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Attorney General Jimmie Allred candidate for Governor. As The Enterprise sees the situation Jimmie Allred should be the next governor—it will be to the benefit of Texas for him to be elected and that is our greatest concern and should be the concern of all other patriotic citizens.

POST NUPTIAL SHOWER

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Howell at Tennyson, Saturday evening, August 18, a shower was given, honoring Mr. R. A. Howell Jr., and his recent bride, nee Miss Mary Wilkenson of Coleman.

The bride and groom were requested to sit at the table and dine alone. The table was tastily covered with a spread. When the honorees were seated the spread was lifted, and there was revealed to them many useful and beautiful gifts.

The bride impresses all that she is a young woman of grace and refinement and exceptionally loveable in character.

The groom comes from an old and widely known family of Tennyson, and has many friends who congratulate him on winning the one he has for his life companion.

Refreshments of cake and iced tea and punch were served the following: Mrs. J. M. Parish and little son, James; Mrs. Bert Cornelius and little daughters, Neoma and Lauteen, and son, Curtis; T. A. Brown; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Buford and little daughter, Christell, and son Weldon; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Morgan; Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Pierce and children; Mrs. W. M. Murphy and little daughters, Fannie and Dorothy; Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Howell and children; Mrs. J. W. Brown and children; Mrs. C. L. Brown and son, Charlie Ray; Mrs. N. C. Baker and baby and little daughter, Eva Louise and son, C. B.; Misses Geneva and Effie Murphy, Evelyn Mills, Ruth Brown, Gene Roberts and Laverle Myers.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Howell Jr. will make their home near Tennyson.

Mrs. M. J. Adkins who formerly resided in Bronte, but for some time has been making her home at Edge is here visiting with relatives and friends.

L. C. Hudman has been in Bronte for two weeks, from Crosbyton, going back and forth to San Angelo, taking treatment for an injured lower limb. Mrs. Hudman and little son, Carroll, came in Thursday and will visit for a time. Mr. Hudman's injury is improving.

Hear Hon. W. L. Hilliard speak on the streets this afternoon, in behalf of the candidacy of Attorney General Allred for governor. Judge Hilliard is reputed as a eloquent speaker.

SPEAKS TONIGHT FOR HON. WALTER WOODWARD

The political fireworks in Bronte for the past few weeks have been especially brilliant—but, perhaps, the most dazzling, "star-shooting" performance of all is that for which the stage is set tonight.

Hon. Frank Dickey of Ballinger, old Coke's own native and much beloved son, is to return here for an address this evening in behalf of the candidacy of the Hon. Walter Woodward of Coleman, another beloved son of West Texas, who is a candidate for Attorney General.

"Frank Dickey," as all his old time friends in Coke county, call him, needs no introduction to anybody in Coke county—for, his name is a household word throughout these parts. And, whatever else anyone may say with reference to Judge Dickey, it is known to all that he is a man with the courage of his convictions and he does not mince words when it comes to giving public expression with reference to men and measures. He is always ready to give reasons for the position he takes, and that without any apologies. So, let "the home folks" come out in large numbers tonight, and make the home-coming of this erstwhile Coke county lad, one he will not forget to his dying day. Do this, regardless as to how you may intend to vote in the primary.

The speaking will be from the balcony of The Enterprise building. The Bronte band will be present to give "welcome home" to this lad who has gone out and "made good." Let 'em play, "Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight," and "The Old Gray Mare," and a few other solemn-like pieces—indeed, lets make this the "show night" of the whole political campaign, as it is the last night and the last political speaking of the campaign.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Taylor, Wednesday morning, August 23, 1934, a sweet-faced baby girl, at the home of Mrs. Taylor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Gregory, at Marie. The little Miss tipped the beam at seven and a half pounds. All parties are doing fine, it is said, except "pa" Taylor, and it is believed he will eventually get all right. Congratulations to all concerned and The Enterprise wishes for Miss Taylor that all the dreams and plans of her parents for her may come true—"and then some."

