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Cogitations & Aphorisms of Jodok

A small typewritten sheet has come into my possession recently, with no name signed to it, but the author evidently refers to himself as "Old Grouch," judging from the way the little article starts off.

"Old Grouch," or whoever he may be, has evidently been doing a little thinking for himself along the lines of our present economical conditions and the attempted remedies therefor, and since his ideas may be interesting to others, I am going to take the privilege of quoting what he has to say.

It starts off like this: "Old Grouch says that the NRA should be called the MPL, meaning Middleman's Protective League. The producer is getting less for what he produces and the consumer is paying more for what he gets. Labor has its pay increased and its hours of pay reduced, so is no more able to buy what it needs than before. The producer has his products decreased in price and pays more for everything that he buys.

"To get rid of a hypothetical 'over-production' the spread between the price of the products made from the farmers' products to the consumer is increased, thereby cutting down consumption, which is no way to get rid of an overproduction, other hypothetical or real.

"Of course the processor has 'recovered' under such a plan, but labor and the farmer hear all the end of such 'recovery'."

I did not see the above paragraph written, neither was it handed to me by anyone. I found it lying in my sanctum on the street corner and I verily believe it was left there purposely for my special benefit, and whoever "Old Grouch" may be, (and I believe I could spit on him at some time almost any day without getting out of my tracks) he is heading right along the line of sentiment that I hear expressed on the streets nearly every day by both the farmers and the day laborers, and they say they know whereof they speak and its straight realization and no imagination.

I have read with considerable interest Peter Mollnoux's editorial in last week's issue of the Texas Weekly about the pistol in the hands of a college youth, that fired a shot that killed a world. I did not commit the editorial to memory and since I do not have the copy by me I will not presume to quote the wording of it.

It was, however, to the effect that within thirty days after that fatal shot was fired all the leading nations of Europe were at each other's throats and the great political cataclysm spread until it had included in its bounds all the leading nations of the world including our beloved U. S. of which we are all so proud.

Well, as history relates, practically every monarchy in Europe went under the leading dynastical families of Europe were toppled from their thrones, but not one abiding democracy took their places, and the political condition of these many great countries today, as I understand them, are far worse than they were before the great World War.

They remind me somewhat of the fellow Jesus Christ told about, who was dispossessed of one devil, and because he did not lock the door of his heart seven other devils moved in and his latter end was worse than the first.

Some of these countries are now ruled by chancellors and dictators with more absolute power than was ever allotted to any king or monarchate that has ruled within the past few centuries, and whether they will use this power to the good or ill of their people remains to be seen.

We proud United States are inclined to look with considerable degree of ridicule upon the conditions being suffered by our neighbors across the waters, and to think in our own minds, that is, to ourselves, that we are too smart to get caught in such a trap as that.

My cogitations have led me to believe that we, at least, are not in the position to "cast the first stone." I am rather inclined to the aphorism that is expressed in the old maxim, "Those who live in glass houses should not throw stones, and it might behoove us to consider well "whether are we drifting?"

I was somewhat disappointed to find in last week's issue of the Star no mention of the wedding of our genial county attorney, Perry T. Brown. I presume, however that it was one of those events that was not

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BOBBIE BLACKWELL SEVERELY INJURED

Bobbie Blackwell, the eight year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Blackwell, was severely injured when the family cow dragged him a considerable distance over the ground.

The cow had escaped from the lot and Bob went to lead her home by an eight-foot chain that was attached to her head. On reaching the front yard at home he found some nice tender grass and stopped for the cow to get a few mouthfuls and while waiting he snapped the end of the chain around his waist and allowed the cow to lead him along as she cropped the grass. At one time giving him a stronger pull than usual she pulled him over which scared her and she started running, dragging him entirely around the block and across an adjoining vacant block before stopping.

The little fellow then sat up and unsnapped the chain from his body and ran all the way home. Large spaces of skin were rubbed from both his thighs, his abdomen and his back. A physician was called and he is now swathed in bandages almost from head to foot but is getting along nicely.

BACK TO OLD HOME IN IOWA

A. N. Wentworth (Uncle Andy), one of Friona's pioneer and highly respected citizens, departed Thursday morning of last week for his former home at Cresco, Iowa, where he goes in the hope of regaining his health.

Mr. Wentworth had been in unusually good health for a man of his years until thirteen months ago, when he was knocked down and trampled upon by a young cow that he was leading to pasture.

The attack resulted in the breaking of the bone of the thigh or hip joint on the right side producing a compaction of the bone in the joint, from which he has been unable to get relief, the bone in that condition refusing to heal, causing the aged man to suffer continual pain and compelling him to use crutches whenever he moves about.

Word from a bone specialist in a hospital at Iowa City, that he could place the bone in a position it will again heal, was the cause of Mr. Wentworth's undertaking this long and tiresome trip alone.

In event the operation is successful Mr. Wentworth hopes to be back at his Friona home within six months and perhaps earlier. Should the operation not prove successful, he stated that he will very likely spend the remainder of his days with his children and other relatives in Iowa. Mrs. Wentworth remained at home to look after the home and other matters pertaining to it during the absence of her husband. These two good old people have the sincere best wishes of their many Friona friends.

HOMELAND DEMONSTRATION CLUB

"Insect Control" was the lesson topic at the meeting of the Homeland Demonstration Club, June 28, when it met at the home of Mrs. E. D. Williams.

Mrs. Williams discussed the control of flies and ants.

"Control of Garden Insects" by Mrs. Boatman.

Mrs. Todd reported on the Style Show held at Bovina June 19.

Plans were made for the next meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. A. H. Boatman, with the Lazbuddy Demonstration Club as guests.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames Ruby and Pauline Hartman of Lazbuddy and Miss Julia O'Brian, guests: Mesdames Boatman, Ritter, O'Brian, Todd and Williams.

METHODIST CHURCH

Reorganization of the intermediate and primary divisions of the church will be pushed to further completion, July 8th at 8:30 p. m. All are invited to join in this evening service as well as in the morning worship at 10 o'clock.

"The Growing Patriot," subject for the evening young people's service was capably rendered. Peace-loving patriots are truly the need of our nation and the world. "Sweet Peace" was sung by Miss Daley, Dee Parr, accompanied by Miss Bonnie Curry, as a special.

Miss Joan Clinkscale sang a special number for the evening preaching service, "Dearest Thou All," she was accompanied by her mother. The evening text and its treatment was a challenge to the young people, "Let No Man Despise Thy Youth." War Lords care not whose youths suffer and die on battlefields, except their own. They reap profits while nations lose their best men and lay heavy taxes on the remainder. Then let us have peace and let no man despise our youth and desire to live.

MOVED TO COLORADO

L. C. Linn and wife departed with their household belongings for some point in Colorado, Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Linn have been making their home in or near Friona for the past several years and have many friends here who regret their departure.

Queer Music



By simply manipulating his hands in the air, Charles Stein plays music on the theremin in the Science Theater at the new World's Fair in Chicago.

DIAMOND SPARKLERS

Friona broke through Jinx and blanked Tucumcari 4 to 0 last Sunday by the fine pitching of Lynch. He pitched a five-hit game and had nine strike-outs, working with almost perfect support. Not a player reached 2nd base after the third inning.

Vassey hit for a home run in the 6th inning over deep center field.

Friona will play a Circleback this Sunday, and the next three Sundays on the home diamond. Manager Anderson has the team on the winning way. So we expect to have several good games in the winning column and most all games on the home diamond, at Whiteway Park.

Following is the box score of the game last Sunday:

	T	A	R	H	P	O	A	E
Tucumcari	4	0	1	4	0	0	0	0
Gabert, cf.	3	0	1	4	0	0	0	0
Ing, lb.	4	0	1	12	0	1	0	0
McComas, p.	2b.	4	0	0	2	1	0	0
Gregory, M. p.	4	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Mundell, ss.	4	0	0	1	5	0	0	0
Mansfield, rf.	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Leach, lf.	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Billingsley, 3b.	3	0	1	2	1	0	0	0
Adams, 2b.	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Campbell, c.	3	0	1	1	5	0	0	0
Totals	30	0	5	24	14	2	0	0
Friona								
Williams, ss.	4	1	2	0	2	0	0	0
Wilson, c.	4	0	0	10	1	1	0	0
Vassey, 3b.	3	1	1	2	2	0	0	0
Vassey, lf.	3	1	2	3	0	0	0	0
Moeks, cf.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Schultz, lb.	4	0	2	10	0	1	0	0
Barnett, 2b.	3	0	1	2	3	0	0	0
Johnson, rf.	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lynch, p.	3	1	0	1	3	0	0	0
Totals	31	4	8	27	11	2	0	0

Summary: Runs batted in—Williams, Lewis, Vassey, Schultz, Two base hits—Williams and Lewis. Home run—Vassey. Stolen bases—Williams and Vassey. Sacrifice hits—Gabert and Campbell. 3; Wilson, 2; Strike-outs—Lynch, 9; McComas, 1; Gregory, 1. Hit by pitcher—Gabert and Adams by Lynch; Lewis by Gregory. Double play—Lynch to Schultz. Left on bases—Tucumcari 6; Friona, 5. Hits off McComas 6; off Gregory, 2; Base on balls—off McComas, 1; Gregory, 1. Losing pitcher, McComas.

