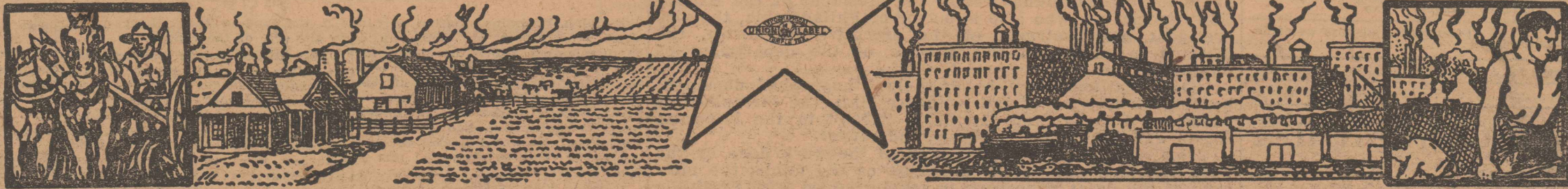


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Sanitation of All School Buildings and Grounds Is Sought by Health Officer

By DR. H. O. SAPPINGTON, State Health Officer. The rural school of today is many strides ahead of the rural school of the last decade. The characteristic small wooden building that in years past served as a seat of learning and was a familiar sight in any rural community, has been superseded in populated communities by well built, modern school buildings, and the influence of progress has not only touched the material side of the school, but has also influenced the subjects taught.

vided for each school room for the purpose of determining the temperature of room at all times. Any drowsiness in pupils is a sign of improper ventilation and when such symptoms are noticed, all windows should be opened for a few minutes to permit the room to fill with fresh air. Window ventilation is preferable for school rooms—a good plan to use where windows are on both sides of school room, is to open the windows from the top on one side and from the bottom on the other, using deflectors to prevent the cold air from blowing directly on the pupils. These deflectors should be made of glass, but can be made of ordinary planks.

Poor But Proud Kin of Jim Hogg Hides Identity 'Til Death

Paris, Tex., Sept. 15.—Efforts of friends to find relatives of a section hand at Hinkley, six miles north of Paris, who died unattended by relatives, revealed a story of pride and poverty that caused him to die alone when he might have had the comfort of close kin. He was a brother-in-law of Governor James Stephen Hogg.

It is best to have each well provided with a pump, as a bucket and rope becomes contaminated from dirty hands, causing likely pollution of the water with disease organisms. A water-tight platform should also be built around the well, as water spilled around the pump becomes polluted with filth from the children's shoes, and will seep through the soil into the well unless a platform of impervious material is provided.

Brownsville to Have Deep Water March 1 Is Engineer's Report

Brownsville, Texas, Sept. 15.—The deep water port at Point Isabel, which is now being constructed under the direction of United States army engineers, will be completed by March 1, 1927, and necessary wharves and piers will be available at that time, according to information given the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce directors.

Plans for the wharves and piers to be built by the Rio Grande Railway were submitted to the directors by E. S. Bourne, general manager of the line. Coincident with the announcement of the date on which the project is to be completed, the directors urged that valley interests launch a campaign to secure a 30-foot channel for the harbor. It was urged by the directors that action be taken to have the government complete the inner channel to that depth while the machinery is on hand.

THE POT IS SIMMERING

The Legislature convened in due and ancient form at high noon on last Monday. At this writing the formalities of organization have been only temporarily completed. The bond validation matter seems to be the chief purpose of the legislators and many of them have expressed a desire to adjourn and go home as soon as this matter is out of the way.

George Purl, Representative from Dallas county, and perhaps the most prominent and outspoken Klucker in the Legislature, expressed it this way: "I am not in favor of any kind of investigation that will do Ferguson any good, and I am opposed to any investigation that will do Moody any harm."

The confirmation of the governor's appointees is being considered by the Senate and there seems to be a desire on the part of the Senate to be fair and most all of them have expressed the idea that they are in favor of confirming the governor's appointees unless some charge could be made and proved against any appointee touching his qualification or administration of the office in question.

It seems that politics are going to pick up in Texas right away. The announcement of young Alvin Owsley, a noted Felix Robertson Ku Klux, for the Senate against Earle Mayfield has caused a widespread discussion from all sides of the issue.

The Ku Klux have by official announcement assumed a protectorate over the government of Mexico where the president has closed all the Catholic churches for worship. I wonder now what these Catholics in Texas who voted for Moody who was so strongly endorsed by Hiram W. Evans, the Ku Klux Wizard, will say about what Jim Ferguson warned them would take place if the Ku Klux were given a little more power.

