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## SUBSCRIBERS NEWS AND VIEWS

Cold weather or hot, we still get subscriptions. Since our last report, two weeks ago, several good friends have brought or sent their money in for new and renewal subscriptions.

F. N. Ross, Route 1, Hico, was in several days ago to renew his subscription another year, and also asked us to send in a dollar to the Scurry County Times, of which a former editor of the News Review, J. C. Smyth, is editor.

Joe R. Rainwater, Hico Route 3, was in January 25th to renew for the paper. His time was not out until Feb. 1st, but he got "ahead of the bounds" and disposed of the matter while it was on his mind.

D. E. Allison, whose mail has been going to Dublin for the past few months, has ordered his address changed back to Route 3, Hico.

W. R. Hall came in Friday of last week, having missed his paper, and gave us a dollar to renew his time a year. Luckily the editor was out, for Mr. Hall had recently questioned him about the status of his subscription and at the same time cautioned him not to stop the paper. But good natured as he is, he did not take offense, and after getting the business straightened out, went on his way rejoicing.

S. P. Battershell and E. M. Hoover, Fairly, have recently renewed through our special representative, W. E. Goyno, at Fairly.

N. A. Lambert, Route 2, Hico, shed one of his hard-earned dollars Monday of last week when he visited the office. But in return he will receive a copy of the home paper each week for the next 12 months, keeping his name among our regular subscribers.

A. L. Ford, another of our regular subscribers on the city list, keeps in good standing by visiting us promptly about the time his subscription expires. Last Tuesday he came in with a crisp dollar bill and ordered us to mark his time up another year.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Allison at Fairly will get the paper for the next six months, since his daughter sent it to them recently.

O. G. Pingleton, Route 1, has renewed his paper for another year through Miss Jonnie Hutchinson at the news stand.

Mrs. S. I. Stephens, Knox City, Texas, who says that getting the News Review is "just like receiving a letter from home" renewed her subscription recently through Miss Jonnie Hutchinson at the news stand. She was anxious not to miss a copy.

Byron Davies, Route 7, was in Wednesday of last week and said he would take the News Review for three more months and by that time would try to renew again. He stated that they surely liked the home paper, and didn't want to be without it.

T. S. Simpson, Iredell, will receive the paper each week for the next 12 months since his son, H. A. Simpson, visited the office on February 1 and ordered his renewal.

Clyde W. Pittman, who is employed at the Corner Drug Store, handed us a dollar Wednesday and said we had better put him on our mailing list for a year.

Tom Griffin, Route 2, Hico, was in the first of the month to renew his subscription to the News Review, and also to the Waco Times-Herald.

R. F. Duckworth has been credited with another year's time since Miss Irene Franks came in and gave us a dollar last Friday. Another case where somebody made a mistake, for they had missed a copy last week, after having cautioned us to keep the paper coming. We'll leave the blame, but hope that we don't make such a mistake again.

J. W. Burden, Route 2, renewed last Friday at the news stand for another year.

Mrs. Mary Squires, Iredell, sent a dollar in Saturday for her daughter to renew for another year, and said she didn't want her time to expire.

R. L. Duckworth, Iredell Route 2, came in Saturday to renew for another year, and retain his record as a regular reader.

J. A. Norrod, Route 5, was in town last Saturday afternoon and came in to renew for the News Review and the Dallas Semi-Weekly Farm News. Mr. Norrod has not been in the best of health recently, but his physician before going by and said he intended to return home. We hope he will get straightened out in health all right and feel as good as he looks, which would be pretty healthy.

Geo. Holliday Jr. and his sister, who are attending John Tarleton College at Stephenville, have asked for news from the old home town, and their dad has arranged for them to receive the paper each week until school is out.

H. G. Shields, Route 3, Hico, a regular caller at the News Review office about this time each year, had to make a second call Saturday to catch the editor in How-

### M. E. CURRY, BROTHER OF DR. J. D. CURRY, DIED AT STEPHENVILLE LAST WEEK

Dr. J. D. Currie was called to Stephenville last Thursday in response to a message that his brother was dead. Funeral services were held that afternoon. The following account appeared in last week's Stephenville Empire-Tribune:

School children, on their way to Central Ward School at 7:30 Thursday morning, discovered the dead body of M. E. Curry in his machine shop on College Street. Apparently, death resulted from heart trouble, an ailment Mr. Curry had been suffering with for some months. He was 73 years of age and had been making his home in Stephenville for more than 15 years. He came here from Glass, a village in Somervell county.

Besides his wife, Mr. Curry is survived by three children. They are Eugene and Dennis Curry, Alpine, and Miss Beatrice Curry, a teacher in the public schools at Tolar. All were notified of their father's death and came here at once. Mrs. Curry was with friends at the family residence on West McNeil Street, many coming to her aid soon after news of the death was announced. Dr. Currie, brother and prominent physician at Hico, came here to be with the family soon after receiving notice of his brother's death.

Mr. Curry was a unique character, but a citizen who claimed a large number of friends. His disposition was quiet and unassuming yet he was a man of jovial nature and cordial greetings at all times. Undoubtedly, he was held in the highest esteem and respect by all the people of this territory, with many of them his close, intimate friends. Not a man of means, but a humble blacksmith who gave strict attention to his individual affairs, still known and recognized as a successful man.

GUM BRANCH P.-T. A. NEWS  
The Gum Branch Parent Teachers Association met on Friday night, Feb. 3, for their regular meeting. The house was called to order by the chairman. The State President's message was read by the Secretary, Mrs. Dan Haile. The National President's message was read by the chairman, Mrs. Bern Bertelson.

We enjoyed the music by Bern Bertelson, violin, and Mrs. Eula Carroll, piano.

The opening song, "My Old Kentucky Home," was sung by the audience.

The following readings were highly enjoyed: "Nell and her Bird," by Juanita Simpson; "Just Like a Man," by Mildred Edwards and "Spreading the News," by Ruth James.

The short plays, "Three O'clock in the Morning," by Woodrow Garner and Ray Haile; "The Census Taker," by Evadne Garner and A. E. James Jr.; under the direction of Orval Nix. These were extra good, well rendered and created much laughter.

A violin solo, "Pop goes the Weasel," was given by Lotta Hansen. We enjoyed this very much. He is quite an artist to be so young and we hope he may be on the program again soon.

We were especially glad to have with us the Clodhopper Band of Hamilton. This included Milton Harelik, French Harp; Clyde Conner, guitar; and Budd Smith, guitar. This was a real treat and everyone enjoyed it to the fullest extent. We shall be very glad to have them come back at any time possible.

We were glad to have the Pleas and Valley class sing three numbers which were: "There is a Fountain Filled with Blood," by Mrs. J. W. Garner, soprano; Miss Alma Garner, alto; Hayes Garner, tenor; and Mr. Young bass. "My Mother," and "Life's Evening Sun," were sung by Mrs. J. W. Garner, soprano; Miss Alma Garner, alto; Hayes Garner, tenor; and Vesta Conner, bass. They are fine singers and we enjoyed it very much and are anxiously awaiting another visit.

A very good talk on "Founder's Day," was made by our chairman, Mrs. Bern Bertelson, after which we observed the candle lighting ceremony.

The business session was called and the minutes for the last meeting were read by the secretary. They were approved as corrected. Report from the Mothers' Club was given by Mrs. Jepp Berkley.

A motion and second was made to accept the work and discharge the piano committee. We are very proud of our new piano and extend our thanks to the committee were: Bern Bertelson, Sam Burdette and Marvin Stephens.

We were proud to have as visitors Mr. and Mrs. Jess Garner and family, Miss Patty Logan, Misses Glenn and Clarice Lawson, Lewis Nix and Carlos Sneed of Hamilton, Mrs. Lena Nash and daughter, Juanice of Eden, Miss Lucille Anderson, Buck Anderson, Johnnie Tilling, Mrs. J. W. Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Vesta Conner and children. There were others whose names we failed to get. We invite all to come again.

By motion and second, we adjourned until Friday night, March 3rd.—Reporter.

The condition of Cone Johnson, veteran member of the state highway commission, who has been seriously ill at his home in Tyler, became slightly worse Wednesday.

## Keeping Up With TEXAS

Love's Lookout, scenic spot a few miles north of Jacksonville, and already designated a State park, will be developed in the near future. An effort will be made to get work started on the project before the East Texas Chamber of Commerce convention there April 23, 24 and 25. Tentative plans call for driveways, playground, picnic grounds, a lake and rustic features, as benches and the like.

Seven-year-old Cleveland Ruff's attempt to defend his younger sister when two boys threw rocks at her as she was skating Sunday at Dallas resulted in his being stabbed and seriously injured by a 3-year-old boy. The sharp blade of a pocket knife entered behind young Ruff's left ear, causing a deep wound which physicians considered dangerous.

A bus load of hungry passengers enroute to Austin from Houston Monday night stood by and saw a truck load of 125 cases of eggs scrambled to a "well done" nicety. The truck transporting the eggs caught fire at a point between McDade and Giddings.

Steady work to 36 additional train and engine employees, an additional expenditure of \$25,000 a month and stimulation of business in general are among the results of the inauguration of new overnight freight service by the Katy from Houston to San Antonio, Fort Worth and Dallas. Six new trains are being operated nightly by the Katy between the points named.

Five persons, including two men with prison records and three young women, were held in jail in Hillsboro Tuesday charged with robbery of the Covington (Texas) State Bank. A laundry mark found on clothing left in the automobile abandoned by the bank bandits after they had fled with \$4,100 last Jan. 26 led to their capture in Dallas Monday night.

Texas mohair commands the highest premium in American textile mills. It represents something like 80 per cent of the total production of the United States, Texas having 3,570,000 Angora goats out of the 4,278,000 in the entire country. All Texas mohair has to be shipped out of the State, since there is not even one mohair textile mill within its boundaries.

Two Texans died Wednesday as the season's worst polar storm tightened its grip on the icebound Southwest, sending the mercury to within 2 degrees of zero in Dallas and to subzero readings in many sections of the State. Freezing temperatures extended to the Gulf Coast, causing heavy damage to fruit, truck and other crops. Frank Hackey, 18, son of Mrs. Monnie Hackey, 1307 Hendricks, Trinity Heights, Dallas, was found dead shortly after noon Wednesday under a street car trestle. An arm and leg were broken and apparently he had frozen to death while unable to move after falling from the trestle. Dr. W. H. Woods, 62, Kerrville physician, was found dead near his automobile after he had made a night call. Death was caused by exposure, a coroner said.

A pencil stub lodged in one of his lungs, Cleburne Carroll, 4, Kirklind hospital, was dead Wednesday. The child was carried to a Dallas hospital from his home in west Texas and efforts were made to remove the obstruction with a bronchoscope, but to no avail.

Authors of a bill in the Texas house of representatives to legalize 3.2 per cent beer asked Wednesday that committee action on their proposal be postponed. They stated they did not intend to push their bill until after congress had acted on the beer question.

The Texas senate Wednesday passed a bill to reduce salaries of state rangers approximately 25 per cent. The bill was introduced by Senator T. J. Holbrook of Galveston. Under the Holbrook bill rangers' captains would be paid \$170 a month, sergeants \$130, and privates \$112.

A 17-day-old baby, William Oliver Priola of Amarillo, who Tuesday registered a temperature of 110 degrees, apparently will recover, physicians said Wednesday. Physicians said it was the first case under their observation where the patient registered a temperature above 107 degrees and lived. The fever was caused by an intestinal disorder.

In 1910 Texas was producing 8,899,000 barrels of petroleum and ranked second among the States of the South. In 1931 Texas produced 331,544,000 barrels and led not only the South but the Nation, being more than one-third of the total production of the United States as compared with one-twenty-third in 1910.

### HIGHWAY EMPLOYEES IN BOSQUE AND HAMILTON COUNTIES ARE SHIFTED

There was a shift among some of the State Highway employees in Bosque County this week. J. L. Brown of Meridian, county section foreman, was transferred to Hamilton county as construction foreman. S. A. Goodall of Meridian succeeded Mr. Brown as county section foreman. Mr. Goodall having formerly held that position also. Fred Hill, construction foreman, was transferred to Waco and was succeeded by Mr. Brewer, the former section foreman at Hamilton.

On account of bad weather, work on Highway 22 in Bosque county has been delayed; however the grading is about finished, the bridge across East Mustang has been completed under the direction of Otto Jones, foreman bridge construction, work is progressing on bridge across Meridian Creek, and graders are pulling down the grade on the mountains. A bridge is to be constructed across Bee Creek and approaches to the bridge filled in, when the main work of construction on that part of the highway will be finished.

When this work is finished, we understand work will begin on the highway from the Brazos River bridge near Whitney to Meridian. Reports are that plans are going ahead for the construction of Highway 22 from Corsicana to Hillsboro and on to Whitney to connect up with the highway across Bosque county.

A surveying crew with headquarters at Meridian, is working on Highway 67 between here and Hico.

### COLDEST SPELL OF THE WINTER BRINGS ANOTHER GAS SHORTAGE IN HICO

Local subscribers are no doubt aware of the cold spell which arrived over this section about midnight Monday, but for the benefit of our out-of-the-State customers we will here record that it was some blizzard.

The temperature dropped to a new low level for this section, according to Weather Observer Jno. A. Eakins, who reported that the mercury went down to two degrees below zero Tuesday night. The freeze was accompanied by snow which covered the ground completely, and which has remained since, beginning to thaw Thursday.

Mr. Eakins says that the temperature has not been so low for over twenty years, and there is some anxiety over possible damage to fruit and other crops.

In Hico the suffering and inconvenience were intensified by a shortage in the gas supply, which seems to have become chronic, and not at all unexpected during a cold spell. However local citizens are apparently suffering in silence, and making some sort of arrangements for the heating of their homes and the cooking of their meals in the absence of a satisfactory supply of gas.

Company officials believe they will have an ample supply of gas to take care of the demand next summer, according to Mayor Lawrence N. Lane, who also states that he has been promised that arrangements will be made for a satisfactory supply next winter.

### TWO SMALL FIRES THIS WEEK CAUSED BY BAD FLUES; DAMAGE IS SMALL

Shortly after noon Tuesday the fireboys were called to the residence of J. W. Richbourg, just west of the business section, where a flue in the front room had caused a small conflagration. The blaze was quickly extinguished, with most of the loss being confined to water damage.

About 4:00 o'clock Wednesday afternoon an alarm came from the home of Ed Bradford, northwest of the business section, where another fire had been caused in some way from a defective flue. This blaze was likewise promptly extinguished and Fire Chief M. A. Smith reported slight damage to the property.

### METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, Feb. 12, 1933.  
9:45 a. m. Church School, Lusk Randalls, Supt.

11 a. m. Morning Worship, "Playing Fair."

8:30 p. m. Intermediate League, Topic: "Big Little Things," led by Hobart Joiner. Senior League topic, "Taking Orders," led by Charlyne Malone.

7:15 p. m. (Note change in time). Evening Worship, Preaching by Dr. Roy Langston, Presiding Elder, followed by First Quarterly Conference. All are invited. Every official expected.

Monday, Feb. 13—2 p. m. the W. M. S. at the church.  
4 p. m. Boys' and Girls' Friendship Club, led by Mrs. J. B. Carmean.

Wednesday, Feb. 15—Enjoying the Bible, "Studies in Exodus." W. P. CUNNINGHAM, Pastor.

World Club Will Meet Monday.  
The Boys' and Girls' World Club will meet Monday at 4 o'clock. Children, twelve years of age and under are cordially invited to meet with this group.

## NEWS FROM IREDELL COMMUNITY

By MISS STELLA JONES

Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Laswell spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Cavett of Alexander.

Mr. and Mrs. John Miller spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clem McAden.

Miss Griffin spent the week end in Valley Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. Belcher of Morgan spent the week end with her father, Rev. McCauley and children.

Mr. Beasley of Morgan was here Sunday.

Jewell McDonel spent Sunday with Maxie Ruth Dawson east of town.

Mrs. Weldon Hart spent the week end in Walnut.

Mrs. T. O. Gregory and baby, Mildred, spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Stegall of Hico.

Mrs. Hayden Miller spent the week end in Meridian.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rainwater of Hico spent Friday with his daughter, Mrs. Herbert Gregory.

Miss Annie Belle Tidwell who teaches at Cove Springs spent the week end at home.

Mrs. Bue Smith and daughter, Florence, Mrs. Bern Sawyer and Mrs. Hugh Harris spent Thursday with Mrs. Estel Whitley of Spring Creek Gap community.

Miss Ada Heirhart and H. T. spent the week end in Stephenville with her sister, Mrs. Emma Hubbard.

Miss Wilda Blue spent this last week with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Clancy Blue of Fairly.

Miss Jos. Heyrath spent the week end with Miss Aileen Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Washam and son, Arville, spent Friday evening with their daughter, Mrs. Frankie Dawson, were on their way to Austin to attend a funeral of Mr. Washam's brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sadler and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Sadler were in Dallas Thursday.

B. N. Strong and J. D. Tidwell made a business trip to Hamlin and Sweetwater this week and report a fine time.

Mr. and Mrs. Deering attended church services at Hog Jaw on Sunday.

Mrs. Dick Berns and children and her mother-in-law, Mrs. Berns and children visited relatives in Eulogy Sunday.

Miss Florence Squires visited in Hico and Walnut this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hodge of Stephenville spent Thursday evening with her sister, Mrs. P. T. Laswell.

Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Hurt and children have moved to the Pylant residence.

Mrs. Hattie Sowder and baby left Monday for Waco where they will visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Rhoads and children have moved to town and are living in the Turner home vacated by Rev. and Mrs. Lester.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Dunlap and children spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Obie Dunlap of near Meridian.

Mrs. Farmer returned Wednesday from a visit to relatives in Stephenville and Hico. Her daughter, Mrs. Strong, went to Hico after her.

Mr. and Mrs. Obie Dunlap and baby of near Meridian spent Wednesday evening with his sister, Mrs. Edmond Thompson.

W. R. Newsum and son, Billy Royce, of Big Springs, visited relatives here this week.

Mrs. Echols, Mrs. Sallie French and Miss Vella McMillen were in Walnut this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Lott of Dallas visited here Sunday.

Ray Bowers of Thurber spent the week end with his friend, Miss Mildred Grimes. He was accompanied by a young lady and her gentleman friend.

Mrs. Ethel Wortman and Mr. Jordan of Fort Worth spent Sunday here with her aunt, Mrs. Alice French.

Mrs. Clara Richard and son of Meridian spent Sunday here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. French.

Rev. McCauley preached here Sunday morning and evening and both sermons were certainly fine with large crowds at both services. It is the first time he had preached for a month on account of the illness of his son. The Sunday school is building up in interest and attendance. The Woman's Missionary Society is also building up with Mrs. Bascom Mitchell president. Everyone invited to come. The ladies meet every Monday.

Some work has been done on the new cemetery east of town. The fencing has been ordered and will be put up soon.

Several from here went to Clifton on Friday and Saturday to the basket ball tournament.

On Saturday evening, Feb. 4, a few friends met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Herring and gave Miss Odessa a surprise party. It being her 16th birthday. Those present were, the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Herring and children, Misses Ida and Cleo Duncan, Mrs. Arthur Phillips and daughter, Mrs. Jesse Bell and sons, Clifford, Carl, Albert and Pratt, George Phillips of Fort Worth, Miss Willie May and J. O. Spear, Mr. Hawkins and niece, Miss Evelyn Koonsman and Miss Bobbie Sanders.

The Woman's Missionary Society had an interesting meeting Monday afternoon. A nice program was enjoyed with thirteen present. A social for the members and those that want to be will be at Mrs. J. L. Davis' home Monday, Feb. 13 at 2:30.

### Carlton

By LOLA REDDEN

Miss Lillian Bender and Mrs. George McAllister of Watsonville, California, visited last week in the home of Miss Benders' aunt, Mrs. Lee Reeves.

Haggard Lackey arrived last Thursday from Las Cruces, New Mexico, where he has been working for the past two years. He will now make his home here.

Mrs. A. J. Quinn and Miss Ruby Quinn were Dublin visitors last Thursday afternoon.

Hobby Thompson left last Thursday for Abilene to attend the funeral of his sister's baby.

J. W. Waldrop and B. D. Caudle made a business trip to Stephenville Monday.

Grandma Adams is on the sick list this week.

Meadames C. W. Walton and Leo Rendessey, Henry Carter of Hamilton and Mrs. Roy Cowan of Itasca were Carlton visitors Wednesday afternoon.