Miss Dorothy Knierim from Huntington, a sister of Robert Knierim; Miss Mamie White of Mercedes, a niece of Mr. Knierim and Mrs. Georgia Knierim, a sister-in-law of Mr. Knierim, and her children, from Saratoga, came Tuesday and spent a brief time with Mr. and Mrs. Knierim. All of the party departed Thursday morning, except Miss Dorothy, who will remain for an indefinite visit with Mr. and Mrs. Knierim. Miss White is a teacher in the school at Mercedes where she has taught for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Best, and son, Alvah, and daughters, Mesdames Hallie Box and Angie Williams from Lamesa, and children, were guests of Marshal Sims, Monday. They spent much of the day on the river and caught a good lot of fish. They report a delightful day.

ALMANAC



- AUGUST**
- 27—Italy declares war on German allies, 1916.
 - 28—First oil well completed at Titusville, Pa., 1859.
 - 29—New Amsterdam renamed New York City, 1664.
 - 30—French fleet arrives to help United States, 1781.
 - 31—Auto finishes record 52-day trip across U.S., 1903.
- SEPTEMBER**
- 1—Congress passes first Child Labor Law, 1916.
 - 2—Morse first demonstrates his telegraph, 1837.

HON. GEO. WILSON SPEAKS FOR JIMMIE ALLRED

The most outstanding, informing, patriotic and eloquent political address made in Bronte during the entire campaign, perhaps, was that delivered on the streets Saturday afternoon by Hon. Geo. T. Wilson of San Angelo, in behalf of the candidacy of Attorney General James V. Allred for governor.

The address was outstanding because of the spirit in which it was delivered. It was absolutely free from any touch of demagogery. Judge Wilson gave expression to the sentiment in the outset of his address that each citizen had the right to think and choose for himself as to candidates he would support.

It was an informing address because the speaker went right to the heart of the issues in the gubernatorial campaign. He read from documents and certified copies to establish every statement he made either for Attorney Allred or with reference to Tom Hunter.

It was a patriotic address because Judge Wilson had no other earthly reason for coming out and delivering the address—so, he spoke in patriotic spirit. He worked for fifteen months in the attorney general's office, under General Allred. Hence, he underwrote for Jimmie Allred one hundred per cent as to his capability, his integrity and his unimpeachable character.

The speech had telling effect—there seemed to be but one present who was not for Allred.

REVIVAL MEETING CLOSES AT SANCO

The revival meeting at Sanco, conducted by the Baptists came to a close Sunday night.

Rev. D. K. Smith of Edith is pastor of the church. Rev. Lewis Stuckey of Bronte conducted the meeting, doing the preaching. Rev. Stuckey reports a good meeting, considering the circumstances under which the people of the community were placed, the drought and water shortage and other hindering causes.

MARRIED

A happy event The Enterprise did not learn last week in time to chronicle in the last issue is that of the marriage of Mr. Willie Thompson of Maverick and Miss Mildred Heidel of Bronte. These happy two were united in marriage at the Bronte Methodist parsonage, Rev. Wallace

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MRS. E. W. SMITH DIES

The hearts of many throughout West Texas were stricken Wednesday morning, when it became known, that Mrs. Nellie Smith, beloved wife of E. W. Smith, had died late Tuesday afternoon at the family home in Blackwell. Being one of the pioneer families of this part of West Texas they have many friends scattered over the West.

Deceased had been ill about five months, but the anxious members of the family, as they watched at the bedside, had hoped for the past few days that there was slight improvement in her condition. But, almost suddenly, and without warning, death came, Tuesday afternoon, August 22, 1934, and brought surcease from the awful pain the patient sufferer had borne uncomplainingly, and carried the spirit back to God who gave it.

