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'JIMMIE' EDMONSON SHOT HERE THURSDAY

SHOOTING OCCURRED THURSDAY AFTERNOON ABOUT 5:00 P. M. AT CHEVROLET GARAGE

C. R. Foreman is being held in connection with the shooting of J. N. Edmonson, which occurred here about 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon, in the work shop of the Chevrolet Motor Co. where Edmonson had been employed as a mechanic. Four shots are reported to have been fired from a .32 calibre revolver, one of them taking effect, entering Edmonson's left side and ranging thru the intestines, lodging in the spinal column. He was rushed to the Nichols Sanitarium where X-rays were taken and surgical aid rendered. Doctors are as yet unable to tell how seriously he is injured.

Foreman was taken into custody by Deputy Sheriff Nickels and City Marshal Chas. Denson immediately following the shooting and was later taken to Dickens where he was released upon furnishing bond to the amount of \$1,000.

The shooting is supposed to be the aftermath of trouble arising over the death of Mr. Foreman's daughter, which occurred last Sunday at Crosbyton. Edmonson had been released on bond awaiting an investigation of her death.

Million Dollar Rain Falls Wednesday Thursday

Approximately one-half inch fell in a general rain in the Spur country Wednesday afternoon and night. And again Thursday evening late a hard shower fell, continuing most of the night and running the total precipitation up to an inch or more. At time of going to press the weather was still unsettled.

This rain is especially beneficial, coming at the time when it was most needed for planting and will be of inestimable value to this section.

April 30th Last Day For Farm Relief Loans

The following letter has been received from the Farmers Seed Loan Office in Fort Worth, addressed to the Chairman of County Committees and county Agents:

"With the advance of the season in Texas attention is invited to the fact that the Regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture provide that applications for loans for seed, fertilizer, feed, etc., as well as applications for loans for agricultural rehabilitation purposes must be mailed in time to be received at the Farmers' Seed Loan Office, not later than April 30th, 1931.

Two Negroes Are Injured Saturday In Auto Accident

Two negroes were seriously injured early Saturday night when the car in which they were riding with a party of eight, ran in head-on collision with a car in which Frank McWaters, Comde Foreman and Clarence Ellis were riding. None of the latter three were injured except for minor scratches and bruises.

The two negroes injured, a man who suffered a fractured skull, and a woman who was severely cut and bruised, were taken to the Nichols Sanitarium for surgical aid. They were released the following afternoon.

The accident occurred on the side street south of Spur Chevrolet Co., the car driven by McWaters having just turned into it from main street. It is reported that the car in which the negroes were riding was without lights.

Spur Rotarians To Attend Meeting

Spur Rotarians will attend the District Meeting of this organization which will be held at Plainview, Monday April 20th.

Many important personages will be present at this meeting, including Al Roth, of Palo Alto, Calif., President of the Rotary International.

American Legion Holds Meeting

The Spur Post of the American Legion held a meeting in their hall here Monday night of this week. The meeting was for the purpose of encouraging membership and to make plans for attendance and representation at the district convention to be held in the near future.

Dr. Webb, of Pampa, District Commander of the Legion; and Mr. Moody, assistant State Director, were present and both made interesting talks. Twenty-five new members were enlisted at this meeting and many more are expected within the near future.

This organization, aside from its local civic and other beneficial work, is joining in the national movement to sponsor the enactment of the Universal Draft Act. Such an act would specify, in case of war, that not only every able bodied man, without exceptions, would be drafted for service; but that all properties, capital, businesses, factories, etc., would be subject to government use—at a minimum rental. This movement is being encouraged on the theory that if it could be made a law it would be a big factor in the prevention of another war, but in case one did come that it is as fair to draft properties and monies as men for service.

4-H CLUB OF DRY LAKE

The club girls met with Miss Osborne at the home of Mrs. Will Stacey's, April 9th.

There were 13 present, all of whom reported their gardens doing nicely since the freeze.

Miss Osborne gave a demonstration on improving gardens and yards. The club will meet again April 23rd in our club room.—Reporter.

MISS VERA DAVIS AND JOE LONG ENTERTAINED

On Wednesday evening of this week Miss Verna Davis and Mr. Joe Long were gracious hosts to a number of friends at the home of Miss Davis a few miles north of the city.

A most delightful evening was spent in dancing. A delicious refreshment being served at a late hour.

Methodist Ladies Flower Sale, Saturday, Apr. 18 on Streets.

Fred C. Haile was in Swenson on business the earlier part of the week.

Akers' Successor?



Ashmun Brown, Washington correspondent of the Providence Journal, who is thought the likeliest selection as Secretary to the President.

Elsie Foreman Found Dead In Crosbyton Hotel

The entire community was shocked Sunday when it learned of the tragic death of Elsie Foreman, 19-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Foreman, of 10 miles west of here, which occurred during the earlier hours of the morning at a hotel in Crosbyton. Officers, who were summoned to the hotel about 1 o'clock, held a short inquest and ordered that an autopsy be made of the body. As yet no definite announcement has been made as to the cause of her death. Lubbock physicians, being unable to determine the cause, sent the stomach to Austin for a laboratory examination, reports of which are not expected before the end of the week.

J. N. "Jimmie" Edmonson, a young mechanic of this city is being held under \$2,000 bond pending investigation of the death.

Elsie Foreman was born August 13, 1911 at Sayres, Okla., being 19 years and 8 months old at the time of her death. She was converted at Dickens, Texas, in 1924, later moving to this community with her family where they have lived ever since.

Funeral services were conducted at Foreman's Chapel Monday afternoon, April 13th, interment following in the Espuela cemetery. Rev. Vaughn, of Spur, and Rev. Brown, of Espuela, officiated at the services. The little church was crowded to capacity, a great number being forced to remain outside, as the many friends of Elsie and her family witnessed the last sad rites.

Among those from out of town in attendance were J. G. Foreman, E. D. Foreman and families of Roby; Forest Foreman and family, Mrs. C. L. Wright and family, and John Bonfield and family, all of Sayres, Okla.

