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Farmer John SEES THINGS

Last week I went to the Republican State Convention. My understanding was that practical politics proved to be meagre indeed. I heard a story while I was down in the beautiful goat country that just about describes my grasp of the great science of getting people elected to office. An inspector for the Agricultural Department, was sent out into deep country to observe and give detailed reports of the animal life, as he saw it in the rough. This government agent prowled the country pretty thoroughly and sent back vivid descriptions of the conditions of the horses, mules, cattle and sheep and whole volumes of information on poultry, rabbits and all things in captivity. But when he got to the San Angelo country he struck a real problem. There he found an animal—many of them—for which he could find no blank on which to make his description. He was stumped. But finally he wired Washington, "I find a species which seems to be in great numbers here. They walk upright, but seem to prefer all-fours. Their coats range from beautiful glistening silk to dirty and baggy, or none at all. Many wear goaties and a variety of horns. They keep up a continued bleating or screeching noise and seem harmless. Please wire name under which to list the species." The answer came back, "Must be the AAA farmers, with some of their pants seats out, inspecting their farm 'work sheet' through their horn rims, while griping about their government checks. Need no further report. They won't get out of bounds."

Seriously, I was somewhat disappointed in the convention, although there were a great many more people in attendance than in ordinary off-election years. The very air seemed full of enthusiastic determination to do something.

I had taken for granted that since there could be no hopes of electing officers in Texas the

Republicans should and would resolve themselves into a kind of an idealist study club. I was looking for a melting pot of ideas from all over "Beautiful Texas" that could concentrate into policies that all patriotic, fair-minded people could and would get behind. But I found that in the minds of many of the delegates was ambition to so word their articles of faith that the average voter could have hope if he voted Republican that he, the voter, would get some of the New Deal millions. Some of these delegates seemed to believe that if they could offer bait enough, they might elect a whole Republican ticket.

After a couple of days discussion the preponderance of opinion decided that the party's usefulness to the State consisted in advocating a policy of saving and making prosperous the American plan or mode of procedure that we are all acquainted with and approve.

A note of sadness, but with enthusiastic approval, was sounded in the resolutions for a whole-hearted and complete unity with the administration's war effort, regardless of how crazy the signals might sound, patriotism calls for an honest effort to follow the instructions from the "quarter-back" and Great White Father.

The convention reaffirmed the Republican party's proverbial stand for encouragement and development of all kinds of Americanism. The tendency was to crow at the New Dealers—"I told you so, look at industry's place in the war effort. America needs more and better factories of all kinds."

After a great deal of discussion which consisted of criticism of the New Deal farm policies, yet at the same time shying away from the dynamite that is supposed to be under the farmers' government checks, the convention finally condemned the present agricultural program as being wasteful of national wealth and of over-encouraging and stimulating commercial farming. This big farming was declared to be, by its very nature, in competition with the family-sized farm. They approved the family unit or homestead farm as being a nucleus, foundation or mainstay of the American competitive way of doing business. The farmer-owned and operated homestead was declared to be worth the cost of maintaining, even if it took a bonus from the Federal treasury.

The convention approved the right of laboring man, or men in any line of endeavor, to organize in order to create power to help their trading ability, their working conditions or life in general, so long as their efforts did not come to be of a monopolistic nature. Violence or physical force, to accomplish a deal or trade, was condemned and should be outlawed, whether it be by rich man, poor man, individuals or groups.

The hope often expressed in the convention was that the party might champion such a program and do such a class of advertising that a substantial vote for Republican Governor of Texas could be realized in November. The ultimate need is to get the legally required vote for a Republican Governor, so that a two-party system might have a chance to function in Texas. Without that vote the Republican party effort must come from the State Committee. The State Committee is appointed by the National Republican Committee. It is a case of organization from the top down to the people.

With the legally required vote for governor realized, the people can build their own State Political Organization. In that way Texas could have a practical opposition party. With a two-party system in operation, each voter would have a chance to pick what he thought was the better theory of government.

Want Ads
We specialize in brake re-lining. Bring in your brake shoes and we will do the rest. Our new burnisher affords 100 per cent contact with drum. MILLER AUTO STORE, Hereford, Texas tlc

COMBINE for sale. See Blackwells Hdw. & Furn. Co. 47-11c
WANTED—Man with car. Route experience preferred but not necessary to start. Rawleigh's Dept. TXF-273-M, Memphis Tenn.

MAN WANTED: For Rawleigh Route. Real opportunity for right man. We help you get started. Write Rawleigh's, Dept. TXL-273-O, Memphis, Tenn.

