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COGITATIONS and APHORISMS of Jodok

I heard a minister of the Gospel saying recently: "You can't force a man to be a Christian," and he was just as right as he could be, for such cannot be done. And if such a task were accomplished, he would be a damned poor quality of the product. Influence and enlightenment may be brought to bear upon a man so that he will, of his own free will, and through better understanding, see the good, the right, the justice and the many worth-while conditions to be secured through the Christian kind of life to the extent that he will, through his own discretion and desire choose that better way of living.

We cannot change the leopard's spots, neither can we change a man's mind or way of thinking against his will, for "a mind that is changed against its will is of the same opinion still." A man may be forced or induced to do and to say things that are against his will or averse to his likings, either through fear of a greater aversion or through the promise or hope of some lucrative social or political reward. But even at that, his mind is not necessarily changed. And, in about 99 percent of such cases he fortifies himself more strongly in his original belief or way of life, and we have a more determined atheist or agnostic, as the case may be, than we had at first.

It is the same with friendship. It cannot be secured either through force or purchase. True, a friendly attitude on the part of one's fellowman may be thus secured; but it is not friendship, and neither is it an imitation of friendship, for friendship cannot be counterfeited. Such appearances must go by some other name than friendship. Pity may be sometimes mistaken for friendship, for it is said, "Pity is akin to love." And pity may sometimes answer the purpose of real friendship, so far as the recipient is concerned. One's own sincere personal desire to do unto others as he would have them do unto him may serve the purpose of real friendship, in such cases the donor is at heart a friend of the recipient, and such action on the part of one's self may result in the winning of the sincere friendship of the one receiving the friendly ministrations, for friendship is won through a deserving attitude on our part and an understanding recognition on the part of our fellows.

But, here! This is not what I intended to say and these are not the kind of cogitations nor the form of aphorisms that I had intended to follow; but that minister's statement just somehow "got me to thinking," and one cogitation has sought company with another and one aphorism has seemingly tramped upon the heels of another until I have gone far astray of my original thought.

But before I get back to my first idea, I want to state here something that I forgot to state in my last week's effusion, and that is that in using these personal experiences of my own as illustrations, in expressing my views on the religion of Friendship, I am at the same time expressing the sentiment of at least 99 percent of those who may read this stuff, and I'll warrant that most of them can give from their own experiences incidents greater in number and perhaps more forceful than any I have related. I realize that I have no "corner" on friendship, and I should be truly sorry if such were the case. And I feel like saying that if there are any who read these effusions who have not had such experiences—



"Dear Santa Claus"

Well, I dunno—I suppose they will have to work it out for themselves.

Well, it looks like a lot of pre-facings, but here it is—I had a little business matter to attend to over at Hereford, recently, and as the matter of business was short and there were no other customers ahead of me, I was soon through with my business and found that I had half an hour or better to kill before the arrival of the bus (and there were three of them) that was to take me back to my own Friona Street Corner, so I decided to call at the Brand office and spend these few minutes with a group of people whom I cannot call otherwise than a group of my real friends. I "barged" in upon them, unannounced and unexpected, but their frank and unaffected reception and kind and friendly greetings were so apparently sincere that it would take a wide stretch of the imagination for me to conceive that there was anything else but sincerity in their expression.

There is a group of six or seven people, both employers and employees, whom it has been my pleasure to know for several months, some of them for several years, and with whom I have been privileged to associate with on several occasions, and in them I have found a group of people who are practicing the religion of friendship, not only among themselves but with all with whom they come in contact, and my occasional visits with them are among the brightest spots in my life. They were unanimous in their expressions of welcome and friendliness toward me and without the least exhibition or display of feeling, they each seemed to be outdoing their fellows in these expressions. They seemed, and I am sure they were, acting and speaking just as they felt. And their relations with each other seemed so thoroughly based on the spirit of equality and friendliness that I deem it would have been impossible from their attitudes for a stranger to have distinguished employers from employees.

And again I am using my personal experience as an illustration of the beauty and value of friendship and am not in the least trying to glorify myself. Neither do I infer that this fine group of people are the only group of employers and employees in the world who are practicing the religion of Friendship.

