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Taxes, Wars and Deficits Face U. S. Citizens

Appalling events have taken place in Europe with bewildering rapidity. Since last September, nine countries have been conquered by Germany, and Great Britain, the last stronghold of democracy in Europe, is fighting for her life. In view of these developments, our defense program has been speeded up to provide protection against possible aggression. This is a stupendous undertaking that entails not only vast appropriations of money but also the most efficient operation of our whole productive system.

No one knows how many billions will be paid out for military purposes but if present schedules are carried out, the total will be staggering. The country is ready and anxious to expend whatever is necessary for adequate defense but there must be economy in other lines of governmental activity. Otherwise, the nation will break down under the strain. No time should be lost in eliminating waste and extravagance which should now be considered a menace to our

security. We should reduce governmental bureaus and commissions and abandon forthwith the philosophy of spending our way into better times.

The spending policies that have prevailed during the past few years have provided an opening wedge for the pressure groups to make raids upon the Federal Treasury but these funds for the most part have not been put to productive use. Many billions have been spent to prime the pump to create new jobs but this process has not been effective as is shown by the many millions still on relief. No one questions that those in actual need should be provided for but this should be done as far as possible within the capacities of states and municipalities where it can be more efficiently handled and the responsibility more definitely fixed. The greatest contribution toward social security would be sound monetary and economic policies all along the line.

Moreover, the tax base should be broadened further so that all groups will realize directly that the country is carrying a heavy burden. It is only in this way that brakes will be applied to reckless spending. The larger the share of

current outgo that can be borne by taxation or met out of public subscription from savings, the more secure will be our financial foundation, the keystone of our economic defense.

To meet the stupendous tasks before us, industry must operate at the highest level of efficiency. This is necessary not only to provide additional national income to defray the record-breaking peacetime expenditures but particularly to meet the requirements of our defense program. The real test of our preparedness is the ability of industry to turn out quickly and in large quantities the necessary military equipment and at the same time to provide the essential goods and services for our people. To do this adequately, industry must be geared to a war-time basis. Red tape must be cut and the shackles removed from business. No social benefit to any group should be permitted to stand in the way of a steady flow of goods for national security. In this connection we should profit from the tragic experience of France. The Battle of France was not lost on the battlefield but years ago when she adopted the so-called liberal social philosophy, which was reflected in the breakdown of her economic system. The severe limitation upon production in that country, together with the sharp increase in the wage rates, caused a spectacular rise in prices with consequent reduced domestic consumption and a serious decline in exports as well as in governmental revenue. This led former Premier Chautemps to remark as far back as the latter part of 1937, "It is essential for the life of the country that production be increased, and this necessity must be placed before all others since the whole social fabric depends on it." But the warning went unheeded and in consequence France was forced to capitulate.

With the shadows of the totalitarian governments falling over approximately two-thirds of the earth, it is well for us to realize fully the import upon our economy

of the coming struggle for power and markets. We shall be forced to compete with countries of low wages and long hours of labor.

PREPARE TO RESCUE FISH

Millions of fish are stranded in Texas lakes and streams each year when the water disappears during the summer months and the State Game Department is again making plans to rescue millions of them. Last year a total of 1,758,247 bass, crappie, bream and catfish were rescued by state hatchery employees and game wardens.

While the unusually abundant rains this year probably will prevent some lakes and streams from drying up during the hot months, the Game Department will be forced to rescue many fish. These are transported to the nearest stream or lake in which it is known the water supply is constant and are placed in these waters with as much care as the more than 5,000,000 fish raised in the state hatcheries.

Many states are now supporting fish rescue stations placed in various parts of the state. The Texas Game Department, according to the executive secretary, has long desired to do just that, but lack of funds has made it impossible. Instead, wardens and hatchery workers handle the task. Special equipment should be available. Trucks with large tanks through which air circulates while the fish are being transported are needed. Washing tanks, with which to cleanse the silt from the gills of fish rescued in extremely low water, are also needed.