Religious services were held in the Blackwell Baptist church, Wednesday afternoon, following which the body was put away in the Blackwell cemetery, in keeping with request of deceased, as to the details of interment. The religious services were simple but beautifully impressive. The church choir sang the old time hymns—the hymns deceased had loved and sang throughout the days of her life. Pastor J. F. Steele was in charge of the religious services, assisted by Rev. C. C. Porter of the Blackwell Methodist church and the writer. The pastor read the words of Solomon concerning the pricelessness of a good woman and brought out the characteristics of a good woman and stated that in the beautiful life and character of deceased all the noble elements of gracious Christian womanhood were found. Rev. Porter read the Scriptures with reference to the resurrection of the dead and the glories of the resurrection for those who live and depart this life as did deceased. The writer, as an old time friend of deceased and her husband, spoke concerning, "A Great Woman in the Sight of God." The words of Scripture used as a beginning point were those in the eighth verse of the fourth chapter of II Kings: "And Elisha passed to Shunem where was a great woman." The incident, as those acquainted with the Bible know, is that of the spiritual consecration and constant fidelity of a woman in the long dim past to the higher and holier interests of her home and family—how that she brought spiritual influences and blessings into her home and how her life of fidelity to the higher and nobler ideals of life influenced her husband and he joined with her in making theirs a home of the higher ideals and spiritual atmosphere. A woman like that was great in the sight of God, back there in the dim past, and such a woman is great in the sight of God today. Deceased and husband and the writer became associated together in church relations more than a third of a century ago. The writer was actively engaged in church work at that time, yet he still a young man and inexperienced. We came to the pastoral charge of the church at Ballinger of which deceased and husband were members. They were kindly considerate of the young preacher who had come to be their pastor. Their home then was open to the young pastor and they always took a kindly interest in us and the work we were trying to do. Hence,

CONDUCTS MEETING AT HAYRICK

Rev. Wallace N. Dunson is directing a meeting with his congregation at Hayrick this week. Rev. Dunson reports interest growing in the meeting and that all things considered, the meeting is growing in interest much as could be expected.

through the years we have cherished them in memory, and the memories of those days of the yesteryears of life have always come to us as benedictions from the skies. Deceased always in those days fashioned and formed their home after the New Testament pattern. Their children, some of them not born when their parents and the writer first became good friends, have all grown up and have taken their places in society and are blessing the world. So, the writer feels keenly the going away of this gracious woman, for one who proved to be a true friend in the days when we greatly needed true friends, has gone away.

The life of deceased is like a romance. She was born in England and came with her parents to America when she was a wee babe, spending her first birthday on the ship out on the great seas. She was born October 28, 1870, making her to be sixty-three years, seven months and 21 days old when the final summons came for her.

Deceased and husband were married in Hamilton county, December 23, 1886. To the union eight children were born, six of whom survive with their father, to sorrow for her. The children are: Edgar, Spurgeon, Cecil and Mesdames Mamie Kellis, and Lucile Raney, Blackwell; and Mrs. Anna Lee McWhorter, San Angelo. The children were all present. There are eight grand children and two great grand children. Besides, deceased is survived by two brothers: J. H. Bond, Portales, New Mexico and George Bond, Carlsbad, New Mexico, neither of whom attended the funeral; and one sister, Mrs. Bessie Shumaker, who makes her home with her children.

A large concourse of friends gathered to pay tribute to her memory. Business in Blackwell was suspended and the church was filled to its capacity while many remained outside. Life long friends were present from other places in this part of West Texas.

Thus the life of another of God's gentlewomen has come to its earthly close. And though she will walk this earthly way no more with her companion and children and others of the family circle and her friends, yet memories of her gentle, queenly life will remain as the sweet refrain of some glad song to bless them to the end of this earthly way.

To the husband who now is coming to old age, who must go alone, adown the pathway of life, without the companion of his youth; to the children, and grand children, the brothers and sister and the large number of friends who are lonely tonight because she is gone away, we mingle our sorrow with yours—yet, thank God, "we sorrow not as others who have no hope."

PIGS FOR SALE

I have some fine young pigs for sale, or will swap them for larger hogs. If interested contact R. L. Keyes.

THE BRONTE ENTERPRISE

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Editor and Business Manager

Entered as Second Class Matter at the Post Office at Bronte, Texas, March 1, 1918, under Act of Congress, August 12, 1871.

This is your last day to "whoop up" your favorites among the candidates—so, be busy and do a good job.

It becomes the voter, however, to know why he is supporting a particular candidate—in other words, know what the candidate stands for and what he does not stand for.

Tomorrow is the big battle—the battle of the ballots. Let every qualified voter go to the polls and register his choice as to those who seek to rule over us. This is highly important.

After the election, then, what? Well, that's the question. Let us be optimistic and hope that the rains will come by early September and give grass and fall grain planting for winter grazing. If it shall be so, the country will survive irrespective of the outcome of the election tomorrow. However, we do not mean to underrate the importance of electing good and capable men to office.