Work Started On Boulder Dam

The contract has been let for construction of the Boulder Dam, at Boulder Canyon, to Six Companies, Inc., of California, on a bid of \$48,890,999.00.

The actual work began last week. The dam will be the tallest in the world and when the project is fully completed it will have cost \$109,999,000. It will extend across the Colorado river from Nevada to Colorado, a distance of 1,180 feet, will rise 727 feet above the bed of the river and at its base will have a thickness of 650 feet tapering off at the top to a thickness of 45 feet.

The first task facing the construction company at the dam will be that of driving four tunnels, fifty feet in diameter, and about a mile, in length through canyon walls of solid rock. Following completion of the tunnels coffer dams will be constructed about 80 feet and will be constructed above and below the location of the permanent dam to insure the dryness of the river bed during operations.

Employment is expected to be provided for between 2,000 and 3,000 men who will live at Boulder City, now being constructed 3 miles from the dam site. Employment on the work has already been oversubscribed, about 10,000 having applied at Las Vegas, the nearest town.

NOTICE!

Percy Jones will hold service in Spur on Sunday the 19th of April, in the Directors' room of the Spur National Bank.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Co-ops Urged To Vote For Director

Farmers in this section who are members of the Texas Cotton Co-operative Association (District 15) will in the near future be sent ballots for the selection of a district Director. Believing that this organization will have large part in the destinies of cotton production in West Texas it is urgently requested that the ballots be given consideration and that every member receiving one use it.

Two men are on the ticket, Mr. H. P. Welborne of Seury county, and Mr. E. Walters of Rule. Both of these men are well known to members of the association, especially Mr. Welborne, who is at present a State Director.

Nichols Sanitarium Being Remodeled

Extensive improvements are this week being made on the Nichols Sanitarium. The entire building is being re-modeled, papered, painted and decorated. Upon completion of the work Dr. Nichols will have one of the neatest as well as one of the best equipped and most modern hospitals in West Texas.

Mr. Dunn Died At Home, Roy N. M.

Mr. V. C. Dunn, a former citizen of this city, died at his ranch home near Roy, N. M., Wednesday of the past week. He was 81 years of age at the time of his death and had for the past few years made his home with his son Lehmer.

Mr. Dunn is survived by his wife, two sons, Lehmer and Sam, and two daughters, Vivian and Elnora, all of whom are well known by many people in this section. Their many friends here will learn with regret of Mr. Dunn's death and we join in extending sympathy to the bereaved family.

DRY LAKE CLUB NEWS

The Home Demonstration Club of Dry Lake, met at the home of Mrs. Opal Pritchett, April 9th. There were 8 present with 2 visitors. The subject of the lesson was "Robe Space," which was discussed by all of the members.

Miss Osborne gave a demonstration on "Dress Form."

The club met with the other clubs at the Harkey Motor company last Saturday and sold pies. They made \$4.30 above expenses. We thank everyone.—Reporter.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our deepest and most heart-felt thanks to those who have been so kind to us during our bereavement on the death of our dear daughter and sister, Elsie. Especially do we thank the ladies of the community who were so helpful and sympathetic in our home and the preachers, Bro. Vaughn and Bro. Brown for their kind words, and the singers. May God's richest blessings rest upon you.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Foreman and Children.

Date Extended On Buying of Broom-corn Planting Seed

Since the announcement last week concerning the final date that orders could be placed in the co-operative buying of broom-corn planting seed it has been decided to extend the time, a definite announcement to be made later. A large number of orders were placed last Saturday and members of the county board are gratified at the results already obtained in this movement and are working to obtain as many more as possible before planting time.

Orders are still being taken and those deciding to plant acreage to this crop may place orders for seed with the Chamber of Commerce Secretary, D. L. Granberry or with C. L. Love.

20th Century Club

The Twentieth Century Study Club met Wednesday April 8 with Mrs. Koon in a study of Texas music.

The Influence of Four Nations on Texas Music, and Contributions of Anglo Americans to Music in Texas before 1860. — Mrs. Crockett.

Texas Artists of International Renown. — Mrs. Rogers.

W. J. Marsie (Texas, Our Texas). — Mrs. Leslie Roberts.

Reading. — Margaret Koon.

Mesdames Rob Davis, E. S. Lee, W. B. Lee, Walker, Nichols, Foster, Smart, McCrary, Crockett, Cowan, Teague, Caraway, Wolfe, Brown, Rogers, Roberts and Koon were those present.

Those who anticipate going to the meeting of the Seventh District Federation at Memphis are mesdames W. B. Lee, J. M. Foster, F. B. Crockett and Mack Brown.—Reporter.

King of Spain Abdicates Throne

King Alfonso XIII, last of the Bourbons and the ancient monarchy of Spain, abdicated the throne late Tuesday evening. He left Madrid immediately for the coast where he will embark, his family to follow as soon as possible.

The abdication was made to favor the republican movement, and although excitement was high there was no violence nor bloodshed. Sen. Zamora, Republican leader recently released from prison, took immediate charge of the government and Spain was declared a Republic.

R. G. Sweeney of southwest of Spur, was a business visitor here Wednesday of this week.

Leonard Ward was among the number on the streets of Spur Wednesday.

Women's Missionary Society

The Womens Missionary Society met Monday at the Methodist Church at 3 p. m.

The meeting opened with hymn 273 followed by reading of Psalm 67 by Mrs. W. S. Campbell, the president, and a prayer by Mrs. Snider.

The report from the Missionary Conference was given by Mrs. Barber and Vaughn. Mrs. Vaughn gave her entire report in rhyme. For the lesson we had the 1st two lessons in "The Turn Toward Peace" by Mrs. Manning and Payne. Those enjoying this splendid meeting were Mesdames Foster, Smart, Campbell, Jones, Snider, Barber, Vaughn, Snider, Manning, Powell, McCrary, Snodgrass, Perry, Vaughn, Payne, Ensey, Laine and Miss Etta Fite.

