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An open air meeting will be held by the Evangelistic party now holding meetings in the Presbyterian Church. This open air meeting will be Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at corner of Baird Drug Company, Col. Guy W. Green, a "spell binder" will speak. Edward Zeiss will sing; Prof. Johnson will play. Everyone is urged to hear them.

Mr. V. G. Haggard returned Tuesday from a pleasure trip in East Texas.

**Personal Mention**

Perry Clements, of El Paso, was the guest of his sister, Mrs. Cal C. Wright, this week.

Hugo Foy, of St. Louis, and Fred Foy, of Kansas City, are visiting their parents Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Foy.

Mrs. Irving Mitchell is visiting her parents in Center, Texas, this week.

Miss Ina Lydia, of Stephenville, is visiting her brother, Otho Lydia.

Mrs. M. N. Walker and daughter, Marjorie, and Mrs. H. D. Austin and little daughter, Elizabeth Jean, spent the day with friends in Baird, Saturday.

Mrs. Barbara Laudrun of Valara, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Roy Bennett.

**BIRTHS**

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Swinson, June 29, 1927, a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Jones, of Greenville and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jones and son, Roy Jr., of Dallas, are the guests of Virgil Jones and family this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lavoy Burton have as their guests this week, Miss Alice Rogers and Mrs. J. H. Burton and children, of Munday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Laster and Mrs. Bert L. Blackburn, of Gorman, have been visiting their brother, T. M. Neill.

Miss Glyndol Elliott, who underwent an operation the first of last week, is doing nicely.

C. S. Boyles, of Sweetwater, formerly of Baird and Cross Plains, made The Star office a pop call last Friday; like all the balance of the folks these days, he was in a hurry.

Mrs. C. B. Holmes, who underwent an operation at Alexander Sanitarium in Abilene, Monday morning, is reported, getting along nicely.

Miss Margaret Walker, of Midland, spent a few days with her uncles, M. J. and C. B. Holmes, and families. She returned home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Greer, of Globe, Arizona, spent a few days the first of the week with Mr. Greer's sister, Mrs. M. J. Holmes. They left yesterday morning for Kopperl, and Dallas, to visit relatives.

Mrs. L. E. White, who has been seriously ill at the Baptist Hospital in Abilene, for some weeks has improved sufficiently to be brought to her home in Baird.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Nunnally and little daughters, Ellen Louise and Virginia, returned a few days ago from Dallas and other points where they spent ten day visiting relatives.

Claude Flores, of Belle Plaine has returned from a two week's visit with friends in Cisco, Ft. Worth, Dallas and Denton. He made the trip in his new Buick Coupe.

Mrs. J. R. Price, of Van Horn, and Miss Billie Bess Walker, of Balmorea, are visiting their parents and grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gilliland.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cutbirth, Jr., and their mother, Mrs. Sam Cutbirth Sr., of Brownwood, came over Wed. Sam and wife returned home Thursday but Mrs. Cutbirth will remain some time with her daughters Mesdames Jasper McCoy and Cliff Hill.

Little Elouise Ely, of Abilene and Irman Catherine McCoy from the ranch on the Bayou, were the guests last week of their grand-mother, Mrs. Jasper McCoy, at her new home in North Baird.

Rev. Cal C. Wright attended the Boy Scout District Council, at Abilene, Tuesday morning and delivered an address on "Conservation and Service". And in the afternoon he attended a Missionary Conference at Merkel.

**BOY SCOUTS**

There was a meeting at the Methodist Church, last Sunday afternoon, of the men of the town, at which a complete Boy Scout Council and organization was made. About 24 men pledged themselves to serve on the six Boy Scout Committees. A more extended notice will appear next week.

Mrs. Sam McClendon has returned home from a three weeks visit to Ft. Worth.

"Clyde Leases and Royalties and Drilling blocks."  
W. Homer Shanks, Clyde, Texas.

