



## Recent Government Census Shows While Cities Decline Growth There Are More Small Farms

A Texas governor some years ago declared that "civilization begins and ends with the plow," and while the plow has been looked down upon considerably in recent years in industry, yet there are still persistent indications the plow will survive and civilization will continue.

Perhaps the pioneer has gone never to return, yet his grandsons and daughters inheriting many of his traits are still following his ideals of self-preservation and betterment by imitating his methods as much as present day conditions will permit.

Civilization in these later years is again returning to the plow, not in the broad expanse of acres as did the fore-parents, but in small home plots and small tracts where many of the necessities of life may be personally grown for family behoof and profits of retailers alike.

Especially around the larger cities are small acreage tracts coming in demand. Some large cities have shown no particular increase during the past years, according to the recent United States census, but the area surrounding these cities have enjoyed population increases running from 15 to 40 per cent.

A large number of the near-by ruralites are part farmers. The owner of the country home may be a mechanic, a clerk of some kind, or may actually have a small business of some nature within the corporate limits of the near-by city; but the small farm he owns aids much in attaining a degree of self-sufficiency in these times of economic uncertainty.

Several large industrial concerns have urged their employees to move to small farms where they can enjoy gardens, small berry patches, a few fruit trees and, in some instances raise sufficient truck to assist in buying of other family necessities and a few of these larger manufacturing concerns have gone so far as to buy large tracts of land, subdivide it into smaller tracts of five or 10 acres each for the benefit of their workers.

Better roads and better transportation facilities have contributed toward making it possible for many families to live beyond the end of streets or city avenues. Even a 15 or 20 mile drive is now frequently enjoyed by the commuters who live away from city noise and bustle, and enjoy God's pure sunshine and fresh air. The country's small farmers always realize they have "anchors to windward" should the city job play out, and have added contentment in their country living.

Furthermore, there is an unexplained and unknown value to being able to putter around the yard or in the garden whether that garden grows flowers or vegetables. There is a financial satisfaction in being able to keep a few pigs, a cow or two, perhaps a milk goat and some chickens, as well as having one's own milk, butter, eggs and meat. Money made on the city job can then be spent for other needs or some of it put in the bank for the proverbial rainy day.

Even many industries have learned they do not have to be located in large population centers, and are moving to smaller towns where desirable utilities may be obtained. If they can have contented employees they get along better with their industrial business, for nothing adds greater to contentment than a comfortable home for the workmen and women. Workers owning their own homes feel fixed, more permanently located, and are invariably more prosperous and more contented than those living in small houses or shacks in undesirable portions of any city.

Some of the larger cities may have "dead centers" in them right now; but they will not continue dead, for there are and always will be folks to move in and take the places of those who have moved out. Rural centers and small towns surrounding large cities will become feeders to them and keep them growing and prosperous.

In some sections the building of huge dams to hold back and concentrate waters flowing down mountain and hill sides, installation of hydro-electric plants have opened new areas for reclamation and farming, accommodating hundreds and thousands of workers anxious for suburban homes. A country home means a less expensive home to maintain, at least town and city taxes, which in many instances have been recently soaring, do not have to be paid and there are innumerable other city expenses one don't even think about in the country. Some one has well said, "A man has to pay for living in a city," and that is quite true.

Not only the cities, but many of the smaller towns also are catching the small farm idea and adapting it to the use of their families. Muleshoe, for instance, the irrigation area, already has many small farmers residing on tracks of 10, 20 and 40 acres and there is a growing demand for still more of these small farms. No one ever

hears any complaints from the small tract farmers; but they do hear plenty of praise. With scarcely an exception, they are all content with their little chunks of farming dirt.

True, there are still some portions of this nation where large farms may be obtained, but the demand for them is not nearly so great as it was 10 or 15 years ago. Indeed, there are plenty of "big farmers" today who are beginning to realize they have more land than they need, even though, as tractor farmers and their large acreages are well mechanized. They now know there is, in many cases, no good reason for trying to "farm all the outdoors" and that a small acreage intensely and more efficiently cultivated is in the end more profitable and more satisfactory.

