughout this section of Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona, has put hundreds of men to work, Professor Graham said.

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NATION GATHERS FORCES TO STAGE BIGGEST BIRTHDAY PARTY IN WORLD

NEW YORK.—Prosperity having come around the corner and the American public being better informed than ever before concerning the national fight against infantile paralysis, Colonel Henry L. Doherty, for the fourth year chairman of the national committee for the President's Birthday Ball, expects Americans will celebrate Mr. Roosevelt's fifty-fifth birthday with unexampled enthusiasm on January 30.

Early response to the committee's proposals, he said today, was such as to indicate millions of Americans would hold more and bigger parties this year than ever before. Preliminary estimates were for more than five thousand balls scattered over the entire country in great cities and tiny hamlets all the way from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the Canadian to the Mexican borders.

The proceeds on the basis of collections in previous years were expected to exceed a million dollars. More than 300,000 victims of poliomyelitis in the United States continue to need the assistance of their fellow citizens in rehabilitating themselves as useful members of the community, he pointed out. This year seventy cents out of every dollar will be used for the benefit of sufferers in the locality where the money is collected. The remainder will be turned over to the President for the Warm Springs Foundation to enable the institution to continue its national leadership in the battle of mankind against the mysterious and often fatal malady.

Leaders in every field of national activity have rallied to the national committee in its efforts to make the all-American birthday party a success. Science, art, labor, politics and society are all prepared to lend their support to the committee. The press, the radio, the movies and other agencies of propaganda, as in former years, have generously offered their space and time. Among the national leaders who were prompt to accept membership on the national committee were: Ambassador Joseph V. Davies, Charles G. Dawes, Edsel B. Ford, Walter S. Gifford, William Green, Patrick Cardinal Hayes, William Randolph Hearst, Bishop William T. Manning and General John J. Pershing.

With the customary presidential inaugural ball in Washington eliminated this year, the National capital will outdo itself in celebration of the birthday of the chief executive. As has been the custom for the past three years, President Roosevelt is expected to broadcast a message to the celebrants throughout the nation on his fifty-fifth birthday.

Endorsing the 1937 effort against poliomyelitis, the President wrote: "My own views are that the national fight against infantile paralysis can-

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not cease. It must go on... I am sure that the Birthday celebrations in 1937 can be even of increased value to the nation-wide fight against infantile paralysis which is being conducted."

UNEMPLOYMENT ACT QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

How to Figure Your Weekly Wage
QUESTION 6: "My work is irregular or seasonal. Some weeks I work more hours, earn more pay, than in others. Previous articles have made it clear that to determine what benefits I can receive, I must know what my wage has been. Does the law say how the amount of my wages is to be determined?"

ANSWER: To determine your weekly wage, you must find out two things:

(1) YOUR FULL-TIME HOURS. To get this figure, add together all the hours you worked in all the weeks in the last 52 weeks in which you were employed 30 hours or more. Example: In the last 52 weeks, you worked 25 hours a week for 5 weeks, 28 hours a week for 10 weeks, 29 hours a week for 9 weeks, 30 hours a week for 21 weeks, 34 hours a week for 5 weeks, and 48 hours a week for two weeks.

Since you failed to work 30 hours a week during the first 24 of these weeks, disregard them. During the remaining 28 weeks you worked a total of 896 hours, or an average of 32 hours a week. Therefore, 32 is your full-time weekly hours.

(2) YOUR HOURLY RATE OF EARNINGS. To get this figure, you consider only the thirteen weeks just before you became unemployed.

Out of these thirteen weeks, take those in which you worked fulltime. Add together the total of hours worked in these weeks.

In the example used above, these 13 weeks should include: 2 weeks at 48 hours, 5 weeks at 34 hours, and 6 weeks at 30 hours.

So out of the 13 weeks, you would count only seven—the two at 48 hours and the 5 at 34 hours, because only in these weeks did you work your full-time weekly hours (32) as determined in (1).

Now, in these seven weeks, say you made a total of \$106.40. Divide this amount by the number of hours you worked in those seven weeks, or 266. This will give you the figure of 40 cents an hour.