There will be a flower sale next Saturday on Bryant Link corner by the Methodist Ladies. If you need flowers be sure to be there early.—Reporter.

All West Texas To Be Represented In Big Pageant

Lubbock, Apr. 17.—Every town in West Texas and New Mexico affiliated with the West Texas Chamber of Commerce is being asked to name a young lady to represent it in the historic pageant to be given in Lubbock on the evening of May 15, as one of the features of the 13 annual WTCC convention. Each of the 27 colleges and universities in the territory are also being requested to participate in the spectacle which will be called "The Spirit of Progress" and will portray the development of West Texas and visualize in a graphic and impressive manner its future possibilities.

Each of the three scenes in the presentation will deal directly with some phase of the history of the region. The script for the pageant has been written by Miss D'Laurel Beville, of the Speech Arts Department of the Texas Technological college, Lubbock. Miss Beville will direct the program which will be given in the Tech football stadium.

All the color, romance and tradition of the early days in Texas will be brought out in the first section of the pageant. In this scene the "Texas Under Six Flags" idea will be the feature. Different groups of young ladies will represent France, Spain, Mexico and the Republic of Texas, the Confederacy and the United States, the six nations whose flags have flown over Texas.

In the second section, "West Texas Today" will be the theme. This will include showing the beginning of the present development of West Texas and will present an early West Texas scene in which there will be covered wagons, ranch chuck wagons and the pioneer West Texas dance. Then will come symbolic presentation of the factors that have contributed to the progress and prosperity of West Texas—cotton, grain, poultry and dairy products, livestock and oil.

Concluding the 90 minutes program will be the section which paints a picture of the future in which "education and industry" will be the motif. This will be in keeping with one of the paramount objectives of the convention stressing the need for industrial development in West Texas.

All the scenes in the pageant will be centered around the court of "Miss West Texas." Selection of some young lady in the territory for this role will be made shortly by the local arrangement committee.

Crowning of "Miss West Texas" by Judge Chas. E. Coombes, of Stamford, President of the WTCC will be the opening feature of the pageant.

J. C. Miller and Mr. Overfelt, of Jayton, were business visitors in Spur Wednesday of this week. Mrs. Justice was a visitor in the city Wednesday from her home east of Spur.

THE RADICAL CAMPAIGN AGAINST AMERICAN INDUSTRY

(CLIP THIS AND SAVE FOR FURTHER STUDY AT YOUR CONVENIENCE)

PURPOSE OF ARTICLE

This article is prompted by the belief that you, in common with many others, have received numerous letters, cards and circulars suggesting or dealing with municipal ownership.

For your information, some of the facts on the misleading propaganda you have probably read, and its main sources, is given. The electrical industry has nothing to fear from any discussion of the subject of public ownership versus private ownership. Facts only must be presented impartially and honestly. Particular stress should be placed on the importance of procuring accurate data pertaining to the Utility Business and an honest and earnest effort should be made to see that the public is placed in possession of facts, and not caused to rely too much upon information, some of which, most assuredly, comes from sources which are foreign to the American principle of government and business.

We all have too much confidence in the ultimate good hard common sense of the American people to believe that they will follow such foreign principles very far—if they are aware they are following them, or that they are being led or used. But the danger is that few people are interested or realize what is going on. Sitting on the sidelines, they are not fully aware that for many years the basic industries of the country have been subjected to attacks by groups of individuals intent upon bringing American business into disrepute, as one step toward the "Gradual Socialization of Industry." Certain elements, masking behind organizations such as the Socialist Party, The League for Industrial Democracy, The Public Ownership League of America, The National Popular Government League, and The People's Legislative Service, make no denial of their purpose. As a matter of fact, some literature from these organizations boasts that it is their purpose to firmly establish Socialism in the United States.

Then is it not reasonable to believe that these powerful radical organizations are using politicians to agitate for government operation of public utilities, and oil engine companies to promote the sale of their equipment for politically-operated plants?

Socialistic Agencies

The Public Ownership League is one of the agencies which has been very active in working with officers of municipalities. The secretary of this League, Carl D. Thompson, is an outstanding agitator in this country and is the organizer, secretary and general manager of the Public Ownership League. His own political record is that of an active Socialist.

In order to further the interests of Socialism, these agencies are collecting and spending a great deal of money stirring up municipalities.

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Highway News

Our school closed Friday with a very entertaining program which was enjoyed by every one who attended.

There was a party at Mrs. Estep's Thursday night which was a howling success.

Oneta Walker spent the night with Mattie Ellen Reece, Thursday night.

Verdon Hahn has been spending a lot of his time visiting the sick lately.

Miss Neoma Turner is a lot better this week, we are glad to hear.

Mable Brown of Lubbock has been visiting her cousin, Oleta Tree, during the past week.

Rhenm Richey, one of our teachers will enter Tech, Monday. We're expecting her to be with us again next year.

Oleta Tree and Robbie Martin left Saturday to visit their grandfather in New Mexico. They will also visit in Colorado, Arizona and California before they return.

Harry Martin, Leslie Estep, Leonard Reece, Ray Walker, and Joe Hahn visited Wilber Tree, Tuesday night for a game of "42"

Oran and Dora Gannon, Loretta Sparks, Mary Blackmon, and Sybil Martin spent Monday night with Francis Walker.

Cecil Walker of Dalhart has been visiting with his parents and friends here.

Delma and Raymond Thompson went to town Saturday.

Willie Reece failed to be present at the party Thursday night and was missed by everyone.

We were very glad to have Jimmie Hahn at our party Thursday night.

Duck Creek News

Health of the community is good at this writing.

A rain would aid the small grain of this section. Most farmers are through with their plowing and are putting their time in fighting the weed invasion.

Our play went off nicely. The house was crowded to capacity while some were unable to get in to view the performance.

Mr. Luther B. Henson, of Alto, Cherokee County, has been visiting with Mr. McCarty the past week. We are glad to learn he will be one of us the coming year as he has contracted to teach the Steel Hill school.