I am going to make the Forum the liveliest and warmest publication that the people ever read.

JAS. E. FERGUSON.

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

The message of Governor Miriam A. Ferguson to the first called session of the Thirty-ninth legislature of Texas, read in both branches of that body Monday afternoon, September 13, 1926, is as follows:

"Under authority conferred on the Governor on the 26th day of July, 1926, I issued my official proclamation calling your honorable body to be convened in special session at the State Capitol in the city of Austin on the 13th day of September, 1926, for the following purposes:

- 1. To pass necessary and proper legislation that will validate and legalize State, County, Commissioners' Precinct and Special Road District bonds or securities whose validity has been brought in question by the decision of any State or Federal courts, or otherwise, and to cure any defects in the issuance of said bonds or securities, or to provide by proper legislation to make said bonds or securities binding and valid debts and obligations of the authority issuing the same.
2. To make such investigation of any department of the State Government that the Legislature may desire to make.
3. To consider any other subject or matter which may be submitted to said special session by the governor.

"As the Legislature has now convened in obedience to said proclamation I desire to again emphasize the purpose for which you have been convened and to respectfully urge your careful consideration of the same.

Bond Validation

"As the matter of bond validation was occasioned by the decision of the Supreme Court in what is known as the Archer County case, I desire to call attention specially to the fact that whatever legislation may be passed by you must, of the necessity of the case, be such legislation as will meet the objections and questions raised by the Supreme Court of the United States

Row Develops Early Over Investigation Plans and Solons Are Badly Divided

By C. D. WAIDE, Houston Chronicle Staff Correspondent. Austin, Tex., Sept. 15.—When Governor Miriam A. Ferguson submitted the question of departmental investigations in her call for a special session of the legislature she sowed the seeds of discord expected to rise up and confound her enemies. For now that the legislature has the right of investigation it doesn't know what to do with it. At least no substantial majority can agree on what to do with it.

The house is divided into about three groups, as to opinions. One, and probably the largest, wants to appoint a committee to make the investigations of the highway department and other state departments and report to the fortieth legislature, which convenes early in January.

A vote for any investigation at this time on the part of the senate. More than 200 bills validating bond issues have been prepared by the validating committee of the Texas Highway Association and are to be divided, half being introduced in each branch of the legislature, thus facilitating passage.

Father P. A. Heckman, Well Know Rector, Dies Unexpectedly

Waco, Texas, Sept. 15.—"That will be fine!" This was the last communication had, so far as known, with anyone, by Very Rev. Dean P. A. Heckman, rector of the Church of the Assumption, who was found dead about 1:40 o'clock Monday afternoon at the rectory, on Columbus avenue, at Ninth, and his cheerful statement, "That will be fine!" was made to Dr. V. A. Kelly, who had been called by the rector and asked to drop by to see him professionally.

When Dr. Kelly received the call from Rev. Mr. Heckman, who asked the doctor to come by, Dr. Kelly said that he would do so, but that unless it was urgent he had another matter to attend to first, and that it probably would require an hour to get there. It was then that the remark, "That will be fine!" was made.

For 40 years Father Heckman had been a priest of the diocese of Galveston and he came to Waco on Feb. 9, 1919, as he had been appointed pastor of the Church of the Assumption here by Rt. Rev. C. E. Byrne, D. D., Bishop of Galveston. He came to Waco from Temple, where he had lived for more than 25 years, and where he was pastor of St. Mary's church during his stay.

A meeting which had been scheduled for Monday afternoon at the offices of the McLennan County Health association was postponed indefinitely when it became known that Father Heckman was dead, as he was identified with this association and seemed deeply interested therein.

Senate Votes Thanks to Captain Hickman For Killing Bandits

Austin, Tex., Sept. 14.—Ranger Captain Tom Hickman, who shot two bank robbers at Clarksville last week, was doubly honored Tuesday. The senate passed a resolution praising him and Adjutant General Dallas J. Matthews granted him leave of absence to witness the Dempsey-Tunney fight at Philadelphia.

Wife Ready to Fight Rival With Fists to Settle Title to Man

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 15.—With the scene yet to be selected, Claire Anderson, blonde motion picture beauty, and Mrs. Claire Omley, blonde divorcee, are preparing to settle the age-old dispute over a man in primitive fashion.

Publisher of Klan Paper in Ft. Worth Is Sued For Debt

Fort Worth, Tex., Sept. 15.—L. G. White, publisher and owner of "The American Citizen," weekly, which supported the Klan, and which was published under both a Fort Worth and a Dallas date, September the 9th was sued for debt in district court by the Bunker Printing Products corporation.