This is your HOURLY RATE OF PAY.

After you have gotten (1) your full-time weekly hours, and (2) your hourly rate of pay, multiply the hours (1) by the rate (2).

This will give you \$12.80. This is your full-time weekly wage which will be used in determining the amount of compensation.

What About Irregular Workers?

QUESTION 7: "Your last article told how I could determine my weekly wage for the purpose of the Unemployment Compensation Act; but this example does not fit me. My week's work seldom averages 30 hours a week. How as I to proceed?"

ANSWER: To try to be fair to every worker, the commission has been given the power to vary from the above formula, either in determining the weekly hours, or in determining the hourly rate of earnings, or both.

Suppose your previous employment record is not long enough to fit this formula. What then? The commission has the power to find out for itself what the customary pay is for your kind of job.

The aim of the law is to be fair to every worker. The formula was worked out carefully to fit the majority of cases. But there always are exceptions, and each exception will be treated fairly by the commission itself.

If you have any questions concerning the operation of this law as it affects employers or workers, you can have your questions answered by writing to R. B. Anderson, chairman, Texas Unemployment Compensation, Austin.

Planting Seed for sale—Harper, A. D., Mebane, Qualla, Bagley & Son, Lambert.—Charlie Davis, Putnam, Texas.

FARM NOTES

(ROSS B. JENKINS, County Agent)

Denton and Eula 4-H

Organization Meetings—Some thirty boys of the Denton community met with the county agent Tuesday and organized the first 4-H Club ever to be at Denton. They elected for their first president Milton Crawford; vice-president, Jack Morgan; secretary-treasurer, William Phillips; and reporter, Edward Dryman.

Some twenty or more of the boys are planning to choose projects and do full club work for the year 1937. Superintendent Baily Johnson said ways would be arranged so that the club boys could attend the club rally and picture show to be held at Baird Monday afternoon starting at 1:30 o'clock.

Eula Club—

Under the sponsorship of Professor Clifton Thomas the Eula Club reorganized for the second year of 4-H work. The boys chose as their president Leonard Farmer; vice-president, Jack Gann; secretary-treasurer, Wendell Farmer; and reporter, Melton Tarrant.

Both clubs are taking a wide variety of projects which includes cotton, corn, maize, hogari, the feeding of poultry, sheep, pigs, beef calves and dairy calves. The Eula Club is planning also to come to the club show Monday, January 25th.

Oplin Meetings—

Fifty boys heard the county agent explain club work there for the first time and many have already returned the cards which means that Oplin will have its first 4-H Club this year. The officers had not been selected as this goes to press but they will be ready for next week's report.

Bank Offers Valuable 4-H Prizes—

The First National Bank of Baird is offering a list of valuable prizes to 4-H Club boys this year. The boy who builds the best trench silo and returns records and pictures of his achievement will receive a paid trip to the Dallas Pan-American Exposition this summer and, in addition, will be given \$5.00 for spending money. To the boy who keeps the most complete and accurate record of his demonstration this year will be given a prize of \$7.50. Likewise the boy who writes the best news story anytime during this club year will receive a prize of \$2.00.

Mayfield's Dry Goods Prize—

Mr. Dick Mayfield, owner of the Mayfield's Drygoods Company, announced that he would give the choice of any pair of shoes in his house to the boy who made the best record on a beef calf feeding project for the 1937 season.

Other business men are offering prizes that will be announced probably in next week's issue.

Whole Farm Demonstrations—

Probably the most revolutionary undertaking among Extension agents will be the cooperation this year of some sixteen farmers and their families in putting over a "whole farm demonstration." Heretofore the women have had various demonstrations such as pantry, gardens, wardrobes, and various food and diet projects and the men have carried on such demonstrations as terracing, poultry improvement, trench silo building, contouring, farm record keeping, and farm water supply improvement but these demonstrations were more or less scattered and probably but one or two would be carried on at the same time on one farm.