MERGE TWO U. S. BUREAUS

The U. S. Bureau of Biological Survey and the Bureau of Fisheries have been combined into one new federal agency, to be known as the Fish and Wildlife Service. Under the new agency the Federal aid to wildlife program now being carried on in Texas by the State Game Department and in other states will be administered as before.

Dr. Ira N. Gabrielson, former chief of the Biological Survey, is the director of the Fish and Wildlife Service.

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FOUND: YOUNGEST LICENSEE

The youngest holder of a Texas fishing license has been found and we challenge anyone to discover a younger one!

F. C. (Fishcatcher) Hall, La Feria, Texas bass fishing expert purchased a license for his son one hour after the youngster's arrival at the Mercedes hospital recently. Forrest Garner is probably also the lightest "fisherman" in the Lone Star State. His weight was 7 pounds and 3 ounces, bedside.

When the proud daddy displayed Forrest's license to one of his fishing cronies he was asked when the new son was going fishing. He replied: "Just as soon as the weather clears."

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Announcements

The News has been authorized to announce the candidacy of the following, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries:

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Kimble County
W. C. JACKSON
Pecos County
Re-Election

For County and District Clerk:
JOHN D. LOWREY
Re-election

For County Judge:
ALVIS JOHNSON
Re-Election

For Sheriff and Tax Collector-Assessor:
B. W. HUTCHERSON
Re-Election

LEO E. BROWN

For County Treasurer:
MRS. THELMA BRISCOE
Re-Election

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REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF SONORA

In the State of Texas, at the close of business on June 29, 1940, Published in response to call made by the Comptroller of Currency under Section 5211, United States Revised Statutes

ASSETS

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Loans and discounts, United States Government obligations, Obligations of States and political subdivisions, Corporate stocks, Cash, balances with other banks, Bank premises owned, fixtures, Real estate owned, Investments and other assets, Customers' liability to this bank, Other assets.

12. TOTAL ASSETS \$1,066,434.28

LIABILITIES

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations, Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations, Deposits of United States Government, Deposits of States and political subdivisions, Deposits of banks, Other deposits, TOTAL DEPOSITS, Bills payable, rediscounts, and other liabilities for borrowed money, Mortgages or other liens, Acceptances executed by or for account of this bank, Other liabilities.

24. TOTAL LIABILITIES 844,306.70

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Capital Stock, Surplus, Undivided profits, Reserves (and retirement account for preferred stock).

29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS 222,127.58

30. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS \$1,066,434.28

MEMORANDA

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Pledged assets (and securities loaned) (book value) with sub-items (a) through (d), Secured liabilities with sub-items (a) through (d).

STATE OF TEXAS

County of Sutton—ss: I, Geo. H. Neill, cashier of above-named bank, solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. GEO. H. NEILL, Cashier.

CORRECT—Attest: Roy E. Aldwell, E. F. Vander Stucken, S. H. Allison, directors.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3rd day of July, 1940. (SEAL) C. H. ALLEN, Notary Public.

REPORT OF AN AFFILIATE OF A NATIONAL BANK Published in accordance with Section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes Report as of June 29, 1940, of

FIRST LOAN COMPANY

SONORA, TEXAS which is affiliated with First National Bank, Sonora, Texas, Charter No. 5466, Federal Reserve District No. 11.

Kind of Business: MORTGAGE COMPANY Manner in which above-named organization is affiliated with national bank, and degree of control: Stock owned by stockholders of First National Bank. Has same directors and officers as First National Bank.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Financial relations with bank: Stock of affiliated bank owned, Loans to affiliated bank, Borrowings from affiliated bank, Stock of affiliate registered in name of bank or known to be owned by bank directly or indirectly, Other obligations to, or known to be held by, affiliated bank, Other information necessary to disclose fully relations with banks.

