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Dear Mr. Editor:

In view of the fact that I have been grossly misrepresented in some quarters in connection with THE VINDICATORS movement, which I started, I respectfully request that in all fairness to me, you publish the contents of this letter.

I wish to state briefly the aims of this program:

1. KEEP AMERICA OUT OF WAR by enacting strict neutrality laws; staying clear of foreign political entanglements and embroilments; and stop meddling in the internal affairs of other nations.
2. BANISH ALL FOREIGN "ISMS" (Nazism, Fascism, and Communism).
3. STOP ALL IMMIGRATION FOR THE NEXT TEN YEARS, or until such time as all of our idle are re-employed.
4. REGISTER AND FINGER-PRINT ALL ALIENS in order that we may ascertain the number of aliens in the United States and where located.
5. DEPORT ALL CRIMINALS AND UNDESIRABLE ALIENS and expel those here illegally or those who arrived legally and have remained illegally.

The word "Vindicators" merely designates those who are participating in this nation-wide patriotic movement to bring about the enactment of legislation to carry out the objectives stated above. Any American citizen, regardless of race, political affiliation, or religious creed, may become a member of the Vin-

dicators. There is no initiation fee, nor are there any dues.

I am of the opinion that those who have so bitterly condemned this movement have done so without having learned the facts. If there are any opponents to the above program I would appreciate their advising me of their objections, and I would likewise appreciate those in sympathy with the program writing me so that I may have the benefit of their cooperation and encouragement.

Those endorsing this movement are striving to glorify Americanism and patriotism. We are endeavoring to arouse the American people to the realization of the dangers of these foreign "isms", Communism, Nazism and Fascism, that now infest our country and threaten to undermine the foundation of our Republic. The time has arrived when we must rekindle the flame of true American democracy—when we must rally and unite to preserve and strengthen the ideals, the doctrines and the institutions that have made our nation the world's greatest citadel of freedom and liberty. I do not conceive how any real American would object to these principles and objectives.

With the interest of all Americans in mind we have adopted the slogan, "OUR CITIZENS, OUR COUNTRY, FIRST."

Respectfully yours,
Robert R. Reynolds, U. S. S.

FARM SECURITY NEWS

Emphasis on wise spending of the farm dollar is being made this year by the home management supervisors of the Farm Security Administration.

Surveys show that too much of the money used for living expenses on the farm is being spent on food, leaving a small sum for such things as medical care, educational activities, and even clothing.

"For the first time, large numbers of families in Farmer County are keeping record books and know how their income is being spent," says Miss Wynona Swepton, county home supervisor. "After all, a more abundant life is obtained from the methods by which the money is spent rather than the amount of money that is made. The true size of one's income is indicated in the amount of goods it purchases. Thrifty, wise homemakers can stretch a small income to cover not only necessities but some luxuries."

A survey of a number of Texas families who have Farm Security Administration loans gave the following break-up to the family dollar: Food, 48.2 per cent; household operation, 12 per cent; clothing, 20.2 per cent; household furniture, equipment, and laundry, 6 per cent; medical care, 2.7 per cent.

Although in many parts of Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado, New Mexico and Texas, it is impossible to raise fruits, thereby enlarging the expenditures for canned fruits and citrus fruits, the food budget of the farm family should be materially cut down, believes Miss Swepton.

"If the food budget could be cut even 10 per cent, a materially enlarged sum could be released for educational activities," she pointed out. "It would mean more magazines and books for the farm home. Or the money saved could be used for home beautification, or for some of the small personal luxuries dear to the farm women. More money could be spent for medical care and the health of the entire family could be improved."

"The food budget in any farm home should not exceed 38 per cent, even in regions where it is hard to produce any gardens. The thrifty farm family will work out some means of successful production, whether it be frame gardens or sub-irrigation. Certainly all vegetables necessary for an adequate diet should be raised at home. Sugar, flour, coffee, salt and spices will have to be purchased; but usually these are the only necessary items which cannot be produced. All meat products should be produced on the farm."

"Such a program takes year-round planning. The garden should be planned with reference to the correct diet needs. Meat supplies should be balanced with a poultry, swine and beef program."

"Farm Security Administration families do this planning when anticipating expenditures in their home budget plans. They keep account of how their money is spent in their Farm Family Record books."

TEXAS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Julian Montgomery, State Highway Engineer, today stated that the program of National Recovery Works Relief projects started in 1933 had been completed, and reviewed briefly the operation and accomplishments of this program. At the start of the program it was mutually agreed by the Bureau of Public Roads, the Emergency Relief Administration and the Texas Highway Department; to provide work relief for certain destitute areas in the State. This work was in connection with highway construction and of such nature as to permit a maximum use of labor.

Funds for the program were provided by the Public Works Administration thru the Bureau of Public Roads, Emergency Relief Administration and the Texas Highway Department, and on October 10, 1933, the Public Works Administration allocated \$2,670,000.00 as a 30% grant to be handled thru the Bureau of Public Roads, and authorized primarily for the purchase of materials and for equipment rentals.