This year a number of farmers have signified their intention of cooperating with Home Demonstration Agent Miss Vida Moore and County Agent Ross B. Jenkins in putting over a "Whole Farm Demonstration." Among the things that will be found on these demonstration farms are: some sixteen will build trench silos, terrace or contour their land, keep farm records, landscape their yards and grounds, plant an adequate garden, make improvements on the interior of their house, refinish and repaint furniture, preserve their meats by the new refined oil process, and provide adequate pantry space. Some will add to their clothes closets, improve the quality of their poultry, rearrange their farm buildings, build feed troughs and water troughs, put running water in the home, install farm lights and radio and put in a bathroom.

The demonstration farms that were definitely pledged are B. F. McCaw, Steve Tarrant, Evan Barton, Wallace Johnson, Rufus Whitehorn, Fred Stacy, Steve Foster, W. E. McColum, Jim Barr, and Howell G. Broadfoot.

Some five other communities will be contacted by press time next week. The county agents plan that these whole farm demonstrations shall be more or less models of Extension work as planned for every farm in the county. Since there are some 1623 farms in the county it is not possible that in one year every farmer could be made a "whole farm demonstrator" but by choosing one farmer in each community and helping him to make the demonstrations as stated above the neighbors of these farmers may see how the work is done and from time to time visits will be made and the neighbors will be invited to inspect the work that is being carried on on these demonstration farms.

If the work proves to be as successful as it seems it should for this year then the agents plan that another year will find a different group

of farmers who will receive this same kind of instruction and so on until every farmer has had the opportunity of receiving personal supervision from the county agents who are studying every means to develop better farm practices, promote better health, and more enjoyable living conditions on our farms.

ZION HILL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Reid were business visitors in Putnam Monday.

Buddie Taylor has been on the sick list this week.

Mr. Tatom, who has been ill for several weeks, is improving.

Miss Nina Morgan spent last week in Putnam, visiting with friends.

Harold Morgan of Merkel was in Putnam Thursday. He attended the basketball tournament at Cross Plains Thursday night. Miss Nina Morgan returned to Merkel with him Friday morning for an extended visit.

Jack Ramsey, J. L. Baker and R. B. Taylor made a business trip to Baird last week.

Uncle Frank Ingram is on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ramsey and Miss Marie Baker spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Ramsey and family.

Mr. Harvey Black, who has recently moved to Baird, visited in the home of T. L. Ramsey Saturday.

Joseph Bentley of Putnam visited in the home of his grandmother, Mrs. S. F. Ingram, Sunday.

Mr. Steward Bentley and son and Mr. Clifton Odell of Cross Plains were in the community Saturday and were also business visitors in Putnam.

Mrs. Henry Weeks was a Baird visitor Thursday afternoon.

We see W. S. Jobe Jr. of this community is wearing a football sweater. Jobe was a member of the Putnam Panther's football squad of '36.

Mr. J. R. Shirley was in Putnam Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Clemmer and family of Cottonwood have recently moved into the Clay home.

We are sorry to lose Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sprawls Jr., who have recently moved from the community.

Joe Ramsey of Cross Plains was in the community Saturday.

Mr. Gatewood and Mr. J. R. Morgan were business visitors in Putnam Saturday.

Mrs. Jewel Shirley and small son visited in the home of Mrs. T. L. Ramsey Monday afternoon.

J. C. Clements and T. I. Ramsey were Baird visitors Wednesday morning.

The Zion Hill Demonstration Club met January 14 in the home of Mrs. Everett Ramsey. We received books for planning programs for the coming year. Miss Moore will be with us the next meeting and we will plan the program for this year. The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. J. A. Reid on January 28. We urge all members to be present and make our club the best in the county. Come on club members and boast your club. Those present were Mrs. W. S. Jobe, Mrs. J. L. Baker, Miss Marie Baker, Lucile Ramsey, Faye Weeks, and Mrs. Everett Ramsey.

TEXAS INFLUENZA IS NOT ALARMING

AUSTIN.—Reports to the State Department of Health indicate a seasonal increase in influenza, but there are no indication of an epidemic in any such degree as that which swept the nation with such disastrous results during the World War, is the assurance given Texans by Dr. George W. Cox, state health officer.

