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FARMERS' MEETING AT ROCK ISLAND TUESDAY

Farmers from every com-
munity and neighborhood in Colorado
county are requested to send a
representative for their neighbor-
hood to the next meeting of the
Colorado County Marketing As-
sociation, which will be held next
Tuesday, February 16th, at
Rock Island. The Association
has been invited by the Truckers'
Union of Rock Island to meet
with them and to use their hall.
The Rock Island meeting will be
the most important yet held as
at this meeting commissioners
will be appointed to represent
the different parts of the county.
A big attendance is expected and
a rousing meeting will be held.

MRS. EDWIN WALNEY AT ST. LOUIS MARKETS

Mrs. Edwin Walney left last
Sunday for Kansas City and St.
Louis to purchase her stock of
millinery and hats for the spring
and summer season. She was
accompanied by Mrs. A. M. Mc-
Dow. They are spending a week
with Mrs. Walney's relatives at
Kansas City after which they
will go to St. Louis, and expect
to return home about the latter
part of next week. Mrs. Wal-
ney's sister, Mrs. S. C. Smith-
ers, is in charge of her millinery
establishment during her ab-
sence.

Generally, speaking, an old-
fashioned man is one who refers
to them as "the ladies."

MRS. MCCARTY'S FATHER DIED SUDDENLY FRIDAY

A long distance message from
Taylor at three o'clock last Fri-
day afternoon announced the
sudden death of Mr. P. O. Wil-
son of that city, father of Mrs.
Bruce McCarthy. Mr. and Mrs.
McCarthy left on the Santa Fe an
hour later for that city, being
accompanied as far as Seale by
Mrs. J. J. Whitley. Mr. Wil-
son was one of the veteran editors
of Texas, having been in the
newspaper business practically
all of his life. He was sixty-one
years of age, and for twenty-
eight years has been editor of the
Taylor Weekly Texan, and also
editor of the Taylor Daily
Democrat which was established
in this office twelve years ago.
Mr. Wilson had been in failing
health for a year or more, though
his death was wholly unexpected,
and came as a great shock to the
family, due to a sudden attack of
heart failure. He was at his of-
fice an hour and a half before he
died. The funeral was conducted
from the family home at three
o'clock Saturday afternoon. Mr.
Wilson has visited in Eagle Lake
a number of times and formed
many acquaintances here, who
sympathize with the family in
their great bereavement. Mr.
McCarthy returned to his duties
here Sunday night, while Mrs.
McCarthy remained in Taylor for
a longer stay.

MISS MOLLIE DAVIDSON RESIGNED AS TEACHER

Owing to ill health, Miss Mollie
Davidson, one of the efficient as-
sistant teachers in the Eagle
Lake school, has resigned her
position, and is succeeded by
Miss E. Hudson of Austin, who
began her duties in the school here
Tuesday morning. Miss Hudson
is a graduate of the University of
Colorado, with a B. A. degree.
She attended the University of
Denver for one and a half years
and has several credits from that
institution toward her M. A. While
Miss Hudson is formerly from
Colorado, she comes to Eagle
Lake from the University of
Texas, at Austin, and is highly
recommended as a teacher. She
has succeeded Miss Davidson in
the history work at the school here.

Some love affairs end at the
altar—though few ever get that
far.

Tree Planting Time Is Here; Plant Some Trees

A town without trees is a re-
proach to its dwellers. It gives
the impression of transiency,
like a mining town, or that the
people lack instincts for beauty
and home comforts. In fact a
town with out trees lining its
residence streets is unkempt and
neglected.

The first thing a visitor notices
is this evidence of lack of civic
pride, and this impression stays
in mind longest, notwithstanding
evidence of business activity or
enterprise in other lines. A com-
munity with well kept streets
lined with stately trees appeals
directly to the heart of man or
woman, and persons with this
quality strongest are most desir-
able citizens, for neighbors.

Go anywhere and this lack pre-
claims shiftlessness where the
home surrounding are bare and
stark—no thrifty trees no attrac-
tive shrubs, no vines or flowers
—soulless, dispirited, dejected,
neglected—a public proclamation
that the dwellers are transient,
that the owners have no thought
or appreciation for God's and
nature's beauties. It proclaims
man's sordid selfishness.