I, Geo. H. Neill, treasurer of First Loan Co., Sonora, Texas, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEO. H. NEILL Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3rd day of July, 1940 (SEAL) C. H. ALLEN, Notary Public

REPORT OF AN AFFILIATE OF A NATIONAL BANK Published in accordance with Section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes Report as of June 29, 1940, of

SONORA CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

SONORA, TEXAS which is affiliated with First National Bank, Sonora, Texas, Charter No. 5466, Federal Reserve District No. 11.

Kind of Business: CONSTRUCTION OF BANK BUILDING Manner in which above-named organization is affiliated with national bank, and degree of control: Stock held by First Loan Company, Trustee, for stockholders of First Loan Company, an affiliate of the First National Bank of Sonora, Texas.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Financial relations with bank: Stock of affiliated bank owned, Loans to affiliated bank, Borrowings from affiliated bank, Stock of affiliate registered in name of bank or known

to be owned by bank directly or indirectly NONE
Other obligations to, or known to be held by, affiliated bank—bonds \$11,000.00
Other information necessary to disclose fully relations with banks: NONE

I, Geo. H. Neill, treasurer of Sonora Construction Company, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEO. H. NEILL Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3rd day of July, 1940 (SEAL) C. H. ALLEN, Notary Public

Father of Sonoran Buried At Evant Thursday Afternoon

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon in Evant for T. L. Griggs, aged 72 years, retired gin owner who had conducted his business at Sanatorium for many years. Services were held at the Baptist Church of Evant,

former home of the deceased. Rev. B. B. Hestir of Sanatorium was in charge of the services.

A resident of the Sanatorium sector since 1916, Mr. Griggs died in a San Angelo hospital early Thursday morning following a heart attack suffered June 25.

The widow at Sanatorium and ten children survive. Sons are T. J. of Sonora, R. V. of El Paso, S. S. of San Antonio, J. P. of Sana-

torium, and Bob of Dallas. Daughters are Mrs. H. C. Norwood of Deming, New Mexico, Miss Ora Lee Griggs, postmistress at Sanatorium, Mrs. Cornell Clegg of Sanatorium, Mrs. W. L. Logan of San Angelo, and Mrs. Jack Spillman of Dallas.

Three brothers who survive are Robert S. of Fort Worth, George W. of Evant, and John of San Diego, Calif. A sister, Mrs. Julia Blaisdell resides at Ballinger. There are seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild surviving.

More than one-fourth of all the petroleum produced in the entire United States to date has been produced in Texas

Gasoline consumption by Texas motorists increased 5 1-2 per cent last year over 1938.

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Our liberty is not immediately threatened. But it may be if we do not prepare to defend it from any possible attack. Such preparation is an effort in which everyone can share.

We favor adequate preparedness for national defense. This country's natural position gives us a great measure of security against threats from abroad. With careful preparation we can strengthen that position until no nation would dare attack us.

National defense is not only a matter of men, airplanes, battleships and guns. It also requires us to strengthen our American institutions, which are the very things we wish to protect and preserve. They must be preserved. It would be a bitter and ironic victory if, in order to defeat an enemy, we sidetracked the system of free enterprise and the personal liberties which distinguish the American way of life from the tyrannies of Europe and Asia.

Let's keep this country American. Government experts and civilian authorities are studying how to provide for our actual defense and each citizen's part in it. Meanwhile, the rest of us can help by doing our work, whatever it is, as well as we can.

That is what all the people of this company intend to do. Together with other electric companies, we have built a system capable of supplying the nation with electric service in any emergency. This system will be maintained and strengthened and we will continue our day-to-day effort to provide the dependable electric service that makes the United States a better place to live.



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Physical Fitness Is Essential Requirement In National Defense

"America has with good reason become preparedness-conscious. All world events have emphasized the necessity of developing the nation's fighting power to a point where it can meet any exigencies which the future may present. While in the present preparedness program the greater emphasis is being placed upon the production of mechanical equipment, the armed forces continue to be aware of the need of physical fitness in their personnel," declares Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer.

