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Escrow Accounts 100 per cent Safe

Austin, Feb. 16.—The state need not lose a dollar on account of the Security Trust company's inability to pay \$1,650,000 of checks on county escrow deposits, held by the highway commission, E. P. Cravens, active vice president of the trust company, declared Wednesday. Gov. Ferguson told the legislature is a message Monday that the highway commission had sustained a "shortage or loss" of over a million dollars of state highway funds, by advancing counties' shares of state road financing under agreement to accept repayment after completion of work. The governor asserted that the highway commission holds \$1,077,426 of county checks on these deposits which the Security bank is unable to pay; and that over two million dollars worth of various bonds put in trust by the Security company as security for county deposits to protect the commission were now worth not more than 40 cents on the dollar.

The banker said the governor was incorrect in saying in his message that the security company was in liquidation. "That was a serious thing to say," he declared. "I had previously told Mr. Ferguson we were not in liquidation. I don't know whether it will do us any harm, but certainly it will do us no good. However, it could not cause a run, because all our depositors had previously signed up to accept periodical installment payments on their deposits." He said there was no way of accurately estimating the market value of the bonds which his house had pledged as security for payment of checks on the county deposits (par value two million dollars). Nor did he know when the trust company might be able to pay the checks held by the commission.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT—

School taxes paid at the court house the records showed Monday, Feb. 20, as follows:

Warren \$6,492.39

Woodville \$5,947.48

TROOP 1, WOODVILLE

The opening ceremony was in charge of the Eagle Patrol. After this there was a first aid contest which was very lively. We had two visitors with us at this meeting. They were Messrs. Kelly and Powell. Both made up a talk on "What I Would Do If I Were a Boy Scout." The troop gave them a loud applause in the approved scout way when they had finished. We hope they will be back with us soon. After the first aid contest we had some boxing and games on the program. The games played were "traction" and a game whose name is unknown to the troop but is very popular. The closing ceremony was in charge of the Wolf Patrol and the meeting was closed with the Scout prayer.

WARREN AGGY EVENING SCHOOL

Evening school is scheduled to begin at Warren Tuesday night, Feb. 20. This meeting is for the purpose of organizing, and everyone is urged to be present in order to help select the several problems to be taken up by the class and discussed by the Aggy teacher, A. D. Carson.

\$90,000,000 Crop Loan To Be Administered Same As Last Year—\$300 Is Maximum Loan

Washington, Feb. 17.—Secretary Hyde announced today \$300 will be the maximum loan to any farmer from the \$90,000,000 fund set aside by Congress for crop production financing. In addition to reducing the maximum from \$400 in 1932, Hyde issued regulations providing farmers who are delinquent in repayment of two or more prior loans will be limited to \$100 in order to conserve the fund from which nearly 1,000,000 farmers are expected to seek assistance. The loan will be the first lien on the crop produced. Congress authorized the Secretary of Agriculture to require acreage reduction up to 30 per cent, as a loan condition, and Hyde said this will be enforced except in the case of minor producers and growers of perennials. Orchardists will not be required to cut down their trees or otherwise reduce their producing capacity to qualify for aid. Shortly before Hyde's announcement, Don McVay, chief of the crop production loan office, made a vigorous denial before the House Expenditures Committee that government employees in his division had engaged in unusual political activities.

Consider Audit Move

The committee was considering a resolution to require that accounts of the loan office be audited by the Comptroller General. Chairman Cochran said he understood a field officer of the general loan office here had inspected the St. Louis branch, threatening employees with loss of their jobs and then calling them together and advising them to vote for President Hoover.

"I was not in the regional office and I know of no such activity," McVay answered. "No political material was distributed by the central office." In Hyde's announcement he said the acreage requirement will not apply to farmers who intend planting no more than 8 acres of cotton, 2½ acres of tobacco, 40 acres of wheat, 20 acres of corn, 2½ acres of truck crops, 12 acres of sugar beets, 8 acres of potatoes, 30 acres of rice or 8 acres of peanuts.