The Lord Almighty went out of the real estate business several million years ago, so far as this particular planet is concerned. He is not now making any more land on Earth. Some of his creatures are reclaiming swamp lands for habitation and these submerged sections of the earth are about out of ductile. Uncle Sam is about out of the real estate business, it being only here and there a desirable homestead is now available; but the surveyor and the local real estate dealer still has his job out for him in subdividing these larger tracts and selling them to home-hungry people.

In this age of the New Deal the present diffusion of population would be gratifying could many of the earlier settlers know about it. Any number of pioneers who have passed on into the realms of the future would be happy to know of the trek their descendants have taken in moving out into the country. They are persons, was himself, a country citizen and a great advocate of agrarian economy, and never ceased his contention that people should live in the countryside.

### Methodist Missionary Society Is Changed New Officers

The Woman's Society of Christian service met Wednesday night of last week in the Methodist church for organizing a team and to elect new officers for the coming year.

Officers chosen were: Mrs. R. N. Huckabee, president; Mrs. Clay Beavers, vice-president; Mrs. Mills Barfield, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Arnold Morris, recording secretary; Mrs. Clyde Holt, treasurer; Mrs. Earl Hicks, secretary of M. E. S. study; Mrs. E. N. Edwards, secretary of C. S. R.; Mrs. Buford Butts, secretary of student work; Mrs. H. C. Holt, secretary of literature and publicity; and Mrs. Olan Jennings, secretary of supplies. Mrs. Clay Beavers was also elected for delegate to the conference to be held in Memphis, Tennessee sometime in October.

After the election of officers as Mrs. Pat Bobo played the piano, charter enrollees signed for membership in the society. There were 50 members that signed, and more will be added later.

Following the signing for membership, an interesting program was rendered. Mrs. Mills Barfield gave a reading, "The New Day," and Mrs. P. C. Winsor sang "Hymn of Loyalty." The meeting was closed by prayer by Mrs. Huckabee.

Another meeting of the new society will be held at the church Tuesday afternoon of next week, beginning at 2:30 o'clock, at which time officers will be regularly installed. All members are urged to be present.

### Many Special Songs At Fairview Fifth Sunday Singing

A large and melodious crowd of people were present for the Fifth Sunday Bailey county singing held at Fairview school house last Sunday, it being an all day festival of music with a delightful non-day luncheon spread for the enjoyment of all present.

There were several well known song leaders of this area present to direct the music in which hundreds of voices joined in lifting heavenward. Special numbers were rendered by the Davis twins from Brownwood, the Taylor sisters, Muleshoe quartette, a male quartette from Anton, the Reid family of Tyler, duet by Donald Duncan and sister, song by some young ladies of Circleback, a song by two daughters of Lloyd Quesenberry.

Judge M. G. Miller is president and Mrs. Sam Sims secretary of the organization. Place of next meeting will be decided later by a committee.

Drying and pulverizing onions for shipment abroad is proving successful in Italy.

## NEGLECTFUL BAILEY CO. FARMERS LOST \$10,604 SOIL-BUILDING MONEY OTHER COUNTIES ALSO SHORT

Farmers in the 19 counties comprising Extension Service District No. 2 lost \$201,671 slip through their fingers by failing to earn that much of the \$782,674 maximum soil-building allowance set up for them under the 1939 AAA program. They earned in soil-building payments \$881,063, or 74.2 per cent of the maximum available, according to J. C. Smith, county AAA administrator.

Bailey county producers earned \$23,591 of their maximum soil-building allowance of \$34,195 and failed to earn \$10,604 which was available to them had sufficient soil-building practices been carried out. Bailey county earned 69 per cent of the maximum soil-building payment for 1939.

Under the AAA program, a maximum soil-building allowance is set up for each cooperating farm, based on the non-depleting cropland acreage commercial orchard acreage and non-crop open pasture land acreage. To receive any of the payments from this allowance, the farmer must put into effect on his farm approved AAA soil-building practices. The more work he does, the more money he earns up to the maximum. Some of the soil-building practices approved are contouring, terracing, strip-cropping, turning under legumes as a green manure crop, the planting of trees for windbreak planting of home gardens, seeding alfalfa, application of commercial fertilizer, and many other similar practices.

Topping the list of counties in

this district in 1939 was Hockley, whose farmers did enough soil-building work to earn 87.8 per cent, \$52,272 of the \$59,665 available. Lowest ranking county was Floyd where only 59.5 per cent, \$10,788 of the available \$51,951, was earned. At that, Floyd county was far above many other counties in the state and better even than the averages for some districts.