"In 1917 more than one-third of the drafted men examined were declared unfit for military duty. Though in recent years the percentage of applicants unfit for service may have dropped slightly, the number is still too high.

"Therefore, it would appear both from the standpoint of the individual's welfare and the nation's, that an increased or more intelligent appreciation of the value of good health and maximum vitality well could be displayed not only on the part of men of military age but by the nation as a whole. Both good sense and patriotism demand it.

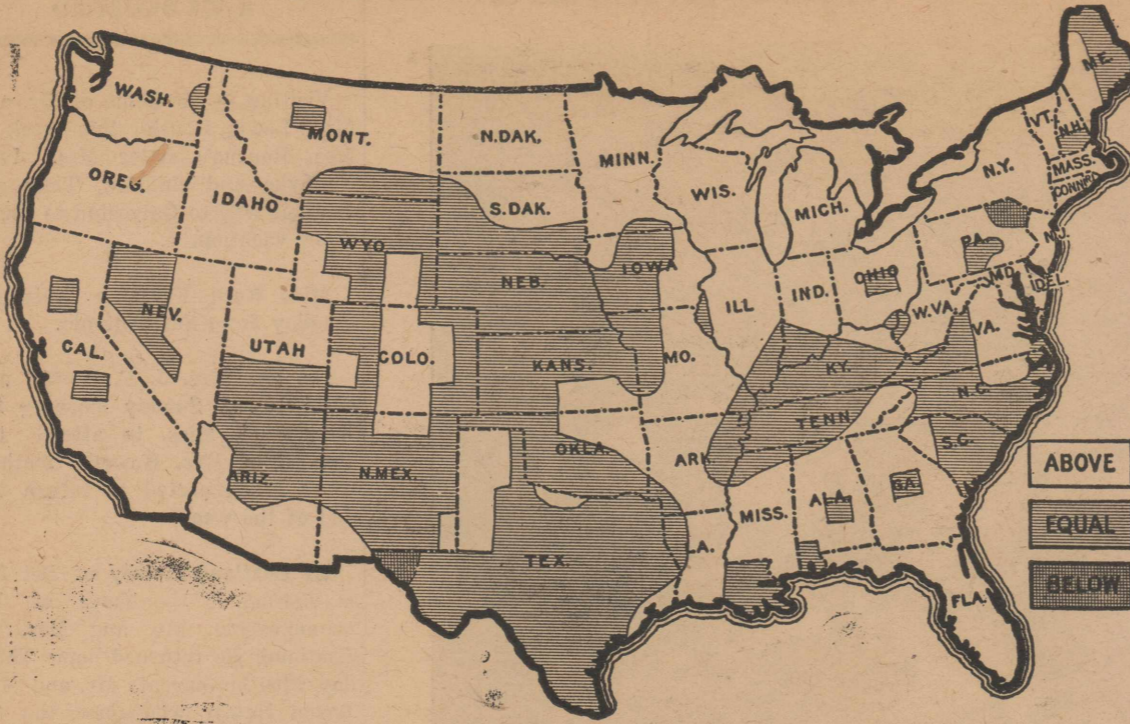
"Whether in peace or war, a country is only as strong as its people. But it is equally true that real and happy living to the greatest possible extent can only be enjoyed by those who, by a rational observance of nature's basic laws, are giving their bodies a square deal.

"In this connection, the logic of surrounding the young with preventives available through science is obvious. Immunization against diphtheria, smallpox vaccination, proper food in proper amounts, sufficient sleep and rest, and the removal of remediable physical defects merely represent sound judgment and an essential parental duty," Dr. Cox pointed out.