Aggregate Loans Cut

The aggregate loans for tenants of an individual land owner will be limited to \$1,200, compared with \$1,600 in 1932, when more than \$64,000,000 was loaned to 507,632 farmers, an average of \$126. Interest will be at the rate of 5½%, the same as last year, with the obligation due next October 31.

In counties where fertilizers are not commonly used, the rate of borrowing must not exceed \$3 an acre for general crops and \$12 an acre for truck crops, including potatoes. In counties where fertilizer is required, the rate for general field crops will be \$6, with \$10 in the case of tobacco, and \$20 an acre for truck crops.

Special provision is made for additional loans, within the \$300 maximum, for financing the purchase of crops, to protect against insects and materials for spraying and dusting diseases; payment of water charges in irrigated districts; and costs of hand labor in the case of sugar

beets, sugar cane, hops and rice. Loans up to \$250 an acre will be available for Summer following.

Borrowers will be required to agree to plant a garden for home use, and to grow a sufficient acreage of feed crops to supply their livestock. A total of \$10,000,000 of the appropriation has been set aside for feed loans for live stock in drought or storm-stricken areas.

Hyde said loans will be made only to farmers who are unable to obtain funds for crop production from other sources. No loans will be made to applicants with a means of livelihood other than agriculture, nor for payment of taxes, debts or interest or for the purchase of machinery or livestock.

Regional offices set up by the department last year at Washington, Memphis, St. Louis, Dallas, Minneapolis and Salt Lake City will handle the distribution of loans.

The department will be ready to disburse loans in about 10 days.

Something New In School Tax Paying

House Bill No. 261 has been passed by the 43rd Legislature and was approved by the Governor on Feb. 8, 1933 and became effective on that day. The Bill authorizes the taxpayer of any Common School District or Independent School District to pay one-half or all of his school taxes without paying other taxes assessed on the tax roll. Section 1 reads as follows:

"In cases where common school district taxes and independent school district taxes are collectible from the same roll with any other tax, any taxpayer of any common school district is authorized to pay one-half or all of said school taxes prior to the payment of any other tax during the time covered by this Act; and upon such payment or tender of payment of one-half or all of such common school district taxes and of any independent school district taxes together with penalty, interest and costs thereon, if any, such collector is authorized and directed to receive the same and execute in duplicate a memorandum receipt therefor and deliver one copy to the taxpayer and keep the other as part of the records of his office; and the tax collector shall enter the date and amount paid in same memorandum form on the tax roll; and thereafter on full payment of all of the remaining taxes together with interest, penalty and costs, if any, as may be shown to be due on such roll he shall issue his official tax receipt of certificate of redemption as the case may be in the manner provided by law; and the amount thereon the amount of taxes and costs paid."

Sec. 2 provides that the tax roll, when paid, shall be returned to the collector and shall be used as a separate roll, showing the taxes only as shown on the official tax roll delivered to him by the tax assessor.

Sec. 3 provides that the act shall be in force for a period of two years from its effective date. It automatically ceases to operate at the end of the two-year period.

GEO. H. SHEPPARD,
Comptroller of Public Accounts

T. A. FITTS BACK FOR THE YEAR

T. A. Fitts, field agent for the government seed loan organization, has been notified of his reassignment to Jasper, Newton and Tyler counties with headquarters in Jasper. He was called to Dallas Saturday for a meeting of agents to discuss requirements of the new bill allocating \$90,000,000 to the farmers this year for seed loans. Mr. Fitts said he expects to be ready to receive applications for loans by next week.

THOMAS HAYES IMPROVING

Dr. Mann of Beaumont reported on Tuesday afternoon that Thomas Hayes, of Colmesneil, who is in the Beaumont General Hospital is getting along well and that if no damaging complications arise, the youth will not lose his arm although there is great danger that his arm will be stiffened a trifle. The youth was injured in a basketball game recently.

CHESTER V. A. FATHER AND SON BANQUET POSTPONED

The Father and Son Banquet for February 22, has been postponed because of illness in the community and the bad condition of the roads. The roads have been all but impassable for several days, and with the down-pour of last Sunday it seems advisable to hold this affair at a later date.

Would You Save The Highways?