And that was a very pretty program that was prepared and carried out by the clergy on our little city last Saturday afternoon for the purpose of stimulating the spirit of buying war bonds and stamps. The soldiers and their military drills and music brought a fleeting glimpse of the fact that our country is really at war and the explanatory remarks given by their colonel, who accompanied them, relative to the guns and clothing and other equipment that each soldier must have, together with the price of the total equipment, gave his hearers a faint idea of the cost of an army, exclusive of the food and shelter that our government must bear in order that our soldiers may be the best equipped and the best fed of any soldiers in the world.

Then the very enthusiastic and patriotic speech by Dr. J. A. Hill, of Canyon, setting forth all these costs, and the imperative necessity of winning this war, and the dire results that must surely befall us if we fail

thus the fact that we must win, that we dare not lose, not only for the sake of our dear United States, but for the remainder of the entire world as well.

We must win this war, even at the cost of everything we possess, for nothing else matters. It occurs to me that the man or the woman who would save the paltry dollars at the expense of their freedom, would surely find those same dollars as millstones about their necks, if they had not the freedom of using them as they pleased but by the conquering enemy.

And, by the way, I had the very great pleasure of a short personal visit with Dr. Hill before he was called to the speakers stand. I stopped in at the Reeve Chevrolet office and Dr. Hill was there and my good friend Floyd introduced us and we enjoyed a few minutes of interesting conversation, during which Floyd and I each expressed our appreciation of the address that was prepared and delivered by Dr. Hill, under the caption—"And This Is America." And he expressed himself as highly appreciative of our compliments. Although Dr. Hill is a great educator, a deep and profound thinker and an able administrator, he proved his sense of humility in appreciating the compliments of two very ordinary persons like Floyd and myself. Sure he appreciated it, for Dr. Hill is not a man who could affect an appreciation and not mean it.

Kindness is to do and say. The kindest things in the kindest way.

Farmer John SEES THINGS

The Bond Sale drive here at Friona last Saturday was successful and had many significant aspects.

The military display from Clovis was spectacular and was appreciated by the promoters of the bond sale and the general public. The rhythmic motion of the stalwart young men, dressed

in like uniform, with eyes always forward, in grim, determined, but handsome face, and with the complete troop movement in harmony with the martial music, gave the oldest and dearest, the most selfish as well as the generous, the discouraged and the enthusiastic a quickened impulse. In everybody, the sense akin to patriotism was stirred. Some wanted to shout, some cry, some shake hands with their fellows, but all were held in solemn reverence in the presence of the soldier's salute to the Most High.

Another important part of the program was the presence and participation of probably the greatest educator of which the plains country can boast, Dr. J. A. Hill, of West Texas College, who made the address of the afternoon. All were impressed with the earnest sincerity and the patriotic motive of the speaker. He was enthusiastic, yet not exaggerating. He sees the magnitude of the nation's and humanity's load yet is not dismayed. After all the shouting, the glamor, the working, the suffering, crying and trying, of the populace, the doctor represents the uplifting and winning influence of our civilization and

enlightened citizenship. The truly significant phase of the program, the proof of that pudding, the kind of acts that make the effort pay off, was started by a 70-year old sheep herder. The first that anyone noticed of "Old Dan" he was walking the street on the look for a friend, who was willing to show him where he could buy a bond. He carried a check representing the cost of a bond. It doubtless represented a good share of his month's earning. He was rewarded with the very first bond issued in the afternoon drive.

He wanted to and did do his bit. All his life he had worked at modest wages, plus farming a little for himself at times. He possibly owns a small "dobe" home across the track in the creek bottom, but he did not have money enough left after his bond purchase, to pay for a used universal for his crippled Model "A". In his broken English and characteristic thrift, he said he could walk or get his son to take him to work for a while. That evening in the grocery store he bought sparingly. But he was happy. That is part of America.

But is a high pressure bond sale a business or fair way to raise money for the governments enormous spending? Even if it proves to be a more efficient way, is it a wise way? Does it tincture too much of the old fashioned revival meeting technique under the spell of which they jater lack approval of their better judgement?