WILLS NEWS

What is the matter with the weather man? He has forgotten how to send us rain.

Well, everybody out our way is about done thrashing. Lots of work and no pay.

Mrs. Marguerite Niece, who has been sick for over a year is now confined to her bed, out two miles from town, very sick.

John Taylor purchased a new coupe last week.

John Riddle, of Oklahoma City, was out tending to his farm near here last week and visiting his son.

Walley Hodges of Lazbuddy and Miss Arlesia Boren attended a dance at Muleshoe Saturday night.

L. H. Routh of Friona was a business visitor at Otis Massey's Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Buford Rule spent Sunday in the home of her parents, Forest Gaines was a week end visitor in his mother's home.

Mrs. Higgenbottom (of Clinton, Oklahoma, came out to be here at harvest on her farm; Ed brought Miss Willie Cordill home and her cousin, Robbie Hines, returned home with her to spend the summer.

Today we have our new mail carrier. We all hope to like him.

Mr. and Mrs. Verlin Isham called to see Mrs. Niece Saturday. They spent the night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Boren. Mrs. Isham is just able to be out. She has been sick for the past five weeks.

Archie Hook returned to Freedom, Oklahoma, after harvesting his wheat crop here last week.

Miss Elizabeth Massey is now working at the elevator at Friona.

Judge Temple of Farwell was out in our part of the country Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Buford Rule went to Clovis Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kay Thornton and children spent Monday in Friona.

Mrs. C. C. Boren and daughter spent Monday morning in Friona.

PROF. EUBANKS HONORED

Word has just been received at the Star office to the effect that one of the members of the Friona high school faculty, Prof. Wayne C. Eubanks, has been signally honored in his work at the Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois, where he is a student again this year.

It appears that during the summer term of the University, the large number of high school scholarship students makes the enrollment in the department of speech so large that it is impossible for the regular teachers to care for them, and the dean of the University has been obliged to call upon some of his outstanding students to assist in this work.

In this instance this choice fell to Mr. Eubanks and cannot be considered in any way but as a most distinguished honor. We are pleased to quote here the Dean's letter conferring the appointment:

"My Dear Mr. Eubanks: To date we have never felt the need to call on you for some service in return for scholarship aid. Now we have a real need, and wish to lay a small burden of work on you. We want you to teach a group of 20 to 25 high school juniors for the first four weeks of the summer term.

Subject: Extemporaneous Speaking. Hour: 2:15 to 4:15. Place: Harris Hall. Days: Monday to Friday inclusive, for four weeks, 20 classes in all. Check with me at your earliest convenience and be ready to start June 25.

RALPH DENNIS, Dean.

The information further stated that Mr. Eubanks is delighted with the work, having a class of 22 pupils representing 18 different states. They are the best high school students in "speech" in the U. S. Mr. Eubanks himself, considers this an honor more than any he has ever had.

FRIONA WEATHER

W-h-e-w! Ain't it hot? "It's the hottest weather I have ever known in the Panhandle," and many other similar expressions may be heard each day on our streets, in our homes and places of business.

The weather has been unusually warm for the past two weeks and the unusual dryness of the atmosphere has apparently added to the intensity of the sun's rays, and even our breeze, which usually has a cooling effect, has, at this time, also seemed warm and uninvigorating.

We Panhandlers have become so accustomed to our cool and refreshing breezes, even during our hottest months, and our never failing cool nights, that we sure do notice their absence when they are denied us.

For two or three days during the latter part of last week, our breezes took on their accustomed coolness and the heat was much less oppressive but this coolness was lost and the early part of this week was just as oppressive as the weather of the past two weeks.

No rain has visited any part of the Friona territory so far as the Star has been able to learn during the past two weeks. We have not so much as had a hail storm during that time and the drought is becoming more distinctly felt and feared with each succeeding day. However, the Star's forecaster says we will most certainly have an abundance of rain during August.

MOVED HERE FROM FARWELL

S. L. Lunsford has moved his family from Farwell to Friona, having moved in early Monday morning. They are occupying the house made vacant Sunday by the removal of Mr. and Mrs. Linn.

Mr. Lunsford will be employed at the Lunsford Chevrolet on Fifth Street, which is operated by his brothers, Charles and J. N. Lunsford.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Sunday school—10:00.
Morning Worship 11:00
Evening Worship—8:30.
Junior Endeavor—Saturday afternoon at 2.

Men's Study Class meets every Sunday morning in the parsonage at 10.

The Pastor will speak in the morning service on "What are we going to do?"—and at 8:30 in the evening on "When a Felice Needs a Friend."

Of interest not only to Congregationalists, but to the Membership of all Protestant Denominations is the action of the Council which met in Oberlin last week. The National Council voted to establish a Council of Social Action, its object being to achieve a "Warless, Just and Brotherly World, dedicating ourselves to un-remitting work for the day in which all men will find Peace, Security and Abundant Life."

GUESTS AT DR. WILLS' HOME

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Wills of Lorena, and Mrs. A. Nix and children, of Longview, are the guests this week of Drs. R. R. and E. B. Wills and wives.

Drs. R. R. and E. B. Wills are the sons of the visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wills and the brothers of Mrs. Nix.

WANTED: Good clean cotton rags Friona Star Office

BUS TO SHORT COURSE FOR PARMER DELEGATES

Plans are made for a bus to take Parmer County delegates to the Farmers Short Course at College Station July 30 to August 4.

The bus will leave early on the morning of July 27 to arrive in College Station on Sunday afternoon for Short Course.

An arranged tour through Austin will take the group to visit State University buildings, the Elizabeth Ney Studio, the Capitol building and several other places of interest in Austin. One week will be spent in College Station then the return trip will be made by a different route.

The round trip bus fare will be about \$6. Tourist camps and meals enroute will amount to about \$6.00 and board and room at short course will be \$6.00. The 12 day trip can be made at a cost of \$18 for each individual.

Those who intend to go to the short course should make bus and room reservations at the county agent's or county home demonstration agent's office before July 17.

SCHOOL BUYS EIGHT BUSES

At a meeting of the school board on the night of June 23, it was voted to buy eight busses for the transportation of the pupils to and from school.

The plan adopted varies considerably to that in use during the past several years, in that the district will own the busses outright and hire men to drive them, paying them by the month.

The kind of busses selected is the International Harvester make and they will be delivered to the school board at Richmond, Indiana, where the bus bodies will be placed on the chassis and representatives of the school board will go to Richmond and receive them and drive them to Friona.

Further details of the bus deal were worked out at a meeting of the school board Monday night.

JOHN SIGMUND WRITES STAR

John Sigmund, formerly of Corpus Christi, writes the Star to the effect that he has again located in his former home in Dallas. He has been a regular subscriber to the Star for several years and asks that his paper now be sent to his Dallas address.

Mr. Sigmund owns a tract of land a few miles southwest of Friona and has been here on various occasions looking after his business interests, and he states in his letter that he may decide to locate in Friona some time in the near future.

SCHOOL TO HAVE VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE

The Friona High school will add to its course of study the coming term vocational agriculture with a special instructor for that branch, in the person of Prof. T. L. Leach of Brownwood.

Prof. Leach arrived here Monday to take up his abode and to begin his work for the coming term. He will make his home in the small house owned by Mrs. J. A. Blackwell which was occupied by the male members of the faculty last term.

TO HAVE BONE OPERATION

Lloyd (Judge) Ragland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hicks, who has been suffering for some time with an affliction in one of his legs, was taken to a hospital in Amarillo last week for an operation in the hope of curing the ailment, which is termed tuberculosis of the bone.

Physicians stated that a permanent cure could probably not be effected but that much relief could be obtained which would enable the young man to use the limb in walking. It is hoped by all that results may be even better than was promised.

GUESTS AT ELLISON HOME

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ellison, living a few miles east of Bovina, have been enjoying a visit from Mr. Ellison's brother in law and two nephews and their families from Dalton, Georgia.

The guests are C. H. Mosser and family, T. H. Mosser and family and H. C. Mosser and family. It is the first visit for them to the plains country and they expressed themselves as well pleased with the country regardless of its present arid condition.