**BILLIONS OF BLIND  
ANTS BESET VILLAGE**

**Inhabitants Vainly Try to  
Stem Invasion.**

Julian, Neb.—African ants, billions of them, are literally eating the inhabitants of this little town out of their houses and work shops. And in the meantime the people are using cyanide fumes, one of the most deadly gaseous poisons known to man, in their terrific battle with the insidious foe that is threatening to reduce the village to sawdust.

So far the 250 inhabitants of the village have made little or no headway in their battle. Against these 250 inhabitants is an army of ants numbering countless millions. In fact the ants seem to thrive on the deadly fumes which are being used in the desperate attempt to eradicate them.

The invaders are known in America as the African ants. However, they are different from the insect usually known as ants. These nites are blind.

The termites live on wood. They resemble ants in physical appearance, but they are white, of nocturnal habits and work only in the dark. When they are in the light for a short time they seem to wilt and die.

**Origin Unknown.**

Where these ants came from no one knows. They made their appearance two years ago. At first they were seen only in small numbers and centered their activities on the outhouses, especially the older ones. They were quite a curiosity at first and natives of the village took keen interest in their workings.

However, before six months had passed they had increased in alarming proportions. It was then that people here commenced pouring kerosene and various sorts of "dips" on them—but they seemed to fatten on this kind of poison, which gave them energy to work more actively and destructively than ever.

No amount of research work has been able to shed any light as to how the insects first came to this territory.

The attack of the termites first assumed serious proportions a year ago when they commenced to undermine the \$20,000 brick school home, built only ten years ago. Since then they have increased to seemingly millions and millions. The Methodist and United Brethren churches and a dozen homes, several stores and many other buildings have been targets for their attacks. Thousands of dollars of woodwork have been totally destroyed.

**Eat Through Woodwork.**

The termites eat their way through the framework of the structure, through the joists, sills, scantlings, rooms and floorings, leaving only a hollow shell almost as thin as paper behind.

Now the churches and schools have been closed and a cyaniding expert is carrying on a vigorous warfare against the pests. In the meantime, school is being held in a private home and church services have been postponed to once a month. And this is also held in a private home.

At present six homes are vacant, besides one store, two churches and the schoolhouse and a dozen sheds and barns.

The queen ant lays sixty eggs a minute, or 80,000 a day. A large portion of the first brood is undernourished and never grows up. The insects of this brood are sexless. The workers feed the queen, who in turn, feeds its millions of children from the contents of its own stomach. The second brood constitutes a well-nourished group of soldiers. The third and best-nourished group is made up of workers.

**Naturalist Finds Owls  
Can See in Daytime**

Vancouver.—Dan McCowan, a naturalist and photographer of the Canadian Rockies at Banff, Alberta, has just discovered that owls can see in the daytime. McCowan, who has spent 20 years studying and photographing the wild life of the Banff National park, during which time he has taken more than 10,000 negatives, gives his judgment on the seeing capacities of the owl as follows: "One day recently I climbed up a small Douglas fir near the Banff Springs hotel to photograph a nest full of young horned owls which could be snapped from the top of this tree in their nest in a big stump. I was just taking a closeup of the owls when the mother bird came at me in full flight, hit me in the back of the neck and knocked me out of the tree. I dropped about 25 feet, grasping various limbs as I fell, but being a Scotchman I kept a firm grip on my camera, which had cost money."

Only a short time previously McCowan had climbed 500 feet up the steep slopes of a cliff near Banff to reach an eagle's nest. He had just succeeded in photographing the young eaglets when their feathered protectors swooped down from a thousand feet above and made such menacing motions with their dangerous looking talons within a few feet of McCowan's face that he scurried down the cliff to safety.

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**GAME BIRD FARMING  
DEMANDS KNOWLEDGE**

**Department of Agriculture  
Gives Out Instructions.**

Washington.—Game farming, be it known, is not agriculture with roulette, faro, poker or craps as a side issue, or even with baseball, tennis or croquet. It is the propagation of game birds, and it is an activity of sufficient importance to call forth a treatise on the subject from the United States Department of Agriculture.