Misses Waldine Sowell and Helen Byrd were Hamilton visitors Tuesday morning.

O. B. Smith of Fort Worth spent last week end here visiting with friends and relatives. Mrs. Smith who has been visiting here for several days, returned home with him.

Tom Rance of Waco was a business visitor in Carlton last week.

Miss Podes of Breckenridge was a visitor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Reeves last week.

The Y. W. A. of the First Baptist Church met with Miss Cleo Wright on last Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. After the devotional conducted by president, Miss Lila McKenzie, an interesting program was rendered. The topic for discussion was "The Printed Page." There were ten members present, also had as a visitor Miss Ruby Quinn of Morgans Mill. The meeting next Tuesday will be with Miss Waldine Sowell.

Miss Annetta Moore and Donald Caudle were quietly married Wednesday, February 1, at 5 p. m. at the Methodist parsonage with Rev. W. A. Flynn pronouncing the holy words. Miss Nadine Pittman accompanied the young couple to the parsonage and witnessed the

ceremony. The bride is the lovely and winsome daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Moore who reside west of Carlton. Her charm and manner and winning ways make all who know her, love her. She graduated from the Carlton High school last year. She made many friends here and elsewhere that wish for her the utmost joy and happiness during married life. The groom is an energetic young farmer and cattleman of this community. He graduated from Carlton high school in 1928. He has lived here all his life and has many friends here, who wish for him the greatest of happiness in the years to come. The newlyweds left immediately for Brownwood for a short honeymoon.

A show was given last Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the home of Mrs. L. A. Anderson for Miss Annetta Moore, bride-elect. Many beautiful and useful gifts were presented to the honoree. Mrs. Homer Miller, sister of the bride, gave a life history of Miss Moore, after which Miss Francis Turner gave a very appropriate reading. Then an hour was spent in playing games and congratulating the bride-elect. Refreshments of coffee and cake were served to 36 ladies.

A big blizzard, accompanied by sleet and snow, hit here early Tuesday morning and by daylight the water pipes were frozen.

Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Haines and family spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Adkison. They were on their way to their home in Mincola from West Texas.

Several children and some adults of this community have the whooping cough.

Mr. Bob Lewis, daughter Marguerite and some of the other children are very ill at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Griffin and sons of Greysville spent awhile at the Jim Adkison home Saturday night.

Mrs. Lee Jenkins of Hico spending the week with her mother, Mrs. Watts.

Mr. Cook, the county agent on the Ross farm Monday.

### Millerville

By ONETA GISEECKE

We have the worst blizzard of the season which came up about one o'clock Tuesday morning. By sunrise everything was frozen. The past three weeks of beautiful weather were knocked into a cocked hat. Just what damage to the fruit crop has been done is hard to determine, as some early plants are blooming.

C. H. Miller made a business trip to Stephenville Monday on business; also on business concerning the church property.

C. G. Land and wife of Duffau visited her father, C. W. Giesecke and family Saturday night and Sunday.

Chas. B. Nichols, wife and two children of Stephenville, visited Mrs. Nichols' brother, Sammie McCollum here Saturday night and Sunday.

H. H. Miller made a trip to Dublin and Stephenville last Saturday on school business.

Mrs. White of Ellis County recently came in to keep house for her son, Jess White, on the Tom Burkett farm.

C. R. Howerton and family near Hico spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Abb Glover and family.

Jim D. Wright is improving his ranch by having a well drilled near the highway and otherwise improving.

Mrs. Ida Everett of Honey Grove spent two days with her sister, Mrs. L. B. Giesecke, who is confined to her bed with rheumatism.

Brother Bills of Stephenville will be with us next Sunday, the second Sunday. Come and worship with us.

### Flag Branch

By HAZEL COOPER

Several from this place attended the party at Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Landy's of Black Stump Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Moore spent Tuesday and Wednesday with relatives at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Graves visited G. W. Mings and family last Thursday.

Bud Williams has been visiting in Eldorado the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Dotson visited at this place Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hanchew and son Ernest visited Walter Hanchew Sunday.

Henry Bowman spent the week end with his sister, Mrs. Jim Goodin.

Several from here attended the basket ball tournament at Clifton Saturday.

# THE OTHER MAN

by RUBY M. AYRES  
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Twelfth installment.

Then he heard Barbara's voice, a little breathless and nervous. "It's Jerry—I made him come in. Give him a drink, will you, Dennis, while I go and make myself look beautiful."

Dennis turned quickly. Jerry Barnett was already in the room, and Barbara had escaped.

Jerry nodded stiffly. "How do! Didn't expect to find you here." His eyes were more unfriendly than his voice, and Dennis answered calmly. "We've just been to see my wife off at Paddington. Her mother is ill—she was sent for."

"I see."

There was an awkward silence, and Dennis knew that this man must have seen the tears and flushed distress of Barbara's face. "Have a drink?" he asked with an effort.

"No, thanks."

The silence fell once more and remained unbroken till Barbara returned. "Richard's himself again!" she said lightly. "I've been unbending my soul in a fit of tears," she informed Barnett. "Too many late nights and too much to drink, so Dennis has been telling me." She lighted a cigarette and pushed the box across to him. "Aren't you going to drink, Jerry?"

"No thanks."

She made a little grimace at his moody face. "Well, mix one for me, anyway," she said.

Dennis took up his coat. "I'll be off." He was hating Barnett with all his heart, and yet he knew that for Barbara's sake he must show nothing of what he felt.

"Go and see him out, will you, Jerry?" Barbara said coolly. She nodded to Dennis. "Good-bye—ring me up sometime."

When Barnett returned she was sitting calmly on a big humpy stool by the fire, smoking and turning the pages of a magazine.

"We'll have tea when Mellich comes in," she said without looking up. "Does your head ache, Jerry, that you won't drink? Mine does, like the very devil."

Barnett made no reply, but he shut the door behind him with a little slam and came forward.

"Have you seen this picture of Evelyn?" Barbara asked. "Not too good, I think—look!"

Barnett tore the magazine from her hand and flung it across the room.

"What's that fellow doing here?" he demanded.

For a moment Barbara sat motionless; then she looked up.

"My dear Jerry!"

"What's that fellow doing here?" Barnett demanded again. "I've suspected him all along. That night in the theatre—every time he's been in your company—"

Barbara rose to her feet.

relentless. He fell back from her, breathing hard.

"Do you—mean this?" he asked thickly.

"I never meant anything so much in all my life," Barbara answered.

"So I'm thrown over, am I? After all this time—after all I've done for you. Kicked out like an importunate tramp. Very well! I shall see. I'll make you pay for this—"

For a moment she thought he was going to strike her; then his arm fell to his side. "I'll make you pay—my God, I'll make you pay to the last farthing!" he shouted, and was gone.

Pauline stayed with her mother for a week.

She was not unhappy, but she was restless and preoccupied.

"It's as if someone is walking over my grave," she told her mother once, with a little excited laugh. "Do you believe in premonitions, Mumsie? I never used to, but just lately I've had the sort of feeling that something is going to happen, something—something I shan't like. It's not Dennis—he's written every other day, and he's quite well." She laughed. "Dennis writes such funny letters, Mumsie—you really would think he's shy of me!"

Pauline's mother smiled. She could not quite make up her mind about her daughter's marriage. Pauline seemed happy enough. "The first year of marriage is always a little difficult," her mother said gently, "and I think my little girl is managing very well from what I can hear." She nuzzled, then asked, "And what is Dennis doing in New York without you?"

"Oh, I think he's quite all right," Pauline said. "Dr. Stornaway is up there, you know, and that's nice for Dennis. And then there is Barbara, of course. I think he's seen her once or twice."

"Poor Barbara!" said Pauline's mother.

The girl looked up quickly.

"Why do you say that?" she asked. "Barbara's quite happy—at least I think she is. She's got a nice man she goes about with; his name is Jerry Barnett. He adores her, but I don't think she cares very much for him. But there is someone she loves. She told me so once. I wonder who it is," she added almost to herself.

"I don't think Barbara is a very faithful lover," Pauline's mother said, but this Pauline would not allow. "She is! I understand her. Once she really loves anyone nothing would ever change her. Of course she doesn't wear her heart on her sleeve."

She said something of the same sort to Peterkin when he arrived to dinner one night, having driven forty miles through the cold

Peterkin said suddenly, and Pauline felt her eyes ridiculously filling with tears as he answered. "Nothing. I was just wondering if Dennis is missing me as much as I miss him."

Peterkin winced; he had not yet got used to the fact that Pauline was married, and her love for O'Hara still hurt him.

"Of course he is!" he said loyally. "He'll be jolly glad to have you back."

And Pauline brightened instantly and flushed and dimpled and talked eagerly of her own little home. Then she broke off and flushed, and Peterkin kept his eyes on his plate. Pauline hurriedly changed the subject.

It came to her mind when she was undressing that night, and she sat down on the side of the bed and stared down at the carpet, lost in thought. Would Dennis be pleased if—if there was to be a baby? She had never heard him say he would like to have a son—of course it would be a son—a son with Dennis's eyes, and his way of laughing. Pauline's simple mind leaped ahead and was lost in a mist of rosy dreams.

Barbara could be godmother of course, and perhaps dear old Peterkin would be godfather, and if it was a boy they would call it Dennis Peterkin O'Hara.

And then she cried a little because the dream was so beautiful and because she felt she did not deserve to be so happy, and then she kissed Dennis's picture, which stood in its old place beside her bed, and then she knelt down and said her prayers.

Dennis always teased her about her prayers.

"Such a baby," he said, but she had a kind of feeling that all the same Dennis liked her to pray for him.

And she prayed for him now in simple faith, and love, and she prayed for Barbara, too, a little dreaming that at that very moment those two were for her sake fighting desperately against their passionate love for each other.

Pauline slipped into bed and fell asleep almost at once, only to awaken about two hours later with a fast beating heart and a feeling of fear. "Dennis!" She sat up in bed and spoke his name aloud in the silent room, stretched out her arms. For an instant she was almost sure he had been there close beside her, sure he had come to her in trouble, great trouble, begging something of her—something—

"Oh, what is it darling, darling!" Pauline whispered in an agony of dread.

Continued Next Week.



"Of course, Dennis is a darling," said Dennis's wife.

"If you're going to be a cad, Jerry, you'd better go," she said.

"Oh, yes, go! to make room for him, I suppose," he almost shouted. He caught her arm roughly, swinging her round to him. "Has he been making love to you?" he demanded.

"How dare you!"

He laughed. "Oh, I dare very well. I know you, Barbara—anything for a new conquest. And you his wife's friend, eh?"

Barbara's eyes blazed in her white face.

"Let go of my arm," she said in a very still voice. "And when you've done that you can walk out of my flat and never come back." There was a tragic silence broken only by Barnett's heavy breathing; then suddenly his anger fell from him and he began to plead.

"I'm sorry. I was mad. Forgiveness, I didn't mean it. I was jealous. You drive me mad, Barbara."

"You can go out of my flat and never come back," Barbara said again. "I've done with you."

"You know how much I love you, Barbara. I'll never happen for eyes were hard and

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The boys pulled off a good stunt on achievement day. Before the crowd gathered their local leaders a Mr. Henninger put an engine out of time. When the program started the leader called on a man in the community, who rated himself as an expert, to time the engine. When he finished it did not work properly and the club boys had to do it. They then demonstrated how to time an engine properly. This was good entertainment as well as a good demonstration for the boys.

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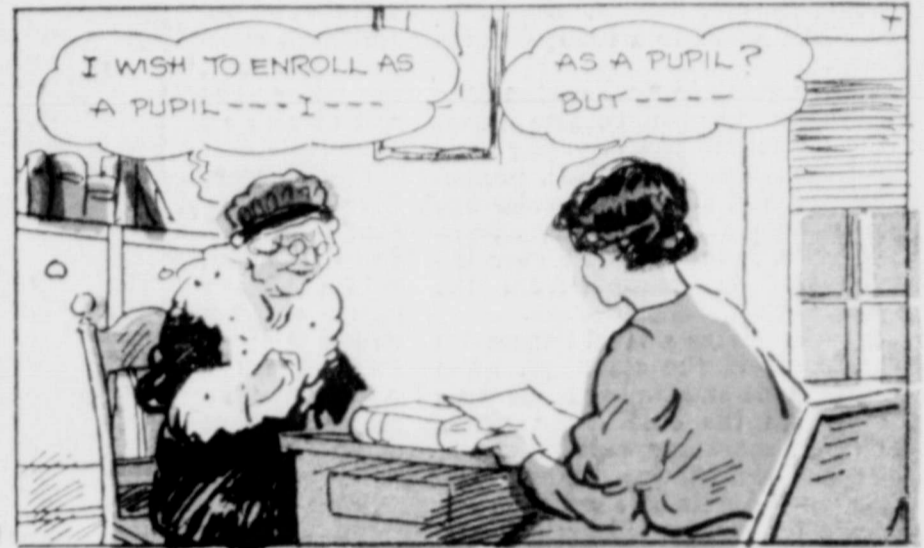
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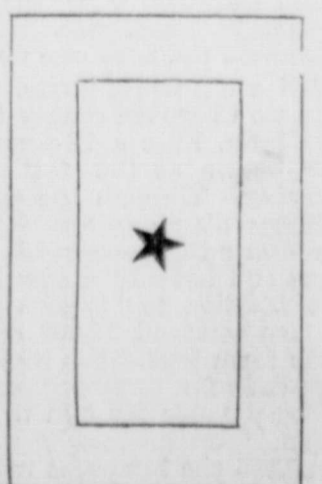
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# Story of an Old Texas Trail Driver

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**H. LAVELLE** of Tyler county, East Texas, immigrated to Texas from Kentucky in 1873. He was 10 years old, just a venturesome lad, when he left his Kentucky home for the Lone Star State. He is now 83 years old and, with the exception of a slight touch of rheumatism in one of his legs, is still able-bodied and mentally alert.

Young Lavelle's first job, after settling down at Corpus Christi, Texas, was with the King Ranch. He was ambitious to become a cowboy, but had to serve an apprenticeship as waterboy, cook's helper, etc., before the ranch boss would let him have a mount or let him stand guard to a herd of Texas longhorns.

Soon after going to work on the King Ranch, young Lavelle became adept with the lariat and the branding iron. His usefulness was recognized, promotion followed and at a very tender age Lavelle became a trail driver, accompanying great herds of cattle over the Chisholm trail to market from the King Ranch to Abilene, Kansas.

Mr. Lavelle retains a vivid impression of Texas back in the seventies, when the prairie lands and timber lands were virgin and all the creeks and rivers flowed clear, sparkling water.

While his own native State, Kentucky, is noted for its blue grass regions and scenic beauty, yet Lavelle says, in the early days, that no State in the Union could compare with Texas as to rugged beauty and rich coloring of land and sky. Native grasses were waist high and on the coastal plains were longhorn cattle and wild mustang horses in great numbers. Deer, antelope, buffalo and wild turkey abounded throughout the State.

**Last of the Buffalo**  
Herewith are Lavelle's own words regarding the buffalo:

"To one who has never seen them, it is impossible to imagine the grandeur of tens of thousands, even millions, of these great shaggy creatures moving across an open plain; they had an imitable rolling motion, the old bulls composing the front rows. Their far-flung ranks seemed to cover the whole face of the earth—an awe-inspiring, never-to-be-forgotten spectacle, and alas, one never to be witnessed again.

"There were literally thousands of buffalo hunters, with their camps of from two to ten men each, strung along the streams and at every water hole.

"The buffalo hunters were armed with 'big fifty' guns made for the purpose, and all were engaged in slaughtering the mighty creatures for their hides alone. Civilization has not witnessed the like of such wanton destruction by man at any other period of human history. I felt it at the time. A few brief years later I happened to be sit-

ting in a saloon in Midland, Texas, when George Cansey, credited with killing more buffaloes than any other man in Texas, remarked that he had a buffalo calf tied outside; that he had shot the mother a few miles out on the prairie and, so far as he knew, these were the last of the buffalo. At the conclusion

performed a service for civilization. Drawn out in a cordon across the uncharted frontier, they did more to check and finally end the murderous raids of the Indians among the early settlements than did all the soldiers that Uncle Sam ever sent into the field. Certainly, the buffalo hunters as well as the trail-

drivers, played a unique and important part in the taming of Texas."

It was in this wild country, "west of the law" that Lavelle literally stole his bride in good old Lochinvar fashion. He first met the girl he loved at a house party, but as her father was a "parson" and did not approve of those "rip-snortin', hell-bent" cowboys, the path of true love did not run smooth.

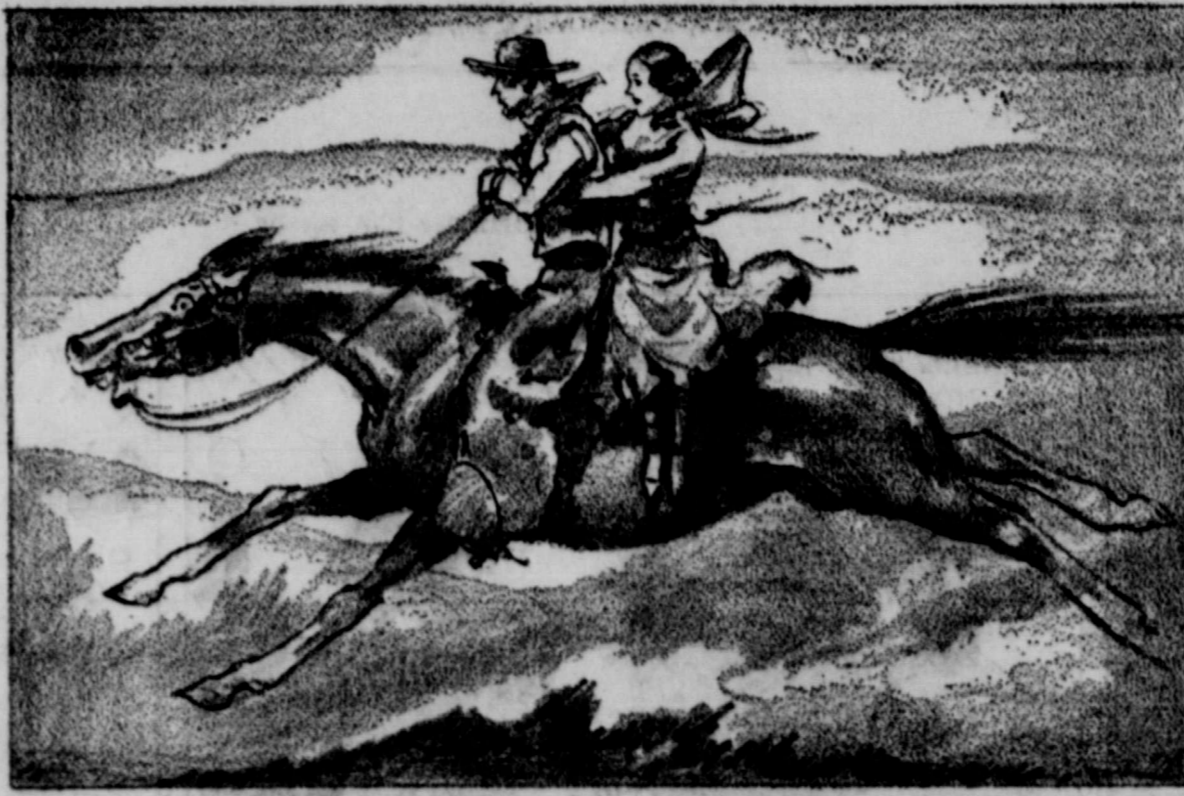
With the aid of friends, however, there were occasional meetings between the lovers and finally plans matured for an elopement. Love laughed, not at locksmiths, but at a long and dangerous trail across a wild and trackless prairie. The rendezvous was in the shadow of a huge liveoak tree one night in mid-July. Keeping a wary lookout

**Dared All for Love**  
Within a few minutes after drawing rein, the girl who dared all for love, glided silently through the shadows. Lavelle bent forward, the girl quickly placed her foot in his hand and was lifted lightly to the saddle behind him. The next moment they were racing across the plains toward the west.

At dawn they paused to rest and graze the tired mustang. "And not a cheep or whimper from my little sweetheart through it all," fondly recalls Lavelle; "I knew then that she was one of the old blue hen's chickens, and as true as steel."

They were married at a small border town late that afternoon, having ridden "double" horseback more than 150 miles.