Soil-building practices may be carried out as late as November 30 and credit will be received for the 1940 program.

### BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED BY HALF CENTURIES

The Half Century club met at Mrs. W. H. Kistler's Thursday of last week in an all day social. A delicious covered dish luncheon was served at the noon hour, and four birthdays were observed.

Those enjoying the all-day gathering were as follows: Mesdames Mattie Duke, Laura Jones, Martha Harvey, I. W. Harden, Anna Moeller, Gussie Mardis, Sina Wallace, Clara Young, Birdie Paul, Bell Snider, Ida Stone, and Beulah Carles. The visitors at the meeting were Mesdames R. L. Jones, Hertha Walker, Mary Seigfried, W. H. Autry, and J. S. Glascock.

The club will meet with Mrs. A. P. Stone this Thursday afternoon.

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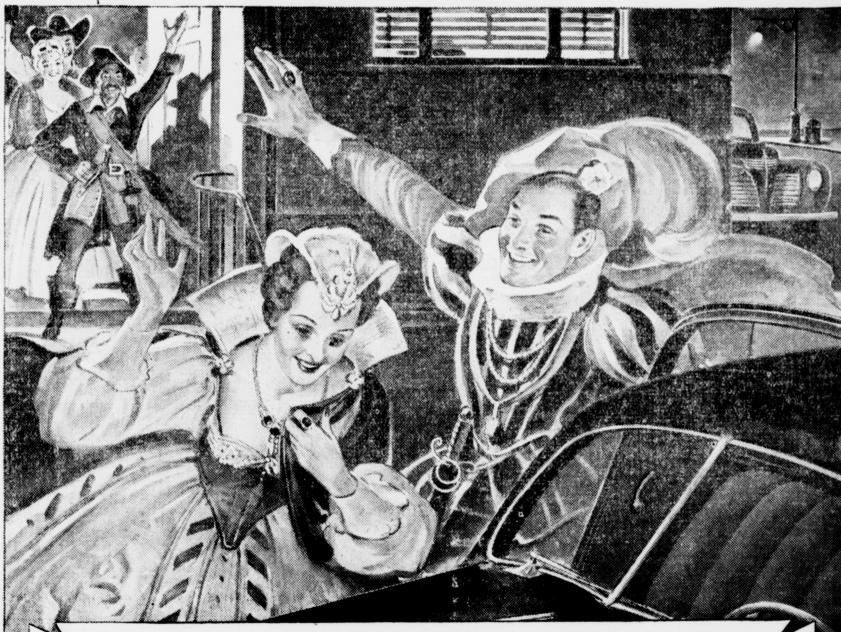
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**Ford For 1941 Is Larger, Improved Inside And Out**

Dearborn, Mich., Oct. 2.—The new Ford line was released in Muleshoe for public inspection last week.

Designers have taken full advantage of increased wheelbase and overall lengths to give added spaciousness, and Ford engineers have worked right up from bigger tires through to luxury seat cushions and new softer springs for the solid enhancement of riding comfort.

The wheelbase of these big new

DeLuxe and Super DeLuxe Ford V-8's is longer and the overall length greater. The designers have taken advantage of this extra overall length both in foot room and seating width. In fact, the front seat of the sedan is seven inches wider than last year. The head room is greater and the window area, already large in previous Ford cars, is even larger this year.

Running boards have practically disappeared from sight, due to the width of the new bodies. But they are there to step off when the doors are opened.

The 85 horsepower V-8 engine is still unique as it is in the only

**SELECTIVE MILITARY SERVICE ACT IS DESTINED TO PRODUCE MANY CHANGES AND DISCLOSURES**

The Selective Military Service Act, commonly dubbed the "draft bill," was favorably acclaimed in wide circles when it first faced Congress President Roosevelt and Wendell Wilkie both favored it. Innumerable high officials favored it, the majority of citizens in all walks of life were for it. Everywhere, citizens astounded at what the totalitarian powers were doing to despoil democracy in Europe, were favorable to any measures that would protect this nation from becoming a shambles to dictators, and it was naturally forecast by the majority that the measure would rapidly become a law.