They departed on their return trip the latter part of last week expecting to visit with relatives in Oklahoma for a few days.

B. T. S. REPORT

An attendance of eighty was reported for last Sunday evening. We are, however still finding it difficult to begin at the appointed hour, eight o'clock.

BAKE SALE

Ladies of the Frances Van Pelt Circle of the Methodist church are giving a bake sale at Crawford's store Saturday of this week, July 7.

They will have on sale dressed chickens, cakes and pies. This will be a good place for busy housewives and other busy cooks to supply themselves with at least a portion of their Sunday dinner.

Two Star Mail Routes' Carriers Change July 2

On Monday morning of this week the two Star routes leading out of Friona to Lazbuddy and Brown's Corner, respectively, changed hands. Everett Harry and J. A. Mincher, the former carriers releasing their jobs to Clarence and Lewis Baxter, the two low bidders in the bidding contest held last spring.

The first route established out of Friona was the one to the south and east of town and including the Lazbuddy post office, and the mail on this route has been continuously carried for the past seven years and nine months by Everett Harry.

Mr. Harry refrained from bidding on this route for the coming year, realizing that there would be bid-offered far below the amount for which he could afford to do the work. To date he has not definitely decided what his future vocation shall be. During the time he was carrier for the route he was the firm friendship of all the patrons of the route by his genial and obliging disposition and spirit of fairness.

The second route established here was that to the north and west, including the then contemplated post office at Brown's Corner, in Deer Smith county. This route has been served since its establishment by J. A. Mincher, and Mr. Mincher, like his co-laborer, Mr. Harry, has won the highest esteem and approval of those whom he served as their mail carrier. Mr. Mincher is at this time living on and farming the land owned by E. V. Rushing a mile west of town, and has thus far expressed no intention of taking up any other job or calling, at least for the immediate future.

The Young men who have taken over the service on these two routes are well known and highly respected young men of the community, and their many friends wish for them the most perfect success in their new calling.

VISITED AT TULLA

Clyde V. Goodwine and his mother, Mrs. Minnie Goodwine, drove over to Tulla on Tuesday of last week and spent the day visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Clinch.

On their return home they were accompanied by Miss Marie Clinch, a grand daughter of Mrs. Goodwine, and R. G. Clinch Jr., who spent the remainder of the week visiting in the Goodwine home.

GUESTS IN J. W. PARR HOME

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Parr, parents of J. W. Parr, are visiting in their son's home here for several weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Parr visit here each summer and enjoy the invigorating plain atmosphere as in contrast to that at their home at Bowie.

ATTEND YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING AT BETHEL

Misses Juanita Crow and Daley Doe Parr and Messrs. Forest Osborn, Roy Golden and Rev. H. L. Thurston drove to Bethel, near Dimmitt, Sunday afternoon to represent the local Methodists in a sub-district Young People's meeting.

Mr. Osborn is president of the organization. The next meeting will be at Bovina on the second Sunday in August.

PENTECOSTAL CAMP MEETING

Plans for the Pentecostal camp meeting which is to be held here from July 27 to August 5, inclusive, are well under way.

A large number of ministers and workers from a number of states are expected, and we are expecting a real spiritual feast while here in the camp. The people of the town and surrounding country are cordially invited to attend each and every service.

FEW FRIONIANS CELEBRATE

While there are always a few people in every community who will take off from their daily avocation to celebrate the Fourth of July, and usually a goodly number of the people of Friona do so, it appears that the number who did so this year was less than usual.

A few, however took off for at least a half of the day and a part of the night to visit celebrations at other towns, and a good number attended the "Boney" dance at the Friona Roof Garden at night. The absence of firecrackers was also quite noticeable here this year.

GENUINE FORD AND CHEVROLET PARTS AT O. C. JONES GARAGE

Genuine Ford and Chevrolet Parts at O. C. Jones Garage.

Kenneth Kendrick of Canyon, one of our teachers, was a visitor here Monday, as was also Prof. Davis, who was over to attend to his music classes.

OUTLAWS of EDEN

By
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We would have liked another week of it, but when you brought the sheriff and his deputies around I concluded it was the part of wisdom to be satisfied with the water we had already received. But as summer advances I warn you we'll have to have our legal share of that water and if we do not get it I'm going to put a couple of hundred pounds of dynamite under that concrete diversion dam of yours and blow it out.

"If you do you'll go to the pen," Babson warned.

"Only my kind forbearance has kept you out of it. Do not forget that



"If You Do You'll Go to the Pen," Babson Warned.

River Charley. You do not know where he is but I do. I may bring him back to testify against you."

"You couldn't convict me." "Perhaps not, but I can shake public confidence in you, you smug hypocrite. You realize, of course, that when the Forlorn Valley irrigation district was formed and a deed of trust on all of the lands embraced in the district was given, with a San Francisco trust company as trustee, to secure the bond issue the district floated, all of the first mortgages and deeds of trust on lands within the district given to your bank to secure prior loans have now become second liens against those lands. You realize, do you, that if the Forlorn Valley irrigation district should go bust the foreclosure of the deed of trust given by the district will automatically wipe out the second liens held by your bank?"

"I do. But the Forlorn Valley irrigation district will not go bust, and with the increased fertility and, consequently, the doubling in value of the lands and their increased earning power, this bank's security will be ample and the mortgages and deeds of trust will be paid. If not, they can be foreclosed and the bank can take over the lands, subject, of course, to the bond issue against them. And they can then be sold very readily. I have no apprehensions on that score and if you are trying to frighten me you are not making a very successful job of it."

Nate Tichenor pointed through the open door of the bank to a lot across the street where a gang of workmen were engaged erecting a one-story building of cream brick. "That lot and building are mine," Tichenor informed the banker lightly. "I'm going to start a bank there with a million dollars capital."

"You'll have to prove a genuine need for another bank and you'll have to prove that your bank has some sound hopes for success. And you cannot do that while the Bank of Valley Center continues to function as at present."

"Well, I'll be all set, ready to take over the wreck of your bank, Babson. I'm patient. I can wait."

As Tichenor walked out, Babson turned to Henry Rookby. "Henry, that fellow's so rattled he doesn't know what to do. He'd like to start an injunction suit against the district, but he's not at all certain he can win. Henry, he's actually erecting a bank building across the street, hoping to scare me into a compromise to save his face. Can you beat him?"

"He's small change," Mr. Rookby replied disdainfully. "Forget him."

But Mr. Rookby's airy advice failed to bring the measure of comfort for which Babson yearned. Even his own assurances presently failed him. Nothing in life is more distressing than uncertainty, and the uncertainty as to whether Nate Tichenor and Lorry Kershaw would apply for an injunction restraining the Forlorn Valley irrigation district from diverting water from Eden Valley creek was a profound uncertainty, indeed. Babson wondered whether Tichenor was really depressed over the situation, really disinclined to a fight in the courts.

That night Silas Babson went home with a violent headache. He did not

sleep well, either, and the following night he was very weary, indeed. The third night he was still sleepless and then his old enemy insomnia claimed him and he had a nervous breakdown.

The postmaster at Valley Center reported that Nate Tichenor must loathe the town with a great loathing, because not a single letter from Tichenor, his wife, or their employees was ever posted in Valley Center. And, as everybody knows, the pay of a country postmaster is predicated on the amount of business he does! A similar complaint came from the local telegraph agent and the local telephone agent. Nobody could ascertain via these agencies, anything of Nate Tichenor's business and this was a genuine deprivation. Nor was a single dollar of Tichenor money expended in Valley Center for anything that could be purchased in Gold Run.

The irrigation district's engineer reported to Babson that before the first of April Lake Babson would be filled to the top of its flood-gates. Babson was jubilant. Under his urging, promulgated in the Forlorn Valley Citizen, thousands of acres of land had been prepared for alfalfa the preceding fall. They had been seeded just prior to the first rains, and succeeding rains at brief intervals had kept the new crops growing steadily and had deposited in the lands sufficient moisture to last until the spring rains ceased and it would be necessary to employ surface irrigation to develop the first crop about the first of June. Babson decided therefore, to open the Lake Babson headgates for the first time on May first and to make the occasion one of general rejoicing; the descent for the first time upon Forlorn Valley of the life-giving waters of Eden Valley creek should be an epic event.

The prospect filled him with delight, thrilled him to an unwonted generosity. He owned rather a lovely farm on the western edge of the district, and through this far the main canal had been dug, with the laterals leading from it down a gentle slope to the east and taking advantage of every contour. There was a grove of Valparaiso live oaks growing on this farm close to the edge of the main canal and here Babson decided to hold a barbecue for his people.