For many years Mr. Lavelle followed trail driving and buffalo hunting. Sometimes he would join a posse and help chase Indians out of the country. These Indians would come down from Oklahoma, North and West Texas and raid settlements in South and East Texas. If the redskins were overtaken, there would follow a pitched battle, usually with casualties on both sides. Indians, according to Lavelle, would hardly stand and fight the whites unless they greatly outnumbered them.



"Stole his bride in good old Lochinvar fashion."

of his words a feeling of sadness and regret swept over me—the sting of a guilty conscience—that I had been part of this wasteful slaughter.

### A Service for Civilization

"Nevertheless, the buffalo hunters though rough, were brave, fearless and

# Protection Increases Game Supply

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**I**N 1884, with about 25,000 hunters, Texas wild game life was almost extinct, but today with about 500,000 sportsmen in the field there is shown a yearly increase of deer, turkey and other wild game.

Deer killed in Texas during 1831, on hunting preserves, shows a 25 per cent increase and turkey gobblers over 200 per cent increase. In 1831 there were 59 counties in Texas that reported to the Texas Game, Fish and Oyster Commission from hunting preserves, and these reports from these 59 counties show 5,184 bucks and 2,806 gobblers killed and many more killed which were not reported. While reports on the 1932 hunting season will not be completed for many months, rumors confirm a much larger kill this season than in 1931.

Certainly something has happened during the past 48 years to increase wild game life in Texas. A report of the Game Commission in 1884 reads in part:

"At one time in the early days, Texas furnished an abundance of fish and game. The streams abounded with the choicest varieties of the finny tribes and the prairies and most of timber with buffalo, deer, antelopes, etc., while the lakes and ponds here and there were covered with ducks, geese and other wild life. But now, all is changed and the sportsman is poorly rewarded for his long tramps over hill and prairie and the fisherman returns from the rivers with a feeling of disappointment and disgust."

### 17 Dead Bucks in One Truck

But just sit beside any main Texas highway during an open hunting season and watch the hunters going home with fenders and rumble seat loaded with deer and turkey. A few days ago a truck came by the writers home with 17 fine bucks, killed in Gillespie county by a bunch of Dallas hunters.

If, in the old days when game were decreasing, the hunter fared forth horesback and was forced to lead pack-horses to bring in his kill, limiting the trip often to his home county, what might be expected today with the automobile to quickly carry many hunters to any portion of the State, with 29 times as many hunters as fifty years ago? Now the individual's hunting ground extends from the Panhandle to the Rio Grande, from the Davis Mountains to Sabine river, and still we find game increasing in all sections of the State.

The answer lies in the establishment of game preserves, or game protected areas, where game are allowed to propagate and multiply unharmed, thus permitting an overflow of their offspring into unprotected areas; also the game warden's predatory animal control work has done much to protect and increase the game supply.

### Natural Habitat Lessened

With the encroachment of agriculture and ranching in Texas, the natural habitat of game has been lessened, hence the necessity of maintaining game preserves. Many sections unsuited for ranching or agriculture has been created into game preserves, and last year 2,958,581 acres of land was open to public hunting under lease.

Ducks, geese, doves, quail and rabbits are found throughout the State. Squirrels cover about half the State and deer and turkey may be found in over 60 counties.

From records filed with the game department at Austin the bulk of deer and turkey came from five Texas counties in 1831—Llano, Gillespie, Comal, Kerr and Mason. Llano county's report is incomplete but shows 209,879

acres under preserves with a kill of 425 deer and 28 gobblers. Gillespie had 208,314 acres under preserve where 698 deer and 644 gobblers were killed. Comal, 145,697 acres under preserve with 664 bucks and 5 turkey killed; Kerr, 292,738 acres under preserve with 624 deer and 738 gobblers killed, while Mason shows 173,796 acres under preserve, and 1,292 bucks and 455 turkey killed.

### Predatory Animal Control

The work of predatory animal control



The Bobcat, fierce in attack, and capable of doing much economic damage.

trol in Texas is carried on through the U. S. Biological Department aided by the Texas Game, Fish and Oyster Commission and the Texas farmer and ranchman. Many local clubs are organized by ranchmen, and especially sheep and goat men, to aid in the eradication of the wolf, coyote and other wild animals that stalk and kill sheep and goats.

During 1932 there were 40 trappers working in Texas in those sections where predatory animals were doing

the most damage. The reports of these trappers show that through their work 20,053 animals were captured, an increase of 8,495 over the previous year. This does not mean that these predatory animals are increasing but that the trappers moved to sections more thickly populated by these animals, having previously cleared the outside sections of these areas.

Animals captured and killed by trappers and their number are: Bobcats, 2,168; coyote, 16,970; mountain lion, 33; red wolf, 2; ocelot, 6; and fur bearers 110. Among the latter were leopard cats, Florida wolf, red and gray fox, opossum, racoon, badger, ringtail cats, skunk, mink, beaver, muskrats and others.

### Wild Animal Depredations

Stockmen reported during last season a loss in Texas by predatory animals: 67 calves, 671 goats, 1,409 chickens, 294 hogs and pigs, 872 sheep, 541 turkeys, 16 deer and 1 colt. It is estimated that there is an annual loss to stockmen and farmers of Texas by the depredation of wild animals of \$872,428.00.

It is interesting to note some of the kill that the trappers bring in and the methods they use in outwitting the wary animals. One large wolf near Ozona was extremely hard to catch and Henry Elledge used 100 traps on the J. W. Henderson ranch before he finally captured him. This wolf would dig holes under the fence when too high to leap over it.

Over 300,000 poison baits were placed in specific sections last year, these being placed more for coyotes than other animals. When the big lobo wolf and mountain lion ranged free the lowly coyote remained somewhat in the background and did not come under the

class of killers so much, but today, with the larger animals almost extinct, the coyote is bolder and preys upon young calves, sheep, goats, hogs and poultry.

In East Texas the trappers have gone to work to exterminate the Florida gray wolf, that now makes raids upon hogs and calves. These animals often attain a weight of 60 pounds and are wanton butchers, frequently killing out of sheer lust, after having satisfied their hunger.

### Mountain Lion Almost Extinct

The mountain lion is almost extinct and during the past few years the following counties report kills of these animals as follows: Willacy 4, Starr 1, Kleberg 2, Jims Wells 2, Duval 4, Webb 12, Dimitt 2, Hidalgo 1, Maverick 2, Valverde 2, Frio 10, LaSalle 10, McMullen 5, Live Oak 18, Brewster 8—a total of 83.

The predatory animal observes no closed season on game, but hunts throughout the year. Reports show that the red wolf is the leader now in killing livestock and poultry, while the coyote comes second, and has become the deer's most deadly enemy. Much of the damage on farms and ranches to livestock and fowl is never reported; the actual damage done can only be estimated. Likewise but few instances of killing of wild game and wild birds are ever actually discovered by game warden and trapper. It is estimated that predatory animals destroy 50 per cent of all wild game life today.

So if these animals are destroyed and eliminated and the game given an even break to increase, as they are now through being aided by hunter, trapper, farmer, ranchman, including practically every lover of the rod and gun in Texas, it is certain that the supply of wild game will be on the increase and that the sportsman can always feel he has a real chance to fill his hunting bag to the limit each open season.

# The Father of Land Terracing in Texas

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**I**N a big white house, near the little Cherokee county town of Galatin, lives a 78-year-old farmer, known as the father of Texas terracing. Through the example of T. G. Simpson's pioneer work in this field of conservation, thousands of acres of Texas soil have been saved.

In addition to his own farm, Simpson has terraced 30,000 acres of East Texas farm land. His books now show more calls for terracing service than it will be possible for him to answer this season.

In 1885 the Simpsons moved to their present farm, part of which had not been cultivated since 1860. For 10 years this natural lover of the soil grieved over the wasteful washing of

his land. Finally, in 1895, he found the solution of his problem in the idea of terraces.

### Made Own Terracing Level

A terracing level he had never seen. Undaunted, he made one according to his own specifications. Armed with this cumbersome tool and assisted by a skeptical son, he began the initial test on a 5-acre tract, "too poor to grow peas."

"Neighbors, coming to watch the work, called me a crank," said this pioneer. "Even my wife, disturbed by all the unfavorable comment, begged me to drop it, but I couldn't."

"In May I planted peas," he continued, "and didn't make the seed. Everybody said 'I told you so.' In September I sowed oats and they didn't get high enough to cut with the cradle.

Then there were more jeers. For five years I kept this up. The sixth year the oats grew higher than my head. The seventh year I gathered six bales of cotton from the five acres. In 1930 it produced 45 bushels of corn per acre, without fertilizer."

### Jeered by Skeptics

Jeers turned to compliments. The skeptical neighbors begged for Simpson's service. Frank R. Phillips, the county agent, spent a week on Simpson's farm and began to spread the news of his discovery. "Come to Cherokee county and I'll show you a man who has forgotten more about terracing than all Texas knows," said Phillips.

At least three editors have asked Simpson to write about his terracing methods. Always he has refused. "No two farms are alike," insists this

pioneer terracer, "I couldn't give any one formula which would work in all cases, so I won't try."

According to Simpson, who believes terracing is the only salvation for East Texas hills, terraces not only prevent washing, but decrease the amount of rainfall needed by holding water on the land and dries out the wet spots so that all the land may be worked at one time.

"Terrace East Texas and then care for the land," he maintains, "and it will be the garden spot of the world."

Trucking is Simpson's second hobby. As early as 1895 he was making express shipments of garden truck to Cincinnati, Ohio. Growing "flavored melons" was long one of his specialties. After experimenting with various flavors he found the public preferred lemon flavor. His "lemonized melons" always brought a premium.

### FORT D. A. RUSSELL ABANDONED

Fort D. A. Russell, near Marfa, in the Big Bend country, was abandoned January 22 of this year.

The loss of the fort means much in a business way to Marfa and the surrounding country.

The century-old First Calvary, in which Stonewall Jackson and Jefferson Davis, and many other notables served, was moved to Camp Knox, Kentucky. There it is to be motorized, and its personnel of twenty officers and 460 enlisted men assigned to other army posts.

For thus saith the Lord, Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, that ye may drink, both ye, and your cattle, and your beasts. II Kings 3:17.

## Charles Dickens' Anniversary

**F**EBRUARY 7th of this year was the one hundred and twenty-first anniversary of the birth of Charles Dickens, perhaps the most popular and most useful of all writers of fiction. The one hundredth anniversary was used by many admirers in England and America as an auspicious time to raise a fund for the relief of the great writer's descendants, who seem to have inherited neither the genius nor the energy of their illustrious forbear, who was more successful financially than most literary workers. He left a comfortable fortune, which, however, was quickly spent.

Evidently Charles Dickens did not like America, neither did he care for Americans. His "American Notes" and "Martin Chuzzlewit" leave no doubt that American customs and American people failed to impress him favorably. When he made a lecture tour of this country Americans lionized him and poured money into his lap, but for this they only received unkindly mention in his works. True, he wrote a form of apology as a preface to a late edition of one of the books mentioned, in which he disclaimed any unkindly feeling toward America or Americans, and argued the value of the satirist to all countries, but he left written evidence that democratic America filled him with disgust. Though he came from the lower class of England he could not tolerate the common people of America or welcome their words of praise.

But we all forget the eccentricities of the great Englishman; these are crowded out by our admiration of his great work for humanity and by the wonderful characters with which he peopled the world—David Copperfield, Mr. Piggoty, Wilkins Micawber, Little Nell, Mark Tapley, Moddy Boffin and the long list of common-folk heroes and heroines that will live in people's lives, in literature and song, even until the wreck of matter and the crush of worlds.

## The Same Kind of a Year

As this is written less than a month of 1933 has come and gone and taken its place with the past. Really, when the New Year bells tolled the requiem of 1932 and joyfully announced the coming of 1933, I felt that the people and the world were to experience something different. But already I can see that the New Year is to be just like the old, except there is to be one day less of it. It will measure days and months by the same diurnal journeys of the sun. It will bring us springtime, with its birds and flowers; it will have its summer, with its melting heat; it will usher in falltime and the autumnal glories of that delightful season will be spread upon the hillside and in the valleys. And it will also bring us winter, with its chilling, biting cold. The New Year's visitations and ministrations will be the same as those of the year that has just taken its place with the things that were. It will gladden us with its seasons of joy and distress us with its nights of sorrow. It will bring the voices of cooling babies; it will also bring the snow-white caskets around which love will weep for the dimpled darlings who have been chilled into

marble clay by the great destroyer. We shall have courting and marrying; and we shall have sickness and dying. The wedding bells will sing their songs of hope and gladness; and funeral bells will toll dirges over forms that were fair and hopes that were sweet. As it was, it shall be.

## When Table Etiquette Went Wrong

Not every change that is made in social customs or table furnishings is in the interest of convenience or order. The hand of the iconoclast was laid many years ago on the old pewter caster that sat so proudly on the dining table in the years of long ago. The old caster carried boxes of pepper, salt, mustard, and cruetts of vinegar and oil. It had a revolving center, and when a diner wished either of the condiments he had but to give the caster carriage a turn, and seize the condiment desired when it reached him. Now when a fellow wants pepper, vinegar or salt for his turnip greens, he usually throws a fit of temper because these condiments are not on the table, or makes his wife mad by asking her to get up and hunt them. Table temper and eating were given a severe blow when the table modistes sent the old pewter caster to the discard and decreed four kinds of forks and five sizes of spoons for each plate. Furthermore, much of the wealth and pride of the country was destroyed when the old table caster was tabooed. Nearly every family owned a caster, which became a "frozen asset" when the caster was driven from the table. I recall that our family had, through long saving, acquired a beautiful caster, which was the pride of the home and went far toward giving us social caste. By a wave of the hand of some half-baked authority on table etiquette we were robbed of our savings and our pride took a tumble.

The marks of high civilization are a pretty church building, a well-appointed school house, and an active tax collector. The ideal civilization leaves off the last-mentioned, but no way has been found to break the trinity without destroying the whole works.

An eminent religious statistician says more money is spent in the United States for chewing gum than for religion. I regret that affairs of the jaw seem to be receiving more attention than affairs of the heart, but, come to think of it, this is not surprising. Chewing gum is a commodity that is used every day, while a very large per cent of the people only use their religion on Sundays.

A well-known scientist tells us that people of our generation do not have as strong lungs as people of a few generations ago. There is a reason. We know that exercise gives strength to any muscle, and it's a fact that children of the present generation do not exercise their vocal chords as much as the children of a hundred years ago did. The safety pin was not perfected until about sixty years ago, and people who were born prior to the invention of this device for holding the eternal triangle in place had to use their lungs more in infancy than the children of later generations.

The records of our country show that in 1834 Philadelphia tried to prohibit, by legal enactment, bathing between November 1 and March 15, and in 1845 the City of Boston made bathing unlawful except when prescribed by a physician. Of course we all applaud the great things our scientists and other men have done for the world, and yet we must say that the people who lived in the eighteen-forties and fifties had some very good ideas regarding the comfort and pleasures of man.

My idea of a rich man is a fellow who has two pair of pants with a pair of galluses for each pair, and is the absolute owner of one nail in the closet on which he can hang his idle pair of pants, with no female daring to hang another garment over his bifurcated property and thus make uncertain the whereabouts of his idle wealth.

## Dream Come True

Again we are told that the dream of the alchemists has at last come true. They are making gold—the German scientists are. The transmutation of a base metal into fine gold is possible, just as the scientists of old said. The process is rather expensive as yet, and for a time the world will have to continue to dig its supply of gold from the ground, but when man learns to do a thing in an expensive way, he soon learns to cut the expense. In the somewhat distant future more gold will be made in the laboratories than will be dug from the earth. In the meantime we may speculate on what kind of a revolution will be worked when gold becomes as cheap as iron. The metal now so precious will cease to be used as money standard, because it will be too cheap. The beautiful brooch that twinkles on milady's white breast will sink in value to a dime or fifteen cents, and of course it will have to go. The pendants that drop from beauty's ears and the rings that adorn beauty's fingers will be discarded and ornaments of greater value will be sought. Gold has been king of values a long time, but the crown on King Gold's head is tottering, and may soon take a tumble. So be it. We have bowed in lavish homage before the throne of gold long enough. Give us a new king.

## Chickens

When Noah and his wife, his three sons and their wives, went into the ark, they took with them a hen and a rooster. The hen laid all the time the flood was doing its worst, but the rooster did nothing but crow. Having become accustomed to rest during the long voyage, the rooster has never been able to shake off the bad habit, and from observing the habits of the proud chancier the poet was inspired to write the beautiful poem, "Everybody Works But Father." There are a great many more hens than roosters, a condition which causes people to rejoice and the roosters appear to welcome; in fact every rooster I ever knew acted as if he wished there wasn't another bird of his sex on earth. The chicken family is the strongest argument ever advanced in favor of polygamy. There is perfect peace in the family; the hens

never fight among themselves and there is nothing for the rooster to fight. And when it comes to multiplying and replenishing no monogamous family can hold these polygamists a light.

Peter, one of the first and best Christian preachers, got very mad at the chicken family early one morning when he lied to a pretty girl. Since then all preachers have done their best to wipe out the chicken family, probably forgetting it was the girl, not the chicken, that caused Peter to lie. But people nearly always get mad when told of their meanness.

I have never been strong on sports, but I find when introduced to sports of the right kind I can become deeply interested. Over in the good old State of Arkansas some time since some enterprising merchants put on a tobacco-chewing contest. Prizes of twenty plugs of Kentucky twist were offered the chewer who could spit ambler the furthest. Contests of this character are worth something to the world and afford both sport and profit. The Knights of the Quid are finally receiving the recognition their energy and achievements entitle them to.

Another good old custom that has yielded to modernity is that of turning the plate upside down on the dinner table. In the good old democratic days the plates were always turned upside down, and the brat who turned his plate over before the blessing was asked, got a licking that he remembered a month. Perhaps the change to up-turned plates was not so bad of itself, but please note the direful things which followed. In the good old days when plates were turned upside down there was only one fork and one spoon to a plate. Now there are more forks and spoons than victuals at a fashionable dining, and a fellow of democratic proclivities never knows which fork or which spoon to use.

Truth is still in the world, even though it is sometimes hard to find. You'll find it somewhere along the way—perhaps about half way—between what a fellow tells the tax assessor a piece of property is worth and what the same fellow tells a probable purchaser it is worth.

## Boy Preachers

Quite frequently we read accounts of boys from ten to fourteen years old holding religious revival meetings. Like most other people, this writer frequently goes outside his right to speak and is going to do so again. Boys of such tender years may be able to preach discourses that will lay Peter's Pentecostal effort and Paul's sermon on Mars Hill in the shade—but I don't believe it. It is possible for God to take a twelve-year-old boy and fill his cranium with logic and Scriptural lore, but somehow I don't believe He is going to find it necessary to do anything of the kind. I can not get away from the opinion that the person who preaches the doctrines and riches of the kingdom should be more mature in years and thought than we are apt to find in boys not old enough to cast off Knickerbockers.

# Passing of the Professional Horse-Trader

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**S**OME of the shrewdest and most colorful characters I ever knew were the old-time professional horse-traders, who plied their vocations until flivver cars came upon the scene and put them out of business.

The only way a layman, or a amateur horse-trader, could hold his own with the "professional," was to stay away from him and leave his horse at home under lock and key.

One of the best dry goods salesmen I ever knew, as well as the greatest failure at horse-trading, was Tobe Hancock.

"If I were to give way to my feelings I would grab my six-shooter, rush out to that crowd of horse-traders and shoot them down in their tracks as fast as I came to them," observed Tobe to several store employees (some twenty-five years ago) as he viewed a typical "First Monday" crowd of horse-traders milling around on the streets.

"What's wrong with you and the horse-traders," one of the store employees wanted to know.

## Secret Understanding

"Nothing much," Tobe replied, "except they came blame near breaking up my home. You may not know it, but there's a secret understanding between that crowd of lousey liars and, once in their hands, a fellow has no more

chance of coming out whole than a country dog may have in passing through a strange town without getting a tin can tied to his tail. It's not often that a man begins and ends a career in the short space of six hours; but that's exactly how long I lasted as a horse-trader, yet I have no one to blame for what took place on that fateful day but myself.

"We had a young, gentle horse, but he lacked style—didn't bow his neck or elevate his tail at the proper angle, besides his mane was a little short and shaggy. I finally gained my wife's consent to trade him for a horse with more style and dash, assuring her that I was one of the best horse-traders in the



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county.