With increase in population in this country, it states, the number of hunters has grown enormously, and with progressive settlement, areas naturally productive of game birds have been greatly restricted. Propagation is necessary, therefore, if the national supply of game is to be maintained.

The possibilities of game-bird propagation have long been demonstrated abroad. The first thing that an individual or an organization must consider before undertaking anything in this line is the securing of a license or permit. Most states have laws or regulations affecting the propagation of game birds, and many require game breeders to take out licenses. In addition, federal permits are necessary for lawful possession of wild ducks, wild geese and other migratory game birds in captivity. Federal permits are obtainable through the biological survey of the department of agriculture, which is also prepared to supply copies of digests of state laws on game-bird propagation, and the addresses of officials to whom application should be made for state licenses, and for full texts of state laws relating to game farming.

**Give the Birds Room.**

When the game-bird breeder is all set and raring to go, so far as his license and federal permit are concerned, the next thing for him to consider is the area of land he has available. He must give his birds plenty of room.

Small numbers of game birds can be reared with more or less extemporized equipment moved about within the confines of a roomy dooryard or in a small orchard, says the government bulletin. Game-bird propagation on a sustaining and business basis, however, requires plenty of room. The area of land available should be not less than four times that required to care for the birds properly for a single year. Plenty of space is needed for the further reason that in most cases it is desirable to produce birds that will be as wild and wary as possible.

On the efficient and economical game farm as much as possible of the seeds, grain and forage consumed by the birds must be produced on the ground. Insects, so necessary an element in the food of the young, must be wholly of local origin. This vital food supply, which more than any other factor determines the success or failure of game-bird production, depends almost directly upon soil fertility, for insects can subsist in abundance only upon rank vegetation.

**Crops Must Be Rotated.**

Moreover, soil fertility is not only an initial requirement, but it must be maintained, we are told. The purely agricultural phases of the game farm must be managed with just as much foresight and care, and in much the same way, as a hay or grain farm that is kept on a profit-yielding basis. Proper cultivation of the soil is important, not only in preserving the basis of production but also in rejuvenating the land after the fouling that is unavoidable when large numbers of birds have been kept on it for a long time.

Plowing, fallowing, fertilizing, planting, and cultivating are as essential to the upkeep of the farm upon which game birds are the crop as on any other. To rest and renovate fields upon which a crop of birds has been reared it is advisable to follow with little change the scheme of crop rotation that has been found satisfactory in the region concerned.

Sanitation, vermin control, fencing, traps for birds of prey, patrolling the game farm, shipping game birds and their eggs, details of breeding, getting a primary stock, liberating the birds in coverts, and improving coverts for upland game birds are some of the other problems upon which prospective propagators should be informed.

**Rice Weevil New Foe  
of Grain in Storage**

Omaha, Neb.—A "yellow peril" among insect pests is taking the place of a "native American" nuisance, according to O. E. Gookins of Ottawa, Kan., in an address before the meeting here of the American Association of Cereal Chemists. The once-troublesome grain weevil, he stated, is becoming extinct, but its decline is accompanied by the increase of the rice weevil.

The two insects look very much alike, but the rice weevil can easily be distinguished because it can fly. Mr. Gookins recommended granary fumigation as a cheap and sure method of finishing off the granary weevil for good, and for combating the hordes of the rice weevil.

**King Gets Boost**

Brussels.—King Albert is to get a raise in pay. His annual prewar allowance of 3,300,000 paper francs is to be trebled. It amounts to about \$130,000 now. Heretofore he has refused an increase, but finds he can't meet expenses.

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**Oil Concession in Peru  
Given to U. S. Company**

Lima, Peru.—The Peruvian government has granted a concession to the Phillips Petroleum company, subject to a congressional approval, for the development of 5,000 square kilometers of Peruvian petroleum bearing lands in the government petroleum reserve south of Palta and south of the rich producing fields of the International Petroleum company.