A dramatic frenzy gradually seized him. May-day, immemorially dedicated to festivals, was to be his day of triumph, a day that should repay him for his years of labor, and self-sacrifice for the public weal. Of course, as president of the Forlorn Valley irrigation district, his right to be the orator of the day could not be gainsaid and nobody tried to gainsay it. He dictated his speech to his secretary, edited it, revised it, labored lovingly over it, and when it was complete he memorized it and delivered it, with appropriate gestures, to Henry Rookby after the bank had closed for the day. Meanwhile he had had an electrical contrivance installed at the reservoir headgates, and a wire led eight miles down country to connect with a push-button on the speaker's stand at the barbecue grounds. He had the district's engineer figure approximately how long it would require the water to flow from the headgates to the grove, for he planned, at the moment of mounding the platform to press his push-button, which would raise the headgates at the reservoir and release the water. Then at a certain dramatic point in his oration the water would make its dramatic appearance. Henry Rookby was to discover his approach and interrupt Babson with shrill and appropriate cries of amazement and joy.

Babson had a motion-picture camera man from a news reel agency engaged to photograph the head of the vast brown flood as it rolled down the dry forty-foot main canal, bank-deep. He sent out engraved invitations to the great of the county and plastered the barns and fences of Forlorn Valley with notices of the great event and a cordial invitation to attend—everything free. At the last moment he forgot his early religious training and erected a dance platform. He decorated everything liberally with red, white and blue bunting and the American flag, and resurrected the striped trousers, Prince Albert coat, and top hat he had once been forced to purchase—or look ridiculous when acting as pall-bearer of a defunct congressman from his district.

He was so happy he elected to forget that Joe Brainerd had once punched him several times on the nose, and sent over to the office of the Register a detailed announcement of his plans, for he was ever one who loved publicity. Promptly Brainerd carried this news to Eden Valley, where Nate Tichenor's eyes glowed strangely. He set off immediately for the county seat.

The great day arrived, and as Babson mounted the speaker's platform and gazed out over the hundreds of happy faces before him—as the Gold Run Silver Cornet band broke into "Hail, the Conquering Hero Comes!" and three cheers and a vigorous tiger burst from the audience, Babson turned to Congressman Beatty, whose valiant work in Washington had aided to tap Eden Valley creek and secure permission to run the diversion canal through the public domain, and remarked that he was convinced at last that he had not lived in vain.

Bowing to the audience, he removed his shiny top hat and laid it on a small pine table before him. He gazed lovingly at the magic push-button, his hand reached lingeringly out to press it, all unseen by his auditors (happily, he had taken the precaution to place his hat that the pressing of the button would not be observed) when a rude interruption occurred.

A commanding voice cried sharply, "Stop that, Babson!" and Babson stayed his hand to glance up angrily. Nate Tichenor stepped up on the plat-

form; behind him came his wife and Rube Tenney, and a silence that was almost thunderous settled over the grove as it was observed that all three were wearing two six-shooters each. Straight to Babson's side Tichenor strode; he delivered upon the Babson shoulder a gentle accolade with a blue-backed, legal-looking document and then thrust it into Babson's hand, the while he said so all might hear:

"This is a temporary injunction from the judge of the Superior court of this county, restraining the Forlorn Valley irrigation district, its officers, members, employees and agents, from diverting the waters of Eden Valley creek to Forlorn Valley, and ordering the district to show cause, within ten days, why this injunction should not be made permanent. I warn you, Silas Babson, that if you press that button you will be in contempt of court."

There was not a sound. For fully two minutes the three on the platform waited grimly, then Nate Tichenor said: "Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow you'll be broke." His wife



"Eat, Drink and Be Merry, for Tomorrow You'll Be Broke."

put her arm through his and together they descended the two short steps to the audience, while Mr. Tenney, grinning evilly, trudged stolidly in the rear. Down through the center aisle they passed to an automobile waiting outside the grove; they entered and rolled away, as Silas Babson was reading aloud to his people the damnable legal document that had changed his hour of triumph into one of despair. With difficulty controlling his voice he announced:

"Mr. Tichenor has a habit of dramatizing himself, and while he has, of course, robbed this historic moment of certain high lights I had provided for your entertainment, still his rude and ungenerous interruption need cast no shadow o'er us. We are here to enjoy ourselves and we shall do so." And he proceeded to deliver his speech. Congressman Conrad Beatty followed him and assured his hearers that they had nothing to fear for the future—take his word for that. Henry Rookby, invaluable in desperate moments, had the hand play whenever the speakers paused for breath or a drink of water, and little by little the gloom of Nate Tichenor's dramatic visitation was dispelled and the party took on most of the aspects of a genuine jollification.

In Nate Tichenor's latest move, Silas Babson and his fellow directors read only a last-minute effort, inspired solely by malice, to embarrass the district with a lawsuit that would drag through the summer and thus for another year deprive the valley of water. To thwart this, therefore, it was imperative that the district employ an imposing array of legal talent immediately and have Tichenor's suit to obtain a permanent injunction go to trial without delay. Four days later both sides had finished with their witnesses, both legal batteries had fired their last broadsides, and his honor looked gravely over the top of his desk at the belligerents.

"Since this case went to trial," he announced, "the Supreme court of the state of California has rendered a unanimous decision in an appeal from a decision rendered by the Superior court in a case similar to this. Due

to the recent decision of the Supreme court, an advance copy of which has only this morning reached me, I find myself in the embarrassing position of having to reverse my previous view as to the constitutionality of Paragraph 534 of the Code of Civil Procedure, upon which the defendant corporation has based its argument in the issue at trial.

"In general, the Supreme court of the state of California holds that there is no such thing as flood, storm or freshet waters in a stream, but merely a seasonal rise and fall of the stream and that all waters therein, not merely the so-called summer or normal flow, are riparian to the bed thereof, and may not be diverted from such riparian lands for the use and benefit of a non-riparian owner. The Supreme court holds that all of the waters of said river (which, of course, applies to all streams throughout the state) are an inalienable and vested right of the owners of the lands riparian thereto.

"This court has no alternative but to award to the plaintiff the permanent injunction prayed for, restraining forever the defendant public service corporation, Forlorn Valley irrigation district, from diverting any of the waters of Eden Valley creek. This court also assesses the costs of this action to the defendants, as prayed for in the complaint, and it is so ordered. At a later date the court will issue a formal written decision, but the court can see no reason for re-

fraining from rendering an informal decision at this time and referring the defendant corporation to its sole and inalienable right at law—the right to acquire the lands of the Bar H Land and Cattle company et al through condemnation suit or purchase by private treaty. Court is dismissed!"

There was nothing else for Silas Babson to do save weep—and he did. He laid his tired head on the counsel table and sobbed as if his heart must break. "Don't take it so hard, Mr. Babson," his counsel continued. "You have one more arrow in your quiver. The district can still condemn Eden Valley and acquire its water rights."

"Of course it can," Nate Tichenor was speaking from the other side of the counsel table. "But Eden Valley's fertile acreage far exceeds that of Forlorn Valley, and it is infinitely more valuable. You cannot have Eden Valley for less than two million dollars and the lands in the Forlorn Valley irrigation district are already mortgaged to the limit."

Babson, red-eyed, gazed at him with something of the malevolence of a trapped mink. "You've ruined Forlorn Valley," he quavered. "You realize that, don't you?"

"I haven't given any thought to Forlorn Valley," Nate replied coldly. "Just now I'm reveling in the joy that comes of the knowledge I have ruined you. All I have to do to save Forlorn Valley is to press a button."

"For God's sake, Mr. Tichenor, do it," Babson pleaded. "All these poor people—"

"Who refused to permit me to be kind to them and save them from ruin," Tichenor interrupted harshly. "All these poor people who followed their false leader blindly and stupidly, who refused to believe Lorry Kershaw and I had hearts in our breasts! All these poor people who hooted at me, cried me down, smashed my body, and smeared me with road oil and feathers! All these poor people who rejoiced in reviling my wife and me, in reciting our sorry family history!"

"Then," said Babson, aghast, "you intend to foreclose the deed of trust on Forlorn Valley?"

"The minute you default on the payment of the interest, Babson."

"And then—you'll—press the button?"

"Naturally. I'll have to—to make my investment sweet. Just now it's a wee bit sour."

Silas Babson gave vent to a manning little cry, like a hurt animal; he slid softly out of his chair to the door. He had fainted.

A group of farmers seated in the rear of the courtroom now got up quietly and stalked out. Tichenor followed them to the door and stood watching them. As if acting under the stimulus of a common purpose they walked to their shabby automobiles parked along the curb and drove out of town at a high rate of speed.