Misses Cudd and Durham visited Mrs. Buster Bural Saturday evening.

Miss Cora Durham, of Jayton, visited her sister, Miss Edith Durham Sunday night.

Miss Mary Wells of Dickens, visited her father and mother this weekend.

Sammye Jo Houston visited Ferol McCurry Tuesday night.

The trustees met and reelected all three teachers back for the coming year's term of school. All accepted their old places back.

Miss Cudd and Miss Durham spent the night with Mrs. Walter Driggers Tuesday night.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank the musicians who rendered the music for our play. We certainly feel grateful for their wonderful help. We feel like our play would have been a failure without this very necessary assistance which they rendered so willingly and efficiently.

These musicians were Mrs. E. E. Cowan, Joe Simmons, Lofton Bennett, and Dutch Owens. How

Loretta Sparks, Oneta Walker, Winnie Gannon, Sybil Martin, Frances Walker, Ray Walker, Joe Hahn, Wilber Tree, Leslie Estep and Martin Parks went on a picnic Easter Sunday.—Rep.

we envy those fellows.

Mr. and Mrs. Lofton Bennett and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bingham made a pleasure trip to Abilene Sunday.

D. G. Simmons was painfully injured Wednesday from a fall from his horse. He is greatly improved at this writing, however.

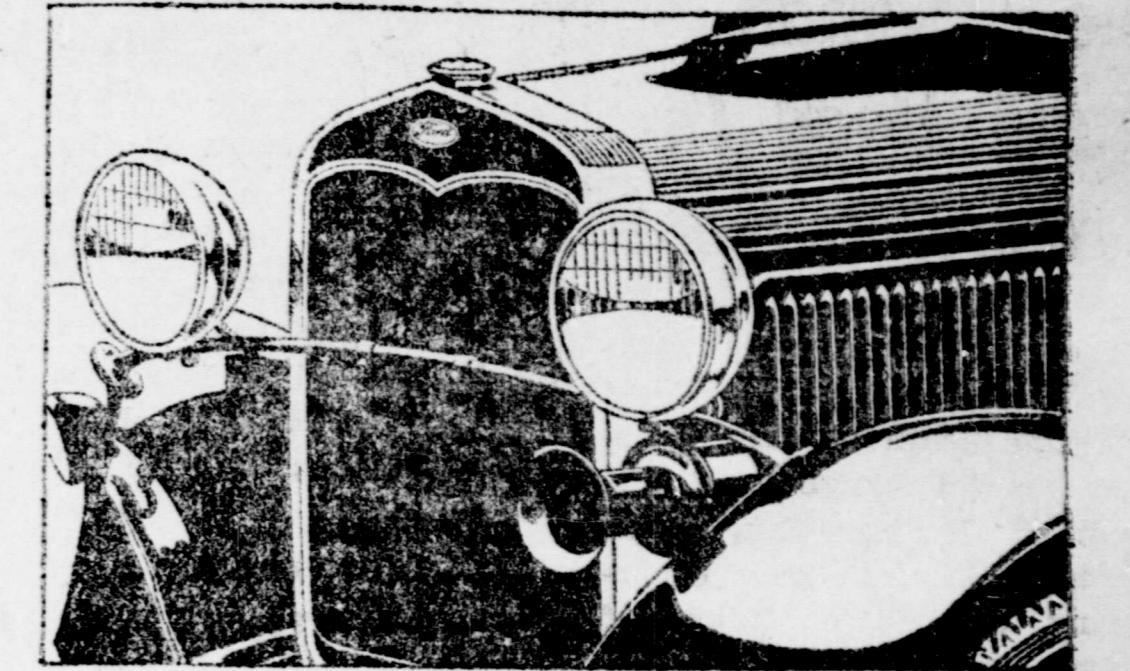
Mr. Aubrey Bennett and Miss Cudd made a trip to Crosbyton

Local News Items

Mr. and Mrs. Orby McComb and family, and Grandpa McCombes are this week visiting the home of Mr. and Mrs. MacGilbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fox made a trip to Lubbock Sunday when Mrs. Fox is undergoing treatment for her eyes. Mr. and Mrs. Fox accompanied them.

ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF FORD VALUE



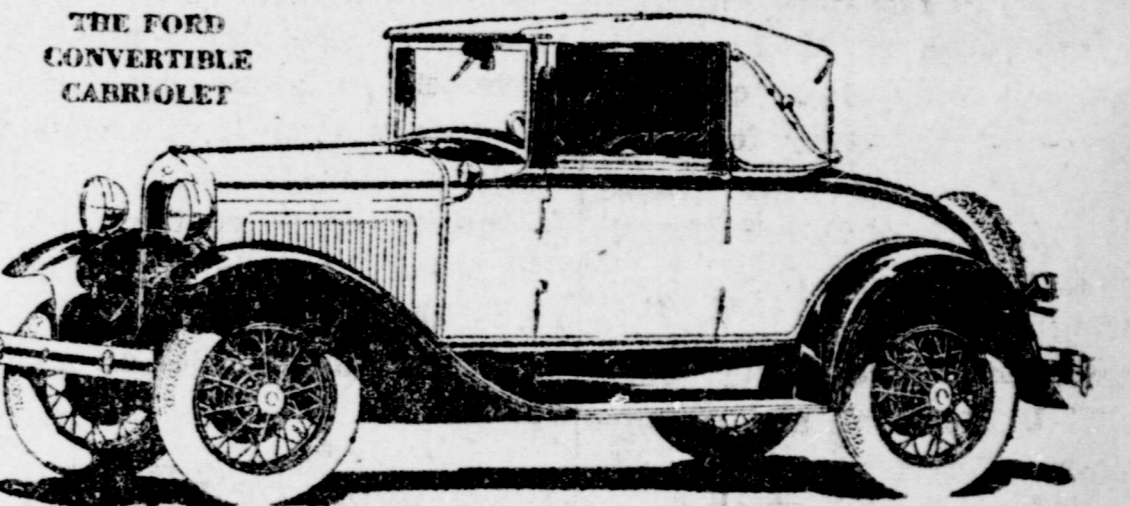
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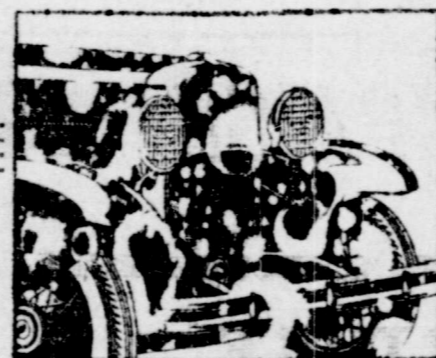
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pal agitation and agitation against all American industry. Their greatest field has been through some local agent, especially where they can use some small-town politician or a local representative of the League. To show the method in which they operate, the following, quoted from pages of the Public Ownership Magazine some time back, sheds considerable light on the subject:

"What to Do to Help"

"First let every member of the League inform himself and herself as thoroughly as possible upon the subject of Superpower. Re-read the League's literature. Watch the newspaper and magazine articles and read them. Keep abreast. And, being informed—inform others. And enthrall them. Enlist them for the cause. Then go out and get your union, your club, your women's organization—any and all groups of which you are a member. Write for your local press. Get them in line. See your members of Congress, and of your state legislature. Visit your Mayor and the City Council and especially the superintendent of your light and water plant if your city owns one. Help get your people aroused and active.

"And in all this if you can get subscriptions to 'Public Ownership' that will reach them once every month with the last best word on the subject and keep them informed and interested. And if you can get your friends to join the League, that will help still more by increasing our numerical, moral and financial support as well as otherwise. We shall need a powerful and permanent organization if this great object is achieved."

"Measures in Congress"

"United States Senator George W. Norris of Nebraska has agreed to introduce and is now at work drafting suitable measures providing for the superpower system; Senators R. B. Howell, Magnus Johnson, Henrik Shipstead, Lynn Frazier, Robert Owen, Woodbridge Ferris, and others; Congressmen Phil Swing, C. C. Dill, Fiorello LaGuardia, James Sinclair, and others have already indicated their intention to support the measures and the movement."

Sources of Propaganda

Many false or misleading statements have been printed and sent out in circulars and distributed through letters by uninformed or irresponsible parties. The actual radical results, however, in West Texas have been practically nil—in fact, the seeds planted in this territory have fairly well exposed themselves through apparent untruths. On page 1 of an annual report of the Public Ownership League, by Carl D. Thompson, the following item appears:

"During the year arrangements have been made with the United States Senator Norris for securing large quantities of his addresses in the Senate dealing with public ownership, and especially with the Ontario, Hydro-Electric Power System and the question of comparative rates under public and private ownership. These reprints of Senator Norris' speeches are in franked envelopes so that they may be used to great advantage through the country in connection with municipal campaigns where these questions are at issue. This constitutes a new feature in the educational work of the League which is very valuable because it enables us at a very small cost to reach every voter in a community."

Some other interesting items on the same page are:

"In this way the league has campaigned in thirteen states during the year—in some of them repeatedly. We estimate that fully eighty percent of these campaigns are successful, either in defeating the sale of a municipal plant or in promoting new projects."

(However, two municipal projects were abandoned and sold to the West Texas Utilities Company last year with the "League" in active opposition, including men from headquarters and such projects as Spur.)

"This year has witnessed the beginning of what we believe to be one of the most interesting and significant features of the League's work. We refer to the plan by which we are enabled to assist municipalities in building or acquiring their own municipal projects, without bond issues."

Politicians Aid League

The ease with which Carl Thompson and his Public Ownership League were able to use the frank of Senator Norris and other friendly Senators and distribute their government ownership propaganda at government expense is shown by Thompson's statement on page 3 in the same report, which reads as follows:

"Members of the Public Ownership League received last month copies of the great speech delivered in the United States Senate on December 17th by Senator George W. Norris on 'Preserve the Natural Resources of Our Country—Muscle Shoals.' This was through the courtesy of Senator Norris who very kindly sent us a sufficient supply of the address in his franked envelopes so that we could send them out to our active membership list."

Why should franking privileges be placed in such hands?

Other organizations, in addition to the Public Ownership League, were able to utilize the frank of Senator Norris for the dissemination of anti-utility propaganda, as may be seen from an advertisement on the franked envelope of Senator Norris which was used to distribute the statement of Judson King, Director of the National Popular Government League.

Political Plants Misrepresented

Even articles over the name of state and United States Senators are printed and refer to certain particulars only of the government owned Ontario project and competing plants owned by municipalities in Cleveland, Ohio, and Los Angeles, California, as examples of the success of government in business. These are three of the most widely advertised and misrepresented government-owned and politically-operated electric utilities in North America.

While not many are interested in the misrepresentations and the unfair, misleading comparisons, yet those who are really concerned should and can obtain the impartial facts and details on each of such political ventures of the government in business, including the misled venture with the oil engine interests in the small project at Spur.

Cleveland Plant Loses

A report on the Cleveland municipal electric plant, by Howell Wright, Cleveland, Ohio, who managed the Cleveland Municipal plant for six years—since 1924—shows a net loss in excess of \$4,000,000. It also shows that the Cleveland project is an obsolete and isolated plant; that while it has been in operation for fifteen years it serves only 10% of the total number of kilowatt-hours used in the city; that it serves only a small minority of homes, at an average rate higher than that realized by the private company. (Incidentally, the small domestic consumer of the Cleveland Municipal plant pays an average rate of 8.7 cents per kilowatt-hour for light, while the West Texas Utilities Company residential consumers' rate averages only 6.5

cents per kilowatt-hour—and West Texas towns average only 2,000 in population as against a Cleveland population of over 900,000). The Cleveland plant has a depleted reserve for ordinary depreciation, and its operation is continually subjected to political interference.

