



SALVATION PAYS OFF

Alcoholism is a problem, not only to its victims but equally to those who would rescue them. A fresh reminder of this frequently tragic dilemma comes from the New Mexico Commission on Alcoholism. Since the Commission began its human reclamation work in September 1952, some 2,000 alcoholics have received medical help and advice, and more than 1,250 of them have been treated at its two rehabilitation centers. Its success in restoring these derelicts to usefulness and self respect has been phenomenal, since all of them had "hit bottom" and the majority have returned to long lost productivity and happiness. But the Commission itself is now close to the rocks.

In a frank statement of its situation, the Commission admits, "... we underestimated our expenses and overestimated our potential income ..." and announces sadly the curtailment of its facilities. It reminds New Mexicans of its only source of income—"the infinitesimal (state) tax on alcoholic beverages and the payments made by patients for part of the cost of treatment." Further, it suggests that "an appropriation of funds by the legislature would be the soundest kind of investment in both economic and human terms." The Commission believes it has saved the taxpayers many times what it has spent in reducing the cost of "police, jail, penitentiary, hospital for the insane and welfare services."

We suspect that similar Good Samaritan efforts in other states find themselves in similar difficulties. And certainly where these institutions have dealt as effectively as New Mexico's Commission with this heart-breaking problem, it is of dollars-and-cents importance to the states not only to provide for their needs, but to see that their ministrations are expanded to the limit.

Here is human alchemy that turns dross into gold.

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OMAR BIRLESON
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17th District



No segment of our economy stands to benefit more from increased trade with foreign nations than agriculture. Therefore the farmer must be concerned with the success of President

Eisenhower's recommendation for a three-year extension of the Reciprocal Trade Agreements. They provide for a gradual reduction in tariffs.

At least ten percent of farm production must be exported if this Country is to have a prosperous agriculture. If the farmer is to have reasonable prosperity, we must have export markets, and to have an export market, trade has got to work both ways. Foreign nations cannot buy from us unless we buy from them.

When farmers are prosperous, many other business and industries also profit. If farmers buy tractors, shovels, radios, or automobiles from the industrial areas,

People, Spots In The News

SYMBOLIC wing-shaped form marks ultra-modern main building of new airport at Aca-pulco, Mexico, designed to rival terminal at Mexico, D. F.



(UP Photo)



MICHAEL Keen of Indianapolis receives from **Robert A. Gleason** of the Nickel Plate a share of that railroad's stock won at state fair where 130,000 visited exhibit sponsored by Eastern railroads' community committee. Eight other youngsters won shares in other Indiana roads.

TOUCH-UP—Gloria DeHaven gets polished to perfection just before stepping before camera for new musical movie.



(UP Photo)



TUNNEL TROLLEY—Plastic railcar only two feet wide is being tested to relieve foot-power for policemen patrolling 2,200-foot section of catwalk of eastbound tube of Holland tunnel in N. Y.

they have got to have the income to pay the bill.

According to reports of the Texas Bureau of Business Research, farm income increased in 1954. However, there was a decline in many of the individual commodities.

In my judgment the bill which the Congress passed last year, permitting the Government to sell 700 million dollars' worth of surplus commodities for the currency of the foreign country making the purchase, was greatly responsible for some of this increase. It does not mean that the sales at that time had actually been made, but the effect was nevertheless noticeable.

It gives me a great deal of satisfaction that I had something to do with the passage of this law, and I hope that in the next three years the full authority to sell surplus commodities will be exercised.

In addition, we are greatly in need of certain strategic materials which we can purchase with the foreign currencies received from the sale of these commodities.

It looks as if the best we can do may not be good enough for the farmer to maintain a reasonably high income. Aside from the drought, we are not getting a fair share of cotton allotments, which is due in a large part to the administration of the law, rather than the law itself. The result is that our area, although it has not been responsible for surpluses, is paying the penalty for overproduction in other places.

Incidentally, Secretary of Agriculture Benson testified before a Senate Agriculture Committee that "things are looking up on the farm front under Republican leadership." I hope this is true, but at the time it seems to me that the farmer is "looking up," as Mr. Benson has said, it is on account of being flat on his economic back. This is not recommended as the best place to look up from.

Something we might all try on for size: "Patting a friend on the back will get us farther than kicking our enemy."

Bobby Poe, student at College Station spent last weekend with his mother, Mrs. Jesse Poe.

State Quail Fans Begin Rally

The Director of Wildlife Restoration for the Game and Fish Commission said Texas quail hunters are reacting favorably to Wildlife Biologist Dan Lay's recent plea for "all around co-operation" to help the bobwhites get a new start on life.

Several letters already have been received, showing "definite interest", according to the Director.

The first was from Bill Blewins of Gainesville, in north Central Texas. He wrote in part:

"I have just read in our local paper that there is a pamphlet prepared by Wildlife Biologist Dan Lay on quail culture. Would you be so kind as to send me a copy of this pamphlet."

"A small group of bird hunters here has found a land owner who also likes to hunt and wants our help to bring the quail back. He has about 1800 acres, pasture and grain fields; mostly pasture. Feed seems to be what is short here. Along old washes and creeks that are some trees, brush and a lot of green briers."

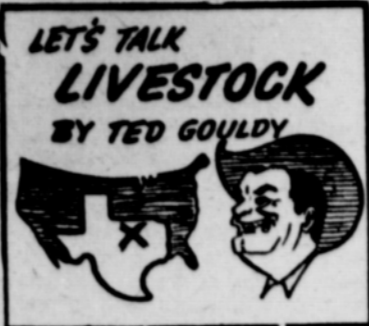
Biologist Lay's program for habitat restoration, detailed with illustrations in the current issue of Texas Game and Fish magazine was restated preliminary to the recent Commission allowance of \$200,000 for a State quail hatchery at Tyler.