When Babson let himself in the side door of the Bank of Valley Center about four o'clock that afternoon Henry Rookby's white face peered out at him from the cashier's cage where Rookby was balancing his cash.

"We got to do something 'n' do it quick," Rookby quavered. "I've had a run on the bank since noon. What are we going to do tomorrow if this run continues, Mr. Babson. We haven't more than twenty thousand dollars in the vault now."

"Don't open the bank tomorrow if you see a crowd in front waiting. Paste a notice in the window that this bank has closed temporarily and will reopen as soon as I have returned from San Francisco with cash to meet all demands for withdrawals. Got to have an excuse to keep 'em quiet."

Babson got out his life insurance policies and read their provisions carefully. He knew there was a clause in them which nullified them if the insured committed suicide while sane or insane within a certain period following the issuance of the policy. Yes, that period had now passed. He had two hundred thousand dollars' worth of life insurance in force and his wife was the beneficiary. His creditors could not levy on that. So he wrote his wife a letter, instructing her how to invest the insurance money safely to yield six per cent, enclosed this note in an envelope and returned it to the tin box marked "S. B.—Personal." This box he placed in the bank vault where it would be found readily; then he left a note for Mr. Rookby, got in his car and drove away up country.

Two weeks later Rube Tenney found his body floating beside the headgate at Lake Babson. A gentle wind was blowing across the lake and Mr. Babson's body was bumping the headgate gently and persistently, as if he still insisted it be opened.

(CONTINUED NEXT WEEK)

High Grade Hogs Pay Hockley Boy

LEVELLAND—That it pays to have purebred hogs and then finish them well has been demonstrated again—this time by Rex Hardin of Hockley county. Last fall he purchased seven purebred Hampshire pigs to use for a 4-H club demonstration and fit them for the spring shows. They were placed on feed the first of November weighing 60 lbs. and they averaged 214 at the Lubbock show. They were well fitted as shown by the fact that Rex won first in the light class, reserve champion, and fourth on a litter of five.

They were fed threshed grain and a protein supplement composed of cottonseed meal and tankage half-and-half by weight in a self feeder. Four pounds of grain and the protein supplement were required to produce a pound of pork. Water was kept before the pigs at all times.

JUST LIKE THAT

Perfunctory compliments seem to please many people about as well as heartfelt ones.

Strange that buttermilk isn't a more popular beverage. Mustaches are almost out of fashion.

Going out to live among the trees and birds is also going out to live among the pestiferous insects.

PAUSE AND REFLECT

Pleasures are the commas used to punctuate life's sad story.

Don't forget that a hair on the head is worth two on the brush or comb.

They say that time flies. Well, wicker money can beat it easily at any distance.

YOU MAY BELIEVE IT

Pigsties in Preston, England, are to be heated by electricity.

Carmarthen, Wales, has had no arrests for crime in four years.

A church organ in Bavaria was recently offered for sale as a beehive.

WORTH REMEMBERING

Character calls forth character.—Goethe.

Those who keep their word will never lose our trust.

Let the motive be in the deed, not in the event.—Persian.

PUSH AND PULL

American oak is being used in buildings in Belgium.

Aluminum is gaining favor as a material for cans in Norway.

Liverpool, England, is spending \$40,000,000 in abolishing its slums.

FEAST OF FUN

There was once a man who called his car M. G. because it wouldn't work.

One can always make money in a city where the population is very dense.

There's no use crying over spilt milk. Isn't there enough water in it already?

DO YOU KNOW—

The Japanese dynasty is the world's oldest.

Grasshoppers grow by changing their skins.

There were 28 lynchings in 1933 as compared with only ten in 1932.

JOTTINGS

We all preach a little—it's second nature.

It isn't so much the taxes you pay, but what is the money spent for?

Success sometimes comes without being sought. That's the wonder of life.

INVENTIONS

A new odor filter is reported to be capable of removing from the air a wide variety of odors.

A form of gas mask has been invented to protect firemen in dense smoke or under 16 feet of water.

A little push goes a long way, even in mud or sand, with wheelbarrows equipped with a new low-pressure tire.

PAUSE AND REFLECT

The people of this country spend over \$1,000,000,000 a year at the movies.

The CCC plans to plant 50,000,000 young trees this spring to aid in control of erosion.

Only about one-third of the price consumers pay for flour goes to the farmer for his wheat.

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More than 25 per cent of the "casualties" in our peace time army are due to athletic games.

Government estimates indicate three billion tons of soil are washed from fields and pastures in this country each year.

DO YOU KNOW—

Over the past four depression years life insurance companies have paid to policy holders and beneficiaries more than \$11,000,000,000.

The entire American private investment abroad at the beginning of 1934 was around \$16,700,000,000, irrespective of "war debts."—Pathfinder Magazine.

PENCIL POINTS

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DO YOU KNOW—

Your friends, almost certainly, are chosen from those whom fate accidentally throws in your way.

Men may think lightly of politicians, but if it were not for politicians their party would never win.

Why is it always interesting to talk about books and plays? Because expression of opinion has such a chance.

DO YOU KNOW—

Those who will not fight for their rights, ought not to even grumble when they are gone.

Old people look backward, most of the time, but their pleasure in it—and facts, not fancies.

It is better to ignore hard words than to hector a friend into asking forgiveness.

DO YOU KNOW—

Hair lets go like autumn leaves, without a sound. Only the hair brush witnesses the parting.

"The kingdom of heaven is within you." Are you going to rule it or let the devil trample it to pieces?

The world is still waiting for that automobile horn that will only make a noise when the car is moving.

DO YOU KNOW—

Old men who have been successful in life are sometimes the worst pessimists, seeing little or no good in anything.

What we like about the characters in Shakespeare's plays is that few of them pretend to be affable with some one they dislike.

DO YOU KNOW—

A device based on the photo electric cell matches colors. The slightest difference in shade causes the light needle to vary from zero.

A compressed air motor has been invented for the operation of vehicles. The tanks are replenished from an air compressor geared to the wheels.

Shaped like a boat, a device has been invented in Germany that can be strapped to a bather and driven through the water with a crank operated propeller.

International Sunday School Lesson

By DR. J. E. NUNN

FOR JULY 8

General Topic—Asa Relies on God. Scripture Lesson—2 Chron. 15:1-12

1. And the Spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Obed:

2. And he went out to meet Asa, and said unto him, Hear ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin: Jehovah is with you, while ye are with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you.

3. Now for a long season Israel was without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without laws:

4. But when in their distress they turned unto Jehovah, the God of Israel, and sought him, he was found of them.

5. And in those times there was no peace to him that went out, nor him that came in; but great vexations were upon all the inhabitants of the lands.

6. And they were broken in pieces, nation against nation, and city against city; for God did vex them with all adversity.

7. But be ye strong, and let not your hands be slack; for your work shall be rewarded.

8. And when Asa heard these words, and the prophecy of Obed the prophet, he took courage, and put away the abominations out of all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and out of the cities which he had taken from the hill-country of Ephraim; and he renewed the altar of Jehovah, that was before the porch of Jehovah.

9. And he gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and them that sojourned with them out of Ephraim and Manasseh, and out of Simeon; for they fell to him out of Israel in abundance, when they say that Jehovah his God was with him.

10. So they gathered themselves together at Jerusalem in the third month, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa.

11. And they sacrificed unto Jehovah in that day, of the spoil which they had brought, seven hundred oxen and seven thousand sheep.

12. And they entered into the covenant to seek Jehovah, the God of their fathers, with all their heart and with all their soul;

Golden Text:—The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; What shall man do unto me?—Heb. 13:6.

Time:—Abijah's reign, B. C. 965-963. Asa's reign, B. C. 963-922. Place:—Jerusalem, the capital of Juda.

Parallel Passage—1 Kings 15.

Introduction

Asa was the grandson of Rehoboam whose folly precipitated the disruption of the Hebrew monarchy, and the son of Abijah who also allowed the country to decline morally and politically during his reign. But though he succeeded two kings who were wicked his own reign in general was righteous being marked by reformation in religion the upbuilding of the kingdom and eminence among the nations. The probable dates of his reign were 913 to 872 B. C. Only two other of Judah's kings reigned so long, Uzziah being king fifty-two years and Manasseh fifty years. During the forty-one years that Asa reigned in Jerusalem the throne of the northern kingdom of Israel was occupied by eight kings.

The personal piety of the young king became evident upon his accession to the throne at about twenty years of age. He not only determined to do but actually did "that which was good and right in the eyes of Jehovah his God." Only four of the kings of Judah were really good—Asa, Jehoshaphat, Hezekiah and Josiah.