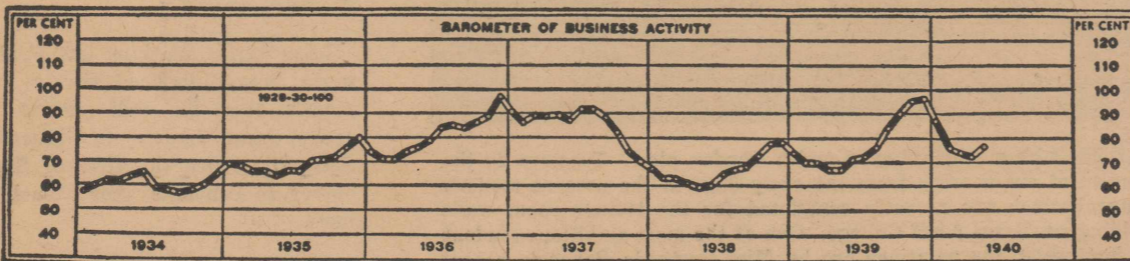
"But to stop at this point is to fall short of the individual's and the nation's need. All adults profitably could take stock of their habits, eliminate those which they know are detrimental, obtain medical advice on others concerning which they have reasonable doubts, and strive in a sensible, rational manner to develop and keep maximum health and vitality.

"In short, the physical examination to discover possible physical defects, and a non-fanatical adherence to fundamental requirements in food, rest, exercise, and other essentials are points that should not be overlooked by an adult who has at heart not only his own personal happiness and health, but the interest of the beneficent nation in which he lives.

BUSINESS CONDITIONS MAP



This map depicts current business conditions as compared with the same period last year. It will appear in the July number of "Nation's Business", published by the United States Chamber of Commerce



THE MAP—No material change occurred in the map, a reflection of the uncertainty surrounding future developments.

THE BAROMETER—The chart line of industrial activity turned upward in May for the first time since December, due mainly to sharply expanding steel mill operations.

State Committees On Industry Are at Work in State

Local industrialization committees in 226 Texas communities are at work on plans for the further development of their respective areas, Governor W. Lee O'Daniel announced today.

The committees represent a combined membership of 1258 citizens of the State.

Appointed by Mayors of the various municipalities at the Governor's request, the committees make surveys of local resources and attractions for industry and maintain contact with the central office at Austin which is directing the state-wide development program.

The committees work in co-operation with the municipal governments and with the chambers of commerce and other civic organizations of their localities, the Governor said.

From the data furnished by the local groups and by the research bureaus of state educational institutions, the Governor's office answers inquiries from potential new industries and also prepares prospectuses to help the communities themselves organize and finance new enterprises.

BOY CATCHES HUGE GAR

Ounce for ounce, Kenneth Dorman of Alice, Texas, who is seven years old and who tips the beam on the scales at sixty pounds, probably holds the record in the Lone Star State for gar. Kenneth recently snagged a 120-pounder at Mathis Lake and brought the huge gar to gaff after a fight of forty minutes.

Kenneth's father witnessed the battle and at one time the youngster asked his father to take the pole, but Mr. Dorman told him: "That's your wagon and if you have overloaded it you will just have to get rid of it as best you can." Kenneth said: "O. K. Dad," and proceeded to bring the gar to gaff.

The lad and his father fish for gar almost daily and have caught hundreds of them with just a hook, line and pole. However, they are now trying out the noose style of fishing for gar which has swept the state since the Game Department started popularizing gar fishing as a real sport a month ago. Several hundred requests for a leaflet published by the Department have come in. One is yours for the asking. Write the Game Department at Austin.

Rodeos and Dances Provide Amusement For Many Sonorans

Most of the residents of Sonora were out of town for the Fourth, many of them going to Brady, Mason, Roosevelt, and Camp Allison for their Fourth of July recreation. At Glenn Reeves Store at Fort Terrett, a barbecue and rodeo which Mr. Reeves had arranged, drew a large number of Sonorans as well as other visitors, and those present stated the rodeo performances, the horse races and the barbecue dinner provided excellent entertainment. A big dance at Roosevelt was held Thursday evening, attended by many of our citizens.