The State taxes you 4 cents on each gallon of gasoline as a toll, or road rent, which is spent in the following manner:

One cent goes to the School Fund; one cent to pay off county highway bonds; and two cents is used to maintain the entire highway system, and to build new and needed roads.

The total sum derived from the gasoline tax is barely enough to do the needed work and obtain Federal Aid which, of itself, amounts to millions of dollars annually.

The Texas Good Roads Association is dedicated to the proper upkeep of existing highways, and to building of those sections of highways needed to complete the network of primary roads in Texas.

Two cents of the gasoline tax must be used exclusively for highway work, and not diverted to other purposes.

The Texas Good Road Association was formed as a non-political, non-partisan State-wide agency to support the development of Texas highways.

The Highway system of Texas, through its gasoline tax fund, now provides the public schools of the State with their most dependable source of support. This fund can not support the schools to a greater extent, and still carry on its primary work of maintaining and extending the highway system. The extension and maintenance of the traffic arteries of Texas is essential to the welfare of all Texans.

The Federal Government collects approximately \$8,000,000 annually from Texas motorists. This amount

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A Town Team Basket Ball Tournament—And All County Participants

Lee Taylor of Colmesneil called on the Booster Tuesday and displayed a wonderful set of medals to be given to the winners of a tournament to be held at Colmesneil Friday and Saturday nights, March 3-4. The medals follow:

Gold trophy, for winning team—8 large gold balls for the players; 16 smaller balls for second and third team winners. Medal for high point man of the tournament; medal for team high point man of tournament; medal for high scoring man of any game; sportsmanship medal; 10 medals for the first and second all tournament team; medal for manager of winning team; skull and cross bone medal with ruby eyes for the most spectacular player.

The schedule is for strictly town teams, and school boys who have already played their four years at Colmesneil, Friday and Saturday nights, March 3 and 4.

IT MAY TAKE SEVEN YEARS

Folks who are worrying about the prohibition question and imagining that we are all going to be wading about in 18 inches of beer, light and heavy wines and hard "likker" by the next Fourth of July, should stop for the nonce and remember that it may take seven years to make the change in the U. S. Constitution that will make the country wet. The several states of the Union have something to say and if they do not hold their elections reasonably soon it can take seven years to perfect the little action the Senate of the U. S. put over one day this week.

S. E. T. OF VOCATIONAL AGGY HEAR COUNTY SUPT. S. B. OWENS

County Supt. S. B. Owens attended the meeting of the Teachers of Vocational Agriculture at Huntsville Saturday, Feb. 18. Mr. Owens was called on for a speech and delivered an inspiring talk concerning the plans for establishing departments of vocational agriculture in Tyler county according to M. J. Fields, president of the Southeast Texas Vocational teachers. I. V. Burkett also attended this meeting. The main feature of the program for the day was an address by P. G. Haines, chief supervisor of vocational agriculture in Texas. Mr. Haines has recently been appointed to this position, and this was the first opportunity the group had of hearing him.

Millions of Dollars Now Available

A new source of money has been made available in another bill which was recently passed by Congress and signed by President Hoover. It is known as the Regional Agricultural Credit Corporation.

The money is available and in charge of the following committee, and no one else is empowered in any way to help secure loans under the terms of the bill except this committee which covers the entire county. The following is the committee:

Dave Mann, manager.....Woodville
J. C. Peagin.....Chester
H. C. Sutton.....Woodville
T. C. Collier, inspector.....Hillister

In conversation with The "Booster" representative this morning, (Thursday) Mr. Mann asked it made perfectly plain to all, and beyond the hope of argument to the contrary, this bill is in no way related to the \$90,000,000 seed loan bill, now being handled and administered by T. A. Fitts, manager in Newton, Jasper and Tyler counties, the Tyler county committee being composed of Joe Shillings, Maurice Courtney, Colmesneil,

District C. of C. Meet A Success

As announced in The Booster the East Texas Chamber of Commerce held its district convention here last Thursday in the court house. A capacity crowd was on hand to listen in on the program.

