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A FRIEND TO CISCO PASSES.

The city of Toledo, Ohio, is a long way from Cisco, Texas, as geography goes, but today that city of the northern United States is tragically near to this community. For it is there that they buried Arthur S. Hickok today, a man who, by the fortunes of American enterprise and the aggressive spirit that distinguishes it, became one of the greatest benefactors of this little city of mid-Texas.

Mr. Hickok died about 10 o'clock Saturday night of a heart attack at the age of 71 years. He was stricken in the midst of active life, devoted to the institutions which were born of his genius and flourished under his leadership. They were institutions which extended over a great part of the business map of America, and the story of their building is still another of those glamorous episodes of ingenuity and daring which have justified our American freedoms and made great the saga of our land.

To Cisco, Texas, in 1934, the name A. S. Hickok was merely a whisper among other names magnified by nearness. It was a name to be printed in small type down among the body of the list of those who probed the geologic mysteries of the earth for its wealth of oil and gas, or laid iron pipes among the rocks and the mes-

quites, or squeezed from the vaporous fuel the casinghead gasoline that helps to power the motors of civilization. To the oil fraternity the name was familiar, but to the average man upon the street the quick, crisp syllables might have caused some head-scratching. A few of them knew that he was interested in oil and gas development, that he was the head of the Hickok Producing & Development company and the Consolidated Gasoline company. But for most of those who knew, A. S. Hickok was just another operator of the oil fraternity. That was, until 1934.

Someone has said that gratitude has short memory. Perhaps as a general rule this is true; but it must be said with satisfaction and pride that Cisco has not forgotten what this name, A. S. Hickok, means. Mr. Average Man upon the street, who 12 years ago had scarcely heard of Mr. Hickok, knows him well enough today as the man who stepped forth in an hour of need and with a faith in this town—such as few townsmen themselves had—invested hundreds of thousands of dollars in projects which insure to the people, not only of Cisco but of surrounding communities, gas rates lower than the average. His aggressive action came at a time when efforts were being made to increase these rates to a much higher figure, a figure which would have cost the community thousands of dollars annually in charges for gas domestically consumed.

That event was the Average Ciscoan's first introduction to Mr. Hickok. It occurred at a period when conditions emphasized its importance to a great degree. The depression was on, property values had fallen to a low ebb and hundreds of Cisco homes had been foreclosed upon by the mortgage companies; men were struggling for jobs and businesses were going into bankruptcy. On top of that the city of Cisco was itself bankrupt, with a municipal debt ten times its capacity to pay. There were no funds in the treasury to finance a municipal company to insure reasonable gas prices; in a very tragic way the city was helpless.

Some may say that Mr. Hickok stepped into this breach because it was in the interest of his own business to do so. Quite true. That fact makes his action all the more notable. He not only acted with force and decision in an hour that was dark, when most business men were retrenching and running away, but he was willing to invest his own interests in the interests of Cisco. He could have piped his own residue gas out of the country, have contracted for its disposal to a distant consumer. However, the Ciscoan who had rarely heard of him before now learned that this quick, incisive, keen industrialist, who refused to quit and who used his brains and his figurative fists in a crisis, was no weakling, but a man of great financial resource, as well as a brilliant business strategist. He bet on Cisco to the extent of a fortune.

Who can say that this action of Mr. Hickok was not the thing which made the turning point in the city's fortunes? Who can say that it did not infuse a new spirit into the community, a new confidence, an assurance that no matter how gloomy or difficult the future may look, there is always a way to overcome adversity?

Certainly it is that Cisco today, with utility rates lower than the average in Texas cities and with payrolls increased by the investments of such men as A. S. Hickok, is over the hump. Its municipal debt has been cut to a tenth or less of what it originally owed, and its bonds are being paid as they mature. Certainly, his contribution to the well-being of this community was no small thing.

In addition to his service in making gas rates cheap to Cisco users, his financial means and his aggressive business adventuring has given Cisco, Texas, other institutions which contribute largely to the payrolls and prosperity of the community. These are the Consolidated Gasoline company, the Hickok Pipeline company, Cisco Gas Corporation, Hickok Producing & Development company and the oil partnership of Hickok & Reynolds.

Cisco feels a deep sense of loss in the death of Mr. Hickok. Cisco

"THAT LITTLE GAME" Inter-nat'l Cartoon Co., N.Y.—By B. Link



WORLD INDEPENDENCE.

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On July 4, 1776, a handful of men who believed not only that human beings were entitled to live in freedom under a government of their own choosing, but also that that government must be based upon a solid foundation of justice, presented to the world a Declaration of Independence in which they stated:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. . . . But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, evidence a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security."