But it didn't. Congress was very deliberate and very contentious in its consideration of that bill, taking plenty of time and over-time in its passage. In fact it was one of the longest deliberated bills in American congressional history. Clearly, Congress didn't want the draft bill. There is every outward evidence that the majority of senators and representatives voting for it did so against their personal wills and only because public opinion demanded such vote. They realized they were establishing a new initiative, an important precedent, in introducing a new course of travel in this nation that would bring about more or less marked attitudes in the minds of the people.

This nation has always been strongly against coercion of any kind, military compulsion included only in immediate necessity and after war has become a fact. Compelling men to take up arms when war was not actually involved is in violation of American democratic ideals, traditions and activities. Nations of the orient have centuries past required their able-bodied men to give from one to three years of service, war or no war, learning something about military training and the methods of actual war. Most of the citizenry of this nation considered it a bitter dose to have to reverse their past conceptions and take new stands. Clearly a peace-time draft appeared to be the lesser of two evils.

The mechanics of the new selective military service act are simple enough. Nearly every newspaper reader is now quite familiar with them. These mechanics involve the registering of all men between the ages of 21 and 35, inclusive, this act involving approximately 16,500,000 men. Some of them will shortly go into training and early next year there will be around 900,000 called to the colors. They will serve for one year each, drawing \$30 a month during that time. There will be no deferment of men with families or dependents, each case being considered on its own

light cylinder car in the low price field. These new Fords have lower transmission gear ratios thus hiking up the "get-away."

In addition to beauty both inside and outside the Ford engineers emphasize the greatly improved ride in all 1941 models. This extra riding comfort starts with two inches longer wheelbase and a new electrically welded "X" type frame. This new frame structure is 100 per cent more rigid, making the body now mounted on big rubber cushions still quieter in service. The springs, front and rear, with their increased effective length, have a balanced action eliminating any "pitching" and give the easiest kind of ride. The rear seat cushions are two inches farther ahead of the rear spring and axle, which further improves the riding qualities.

The four lever-type hydraulic shock absorbers now have a more sensitive adjustment to match the new softer acting springs. The new improved ride stabilizer, connected by swinging shackles to the front axle, minimizes side sway and improves steering.

Super DeLuxe cushions are unusually comfortable since luxury type individual coil springs are used. Over these is a thick pad of latex treated curled hair which gives a softness only associated with expensive cars in the past.

The new Fords have big 12-inch hydraulic brakes, for quick, smooth action and long service. The emergency or parking brake is on the rear wheels and operated by a steel cable. The brake lever is under the instrument panel, at the left of the driver. The new hood lock knob is located under the instrument panel near the brake lever. This protects the engine, battery and accessories from theft.

merits, though some men with dependents may possibly not be called unless threat of war becomes actually nearer. Men filling important jobs in industry and engaged in other callings of an essentially defensive nature may receive consideration in remitting military duty.

Naturally, there arises the question of how all this new regime may affect the economic order of the nation. Perhaps not all the changes can now be noted, for there will doubtless be many. The bulk of healthy, single men will be taken away from their homes and the society to which they have been accustomed. There will be a considerable set-up in marriages and home building. Earning good wages and spending them will be stopped. Older men, men whose age or physical status precluded their entering ranks of the army, will be taking over their jobs for a while. All this is sure to have its effect upon industry. In many instances, no doubt, business will go along with scarcely a noticeable ruffle upon its surface, but there are other kinds of business that will have to put up with lowered efficiency for a while, and that will have its effect upon the economic condition of the nation.

The law provides that when the year's training is over and these young men are released, every employer who is able must again return these conscripted men to their jobs, if business conditions are such as to warrant their return. Here will be another and second problem. There will be plenty of reasons and excuses offered for not taking back some of these men. There will also be another accompanying upheaval and disorder in the fact that these older men who have been temporarily holding the conscript's jobs will have to be displaced and again thrown out of employment, though doubtless some of them will be retained permanently for valid reasons. Just what enforcement will be made regarding this phase of the law no one knows at this time.

For several years past there has been a marked tendency in industry and business in general to give employment first to younger men. The older ones have been second consideration and much of that consideration regardless of the proven fact that in many phases of business the older men of larger experience and more settled dispositions are better qualified than are the younger ones. Thus, there are problems both of an individual and a business nature to later be solved.