Isolated Plant Is Now Obsolete As the Horse and Buggy

Through modern utility methods, the isolated plant system has been abandoned and it is now possible to provide an abundance of service at a cost of less than that of the cigar smoked daily by an oil engine plant promoter and it is not a matter of rates at any time as someone has to pay the extra cost of any promoted isolated plant in the long run. The average domestic customer in the United States is now using twice as much service as he did back in the days of the isolated plant, and is paying less money for it. Electric service cost is the smallest item in the household budget, and is steadily decreasing while the other items of living expense, including taxes, have increased considerably since the war period.

The Truth About Ontario

The Ontario, Canada, detailed report can be secured from the Utilities Publication Company, 35 East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Ill. This report contains the facts to controvert the innumerable erroneous and misleading statements concerning the Ontario Hydro-Electric System which have been carried to millions of United States voters through newspapers and franked congressional pamphlets. It further shows that the government in business fails, even where it has the greatest of natural, political and monopolistic advantages—and honest, capable management.

Here are some results, this report shows, of Government Ownership in Canada:

1. The average charge per kilowatt-hour collected by the Ontario Government is higher than the average charge per kilowatt-hour collected by the private company serving adjacent territory in the United States, yet the American company pays approximately \$4,500,000 each year in taxes.
2. In Ontario, under government management, the development of hydro-electric power has increased since 1910 only 297 per cent, while in the adjacent province of Quebec, under private management, the increase has been 775 per cent.
3. In Ontario, since 1924, the increase in electrical energy generated has been only 41 per cent, while in Quebec, it has been 107 per cent.
4. The increase in population of Toronto, the industrial center of Ontario, for the past decade was only 19 per cent, while the increase in the population of Montreal, the principal industrial city of Quebec, was 48 per cent.
5. Per capita taxation in Ontario, since 1901, has increased 887 per cent, while in Quebec the increase has been 436 per cent.
6. While domestic rates in Ontario are low, rural and power rates are high. Such a rate policy discourages, impairs and retards agricultural, industrial, and commercial development necessary to produce increasing payrolls, property values and tax resources.
7. Even though one-half of the construction cost of the rural line is paid by the provincial treasury, the conditions under which farmers in Ontario secure electric service are onerous and the rates are discouraging and almost prohibitive.
8. The total receipts of the Ontario municipalities for governmentally-operated electric service in 1929 were just \$14,518,850 less than the amount required to cover the total expenses and fixed charges of the business.

Los Angeles Venture

The Los Angeles municipal venture is shown up in a pamphlet, issued in November of 1930, on the Bureau of Power and Light by George L. Hoxie, Los Angeles, California, which shows that when the indirect charges on the public are taken care of, the Department has a loss of approximately \$13,000,000. The report shows this municipal venture was mainly responsible for the construction of the dam which failed on the St. Francis several years ago and destroyed the lives and property of many people.

Calvin Coolidge's Opinion

Another pertinent observation on the fallacy of political ownership and operation has been made regarding the Muscle Shoals project, by no less an economic authority than former President Calvin Coolidge. His remarks follow:

"The thing to do with Muscle Shoals is to dispose of it to private interests, with suitable restrictions. The present management of the Shoals demonstrates the utter hopelessness of having any considerable business enterprise conducted by the Congress."

Postal System Loses Money

A recent article over the name of a State Senator advances the Postal System as an example of successful government or political operation, yet does not seem to be advised of the fact that during the past two years alone the Postal Department has operated at a deficit of \$146,764,905.54. The Express Company, rendering an equivalent competing service, has in the meantime, paid a profit, due to efficient management. Surely that is an apt comparison as to the benefits of private management, efficiency and initiative.

Socialists Increase Deficit

The President says postal rates will have to be increased to provide larger revenues to cut down the annually-recurring deficits of this Department; that for this next fiscal year the deficit will approximate \$100,000,000. He points out that the annual deficits are larger due to the free franking privileges of members of Congress. Thus we have the spectacle of special privilege in the form of personal political interest or socialistic enterprises promoting and propagating their programs and schemes at the direct expense of the general taxpayers, the vast majority of whom are opposed to all of these projects. Government ownership and other special interests, through their propagandists in Congress, have been dumping vast volumes of extraneous matter into the Congressional Record and distributing this matter free of charge to themselves, but at tremendous expense to the taxpayers over the country. American business men and others will have to go down into their pockets and pay higher prices for postal service, while the radicals, obstacles to business and progress, enjoy these privileges free of all charge.

Socialistic Objectives

The socialistic magazine known as "The New Leader" carried an article by H. S. RAUSHENBUSH entitled "A PROGRAM OF GRADUAL SOCIALIZATION OF INDUSTRY," setting forth how the different industries may be attacked and devoting a section to the utility industry, along with that of banks, labor, railroads, coal, subways, housing, milk, agriculture and others. As regards the utility industry, he says in part:

"We have made three attempts at control. We have set up municipal plants. Their status is changing and we should face that fact. Outside of the large cities they can no longer compete in rates and efficiency with the new plants being established by companies having

the benefit of connected load of wide interconnection. That many small municipal plants are selling out to private industry is no unfavorable criticism of the efficiency of Public Ownership. The technical changes in the industry have made isolated plants built years ago less efficient. A fourth attempt which I look upon as much more hopeful is the one which seeks to set up through government ownership at Muscle Shoals, at Boulder Dam and on the St. Lawrence.

"We cannot hope to take over the whole eight billion dollar industry successfully, even if it were generally thought advisable to do so at the moment. But a scattered series of great generating plants selling their power within three hundred mile radiuses might be expected to have a very considerable influence upon the extension of public ownership to the transmission lines and the whole industry. We have three things to go upon. 1. The State not only has the power to cancel charters, but the companies must constantly come to it for new grants of privilege, power to condemn land, to merge, to build and so forth. Here is a leverage. 2. The weakness of regulation as a protection to the people. 3. The desire of the people to keep their natural resources. Our long-time aim is the abolition of the profit system for private use."