According to the original agreement, it was intended that the Emergency Relief Administration provide 70% of the cost of the program by furnishing all labor, certain materials and equipment, the Highway Department to be responsible for engineering cost and such special labor as might be required. After the program was well under way, it was found that the 30-70 percentage distribution could not be maintained and the Highway Department pro-

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vided a portion of the actual construction cost.

After the creation of the Works Progress Administration in 1935, this body took over the participation of the Emergency Relief Administration and furnished relief labor for use on the various projects.

To date there has been expended \$10,210,618.59, of which the Emergency Relief Administration and Works Progress Administration contributed \$5,711,182.11, while the Highway Department spent \$4,499,436.48, of which amount \$2,513,287.40 has been reimbursed by the Bureau of Public Roads.

Also these projects consumed more time than the average contracted project, the Highway Department has obtained needed improvement on State highways at a greatly reduced cost per mile due to utilization of relief labor. This improvement is summarized as follows:

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- 669 miles of Grading and Small Structures.
- 780 miles of Base work.
- 50 miles of Asphaltic Base Preservative.
- 439 miles of Modernization such as Widening Embankments, extending Structures, etc.

Miss Wynona Swepton, of Parwell, home supervisor in the Farm Security Administration office, was a Friona visitor, Wednesday. Dewey Poserson, of Clovis, was a business visitor here, Wednesday.

HEALTH NOTES

AUSTIN—Never in history have there been safeguards available to protect the health of the unborn child as there are today. With the family physician supervising the mother through the expectant period, essential advice influencing a favorable outcome for both mother and offspring is available to all those who will take advantage of this protection," states Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer.

"Unfortunately, the value of this service is overlooked by many expectant mothers. Indeed, negligence in this regard annually is responsible not only for thousands of avoidable maternal deaths, but for the birth of physically and mentally handicapped children, for many miscarriages and for the majority of stillbirths. Syphilis plays a significant part in these casualties.

"It follows that every expectant mother should make sure that she is free of syphilis by requesting a blood test when she goes to her physician for a prenatal examination. The earlier the discovery is made the better. However, if the examination is conducted before the end of the fifth month of pregnancy, thanks to the defense mechanism of the body that resists the passage of the syphilis germ to the unborn child, proper treatment will insure the birth of a normal child.

"Were this policy generally adopted the tragedy of 60,000 syphilitic babies being born each year in the United States could be lessened, not to mention the miscarriages and stillbirths—calamities that occur to 83 percent of untreated syphilitic women at childbirth.

"It is therefore, of paramount importance that women early in pregnancy should have a blood test, so that if infection is found, treatment may be promptly instituted."

General Outlines of 1939 Farm Program Given by Secretary

The County Agricultural Office has recently received general information regarding the payment of 1939 crop parity. Since there have been numerous inquiries for information regarding these payments, it is thought that the following outline of information now available will be of some benefit to those farmers who intend to comply with the 1939 Farm Program.

Parity payments will be made in Farmer County on wheat and cotton. These payments are aside and separate from the regular conservation payment which is made with respect to compliance with the program. The payment received will be made at different time to the conservation payment and will be made to those persons who are interested in the 1939 crop in the same proportion that they are interested in the 1939 crop. . . . such payments with respect to any such commodity shall be made upon the normal yield of the farm acreage allotment established for the commodity under the 1939 agricultural conservation program, and shall be made with respect to a farm only in the event that the acreage planted to the commodity for harvest on the farm in 1939 is not in excess of the farm acreage allotment established for the commodity under said program."

The main points of the regulations governing making of parity payments are (1) Dates of sale or individual sale data of the 1934 or 1939 crop have no effect on the amount of payment made; (2) Payments will be made on the basis of the normal yield of the farm acreage allotment under the 1939 program; (3) no parity payment will be made on any farm on which the individual allotment has been overplanted, regardless of whether such overplanting was knowingly or unknowingly; (4) Payments on either wheat or cotton cannot be made until a compliance check has shown that the farm is not overplanted with respect to that commodity; (5) Only those farms on which the acreage allotment is planted are eligible for parity payment.

Parity payment on wheat will range from 10c to 12c per bushel of the normal yield per acre. The average normal yield for the county is 9.3 bushels per acre. Therefore, the average parity payment per acre will be \$1.02. This payment is in addition to the regular conservation payment of 17c which would average \$1.58 per acre.

Parity payment on cotton will range from 1.6c to 1.8c per pound of the normal yield per acre. The average normal yield per acre for the county is 163 pounds. Therefore the average parity payment on cotton would be \$2.77 per acre. This payment is in addition to the regular conservation payment of 2c per pound which would average \$3.26 per acre.

Farmer county farmers are eligible to receive \$171,000.00 as crop parities alone. It should be kept in mind that this is in addition to the regular conservation payments. At this time the county office has prepared instructions for applications for parity payments. It is anticipated that application for

wheat parity will be made in the spring. Application for cotton parity will probably be made in the early fall.

Garlon A. Hraper, Sec'y, Farmer County AAA, MONTHLY LEGION MEETING

The March meeting of the 18th District of the American Legion will be held at Canadian, March 22nd, 1939, at 8:00 p. m., City Hall. There will be lunch, business meeting and dance.