The negotiations were handled by Paul MacIntyre of the land department of the Phillips company, and George Helfert of San Francisco. It is expected that the Phillips company will shortly send a party of geologists to make a survey of the reserve territory.

A party of five geologists of the staff of H. H. Doherty & Co. recently left Callao for Panama and San Francisco after an extended visit to Peru. Geologists of the Atlantic Refining company also are making reconnaissance surveys in the territory of the upper Pachitea river.

**Canadian City Recognizes  
Bravery of Aged Heroine**

Brockville, Ont.—Mrs. Mary Companion, seventy-seven, who on March 10 last jumped into the surging waters of the West End creek and rescued from drowning Harry Billings, six, was presented with a bronze medal awarded by the Royal Canadian Humane association, and a check for \$500, the gift of her fellow citizens. The presentation was a public affair, made in front of the courthouse, in the presence of hundreds of citizens. Mrs. Companion was handed the medal by H. A. Stewart, K. C., M. P., and Mayor Reynolds presented the check. Rev. F. M. Wooton replied on behalf of the aged heroine.

**China's Money Awful;  
Even Marines Revolt**

Seattle, Wash.—Marines who have seen most of the world say that they have had enough of the amazing, bewildering currency system in China, says Captain Quinn of the steamship President Jackson, just in from the Orient.

There are more than 200 distinct forms of money in China. Some of it is good in all provinces, but all of it is not par in many districts, and the value of different coins and paper constantly varies. The currency known as cash is divided into copper tokens, dollars, small coins, big notes and small notes.

Tokens constitute the money of the lower classes and are in circulation continually. The cash token is of copper or brass, depending on the metal market. It has a square hole in the center and 1,000 of them on a string are known as a tiao. Three tiao equal in value one American dollar. The poverty of China may be noted when workers earn and subsist on from five to eight tokens daily.

**Searchlight Crew Makes  
Perfect Air Test Score**

Washington.—A perfect score has been credited to the searchlight and sound locator crew of battery A of the Sixty-third Coast artillery at Fort Winfield Scott, Calif., which conducted recent night tests of its anti-aircraft detection equipment. An airplane which made eight simulated bombing raids on a two and a half-mile square area defended by the battery was detected and illuminated by the searchlights on each occasion. The plane crossed the area at varied intervals at an average altitude of 8,000 feet.

**Try to Make Travel  
Safe for Goldfish**

Washington.—Travel is going to be made safe for goldfish if the government can do it.

Acting on complaints by fish breeders about the heavy mortality rate of their charges while proceeding in cans via express toward private bowls, the bureau of fisheries has undertaken a serious scientific investigation. It already has some results to announce.

Lack of air in the water, at first suspected of causing the high death rate, doesn't seem to be important. The goldfish is hardy, and when his water isn't changed he swims up to the top and takes a breath of straight air from time to time. But the dirt that gets into the water seems to present a serious danger, and the scientists are working to determine just how much he can stand. When it finishes it hopes to be able to lay out travel schedules which will enable the breeders to deliver more of their finny ornaments alive.

**Policeman's Face Must  
Fit Helmet in London**

London.—No matter what other qualifications a prospective London bobby has, he must possess a "policeman's face" to get the job.

Provided he comes up to the educational standard required, passes a strict medical examination, and is possessed of a good physique, he still solemnly has to don a bobby's helmet and parade before his superiors as a final test. If he does not wear the helmet becomingly the chances are he will have to look for a job elsewhere. Police officials feel that it is most important that bobbies shall not look ridiculous, and maintain the type of helmet worn in London is not a head-dress that everyone can wear and retain his dignity.

**King Likens Docked Tail  
Horse to Bobbed Hair**

Paris.—According to a recent writer in the "Carnet de la Semaine," King George V, after a notable race, strolled around to the paddock to get a close look at the horses. Among them was a fine thoroughbred with his tail cropped close. The king looked at him in silence for a few moments, while the attendants awaited some word of praise such as he had bestowed upon other horses. At length the president of the club ventured to ask:

"May I trust that your majesty is pleased?"  
"No," replied the king, meditatively; "no; I do not like at all such trimming of a horse's tail. I think it is very ugly."  
Then, after a moment, and with a smile, he added:  
"It reminds me of a woman with bobbed hair!"