FOR SALE: One 2-row A. C. tractor, equipment lister, knife sled, 2-row cultivator. L. M. Hennington, one mile north, four miles west Lazbuddy, Tex.

FOR SALE: Bath tub and lavatory of school cafeteria. Will be sold to highest bidder. See Mrs. Guy Bennett or Mrs. W. B. Wright. 5-11c

There would be little need of degenerating into the quagmire of personal mud-slinging. Also, as long as Texas and the other Southern States are known as the "Solid South" look what happens to the Southland from a national standpoint. Last Saturday, the New Deal appointed Labor Commission granted a 15% raise in prices to labor in textile work, operating in New England and the Northern States. The labor price in the Solid South remains the same, which is already on a lower basis than the same class of work in states which are known to be doubtful politically. It is common knowledge, the disparity in the price of WPA work in safe Democratic States, as compared to those where there is opposition. Surely Texas needs a two-party balance.

The Republican party has a large mission to fill in Texas and it has a well nigh unsurmountable obstacle to climb. The early introduction of the party in the State was made in the disgraceful "Carpetbagger" days. Within the memory of many people, the Ku Klux Klan was given approval by many of the party leaders. The past two presidential campaigns the Republican leaders have lacked the fortitude to boldly stand forth and preach a sound economical plan of government.

No! The Republican skirts have not always been spotted, but a look over the history of the country since the birth of the Republican party, a look at the development under Republican rule must awaken an appreciation of Republican leadership. Even the most prejudiced, hide-bound communistic New Dealer must take notice. Truly, I appreciate the opportunity of going to the State Convention as representative of the Republicans of Farmer County. The hope and responsibility of a two-party system functioning in Texas rests on the Republican party, advocating a sound, sane, political philosophy.

Summerfield MRS. JIM CLARK

Scattered showers fell over this community last week. In part of the community the rain was heavy while other parts received only a shower. The farmers were glad to see rain on their row crops and to bring up the volunteer wheat.

There were 78 persons present at Sunday School Sunday. Rev. Marcus Rexrode is holding a meeting at Black this week. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Streun and Joe and Mrs. George DeLozier were business visitors in Amarillo last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cannon joined relatives in Amarillo last week and went on to visit Yellowstone National Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Noland and son spent the week end recently in Hedley visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Plunk.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecile Looking-

bill of Amarillo are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lookingbill.

Mr. and Mrs. George Story and daughter and Ruth Sparson spent a few days last week at the M. E. Camp.

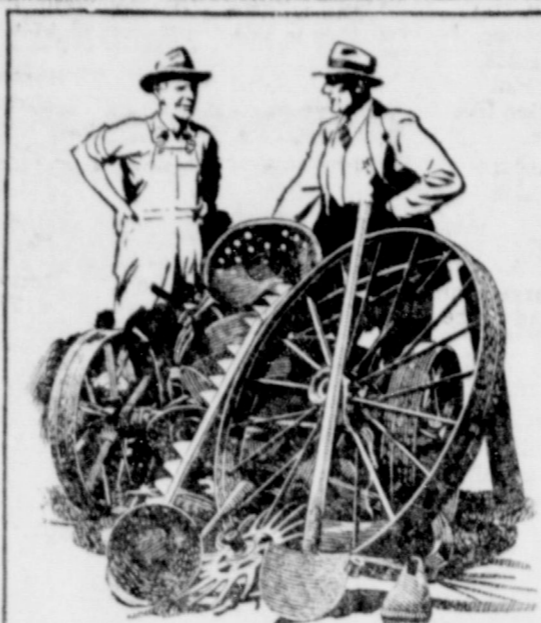
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Coker and family are visiting relatives in Altus, Okla., this week.

The W. M. S. met Wednesday at the church house with a missionary program and the Bible Study. The following officers

were elected: president, Mrs. B. E. Roberson; vice-president, Mrs. D. C. Walser; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. L. L. Cannon.