Campaign is Political

So the radical campaign against American industry is political—not economic. It is to stir up unrest and further the interests of the radical socialist and the communist movement in this country. It can be offset by the supply of correct information available to fair-minded people.

Coming Down to the Local Spur Venture

A short while after the W. T. U. Co. had extended its service to the City of Spur and had taken over the isolated plant property and reduced the rates down equal to those of other towns the size of Spur, and had also advised the City officials that rate reductions were to be made regularly for the next few years—a belief was developed that the company had not acquired with the property a franchise to operate in Spur as it had requested the City Commission to show their faith in the company by granting the usual City Commission franchise. The company was led to believe that it was in the hands of friends until suddenly an oil engine plant was promoted in the City Commission of Spur. The City was obligated to operate this competing plant through the acts of three City Commissioners, one of them a past owner of the Spur plant purchased by the company, who had charged considerably higher rates than the company was charging. This venture, with all of its obligations and liabilities, was taken on by the Commission without referring the matter to a vote of the citizenship.

After a meeting held one night in the basement of a department store, the City Government, in conspiracy with the oil engine franchisee, who furnished forms, tried, through the passage of franchise ordinance requirements and the sudden petition signing up exclusive long-term contracts with West Texas Utilities Company customers, to drive the company from Spur and leave the field open to the oil engine plant to be politically operated. It was necessary for the company to resort to Federal Court and obtain an injunction against such action by the City. At the same time of granting the injunction, the Court ruled the company had a franchise in Spur, and declared the evidence showed conspiracy between the oil engine company and the City Government of Spur and declared the exclusive contracts the City had made with a number of the company's customers to be void and invalid. Courts have held that a City in business can not use its governmental functions to further its private gains, but must 'get down in the dust' with its competitor. The 'City,' with special interests assisting on the side, originally secured quite a number of the company's customers by cutting rates, making special deals, and some by methods bordering on intimidation; however, the company has gained back more than fifty per cent of the business. At that time the population of Spur was said to be near 2,500; the census last year showed 1,899 and there are, fewer customers there now than when this census was taken. Hamlin had 2,328 population with 20 per cent more business establishments. Total electric revenue at Hamlin, served by the W. T. U. Co. for 1930 from all sources ran \$35,493, while in Spur, where there are now possibly 1-3 less people and oil engine plant competition, the electric billing for West Texas Utilities Company ran \$18,128, which indicates that the company's good will asset is being gained back and that it has been able to meet drastic competition as business is returning to its lines where customers receive fair treatment at all times together with superior quality and quantity of service.

Part of the payments for the City's venture was made from funds accumulated from excessive water rates which of course should have been used to pay for some of the water works equipment, especially the land on which the sand wells or the city water supply is located. In the oil engine company contract the city agreed to charge the citizens such high rates as would make payments on the equipment, but that is impossible as they could not raise rates with competition and could not get rid of competition in the city. The taxes are as high as they can get them now and they could not salvage or sell the plant, even at its nuisance value, for 40c on the dollar. The City contracted to pay to this oil engine plant a 25 per cent higher rate for energy for pumping the water and lighting the streets than the standard rate used by the Utilities Company at that time on all of its properties.

Private Initiative Reduces Rates

Before the organization of the West Texas Utilities Company, the rates on all the properties taken over averaged for residential and commercial service in 1922, 13.7 cents per kilowatt-hour sold. The average for residential and commercial service in 1930 was 6.5 cents per kilowatt-hour sold in its 120 cities and towns, a decrease of 52 per cent over the eight-year period, and further reductions have been made in 1931. The average rate per kilowatt-hour for total service supplied—lighting, heating, and power—has been reduced 61 per cent since 1922, and both quantity and quality of service has materially improved. Many people will recall the rates of isolated plants ten years ago, which ran 20 cents and above per kilowatt-hour. There is only one way in which this progress has been made or could have been made possible; that is, through efficient finance, trained management and operation, coupled with faith in the territory and American initiative in business. Most Americans believe that when business men have their own money in a business and are giving their lives to it, they can do a better job with that business than a group of politicians, working with special interests, could do.

(Signed) W. G. OWSLEY

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Dickens.

To those indebted to, or holding claims against, the Estate of John Earl Morris, deceased:

The undersigned having been duly appointed executors of the Estate of John Earl Morris, deceased, late of Dickens County, Texas by O. C. Newberry, Judge of the County Court of Dickens County, Texas, on the 11th day of March, 1931, during a regular term thereof, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to

come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned executors within the time prescribed by law, at their residence in Spur, Dickens County, Texas, where they receive their mail, this the 23rd day of March, A. D. 1931.
H. O. ALBIN,
M. L. JONES,
E. C. EDMONDS.
Executors of the Estate of John Earl Morris, Deceased.

Dry Lake News

Mr. W. I. Smith is visiting relatives in Brownsfield. A large crowd attended Sunday school at Dry Lake Sunday. Misses Ruby, Mae, Jessie Lea and Lois Smith, Lorene Stanley Gladys Hindman, Velma Howe, and George Allen took dinner with Atha Joy and Vivyan Kidd Sunday. Mr. J. L. Hutto had the misfortune of getting his barn burned Saturday morning. Mr. Hutto and family were in town but someone phoned and had the fire truck to come out. However, it got there too late to do any good. Mr. Jim Smith went to town Monday. Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Stanley were visiting relatives in Girard Sunday. Several attended the singing given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hindman Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith and children, Herman and Vida Ruth spent Saturday night at the home of Mrs. W. I. Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Homer E. Barnes and Morris and Thomas Williams spent the week end at Crockett with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Thurnisch.

Everyone who attended the party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hill, Friday night, reported a nice time. Mrs. Jim Smith and daughter, Jessie Lea have been ill with tonsillitis. The school boys and their fathers played base ball Friday. The boys lost by several scores. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Pritchett and children visited Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Smith of Espuela, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Rickles were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jea. Aston, Sunday.