**U. S. Prepares to Sell  
Uniforms to Veterans**

Washington.—Former soldiers who wish to treasure uniforms like those which they wore in the service of their country soon will be able to purchase them from the War department.

Some five million persons, including former army nurses, are eligible to purchase the uniforms under an act of the last congress and will be advised within the next two months by the War department about their distribution.

For a few dollars the veteran will be able to assemble a complete uniform, with items ranging from discharge chevrons at 3 cents to woolen blouses at \$5.91, to overcoats at \$9.23. The overseas cap, a product of the World war, will be sold for \$1.13, the campaign hat going at \$2.33. Non-commissioned officers' chevrons will sell at 19 cents per pair.



Stealing time is tiresome and thankless work. Like the man who complained of growing tired of eating hogs head continually. "That's tasty stuff," remarked a friend. "Maybe but I'd rather eat farther back in the hog," was his retort. You won't complain if you see the wonderful jewelry values we are now offering.



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### 40 COUNTRIES IN BIG FARM CENSUS

Great Undertaking to Be Started in 1930.

Washington.—Forty countries of Europe, Asia and Africa are ready to cooperate with the United States in the colossal world census of agriculture, to be taken in Rome in 1930.

Leon M. Estabrook, United States agricultural commissioner, now on a tour of Mexico, western South America, the Dutch East Indies, and eastern and southern Asia, has been actively engaged in promoting the census since June, 1929.

The census will be the first effort ever made to inventory world agriculture. It follows the dream of David Lubin, founder of the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome. Lubin was convinced the institute should not only serve as a clearing house for such statistics as might be supplied by adhering governments, but should take the lead in promoting better and more dependable information throughout the world.

As director of the world census, Estabrook has found that of 200 countries only 60 ever have taken an inventory of agriculture. Fewer than 40 of these have taken a census since 1900. In the last six years only four or five countries have taken censuses in the same year.

As a consequence no satisfactory comparable figures on international agricultural conditions are available. It is the object of the world census to make such figures available and to obtain statistics which will have a common meaning in all countries.

The census will take account of size of farms, kinds of farms according to well-recognized categories, area of arable or cultivated land, area allotted to each crop, and the production of each crop for the period covered by the census; also the number of livestock of each kind on each farm by age and sex.

The work of the census will be done in the assembly room of the International Institute, a palatial structure erected by King Victor Emmanuel of Italy, from his private funds, and presented to agricultural interests of the world.

### DIME NOVEL LAND IS CENTER OF INTEREST

Something About Country of Summer White House.

Washington.—The Black hills of South Dakota, among which President Coolidge is spending his vacation, are really misnamed. It is pointed out in a bulletin from the Washington headquarters of the National Geographic society.

"With one peak rising 531 feet higher than the highest point in the Appalachians and several thousand feet higher than the crests of the Ozarks, and with numerous peaks reaching altitudes in excess of 6,000 feet the 'hills' fully deserve to be called 'mountains,'" says the bulletin.

"This highland region is a sort of island of mountains in the great plains, and the natural attractiveness of its heavily wooded peaks and ridges and its well-watered valleys is heightened by the fact that it is adjacent to one of the most desolate areas in America—the Big Badlands of southwestern South Dakota, where, through thousands of years, rains have carved the light clays and sands into fluted columns and cones, jagged buttresses and a thousand other fantastic forms. One of the two railways from the East passes through the edge of this weird region about 75 or 100 miles before it reaches Rapid City, the eastern rail center of the Black hills, which is the headquarters for the Presidential office force.

Little Brothers of Rockies.