None of these present or future conditions are the most pleasant to contemplate, but they are now mandatory and these new situations and adjustments will have to be met regardless of personal feelings or opinions. Already individuals and business has begun adjusting itself to meet the new situation. In a further analysis, perhaps there will be few who will seriously criticize Congress for adopting this military measure, for it is readily realized that ill-trained soldiers in modern warfare are the first to become slaughtered soldiers.

**Bula News Items**

Following a school session of five weeks, the Bula school dismissed Friday of last week until October 28 that pupils may assist parents in picking cotton which is now coming to maturity.

Required tests have been given here and teachers will have papers filed in a few days to meet requirements of affiliated schools.

Home demonstration women of this community, under direction of Miss Lillie Gentry, county demonstration agent, are now making two mattresses per day, with 40 to be completed. The local gymnasium is being used for the project.

Cosch McBride of the basketball team has returned to his home in Brownfield during the cotton vacation period.

Teacher Miss Robertson is spending cotton vacation time with her parents in West Camp community. Most of the other teachers will spend their period of enforced idleness in the community marking time for the school going to ring again.—Reporter.

**Progress News**

There will be singing at the auditorium next Sunday at 2:30 p. m. Everyone is invited and the class members are urged to attend as we will start practicing on the class song for the convention contest.

Mrs. Vernon Vinson and children spent last week-end visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hergeton in West Camp community.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Lowery attended the singing convention at Fairview last Sunday afternoon. Everyone is invited to come and take part in the Sunday school.—Reporter.

**THE CCC WILL ENROLL 5,385 MEN IN TEXAS**

The Civilian Conservation corps will enroll 5,385 men in October according to available information, every county in the state receiving its quota of men for such service. It is said this is by far the greatest number of men to be taken from any state.

Of this total, 5,107 of the enrollees will be classified as juniors while 198 will be veterans. The enrollment began in many places last Tuesday.

This big replacement program is designated principally to fill vacancies caused by men whose terms of service in the CCC have been completed or who have dropped out to accept better employment.

**P. T. A. MEETING IS NEXT MONDAY NIGHT**

The Muleshoe Parent-Teachers Association will hold its second meeting of the school year in the school auditorium next Monday night, October 7.

Following the singing of America by the assembly and the invocation prayer, the subject, "Creative Home" will be discussed, such discussion to be led by Superintendent W. C. Cox, speaking upon "Religion in the Home".

Mrs. Cece Tate will discuss "How to Create Happiness in the Home". The program will be concluded by group singing of "The Old Oaken Bucket".

Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

**WEST BAILEY COUNTY FIRST COTTON OUT**

Maturing of cotton in the western part of Bailey county became a fact when D. W. Danielson took a first bale to the gin at Farwell, it weighing 1,800 pounds and turning out 528 pounds of lint cotton. It was bought by E. M. Deaton at 10 cents per pound.

Rev. H. H. Copeland, also of West Camp community, took a first bale to the Lariat gin, it weighing 1,525 pounds and ginning 437 pounds of lint cotton. The two bales graded strict middling and middling, free ginning being accorded both producers.

**ANDY MARCUS GOES 'UP TOWN' STYLE**

The Muleshoe Produce & Ice concern, Andy Marcus, manager, is this week putting on city airs in swinging a large electric sign from the north-west corner of their building, the illumination being visible from two streets.

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## WEEKLY LAY SERMON SWIFT DRIVERS

By JESS MITCHELL

The world has always been full of headstrong people—folks who had more zeal than judgment, and they have invariably paid for their unbalanced mental condition. In this day of rapid action quick decisions have to be made and so-called snap judgment be taken; but such to be correct and fruitful must still be based on logical fundamentals and analytical reasoning, the same as if a month or a year was consumed in arriving at a certain decision and course of action.

Sitting in my study a few days ago reading my Bible, I came across a passage of scripture delineating the character of a young man whom I think is quite typical of many men, both young and old, not only during the past but also in this present day. His name was Jehu, and he had the reputation of being a fast driver of a chariot and four. The scriptural reference to him said: "The driving is like the driving of Jehu the son of Nimshi; for he driveth furiously."

In the flash of that one sentence I think his character is largely revealed, and since that sentence is found in the Sacred Book it will be preserved as for all time, not only as descriptive of his particular nature, but also of thousands of others of similar disposition. "He driveth furiously." He was a swift driver. He came down the road with terrific speed, not because he had some special task to perform that required haste; but because he was urged on by a headlong disposition.