This particular citizen of Mexican descent does not benefit by the government coddled labor union nor the government AAA monopoly. He is provided with no special opportunity to protect himself against selfish, unscrupulous power. He is a plain, hard working man, whose continuous effort and self denial has raised a large family of working, dependable, useful boys and girls. If he buys bonds because he appreciates and loves the principles upon which the United States government was founded and was builded that of fair, equal justice and liberty for all then his buy is worth the cost to him. Or if his expenditure is for the purpose of investment or of saving, his judgment should guide. The privilege was his.

We have done away with the army enlistment practice to make way for what is hoped to be a more equitable and practical use of men power. By the use of the same principle a more positive and equitable way of getting money looks sensible. Through a sales tax plan, the day workman would contribute

to his government in proportion as he bought consumable goods. He doubtless would buy goods very much in proportion to the size of his wage. On the same plan, those whose ability permitted large spending, would, in like manner make their proportionate contribution. With any true American, all that is asked from government is a fair chance to capitalize on one's own ability and energy.

The bond sale was successful in that it raised more than \$4,000. It was successful in that it gave testimony that love of country is alive here. Regardless of how much variance of opinion among people after the merits and merits of leaders and policies, yet the people at Friona are all together in a determination to

preserve their country. And judging from the criticism, sarcastic remarks and general knocks at much of the government planning, government regimentation, rationing and ceiling prices, the sentiment is fast taking shape for American Laissez Faire. The light of Uncle

Sam's countenance shines past the masses of seething scheming, dreaming politicians, who at this time have the public welfare in custody. Friona was rebaptized in old-fashioned patriotism.

What You Buy With WAR BONDS

Save now to buy later, after the War. That's good common sense because if you spend now, you help to drive prices up for everything you buy. Durable goods are scarce so invest in War Bonds today and do that house remodeling when Victory is won.



If you have not done so, join a Payroll Savings Plan at your office or factory. If you are not investing at least ten percent in War Bonds, increase your regular deductions on your Payroll Savings Plan. Let's "Top that ten percent!" U. S. Treasury Department

GOSSIP

From Here and There

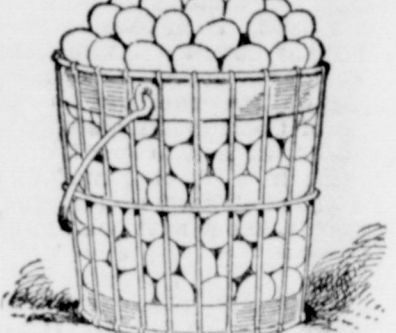
The local government of Texas is carried on through 7,796 local units of which 254 counties are the basic subdivisions.

Control of public education in Texas is vested primarily in local administration units, consisting of approximately 998 independent and 5,581 common school districts.

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ACHIEVEMENT CHAMPS—Proud winners of 4-H National Achievement Championships are Robert Nash, 19, of Ryan, Okla., and Margaret Hedderich, 18, of Camden, Ind. Awards were made at the 21st National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago.





DESTINED FOR AFRICA—Well-protected by sea and air, a huge United Nations convey steams toward Africa in perfect formation. The ships which troops were landed to take over North African French possessions has aroused world-wide admiration.

FARM NEWS

FOOD FOR FREEDOM

YOUR COUNTY AGENT
TEXAS EXTENSION SERVICE

One of the greatest needs for improvement in the agriculture of Parmer County is in dairying. Most of our farms have some type of dairy cows and the number on each farm ranges from one or two to 25 or 30. It is true that many of our dairy herds are of good quality but the majority of the "milk cows" of Parmer County are what would be termed "boarders" by any first class dairyman. Right now dairying is paying for those farmers who own cows which will produce. Right now dairy products are needed badly in food to win the war. For these reasons, right now is the proper time to start a long time improvement program in the dairy industry of Parmer County.

Such an arrangement will call for organization. It will call for the designation of one farmer in each community to keep and care for the bull and be paid for the job. But it will mean a great improvement in the type of dairy cattle you will have on your farms and it will be at a lower cost than you could possibly have in keeping even a scrub bull all alone on your farm.