"The Black hills are not a part of the Rockies, but they may be looked upon as little brothers to those giant mountains, showing the family characteristics on a smaller scale. Both probably were formed at about the same time. When the great flow of melted granite welled up from the depths of the earth to raise the Rockies it found a weak spot at the site of the Black hills and rose there too, poking the surface limestones and other rocks up as a rising tent-pole pushes up the canvas. The cooling process which the surface rocks underwent at that time had much to do with making the Black hills one of the richest mineral regions in the country. In the ages since these mountains rose, the softer stones have been weathered away in many places, exposing the hard granite, as at Harney peak. Around the base of this peak stand great spires, remnants of the softer rock, which constitute 'The Needles,' one of the most striking bits of scenery in the Black hills.

"The Black hills played a peculiar part in the frontier life of America. They were unsettled and unexploited long after emigrants had established themselves in California, Texas, Colorado, Utah and other territories farther west. This was because all of western South Dakota was reserved for the Sioux Indians. The wooded uplands of the Black hills had long been a favorite hunting ground of the red men. In 1874 the secretary of war sent an expedition to the region and its mineralogists discovered gold. When this became known, prospectors stole in, in spite of the best efforts of the United States army and after a year or two of unsuccessful efforts to eject them, the federal government found it necessary to purchase the hills from the Indians. They were thrown open by President Grant in 1876, only 51 years ago. A turbulent frontier life developed in the mining camps that sprang up, and Deadwood, the leading one, became the inspiration for the American dime novel which came into being about that time.

"All is changed now. Mining has been placed on a corporation and machine basis and the once hectic camps have become quiet little cities. The Homestake mine at Lead is one of the largest mines in the world and has taken out gold valued at more than \$200,000,000.

Abundant in Scenic Features.

"A large part of the Black hills is covered by two adjacent national forests, Harney and Black Hills forests. Custer State park, in which the President will pass the summer, is almost entirely surrounded by these forests. The park extends from near the southeastern edge of the Black hills westward, about eight miles toward the town of Custer, and north-westward to include Harney peak and Sylvan lake. The peak has an altitude of 7,240 feet and is thus the highest point between the Rockies and the Atlantic ocean. Sylvan lake covers 40 acres and lies at an altitude of approximately a mile and a quarter.

"Game lodge, the state-owned hotel in which President Coolidge lives, is situated a few miles from the eastern edge of the park in a valley among the lower hills. Its altitude is approximately 4,000 feet. Near by is a highway recently built through the park from east to west and extending to Custer, 15 miles to the westward. About ten miles westward of Game lodge a highway branches off to Sylvan lake, leading through the remarkable 'Needles.' These are not unlike small models of the world-famous Dolomites of northern Italy.

"The Black hills are named from the blue-black appearance given to them from a distance by their dense pine forests. Although about 200 miles east of the Rockies, the region, due to its lying well north, is little closer to Washington by air line than the Rockies themselves in the neighborhood of Denver and Colorado Springs."

### Pre-Roman Dwelling

Uncovered in Germany

Berlin.—Ruins of an ancient cottage dating long before the first Roman invasion of the German borderlands have been excavated near Mayen in the Rhineland by Dr. Franz Oelmann of the University of Bonn. Ruins of the villa type of architecture, introduced by the Romans, are common enough in southern Germany, but this is the first good example of the houses built by the Celts who occupied the valley even before the Germanic tribes came, and who gave to the great river its Celtic name of Rhine.

The house was built over a timber frame, the gables being formed by long poles set solidly in the earth and then bent toward each other over shorter supporting posts, so that when their ends were lashed together the sides and roof of the house formed a single sweeping curve, like the top of a pointed Gothic arch. The spaces were latticed in with lighter wands and covered over with a thick thatch.

Houses of this type, Doctor Oelmann states, are known in the South Sea Islands, and in some parts of South America, but for centuries have not been built in Europe, save in certain very isolated regions of very backward culture.