"Christianity is a curse to

Germany" is the way an anti-Christian paper in that country "ventilated its spleen" the other day. But, the fact is that Germany has forgotten all about Christianity. The anti-Christian publication in question said: "Pity and mercy be damned—be hard as steel." And that sentiment is but the infamous fruit of all of Germany's teachings and practices for the past several decades. The sum total of Germany's ideals have been "neither fear God nor regard man," when Germany's interests are involved. And the end is not yet of the crime and bloodshed and revolt that is to be Germany's portion. For, the "scrap of paper" incident was only a tree of infamy of which the "Pity and mercy be damned" incident is the faulty and rotten fruit. But, notwithstanding, still "mercy is like the gentle dew that fall from heaven." It "blesses twice," both him who shows mercy and him to whom mercy is shown.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rawlings and Messdames C. A. Taylor and Alfred Taylor were those from Bronte who attended the funeral of Mrs. E. W. Smith at Blackwell Wednesday afternoon.

Hon. H. O. Jones and son, from Winters were in Bronte, Thursday afternoon, on their round in behalf of Judge Jones' candidacy for representative of this district.

CAMPAIGN AND PLATFORM OF C. L. SOUTH

Without ballyhoo or excessive expenditures, assisted only by personal friends and his 18-year old son, Carl, Judge Charles L. South this week is ending an intensive campaign



for congress that has taken him to every section of the 21st district.

In numerous addresses, Judge South stated he would be free to represent all the people to the best advantage because he had made no promises of postoffice appointments or any other jobs.

Judge South also reiterated his stand for protective tariff on ranch and farm products of West Texas and for truth in fabrics legislation.

"If elected, I will go to congress unshackled, not recognizing any master except the people of this district," Judge South said in asserting that he is not backed nor controlled by any special group or interest.

Meanwhile, Judge South's friends were pointing out that he is not a professional politician but a public servant many times honored; that he served four years as school superintendent of Coleman county; six years as county judge and is now serving his fourth year as district attorney of Coleman, McCullough and Brown counties. His vote in the three counties in the July primary was: Coleman, 3,468 to 1,171 for his three opponents; Brown, 4,173 to 1,959 for his opponents and McCullough, 1,813 to 1,702 for his opponents. He has refrained from mud-slinging that so often characterizes a political race, his friends point out.

Judge South opposes cancellation of war debts, stating that the United States furnished more than 2 billion dollars to foreign nations after the armistice was signed. He considers these honest debts which ought to be paid.

Other planks in Judge South's platform follow:

He favors the removal of profit from warfare through government ownership of all munition plants and universal service plan of drafting wealth as well as man power during time of war.

He favors a low rate of interest on federal money loaned to farmers.

He favors remonitization of silver to aid agriculture and business.

He favors the redistribution of the nation's wealth through conservative incomes and inheritance taxes.

He opposes issuance of tax exempt bonds.

He opposes entangling alliances with foreign countries.

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ANNUAL BORDNER FAMILY REUNION HELD AT DeSOTO

(The family biographical sketch given below is of local interest because of the fact that the C. Baker family, known throughout all this section, are descendants of the Bordner family. Mr. and Mrs. U. L. Willis who reside at Cleburne, attended the reunion at De Soto. Mr. and Mrs. Willis while visiting here a few weeks ago told us of the reunion and the remarkable biography of this family and we requested a copy of The Grand Prairie Texan carrying the story of the family and the reunion. The story follows below.)

Last Sunday the editor of the Texan and lady went to De Soto, where we attended the eighteenth annual reunion of the Texas branch of the Peter Bordner family. The celebration was held at the home of Charlie Peter Bordner, the oldest living member of the family living in the state bearing the Bordner name. However, the oldest living descendant in the state and attending the reunion was the editor's mother, Mrs. Helen Brundage, who is a native Texan and now residing at Midlothian.

The Bordner family is a most remarkable family, and the records kept intact show that for more than 150 years descendants of the original John Jacob and Marie Bordner, who were descendants of the early Dutch settlers in Pennsylvania, have played important parts in the development and progress in three states in our great American Union.