Several of the boys of this community went fishing Saturday night. They only caught five fish but spent a very enjoyable time. Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Kidd and family were in Spur Saturday. Mr. W. W. Stanley, of Girard, was visiting his brother, Mr. R. B. Stanley of this community, on Sunday. Mr. Jeff Smith was in Spur Saturday.

Misses Atha Joy Kidd and Lois Smith had supper with Miss Gladys Hindman, Sunday night. Mr. and Mrs. Ola Miller and Joe Kidd took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hindman, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Lea Delisle and children visited Mr. and Mrs. R. Osborne and family. Misses Ruth Hindman and L. Tye Jo Miller and Mr. Lewis R. Smith spent Sunday afternoon with Misses Iva and Cleo Smith.

Local News Items

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. O. Shields of north of town, have a new baby girl in their home. Miss Pauline Oliver of A. C. C., spent the weekend at the home of her mother, Mrs. F. N. Oliver. Geo. Harris and G. W. Allen, of McAdoo were in Spur Wednesday of this week. Mr. and Mrs. Cash Wileman spent the weekend in Stamford with his parents. Mrs. J. C. McNeil, Mrs. Cliff Bird, Miss Jessie Hill and Miss Dona Lita Standefer were visitors in Spur Monday of this week and while here were very pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office. J. O. Harkey was here Tuesday from his home at Elton. Albert Fry was here Wednesday from his home on Cat Fish. M. F. Hagar was here Thursday of this week from his home over in Kent county.

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In the varied array of plans you will be certain to find a house that exactly fits your needs. And when you have decided upon the plan you like, we can tell you to a dollar just what the material will cost. Stop in any time and look them over.

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Local News Items

W. P. Harvey, of McAdoo was here Tuesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Rose, of McAdoo were in Spur Wednesday.

Mrs. Mattie Sizemore, of the Croton community was a shopper in Spur Tuesday of this week.

John Nugent who was here a few days this week returned to his home in Lubbock Tuesday.

Dick Sampson, of the Paddle Ranch was in Spur, Wednesday.

Ed McArthur, of Rails was a visitor in Spur the earlier part of the week.

Mrs. Roy Arledge and little son of Stamford, were here last weekend, visiting in the homes of Mr. and W. B. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Proctor.

Chas. Bird, of Post City, was in Spur Wednesday of this week meeting with his many friends and acquaintances.

T. J. Harrison, of north of Dickens was in Spur Tuesday of this week.

Judge Andrews, of Stamford, has been attending court at Dickens this week.

Carroll Johnson was here Wednesday from his farm home south of Spur.

Sherrod Williams was here Sunday, visiting with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. George M. Williams of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kellam are in Dallas this week, purchasing new stocks for their store here.

Joe Long made a trip to Albany the past weekend.

Ted Brannen was visiting in Spur the past week from his home in Oklahoma City.

Mr. and Mrs. Waggoner, of Stamford and Mrs. Nichols, of Abilene are this week visiting their sister and daughter, Mrs. Fred Haile and family.

Miss Ella Garner, of Lubbock, was a visitor in the city the past weekend.

Mrs. Ned Hogan has been in Dallas this week having accompanied Miss Mary Elizabeth who is returning to her university at that place.

Special items at special prices every TUESDAY at STONE DEPARTMENT STORE, Inc. See our windows. 23-3

Mrs. B. F. Hale is ill this week having undergone an operation having her tonsils removed.

Mrs. Maude Clemmons returned to her home here this week from Dallas where she has been taking courses in a conservatory of music.

Mrs. Arthur Stearnes was here Sunday from her home in Meadow, visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stafford and other relatives and friends.

Joe Ericson, was in Saturday from his home on Spur Ranch.

Mrs. G. W. Rash was called to Abilene Tuesday to be with her daughter, Mrs. Horace Hyatt who is seriously ill at this time.

Ed Lisenby was here Wednesday from his ranch home north of Atton.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hawley are here this week from their home in Big Spring.

E. G. "Tince" Hawley has returned to Spur from Hobbs, N. M. where he has been for the past few months.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sample, of Matador, were visitors in Spur Wednesday of this week.

Wright Hinson was here Wednesday from his home on West Pasture.

Mrs. C. C. Stevens, of Dickens, is improving at Nichols Sanitarium.

Mrs. A. C. Hull and little daughter returned from a visit in San Angelo the past weekend.

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W. M. Foreman was in Spur from his home at Espuela, Thursday of this week.

Brink Carlisle was in Thursday from his home on Duck Creek.

Archie Yarbrough, advertising manager of the Littlefield Leader was through Spur Tuesday of this week and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Johnson Sunday afternoon. The young fellow's name will be Thomas Andrew, Jr. Mother and babe are reported doing nicely.

J. J. Tullis of a few miles north of town was here Thursday of this week and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office, handing us a dollar and a half on his subscription Henry Bibber, of Jayton, was in Spur Sunday of this week.

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R. E. Hills, of Stamford, was a business visitor in Spur Monday of this week.

T. S. Lambert was here Monday from his home on Croton.

Chalk Brown was visiting in Spur this week from his home in Snyder.

John L. McQuigg, director of advertising of this district of W. T. U. Co., was here Monday and Tuesday of this week from his headquarters in Abilene.

C. T. Wallace, of McAdoo, was in Spur Monday of this week.

Ward Harris of McAdoo, was in Spur Saturday of last week.

Mesdames Dickey and Jones, of Jayton were visitors in Spur Monday of this week.

Mrs. H. H. Bibberly was in Spur Tuesday from her home in Jayton.

George Pierre of south of town was here Wednesday of this week.


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"I would have such dizzy spells, and such bursting headaches, until I could hardly go. But after taking a few doses of Black-Draught I would feel just fine. It is a good medicine, and I recommend it to all who suffer as I did. It is very easy to recommend a medicine that has done as much for me as Black-Draught has done."

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