The chariot plunges right and left down the road, bumping and bouncing in the ruts or over the stones in the highway. The carrying of his steeds are with excitement, foam streaks from their mouths, their flanks are flecked with sweat, in their excitement they are almost beyond control of the driver. The neighbors say that is the way Jehu drove, careless of his own safety and reckless of the welfare of other folks on the highway. He represents a class of people found in every community who in all the affairs of life are known for their reckless driving, the most pitiful thing about them is that they seldom learn from past disastrous experience anything for better future conduct.

Every year statistics are published telling how many people are victims of automobile accidents on the highways. These annual figures are astounding—frequently representing more deaths than occasioned by some of the world's greatest wars. The most of these are result of carelessness, thoughtlessness and imprudence, and might easily have been avoided. Likewise, there are folks who drive the affairs of their worldly vocation with such light grip on the steering wheel, such loose brakes, perhaps with no klaxon at all for warning nor any headlights for observing conditions ahead. They are like Jehu of old. They step into their auto, slap their feet down on the accelerator, quickly shift into high gear and go tearing down the highway regardless of other traffic on the road.

There are plenty of folks today who, financially speaking, are among the down and out, because of their headlong disposition. They have lost home, business, bank accounts and influence with their fellowmen because of their rash actions, or if they still have anything left, it is because they took advantage of the homestead law, the bankruptcy act or engaged some particularly shrewd lawyer to keep covered up some property or bank account from the eye of the court and save it through some technicality of the law.

Indeed, it has sometimes seemed that big scoundrillism is almost honored. A petty thief may be sent to jail for stealing a loaf of bread while a man of the grand ancient type may be sent to Congress for stealing a railroad or a few hundred thousand dollars worth of stocks and bonds. There are plenty of instances on record where small defrauders got full penalty of the law while great swindlers apparently got its protection. Even governors have been known to issue pardons to many grandiloquent culprits.

al and illegal purposes are deacons and elders of wholesome denominations. In smaller towns petty swindlers in commercial affairs are teachers of Sunday schools and attendants at prayer meetings. Mind you, I am not indiscriminately defaming the church itself. It is a holy and honorable institution. It is merely speaking of some of its hypocritical adherents, and emphasizing the need of its being swept out, yea, of being scrubbed out. It is this terrible load of oblique obloquy that is slowly but surely obliterating her influence in the world of today.

For more than a year now war has existed in Europe. For another year previous it existed in Asia and still exists. Every day now, it seems to be coming closer to American shores. It is near enough now that we have appropriated billions of dollars, called millions of men to arms and are employing innumerable factories for making airplanes and cannons, tanks and trucks, arms and ammunition and all the other paraphernalia needed for aggressive or defensive action. It is already a day of huge contracts and giant convulsions of a financial kind. Because of the big robberies and corrupting steals during the first World War, there is now talk of conscripting wealth—and some sort of regulation in that direction will doubtless be needed.

There are going to be plenty of reckless government contract drivers, many of which will be at the expense of the common taxpayers. With three-fourths of our nation now in debt, municipalities thousands of dollars in arrears on bond payments, our own State of Texas suffering millions of dollars deficiency, a national debt of over \$44,000,000,000 plus \$4,000,000,000 additional loan authorized by Congress, other billions for defense and other billions for carrying on New Deal administrative provisions; millions devoted to paying pensions of elderly people who have been either improvident or driven down the highway of life in reckless and furious manner—with all these conditions staring Democracy in the face, it certainly behoves all Americans to look at the situation steadily, pause for serious consideration and keep a steady hand on the wheel of their own personal business affairs if they would avert a future crash and obviate coming bankruptcies of both private and national affairs. I sound no hysterical cry of distress, I give vent to no emotional exclamation; but I do issue an ejaculation of serious warning!