The Brady Jubilee was a drawing card for others from this city, as was also the celebration at Mason.

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HOME OWNERS FORUM

By ABNER GORDON

TO MAINTAIN the finish on waxed floors dust frequently and polish twice monthly. Rewax entire floor twice yearly, touching up worn spots whenever necessary.

Before rewaxing use liquid wax on clean cloths to remove dirt. Then polish on well thin coat of paste wax.

Q.—Which is the most durable exterior paint for home use?

A.—Quoting from the February 13, 1939, issue of "Consumers Guide" (bi-monthly publication of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration Division of the United States Department of Agriculture): Type "L" paint—pure white lead and oil—is recommended by the United States Forest Products Laboratory as the most durable paint for home use:

"Type 'L' Paint: The pigment consists entirely of white lead except for the additions of colored pigments to make the tinted paints. This paint, if used exclusively, remains the best choice for home owners who wish to allow very long intervals, longer than the durability of any other white or tinted paint, to elapse between paint jobs.

"When worn out, a coating consisting wholly of white lead, on woods that hold paint well, will still go through a long period of neglect during which it looks shabby but not unkempt. After such neglect, a white lead surface can easily be repainted without undue expense. Paint of type 'L' is recommended also for houses in which moisture at times collects behind the painted woodwork. The coating will blister as readily as other paints, but, if the coating consists entirely of white lead paint, the blisters usually disappear when the wood dries out without leading to a subsequent peeling and scaling."

ANOTHER MIRACLE

Another miracle occurred in Texas the other day, convincing us that the age of miracles has not passed.

A fast stream-lined passenger train rammed a crowded automobile at a grade crossing. The miracle was that none of the occupants of the automobile were killed. It probably wouldn't happen again in a hundred cases of this sort.

The railroads have erected signs at every grade crossing in Texas. These say, "Railroad Crossing. Stop, Look and Listen". At a great many of them they also have electric signals flashing red and green lights. But with all these precautions people will drive squarely upon a railroad track without looking in any direction.

My observation is that about the only drivers who observe these signs or use proper precautions at these grade crossings are those who operate motor passenger buses.

In a great many cases school busses do so, and all of them most certainly should. We have had a few terrible accidents in Texas because they didn't. And it goes without saying that every driver of a motor vehicle should also observe these warning signs for his own safety.

The day will come in Texas when there will be no grade crossings, at least on our principal highways. They are being rapidly eliminated and are never seen in new road construction. But until that day comes, it behooves our people to be careful and exercise precautions at these crossings. All of us know precisely the route the train will take, and there is no way it can dodge us once we drive squarely in front of it.

Mr. and Mrs. Verlu Richerson were in San Angelo Saturday.

JERRY SADLER for GOVERNOR



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Wool Activity In Nation Shows A Seasonal Gain

Wool mill activity registered the usual seasonal upturn in May and is expected to move considerably higher during the summer months as recent United States Army contracts are pushed through at a rapid rate. The initial government orders amount to only a little more than one month's normal production for the entire industry and so the normal flow of civilian goods is not being seriously disrupted, particularly since the heavyweight season has been disappointing. Clothing retailers were overstocked on spring apparel and hesitated to make normal commitments for fall until the consuming public had shown more interest. Followup orders for men's and women's fabrics accordingly did not materialize in substantial volume and sales for the first five months were about 25 per cent below the year before. While cloth prices advanced roughly ten cents a yard under the momentum generated by the government contracts this gain merely erased the nominal decline which took place during the spring. Trade interest now is turning to tropical worsteds and gabardines for 1941, with the regular lightweight season to follow.

Yarn, wool top and raw wool prices moved moderately higher in June as the large number of mills

bidding for government orders covered their requirements, probably with some duplication. Raw wool more than recovered the entire loss of late May when a sudden dip in the wool top futures market permitted the liquidation of small quantities of hedged wool as low as 75 cents per scoured pound for good French combing grades. This type now is quoted fairly firmly at about 86 cents or 5 per cent to 10 per cent below the Boston price of comparable British-controlled Australian wool. About one-half the current domestic clip is estimated to have changed hands in the West. Total stocks are only slightly below normal for this time of year but moderate imports may be necessary later in the season, particularly if additional government orders are placed.