The principal speakers, E. L. Kurth of Lufkin, Hubert Harrison and Curtis Morris of the East Texas Chamber of Commerce staff, were delayed on account of car trouble on a highway which at certain time of the year, is guaranteed to trouble, distress, disturb, inconvenience, incommode, pester and worry any automobile driver except the fellow driving an old model T Ford equipped with a Ruxtell axle. However, the trio arrived shortly after the convention came to order.

Until Mr. Kurth arrived, Paul Powell presided and he called upon several to give accounts of the R. F. C. work as it was being demonstrated and administered throughout the county.

Mr. Harrison then took the floor and gave a splendid talk on Chamber activities and later on told about the R. F. C. activities in a big way. Texas highway work was explained and his talk was highly interesting and instructive. Mr. Harrison also told the convention the R. F. C. work was to be continued on through April and March.

Curtis Morris followed with a complete exposition of the Sales Tax proposition as offered in the Texas Legislature in four distinct and separate

Would Keep Texas Highway Patrol

In opposing the proposal in the legislature to abolish the state highway patrol, the junior chamber of commerce of San Antonio reminds the people that turning traffic enforcement back to local officers would intensify the fee system abuses.

Such a prospect ought to unite all motorists, and all the people who believe in fair play, in support of the state highway patrol system. When traffic law enforcement on the highways is left to the local constabulary, it results in many localities in the development of a legal hijacking system. Motorists are preyed upon by officers greedy for fees. Drivers are frequently arrested and brought before magistrates and fined when they are guilty of no traffic violation or perhaps have unwittingly violated some minor regulation.

Not all local officers engage in such a racket, of course, but enough of them did prior to the institution of the state highway patrol system make driving on highways fre-

quently a costly annoyance.

The classic tale of imposition on motorists by local fee grabbing officers comes from San Antonio. It seems that a winter visitor, who claimed to be driving 20 miles an hour on a Bexar county road, was arrested by a deputy constable on a charge of driving 60 miles an hour, and was then hustled to the home of a justice of the peace for trial. That august dignitary being absent, his daughter conducted court at the side of the road levying a fine which, with costs, amounted to \$15.

The members of the state highway patrol work on a straight salary basis. Their mission is not only to enforce traffic laws, but to be of assistance to those who use the highways. They notify motorists of defects in their lighting systems and warn them against dangerous and illegal practices in driving. Last year the earnings of the patrol exceeded by over \$200,000 the cost of maintenance.—Houston Post.

Woodville Locals

Chas. Snowden, chairman of the Warren school board, was in town on business Monday.

Judge J. L. C. McFadden of Beaumont stopped off here Monday when the bus he was riding broke down in Woodville. While here he ran up to the court house to give the judge the once over.

Do not forget that next Monday is the regular date of P-T-A at the school auditorium, 3:30 p. m. You are invited and urged to be present.

Supt. S. B. Owens and Prof. I. V. Burgett attended a meeting of the teachers of vocational agriculture at Hamshire Saturday.

Wm. Rattie and Tax Assessor, J. R. Wallace of Chester were county visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Richards and J. H. Wilford made a brief trip to Woodville and Beaumont Tuesday.

Mr. C. C. Shaver spent last week at a large with a brother and family. The mother, Mr. E. R. Smith returned to Woodville with Mr. Shaver. It was expected that Mrs. Smith would be on to her home in Colorado, Texas after the visit at Woodville but she will stay over for a longer period.

W. H. Hughes, now located at San Angelo spent the week end here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brown and children spent the week end in Houston.

Attorney and Mr. Henry Moore of Houston was in town.

Mr. V. W. Curtis of Beaumont spent Monday with Mrs. Rufine Shivers. The mother, Miss Dora Lee Chapman spent the week end in Beaumont.

Mrs. J. M. Hughes has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Whitley at the Pump Station, the past week.

The Boosters family with all others are deeply sympathizing with the Sam Chumble family. Sam lost time on Friday the 20th N. V. and was taken to the hospital in Houston. The doctors are working hard to get him out of the hospital but he is not getting any better. A heart operation is being performed on him. The doctors are working hard to get him out of the hospital but he is not getting any better. A heart operation is being performed on him.

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Woodville Locals

Mr. and Mrs. Lloy Shillings spent Saturday and Sunday in Port Arthur and Beaumont.