For several years now we have been driving the American political automobile down the highway in furious manner. It is like an ultrasmall bus loaded with approximately 132,000,000 people, rushing pell-mell down the highway of national life toward an acknowledged precipice of reckless destruction no one knows how far away nor how deep the chasm goes, unless the brakes are soon applied. It is a consideration every normal citizen should give serious attention. You would avoid any hesitancy condemn a bus driver who, when the vehicle is dashing down any of our highways at terrific speed, whipping around hair-pin curves, zooming across bridges and culverts, stepping on the gas in acceleration down long steep hills, but often never may be classed as being quite prudent when compared to those who take such greater risks with our national welfare and the private life and fortunes of its millions of people.

Yea, I have often advised the reckless driver on earth may have an eternal effect upon the driver and many of those who ride with him. Preachers are accustomed to telling members of their congregation about a "fork in the road" and how important for them to guide their vehicle of life in the right direction. I am sure that is good advice; but I have noticed there are plenty of people who have taken the right fork who later on met with some tragedy, perhaps just some minor accident, or may chance just "run out of gas." Plenty of folks start out on the heavenly highway and have ignition trouble before going which it will cause them to take a detour, or indulge in too many detours instead of steering straight to the objective point. Churches are well known "filling stations" and every autoist traveling toward the eternal objective needs to see that his soul tank is well filled with spiritual gas, and that the ignition points of his heart are making good contact with the Divine Spirit before beginning the journey. It is not only important, but it is also important to know well and how far they travel it.

Many have found the highway to eternity is not entirely paved. There are plenty of rough places in the road, ruts of temptations and places where the torments of tribulation have washed out bridges. The bleached bones of many martyrs may be seen scattered along the

## What's Happening In Washington; Other Important Cities

In eight days last week government contracts for military defense totaling \$1,000,810,809 were given covering a generality of items from gas masks to airplanes.

Federal government suits have been entered in the District of Columbia U. S. District court against 15 major oil and gas concerns charging violation of the Anti-trust act.

Draft officials at Washington reported Saturday that local selective service boards may place some of the enrollees in defense industries rather than in the army where such men possess certain mechanical skill.

The Washington government announced last Saturday that it intends to follow its present foreign policy—including that of giving assistance to Great Britain—regardless of the recent alliance of Japan with Germany and Italy.

With the exodus of 11,000 mothers and children from London last Sunday, nearly 100,000 mothers and children of England are now being cared for in isolated country spots where danger from German bombs is not so great.

The U. S. Navy department is planning construction of a first class naval base at Balboa, near the Pacific Ocean in the Panama canal. It will compare favorably to the highest base at Norfolk, Va., maintaining repair facilities for the largest warships.

The Government airport construction program for the entire nation now being considered by Congress totals \$500,000,000 cash and \$50,000,000 contractual authority, of which sum \$38,461,873 has been earmarked for expenditure in Texas.

Edward G. Walker, assistant general purchasing agent, Santa Fe Railway, Chicago, retired October 1, after 37 years of service with the company. He is succeeded by William S. Riach of Topeka, Kansas, who has been with the company since 1903.

The United States injected a sting into its disapproval of Japan's expansionist policies Thursday of last week when President Roosevelt ordered Japan's vitally needed supply of scrap iron and steel—the crude sinews of war—cut off from that country.

Two buildings of the Pennsylvania Industrial Chemical Corp., at Clairton, Pa., were destroyed Wednesday last week. The concern had a big government contract of defense materials. The buildings housed chemical, solvents and oils of military value. "Fifth columnist" are suspected.

It has been announced from Washington that one-year enlistments in the army will be accepted until the new selective service begins furnishing manpower for national defense. Such one-year enlistments will, however, not be given specific assignments to any particular class of army service.

Indications are 1940 U. S. census figures will bring quite a change in House representatives in Congress, California, Florida, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oregon and Tennessee gaining one representative, with Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Massachusetts, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma and Pennsylvania losing one each.

The first flotilla of U. S. destroyers, transferred to Great Britain in return for Western hemisphere defense bases, has arrived in England after a safe and speedy 2,500 mile voyage from Canada, climaxed by an apparent submarine attack during the last night on the Atlantic. They, however, came unscathed.