"It was First Monday, the town was full of people and when I came riding up on a heavy-set man with a mass of coarse red hair on his breast and collarbone sidled up to me and asked if that 'hoss' was for trade; assuring him that he was, the heavy-set man began looking him over."

"Don't blame you pardner—that's what I'd do if he belonged to me," he remarked as he started to walk away. "What ails him," I asked with some heat.

## Seven Deadly Diseases

"That's the wust disease hoss I ever seen," ventured the red-headed fellow. Then he proceeded to name seven deadly diseases the horse had.

"In less than ten minutes after my horse had been diagnosed, a tall, bow-legged man with foxy ears appeared on the scene and asked if I owned that 'critter,' and whether he was for trade. I straightway assured him I owned the horse and that he was for barter. It didn't take that measly liar two minutes to discover four serious disorders that were sapping the vitals of my steed.

"My frien, the best way to git rid of that hoss is to trade right quick and guarantee nothin and, whatever you do, don't examine the other feller's hoss or let him examine yours," was the sage advice of this bow-legged Ananias.

By now I was thoroughly alarmed, convinced, after the second examination, that my horse was not long for this world and had made up my mind to act upon the suggestions of the man whose foxy ears needed shearing.

## Traded With a Cross-Eyed Man

Then a strange thing happened. A cross-eyed man with a long neck, minus three upper front teeth, came dashing up on a tall paint horse and wanted to know if my mount was for trade and started to look him over. But I pushed him back and told him to keep his hands off my horse.

"I'll give my horse for yours, just as they stand," I said, with my breath coming fast.

"I'll trade my hoss, bridle and saddle for your hoss, bridle and saddle jist to say I've traded with you," remarked the cross-eyed man.

"All right, it's a bargain," I said, "and remember there's no backing out."

I knew he was getting the best of the trade when it came to saddle and bridle, but had no doubt but that he

was getting a badly diseased animal."

Tobe tried to change the subject at this point, but all of us, including the store manager, two milliners and a dressmaker insisted that he tell us how the trade came out.

"Did the fellow stick to his bargain," we wanted to know.

"Yes, indeed," Tobe replied. "The old paint works I traded for was stone blind, had a bad case of heaves and spavined in both hind legs."

"Do you think there was collusion between the man you traded with and the two men who diagnosed your horse?" asked the store bookkeeper in a tone slightly tinged with sarcasm.

## May Have Been a "Coincidence"

"Of course, it may have been a mere coincidence, but I'll have you figure it out and give me your opinion when you have plenty of time," Tobe answered, while fire flashed from his eyes. "But here is what happened while I was passing through the crowd a few hours after making the trade: I overheard one of those human polecats say to the other two that had examined my horse that he would bet the mole of my head had never grown over and was still soft."

"What did your wife say when she found out how you had been cheated?" asked the shoe salesman.

"None of your d—n business," Tobe shot back at him as he left us to wait upon a customer.

Like the Turk of classic lore, the coming of the flivver made the horse-trader fold his tent and silently steal away, never to return to his old haunts. That motor contraption, with its chugging, sputtering and foul smells did not appeal to Mr. Horse-trader as a medium of barter. It could not be coached, groomed and made to prance, cavort and

stand on its hind legs, by merely touching its sides with a pair of spurs.

However, it is a fortunate thing for this generation that we have no class of men who can manipulate old out-of-date cars as successfully as the professional horse-traders used to manipulate old run-down horses, for if we did lots of us would be gulled and cajoled into trading late model automobiles for antiquated model T's.

## THE MAID ON THE PENNY

The Government of the United States in 1835 made an offer of \$1,000 for the most acceptable design to be placed upon the new cent coin to be issued. Some Indian chiefs traveled from the Northwest to Washington to visit the great father and then journeyed to Philadelphia to see the mint, whose chief engraver was James Barton Longrace, who invited them to his house.

The engraver's daughter, Sarah, ten years old, greatly enjoyed the visit of her father's guests, and during the evening, to please her, one of the chiefs took off his feathered helmet and war bonnet and placed it on her head. In the company was an artist, who immediately sketched her and handed the picture to her father. Mr. Longrace, knowing of the competition for a likeness to go upon the cent projected, under the inspiration of the hour, resolved to contend for the prize offered by the government. To his delight the officials accepted it, and the face of his daughter appeared upon the coin, which has been circulated about the Nation for nearly a century. There were more than a hundred competitors.

The cent bearing the face of Sarah Langrace has gone into more hands than any other American coin.

# BRIEF TEXAS NEWS

FROM OVER THE STATE

## A GROWING WOOL CENTER

Lometa is a growing wool center. Shipments are now running better than 1,000,000 pounds a year. Lometa is also a pecan center, producing around 75,000 pounds annually. The town is also becoming noted for turkeys.

## WEST HAS LOTS OF FOOD

An agricultural paper published in West Texas is authority for the statement that 5,000,000 cans of summer fruits and vegetables were preserved for winter consumption in the eighteen South Plains counties last year. Figured out in dollars and cents, the value of the preserved foods at the low price of 25 cents a quart runs to \$1,681,975. The real value, however, is much greater.

## SUCCESSFUL CHEESE PLANT

The dairy cow is helping support thousands of farmers in Texas today, through sale of milk to creameries, milk plants, cheese factories and other industries. One little town on the South Plains owes much of its steady income during the depression to one of these industries. Abernathy, Hale county, with a population of 800 to 1,000, is the home of the Struve Cheese Factory, which has been receiving more than its capacity of 10,000 pounds of milk daily for almost a year.

This plant was erected in 1923 and has been running continuously since its opening day, May 12th of that year. Ben F. and Fritz W. Struve are the owners. At the present time the factory pays close to \$3,000 monthly to farmers for milk.

## PIPE LINE PROFITS

Net earnings of oil pipe line companies in Texas in 1931 averaged 29.67 per cent, or practically three times the returns allowed by law, one of the State Railroad Commissioners said in releasing a report compiled by the Commission. The Commissioner said an adjustment of the rates would be taken up by the Commission at its next meeting.

The report, covering thirty-seven companies, was made up by the Commission on statistics gathered by its auditors and appraisal engineers during three months. Capitalization and earning figures for the most part, the Commissioner said, were furnished by the companies, the Commissioners allowing four per cent for depreciation.

Of the 36 companies reporting a 1931 income, ten showed net earnings greater than 40 per cent, fifteen greater than 25 per cent, thirty above 10 per cent, and six below 10 per cent.

For the year 1930, with eighteen companies reporting, the average rate of net earnings was shown to have been 27.34 per cent, or approximately 2 per cent less than in 1931.

The Commissioner said the statistics were gathered under orders from the Legislature, and that the Commission would act immediately to fix rates which would come within the law to provide net earnings which will not exceed 10 per cent.

## MAY BE SALT PLANT NEARTYLER

Tyler may be selected as a location for a salt factory to be operated by a California concern, according to announcement made by geologists. It is understood that the company has requested information as to the location and extent of salt domes known to be located in Smith county.

According to a well-known geologist, the East Texas area has approximately twelve major salt domes. These are located in Smith and ten adjacent counties and are closely related to the huge salt dome at Grand Saline. It is said that two of the largest domes are located near Tyler and closely resemble the Grand Saline block.

Geologists express the belief that rock salt deposits extend to a depth of ten thousand feet.

## HAND-MADE ORGAN PEASED OUT MUSIC

A little hand-made organ, believed to be over 100 years old and long unused, pealed out Christmas music Christmas Day at St. Joseph's Catholic church in Galveston.

The old organ, which had lain in the organ loft of the church unused for the last ten years, was put in shape again and pealed out Christmas music.

Much of the history of the old instrument is lost, but it is believed to have been brought to Texas from Mexico some 100 years ago by the Monks. It was changed around from church to church, some Catholic, some Protestant, in the days when Texas was young, and finally found its way to Galveston, just how nobody knows.

The old organ, which was made entirely by hand, still has a clear, sweet tone, in spite of its age.

## TEXAS GAVE ROOSEVELT GREATEST MAJORITY

Complete figures of the November voting in the United States compiled by the Associated Press show that more than 39,000,000 citizens went to the polls. This number represents 84 per cent of the qualified voters, and is 2,000,000 greater than the vote four years ago. The increase in actual voters, however, was less than half the increase in qualified voters over 1928.

Governor Roosevelt polled the greatest vote by far ever given to a candidate in this country—more than 22,300,000. President Hoover polled the largest vote ever given to a defeated candidate—about 15,600,000. Six States gave Governor Roosevelt more than a million votes each. President Hoover polled over a million votes in four States, but carried only one of them—Pennsylvania.

Texas gave Mr. Roosevelt his largest majority—nearly 657,000—and Nevada gave him his smallest plurality, 14,000; there were only 34,000 votes polled in Nevada.

South Carolina gave the biggest ratio of votes to Roosevelt—about 50 to 1. The vote in that State was more than 100,000 for Roosevelt and less than 2,000 for President Hoover. Pennsylvania gave President Hoover his largest plurality, about 160,000.

## CONTRACT FOR HIGHWAY BUILDINGS

Contract for a division warehouse and office building for the Highway Department, to be located at Paris, has been let. The total cost of the two buildings will be \$20,799. It is thought that the two buildings will be completed by the 15th of March. The contract stipulates that common labor be used and paid at the rate of 30 cents an hour. The office building will be a two-story structure.

## TEXAS COTTON PRODUCTION

The big increases in cotton production in Texas in 1932 were made in counties in the South Plains country and in Central and South Texas, which in other years have shown big increases and big crops, but fell off in production the past year.

All this is but another evidence of the fact that Texas is a State of magnificent distances. The State embraces such a wide expanse of territory that crop conditions may vary radically in different sections. The weather may be ideal for producing a crop in one region, and in another region far distant be utterly unsuited to crop-making. It is nothing uncommon for one section of the State to make big crops and another section to make a failure in the same year. In the past, in some years, Ellis, Williamson, McClellan and adjacent counties have led in cotton production, and in other years Nueces, in South Texas, has been the outstanding leader.

## RAILROAD REACHED DENISON SIXTY YEARS AGO

Christmas day was made a red-letter day in Denison, because it marked the sixtieth anniversary of the entry into that city of the first Missouri, Kansas and Texas train. The occasion was appropriately celebrated.

Sixty years before—Christmas, 1872, was also a red-letter day in Denison, for on that day the steam train reached the new Grayson county town, which is but a short distance from Red river.

A great throng joined in the celebration of the anniversary of this very important event in the history of Denison, but it is said that in the great crowd there were only three persons who had met and welcomed the first train sixty years before. Those persons were Pat Tobin, the engineer who brought the first train into Denison, and who also brought the train in sixty years later, Dr. Aheson, then a young physician of 30 years and who is still practicing his profession at 90, and A. H. Coffin, who was then a young surveyor, assisting in the work of plotting Denison township preparatory to its incorporation.

The locomotive which reached Denison Christmas sixty years ago was a wood burner. At the throttle was P. H. (Pat) Tobin, who as stated also brought the train in sixty years later. He, however, was a guest engineer on the latter occasion. He is now 85 years old, but is still hale and hearty. After retiring from railroad work, he served his city several years as Street Commissioner and was voted Denison's most useful citizen.

## INCOME TAX PAYERS IN TEXAS AND OTHER STATES

The aggregate net income of the individual income taxpayers of the United States in 1930 was recently announced by the Revenue Department at \$18,118,684,941.

At the same time the Bureau said the corporation net income amount to \$6,428,812,710. Corporations paid \$711,703,000 in tax while the individuals paid \$476,714,808. The individual net income for 1930 compared with \$13,231,352,042 for 1931, and the corporation net income with \$3,110,642,568 for 1931. Of the \$18,118,624,941 in individual income reported in the year, taxes were paid on \$13,692,584,305, the remainder being non-taxable.

The average net income for 1930 was \$4,877, as compared with \$4,254 reported in the preliminary statistics for 1931. The gross income of individuals for 1930 was \$22,412,445,510. Of the total \$9,921,952,483 was from wages and salaries, \$2,628,056,629 from business, \$1,089,646,082 from partnerships, \$636,738, from profits from real estate, stocks, bonds, etc., not taxed as net gains from capital assets held more than two years; \$556,392,189 capital net gain from assets held more than two years; \$974,325,446 from rents and royalties.

In Texas 105,058 persons made income tax returns. The amount paid as income taxes by them totaled \$448,449,717. New York led the States in the number of income tax payers and in the amount paid.

## TEXAS BOY RAISED PRIZE STEER

"Texas Special," a Texas bred and raised Hereford steer, won the grand championship over all breeds at the International Livestock Exposition held in Chicago. This was the first time in the history of thirty-three years of the Exposition that a Texas steer has won the highest honor.

The prize steer was bred and raised by Marvin Maberry, 4-H club boy of McCauley, Texas, who used this demonstration to win the 1932 prize trip offered by the Santa Fe Railway to the National 4-H Club Congress held in connection with the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago.

"Texas Special" was born in May, 1931, fed and conditioned by Maberry and shown in the Livestock Show at Lubbock where it won the Grand Championship over all breeds. John Gist bought Texas Special at auction immediately following the March, 1932, show, and entered him at the Dallas Fair where he won the Grand Championship. The price paid at Lubbock was \$308, which with \$30 prize money enriched Maberry to the extent of \$338.

Following the Dallas show "Texas Special" was sold to C. M. Largent & Son. The steer was then entered in the International Exposition and after being declared Grand Champion, was auctioned by C. M. Largent & Son for \$125 per pound. The animal was purchased by the Pfaltz Bros. Packing Company, Chicago. At the time of the sale "Texas Special" weighed 1240 pounds.

## LOCAL TAX SURVEYS

The East Texas Chamber of Commerce's tax committee has made tax surveys in fifty-five of the seventy-one counties embraced in the region served by the Chamber, and has co-operated with local budget committees under the uniform budget law in appearing before local boards of commissioners.

The tax committee will devote its principal attention for some time to come to the task of aiding in promoting economy and efficiency in local government in East Texas, according to recent statements made by the general manager of the Chamber.

## TEXAS RICH IN COAL DEPOSITS

Texas is rich in a great many ways, but it is not generally known that one of the State's greatest assets is its coal deposits.

According to the reports of the Bureau of Economic Geology, Texas has bituminous coal enough underlying her soil to supply the people of the State ten million tons of coal a year for eight hundred years—and truly this is some coal. In spite of the richness of the coal deposits, only fifteen million tons of coal, all told, have been mined in the State. The fact remains that the people of the State have been getting their coal from the States around them, paying high freight rates and developing other sections, while they have an abundance of this fuel right at home.

According to the reports of the Bureau mentioned the North Central Texas field covers thirteen counties, but one-half of the coal mined in Texas comes from Erath county.

Two other coal bodies lie along the Rio Grande, and the only development to speak of there has been by a railroad to save the haul on its coal.

The potentialities of the statement as to the quantities of coal available to the upbuilding of the State can be left to the imagination of any Mulberry Sellers who may desire to dream. But eventually it is going to build a great profit.

In addition to these deposits of coal there is a bed of lignite equal in area to six hundred and fifty square miles underlying forty-three counties and extending across the State from the northeastern corner to the Rio Grande. This deposit is well known and at irregular intervals spasmodic efforts are being made to mine it.

The Bureau which furnishes the information estimates the quantity of lignite at twenty billion tons, and the student who puts out the information naively remarks that it is enough to supply the State for a thousand years. At the present rate of mining, quite a lot of it will be there a million years from now, while Texans pay high freight rates on poorer stuff mined at a greater distance.

Several experiments have been made to ascertain just how this lignite may be made available, and these experiments are being continued. The lignite must be used soon after it is mined or it is not satisfactory as a fuel.

# Incidents Leading to Annexation of Texas

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THE United States Congress, eighty-eight years ago this February, passed a bill annexing Texas to the United States, thereby adding to the American Union a territory larger than both Great Britain and France.

Several months later, on the very day that the United States was celebrating the sixty-ninth anniversary of its independence, a convention was called in Texas to consider Congress's bill of annexation, and it was definitely decided to merge the interests, political, social and economic, of Texas with those of the young, but more powerful, nation to the north. Therefore, October 13, 1845, the people of Texas voted almost unanimously in favor of annexation, and two months later the laws of the United States were extended over Texas.

Letters and papers contained in the archives of the University of Texas shed interesting sidelights on the struggle which preceded annexation, a struggle which, momentous as it was in deciding the destinies of the Southwest, has been accorded scant mention in American histories. During the nine years following the Battle of San Jacinto, in 1836, at which time Texas definitely proved herself free of Mexican rule, the question of whether or not Texas should be made a State of the American Union was facing the entire world. In the United States it became a political issue. In Europe, as well as in the United States, it became a question of foreign policy.

## Sam Houston Elected President

September, 1836, the people of Texas elected Sam Houston, the idol of San Jacinto, President of the Republic, and voted by an overwhelming majority in favor of annexation. In March, of the following year, the United

States Congress formally recognized the independence of Texas, but refused to take any action regarding its annexation. After several unsuccessful advances the Texans finally became indignant and allowed the matter to drop until such a time as the United States might again bring it up.

Political leaders in Texas took opposite stands on the question. President Houston was a staunch supporter of annexation, but he was cautious, for he realized the consequences of rejection on the part of the United States government.

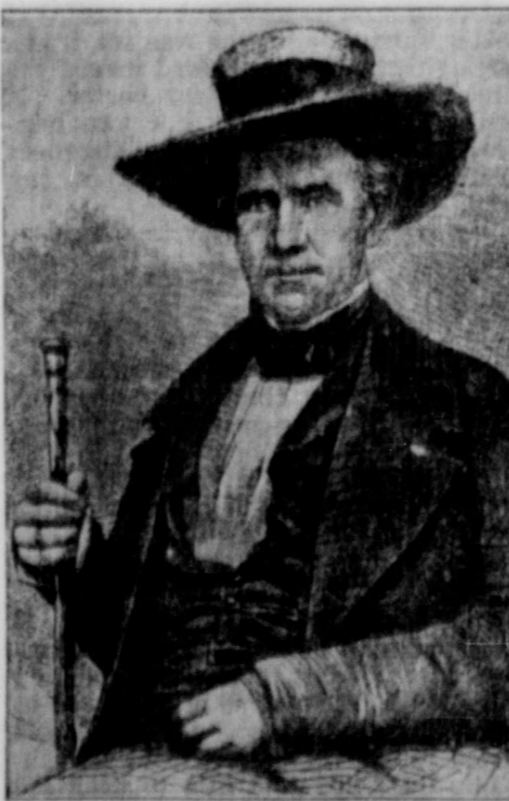
"It will be perceived," wrote President Houston in a secret letter to the Texas Congress, "that if any effort were made on the part of this government to effect the desirable object of annexation, and it should fail in meeting responsive action on the part of the United States, it might have a seriously prejudicial influence upon the course which England and France might otherwise be disposed to take in our favor, and a failure on our part after a decided expression could not but be mortifying to us."

## Mirabeau Lamar Opposed Annexation

"The impression at Washington," wrote James Morgan at Galveston, in 1844, in a letter to Samuel Swartwout in New York, "is that General Houston is opposed to annexation. Old Sam is no more opposed to annexation than General Jackson. Yet the English and French agents here think that he is."

Mirabeau Lamar succeeded Houston to the Presidency of the Texas Republic in 1838. Lamar was bitterly opposed to annexation. In his inaugural message he said: "I cannot regard the annexation of Texas to the American Union in any other light than as the grave of all her hopes of happiness and greatness." During his administration the question of annexation was seldom discussed publicly in Texas.

Houston followed Lamar to serve a second term and, in 1842, Anson Jones became President. Jones was heartily in favor of annexation and bent his every effort to its cause. It was to his



PRESIDENT SAM HOUSTON  
He was a staunch supporter of annexation.

credit that Texas was admitted during his administration. All land-owners in Texas were on his side, for annexation necessarily meant increased land values.

In the United States opposition to the annexation of Texas was bitter. Since Texas at this time was slaveholding territory, it is obvious that the South favored annexation, while the North opposed it. The North argued

that annexation would result in war with Mexico, while the South contended that if Texas were not annexed, some European power, in open violation of the Monroe doctrine, would obtain a foothold in Texas and would thereby threaten the security of the United States.