Ten Years of Peace

The first ten years of Asa's reign were years of peace. Doubtless, they were years of the king's minority; if so, he had good advisers and had the sense to follow their leadership. We are told that he did what was good and right in God's sight and that he commanded his people to seek God and to carry out his commands. Likewise, he removed all of the physical evidences of heathen worship which were numerous in Judah, "and the kingdom was quiet before him."

The Great Covenant, v. 12

"And they entered into the covenant." "Covenant" is one of the greatest words of the Bible. The Holy Bible is divided into two parts, the Old and New Covenants, or Testaments. The old covenant is the agreement made between God and Abraham and his posterity, by which they promised to obey God and he in turn promised to care for them and protect them. This covenant was the basis of all the ancient worship of the Hebrews. The new covenant was that which God made with mankind through the sacrifice of his Son, abolishing all the sacrifices of the old covenant, and promising forgiveness of sins to all who approached God trusting in Christ and his atonement. "To seek Jehovah, the God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul." It was to be no halfway covenant, but a complete turning from idols, and entire surrender to God.

Conserving Victory

It is one thing to accept victory at the hands of Jehovah; it is quite another thing to use it. As Asa was returning from the victory over the vast Egyptian army, Azariah, led by the Spirit of God, went out to meet him. The prophet brought words of wisdom and caution and exhortation. He told Asa and the nation that the Lord was with them and would be as long as they were with him and continued to seek him; he reviewed the condition of Israel without God, and exhorted them to be strong, assuring them of ample reward. Al-

though fresh from a great triumph in arms in which a weaker king would have found pride and conceit, this fine young king heeded the words of the man of God and proceeded to profit by them.

Asa Slips

We do not believe that Asa ever lost the consciousness of his faith in God, but in the face of his successes he would have been more than man if he had not become a bit self-reliant. From here on he asserts himself to the neglect of God and brings a cloud over his otherwise brilliant reign. In the face of a threatened invasion, Asa forgot that he had won his former victory and proceeded to take the silver and gold stored up in the Temple and in the palace and offer it to Benhadad of Syria as a bribe to renew the alliance that he had had with Judah. His effort was successful; Benhadad was won over and, with his assistance, Asa defeated his powerful enemy.

The Clouded Days

It's too bad that a brilliant reign like this had to go down under a cloud, but so it did. Hanani the seer rebuked Asa for relying upon the king of Syria instead of upon God, reminding him of the great victory over Zerah and accusing him of acting foolishly. Asa got angry and put the prophet in prison and oppressed others at the same time. The king was clearly not at himself.

In the thirty-ninth year of his reign, Asa was afflicted with something like gout and suffered terribly for some two years, trusting entirely in the physicians of his day instead of calling on God to heal him. When the end came he was buried in a tomb prepared by himself in Jerusalem. His funeral took on some thing of Egyptian ceremony; they laid him on a bed of spices and burned at his burial a quantity of costly spices and perfumes.

Gold in The Golden Text

The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; What shall man do unto me?—Hebrews 13:6.

The only helper who can help always and everywhere is God. He helps in the time of trial. He helps in the time of trouble. He helps in the time of triumph. There is no other Helper for the whole man or the whole mankind for time and eternity.

To secure help from God we must, like Asa, rely on God. We must depend on him as the child depends on his parents. We must cling to him as the trolley lays hold on the wire to receive power from the central dynamo. We must be united to him as the branch is united to the vine before it can bear fruit.

If God helps, how can man hinder? If he lifts up, who can dash down? If he saves, what man or demon can destroy. When therefore he says, "Be not afraid," let each of us answer, "I will not fear."

CATTLE PRICE SCHEDULE SET BY AAA PLAN

Six Panhandle Drouth Counties Benefit By Program

A hint as to what the much debated cattle adjustment plan may be like has been found in the relief offered farmers and ranchers in six Texas primary drouth counties by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration and Federal Emergency Relief Administration. As outlined by O. B. Martin, extension service director of Texas A and M College, distressed beef and dairy cattle are to be bought on a definite price schedule, with stated shares divided between owner and mortgage holder. Cattle purchased are to be destroyed, if diseased or processed for relief purposes if sound.

Those who accept the Government offer are to sign contracts with the Agricultural Adjustment Administration in which they agree to cooperate in any further adjustment program for cattle. Producers also agree not to allow the females in their herds to exceed by January 1, 1934, more than 80 per cent of the average number for 1932-33.

To families needing a few cows for home food supply, particularly milk, the Federal Emergency Relief Administration will lend the cows and finance the necessary purchase of feed on notes. The same is true of the rancher who wishes to keep a few head for foundation stock. The limit of such loans is three cows for home food supply and 30 cows for breeding purposes.

The buying schedule calls for a price of \$12 per head for condemned cattle two years old and over, and \$13 to \$20 per head for sound cattle of this age. Owner would \$6 per head and mortgage holder from \$5 to \$14. For cattle one to two years of age the rate is \$10 for diseased animals, and \$11 to \$15 per head for sound ones. In this class owners will get \$5 per head and mortgage holder from \$5 to \$10 per head for sound stuff. For cattle under one year of age \$4 per head will be paid for condemned stock and \$5 to \$8 per head for sound stuff. Owner will receive \$3 per head and mortgage holder from \$1 to \$5 per head.

County agents are to be drouth relief directors in their counties and are to organize producer committees for administering the relief. Counties named in the primary drouth area are Dallam, Hartley, Sherman, Moore, Oldham and Potter.

PICK-UP NOTES

Demand for American products in Egypt is growing.

Danish imports are larger than at any time since 1931.

Farmers of Australia are enjoying a return of prosperity.

Purchases of American goods are increasing in Argentina.

Shipping activity in some ports in France is above that of last year.

Two-thirds of the automobiles sold in Australia in 1933 were from America.

Nearly 350,000 barrels of American petroleum were shipped into China last year.

The great activity in gold mining in South Africa is stimulating general trade and industry.

Nine of every ten passenger automobiles imported into Argentina last year were from the United States.

Employment in 100 large factories in New South Wales, Australia, is 10 per cent greater than a year ago.

OUR NEIGHBORS

Moscow, capital of the Soviet union, has a population of about 4,000,000.

Business of the British post office department has doubled in twenty years.

British naval examiners say that one out of every ten British gobs are color blind to some extent.

Australia has decided that Australian militia forces organized as Scottish units may wear kilts.

South Africa is producing for market the "tangelo," a cross between a tangerine and a grapefruit.

To keep its new coins at home New Zealand has ruled that they shall not be legal outside the country.

Among the titles now possessed by the king of Siam are "The Sovereign of Life," "The Master of the World," "The Descendant of Angels" and "The Excellent Divine Feet."

CURIOUS FACTS

Pisa's Leaning Tower formerly had a "leanover" of 16 feet; a recent measurement shows this now to be 14 feet.

Public swimming baths in the near future will be kept pure by ultra violet rays, whose barrage no germ can survive.

Burgundy pitch is not pitch, and does not come from Burgundy. It is a resinous substance prepared from common frankincense and brought from Hamburg.

The potato's most dangerous enemy, the Colorado beetle, is threatened with extinction by a flower—the petunia, whose leaves attract the pest and then poison it.

Ferossiba, a little island in the Pacific, is inhabited entirely by women. Any man who sets foot on its shores runs the risk of being eaten, for the women are cannibals.—The Bits Magazine.

UNUSUAL SQUIBS

Society men of London are again carrying purses for small change.

Clergymen of England want the throwing of confetti at weddings prohibited.

Crying is to be fashionable in London, and it will not be considered weak for men to weep at the theater.

Chimneys that send out smoke in pretty rings and waves are a novel idea from Italy, the chimneys being made in spiral form.

Red-haired girls have been chosen for the staffing of a new store in Chicago where male supervisors have to be bald to qualify for their appointments.

Workers on a paving crew near Auburn, Calif., unearthed a small vein of gold and, by erecting sluice boxes, obtained as much as \$40 each during the short period the highway stretch was available for mining.

GLEANINGS

Neither checkers nor chess are interesting unless your adversary is.

By 1940 11 men out of 13 will save their money, whatever happens.

Cultivate repartee. You may need it on the witness stand in some court.

Plays are criticized too severely and books not severely enough. Why is this?

Nature thinks "the world is too much with us," too. So it gives us sleep.

One thing that bores a reader is jokes about taxation, which he considers a serious matter; and the jokes are often flat.

RHEA NEWSY

Mrs. H. P. Bond's father and niece are visiting her. They arrived last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schlenker celebrated their birthdays by having all their children, who are living near, at their home for dinner last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Palmateer are the proud parents of a daughter, Pearl Marie, born June 24.