This condition is rapidly chang-
ing. Everywhere civic pride is
growing. Desert and prairie
towns have organized societies
for the improvement of streets,
protection and care of trees, vi-
sion one with another in adding
to the attractiveness and sanita-
tion of home surroundings. In
a certain town not long since
visited by the writer one of the
leading merchants, a man with a
heart and soul big enough to look
beyond business cares, offered
the boys and girls of his town a
series of prizes for best lawns,
best kept trees, best flower groups
best gardens and cleanest back
lots. The idea became popular
immediately and the transforma-
tion in a town already beautiful,
was wonderful. Older brothers,
sisters, fathers and mothers
took a hand. Houses were paint-
ed, walks laid and repaired—and
soon the beauty and cleanliness
outside the house found response
within. People who had been
unable to see the shabbiness and
lack of comforts in the home
were soon busy doing what they
able to make their homes attrac-
tive. The change wrought in
two short years in sanitation
alone reduced the disease and
death rate in that town to the
lowest of any of its size in the
state. The results were conced-
ed to be worth hundreds of times
the cost.

Tree planting is neither diffi-
cult nor expensive. A few cents
will buy a tree that in a few
years will be a source of pride to
the owner.
Some complain that trees will
not grow in their soil. But look
at the trees, shrubs and flowers
in the neighbor's lot growing
vigorously in the same soil. Trees
and plants need love and care—
that is, the planter must have
real interest in and desire to see
the trees and plants grow. In-
telligent care rather than soil con-
ditions makes for plant growth.
One of the dangers in tree plant-
ing is the taking of trees from
the woods, infected with fungus
diseases and insect pests; I

know of one tree in this county
that ruined the fruit crops of
neighboring trees successive
years until the owner learned
that a tree transplanted from the
woods was harboring insects that
did the damage. After the
woods tree was cut down and
burned and the other trees spray-
ed fine fruit crops were realized.
One of the worst trees for spread-
ing disease and insect pests, one
that is most often planted because
it grows with little or no care, is
the hackberry. In some cases
where investigation had been
made, ordinances were passed
for the destruction of all hack-
berry trees within the city limits.
Another reason for lack of success
in growing shade trees is that
those ignorant of horticultural
laws usually plant trees that are
too large, thinking to gain a year
or two of growth thereby. It is
a fact, however, that trees a year
or two old if properly grown will
soon surpass in growth the older
trees planted at same time. The
reason is that a younger tree will
adapt itself to changed soil con-
ditions more readily, will form
better root system and will thrive
better and live longer.

The south is the home of the
live oak—the most noble and
beautiful of all shade trees. With
a little care it will grow in any
soil. If properly transplanted
and cared for during the first
two to four years it will make
more rapid growth than in its
natural habitat. The Ligustrum
another broad leaf evergreen, is
coming into favor.
One of the leading citizens of
Eagle Lake two years ago pur-
chased some live oak trees from
a local nursery and planted them
at his home. Not long ago this
gentleman stated to the writer
he would not take \$10 apiece for
these trees. He said, "I had al-
ways thought live oak were slow
growers, and never thought to
plant any. You couldn't buy
these trees from me now. They
are sure growing splendidly."

Pin oak trees readily adapt
themselves to prairie land. They
are beautiful and symmetrical,
and long lived and less subject to
damage by storms or drought
than most trees.

Sycamores, elms and pecan
are stately and fair rapidly grow-
ers. Catalpa are large leaved
and rapid growers. Locust trees
grow very rapidly and require
very little attention. Mulberry
and black walnut trees will grow
readily on upland soils. Umbrel-
la chinensis are ornamental and
very rapidly growers, but easily
broken by storms. Ordinary
china berry trees are too much
like weeds and should be cut
down to give room to trees that
will afford shade or are more at-
tractive.

In planting follow these rules:
Secure good, vigorous young
trees, some slow growers and
some rapid. Prune back top and
roots.
Dig a hole 18 inches larger each
way than the roots. Put in bot-
tom some of the surface soil.
Place tree in hole a trifle deep-
er than marks indicating nursery
growth. With each shovel full
of surface earth lightly shake
roots so that soil particles settle

between roots. When roots are
partly covered tamp carefully
without bruising roots, so as to
press soil close around the roots.
Continue filling in with surface
soil and gradually tamp harder
until tree is as firmly placed as a
fence post. Unless the earth is
dry use no water. If dry leave
a basin three or four inches deep
around tree and fill with water
and let stand until next day;
then fill in dry soil without tam-
ping.

Use no manure or fertilizer in
the hole where the tree is to be
planted. Fertilizer can be mixed
with surface soil around tree
after planting. Rains will carry
the plant food to the root. Man-
ure or straw can be used as much
to hold moisture in soil about the
tree. Do not let manure touch
trunk or root of your trees.

Young trees should be given
as good cultivation as the cotton
plant. Keep soil at least three
feet out from tree well stirred
all summer. This will keep tree
growing. Another plan for
droughty seasons is to insert a
section of sewer pipe a foot deep
in the soil and about three feet
away from the tree one on either
side. After tree is two years
old the pipe can be withdrawn,
as roots by that time will extend
feet beyond the range of the pipe
the feeder root being those far-
thest from the trunk of the tree.