During the intervening years their sons, and those of others who came here in search of the same freedom, have built a mighty country upon those principles;

and built it so well that today the whole world looks to it for strength and guidance. They have not looked in vain. Twice in this century its citizens have rallied with tremendous power to the defense of weak and oppressed nations far away.

And now, on this Independence Day of 1945, a new declaration is being presented to the world which pledges that all peoples on the earth will one day enjoy the "Life, Liberty and pursuit of Happiness" of our ancestors.

A successful United Nations,

like our own United States, will take much work and infinite patience to achieve, but it will, it must, be worth the cost.



REPAIRING THEIR DAMAGE—Under guard of British sentry German prisoners of war prepare roads and sewers for permanent houses on Cherry Orchard Estate, Blackheath, England. They are first to be assigned to rebuild own devastation.

GILDA GAY



HUCKLEBERRY FINN



DOUBLE REWARD—After receiving Silver Star from General MacArthur, Pfc. William McDonald of Mt. Carmel, Ill., is further rewarded with refreshing portion of cold watermelon. Yank is stationed in Silay Los Negros Islands.

WPB SAYS You Can Now Build Up to \$1,000 on Residence Without Permit. Of course materials are still scarce and hard to get. We are getting in Merchandise daily, so start plannign now for that extra Bathroom, Sleeping Porch, Rear Porch, New Fence, Bedroom, etc Plumbing, Paints, Electrical Supplies and Fixtures all on Easy Terms! KEEP YOUR HOME IN GOOD REPAIR! Use our ABC BUDGET PAYMENT PLAN Nothing Down—Twelve Months to Pay We will Pay the Labor. CISCO LUMBER & SUPPLY CO. A Servess Store.

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BRIEFLY TOLD

Mrs. Aaron Brown of Scranton was shopping in Cisco today.

Mrs. J. B. Mashburn spent the weekend with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Erwin of the Sabanno community. She reports that her mother is still confined to her bed with a heart ailment, but is not considered to be in a worse condition than she has been.

Mrs. W. A. Turner, who has an apartment in the home of Mrs. J. B. Mashburn has gone to San Antonio to meet her husband, Staff Sgt. W. A. Turner, who has recently returned from overseas. She was accompanied to San Antonio by his mother Mrs. A. A. Turner.

Mrs. Roy Canfield is home from Truscott where she has been visiting Mr. Canfield, Humble Company employe.

Miss Myra Jean Tompkins arrived the latter part of the week from Fort Worth to spend her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Tompkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy C. Frost of Dallas spent the weekend here with Mrs. Frost's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Spencer.

Miss Rose Elliott, student of Draughn's Business college at Abilene is spending the week with her mother, Mrs. R. E. Corder in her home south of town.

Mrs. Norene McCharen, saleslady for Drumwright's, now on vacation, and son Bobby Edd, accompanied by her mother Mrs. E. Ford, left today for visits with relatives in Abilene and Sweetwater.

Wylene Bint, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Bint of Odessa, is visiting her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. A. Bint and other Cisco relatives.

Pvt. Homer Tompkins of Camp Hood returned to his post Sunday after a short visit with Mrs. Tompkins in the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Tompkins.

Mrs. Austin Flint and daughter Jane Flint were expected to return today from Brownwood where they have spent the past two weeks. Mrs. Flint was one of the supervisors at a girls camp and Miss Jane was among the girls attending.

Mrs. C. Dean Cogswell and son George of Cleon are guests here of her parents Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Langston.

Miss Ora Howell was an Abilene visitor Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Little, former Ciscoans now living at Midland, are visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Erwin, at Sabanno, called there by the illness of her mother.

Word Home Demonstration club will meet Thursday at 2:30 in the home of Mrs. Frank Ziehr in the Lutheran community. Members are requested to bring their favorite apron patterns. Miss Myra Tankersley, home demonstration agent, will attend and will present Mr. Cooper, county agent, who will bring a lesson on poultry raising. Plans will be completed for an ice cream supper to be held Friday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Witten.

Miss Rozelle Winston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Winston of Whitney, returned home Monday after visiting here the past two weeks with her grandmother, Mrs. George Winston.

Mrs. C. B. Roberts of Abilene is in Cisco for the present and is located in the home of Mrs. George Winston, 902 west Twelfth. Mrs. Roberts enjoyed a visit from her nephew, Pfc. Van H. McSpadden of Camp Swift over the week end.

Mrs. W. C. Shelton is in receipt of word from her son, Corp. Crawford C. Shelton, who is in San Antonio awaiting his honorable discharge from the military police force. Corporal Shelton has spent more than two years overseas.

Mrs. W. L. Green and son Bobby of Clyde, accompanied by her daughter Miss Virginia Green, high school teacher at Jacksonville, visited friends in Cisco today.