The Texas family of Bordners are descendants of Peter Bordner, a son of John Jacob and Marie Bordner and was born in Pennsylvania on July 4th, 1782. He remained in the family home until he was about twenty nine years of age when he married Christina Losh, who was a daughter of another pioneer family of Pennsylvania. Peter and his wife settled in the mountains of their native state where they lived for several

years. Five children came to bless the home. They were Johnathan, Kate, Angelina, Moses and Louvina. In 1824 or 1825 Peter Bordner moved with his family to Licking County, Ohio, where eight more children were born. They were George Washington and Margaret, twins, Francis, Temperance, Sarah, Alfred, and Christina. The children with one exception lived to mature ages and with one or two exceptions reared large families. Peter Bordner resided in Ohio until 1854 when he and a part of his family moved to Illinois and settled in Fulton county, where he and his wife resided until death.

When he went to Ohio he settled on the frontier and he with other sturdy pioneers developed that wonderful section. This was true when he settled in Illinois, and he lived to see the clearing of the great forest, and land comparatively worthless, developed to where it was considered the most valuable land in the United States.

The first of the family to come to Texas was Louvina Bordner Baker. In 1846 Artemus Baker, a young man, became imbued with a desire to see the world. Having been reared on the canals and rivers of Ohio, he boarded a flat boat and made his way down the Ohio and Misesissippi rivers to Shreveport, and then he headed for Texas. He spent part of the years 1846 and 1847 in this state before returning to his home. Soon after reaching home he and Louveni Bordner were married and within a short time left for Texas to make their home. They landed in the state in 1850 and settled at Corsicana, where they remained a year or more, and then went to Jack county where they took up a body of land. At that time Indians were raiding in the county, and it was hardly safe for the settlers. He then traded his holdings for land lying in Dallas and Ellis counties where he built their home and im-

proved their holdings. Thirty eight years ago this land was traded for land in Runnels county where the family lived until 80 years of age before they passed on.

In 1866 Johnathan and Margaret Bordner Ewers, who had settled in Illinois with their parents, moved to Texas settling on a ranch in Erath county, where they resided until their death.

In 1881 Peter Bordner and his family, and Joe and Christina Bordner Putman moved from Illinois to Texas and settled near what is now De Sota and Ovilla, where they resided until their death, only a few years ago. Temperance Bordner Bass also came to Texas in 1881 and settled in Erath county, later coming to make her home with her sister, Mrs. Putman at Ovilla.

The family has a record for longevity. The original Peter Bordner was in his 100th year when he passed away, and his wife passed away a few days after she had celebrated her 105th anniversary. Before Mr. Bordner died the couple celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary.

The Bordner families have been holding reunions for many years in each of the three states. The Texas reunion is held on the first Sunday in June. The Ohio celebration on the last Sunday in June and the Illinois celebration on the first Thursday in September of each year. There is, as a rule, members from the different states attending the several reunions.

The first generation of Peter and Christina Bordner have all passed on, the last one of the original children to go was Mrs. Putman, who died a few years ago at Ovilla. But few of the second generation in this state survive. They are mother Brundage, who resides in Midlothian, and is past eighty-two years of age; Charlie Bordner, who now resides on the land his father Peter Bordner improved when he came to Texas; and Charlie Mose Bordner who resides in Erath county, and Mrs. Nora Bordner Brown who lives in Runnels county.

The third, fourth and even the fifth generation now live in this state and will number around two hundred and fifty. The descendants of the original family reside in practically every state in the Union, and will number several thousand. A record is now being prepared, and should be completed by the time

the reunions are held next year of the entire family and that will be especially interesting to the members of this great family.

At the reunion Sunday more than seventy-five of the Bordner descendants were in attendance, and it was just another great day in the history of the large family.

A big dinner was served at noon under the shade of trees in the Bordner yard and in the afternoon a program was given.