The Rhea baseball team lost to the Hellene team last Sunday.

R. G. Wilson departed for Hobbs, New Mexico, Monday. Mr. Wilson has the promise of a job there.

Goodrich Tires and Willard Batteries, O. C. Jones Garage.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Harry and brother, Merle Harry, drove over to Lubbock and spent the day visiting their mother, Mrs. Bertha Harry.

Miss Mary Margaret Shouse left Monday morning for a vacation during which she will visit with relatives and friends at Gage and Shattuck, Oklahoma, and Booker, Texas.

Mrs. P. A. McCrate of Shattuck, Oklahoma, came in Monday evening for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Laura Shouse of Friona and her son, G. E. McCrate of Black.

Merle Harry, who is employed with the steel gang of the Santa Fe railroad, now working in Kansas, visited relatives here last week end.

Walter Lander, county treasurer, was a visitor here last Friday. Mr. Lander is making an active campaign for the nomination for the office of county judge and is making a good impression with our people.

New Rule Extends Use of Contracted Corn-Wheat Acres

Modification of restrictions on the use of contracted acres in the corn-bog and wheat programs to permit the planting and grazing or harvesting for hay of all forage crops except corn and grain sorghums has been announced by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. This modification, made first for official drouth counties, has been extended to include all corn-bog and wheat contract signers.

As interpreted by E. M. Regenbrecht, swine specialist in the Texas A and M College Extension Service, the new ruling means that corn-bog and wheat contract signers may plant their contracted or rented acres for grazing or for hay to any crop except corn and grain sorghums. For instance, sudan grass or cowpeas, previously prohibited on these acres, may now be planted on rented acres and used as roughness or grazed.

Attention is specifically called to the fact that these modifications permitting wider plantings and use of forage and pasture crops do not apply to the cotton program. Rented cotton acres cannot be used except as needed for living at home. Other land not being available, or for soil enriching crops, or for reforestation, or for wild life refuges.

Insurance Feature In AAA Contracts Shown by Drouth

Threat of crop destruction by drouth has placed added importance on income protection features of the commodity adjustment programs which farmers of the country are carrying out under the direction of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. For the first time in the history of American agriculture, crop income insurance is provided on a nation-wide scale.

Because they are based on past production averages, the amounts of the rental or benefit payments are not diminished by current crop failure. In cases of serious drouth damage this year, benefit payments through the adjustment act to farmers signing contracts will represent a substantial part of their total farm income. These assured payments guarantee that a cooperating farmer will have some income, even though his crop fails entirely.

The commodity adjustment programs have been so planned that they are flexible enough to meet such unusual situations as that created by the drouth in many sections. They protect the producer from being crippled, through complete loss of income, in his efforts to renew production when the immediate failure has passed.

F. T. Schlenker and son, Carl, of the Rhea community passed through Friona Saturday morning enroute to Farwell to attend a meeting of the Boys Calf Club, of which Carl is a member.

Dr. A. P. McElroy was a business visitor in Farwell on Friday of last week.

F. T. Schlenker, candidate for county commissioner from Precinct No. 2, was a business visitor at the county capitol last Saturday.

O. G. Turner has been having a strenuous time of it the past two weeks, trying to harvest his wheat crop and operate a picture show.

Dan F. Ethridge becomes a regular subscriber to the Star with this issue.

Melvin Baker, who has been assisting Mr. Applewhite with his work at Lockney, returned to Friona last Friday. He is now driving the tractor for John White.

Mrs. Ebb Coffman and small daughter, Irma Ann of Goree, spent Thursday here with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Chapin and daughters June and Gene and Mr. and Mrs. T. Chapin spent Sunday with friends in Canyon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Jennings and children Wanda and Jack of Clovis, New Mexico were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Nat Jones and family Monday.

Donald Livings who has been employed in Kansas the past month, spent the week-end here with home folks.

Miss Jacquelin Wilkison who has spent the past two weeks with relatives at Lamesa, returned home Sunday.

Roy Williams spent last Friday with friends and relatives at Abernathy.

Mrs. Wright Williams who spent the past week with relatives at Abernathy and Temple, returned home Wednesday.

Miss Virginia Price of Hollis, Oklahoma is visiting her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. "Smoky" Price.

Eunice Mae Weir and Marvin Weir, who have spent the past two weeks with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Butcher of Farwell, returned home Thursday.

Mrs. D. W. Hanson, who has spent the past two weeks in Pampa, returned home Saturday. She was accompanied home by her daughter, Mrs. Elvin Johnson and baby son, Gerald Elvin.

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OUR NATION'S BIRTHDAY, JULY 4TH, 1876

Our second president, John Adams, poured out his very soul in support of the Declaration of Independence before the document was signed. We quote herewith:

"But whatever may be our fate, be assured that this Declaration will stand. It may cost treasure, and it may cost blood but it will stand, and it will richly compensate for both. Through the thick gloom of the present, I see the brightness of the future, as the sun in heaven. We shall make this a glorious, an immortal day. When we are in our graves, our children will honor it. They will celebrate it with thanksgiving, with festivity, with bonfires and illuminations. On its annual return, they will shed tears, copious, gushing tears, not of subjection and slavery, not of agony and distress, but of exultation, of gratitude and joy. Sir, before God, I believe the hour is come. My judgment approves this measure, and my whole heart is in it. All that I have, and all that I am, and all that I hope, in this life, I am now ready here to stake upon it. And I leave off as I began, that, live or die, survive or perish, I am for the Declaration. It is my living sentiment, and by the blessing of God it shall be my dying sentiment.

"Independence now, and Independence forever!"
 There is not a real American who does not thrill at the story of how colonial leaders affixed their signatures to the Declaration of Independence—the document which gave birth to our mighty nation. Let us stimulate a greater spirit of patriotism, and thereby deal telling blows to those in America who seek to undermine our constitution.

Finger, Flies Food Cause Of Many Diseases

The Texas State Department of Health has joined the Government and other organizations in the use of letters to designate phases of their work. The letters used at this time are FFF and they stand for finger, flies and food—the three most common methods of transmitting intestinal diseases.

The three Fs are generally responsible for the spread of typhoid fever, diarrhea, dysentery and enteritis. Drinking water is considered a food and, as it is used by all ages, great care should be exercised to assure one that their supply is pure. If certain the water should be boiled before use for drinking purposes. Surface water and shallow wells are always to be suspected unless proven otherwise. Your city or county health officer will be glad to advise you on the proper method to use in chlorinating your water supply.

It is during hot weather when the most complaints are received on account of diarrhea and dysentery, and parents should do their utmost to prevent it. The chief causes include impure milk, water, contaminated foods or wrong diet. If diarrhea develops the feeding should be stopped or greatly diminished and a physician called. Carthartics should not be given unless the doctor prescribes them.

The three Fs are the three sources of danger to the baby. Flies carry disease germs to the baby and its food. Fingers and hands that are not thoroughly washed before preparing the baby's food are likely to be germ carriers also. All milk and water intended for the baby should be boiled for five minutes and then carefully

Political Announcements

Those whose names appear below have authorized the Friona Star to announce their candidacy for the nomination for the office under which their names appear, subject to the action of the Democratic primary election of July 28, 1934. Charges for political announcements cover the insertion of announcements in every issue of The Star up to and including the dates of the first and second primaries.

For County Judge:
 WALTER LANDER
 JOHN H. ALDRIDGE, JR.

For Sheriff, Tax Collector and Tax Assessor:
 EARL BOOTH

For County and District Clerk:
 E. V. RUSHING

For County Treasurer:
 MRS. E. G. WILLIAMS
 ROY B. EZELL

For Commissioner Precinct No. 1:
 J. M. W. ALEXANDER
 (Re-election)
 NAT JONES
 CHARLIE A. TURNER

For Commissioner Precinct No. 2:
 FLOYD SCHLENKER

For County Attorney:
 A. D. SMITH

BEEF CANNING PLAN HELPING DROUTH RELIEF

21,320 Cutter Cows Are Purchased From Farmers

Texas, rated among the first seven states in size and quality of its home canning, has set the patterns for the vast relief cattle canning project of the relief agencies of the Government in the drouth states of the nation. Why this is so is given in figures compiled by the Texas A and M College Extension Service on the beef canning project completed last winter in cooperation with State and Federal relief agencies.

A total of 21,320 cutter cows bought from farmers and ranchers at premiums averaging \$5 per head were slaughtered and cut up the A and M Way in 19 slaughtering plants for canning by the unemployed under direction of home demonstration agents. As a result 5,625,432 No. 2 cans of meat weighing slightly less than 29 ounces to the can were made available for distribution to the needy through county relief administrators. The Extension Service values such meat at 29 cents per can. At this rate a produce worth \$761,340 was obtained.