Trim to suit whether for low or
high branching.
If you have a spark of civic
pride in your heart, plant some
trees this month.

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spring goods are arriving daily.
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B. H. Daily

Mr. J. N. Frazar, who has
been in East Texas and Louisi-
ana for the Industrial Rice Mill-
ing Co. of Houston since the holi-
days, arrived home last Sat-
urday. As the rice season is near-
ing its close, Mr. Frazar will
likely spend more of his time at
home for the next several months.

Miss Gladys Davidson of Whar-
ton was the guest of relatives
here the first of the week. Her
brother, Dr. Toxie Davidson of
East Bernard, was also in Eagle
Lake at the same time.

Mrs. M. E. Guynn is spending
a few weeks in New Orleans, the
guests of Mrs. H. W. Rayner.



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SIXTY BUSHELS SPUDS FROM ONE-EIGHTH ACRE

In his reports and observations
on farming methods in this coun-
ty, Agricultural Agent Kolberg
finds much valuable information
which he has decided to give to
the public from time to time
through the columns of the coun-
ty newspapers. Two notable
successes were made with Irish
potatoes last year under most ad-
verse conditions. The methods
followed can be adopted by any-
one who wishes to grow his own
supply.

SPRING CROP—180

BUSHELS PER ACRE.

Mr. G. C. Wiesler, residing on
the prairie just north of Eagle
Lake, prepared his ground thor-
oughly by deep plowing and har-
rowing. Furrows were then
opened and barnyard fertilizer
placed in furrows. Beds were
thrown over the manure, lightly
dragged down and potatoes plant-
ed in the ridge. The beds were
kept high and puddles kept open
for drainage. Notwithstanding
the long wet period the potatoes
grew wonderfully and when dug
the first of June (digging delayed
because of rains) were found to
be in splendid condition, large
and well formed and very few
culls. A part of the field of four
acres was measured under super-
vision of the demonstration agent
and found to contain 180 bushels.
The variety planted was north-
ern grown Bliss Triumph. An-
other part of the field had south-
ern grown Triumph potatoes
which produced a trifle higher
yield but were later in maturing.
A third plot was planted without
manuring and with lower ridges,
producing less than a third of
the best plot and was mostly
small. In this method it is im-
portant that neither the seed nor
the growing tubers come in con-
tact with the fertilizer which
causes rotting and scab.

FALL CROP—SIXTY BUSHELS

FROM ONE-EIGHTH ACRE.

A remarkable showing was
made in the demonstration of
Jas. Dickson and Sons of Rock
Island last fall. Mr. Dickson
chose a small plot from his corn
field where the stand was poor.
This had been plowed 10 inches
deep the previous fall. In June
the corn and other vegetation
were plowed under as deep as
possible. The ground was har-
rowed several times and after
every shower until August 26
when the potatoes were planted
in beds, the seed being placed
only 1 inch deep. A heavy mulch
of prairie hay several inches deep
was then packed over the entire
plot. No further attention was
given to the potatoes, which came
through the mulch and grew
wonderfully, the hay mulch con-
serving the already stored mois-
ture and giving even temperature
to the soil, causing rapid growth
and early maturity. Mr. Dick-
son's potatoes were well toward
maturity before the bottom land
potato fields were fairly started
forming tubers. This enabled
him to harvest his crops early
enough to escape the cold fall
rains. Mr. Dickson states he
will use the same method in
growing his spring crop. Sixty
bushels from one-eighth acre
was the yield—or at the rate of
480 bushels per acre.

Further interesting facts re-
garding practical experiences of
these and other demonstrator
farmers will be given later.

MAX M. LANDA HAS ADDED

WHOLESALE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Max M. Landa, in connec-
tion with his present grocery
business, has opened a wholesale
department, doing a wholesale
business in the grain, feed and
flour line. He has leased the
building on Main Street, former-
ly used by the Eagle Bakery,
which is being filled with this
class of supplies. Mr. Landa is
making a specialty of this line,
buying in carload lots and sell-
ing at both wholesale and retail.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Freemoux,
who have been spending some
time in Louisiana where Mr.
Freemoux has been looking after
business matters for the South-
ern Rice Growers' Association,
arrived in Eagle Lake Monday.
Mr. Freemoux will again be in
charge of the association's local
office.

Mr. L. H. Burttschell was a
business visitor to Houston Tues-
day.

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at Sunday school last Sunday
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Nottawa News Notes

'The Ladies' Aid will give an
entertainment at the school
house Saturday evening, Febru-
ary 20th. The play, "Not a Man
in the House," will be given, with
the following cast:

Mrs. Bings, widow, Mrs. Dar-
by; Miss Lucy, Miss Melton;
Miss Jessie, Mrs. Day; Aunt Be-
linda, Lessie Graves; Kate, Irish,
Mrs. Reed.

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