## Opposition From the North

In 1844 the New York Evening Post published an article entitled, "Thoughts on the Proposed Annexation of Texas." The article was signed "Veto" which leaves no doubt as to which side that newspaper took on the issue. The article maintained that the annexation of Texas would be unconstitutional, that it would cause strained relations with Mexico and European powers, and that it would disrupt the Union because it would unbalance the slave territory of the United States.

There were radical attitudes on both sides of the question. Some opponents of annexation went so far as to condemn the Texans as brigands and outlaws who would sooner or later scatter and leave the country in a worse condition than at the beginning. On the other hand some adherents to the cause argued that unless Texas were annexed to the Union the commerce of the United States would be transferred from New York and the ports of the North to the free ports of Texas; that Texas would supply contraband goods to the States of the North. Another attitude was that if Texas were not annexed, the South would separate from the North and join Texas in order to prevent free trade and perpetuate slavery. These arguments were refuted by the New York Evening Post's "Veto" article as utterly preposterous.

## England and France Against Annexation

Great Britain opposed annexation in the hope of increasing monarchical territory on this side of the ocean, of add-

ing to her own commercial advantages through the Gulf of Mexico, and of diminishing slave territory if possible. France objected to annexation on the grounds that it would interfere with the balance of power in America and with France's commercial and political interests. Great Britain was so anxious to prevent the annexation of Texas that she was ready, with the support of France, to coerce Mexico and possibly declare war on the United States.

The situation came to a crisis in the United States with the Presidential election of 1844. The Whigs of the North naturally stood against annexation and chose as their leader Henry Clay. The Democrats of the South, the friends of annexation, chose James K. Polk as their candidate. In the Presidential campaign, "Polk and Texas," or "Clay and no Texas" was the battle-cry. The contest resulted in the election of Polk. President Tyler's last act before going out of office was to sign the bill admitting Texas, February 25, 1845.

The annexation of Texas, according to Justin H. Smith, recorder of Texas history, extinguished a nation that might have become a strong and unfriendly rival and might have caused the disruption of the Union. It gave to the United States its largest State with a port that now ranks second in the nation, and it paved the way for the acquisition of San Francisco and the far Southwest. It removed an excellent opportunity for certain leading powers in Europe to interpose in the affairs of this continent and in particular to embarrass the development of the United States. It presented a field of battle on which United States diplomats and those of England, France, Mexico, and Texas waged a long and intricate struggle with all their skill and with a full determination to succeed; and it almost brought those five nations to the verge of war.

## JUST RENDER HOME-STEAD TO GET EX-EMPTION

Assuming the Texas Legislature, now in session, will act into effect the constitutional amendment exempting homesteads from \$3,000 of State taxation, the procedure for home owners to avail themselves of this exemption is explained as follows by one of the county tax assessors of the State after a conference with the State Comptroller.

According to this tax assessor the Comptroller has ruled that the homestead upon which exemption is claimed must be the place of residence of the owner. Under the homestead act as generally understood a farmer is allowed to claim 200 acres whether it is in one parcel or not. By the Comptroller's ruling he will be able to exempt only the land on which he lives.

"Taxpayers will be required to render their homesteads in order to receive the \$3,000 exemption," said the assessor of one of the largest counties in the State, "as this office will not accept the responsibility of assessing and allowing the exemption.

"Homestead owners will be required to designate their homestead and sign an affidavit that the designated property is the place of residence.

Each taxpayer availing himself of the homestead exemption will be saved \$20.70 a year of State taxes if his place is valued at as much as \$3,000 for tax purposes.

The Attorney General has ruled that the constitutional amendment combining the offices of tax assessor and tax collector will go into effect January 1, 1935, since the present occupants of these offices have been elected for the intervening years. In some of the larger counties of the State the homestead exemption will reduce the State's revenue more than \$400,000 a year.

## SULPHUR INDUSTRY IN TEXAS

The sulphur industry of Texas represents an investment of approximately thirty million dollars and furnishes employment, even during the present period of retrenchment, to nearly 2,000 workers. Of the total production of free sulphur in this country, nearly 99 per cent comes from Texas.

The sulphur industry in Texas last year paid State and local taxes amounting to \$2,438,816.58. Two of the major companies pay more taxes to the State school, general and Confederate pension funds than 239 of the 254 counties of the State.

In normal times the Texas sulphur industry pays about four million dollars in wages, spends more than three million dollars a year for supplies and pays about four million dollars a year in freight charges to Texas railroads.

While Canada is the principal foreign consumer of Texas sulphur, the commodity finds its way to virtually all European countries, to South Africa, South America, New Zealand and Asiatic countries.

According to figures released by government engineers, sulphur exports through the port of Galveston last year totaled 790,063 tons. The major portion was shipped coastwise, although foreign movement assumed huge proportions.

So varied are the uses of sulphur that it has come to be indispensable. In the making of matches, newsprint paper and sugar it is largely used. It is also used in the manufacture of auto tires, and in dyes, paints, photographic chemicals and in the manufacture of fertilizer.

## CHILD LABOR IN TEXAS

The Bureau of the Census reports that in the ten years between 1920 and 1930, the decrease of Texas child labor between the ages of 10 and 15 was about 75 per cent, although the percentage of those gainfully employed was still higher than the national average.

In 1930 10.1 per cent of the 1,058 boys of the given age were at work, and 4.4 per cent of the 354,773 girls. There is small likelihood that there has been a subsequent increase, since economic conditions have tended to put adult males in the small wage-earning classes occupied by immature youngsters.

## GOVERNMENT AIDED 34,677 TEXAS FARMERS

During the year which closed December 31, 1932, the United States government opened accounts with 34,677 Texas farmers. Each of these names has a separate page in the great ledgers of the Secretary of Agriculture, and under each name there is at least one entry—a dollar mark trailed by four or five figures, with a decimal point setting off the cents from the dollars.

These accounts represent money loaned farmers in Texas for seed, feed and loans for other purposes during the past spring and early summer. The figures show that the 34,677 borrowers obtained a total of \$3,221,620, and that up to November 30, last, \$1,341,836.94 had been repaid.

The whole sum was due on that date, under notes signed by the borrowing farmers, but in the case of cotton growers—who are in the big majority—an arrangement was made whereby the farmers stored a part of their crop in the warehouses as collateral for the loans, giving the government authority to sell the cotton March 1, this year, if the loans from the government had not been repaid at that time.

That arrangement, incidentally, is going to cost the government—in other words, the taxpayers—a pretty penny, too, for the cotton has been accepted as collateral at the rate of nine cents a pound. At present writing the price fluctuates between five and six cents a pound. Should the price advance to nine cents by March 1 the government would not lose by the transaction, but if it does not reach that figure there will be some loss. At present prices the government stands to lose more than one-third of the loans represented by this collateral.

That loss will have to be made good by the taxpayers. Even so the loss in Texas will be but a small fraction of the loss resulting from the lending over the entire country. Texas, in fact, has repaid a higher proportion of its loans than most of the other States.

## HAS VOTED IN 25 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

As this is written, Uncle Black Shirley, of Springtown, Parker county, is still living, and he is beyond doubt the oldest person in Texas. This patriarch is 115 years old, his age being well authenticated. He has one daughter 87 years old—and he also has one daughter 20 years old.

Mr. Shirley has voted for twenty-five Presidential candidates during his long stay on earth and his life has been contemporary with that of all the Presidents except the three first—Washington, Adams and Jefferson. Mr. Shirley recalls vividly when he cast his vote for James K. Polk for President, and that he won a pair of fine boots on Mr. Polk's election.

The following Presidents have held office since Mr. Shirley was born: Madison, Adams, Jackson, Van Buren, Harrison, Tyler, Taylor, Fillmore, Polk, Pierce, Buchanan, Lincoln, Johnson, Grant, Hayes, Garfield, Arthur, Cleveland, McKinley, Roosevelt, Taft, Wilson, Harding, Coolidge and Hoover. At this writing Mr. Shirley enjoys fair health and believes he will live under the administration of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

## GRAPEFRUIT TO LONDON

For several weeks grapefruit has been moving out of the Rio Grande Valley to the markets of the world. London is now a regular customer of the Texas product. In addition it is found that the British metropolis likes canned grapefruit juice. This last development is of great importance because it offers an outlet for culls, which are of proper flavor but lack the size and appearance which command a fair price at the fruit stalls. Much of the Southwest has been flooded by culls shipped by independent truck operators who make a practice of driving into orchards in the Valley and purchase culls as they lie on the ground.

Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man hand. I Kings 13:44.

# A LITTLE FUN Jokes to Make You Laugh

### Beats the Whistle

Interviewer—Are you one of those girls who watch the clock?  
Applicant (with dignity)—No, sir; I have a wrist-watch.

### Back at Her

Housewife—"No we don't want no books, nor we don't want no calendars. We don't want nothing you got."  
Agent—"How about a cheap gram-mar?"

### Fifty-Fifty

Communist Spellbinder—"Now, under the ideal social system, you should be willing to share equally with me."  
Farmer—"O. K. with me. All I have is rheumatism and toothache. Which one will you have?"

### Kith and Kin

Father—What did you and Joe talk about last night, dear?  
Daughter—Oh, we talked about our kith and kin.  
Small Brother—Yea, pop, I heard 'em. He seth, "Kin I have a kith?" and she seth, "Yeth, you kin."

### Airtight Dog

Sandy—What kind of a dog is that ye've got, Mick?  
Mick—He's an Airtight dog.  
Sandy—How come you gave him such a name?  
Mick—Well, you see, his mother was an Air-dale and his father was a Scotch-terrier.

### If We Told the Truth

A political candidate was incensed at certain remarks which had been made about him in the leading paper of the town. He burst into the editorial room and exclaimed: "You are telling lies about me in your paper, and you know it!"  
"You have no cause for complaint," said the editor coolly. "What would you do if we told the truth?"

### The Sorrowing Widow

A sorrowing widow, having a memorial erected in memory of her husband, had the following inscription carved upon it:  
"Good-bye, Henry; my light has gone out."  
Three months later, when she was remarried, some wit added to the inscription: "But I have struck another match."

### Prayer

The minister in a little church that used natural gas for illumination announced his text in solemn tones: "Yea, the light of the wicked shall be put out!"  
Immediately the church was plunged in total darkness, due to a failure in the supply.  
"Brethren," said the minister, with scarcely a moment's pause, "in view of the sudden and startling fulfillment of the prophecy, we will spend a few minutes in silent prayer for the gas company."

### The Early Riser

"I reckon," said the farmer, "that I get up earlier than anybody in the neighborhood. I am always up before three o'clock in the morning."  
The second farmer said he was always up before then and had part of the chores done.  
The first farmer thought he was a liar and decided to find out.  
A few mornings later he got up at two o'clock and went to his neighbor's house. He rapped on the back door and the woman of the house opened it.  
"Where is your husband?" asked the farmer, expecting to find his neighbor in bed.  
"He was around here early this morning," answered the wife, "but I don't know where he is now."

# Poultry Facts

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### Is There Any Money in Chickens?



That is a big question to answer. I firmly believe there is more money to be made in raising chickens, even in these distressing times, than in growing cotton, cattle, hogs, sheep, goats or most anything else a farmer can raise. It is an absolute fact, that chickens have been the farmers' most profitable undertaking. Poultry raising is surely gaining in favor in these hard times. The same has been true in other "depression years." If it had not been for the farm poultry flocks last year—many a family would have been in more serious circumstances. Always the chicken money—so often spurned in times of plenty, helped buy groceries and clothes as well as pay taxes and other necessary expenses.

### Comparative Value of Poultry to Other Farm Products

A case of eggs is equal in value to one average acre of corn.  
A case of eggs is equal in value to one and a fourth acre of wheat.  
A case of eggs is equal in value to one and a half acre of oats.

### Indirect Warning

A lady brought her little boy to school on opening day and said to the teacher: "Little Bernie is so delicate. If he is bad—and sometimes he is—just whip the boy next to him, that will frighten him and make him behave."

### These Times

"I have spent nearly \$20,000 on that girl's education," complained the aggrieved father, "and here she goes and marries a young feller with an income of only \$1,000 a year."  
"Well," said the friend of the family, "that's 5 per cent of your investment. What more can you expect in these times?"

### Free Wheeling

This is how the husband and wife, ardent motorists, made known the arrival of a son and heir: "Mr. and Mrs. David Dewey announce the arrival of a new midget model. Specifications: Weight, eight pounds. Headlamps, blue. Finish, flesh-colored. Two-lung power; automatic starter; vacuum feed system. On display after January 1, 1933."

### Athletics

A woman was talking with a friend about the athletic achievements of the latter's son.  
"Your boy must be an exceptionally fast runner; I see by this morning's paper that he fairly burned up the track with his record-breaking speed. I suppose you saw him do it?"  
"No, I didn't see him do it," replied the boy's mother, "but I saw the track this morning and there was nothing but cinders there."

### Provocation Enough

"You are charged," said the judge, "with beating up this government inspector. What have you to say?"  
"Nothing," replied the grocer, "I am guilty. I lost my head. All morning I held my temper while government agents inspected my scales, tasted my butter, smelled my meat, graded my kerosene. In addition, your honor, I had just answered three federal questionnaires. Then this bird comes along and wants to take moving pictures of my cheese, so I patted him in the eye."

### Mary's Version of It

Little Mary was asked by her teacher whether she resembled her mother or father. "I don't know," replied Mary, "but I'll find out."  
That afternoon she told her mother what the teacher had asked. Said the mother, "Tell your teacher that you have your father's hair and your mother's features."  
When the teacher asked Mary the next day if she had found out whom she resembled, Mary replied, "Yes, ma'am. Mother says I have my father's hair and her fixtures."

### The Village Blacksmith

In a little Vermont town they were giving an entertainment for the benefit of the fund to supply chewing gum to the Brazil Indians. Miss Florence Seymour, the famous dramatic reader and acrobatic dancer, who was passing the summer there, was prevailed upon to take part. She recited that old favorite, "The Village Blacksmith."  
The selection was followed by tremendous cheering, and Miss Seymour was about to respond to an encore, when a stalwart man came up the aisle and, motioning her to come to the edge of the platform, whispered in her ear, "I want you to do me a favor. Will you?"  
"That depends upon what it is," answered the young lady sourly.  
"Well," said the man, "I happen to be the village blacksmith you've been talkin' about, and I jest wanted to ask you to put in a verse sayin' that I also mend automobiles."

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## TEXAS COTTON MANUFACTURE

Cotton manufacturing in Texas has not attained to very great proportions. By far the greater part of the State's enormous cotton crop is sent out of the State in the raw form, much of it being exported to Europe, Japan and China. But the industry of manufacturing cotton in Texas is healthy even if comparatively small, according to the recent report of the "Texas Business Review."

The report covers the activities of twenty-one cotton mills in the State. Production in these factories made less than the usual seasonal decline in November, it shows. Ordinarily the drop from October to November is 5 per cent in output. This year the output in November was only 2.6 per cent under the October total. The decline in the consumption of raw cotton was even less, 4704 bales having been used in November as against 4737 in October, a decrease of only .7 per cent.

Another significant feature of this report is that unfilled orders, while being 19 per cent under the total at the end of October, were at the end of November this year 24 per cent greater than at the same time in 1931. While slow in developing, students of the industry believe that Texas will eventually become one of the great manufacturers of cotton.

## HOUSTON SIXTH PORT

Houston, Texas, ranks sixth among the ports of the Nation in the volume of tonnage handled. Houston, however, enjoys the distinction of leading all competitors in the exportation of cotton, cottonseed products, and some other products that are of minor importance.

Houston's standing among the other American ports in the amount of foreign commerce handled is sixth, being surpassed only by Los Angeles, Baltimore, New Orleans and Philadelphia, in the order named.

Houston ranks first in the list of Texas ports, both from the standpoint of tonnage handled and the value of commodities moving through there.

Where less than a quarter of a century there was only to be found a narrow, winding, muddy stream of water, today there is one of the outstanding examples of engineering achievement. A ship channel with a minimum depth of thirty feet and of sufficient width to care for the largest type of vessels now plying the seven seas in foreign commerce.

## TEXAS HAS 9865 MILES PAVED ROADS

Figures recently released by E. J. Ambe, State Highway Statistical Engineer, show that the State of Texas now has 3056 miles of concrete and brick paving, as well as 6809 of asphalt surfacing, or a total of 9,865 miles of paved roads. This is more than half the designated highway system, which covers 19,148 miles.

In the two-year fiscal period recently closed one-fifth of all the State's paved roads were laid. This included 1968 miles of new concrete, or far more than the total amount up to that time, and 2036 miles of surfaced types, an increase of nearly 50 per cent.

## PRODUCED 900 BALES COTTON

J. L. Elroad, a farmer who lives 20 miles north of Big Spring, holds the championship for that part of the State for the production of cotton, having produced the largest number of bales from one farm. Mr. Elroad produced slightly more than 900 bales of cotton from his farm. He had nearly 1400 acres in cultivation, but not all in cotton. One week he hauled 131 bales of cotton to the gin.

And the Lord stirred up an adversary unto Solomon, Hadad the edomite. I Kings 11:14.

## INTERESTING COLLECTION OF CURIOS

Col. G. J. S. Walker, of McKinney, has one of the most interesting collections of curios in the State, and the collection will probably be exhibited at the Texas Centennial in 1936, provided one is held.

Col. Walker's collection includes many interesting novelties connected with the early days of Texas, many items of a historical value and a fine collection of horns of all description. He is constantly adding to the collection, having but recently received a French gun that was made in 1763, by Monsieur N. Gozun, of Charleville, France.

The World War exhibit is especially fine, bringing back vivid memories of the great conflict, especially to the ex-service men, including shells of all sizes and shapes, guns, bullets, helmets and other reminders of the dark and bloody days from 1914 to 1918.

A long, heavy octagon rifle barrel bears a sign showing that it was once owned by David Crockett, hero of the Alamo, whose heroism is known to every school boy and girl. There are many guns and pistols, starting with the first weapons that would discharge a bullet.

There is a marvelous collection of horns, numbering 600 pairs, the longest of which measures 7 feet 11 inches from tip to tip.

## GUARD OVER NAPOLEON DEAD

J. R. Ripkie died at Atlanta a few weeks ago at the age of 84. Mr. Ripkie was a German and served in the Franco-Prussian war. After the battle of Sedan, in which Emperor Napoleon the Third and 80,000 French troops surrendered, he was a member of the special bodyguard placed over the defeated French emperor.

## KING KOKO III CORONATION BANQUET

With pomp and circumstance, King Koko III, sales monarch of Our Mother's Cocoa realm, embracing thousands of homes in the United States and Canada, was crowned Dec. 17, 1932, with regal ceremonies in the Chinese rooms, Hotel Statler, Buffalo, N. Y.

Coronation day, full of happy and swiftly moving events, will long be remembered by visiting envoys and ambassadors from far and near, to acclaim the new sovereign of sales.

Impressive rites graced each ceremony. A regal feast followed the elevation of his majesty to the realm of ermine and purple, kingly scepter and crown.

On the head of George R. Bennett, of Bennett & Hughes, Buffalo, N. Y., food brokers, rests the crown of King Koko III. He assumed the honors and habiliments of sales sovereignty as a reward of achievement, rather than by succession of line.

Mr. Bennett's elevation as King Koko brings to close an intensive sales campaign throughout the United States and Canada featuring Our Mother's Cocoa and Our Mother's Cocoa Malted Milk products of the E. & A. Opler, Inc., Chicago, and distributed by Mart Ebeling Co., Dallas, Texas.

Escorting King Koko to the throne was Herbert S. Hughes, mighty prince of the sovereign house of Bennett & Hughes. He put aside his traveling bag and sample cases, which played such a big and important part in the bringing of this event to Buffalo, long enough to help King Koko don the robes and ermine, the symbol that his firm is the leading potentate of Our Mother's Cocoa in the United States and Canada.

To properly celebrate this reward of excellence in sales achievement, four of the great house of E. & A. Opler, Inc., makers of Our Mother's Cocoa and Our Mother's Malted Milk were hosts of the day and evening. They are: Edmond Opler, president; Arnold Opler, secretary-treasurer; O. E. Erick, sales manager and Dr. Arthur M. Swanson, director.

# TEXAS FARM NEWS

Home-made peanut butter from home-raised peanuts is an addition to the pantries of home demonstration club women in Childress county this year.

Seventy-one dollars for groceries in a year for a family of five is the report of Mrs. J. J. Hill, of Wharton county. She estimates that the saving in her grocery bill was \$260. She conducted a farm food supply demonstration with the help of Miss Burton, the Home Demonstration Agent.