MRS. CHARLEY HOOVER PASSED AWAY

Information reached the Star office the latter part of last week, of the death of Mrs. Charley Hoover, whose home was 32 miles northwest of Friona. The death occurred Sunday night, February 26th, at a sanitarium at Lubbock, as the result of an attack of heart ailment. The remains were buried at Mt. Zion, New Mexico, a few miles west of Portales, on Tuesday forenoon, February 28th. Mrs. Hoover was born in Oklahoma, but has lived for many years on the Panhandle plains of Texas.

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AAA NEWS

B. P. Abbott, of Bovina, has been appointed Range Inspector in connection with the 1939 Range Conservation Program. Any ranch operator who desires to participate in the Range program should immediately make application with either the county office or Mr. Abbott.

It is very important that these applications be made now because of the fact that no application may receive consideration after the closing date. As has been previously stated ranch operators may under the program receive payment for construction of tanks and dams, digging wells, contouring range lands, and deferring grazing on a part of range land to allow natural grass reseeding.

Report of measured 1939 wheat acreage will be mailed to wheat farmers immediately after such tabulation is completed in county office. This report will show actual measured acreage, wheat acreage allotment and number of acres which must be destroyed to be in compliance. Those who wish to comply must destroy excess wheat not later than 15 days after mailing date of this notice.

Any 1938 operator or owner who intends to draw 1938 Agricultural Conservation Payment and has not signed application for payment should sign this application in county office immediately. If you have never received a notice to sign and you intend to draw such payment you should inquire at the county office as to the status of your application in order that any possible mistakes may be corrected.

All farm operators who desire to receive 1939 allotments should report the legal description of land they will operate in 1939. This must be done immediately in order to receive allotments and early parity payments. Most farm operators reported this week they signed 1938 applications for payment. However, about 25% of the farmers have not reported such acreage. The fact

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should be stressed that such report will not obligate any person in any way.

Mr. and Mrs. Smiley Fuiks were Amarillo and Dumas visitors, Monday.

Mayor and Mrs. F. W. Reeve drove over to Canyon, Sunday afternoon, and visited their daughter, Miss Ruth, who is attending college there.

Charley Hughes and Miss Eula Mae Cole were married at Clovis, New Mexico, Monday night.

Miss Eva Settle and Mrs. C. P. Warren were Clovis visitors, Friday.

Bob Cantrell and Thomas Moore, of Farwell, were visitors here Tuesday.



WELL-PLANTED IS HALF MADE

The best time to cultivate the crop is before it is planted. All the things that go into the making of a good seed bed for the particular crop affect the harvest months ahead, and no amount of cultivation afterwards will overcome the lack of proper preparation before the seed goes into the ground. Besides, putting the bare land in good tilth ahead of planting time is easier to do than to worry with cloudy, trashy fields in the first cultivation when the little seedlings are so easy to cover up.

You cannot make a full yield without a full stand; you cannot get a good stand without a good seed-bed and good seed; you cannot hold a full stand in a rough field without wasting a lot of time at the first cultivation; and you can't give the tender seedlings that extra boost by early working with harrow or fine-tooth cultivator in rough land. Add it all up and it is better to delay planting a few days to prepare a good seed bed than to "nigger it in" and hope for "luck".

All the work that goes into building or repairing terraces, plowing, bedding on the contour, re-bedding (and pulverizing where needed) is done more rapidly and can be done with a greater variety of implements than the work of planting and cultivating. The work of preparation also has wider limits in time, since (except for the final operation just prior to planting) it can be done as well one week as another. This is not true after the most favorable date of planting comes around on the calendar. From that time until the final cultivation, every operation must be timed to the needs of the crop if best results are to be had.

The seedling stage is the most critical in the life of the plant, and the quicker the seedlings are able to establish good roots and shoot up to a vigorous stature the better the prospects of a crop and the easier to cultivate. If they have to struggle against poor soil conditions for germination and root formation they may never entirely overcome it, and if they do, they will be puny at the time they should be healthy. Whoever has painfully and slowly struggled to keep from covering up the little plants at the first cultivation knows how slow it goes, and wishes for the upstanding seedlings which spring from good seed in good soil.

All seeds carry the food for starting the seedling on its way, but the food stored in the seed is soon exhausted. If soil conditions encourage rapid and vigorous root formation the plant is drawing food from the soil before the supply in the seed is exhausted, and grows off without delay. In a poor seed bed some plants die after germination for no other reason than that they were unable to establish roots soon enough; others struggle along with a partial root system and finally survive, but they are never as strong, as large, as fruitful, as those which grow off na-

turally. Climatic hazards affect all plants of the same kind alike, but the vigorous ones recover quickest from cold, excess moisture, or other uncontrollable hazard.

Every farmer knows what constitutes a good seed bed in his particular soil and how to make it good. He also knows the different seed bed requirements of the crops he regularly plants, and that some are more tolerant of unfavorable soil conditions than others. This tolerance, however, is no excuse for placing the burden on the plant. Everything that can be done to make its start in life easy pays off in the long run, and controllable factors properly attended to reduce the danger from the uncontrollable factors—weather, etc.

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