It was reported during the program that there had not been a death in the big family either in Texas or in Illinois during the past year.—Grand Prairie Texan

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RUNGE CLAIMS VICTORY

The Congressional race in this District has been attracting as much attention as the Governor's race. Both candidates for Congress have made a great number of speeches and have had numerous friends deliver addresses in their behalf. Carl Runge of Mason who led the ticket on July 28th and received 19,108 votes to his present opponent's 16,957 votes has been conducting his campaign along conservative business lines on a high plane; has been stressing the fact that his forefathers have resided in this district for eighty years and that he is thoroughly familiar with the needs of the District and because of his actual experience, training and education has a sympathetic understanding of such needs; while his opponent was born in Virginia and has been a resident of this District for only twenty years during all of which time he has been on the public payroll and has not had a good opportunity of becoming familiar with the needs of the district. Runge has further been stressing the fact that his opponent ran last in 14 counties of the district, receiving only 860 votes in 14 counties and that he, Runge, did not run last in a single county and that his candidacy met with more popular approval throughout the entire District than did his opponent's whose vote was practically confined to only five counties of the District.

Among those who have been actively supporting and making speeches in behalf of Runge's candidacy are: Rev. Ray, Pastor of the Christian Church of Mason; M. J. Benefield, State Com. of the American Legion, Brady, Texas; Rev. Rorie, Pastor of the Methodist Church of Llano; Judge J. F. Sutton of San Ange-

SERVICES AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10:00. Preaching at 11:00, by the Pastor. Theme: "The things that endure."

There will be no Sunday evening services, due to the fact that the Pastor will be in revival services at Hayrick.

Let everybody attend the services Sunday morning. We are greatly encouraged with the attendance and interest during these summer months. In this we feel a challenge to make the services the very best possible.

We invite you to come and bring your family if you have no church home in town. If you are a member of this church, you should feel it your duty and privilege to be in your place at Sunday School and Church. To live true to God we must live close to God. The purpose of these services is to bring people close to God. The man who goes to Church on Sunday is ready for his job on Monday.

"The Church with a Welcome to all," welcomes you.

Walace N. Dunson, Pastor.

lo and Judge Brian Montague of Del Rio, both of whom were classmates of Carl Runge at the University of Texas; H. C. Lyon, Superintendent of Schools, Balingier, Texas; Jas. C. White, Editor of the Brownwood Bulletin; Sam McCollum, Attorney at Brady; Bob Tuckness a farmer of Mason County and Roscoe Runge a brother of Carl Runge. All speakers and all delegations report that Carl Runge will carry the District by a larger margin than he did in July and that Tom Green County will give him two votes to his opponent's one on August 25th.

Mason Runge for Congress Club Political Advertising

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N. Dunson officiating, Wednesday afternoon, August 15, 1934.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Heidel, who reside four miles southeast of Bronte. She was born and reared here and is a graduate of the Bronte school, and is a young woman of charm and culture and her host of friends wish her every happiness in life.

The groom is a young man of whom we have no definite information, but he is said to be an excellent young man. The Enterprise joins with the friends of these young people in wishing them constant continued happiness in the married life.

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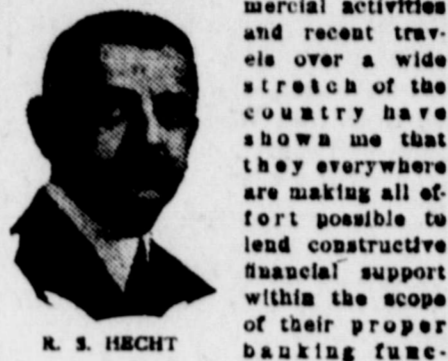
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BANKERS SUPPORT SOUND EXPANSION

By R. S. HECHT
Vice President, American Bankers Association

BANKERS universally recognize that the prime economic need of the nation is the stimulation of sound industrial and commercial activities and recent travels over a wide stretch of the country have shown me that they everywhere are making all effort possible to lend constructive financial support within the scope of their proper banking functions to promoting the expansion of business activity.



R. S. HECHT

Frequently in times past when our country suffered from an economic depression and consequent unemployment on a large scale, the rise of some broad new industrial development, such for instance as a new industry like the automobile industry, has been a powerful factor in stimulating a return or an accelerated growth of national prosperity. Such a movement means the creation of new wealth, the employment of large groups of people on useful lines and as a consequence the production and distribution of sound, effective purchasing power, which is a form of wholesome economic stimulant that has some of the evils of monetary inflation.