A leading horticulturist, who has made a thorough survey, says more than 700,000 peach trees have been or will be planted this winter on approximately 7,000 acres. The plantings are mostly in East, North and Central Texas. Citrus trees numbering nearly 290,000 are being planted in eleven South and Southeast counties, the survey revealed. Oranges, satsumas and grapefruit comprise most of the new citrus acreage. While Elbertas continue the most popular variety of peach trees in Texas, other types being planted in many instances, the survey shows, are Hiley Belle, Mamie Ross, Fair's Beauty, Early Wheeler, Hall and Indian.

Considerably more than half of Texas counties—151 out of a total of 254—are now producing alfalfa as a field crop. Following in El Paso and Pecos valleys of how this legume crop maintains the fertility of the soil, the crop is more generally grown in blackland counties of the State than formerly, according to the manager of the Federal Feed Bureau. Many farms of the State, where cotton is grown every year, could he said, although it should well afford to grow alfalfa, have no value except to the soil. This is because a few years of cropping in cotton will rob the soil of most of its fertility, and then if it is sodded in alfalfa for three years, the cotton may be resumed with as good production as before the soil was robbed of its nitrogen. As a rule soils along streams or irrigated valleys is well adapted to production of alfalfa. Mr. Funk declared, as high lime content in the soil makes a good production of alfalfa. The latest figures of alfalfa in the State on acreage and production places the acres at 50,219 and the annual crop at 150,654 tons, which is almost three tons to the acre average. In the El Paso Valley alfalfa is grown for hay, to be fed to the dairy cows and sold on the wholesale market. In the Pecos Valley commercial quantities of the seed are grown, and honey bees graze on the fields of prolonged blossoming. In the Colorado Valley, near Waco, there is a large mill for dehydrating the green crop and grinding it within a few hours after cutting, making a meal that preserves almost 100 per cent of the food value of the crop. The meal is used in combination with other foods.

Tarrant county 4-H club boys have 341 lambs on feed for spring markets. Three of the boys have 181 lambs on feed.

W. G. Huey, of Johnson county, is a convert to the benefits of terracing. Last year on his land that was terraced he obtained a yield of 321 pounds of lint cotton per acre. On his unterraced land the yield was 151 pounds.

In the production of corn last year Iowa stood first in the list of States, with 539,672,000 bushels. The other big corn-producing States, are Illinois with 386,000,000 bushels; Ohio, 125,000,000 bushels; Indiana, 172,000,000 bushels; Minnesota, 176,000,000 bushels; Missouri, 189,000,000 bushels; Nebraska, 276,000,000 bushels; Kansas, 134,000,000 bushels; Texas, 102,000,000.

Winter wheat for this year's crop, sown last fall, has been reported by the Department of Agriculture to total 39,902,000 acres, or 98.7 per cent of the acreage sown in the fall of 1931. At the time figures were given out the condition of the crop was 68.9 per cent of normal, compared with 79.4 a year ago, and an average of 83.3 for the ten years average. Rye, for all purposes sown last fall totaled 4,649,000 acres, or 93.0 per cent of the acres sown in the fall of 1931. The condition was 76.3 per cent of normal, compared with 82 per cent for a year ago and 87.5 for the ten-year average. The abandonment of winter wheat acreage during the winter of 1931-32 was 16.7 per cent of the acreage sown, compared with an abandonment of 5 per cent in the winter of 1930-31 and 12.4 per cent, the average for ten years.

The Meat Specialist of A. & M. College says "Corned beef and dried beef, preparation of which had almost become a lost art in the State, are being eaten again on many farms in Texas this winter because corned and dried beef has been featured in meat preservation work of the Extension Service. Cheaper cuts of beef, such as brisket, naval, rump and parts of the chuck, are used for corned and the round muscles for drying. Cure recipe for both processes consists of one and one-half pounds of salt, one ounce salt petre, one-fourth pound sugar and one gallon water. Corned beef is ready to use from the brine in ten days to two weeks. Corned beef usually should be canned when cured. The same container may be used for drying, at the same time if desired. Each piece should be left three days for each pound in the piece for drying; that is, a ten-pound piece should remain in cure for thirty days. Meat then should be washed thoroughly and hung to dry for twenty-four hours, lightly smoked with hard-wood and then hung to dry more. It is ready for use when firm and hard.

Chickens brought Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Williams, of Draw, Lynn county, more than \$600 in cash last year from a flock of 269 laying hens. They have been poultry flock demonstrators for three years, and are very well pleased with the profits.

The County Home Demonstration Agent of Polk county, who is Miss Ruth Causey, says a half million cans of fruits, vegetables and meats were put up by the women of Wharton county last year. This makes an average of 250 containers per farm family in the county.

Hitherto unpublished data compiled by A. & M. College Extension Service and the Federal Land Bank of Houston indicate terraces add \$8.27 per acre to land value and that yearly increased profits from terraced lands average at least \$2 per acre. Farm mortgage companies estimate an average increase in land value of \$12.28 per acre. Federal loan associations reporting estimate increase at \$8.08, county agents and farmers \$7.72 and vocational teachers at the conservative figure of \$5 per acre.

The experience of Mrs. E. E. Webb, of Boynton, Oklahoma, shows just what a garden can be made to do when properly looked after. Mrs. Webb has been acclaimed the champion gardener of Oklahoma. Last year she cultivated as a garden two plots—one 106x150 feet, and the other 150x200. Both were considered below the average in fertility, but were well drained. By heavy fertilization and continual cultivation and planting back the soil to another crop as soon as one was harvested, brought unusual results. On these small plots she not only raised enough food for her family of six, but sold \$69 worth of plants, \$20 worth of vegetables and canned or stored \$246 worth. Her plots were planned on paper before a seed was planted, and many of her plants were germinated in a flue-heated hot-bed.

The extension Service of A. & M. College says more fertility washed out of Texas soils in the last three years than crops have removed during the period since the Civil War. Each year erosion robs the land of as much plant food as growing crops consume in twenty-one years. Unhindered by terraces, erosion would strip Texas of its agricultural greatness in two more generations. Declining yields, run-down farms and bankrupt farmers will be the rule in this State in fifty years unless terraces stop the destruction. Once the fertility that has built Texas is gone, the State will have to look abroad for its food and for customers for its goods. Fortunately, these forebodings are not likely to be realized, agricultural leaders believe. More and more terraces are being built yearly as outposts which no flood can wash, beyond which no gully can form.

Wheeler county beef cattle feeding demonstrators who sold 461 head in November, realized \$11.21 per ton for their grain sorghums fed to these cattle.

Texas wheat acreage sown the past fall is estimated at 3,833,000, compared with 4,075,000 in the fall of 1931. This is 5 per cent less than the previous seeding and includes more volunteer acreage than usual.

From two to three gallons per week of fresh strawberry preserves for her pantry and a start for beds for ten friends, have all come from 100 Everbearing Mastodon plants, set out last year by Mrs. J. M. Acord, of Donley county.

Poultry dealers estimate that over 600 cars of turkeys were shipped from Texas between Thanksgiving and Christmas. In many South Texas towns turkeys sold as low as 50 cents each, and crooked-breasted birds for 25 cents.

Miss Ruby Lee Crawford, of Noble, Lamar county, led the 4-H Club members of Lamar county last year for cotton yields. Miss Crawford gathered 1,020 pounds of lint cotton from two and a half acres, which yielded her \$78.20 for her labor and investment.

Thousands of citrus trees are being set out in the Laredo section. Planting started early in the fall and will continue through the winter and spring. Most of the new trees are oranges and tangerines, but some grapefruit trees are being planted, chiefly pink varieties.

L. B. McCain, of Petronila community, Nueces county, is a thorough convert to the benefits to be derived from crop rotation. Last year on 125 acres which he had been rotating crops for the past five years he produced seven more bales of cotton than on 300 acres where cotton had followed cotton year after year. So reports the County Agent.

Farm values of principal Texas crops for 1932 are estimated at approximately \$244,858,650 by a leading journal of the State. The estimate followed a thorough survey. This compares with values of \$306,872,600 for the previous year. The year 1932 saw record low prices for cotton, wheat, corn and some other crops. The entire cotton crop of the United States, including seed, brought the growers the past season a total of \$397,000,000, compared with \$529,000,000 in 1931.

With the advent of the battery brooder in growing chicks, a high percentage of the trouble known as "slipped tendons" has occurred with the rations in common use for outside feeding, but it has been found by adjusting the ration this trouble can be largely prevented, according to a poultry expert. Among other satisfactory ingredients in the ration for preventing the trouble is wheat gray shorts, which together with a balancing of the mineral constituents entirely prevented the trouble and made satisfactory gains.

Wichita county women have been making Philadelphia pot cheese and graham crackers. The new cheese appeals to the women, says one of the club women, because it is made with skim milk and has to be cured only two or three days.

Gonzales county, Texas, is the great turkey county of the United States. This county led the United States by counties last year with 182,000 turkeys, or a little more than 1 per cent of the entire number of turkeys raised in the United States.

A terracing survey made by W. E. A. Meinscher in Austin county shows that the average field terraced by demonstration methods there is 21½ acres in size, that it costs \$3 per acre to terrace and that the increase in value as given by farmers is \$8.50 per acre. The average width is 19 feet and the average height 23 inches.

J. J. Matthey of Bexar county hogged down an 18-acre field of corn and peas and received a profit of \$196.43 above what the feed would have brought had it been harvested in the regular way. He was so well pleased with the profits that he immediately made preparations to hog down a larger field of corn—one of 60 acres, but at this time we have no report from the later demonstration.

With a herd of fourteen pure-bred Jerseys that produced an average of about 425 pounds of butterfat for the year, C. C. Stewart of Randall county was able to produce butterfat at a feed cost of 5.4 cents per pound. His success he attributes largely to a trench silo, which was filled with grain sorghum that failed to make, well planned pastures of wheat and sudan grass and good cows, vigorously culled.

Three years ago W. M. Farmer bought a fifty-acre farm in Marion county. He at once put into practice a live-at-home plan. One of his first steps was terracing his land and taking the work of improving the soil. He installed an irrigation system for a two-acre truck patch, doing the work with a common shovel. He reports the outlay for his family's living in the way of groceries to have been less than \$5 per month, and his income from milk, butter and eggs was more than three times that much. Mr. Farmer finds it unnecessary to worry over the depression.

According to Miss Lola Blair, nutritionist in the Extension Service Texas A. & M. College, a family of five can provide its yearly food with the expenditure of less than \$100 in cash, if demonstration methods are followed. "This," she says, "requires two dairy cows, a half-acre garden, a half-acre fruit plot, 40 chickens, one 500-pound beef, three hogs and limited quantities of such cereals as corn, wheat, oats, rice and grain sorghums. "Yearly food requirements for such a family," says Miss Blair, "consist of 364 gallons of milk, about 3,000 pounds of vegetables equally divided between leafy and starchy, other vegetables, such as potatoes, corn, etc., and other garden fruits (tomatoes, melons, etc.) at least 1,000 pounds of fruit, 1,086 pounds of cereals, 234 pounds of fats, and 334 pounds of sweets."

Turkey-stealing became so great in Caldwell county last fall that the farmers organized an anti-theft association. Every produce house in the territory was provided with cards giving the tattoo marks. Turkey-stealing was effectively broken up. Only a few turkeys were missed after the organization was effected, and most of those came home in a day or two.

Van Zandt county farmers are rapidly turning to pedigreed cotton seed, demonstrations having taught them that it is profitable to do so. In three demonstrations in that county featuring pedigreed seed, according to the County Agent, there were yields of 2100, 1900 and 1700 pounds of seed cotton per acre. While these pedigreed seed were giving these splendid yields, the yields from mongrel seed in the same communities ran from 200 to 500 pounds per acre.

Texas products which brought growers the best prices last year were some of the major truck crops, chiefly Bermuda onions, which had a value of \$4,722,000 this year, as against \$2,342,444 the previous year. Spinach brought \$2,975,000, or \$300,000 more than last year. Cabbage brought \$2,948,000 this year, as against only \$846,000 in 1931. Carrots show an 800 per cent increase in value—\$167,000 in 1931, and \$1,345,000 in 1932.

Mary Herren, a member of the Lassater 4-H Club of Marion county, supplied her family of seven with meat through the winter, and if she has no ill luck she can supply the family with meat through the following winter. Nearly two years ago she invested \$15 in a bred Poland China gilt. After selling enough pigs to pay for the gilt, and supplying the family meat, she had two gilts left, which now have eleven good-size pigs that will provide the meat another year.

In the fat lamb classes at the Fat Stock Show and Exposition this spring, wethers only are eligible and not either sex as was formerly the case, it has been pointed out to 4-H Club boys and other exhibitors by the superintendent of the Sheep and Goat Division. The reason for changing is to prevent the mixing of breeding and fat stock in showing. Each club boy is limited to two head in the individual classes where previously one boy could enter as many as ten head.

Those who care to know more about pecan culture should send for Technical Bulletin No. 324 of the United States Department of Agriculture. This may be had for 10 cents from the superintendent of documents of the Department, Washington, D. C. It contains a valuable compendium of pecan information for county agents and pecan enthusiasts. The bulletin reveals, among other things, that pecan production is moving eastward. For the last thirteen years Texas averaged about 38 per cent of the total U. S. production, but less than 4 per cent of Texas pecans have been of improved varieties. East of the Mississippi 75 per cent of the crop is improved, and west of that stream 96 per cent is native. In 1919, 19 per cent of the total crop was produced east of the Mississippi river, but in 1928 32 per cent of it was produced there.

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A well-known poultry authority says, "A turkey is ripe for market when its drumstick is yellowish with fat instead of blue, and if not of that degree of finish should be held and fed. To get turkeys ripe they should be fed for two months before marketing. Five pounds of feed will make one pound of turkey, fed to desirable type birds. One and one-half to two pounds of this should be a fattening mash and the remainder ordinary farm grains that are available.

In reporting on the results of vaccination for fowl pox of chicks at one to ten days of age, R. M. Sherwood states that it has been found that vaccination at this early age renders immunity up to six months of age, and that although it has previously been considered that vaccination before thirty days of age might have a serious systemic reaction, recent experiments have shown no ill effects. He says turkeys were also vaccinated with success at two weeks of age and were active, ate well and made good gains during the period immediately following vaccination.

What is a good hen house worth? E. H. Hohlgreen, poultry husbandman in the Extension Service A. & M. College of Texas, makes this observation: "At the present price of eggs a good hen house will enable a flock of 100 hens to pay their owner at least \$10 to \$15 more this winter than they could if kept in a poor house." He bases this observation on records of hundreds of demonstration flocks supervised by county and home demonstration agents last winter. These showed that well-housed hens laid two and a third more eggs per month than birds in poor houses, even though the winter was mild. If the winter is severe the difference will be greater.

Mr. Hohlgreen further says "There are five winter housing essentials every poultryman should observe. First, whatever the size and shape of house it should be dry and protected from cold drafts. Second, there should be two and a half square feet of space allowed each hen in the house. Third, there should be nine inches of roosting space per bird for the light breeds, and 10 to 11 inches for the heavier breeds. Fourth, mash troughs should be kept full and in the houses convenient to the hens, with one foot of double side provided for each ten hens. Fifth, water should be provided in enough vessels that hens do not have to wait in line. Water should be kept from freezing if possible. Warming the drinking water helps to keep up production during bad cold spells."

## First Automobile in Texas Owned by Ed. R. Green

By J. H. LOWRY

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THE first automobile in Texas came in 1904, twenty-eight years ago. It seemed for a time that this was to be the last buzz wagon to find a home in the Lone Star State, but we find, twenty-eight years later, far more than a million horseless vehicles in Texas, enough for the entire population of the State to ride at the same time, and the number is being increased so rapidly, that people who once wondered what would be done with the first auto that came, now wonders where, a few years hence, parking space will be found for almost countless number of horseless vehicles that have followed. The first auto to visit Texas was first

seen at the World's Fair in St. Louis in 1904. The thousands of visitors to that great exposition found as one of the greatest wonders on display a carriage which would run without the aid of horse or mule power. Compared to the handsome cars of today it was a very crude affair, but it would run, and that was sufficient to make it a wonder, and people crowded around it almost as numerous as flies around a molasses barrel. When the statement is made that the vehicle would run, it is not the intention to convey the impression that a person could jump into the seat, throw on the gas and be gone in a jiffy, as can be done with autos at present, but it would run in the course of time.

First One an Oil Burner

First, an oil burner had to be lighted,

then there must be a wait until sufficient steam was generated to propel the carriage. Sometimes this was several minutes.

Ed R. Green, a wealthy Texan who was deeply interested in transportation methods, being president of a railway company, was a visitor to the World's Fair. He saw the many exhibits, but nothing interested him half so much as the horseless carriage. He asked the price, produced the money, and in less time than it takes to tell it the trade was made. Mr. Green had the wonderful vehicle loaded on a special car, and in a very short time it was on its way to his home in Terrell, Texas, accompanied by a competent machinist to operate it after it got there. Probably the biggest day in the history of Terrell was the day Mr. Green's automobile

headed up Moore Avenue. Of course many teams ran away, and a few of the more timid people were frightened, but the auto did its stunt fairly well and soon won the friendship of most of the population.

Teams Took Fright and Ran Away

Not content with having astonished the people of his home town, Mr. Green next day concluded to give the people of Dallas a thrill, so he and his mechanic headed the car toward Dallas, some thirty miles distant. The trip was made and the people of Dallas were thrilled, but it proved a very expensive event for Mr. Green. Owners of teams which took fright and ran away, demolishing buggies and wagons and inflicting injuries upon occupants, filed heavy suits for damages, and Mr.

Green paid in settlement of such suits about seven thousand dollars.

The writer does not know what finally became of the first auto seen in Texas, but twelve years ago it was a part of the junk pile in a Dallas shop.

The first automobiles to come to Texas were not kindly received by most of the people. The people did not look upon them as vehicles which would become generally serviceable, but as a sort of rich folk's toys which would clutter up traffic and cause great loss of property and life through runaway teams. In one town near which the writer lived the feeling against the autos was so bitter that a number of people banded themselves together and strung wires across the streets to scare the autoists from the highways.

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**LAWYERS PREDOMINATE IN LEGISLATURE**

As usual, lawyers lead in number of the present House of Forty-Third Legislature. Of the 150 members of the House 64 are lawyers. Farmers come next with 20 members. There are nine school teachers, one railroad engineer, one undertaker, one editor-minister, one advertising agent, one musician and one decorator.

The oldest member of the House is J. L. Goodman, of Franklin, who is 80, next to him is J. S. McGee, of Tyler, who is 74. The youngest member is 22 years old.

Of the 31 members of the Senate 20 are lawyers; there is one rancher, one teacher, one doctor.

Two members of the House are blind.

**AGED TREASURE SEEKER DEAD**

The death a few weeks ago of an aged treasure-seeker, recalled the fact that for many years an active hunt for buried Spanish gold has been kept up in the hills near Gorman, Eastland county. A young man upon returning from the World War was employed by the venerable treasure-seeker and worked for him several years, the treasure-hunter being too old to do the arduous work of digging. He found some household utensils far underground, but the \$3,000,000 in gold that tradition had told of had its hopes killed when solid rock was encountered.

**LIBRARY BUILDING GIVEN LUFKIN**

The Kurth Memorial Library at Lufkin was formally dedicated on January 1. The handsome library building was a gift of J. H. Kurth, Sr., a wealthy lumberman who was a resident of Lufkin for forty-two years. Mr. Kurth was a native of Germany, but came to Texas in 1878.

**VENERABLE COUPLE BURIED TOGETHER**

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stephens, of Tom Bean, Grayson county, were buried in the same grave in January. Mrs. Stephens died on Monday, and Mr. Stephens on Thursday. They had been married more than sixty-three years.

**CHEESE PLANT FOR DEVINE**

Bernard Brown, owner of the Devine Creamery, has purchased the cheese plant which has been in operation at Cameron and will move the plant to Devine. It has a daily capacity of 3,500 pounds of cheese. A practical cheese maker from Minnesota will be employed to manage the plant.

He that ruleth over man must be just, ruling in the fear of God. II Sam. 23:3.



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**For Our Boys and Girls**  
By AUNT MARY  
**A PUZZLE IN PICTURES**

**THE PUZZLE PROBLEM OF A FISH**

The head of this prize fish is 12 inches long and its tail is as long as its head and half of its back, while its back is as long as both its head and tail.

How quickly can you figure out just how long the fish is?