The many friends of Miss Julia Bell Cruse are glad to see her recovered from her illness and able to be about her duties again.

Judge M. C. Tatum has been very ill, but was up and around Monday.

Mrs. D. F. Munsell and children spent the week end in Jasper with her parents. While there she made a trip to Beaumont.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Rawls were Beaumont shoppers Saturday.

Friends of the Norton family will be sorry to hear of the serious illness of Mrs. Charles Norton at her home in Paduca, Col. Miss Florine Norton of Hillister went to her early last week. A dear little baby has arrived in the home but the mother has been very ill. All hope she is well on the road to recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Pedigo took the mother, Mrs. W. L. Tucker, out to her home at Town Bluff for the day Sunday. Mrs. Tucker has been very ill here at her daughter's home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Macklin are having over the safe arrival of a small son who entered the home on Feb. 10th.

Mr. J. C. McBride enjoyed a visit last week from his sister, Mrs. Wilson of Beaumont.

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Woodville Locals

Mrs. J. F. Shepherd has been quite ill the past two weeks at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ezra Eaves. It is sincerely hoped that she will soon be recovered.

Miss Minnie Belle Mooney of Beaumont visited Woodville relatives and friends Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Anderson spent Sunday with home folks at Town Bluff.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Tolar have moved to this county from Henderson. The reporter knew Mr. Tolar when he was in the bakery at Livingston and later at Corrigan, a thriving business and bread and bakery goods that was not only popular in Polk County, but over in other counties. We did not learn whether he planned to stay here or not, but we do know he is a real baker, and can produce the goods if he wants to.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. McAllister are making welcome a fine baby son who was born the 11th. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers are proud of a tiny daughter who entered their home the 10th.

J. M. Brown of Spurger was in town Monday.

Messrs. B. S. Laird and Percy Grant of Warren attended court here Wednesday.

It was with sincere sympathy that The Booster learned late Wednesday of the serious illness of Miss Nanie Fragin. She was stricken with acute appendicitis and carried to the Sacred Heart hospital Sunday. The surgeon found the appendix ruptured and gangrene had set in and there is quite great concern over her condition. A host of friends hope she will soon be on the road to recovery.

Mrs. G. E. Rawls of Hillister spent Monday in Woodville. Mr. and Mrs. Rawls hope to soon be established in their own home here.

Attorney J. E. Wheat made a business trip to Beaumont Wednesday.

Lee Feagin was called to Nacogdoches early this week by the serious illness of Mrs. Naomie (Jesse) Feagin.

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As the metal containers are pressed together or lift, dependent on variations in temperature and air pressure, the energy keeps the wheels running perpetually. The reservoir forestalls sudden changes and forms a regulator for correctness in telling the time. In winter the clock tends to run some five minutes too fast and in summer as many minutes too slow.

The clock stands in the study of the historic manor house on the Carlisle estate just outside Obeiro. In its wooden case it looks for all the world like a grandfather's clock. Its international reputation is suggested by the variety of press clippings in different languages pasted on the inside of the door.

The only care it needs is oiling of some parts once every three years, and the inventor deprecates the fact that it requires even this amount of attention, all of which might have been obviated if he had used ball bearings constantly for the apparatus. It runs about 25 times more lightly than the average watch. It does not strike.

In making his estimates for obtaining this continuous source of energy, the inventor studied the barometric charts at hand for a half century just preceding the year he completed the invention. He then selected the year when the variations in the pressure were the least and used this as a basis of his computations.

It is because the mechanism is so slightly that Mr. Dieden assumes that the clock may keep

on running without stopping for centuries to come.—Christian Science Monitor.

A COLIC-MAKING SUGGESTION

While the country is trying to dope out the members of Franklin Roosevelt's cabinet, a bunch of sidewheelers are insisting Nellie Taylor Ross, a former Wyoming governor, be selected as a member. Perhaps the persistence of those interested in hoisting Nellie to the U. S. Cabinet is because of her record as a governor. It will be remembered she did not liberate some 3,000 convicts via the parole or pardon route. Really, there can be no other reason.

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