H. A. McCanlies of Breckenridge visited his mother Mrs. M. H. McCanlies Saturday night and Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Degge of Plainview have returned home after a visit here with her brother and wife Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Qualls.

A. A. Hutton returned Monday from a business trip to Alabama where he has oil interests.

Miss Virginia Wales of Florence, Tex., a weekend guest here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Qualls, returned home today.

Mrs. D. V. Hambright has returned to the home of her sister and husband Dr. and Mrs. W. P. Lee after spending the past four weeks at her home in Roby.

Mrs. A. R. Day has returned from Dallas where she visited her children the past two weeks.

Mrs. Mattie Dennis, accompanied by her daughter Mrs. Horace Head and two sons, returned from Brownwood Sunday where they had been visiting in the home of her son and wife Rev. and Mrs. Russell Dennis.

Mrs. Smith Huestis and daughter Jane Huestis came in today from Athens where they had been visiting her sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Lee Lamb. They were accompanied on the trip by her sister Mrs. H. B. Fullerton of Abilene.

Mrs. W. R. Williams of Jacksboro arrived Sunday for a visit here with her sisters Mrs. J. M. Wilson and Mrs. Coe McLeroy.

Miss Bonnie Jean Wilson, who is taking a summer course in voice at Hardin-Simmons University, spent the weekend here in the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wilson.

Mrs. John O'Brian arrived Monday from Oklahoma City for a visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Buck Myrick and other relatives in Cisco.

Mrs. G. Pollard, accompanied by her daughter Mrs. Ben R. Townley and son Dickey of Gorman, left today for Holiday, Tex., where they will spend the next two weeks with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McCanlies had as guests here Sunday her son Edgar C. Garner and family of Sweetwater. Mrs. R. M. Jones, who is here from California visiting them, spent the weekend with relatives in Dallas.

SHREVEPORT HOSPITAL. SHREVEPORT, La., July 3. —Officials of the local post American Legion were notified today by congressmen that Shreveport had been definitely selected as a site for a -2,500,000 Army general hospital. The order for the hospital, the telegram stated, had been signed by President Truman, and final action by the Veterans administration was expected shortly.

JUST HUMANS By GENE CARR



"Whatcha Tellin' Him They Ain't No Santy Claus Fer!"

MANY SHOES FOUND. PORT ARTHUR, July 3. —Police were mystified today by the discovery of several hundred pairs of women's and girl's shoes in a vacant lot near the city limits. The shoes, mostly genuine leather requiring stamps, were of gay colors, suedes, gray and tan leathers, with high and low heels, sandals and open toe patterns and play shoes.

BYRNES SWORN IN. WASHINGTON, July 3. —James F. Byrnes was sworn in as secretary of state today. President Truman and the highest officials of the government looked on as the oath was administered to the man who would succeed to the presidency, under present statutes, should Mr. Truman be unable to complete his term.

TOPS FOR QUALITY

Pepsi-Cola Company, Long Island City, N. Y.

PEPSI-COLA BOTTLING CO., Brownwood, Texas



PRINCE AND COMMONER WILL WED—Prince Carl Johan of Sweden, fourth son of Crown Prince Gustav Adolf, is shown with fiancee, Kerstin Wijmark of Stockholm. She is former editor-in-chief of one of Sweden's largest weekly newspapers. Despite protests of royal family, they will proceed with plans.

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AFTER THE BATTLE—When the bloody battle of Okinawa ended, many natives were still too frightened to come out of hiding. Here Lt. Milton B. Soren takes charge of three children he found hiding in cave near Shuri. The Yank of 77th Infantry Division carries one child and leads two others.

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Swimming a race or running a business is pretty easy when you don't have to pull your own weight!

Take government-owned electric power-systems, for example. They pay little or no taxes. When they need money, they can call on the U. S. Treasury and get it at little or no interest. If they have losses, why worry? You, as a taxpayer, will take care of that.

Business-managed power-systems do not have these special privileges. They pay their full share of taxes, pay fair interest on any loans, pull their own weight.

Fortunately for you and your tax bill, over 80% of all the electric power in this country is produced by tax-paying, self-supporting electric companies owned and operated by millions of Americans.

• Listen to "THE SUMMER ELECTRIC HOUR" with Robert Armbruster's Orchestra and guest stars. Every Sunday afternoon, 3:30, CWT, CBS Network.

And how well are these companies doing their job?

Electricity is still available at low pre-war prices. There is enough to meet even the gigantic demands of war. And there will be plenty to help give you greater comfort and convenience in the electric living of the post-war world.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO YOU?

Government ownership of any business is a threat to every American in business.

Whether you run a shop, garage or factory, government ownership means you have a rival across the street who enjoys special privileges at your expense.

He has little or no rent to pay, can borrow money at little or no interest, can keep on operating at a loss—and YOU are called upon to help make up that loss!

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