**DEAREST FRIENDS:**

Here we are at the second term for the youngsters and "ready for the spring work" for the oldsters. We are well established into the New Year and how well are we still living up to our resolution? Now I am certain that all of my boys and girls are doing very well indeed in school, and I wish that I might drop in some day on each of you and see just how well you are doing. That reminds me that maybe some of my boys and girls didn't do so well last term of school. Maybe you made very low grades, or perhaps you failed. Now it is to this group of youngsters that I want to talk this month. First of all, I want you to know that I know exactly how you feel because I have been there myself. When I was finishing the eighth grade my teacher had to give me a special examination so I could graduate with my class. I guess she felt sorry for me as I was a very tall girl and would feel so out of place with a younger group. I was ashamed, you may be sure, but there was one thing for which I could be thankful and that was what I did earn had been earned honestly. Never be a cheat—no matter how much you would like to be the head of the class. I have frequently told my girl since she started to school that I would rather she could look me squarely in the eye and say I did the best I could—I failed, but I failed HONESTLY. Of course every father and mother wants their child or children to lead their class. Nothing makes a parent as happy and thankful as a good and obedient child. However, if you have failed this past term, just make a check on yourself. First ask yourself—"Did I honestly try my very best?" If you didn't, won't you give me a silent promise now to try to do better? If you did not understand the lessons, go to your teacher and tell her about it and ask her to help you on the things you don't understand. You will find she is more than willing to help and is very proud of your determined stand to do better. It is not always the leader of the class that makes the greatest success in the world, although this is a good indication as to the determination of the person. However, the fellow at the foot of the class has just as good a chance if he will set his will to DO. I hope all my boys and girls are going to try very hard, and that I shall be proud of each of them. But above all I shall be the proudest of a group of boys and girls who put honor above everything.

Spring will soon be here; are you planning your spring garden? Let us hear about it. Maybe you can give us some good ideas? Best love and wishes to all.  
(Signed) AUNT MARY.

**SUNSHINE CLUB NEWS**

Last fall I told you about a most delightful visit to Mrs. King, Waco, Texas. Mrs. King is one of our Shut-Ins and is a very dear lady I wish all of you could meet. She is very fond of little children and they seem to love her too. Here is a letter from Miss May G. Denison, who is Mrs. King's niece, and this is what she so kindly says about Aunt Mary's visit:

"Dear boys and girls: Did you ever wish you could see Santa Claus and visit with him in your home? That is the way we felt about Aunt Mary, who does so much to make sick people happy. Last fall we had that wish granted. Soon after breakfast the telephone rang and a very agreeable voice inquired for Mrs. King, the invalid in our family, who is a member of the Sunshine Club and has received many splendid letters and cards from other members. We had a very pleasant visit during the morning with Aunt Mary, her three children and Aunt Mary's sister-in-law. We were hoping that Aunt Mary will visit us often and wish all you boys and girls the same good luck."

Dorothy Crawford, Natalia, Texas, says she wants to stay in the club all of her life. We certainly hope that she may and that her wonderful spirit of giving will bring joy to many saddened hearts.

Mrs. Ruth Walker, San Saba, Texas, writes that she can sympathize with the sick, as she has been sick herself for almost a year, but is better now. We are so glad to have Mrs. Walker and I know that she is going to make a wonderful member. I wonder if many have been reading this page for a long time like Mrs. Walker, but for one reason or another have failed to send in for membership? If so, send in your name NOW.

Aunt Agnes Pick, Berkeley, California, writes of the lovely Christmas she had. While it was cold at her home, the sun shone and made it very lovely. She speaks of hearing from Mrs. H. D. King, Mrs. Clara O'Connor, "Little Nell" Ball, Vera Benlah Lamb, Mrs. Sallie Martin, Waldine Young and Mearl Weavers. Now that looks like a real "family" list. How our little club does draw us closely together, and the nicest part is that the more you do the more you get out of it, because you make such lovely and lasting friends. That is one of the great privileges and pleasures of following in the footsteps of our Master, Jesus Christ. It makes us all brothers and sisters in Christian love and fellowship. We are all trying in this club to live according to the Golden Rule—"Love thy neighbor as thyself." We are all trying to lift each other's burden, to share our sunshine with the less fortunate. Aunt Agnes sends love to all. There is a sweet letter from Aunt Susan Hughes, who says she has been very busy. She says she would love to drop in and see Aunt Mary's three children at play. If she only could, as I write this. I am sure she would laugh heartily. The two boys—ages 2 and 4 years—have a cow and calf one minute, and



are trapeze actors the next. Williams Byrd, the baby, is beginning to talk, and tries to do and say everything his older brother does.

Mrs. Johnnie Towery, Soper, Oklahoma, writes that she is shut-in, and that her only pleasure is in writing and receiving letters.

Ernest Clifford, Coldwater, Michigan, writes such a lovely letter. Says he enjoys the beautiful seasons because they are the handwork of God. He is thankful that God will keep us through all seasons. "If my joints were loose I could get up, but God will either raise me up or take me home one of these days. I am ready to live and I am ready to die."

Jerrine Inches, Pearl, Texas, sent a beautiful Christmas message to the club but it arrived too late for either the Christmas or January issue. The first month we have the space I am going to print it, as it is lovely and I want to thank Jerrine very much.

Cousin Clara Petty, Natalia, Texas, says she is very busy but is trying to do all the good she can. She sends best wishes to all.

Mrs. Mary Squires, Iredell, Texas, sends her best wishes and prays for all the club members and hopes they will remember her in their prayers. Mrs. Squires is a very faithful member, writing to all that she can, although she is 74 years old.

Frances Busch, Austin, Texas, tells about a trip a troop of Girl Scouts, to which she belongs, made up Monty Bonnell, a hike of about ten miles. She tells of the fun they had. This is fine sport, to my mind. Frances is a typical girl scout, always willing to do something for others.

Then there is dear, long letters from our "Little Nell" Ball in far away England. She says in part: "We can do so many things through Christ which strengthens us. Oh, my dear one, even though I have suffered much, and had many troubles to bear, I have never been forsaken by our Heavenly Father. He has led me in rough and stormy ways, very hard to understand, but we know that he always leads in love. We must look up and take up courage, the day of true relief is at hand. You are doing a wonderful work for Him, and following in the footsteps of One came not to be ministered unto but to minister unto others. My sister decorates my wee room for the holidays and this makes a very welcome change for me. It is very cold here. There have been hunger marches and a lot of rioting; so many policemen and civilians badly hurt. But we must not make matters worse with gloomy faces, we must try to manufacture our own sunshine. I must close; my head is bad; like a ton of weight on it. May God richly bless you and grant you peace and happiness always. With all my love and prayers for your health and happiness."

Thanks, Nell, for the lovely letter. We hope that you are feeling much better. We all enjoyed your letter so much. Let us hear from you again real soon.

There are a few more letters that we will not have the space to print, but let me say "Thank You" to everyone who wrote, and be assured that each and every letter was thoroughly enjoyed. Write us often, as we love to hear from everyone and I am sure that the letters make the club members very happy.

**Shut-In List for February**

Here are the names of the Shut-Ins for this month, and I am sure that each of you are going to do your best this year to bring sunshine to everyone. Where it is possible enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope for a personal reply. Many Shut-Ins are wholly dependant on others for their living and sometimes a stamp means a great deal to them. This is not compulsory but merely a suggestion for added sunshine.

1-2—Norma Louise Pittman, care of Pitt Pittman, Stephenville, Texas. Age 12.  
3-4—Mrs. Johnnie Towery, Soper, Oklahoma. Age 56.  
5-6—Ernest Clifford, Coldwater, Michigan. Age 27.  
7-8—Miss Nell Ball, 257 Thimble Mill Lane, Nechells, Birmingham, England.  
9-10—J. W. Walker, Bee House, Texas. Age 62.  
11-12—Mrs. H. D. King, Raleigh Hotel, Waco, Texas. Age 70.  
13-14—Mary Squires, Iredell, Texas. Age 74.  
15-16—Waldine Young, Jonesboro, Texas. Age 13.  
17-18—Mrs. Martha Bercharding, Highmore, South Dakota. Age 60.  
19-20—Lois Audrey Welch, W. Bridge St., Gatesville, Texas. Age 17.  
21-22—Jerrine Inches, Pearl, Texas. Age 24.  
23-24—Miss Bert Thompson, Roysse City, Texas. Age 65.  
25-26—Miss Lena Minica, Floresville, Texas, care of H. C. Burrier. Age 13.  
27-28—Mrs. W. R. Stevens, Cost, Texas. Age 85.

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29-30—Eliza E. Hill, Ravenden, Arkansas. Age 70.  
31-32—Nara Ethel Harley, Koppel, Texas. Age 25.  
33-34—Mrs. J. P. Dillard, Big Foot, Texas. Age 65.  
35-36—Mrs. Nelly B. Wilson, Yarmouth Port, Mass. Age 85.  
37-38—Miss Margrett, Wallis, Rt. 1, Stroud, Okla. Age 27.  
39-41—Mrs. Emma K. Rothermel, Bay Minette, Alabama. Age 73.  
42-44—Benlah E. Lamb, Rt. 1, Box 9, Hazel, Kentucky. Age 39.  
45-47—Mrs. Sallie Martin, Troup, Texas. Age 73.  
Don't forget to send sunshine right away—before you forget it. Don't forget the new club address either: Aunt Mary, Rt. 5, Box 179B, Fort Worth, Texas.

**Are You a Member of This Club?**

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**ANOTHER OLD TRAIL DRIVER DEAD**

The rapidly thinning ranks of the old trail drivers lost another notable recently when John Young, passed in Alpine. It is said that his trail followed the trail of many cow thieves and horse thieves in pioneer Texas days.

Mr. Young was the cowboy of J. Frank Dobie's "Vagabond of the Brush Country," and was Mr. Dobie's collaborator in the preparation of the book.

A dream of Mr. Young's which did not come true was the erection of a hotel in San Antonio. The structure was to have been erected from a mountain of marble owned by Mr. Young near Alpine. It was his hope to erect a ten-story hotel of this marble in San Antonio. The hotel would have been barred to all except cattlemen. And at this hotel, in royal splendor, would have been held each year the Old Trail Drivers' Reunion.

**DEER FOR GAME PRESERVE**

Five deer, one buck and four does, have been sent to Kerens by the State Game and Fish Commission for placing on a large game preserve which has been set apart surrounding the Carroll Lake, in the Trinity river bottoms southeast of Kerens. The preserve, which is seven by nine miles in size, is covered largely with thick timber growth, and is expected to make an ideal preserve.

**ANCIENT SHELL KILLS TWO**

Several months ago Jim Williams, a colored farmer of Fort Bend county, plowed up an old army shell. He took the old shell home and used it in the fire place as an and-iron. A few weeks ago the old shell exploded, demolishing the house, and killing the people. The old shell was believed to have been a relic of the Civil War.

**7,018 OIL WELLS CAME IN LAST YEAR**

New producing oil wells brought in in Texas during 1932 total 7,018, new gasers showed a total of 1264. There were 1736 dry wells.

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**TEXAS BRIEF ITEMS**  
Texas stands thirteenth in value of manufactures and fifteenth in number of wage-earners industrially employed. That Texas has an unusually large number of small factories, however, is shown by the fact that it stands eleventh among States in number of manufacturing plants (5,198) or well above its ranking in either manufacturing value or wage-earners.

The Texas pecan crop of last year is estimated at 19,500,000 pounds, not very much more than half of the 32,000,000 pounds produced in 1931, as a result of cold weather in March. Pecans shelling and packing plants are now numerous in Texas and through the fall and winter have given employment to a large number of workers.

Completion of the \$6,000,000 irrigation and hydro-electric project near Eagle Pass was made possible by the Reconstruction Corporation's taking up \$1,476,000 of the district's unsold bonds.

Investment of \$350,000 is called for in the sodium sulphite plant at Soda Lake, in Ward county, where chemicals from the lake are to be made commercially usable by processing them in a freezing treatment.

Reconstruction and completion of the paper mill at Orange at a cost of nearly a half a million dollars will be financed through the sale of bonds, according to an announcement made by the owners.

Dallas, already recognized as one of the leading piece goods markets in the country, has had its position materially strengthened by the establishment there of a southwestern sales distribution branch by Henry Glass and Company, of New York.

Thirteen Texas contracting firms did an annual business of more than \$1,000,000 each, and the 1,001 contractors during the peak year of 1929 did a total business of approximately \$200,000,000 during the peak year of 1929, according to announcement by the Census Bureau.

**IODIZED SALT FOR GOITRE**

Iodized salt is now manufactured for use in the prevention of goitre. It is known as Morton's Iodized Salt and produced in 26-ounce packages.

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**OWNS FIVE-INCH VIOLIN**

Miss Vivienne Tallal, a freshman in the College of Industrial Arts at Denton, is a collector of violins, and has in her collection many unique specimens of the King of Instruments.

The smallest violin in Miss Tallal's collection is a pair of gold ones one-fourth of an inch in length. The largest one is considerably larger than the violin of ordinary size. The collection is of great interest to all lovers of violins, and has been viewed and favorably commented on by many in and out of Texas.

The violin next in size to the smallest ones is one inch long and is also of gold. All three of these tiny models are worn as pins.

The prize of the young lady's collection is a five-inch violin made of wood. This diminutive instrument is not only a perfect instrument, but it produces actual tones. The pegs upon which the strings are anchored are adjustable and make the strings susceptible to any pitch. This violin was made especially for Miss Tallal by Victor Adams, of Dallas and took first prize at the Texas Fair and Exposition in 1930, where it was viewed and admired by many collectors of rare musical instruments. The initials of Miss Tallal are inlaid in ivory on the back of the instrument. Many offers have been made to buy this instrument at very attractive prices, but the young lady steadfastly refuses to part with it. A music firm in the East made an especially attractive offer.

A violin which forms a part of a bronze statue "Lull" is another very attractive and much admired feature of the collection. This is also a perfect model of the king of instruments, although it is only six inches long. The collection includes a one-eighth size violin, which is one-half the size of a child's violin; there are also several children's violins, many of them of very unique designs.

One of the most valued and highly-prized violins in Miss Tallal's collection is one which originally belonged to her grandfather in Russia, and was brought to the United States by her father. A late addition to the large and interesting collection is a Scandinavian instrument with a scroll-shaped like a dragon's head. The violin is made of plain wood, which has been left unvarnished and has a double set of strings. The information regarding this strange collection was obtained from one of the student publications of the College of Industrial Arts, "The Lasso," a weekly publication.

**UNIVERSITY FUND MAY REACH FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS**

The University of Texas is increasing its permanent fund at the rate of about \$1,200,000 annually, according to an official of the institution. Eventually, he says, the University may develop a permanent fund income from which may be used for buildings and extensions of from \$40,000,000 to \$50,000,000.

The Santa Rita No. 1, in Reagan county, forerunner of development of the University's then supposed cheap lands which already have brought nearly \$20,000,000 to the permanent fund, lifted the University out of obscurity and enabled it to construct fine buildings on its campus second to none in the world. Some of the buildings have been completed and others are now under construction.

**Woman's Page**  
By MRS. MARGARET STUTE  
HOME PROBLEMS

Instead of your heart it's your eye should be kept on the sleeves of your frocks for Spring. Fullness has climbed to the top and there formed perfectly adorable puffs while the lower arms remain snug and trim as can be. Next to the sleeve in importance is the neckline and in model 9495 we have a charming effect softly knotted and clasped to the side. The simplicity of the skirt merely accentuates its charm, the unusual high-low seams creating a graceful silhouette and the back sash a delightfully youthful accent. A perfect medium for satin or crepe.

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**THE BANK OF HUMAN KINDNESS**

A great many years ago a friend induced me to start a saving account. Month by month I added a little to the amount, scarcely missing the small sums; then hard times came and I forgot to add to the account. I had enough to get by with and I was satisfied. But there came the inevitable "rainy day," and while I was casting about as to how I might reach some safe harbor I thought of that little bank account tucked away, waiting for me to use it. What a blessing and God-send it was at that time.

The other day, while thinking about that incident, I began to think about another bank account I have been keeping all of my life, most of the time giving very little thought to it. Sometimes I have added to it a great deal, then in time of trouble I have drawn upon it quite heavily. I named it the "Bank of Human Kindness."

Never before in the world's history has the demand on this bank been so heavy. Never before have parents had such a glorious opportunity to train their children, by actual example, the need and reward of the golden rule.

But one of the glorious rewards of making heavy "deposits" in this bank is that it pays such handsome dividends.

I believe that one, if not the major cause, of this depression is "selfishness." Each of us was trying to "grab our share" and "more," of all that there was. Some of us wanted a collection of the latest cars—some the largest collection of radios, some the greatest collection of money. Each one of us was bent on our own scheme and aims. Many of us wanted the largest collection of bridge prizes; others wanted to attend the greatest number of football games. None, many of these things were worthy our time and attention, but we put entirely too much energy in the wrong direction. The depression has afforded ample proof of this. If we had put more time and energy into doing deeds of kindness, saying words of comfort, and all of the thousands of needful things that we could have put away in the Bank of Human Kindness, the depression would have been hardly possible.

There is no greater pleasure or happiness that can come to any human being than to see his son or daughter succeed in life. We want to see our children happy—that is our greatest and most natural desire. First of all, we must ask ourselves what is SUCCESS and where is HAPPINESS? I have in mind a dear little old lady whom I think is both successful and happy. Perhaps you ever knew, and a position of ease as among the things most successful. But this woman has neither—she wouldn't want them if you offered them to her. She has a modest home on a busy road—a road where thousands of automobiles rush by each week. Long ago she made her yard into a paradise of flowers. Flowers of every description grow in her yard—blue flowers, pink flowers, red flowers, etc., almost every flower you ever knew, and many more. The flowery paradise is worked and cared for by this frail, sweet faced lady, whose hair is silvery white. Just how she is able to do most of the work in her garden I do not understand. But she is one of the happiest people.

I believe the world is full of many good things—things for us to do that shall make us happier than kings because we do not have the weight of a kingly crown to hold us down. In the Bank of Human Kindness the rich man and the poor man can meet on the level as brothers. Each one can find opportunities to do good just as much as the other, but the final checking of accounts will depend entirely on the man.

How have you tried to teach your children this lesson? We are anxious to hear of your experience and are willing to pay for any good letters that can be used on this page. Until further notice we will pay ONE (\$1.00) DOLLAR for every letter accepted that is sent in on the training of children. Let us hear from you. Perhaps if you have a problem that you cannot solve—write us about it. Only initials will be used where requested. However, full name and address must accompany all letters. Address Problem Department, Home Color Print Company, Box 1440, Fort Worth, Texas.

sons I have known, because she is doing with her flowers what most of us should do with our flowers—she is giving them away. It is true, many people give her money for the pleasure of possessing and seeing the flowers in her lovely flower garden, but she makes no charge for a single bloom. What money she does accept is used only to purchase more seeds and plants for the garden. Thousands of lovely blooms are given away each year for which she receives no money. Every little child who pauses and talks with her goes away with flowers tucked in her or his chubby hands. There is a story behind this garden, a story of a little child dying, a child crying for a rose, just a single rose, and whose one request could not be fulfilled because there were no roses in the garden. When that little child passed to eternal sleep a sorrowing mother made a vow to give to the world flowers—millions of them—for the sake of that child.

Now, you and I also can give flowers—flowers of kind words, good deeds, and we can deposit them in the Bank of Human Kindness. Here we will find that this bank pays a great and never-failing dividend. Such is the kind of success and happiness we can teach our children to prepare for and to seek. In whatever line of work they are called upon to do, they will find opportunities to contribute to this bank account. In every walk of life we have to meet up with our fellow men and women—have to deal with them squarely or crookedly. We have to meet them as brother or enemy. If we teach our children the golden rule, and live up to its example ourselves, we can give them the keynote to success, which will fill to overflowing their account in the Bank of Human Kindness.

With the New Year I made a fresh start in my checking and savings account—made a resolution to keep a surplus, trying to put in much more than I took out. I am trying each day to live a little kinder, more gentle; to keep angry words from my lips, and to lend a helping hand to every friend in need.

I have found, I believe, the truth in the two immortal lines by Robert Louis Stevenson:

"The world is so full of a number of things,  
I'm sure we should be as happy as kings."