There is some uncertainty regarding the future course of world wool prices over the long term. With Germany, the largest factor in the world's rayon industry, controlling the French wool goods industry she is in a strong bargaining position with respect to the important Southern Hemisphere apparel wool clips. Australia normally ships about three-fourths of her wool exports to Europe. In this situation an increase in the use of staple fiber will have an important effect on world wool prices. The outlook for our own raw wool and cloth markets will depend in part upon steps taken by the Administration against any adverse developments abroad.

Texas Oil Facts—

Texas produced 48 barrels of oil in 1889, compared with 480,000,000 barrels last year, or ten million times as much. In 1929 the cost of Texas government was less than \$92,000,000. In 1939 it amounted to more than \$164,000,000. For every barrel of petroleum produced in Texas last year, 46 cents was paid in wages and salaries to Texas oil workers. Individual Texas oil operators drilled 70 per cent of all the oil wells drilled in Texas last year. Large companies drilled 30 per cent. After producing nearly one and a half billion barrels of petroleum since 1937, Texas crude oil reserves are 68 per cent larger today than at the beginning of that year.

35 Years Ago

From the files of the Devil's River News, September 1, 1906. School opens Monday September 10th.

Tom Wallace was in from his Sam Palmer ranch in Edwards County Wednesday having a time. Mrs. A. R. Cauthorn and son Bill were in from the ranch Wednesday trading.

Rev. Richard Mercer will be in Sonora Sunday Sept. 9th. and hold services in the Episcopal Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Bishop were in from the Sam Stokes ranch Thursday for supplies.

Jim Barton and Jeff Pierson two of the most popular young men of Sonora bought out the Maud "S" Saloon from G. W. Morris. The new proprietors extend a cordial invitation to their many friends to call and see them while in town. We wish the new firm all kinds of success.

Ed Fowler was in from the ranch Thursday visiting his family.

Mrs. James Cauthorn and Mrs. John McCoy were up from the Cauthorn ranch Tuesday shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bond were in Sonora Monday the guest of the Commercial Hotel.

At a meeting held at the Methodist Church Sunday morning Aug 26th, by a unanimous vote it was decided to build a new Methodist Church to cost between four and five thousand dollars. The following committee was appointed to solicit funds for the same:

D. B. Cusenbary, R. F. Halbert, Walter Davis, Bob Martin, A. F. Clarkson. The following ladies were appointed to assist: Mrs. Geo. Hamilton, Mrs. A. J. Smith, Mrs. R. F. Halbert and Miss Willie Holland.

Fred Millard was in from his ranch Thursday trading.

Miss Maybell Tillman is visiting Miss Marjory Aldwell this week.

Giles Hill was in from the ranch Wednesday trading.

Mrs. Fred Berger is visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Kirkland on the ranch this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Curt Mayfield were up from their ranch near Juno Wednesday trading and shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Kirkland were up from the ranch Thursday the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Berger.

Sid Martin of the commission firm of Max Mayer & Co. San Angelo was in Sonora Wednesday with Geo. B. Hendricks, who is buying steers.

Miss Phinie Robertson and Miss Winnie Ellis of Menardville were in Sonora several days this week the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Scruggs.

R. H. Chalk was in from the ranch Monday trading.

Carl Gunzer and A. S. Edwards were in from the ranch Tuesday for supplies.

Judge J. A. Whitten and Bud Tandy of Eldorado were in Sonora Tuesday wanting to buy steers.

Mrs. G. G. Stephenson and Mrs. Rose Stephenson were in from the ranch Wednesday shopping.