### Hold Duke's Daughter

Prettiest British Deb

London.—Lady Anne Cavendish, the youngest daughter of the duke and duchess of Devonshire, is acknowledged to be the most beautiful debutante of the season. She was presented to society at the first royal court. The question as to who was the prettiest debutante had been on society's lips for weeks. The honors at first seemed evenly divided between Lady Anne, an American girl and a Scotch girl. But British society gave the palm to Lady Anne after her presentation at court.

Lady Anne is tall and stately and has hair of a pale chestnut color.

### Breaking the News

Newark, N. J.—Mrs. Theodore Hoffman got a postcard telling of the birth of a second granddaughter at Bound Brook, 25 miles away. It was post-marked December 25, 1915.

### Secret Ocean Phone

Aim of Radio Heads

London.—Considerable improvement in the transatlantic wireless telephone service is promised by the construction of a new radio station now being built by the British government at Cupar, Scotland. British radio experts consider that, although the present wireless telephone service to America is not secret in the full sense of the word, it is proving of such value that its introduction was fully justified. Complete secrecy, however, is considered desirable, and with the opening of the Cupar station experiments to this end are to be carried out by the British post office engineering staff.

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### Train Dispatcher Spends Spare Time as "Silent Evangelist."

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He has never missed a day at work. He has never been late a day, except once, when his home was on fire. He has never been responsible for any serious trouble on the line while he was on duty.

He has refused all offers of promotion to official position.

His refusal of offers of promotion by no means indicated a lack of interest in his work, however.

"Even when a little boy playing 'choo-choo' I said I was going to be a train dispatcher. I love the work and there never has been a day when I did not go to work in the morning with the eagerness of one who loves what he does," is Mr. Horton's unusual testimony after 48 years at railroading—38 years as train dispatcher at Arkansas City, seven years as dispatcher in St. Joseph, Mo., and three years as telegraph operator in Galesburg, Ill., his home town.

Wanted Time as "Evangelist."

Mr. Horton simply wanted all his spare time to carry on his work as the "silent evangelist of Arkansas City" and this requires more time and work than the title indicates.

To do work at the office with all possible skill and care and then to slip out to a hillside near Arkansas City and in full view of the Santa Fe tracks north of the city there to construct his "sermon on the mount"—a rock inscription 475 feet long—these were the chief ambitions of Mr. Horton.

Mr. Horton has been preaching his brief "sermon" day after day, year after year, for about thirty years, without ever entering a pulpit. It reads: "Christ Died for the Ungodly."

This quotation Mr. Horton has built of rocks in letters 16 feet high and whitewashed so that it can be seen for miles. Some of the letters are 40 feet in circumference. It has taken time, money and work to build the sermon. How many miles he had walked back and forth while collecting stones, it would be impossible to estimate. He has rebuilt the letters four times. He counted up that he walked 700 miles rebuilding the letters once. Frequently he has even worked by moonlight, for all the work has been done after office hours.

It costs from \$50 to \$100 a year to keep up the text, since it takes three barrels of whitewash costing \$15 to \$20 twice a year to keep the giant letters visible, explains Mr. Horton.

Thousands of railway passengers, pedestrians and motorists see the verse. Some scoff, Mr. Horton says, but others read it and stop to think or perhaps go home to look it up in the Bible and read for themselves.

Horton is absolutely nonsectarian and trusts entirely to his silent sermon and his own methods of living to reach the public.

Links Work and Faith.

Horton's religion and his work are closely united.

"Not even the president of the railroad is more interested or more anxious to have things to run smoothly than a train dispatcher," he said. "No one is more excited to hear 'trains whistle at the same time' than the train dispatcher. They like to live by clockwork. There is no more responsible or strenuous job, either. Now there are more automatic signals, the quick telephone service to supplement the wire, but even so washouts, long trains, floods, storms and such things are always on hand to make the life of a train dispatcher exciting. Sometimes it has seemed to me like playing checkers with trains across the map. I have worked straight through two shifts for 16 hours to relieve a fellow worker who was sick. I have often worked all day without stopping for a bite to eat.

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