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**GOOD RECIPES**

"A good cook is a jewel in the crown of any family." It is a definite and settled fact that the "cook" of the family determine, at least, 60% of the family's health. Just as the fuel used in an engine determines how well that engine will function, so it is with the food that we eat. Every woman owes a great duty to her family, a duty that she should take very seriously and should spend a great deal of time studying—and that is, how to properly feed her family under existing conditions. There are no set rules for any condition. Every family is individual and distinct in itself. Every individual is distinct. There is no saying more true than, "What is one man's meat is another man's poison." However, I have found in my study of foods and observations of family welfare that, as a general rule, there are certain family characteristics. For instance, neither of my three children can tolerate raw apple. I know of another family where bananas are like poison to the children until they are a certain age. Therefore, the wise housewife will study her family both collectively and individually. There are many things to take into consideration when preparing the family menu; such as the amount of physical labor performed, the time of year, and family likes and dislikes. There are many other things to be considered, and the "good cook" will also be a "wise cook."

**Cauliflower Sauce**  
Melt 4 tablespoons butter in a sauce pan, add 4 tablespoons flour, 1/2 teaspoon salt, stir (Continued top of next column)

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until well blended. Add gradually 1 cup each hot well-seasoned chicken stock and hot thin cream or milk. Stir until smooth and glossy. Add the flowerets from 1 small head of cauliflower, heat to boiling point and serve hot with broiled fowl or turkey.

**Macaroni Ice Cream**  
Roll finely 1/2-lb. of dried macaronis, add 1/2 cup fruit juice (favorite flavor) and let stand 3 hours. Whip 1 1/2 pints heavy cream until solid; fold in macaronis. Cook 1 cup sugar with 1/3 cup water 2 minutes, cool and add to 1 quart thin cream combine mixtures; add 3/4 tablespoons each lemon and vanilla extract and a few grains of salt. Freeze and place in a mold and let stand until quite hard—2 to 3 hours as a rule.

**Salt Water Taffy**  
1 cup Karo corn syrup  
3/4 cup water  
2 cups granulated sugar  
1 tablespoon cornstarch  
1/2 tablespoon butter or shortening  
3/4 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon flavoring (vanilla)  
Combine the sugar, cornstarch, salt and butter. Add the corn syrup and water and stir until the mixture boils rapidly. Boil to 252 degrees F., or until a little when tried in cold water forms a fairly soft ball. Flavor, pour into a large platter lightly oiled and when cooled enough to handle, oil the hands, and pull until a white color and cut into lengths of one inch.

**Roasted Nuts**  
This is the best way to salt walnuts, pecans, filberts and Brazil nuts. Crack the nuts, scald the meats and drain. Rub the coating off. Pour enough butter or clear shortening in a good sized pan to almost cover the bottom, sprinkle the nut meats in thickly, dust with salt and roast in a hot oven 375 degrees F., turning occasionally until they are a golden brown, about twenty minutes. Drain on crumpled paper and dust again with salt. They are delicious as a desert.

**Scotch Shortbread**  
3/4 cup shortening  
3/4 teaspoon salt  
1/2 cup brown sugar  
1 1/2 cup flour  
1/2 cup cornstarch  
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg  
Sift the dry ingredients and rub the shortening in with the hands. Work until the dough is smooth and fine grained. Lightly oil a layer cake pan with shortening and line with thin paper. Pack in the shortbread mixture, pressing down the edges with a fork to form a design. Decorate the center with a flower made of blanchied almonds or pecans, candied cherries and leaves and stems of citron and bake in a slow oven 350 degrees F., from thirty-five to forty-five minutes. Cut in small wedge shaped pieces and move from the pan. Serve with cold milk for a light meal.

**Potato Salad**  
3 cups diced warm potatoes  
2 tablespoons grated onion  
1 tablespoon minced green pepper  
1/4 cup finely diced celery  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 hard boiled egg  
1 tablespoon chow-chow  
5 tablespoons melted butter  
2 tablespoons vinegar  
1/2 teaspoon pepper  
Lettuce  
Combine the ingredients in the order named while the potatoes are still warm. Chill and serve garnished with lettuce. This makes a delightful supper dish.

**ASTRONOMICAL PLANT IN DAVIS MOUNTAINS**

Belief is growing in Austin that the University of Texas will locate the McDonald Astronomical Plant in the Davis mountains of West Texas.

This belief is based on the fact that the officials in charge have let it become known that the big observatory will be established in this State, and they prefer a very high altitude where there is no smoke or dust. Some Davis mountain peak is about the only location that fits the bill, and sites in that range are being studied. The committee in charge, however, has made no definite announcement where the telescope will be placed, and likely will not do so for some time. The observatory will represent an investment of \$1,000,000. The University of Chicago will work in conjunction. Construction of the telescope itself will occupy more than two years time it is said. The money for this important work was provided by the will of Mr. McDonald, a capitalist of Paris, who passed away about ten years ago.

**GIRL HAS ATTENDED 100 SCHOOLS**

Miss Hulene Abercrombie, who is now in her second year in the Amarillo high school, has attended, all told, 100 schools. The schools were located in seventeen mid-western and northwestern States, a territory through which her father traveled. The parents were so attached to Hulene that every time they moved they took her along, and whether the stay at a place was short or long, the girl entered in the public school. During Miss Hulene's grammar school education her average period of attendance at the schools where she enrolled was less than three weeks. Sometimes she changed schools every week, and the longest she remained in any one of them was six weeks. She enrolled in as many as sixteen schools in one year and never in fewer than ten schools in any one year. In spite of her numerous changes of schools, teachers and textbooks, Miss Hulene has never failed in a single subject.

**DIED AT 102**

Mrs. Amada Montague, of Smithville, Tarrant county, passed away on January 3rd. Had she lived until January 23rd she would have been 102 years old. She was active until a short time before her death.

As for God, his way is perfect the word of the Lord is tried: he is a buckler to all them that trust in him. II Sam. 22:31.

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# Local Happenings



E. Burleson made a business trip to Mullin last Friday.

Hattie Busch and Morris Hink spent Sunday in Dublin Hamilton with relatives.

"Madison Square Garden," Spring Jack Oake, at the Palace Theatre Friday and Saturday.

Frank Randall spent a part of week in Marble Falls on business.

Mrs. C. W. Bates has returned home from a week's visit with friends in Waco.

Mrs. A. D. Barrow of Marlin was here a part of last week visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Autrey.

Miss Maxine Huddleston of Hamilton was here last Thursday visiting her father, Claude Huddleston, in the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Autrey.

W. C. Frizzell and J. E. Cozzins, of Bellville, with the Southern Union Gas Company, were in Hico on business the first of the week.

J. S. Nichols and Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hudson were week-end visitors in Austin and San Antonio.

S. E. Blair Jr. of John Tarleton College, Stephenville, was here last Saturday visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Blair Sr.

Will F. Hooker of Stephenville was here Sunday and spent the day with his mother, Mrs. W. H. Hooker. Jack Hooker, his son, was here also, but Mrs. Hooker reports that he did not spend the day with her, but with others.

Announcements were received the past week by friends and relatives of Jack Lackey Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Lackey, 4610 Victor Avenue, Dallas, of his graduation from the David Crockett Elementary School to the Woodrow Wilson High School in Dallas.

Miss Etta Mae Alexander who is in training at the Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth, was a week-end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Alexander, Sunday, her parents and sister, Eileen Alexander, and Misses Lorene and Inez Burleson accompanied her to Fort Worth and returned to Hico Sunday night. Miss Alexander is highly pleased with her work in the hospital.

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Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Currie were called to Stephenville last Thursday on account of the sudden death of one of Dr. Currie's brothers.

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Mrs. H. E. McCullough hosts Tuesday Bridge Club members.

Mrs. H. E. McCullough was hostess to the members of the Tuesday Bridge Club at her home on Tuesday afternoon of this week. The members engaged in contract bridge.

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Entertained Intermediate League with Valentine Party.

Rev. and Mrs. W. P. Cunningham were host and hostess to the Intermediate League of the Methodist Church last Friday evening at a Valentine party given for them at the parsonage. Twenty-two were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Thomason of Abilene were here the first of the week visiting her mother, Mrs. Mollie Carpenter. They left Monday for Hillsboro to visit his mother, Mrs. Bertie Lafferty, before returning to their home.

MT. ZION BASKET BALL GIRLS WIN AT TOURNAMENT.

The Mt. Zion basket ball girls were successful in winning the Bosque County championship for rural schools at the tournament in Clifton last Friday and Saturday. They played three games, winning each by several points.

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J. W. Richbourg, local manager of the G. M. Carlton Bros. Co. Store, spent the first of the week in Dallas buying spring and summer merchandise for the store. He was accompanied by buyers from Stephenville and Hamilton stores.

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## Sunday School Lesson

Jesus Teaching by Parables Lesson for February 12th. Mark 1-20. Golden Text John 15:8.

We study this week the familiar parable of the sower who sowed seed in different kinds of soil. The principal lesson Jesus here teaches is that the victory of divine truth depends upon the quality of the persons to whom that truth is taught. Just as the yield of the harvest is dependent upon the nature of the soil into which the seed is deposited.

Note that there are four kinds of people described.

1. The hard-hearted, represented by the way-side, where the seed cannot penetrate, and is eaten by birds. How many there are in the class the Bible calls "stiff-necked!" They are "hard-boiled," "flecting with ease." Such folk may hear, but they cannot respond. Their hearts are petrified.

God's seed can find therein no nourishing lodgement.

2. The superficial, represented by the rocky soil. These shallow persons are to be preferred to the hard-hearted, but they are far from fullness of life. Easy-going, smugly self-satisfied with their own narrow circle and outlook, their religion withers away in a time of stress.

3. The worldly, represented by the thorny soil. How many there are so preoccupied with secondary pursuits, their lives so cluttered with externals that the main secrets of happiness, the root sources of spiritual power are smothered!

4. The devoted, represented by the good ground yielding an abundant crop. These are steadfast, loyal, their hearts honest and receptive, open to the truth, and willing to obey it. Paul knew such, and tells us they were a comfort unto him. The seed rests warmly and securely within their breasts, and brings forth rich and hardy grain for the glory of the Lord and the bounty of His Kingdom!

Following the parable comes that saying, "Who hath ears to hear, let him hear." We are trained to speak well. But are we expect in the art of listening?

## MENUS AND RECIPES GIVEN BY C. I. A. AT DENTON

Denton, Jan. 31.—A great variety of inexpensive but attractive and delicious confections may be developed in the home kitchen from a few basic materials. It requires a little patience and some practice to make perfect products.

The desirable qualities of these homemade products bring satisfactions not to be measured all together by the usual standards of value. At first, the beginner should follow directions rather slavish but the mastery of the approved methods of handling nuts and of the fundamentals, principles of sugar cookery will bring independence and will result in really creative work which yields genuine pleasure.

Pecans and peanuts are plentiful. Popcorn is popular. Honey, used in small amounts, gives a delightful flavor.

Any of the following combinations with a glass of milk or a cup of hot cocoa makes a light but adequate lunch for school children:

1. Biscuit sandwiches with crisp lettuce, a few salted nuts, and 2 popcorn balls.
2. Brown bread and butter sandwiches, custard cup of baked beans, whole tomato, a few buttered and sugared nuts.
3. Graham biscuit sandwiches with chopped meat filling, apple, sugared popcorn in an attractive bag.

Whole wheat raisin bread and butter sandwiches, pear, 2 squares of honey-pecan divinity.

5. Biscuit sandwiches with chopped chicken filling, banana, 2 or 3 pieces of honey-nut fudge.
6. Date bread sandwiches spread with cream cheese, orange, 2 squares of peanut butter fudge.

RECIPES

SALTED NUTS: For variety, combinations of salted nuts may be served, but each kind should be salted separately because some brown more quickly than others. Cook the nut-meats, a few at a time, in a small sauce pan over a medium flame. Stir. Cook until delicately brown. Remove from frying kettle and place on paper to drain. Transfer to fresh paper and sprinkle with salt, 1 t to each cup nuts.

SPICED NUTS: After frying, drain and sprinkle with a mixture of 1 t salt, 1-4 t nutmeg, 1-4 t all spice, 1-4 t cloves to each cup.

HONEY POPCORN BALLS: Cook together 3-4 c strained honey, 1-4 c light corn syrup until a very hard ball, slightly brittle, is formed in cold water. Add 1 T butter. Pour slowly over 3 qt. popcorn slightly salted. Mix well. Form into balls with hands.

HONEY NUT FUDGE: Cook together over hot water 1 c condensed milk and 1 sq. unsweetened chocolate cut fine. Add 2 c sugar, 1-4 c strained honey and a pinch of salt. Stir constantly until sugar is dissolved. Cook to soft ball stage. Remove from fire; cool. Add 1 t vanilla and beat until thick and creamy. Add 3-4 c nutmeats coarsely chopped. Turn into greased pan and cut in squares when cool.

PEANUT BUTTER FUDGE: Mix together 3 c sugar and 4 T cocoa, add 1 c milk slowly, beat until smooth. Cook to soft ball stage. Cool. Add 1 t vanilla and 3 T peanut butter. Beat until thick and creamy. Turn into greased pan and cut into squares when cool.

Texas in 1932 started \$27,439,000.00 worth of highway improvements, including: 1,100 miles of grading and small structures, 473 miles of gravel or similar construction, 566 miles of concrete and brick highway and \$2,327,660 worth of large structures. Construction completed in 1932 included: 970 miles of grading and drainage, 162 miles of gravel, 388 miles of asphalt surface and 665 miles of concrete with \$3,509,662.00 worth of large structures (principally bridges).

# The Mirror

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ADVICE

This is quite the month we have ahead of us, what with Abe Lincoln's birthday and G. Washington's birthday and Valentine Day on the calendar. We all know of course, that the first two are very important dates, but I don't think many of us realize just how awfully important the last one can be.

The thing is, Valentine Day is only as big as you make it. And, since this priceless opportunity to send anonymous messages to people comes but once a year, I think we should all get together and see how we can squeeze the most juice out of it.

Why not send some really improving Valentines this year? Something hot and to the point! All you need is a pen, paper, and a list of your friends' faults. Is there something about your boy friend you do not like but yet can't quite bring yourself to mention? Well, girls, here's your opportunity to put over a snappy sermon without danger of getting a sock in the eye!

Who's Who in the Senior Class

Wilma Walton has been a member of our class since the first of this year. She began at once to take part in our school activities. She is President of the Spanish Club; she's a member of the Journalism Club; and she was a member of the Pep Squad. Wilma has won the love and friendship of the student body of Hico High School because of her winning personality.

Spanish Club.

The Spanish Club met in the home of Mildred and Kelly Thomas Monday night. We first elected a new Secretary, Mayo Hollis, and then we decided on the date for our banquet. March 4th was decided on and a committee composed of Leighton Guyton, Wilma Walton, Emory Gamble and Mayo Hollis was elected to make arrangements for the affair. We expect to have the banquet at some cafe or at a hotel. The program and social committee for next time are Richmond Herrington, Jane Adams and Ray Morgan and Dorothy Meador, Billy Hays and Guy Ekins, respectively.

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At this writing (Monday) we have good indications of more rain. We received a light shower of rain Thursday night of last week. Grain is looking fine. Farmers who have field work to do are steady on the job when the soil is dry enough.

Some are planting gardens and making preparations to have early garden eats, but we fear Old Jack Frost or Old Man Weather is going to beat us to them.

Rev. Newton of Pottsville filled his regular appointment at the Church of Christ Sunday morning and evening. There was a very good crowd present at both services.

There are quite a number of the people of this community suffering with colds and coughs.

The singing at the church auditorium last Sunday afternoon was well attended and some fine singing was enjoyed by all present. The Hico singing class and also J. D. Center Jr. of the Honey Grove class attended and we surely did enjoy their good singing. Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Barrow and son Gordon Barrow, wife and baby, of Hamilton, Mrs. Powers and daughter, Mrs. Tom Boone and others whose names we failed to ket. We are glad to have these visitors with us and extend a special invitation to come back again.

Did we have a change of weather? Well, we'll say we did! At about 2 or 2:30 Tuesday morning. Those who did not have their radios going to warn them of the approaching change are going to have a nice job fixing bursted water pipes. Most everybody knew nothing of the freezing weather until they arose early Tuesday morning. We hope the cold snap has come in time to save the fruit crop, while some fear the oats will be damaged by the freeze.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Jackson and family visited awhile Monday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Betts.

Mr. and Mrs. Dellis Seago of Hico, also Perry Seago of Gum Branch, were guests Sunday in the home of Mrs. Seago's parents and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Allison.

Mr. and Mrs. Russ Brummitt and daughter Miss Maggie, and Mrs. Bill Herring were Dublin visitors Saturday of last week.

We are glad to report Mr. Herbert Pitts much improved. He is now able to get about without the aid of crutches. He was injured several weeks ago when a horse fell on him while he was driving up cattle.

On last Friday evening, February 3, Mrs. Russ Brummitt and daughter Miss Maggie entertained and Mrs. Bill Herring were Dublin visitors Saturday of last week.

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The recommendation in the use of bluestone in treatment for stomach worms is as follows: A one and three-fourths per cent solution of bluestone to one gallon of water. Be very accurate in measurements as a stronger solution may kill the animals.

Sheep that are weak should be tailed out of the herd and treated with tetrachlorethylene, which is put up in two and one-half and 5 cc capsules, and which is not as severe as the copper sulphate treatment. The large capsules to be used for grown sheep and the small size for lambs.

The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station has issued a bulletin which is entitled "Stomach Worms in Sheep and Goats" and is Bulletin No. 448. This bulletin may be obtained by writing to the Experiment Station at College Station, Texas.

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Mr. and Mrs. John I Chesley of Lubbock were here last week visiting Mrs. Chesley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. C. Burney. Others visiting in the Burney home during the week were Mr. Burney's brother, Bascom Burney, and his daughter of Archer City, and a cousin, Will Burney of Kilgore.

### BLUEBONNET HI-Y ORGANIZED

Wednesday afternoon after school, Mr. Masterson met with ten high school boys and sponsored the organization of a HI-Y Club.

At this initial meeting a name was selected, Bluebonnet HI-Y Club, and officers were elected as follows: Adolph Leeth, president; Jack Vickrey, vice-president; W. L. McDowell, secretary; and Buster Shelton, treasurer.

A committee was appointed to formulate a constitution, suggest a place for meeting, and name as advisers a layman from the Methodist church and one from the Baptist Church.

The HI-Y Club is a national organization for older high school boys under the direction of the National High School Advisory Committee of the Y. M. C. A. It has the slogan "Clean Living, Clean Speech, Clean Sports, and Clean Scholarship."

### Duffau

By ELMER GIESECKE

People of Duffau community are shivering under zero weather which is very disagreeable after so many days.

John Lackey and wife of Hico visited in the home of Ed Martin and family Sunday afternoon.

Aunt Lee Ramage who has been quite sick for several days, is considerably improved at this writing. Aunt Lee is Duffau's oldest citizen, having passed the four score and ten. We are glad to note her improvement.

Several from here were at Stephenville Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson of Stephenville and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Wickline visited in the home of H. H. Ramage and family Sunday evening.

Frank Brown returned Monday very much improved. Frank has been in one of the hospitals there for several days.

G. B. Strother is serving on the grand jury at the county seat again this week.

Your little bill or reminder. That a small amount I did owe. Came as no great surprise to me. But this I would be glad to know.

Why do you continue to send your notices "to please remit." When will you ought to know. The depression has already hit?

When I asked the dear voters for their support and good will, you at once presented me with a notice for a Ten Dollar Bill.

Then when I did thank them in just a brief little line, to present me another bill you did not seem to mind.

Again, when I kindly wished my friends a happy New Year, you presented another bill. Without the shedding of a tear.

How do you expect me to live, much less to prosper too. When all the money I can earn I'm compelled to give to you?

The amount of your little bill I will here and now inclose. But where the next I'll get I must say God only knows.

An industrial possibility in Southwest Texas is indicated by the Kingsville Record's story of Sal del Rey, a salt lake that for generations has supplied that section with salt that is commercially pure. Tests have shown the deposits to be as high as 99.40 pure sodium chloride. The lake was discovered hundreds of years ago by the early Spanish and furnished the early settlers with all their salt supplies.

## CHEAP LUMBER

Cheap lumber and building supplies, together with low-priced labor, have been the means of many saving money on their building needs within the past few months.

But from present indications this condition will soon be over. Rising wholesale prices will force us, along with other lumber retailers, to raise our prices if the present trend continues.

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### Kidneys bother you?

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