The total amount spent, exclusive of labor and equipment, was \$465,598 making the material cost per can \$12.817. Labor cost was less than 5 cents per can. The equipment cost was about \$58,000 but was not charged because depreciation was slight and because the equipment is still in relief use. The total cost per can was about 18 cents, and the total gain or saving to the public was more than \$100,000.

In addition, an average of about 2000 people received \$12 per week for more than four weeks when other work was unobtainable. Farmers and ranchers received about \$100,000 in premiums on distressed cattle.

The efficiency per worker was high, daily output being about 40 cans per worker. Spoilage was less than one percent, the value of the output was about \$8.46 per worker per day, the total labor and material cost about \$7.15 per worker per day.

Last winter's beef canning plant at Amarillo has been re-opened in addition to helping the Northwest Texas drouth area this plant is to serve as a model for workers in other states to study. The San Antonio plant is soon to re-open to serve the newly declared Southwest Texas drouth counties.

Miss Mildred Horton, state home demonstration agent, is in Washington helping to outline the vast national relief meat canning project, and George W. Barnes, extensive beef specialist in the Northwest Texas area helping on the selection and assembly of distressed cattle. Inspection is in charge of veterinarians of the U. S. Bureau of Animal Industry, and cattle are bought on a definite price schedule which reflects both owner and mortgage holder. Condensed cattle are destroyed outright, and sound cattle are canned for relief purposes. Sellers may borrow back from the FERA enough cattle and necessary feed for home use or for foundation stock.

Farmers and ranchers who sell distressed cattle in this program agree to cooperate in any future AAA cattle adjustment program, and specifically agree to keep their herds from increasing beyond 80 per cent of the average 1922-33 size by January 1, 1936.

The entire project is a cooperative one between Agricultural Adjustment Administration, Federal Emergency Relief Administration, Texas Relief Commission and the Extension Service.

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SMALL TALKS TO CROWDS ON LONG TOUR

Panhandle Candidate Has 4th Date at Mineral Wells

Mineral Wells, July 4.—Clint Small brought his candidacy for governor to Mineral Wells Wednesday, where he spoke before thousands gathered here for the annual retail merchants picnic and barbecue.

His trail this week led through central West Texas after opening Monday at Terrell. He spoke Tuesday night at Brady and Wednesday morning at Ranger. Thursday's schedule called for appearance at Strawn, Eastland and Rising Star during the day and Brownwood at night.

Friday, he will be at Hamilton, Hico and Stephenville and Saturday night he will wind up at Taylor, after speaking during the day at Lampasas and Georgetown.

Senator Small was introduced here by W. O. Gross, Mineral Wells attorney, his friend since the two were classmates at college.

Small reviewed his progress during the past week and called on West Texans to swell his majorities above the totals he polled four years ago.

"We had a great homecoming celebration at Amarillo last week. County Chairmen of my campaign in a score of Panhandle counties told me I will carry my home section by a greater majority than I did four years ago, when I got seven out of every ten votes cast up there. South Plains folks turned out 4,500 strong Tuesday night at Lubbock, the best crowd of the race to date, and I am assured top heavy support there," Small said.

After an appearance at Big Spring, Senator Small went into the Abilene district where he made 12 speeches in 16 counties in two days. Small's speeches this week have been featured by severe condemnation of candidates who seek to gather in their votes either by wild and impossible promises or by misrepresentation of facts.

He denounced candidates who promise old age pensions as though all the governor had to do to bring them about was to issue an executive order.

"They can't do it," he shouted. "It takes a Constitutional amendment to bring about old age pensions and submission is up to the legislature. If Texans want old age pensions, they must have their representatives and senators bring about the first step. The governor has no power to tack on an amendment to the Constitution."

He was equally caustic in his criticism of those who would divert part of the money going to the highway department to other branches of government. "Do you know what the real result would be?" he asked. "I would mean that \$7,500,000 worth of Federal aid for Texas in 1935 and 1936 would not be available because a bill passed by Congress and signed by the President specifically provides that all revenues now accruing to the highway department must be maintained. We must not lose such a sum of money to hindsight."

ESTRAY—One whitefaced cow at my farm six miles northwest of Friona. Branded "S" on right hip, inverted "Q" on right foreleg and inverted "V" on. Mutilated ears. Been here over a year. Unless claimed will be disposed of according to law. Claude Osborn, 4812.

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brought emphatically to the attention of the editor and in the rush of other affairs was overlooked.

Now while I am cogitating about this matter it calls to my mind a rather coincident or rather a chain of coincidences. It occurs to me that at one time Judge E. F. Lokey was elected to the office of county attorney and was at the time an unmarried man, but following his election he became a benedict. He was later promoted to the office of county judge and the Hon. J. D. Thomas, another promising young attorney of the county, elected to the office of county attorney, he being at the time enjoying or, at least experiencing a "state of single blessedness," and during his term in office was also swept into the ranks of the benedicts.

Then after three or four terms for Mr. Thomas, comes my good friend Perry T. Brown, as a candidate for the office and was elected, he being at the time of the unmarried ranks, and now at the close of his first term in office he casts himself free from the fetters of bachelorhood and takes upon his neck one end of the matrimonial yoke and thus joins the ranks of the benedicts.

And this brings me to the most interesting part of this coincidence as I have termed it. In the coming state and county elections comes my good friend Judge A. D. Smith, as a candidate for this same office which seems so filled with ability to attract matrimonial bliss for its occupants.

Under the circumstances that have attached themselves to this office in the past, no fair minded person can, in the least blame my good friend Smith for entering this race at this time. Judge Smith has all his

life been too busy fitting himself for greater usefulness in life and in serving his fellow men in other capacities to become entangled in the meshes of love and to become engulfed in the sea of matrimony.

But at this station in life there seems to be no reason why he should not have his feet set on this oft trodden and apparently sure route to the strongest argument I could produce in securing votes for him since I still love my former friends, Judge Lokey and his successors, attorneys Thomas and Brown. But they have reached their goal and are now enjoying the blessings of its benefits.

I hope to see them all prosper financially and otherwise and become shining lights in their profession, but why deny the same blessings to their less favored colleague.

I was mistaken or rather uninformed when I stated two weeks ago that Mr. Thompson of Farwell precinct and Mr. Paul of Lazbuddy, had no opponents for the office of county commissioner in their precincts. It appears that Mr. McGuire is opposing Mr. Thompson and Mr. Wagner is opposing Mr. Paul. Thus the contest cover the entire county.

It comes to my ears that certain evil reports and misstatements concerning some of our good candidates are becoming prevalent, evidently through the designing cunning of their opponents or some of their friends who are, apparently not over-conscientious when it comes to political ambitions.

It is my honest opinion that any candidate who will take such means of defeating his opponent will not hesitate to perform the same kind of things upon the people whom they are supposed to serve faithfully and without discrimination.

Many people pretend to believe in the old adage that "All is fair in love and war," with politics included. But it takes an unusually powerful intellect to discern the fact that such is not true. A thing that is unfair is unfair, regardless of the use to which it is put. The end may justify the means in some cases but not always.

It has just been called to my attention the fact Friona, that is the people and organized institutions represented in the city, altogether, possess but two large United States flags. Thus would not make much of a showing for any intensely patriotic occasion.

WANTED—Good clean cotton rags. M. H. Sylvester, Friona, Texas.

LOST—One pair of shell rimmed spectacles. Finder please return to F. O. Griffith, Friona.

NEW STAR ROUTE OUT OF FRIONA ESTABLISHED

The Post Office Department has recently issued orders establishing another Star route out of the Friona post office, to serve the territory to the north and east of Friona as far as Summerfield, the service to begin on August first.

This route will be let to the lowest bidder therefor and there promises to be quite a number of bids sent in. This, like the two now going out from here, will be a Star route and will serve the post office at Summerfield, gathering and distributing the rural mail to the north and east on the out-going trip and doing the same to the south and

west of Summerfield on the return trip.

OKLAHOMA PEOPLE VISIT HIGH

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Towles and children and Mrs. Towles' mother, Mrs. A. W. Dyess, of Fox, Oklahoma, visited in the homes of C. H. Collier and David Mosley last week.

Mrs. Dyess is an aunt of Mr. Collier and Mr. Mosley. They had been visiting at different parts of New Mexico and were enroute home.

Alva Pope, who spent the past month in Kansas, returned home.

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Utility Long Chassis	515	50
Dual Long Chassis	535	50
Utility Chassis and Cab	575	50
Dual Chassis and Cab	595	50
Utility Long Chassis and Cab	685	50
Dual Long Chassis and Cab	625	50
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