A New Force for Business Improvement

Perhaps we have at hand, if not the rising of a wholly new industry, a measurable equivalent in the potentialities of a widespread rebuilding and modernizing movement such as home renovating, plant remodeling, the putting of our railroads on a high speed air conditioned basis and other valuable developments in the construction field. The effects of such activities on employment and many lines of business would be most beneficial and I can repeat without reservation that we bankers are willing and eager to play our full economic part in any such constructive developments.

It has been made to appear that money has not gone to work because of the timidity of bankers rather than what is a true explanation, because business men have not had enough confidence in the business outlook to borrow the dollar from the banker and put it to work.

The basic requisite to the expansion of commercial bank loans is sound, normal business conditions on which to conduct sound, normal banking operations. The best business a bank can wish for is the opportunity to loan money to successful business men and manufacturers imbued with confidence to enter upon aggressive business enterprises and endowed with the ability to bring them to successful conclusions. Such loans mean business activity for the community, growing pay rolls and prosperity, and the banker wants to make them because to be identified with such activities not only means profits to him but, additionally, brings him the reward of good will in his community.

There is no better proof of the great desire of banks to take care of the short term requirements of the business world than to point out the abnormally low rates at which this demand is being supplied at the present time.

J. F. Hunter
Lawyer

100-120 First National Bank Building
Wichita Falls, Texas

Nov. 26, 1932.

Mr. James V. Allred,
Attorney-General,
Austin, Texas

Dear Mr. Allred:

Recently you were kind enough to offer me the service of your department in the framing of bills for tax and other relief. I was in Austin a few weeks ago and tried to see you but found you out of the city.

I have been trying to gather the information necessary for the writing of bills that I have in mind. Some two months ago I had an understanding with J. A. Lantz to aid me in this work and have probably depended upon him too much, because so far the research work that I have done is all that has been done.

I believe that the tax burdens can be fairly allocated by displacing a great portion of the property tax by a general sales tax and an income tax on the extreme high brackets. A general sales tax following the Mississippi tax levied upon the retailer, would reach all of the masses to some degree of their ability to pay. This tax, being a general gross sales tax would be more easily administered than one upon certain articles designed to tax luxuries only and would require every person to pay in some proportion. The bills should be drawn giving a portion of it to the general fund in lieu of the state ad valorem; a portion to the school fund and a portion to the counties in which it is paid, that the county ad valorem might be reduced to a minimum. Since concerns with enormous incomes, like the Humble Pipe Line Company could not be reached by a sales tax and could not be reached by a property tax, an income tax should be levied upon the extreme high brackets.

While I have not completed my research to place the percent of either the sales or the income, for example, a bill requiring persons, firms or corporations with a net income in excess of \$250,000 to pay an income tax on the first million; 5% on the second; 10% on the 3rd; 4th and 5th 15%; on all in excess of \$5,000,000 25%. This tax would tend to give the individual of some 30 years business life an equal break with the big corporations that never die, and it would discourage the mergers that have been so disastrous to labor. It would require payment by those able to pay; yet it would encourage the capital of the middle class. Incorporated cities ought to be permitted to levy a sales tax upon metered electricity and gas; that the city real estate tax might be reduced. Possibly some other items could be included in this one.

Lantz had agreed to brief the law in an effort to levy a tax on transported gas that would not be held a burden on interstate commerce. So far, he has not done this for me. Some means must be devised to tax natural gas moving from Texas to other states. If it is done, since the gas companies pay only \$2 to \$4 a thousand at the mouth of the well for gas under heavy pressure that expands into a great deal more cubic feet after it is in line. It must be levied upon the transporting companies. As yet, I have not devised a way, though I suggested to Lantz that, since the pipe line companies have the right of eminent domain, the tax might be levied upon all gas transported through lines, exercising the right, or through lines crossing a public highway, constructed so that only tax would be paid.

I am giving you these thoughts at a time when your department is possibly not so crowded as it will be during the session. I invite you to give me the benefit of any advice or counsel that you have. My sole purpose is to devise a reformation that will relieve every one in Texas and those who do business in Texas to pay in accordance to their ability.

Sincerely yours,

J. F. Hunter

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