

The Giddings News

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Mr. C. M. Bishop,
Giddings, Texas.
Dear Mr. Bishop:

May I ask you to please have the enclosed announcement appear in next week's News, as I intend to be at home for the 26th of this month. Thank you.

This has been an interesting trip for me so far. I saw and heard a great deal, and I have come to the conclusion that Texas as a whole and Lee Co. in particular is as well off as any other part of the country. The depression, or rather change of times, is noticeable all over the country. Fortunes that were made by the past generation have been lost in the depression.

I know men up here who were independently rich a few years ago, now selling extracts from house to house. The Western Electric of Cicero, Ill., employed 50,000 people a few years ago, and now only 1500. They are working only three or four days per week and during July will shut down entirely. Bro. stock was par a few years ago and now it cannot be sold at any price. It is a sad sight to see hundreds of able bodied men standing at street corners, because they have nothing to do. Everybody is asking the same question: How will it all end?

Politically, felling is running high. Roosevelt seems to be the general choice and one hears the prediction on every hand that if nominated he would be elected overwhelmingly. Garner is seldom mentioned and then only in connection with his bill. Building postoffices in every small town, does not take well with the taxpayer. A few miles out of Chicago, there is a town not much larger than Giddings with a \$75,000.00 post office. Citizens now realize that officials have spent too much of their money. The four lane concrete highways, running in all directions here, are not crowded; filling stations and hot dog stands are for sale. Whole city additions with an area as large as that of Giddings, with paved streets, white ways and houses ready to be moved into, are abandoned and capital running into six figures has been lost.

Taxes have not been paid in Cook Co. for two years, the city of Chicago owes the public school teachers over \$22,000,000.00 and real estate dealers cannot find buyers for property sold for taxes. Tell our people of Lee Co. to sit tight. We are better off than a great many other people in this our great country. Kindest greetings,

G. W. Fischer.

P. S.—Last night, brother, near his home, spoke with a truck driver who with another young man, had just reached the city, Chicago, with a load of vegetables from Mercedes, Texas. They made the trip in four days, driving day and night.