Let's not use a scrub bull and lower our quality of dairy cattle so long as the job can be done so much easier this way. How about coming in and talking this situation over. You will be surprised just how easy it will be to do this improvement.

Talks On Education Feature P. T. A. Meeting

The regular November meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association was held Thursday night, Nov. 19, in the Grade auditorium with the president, Mrs. Guy Bennett, presiding. A program was presented by Mr. Ginn and Mrs. McReynolds gave very interesting talks on "The Importance of Education." The Parent-Teachers Organization will take part in the community Christmas program for the December meeting.

White sauce blends well with plain cooked onions, carrots, parsnips or turnips. For medium thick sauce, blend three table-spoons of flour with three table-spoons of fat. Add one and one-half cups of milk. Cook five minutes and stir constantly to make the sauce smooth. Season to taste with salt and pepper. This is enough sauce to mix with three cups of cooked vegetables to serve six persons.

Tech Courses Train Women For Wartime Engineering Jobs

LUBBOCK—Courses aimed at assisting women to become qualified for junior engineering positions in the ESMWT program are being started at Texas Technological college under direction of Prof. J. H. Murdough, head of the department of civil engineering.

Graduates of four-year colleges or universities may enroll following personal interviews and passing of aptitude tests. The course will cover 27 weeks and 320 hours. Subjects to be taught are engineering computation and problems, engineering drawing, elementary mechanics of materials, surveying and shop processes and methods.

Some fellow with nothing better to do has figured out that there are 293 ways of making change for a dollar.

"Nauseous Gasolinos Rationous"; The Latin May Be Off, But Board Members Feel Illness Could Easily Be Fatal

We don't know the Latin name for it, but a new disease has hit the Southwest. Stripped of medical details it boils down to a matter of being "sick with gasoline rationing." While the epidemic is general—showing its symptoms in severe constriction of the pocketbook in the case of farmers cut off without gas for maybe the first nine months in 1943, and marked by high blood pressure of "important citizens" who think like Fibber McGee, that the "O. P. A. is trying to make an A. P. E." out of them, the worst form of sickness has appeared among members of the county gas rationing panels.

Let's send our board to Detroit; it seems to bring about automatic understanding of the problems of Deaf Smith County, Texas.

On the credit side of the ledger, members of the gas rationing board can list the generally good-natured attitude of car and truck owners, who have been patient about the difficulties of getting out supplemental rations and other phases of the board's work, and the emergency help given them by several persons in the courthouse.

Sympathy—But No Pay Like any other illness, "gas rationing" gives the patient an opportunity to find out who his friends are—and the local board is getting lots of sympathy, but so far no flowers and certainly no compensation.

Since misery is supposed to drive company, the only relief in sight for the gas rationing board, is that they will be joined soon by the County ODT Transportation Committee, which will be hearing the appeals on rationing for farm and commercial vehicles within about 30 days. And then too, they can always greet the original county rationing board and the draft board as fellow sufferers.



CAMERA DOES LIE—Here's dubious proof that there is such a thing as a turkey with 10 drumsticks. The bird was hatched by a Hollywood photographer, who obviously doesn't believe the old fable about the honesty of the camera. Incidentally, the carriers are Lucille Lamour, Dorothy Schoemer and Harriet Hadden.

These suggestions cannot be followed, farmers may find it necessary to consume larger quantities of meat in any one week, but the average of two and one-half pounds per adult should be maintained throughout the year. The important thing is: Don't waste meat and don't eat more than your share.

The man who gets along best in this world is the one who can look happy when he isn't.

Few men are as lucky as they seem, or as unlucky as they think they are. Saying the wrong thing is misfortune; but trying to explain it is disaster.

Surplus Storage Bin Sale To Be Handled By AAA

Farmers who figure they will need extra crop storage space were reminded this week that the surplus grain storage bins shipped here last summer by Commodity Credit Corporation are now on sale and that arrangements for purchase of the bins may be made through the local AAA office. Farmers should notify the County office before Thursday of each week on the number and size of bins they wish to purchase and delivery can be made promptly. Prices on the bins are \$235 and \$270.