"The number of cases reported for the first two weeks in January is not in excess of those reported for the same period last year," he said, "and the situation does not call for alarm, such as is likely to arise in the minds of the people because they recall the terrible destruction wrought by influenza in 1918.

"Influenza is an acute contagious, and highly infectious disease, occurring in epidemic and isolated form and often characterized by suddenness on onset, fever, headache, marked prostration and a tendency to severe complications of the lungs. Practically everybody is susceptible to it. No matter how many times you have had the disease you may contract it again.

"Attempted preventive measures fall naturally into two groups—first, everyone should try to avoid exposure to the disease by avoiding overcrowded places, and stay away from persons ill with the disease; and, second, every person should form such health habits as will keep the resistance of the body at a maximum, so that when they are exposed the body will be able to resist invasion of the germs.

"Sufficient rest, cleanliness of hands, mouth and teeth, fresh air while at work and at sleep, regulation of meals and bodily functions, wholesome food and freedom from anxiety will increase bodily resistance and go a long way to avoid contracting the disease.

"The complications of influenza are far more important than the disease itself. Pneumonia all too often follows influenza. Don't neglect your 'cold.' If you have the slightest suspicion of fever, go home,

go to bed immediately, and call your physician. Stay in bed until he tells you that you can get up, and follow his advice explicitly."

NATURAL GAS BOLSTERS TEXAS' BID FOR GREATER QUOTA OF INDUSTRIES

DALLAS.—With current sociological and economic forces pushing American industry into a broad decentralization program, the question of what direction this inevitable movement will take confronts industrial planners.

The answer, according to many observers who for years have been pointing to the South's great natural equipment for industrialization, lies in the Southern states and what they are willing to do in providing enterprise and encouragement to capital to develop their natural wealth. And the greatest of these states—potentially—in scope, variety and progressive spirit, is Texas, a report of the All-South Development Council points out.

Natural gas, the report says, offers one of the greatest inducements to the migration into Texas of industries to extend the processing and conversion of the state's rich and manifold raw materials—many of which are yet virtually untouched commercially.

In all earlier periods of industrialization the availability of coal has played a preponderant part in centralization of major enterprises. But modern industry's location has been materially influenced by the use of new sources of energy such as oil, water power, natural gas, and by improvements in transportation and transmission of electric energy.

For several years Texas has been by far the leading producer of natural gas, in 1935 furnishing 36 per cent of the nation's marketed output. The state showed a 12 per cent increase that year over 1934, mainly for many substantial gains in use of the gas for industrial purposes.

Although many industries have been attracted to Texas because of its matchless store of raw materials and availability of cheap power and gas, the Council's report points out, other Southern states are getting new industrial "plums" out of proportion to their comparative physical advantages. Louisiana, Mississippi, and Florida particularly are showing the way in this respect, largely by reason of recent laws exempting new industries from taxation for periods of from 10 to 15 years.

While there is yet no movement in Texas toward such an exemption law, the action of the recent legislature in modifying proposed new and increased taxes on various natural re-

sources indicates, the report said, a realization that excessive taxation tends to discourage capital and to retard development of new industries.

Among industries already well established in the state using native raw materials and natural gas are flour milling, vegetable oil refining, meat packing, table salt production, gypsum and cement manufacture, dairy products and cotton textile manufacturing. Others, such as heavy chemicals and glass manufacture, are peculiarly dependent on natural gas for fuel.

Industrial chemistry is finding many new and available chemicals that can be produced from petroleum and natural gas as raw materials, some of which will aid in the long-time conservation program being sought for these not-unlimited resources. The manufacture of these chemicals may become an extremely important Texas industry if it is assured such enterprise will not be penalized.

Manufactures which might logically be attracted to Texas because of the advantages of natural gas as fuel, assuming that assurance of a definitely friendly legislative policy by the state was forthcoming, include: pottery and ceramics, glass, cellulose products, more cement and gypsum products, and vegetable oils and canning, the raw materials for all of which are unusually plentiful as natural resources of the region.

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