Irve Ellis the well known Menard county stockman was in Sonora several days this week wanting to buy steers. His sons Louis and Bud Ellis and Lee Murchison were with him.

Capt. Wallace who is visiting his son Dee on the ranch was in town Tuesday.

J. S. Blagg a photographer of Brownwood was in Sonora Friday on business.

Wm. Sultemeyer was up from the ranch Wednesday for supplies.

Walter Whitehead and W. H. Lightfoot were up from the ranch Thursday.

J. W. Tayloe came in from San Antonio Saturday to attend to

some business.

Dr. P. H. Rogers the dentist arrived in Sonora Saturday and will remain for some time.

Mrs. A. R. Cauthorn and son Bill were in from the ranch Wednesday trading.

Mrs. Dee Graves and son Jim are visiting Mrs. Graves' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Brown.

Dr. W. L. Boren the dentist left for Ozona where he will remain for about two weeks, and will return to Sonora and remain here two weeks. Parties wanting dental work done can write him at Ozona. The doctor has done some satisfactory work here and is very well pleased with our town and people. He will in all probability locate here.

Miss Bell Dunagan, the obliging postmistress of Juno, was in Sonora Sunday visiting friends.

Mrs. W. L. Ward and son Andie of Ballinger who were visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ward on the ranch left for their home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Beard and children arrived home Wednesday from a visit to friends and relatives in Lampasas and Ballinger.

Mrs. C. C. Yaws and Mrs. Geo. B. Black were in from the Yaws ranch Tuesday shopping and visiting.

H. C. Kelley, the jeweler, is now located at P. B. Benson & Co.

Miss Ethel McDonald who has been visiting her aunt Mrs. O. Mitchel at Pecos City arrived home Saturday.

Dr. E. R. Forbes, the Veterinary Surgeon, arrived in Sonora Thursday and will remain several days.

E. M. Kirkland sold to Fritz Kuntz three flocks of sheep at \$3 per head.

J. M. Moody sold the Nichols residence to Geo. Hamilton for \$1500.

Stonebaker & Russell shipped from Foraker, Okla., to the Kansas City market on Aug. 23, 257 steers, weight 911, which brought \$40.

At the National Stock Yards, East St. Louis, Ill., on Thursday, Aug. 23, Stonebaker & Russell, of Foraker, Okla., sold 144 steers average weight 914 and brought \$3.55; also 151 steers weight 911, and brought \$3.55.

T. A. Scruggs reports the following sales, lots 2 and 5 block W 13 for S. G. Tayloe; lots 1,3 and 4 block W 13 for C. F. Adams; lots

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Taylor, Garland & Carson of Schleicher county shipped from Red Rock to the Kansas City market, on Aug. 23, 740 cows average 809 pounds at \$2.60, also 142 calves 151 pounds at \$6.50; also 50 calves 224 pounds at \$3.50.

Geo. B. Hendricks of San Angelo bought steers from the following parties. From M. M. Parkerson 200 2's and 3's at \$17 and \$21; from E. Fred 450 2's and 50 3's at \$17 and \$21; from Chas. Warren 1200 2's at \$17; from Tom Drago 250 2's at \$17; from Jack Hamblen 100 2's at \$17. Sid Martin made the trades.

Monday's sock special out of San Angelo carried the following shipments: Three cars of stock cattle to Fort Worth for W. P. and B. Malloy; two cars of calves to St. Louis for J. N. Craig & Son; two cars of calves to St. Louis for Mur-

chison & Silliman and three cars of cows to Fort Worth for Max Mayer & Co.

R. F. Dismukes, the hustling commission man, reports the following live stock deals: Luke Hearn to T. D. Newell, 300 head of mutton goats at \$2; Joe Wood to T. D. Newell 300 head of stock goats at \$2.

Luke Hearn the commission man sold for Franks & Benton to Rev. Roberts of Del Rio, 1650 head of stock goats at \$2.25 and J. W. Roberts to T. D. Newell 984 head of mutton goats at about \$2.

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