ROOT VEGETABLES
By Mrs. Opal D. Lewellen
Greens may come and greens may go, but root vegetables stay in season the year round. These vegetables from the earth—beets, carrots, turnips, parsnips and onions—have flavors mild and tangy, bring vitamins, minerals, starches and sugars to help supply the body's needs. Scrub all root vegetables well before cooking to remove any earthy odor. Start them in boiling, salted water. Young, tender roots need only enough water to prevent them from sticking to the pan, while older roots need enough water to cover. To keep the flavor of onions and turnips mild, leave the kettle uncovered. To speed the cooking of the others, leave the lid

Lakeview News

Too late for last week, because of irregular mail service. Orville Southward of Hedrick, Okla., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Southward, a few days last week. Mrs. Ester Harper and children, Reba June and Leon, were Amarillo visitors Sunday and Monday, spending the night with Ester, who is working at Amarillo. Misses Mary Lee Todd and Nancy Lou Barker were dinner guests in the T. Manderscheid home Sunday. Rev. Joe Wilson of Friona held his regular appointment at Lakeview, Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Sanford Harper and children, Gerald, Sandra and Nancy, were business visitors at Friona and Farwell Monday. Visitors in the C. A. Guinn home this week were Mrs. A. W. Holt and children, of Muleshoe; Mrs. Claud Harp and daughter Ann, of Matador, and Mrs. Lula Brown, of Abilene. Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Kaul of Westway, and their parents who are visiting them from Kansas, called on the Ralph Durstines Sunday afternoon. Doyle Cummings spent Thanksgiving at home with his parents and sister, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Cummings and Dorothy Sue. A. D. Hinson visited friends in this community one day recently.

Head Brandywines



One of the newly named roses recently exhibited at the National Rose Show in New York is the brandywine, a beautiful peach-colored blossom. Jackie Copland wears a chapeau made of brandywine.

What You Buy With WAR BONDS

Refrigerators are out for the duration. Manufacturers have now toiled their plans for production of war materials. Common-sense-folk, however, are saving now, not spending, and building up a fund for purchase of refrigerators and other domestic needs through investment in U. S. War Bonds.



Your Money put into War Bonds today will bring you back \$4 for \$3 at maturity. So start saving for those domestic needs when you will be permitted to buy them. Join the Payroll Savings Plan at your office or factory and let's all "Top that Ten Percent."

Hedge-Hoping At 300 MPH Makes A Precarious Sport

LT. Allen Lynnwood Hallum of the Columbia Air Base writes that he saw the Atlantic Ocean for the first time in a flight with a pilot captain recently. Hallum accompanied the captain to take data on certain new combat equipment with which the Air Corps is experimenting and reports that they flew about ten miles out over the Atlantic to reach their destination. "For military reasons I can't say how accurate... the new equipment is," Hallum writes, adding, "The enemy might like to know."

Of the return trip the Hereford boy writes, "The pilot got to feeling a little frisky I guess and started hedge-hopping not more than five feet off the ground and actually clipping off the tree tops at 300 miles per hour. I was in the glass nose and really had a swell view though my position would be somewhat precarious in view of a crack-up."

SHARE THE MEAT

COLLEGE STATION—Butchering time has arrived and farmers are asking how to comply with the Share-the-Meat program when they have excess quantities of fresh meat. Roy W. Snyder, animal industries specialist for the A. & M. College Extension Service, suggests an answer to this question. First, he says, stagger butchering of hogs. Instead of butchering two or three at one time, butcher one, then wait a few weeks to butcher another.

Second, share fresh meat with neighbors at butchering time. Families can "take turn about" in butchering, trading meat between them. Third, cure hams, shoulders, bacon and loins. Can the sausage. This leaves the spareribs, head and feet the only meat to be consumed at the time of butchering. The other parts of the animal, such as the heart, liver and tongue are not included in the weekly sharing allowance. Mr. Snyder says similar management should be followed when a family butchers beef, veal and mutton. Finally, the specialist says: "If

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