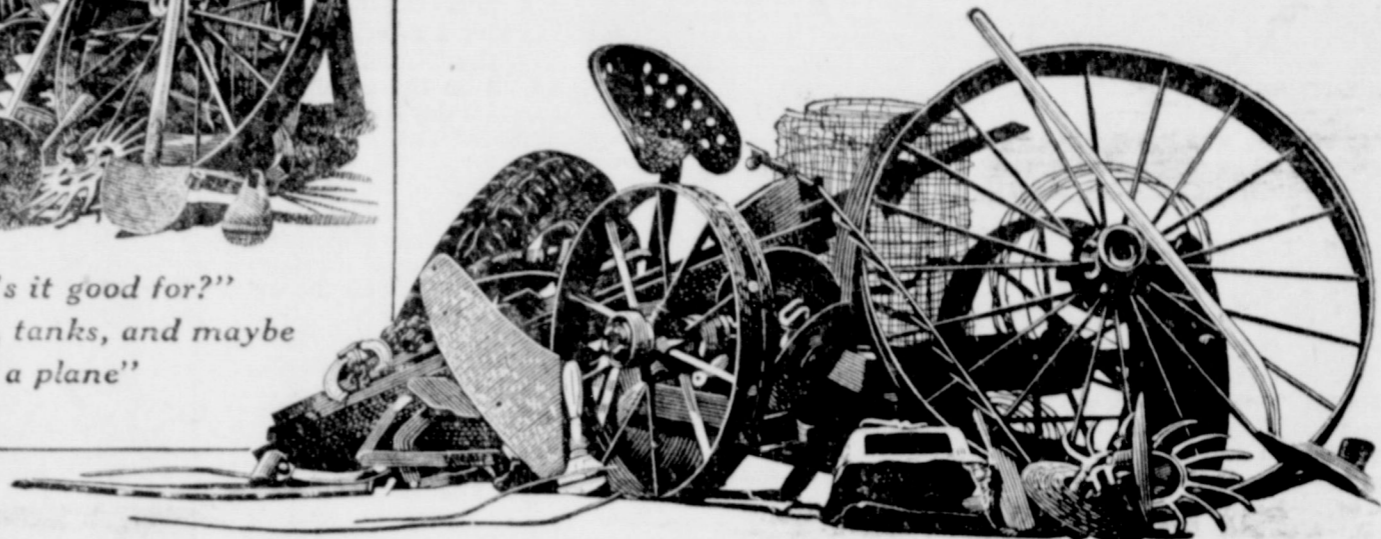
Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Walser, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Walser and family and Joan Walser spent

a few days at the Walser reunion which is held every year. This year it was at Childress. All of C. R. Walser's brothers and sisters were present except one. Dinner was spread Tuesday for about 100 persons.



"What's it good for?"
"Guns, tanks, and maybe part of a plane"

JUNK needed for War



In the barnyards and gullies of farms and in the basements and attics of homes is a lot of Junk which is doing no good where it is, but which is needed at once to help smash the Japs and Nazis.

Scrap iron and steel, for example.

Even in peacetime, scrap provided about 50% of the raw material for steel. It may be rusty, old "scrap" to you, but it is actually refined steel—with most impurities removed, and can be quickly melted with new metal in the form of pig iron to produce highest quality steel for our war machines.

The production of steel has gone up, up, UP, until today America is turning out as much steel as all the rest of the world combined. But unless at least 6,000,000 additional tons of scrap steel is uncovered promptly, the full

rate of production cannot be attained or increased; the necessary tanks, guns and ships cannot be produced.

The rubber situation is also critical. In spite of the recent rubber drive, there is a continuing need for large quantities of scrap rubber. Also for other waste materials and metals like brass, copper, zinc, lead and tin.

The junk which you collect is bought by industry from scrap dealers at established, government-controlled prices.

Will you help? First—collect all of your waste material and pile it up.

Then—sell it to a junk dealer, give it to a charity, take it yourself to the nearest collection point, or get in touch with your Local Salvage Committee.

If you live on a farm, consult your County War Board or your farm implement dealer.

Throw YOUR scrap into the fight!

JUNK MAKES FIGHTING WEAPONS

One old disc will provide scrap steel needed for 210 semi-automatic light carbines.

One old plow will help make one hundred 75-mm. armor-piercing projectiles.

One useless old tire provides as much rubber as is used in 12 gas masks.

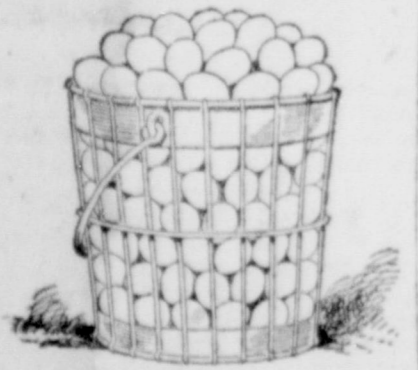
One old shovel will help make 4 hand grenades.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Scrap iron and steel.
- Other metals of all kinds.
- Old rubber.
- Rags, Manila rope, burlap bags.
- Waste Cooking Fats—When you get a pound or more strain into a large tin can and sell to your meat dealer.

NEEDED ONLY IN CERTAIN LOCALITIES
Waste paper and tin cans wanted only in certain areas, as announced locally. NOT NEEDED (at this time) Razor blades—glass.

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