The Director of Wildlife Restoration said "everyone agrees that loss of habitat and food from the historic drought and from land clearing comprises basic causes for the quail decline," adding that: "If we all pull together, and we get a break from the elements, we certainly will be able to count on the bobwhites to show their vaunted recuperative talents."

Rev. and Mrs. Riley Fugitt left Monday morning for Bismark, N. D. where he will conduct a revival.

Mrs. Leonard Farr of Pearsall is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Bobby Stanley and family.

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Lenhardt and children have moved to Eastland. They had made their home here for about a year.



FED CATTLE SELLING ABOVE LAST YEAR

Stable condition of the cattle values compared with a year ago is revealed by a look at the records this week. Fed steers and yearlings currently are selling about \$1 to \$1.50 above a year ago.

Typical of the prime cattle values at Ft. Worth are the sales of sifted steers from the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show at prices of \$27 to \$28.75 in most cases. This compares with a \$26 to \$27 range a year ago.

Commercially fed cattle of the good and choice variety sold at Ft. Worth Monday at \$20 to \$24, compared to sales of similar cattle at \$19 to \$23 a year ago.

Cattle trade Monday was steady with some cows and calves stronger. Cows selling Monday at \$10 to \$13, compare with end-of-January values of \$10 to \$13.50 a year ago. Cannons and cutters sold from \$7 to \$10 Monday, are level with a year back.

Bulls at \$9 to \$14.50, are also levels with a year ago.

Slaughter calves of the good and choice variety sold Monday at \$16 to \$19, identical with last year. Medium and lower grades sold from \$9 to \$15, unchanged.

Stocker calves and yearlings are selling above a year ago by a couple of dollars. Topy calves at \$20 to \$22, and yearlings at \$21 down are fully \$2 above last year at this time.

LAMBS STEADY WITH PRICES OF YEAR AGO

Fat lambs opened steady to 50 cents lower and feeders and older sheep were steady at Ft. Worth Monday. Choice fat lambs sold from \$18 to \$21, the latter figure for fancy woolled lambs and the lower end of the range on extreme heavies. Clipped lambs topped at \$20. A year ago this week fat lambs topped at \$19 to \$20 and our reports carried a notation that something fancy could have sold above that level.

Old ewes, however, were selling well ahead of current prices a year ago. Monday's values of \$6

to \$8 on killers compared with \$6 to \$9 last year and some light-weight fancy ewes were selling to \$10 and above for slaughter.

Feeder lambs at \$17 to \$20.25 Monday brought \$20 and down a year ago this week.

HOGS 25c HIGHER AT FORT WORTH MONDAY

Butcher hogs topped at \$18 at Ft. Worth Monday, 25 to 50 cents higher than Friday's low close. A look at our report made a year ago this week reveals that hog prices are \$8 to \$8.50 per hundred lower.

Last Friday top hogs at \$17.50 to \$17.75, lowest top here in 25 months. Last year at the end of January top hogs sold at Ft. Worth at \$26.25 to \$26.50.

Sows sold this week at \$13 to \$15.50, compare with sales of a year ago at \$21 to \$24 per hundred.

Pricklypear . . . Good Ration For Poor Steers

Singed pricklypear, supplemented with cottonseed cake, is a satisfactory maintenance ration for steers in poor condition but not for steers which have been on a high level of nutrition.

"The quality and amount of feed which the animals have received, and their condition when pear feeding begins largely determines how steers will react to pricklypear feeding," says Leo B. Merrill, commenting on recent studies at the Sonora Agricultural Experiment Station.

When placed on pears, steers weighing less than 640 pounds gained weight during a three-month feeding period. Steers weighing 720 pounds or more actually lost weight when fed pricklypear. Both groups were supplemented with two pounds of cottonseed cake per head daily.

Merrill, who is range specialist at the station, says the differences of opinions regarding the value of pricklypear as a livestock feed probably is due to the conditions under which it was fed.

Many studies have found pricklypear valuable as a maintenance ration where severe drought prevails.

The 640-pound animals made little gain on pasturage prior to pear feeding, indicating that the pastures had provided little more than a sustaining ration. Pricklypear and cottonseed cake provided a ration as good or better than their previous pasture.

But such was not the case in the heavier animals, Merrill reports. Steers in the 720-pound-plus class lost weight, indicating

the pear and cottonseed cake was poorer than the ration provided by previous pasture.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben L. Russell attended the Fat Stock Show in Ft. Worth and were business visitors in Dallas last weekend and the first of the week.

Mrs. Fred Heyser of Putnam was visiting friends and relatives and also transacting business here on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Sparks and Jimmy Dean of Midland spent last weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. McElroy.

Mrs. S. L. McElroy and Mrs. W. P. Brightwell attended the State TB meeting in Austin last Sunday.

Mrs. W. H. Todd, Davy and Bill of Wichita Falls visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. McElroy last Saturday and Sunday.

Visitors in the G. A. Gwin home last Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gwin of Coleman; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gwin and Sylvia and Mrs. Charlene Hamilton of Abilene; also Mr. and Mrs. Walter Linecum of Clyde.

Mrs. Jake Shelton and Mrs. Estelle Emmerson spent part of last week in Midland with Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Bell of Ranger visited Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Price last Sunday.

Mrs. N. M. George has returned home after a month's visit in Leache, Okla. with her son, Kenneth George and family.

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