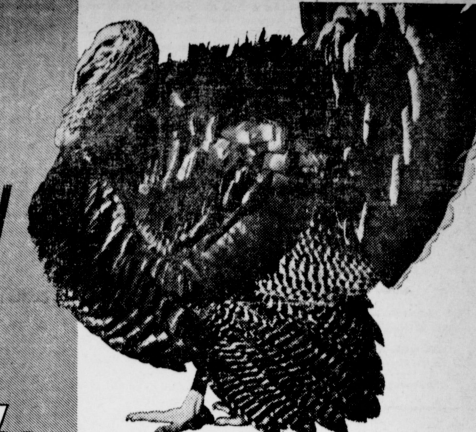
### CLAUDE WISEMAN BUYS A SUDAN PHARMACY

Claude E. Wiseman, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Wiseman of east Bailey county, well known here, last week purchased the Straw Pharmacy in Sudan, taking charge immediately after the deal was closed.

Mr. Wiseman is a graduate of State university and was at one time employed as pharmacist in a Muleshoe drug store.


There are evidences of someone who thought to take a short cut and got lost from their point of destination. No, the Great Highway of future felicitation and everlasting blessing is not a perfect highway. Let no one be deceived. Careful driving is always required; but in the long run it pays.

# What is a turkey doing in an October gasoline ad?



It's rushing the season a little to broadcast the picture of the great American bird before Thanksgiving... but it dramatizes and high lights the money-saving facts about a remarkable motor fuel which does not rush the season!

NEW Phillips 66 Poly Gas is not merely high test without higher price. It is the right high-test for the month in which you buy it. Matched and re-matched to your weather every thirty days. Proved by continuous laboratory and field surveys to be more accurately engineered, all year 'round, to the month-by-month differences in climate



Phill-up with Phillips for Greater Mileage

## FILL UP WITH PHILLIPS "66"

At Phillips Service Station, On Main St.

### Auto Quiz No. 3



Indications are this year that sudan grown in this county will not be such a bumper crop as heretofore, and for two reasons, viz., not so large an acreage has been planted and much of the sudan of this political subdivision has become more or less impregnated with Johnson grass, considerably reducing its market value. While farmers have here and elsewhere are anxious to obtain the annual plant for pasture and seed purposes, very few care to have their land poisoned with the bi-annual Johnson grass which is difficult to eradicate.

Sudan growers have been persistently warned to produce only the true growth and that marketing of the mixed variety will turn out adversely. Many farms have taken special precautions to obtain only certified seed, and it is hoped that within a few crop seasons, Bailey can again boast of not only yielding the largest crops of sudan of any place in the United States, but also the purest strain of that particular seed.

Taking all in all, consensus of opinion is to the effect that Bailey county on a whole will produce year an average grain crop for which all citizens everywhere are truly grateful. Prosperity already seems to be in the air, and unless a political disaster of some kind develops at the poles in the November election, this may be the beginning of normal economic times again in the South Plains area.

For every dollar of fuel used 30 years ago by a steam turbine plant to generate electricity only 41c is used today to generate as much. This is reflected in lower costs to the consumer.

### RETURN TO ECONOMIC NORMALCY ON SOUTH PLAINS AREA INDICATED IN BUMPER CROPS READY FOR HARVEST

With a Federal government forecast of 12,772,000 bales of cotton for this year's crop and a state forecast of 3,479,000 bales for this year as compared with 2,846,000 in 1939; with forecasts of excellent cotton crops on the South for 17 counties in which Bailey county will rank sixth or seventh, there is every reason to look forward in optimistic manner for more prosperous times.

While Bailey county grows only about 25,000 acres of wheat annually, yet the government forecast of a total production of 783,500,000 bushels will reflect a relative financial benefit to this section, as will also the forecast of 2,297,186,000 bushels of corn for the present year.

Corn and wheat yields in this county are comparatively small with those of grain sorghums, yet all in the same line of utility value. All over this country there are indications of exceptional yields of grain sorghums which rank an average of four-fifths in sustenance value with that of corn, and, because of local production more of these grains are used for feeding and fattening purposes by livestock growers than is Indian corn.

While throughout the irrigation section in the north and eastern part of this county, crops of all kinds are flourishing, yet there are

## NOTICE TO PUBLIC!

This is to advise our friends and customers that the Machinery division of our business has been moved to a new location, and in the future, we will specialize entirely in the

### GRAIN AND ELEVATOR BUSINESS

Boone Allison has been appointed general manager of the elevators at Muleshoe and Lariat, and John Watson will have direct charge of the Muleshoe elevator.

With our new arrangement, we will be better situated to furnish more efficient and satisfactory service to our customers.

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