

Vocational Agriculture Notes

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Future Farmers Hold Meeting

The Future Farmer Chapter of O'Donnell High School held a joint social and business meeting Saturday evening at the home of R. H. Mathis. Soon after the guests had all arrived, President M. L. Webb called the house to order for a brief business session. Upon request the minutes of the last meeting were read by Secretary Robert Line. There being no corrections offered, the minutes were declared approved and the Chapter proceeded to discuss the various items of business that needed attention.

The President explained that at the last meeting of the Chapter he was not prepared to appoint the various committees but that he was now ready to do so, and the following were appointed: Entertainment Committee, Ben Morrison (Chairman), Wayne Clayton, and Wilfred Gates; Program Committee, J. T. Middleton (Chairman), Joe Pugh, and Melvin Moore; Executive Committee, George McCracken (Chairman), Odwin Hasley, and Lester Vaughn.

The problem of raising a small sum of money with which to carry on the activities of the Chapter was discussed. Several plans were suggested but none of them appeared very practical. Finally after considerable

discussion, the motion was made and seconded that each member call the poultry on his home farm and contribute one of the cull hens to the organization, which would sell the birds and thus get some money in the treasury. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote and the Executive Committee was instructed to collect and sell the cull hens.

The question of when and where to hold the regular Future Farmer meetings was brought up for discussion. The Chapter finally voted to hold its meetings in the agriculture class room of O'Donnell High School every fourth Saturday night of each month. There being no further business the meeting was declared adjourned.

Immediately following the business session, the guests began an evening of joyous entertainment. Games of forty two and dominoes were played while others amused themselves with radio programs. Pop corn and roasted peanuts were served as refreshments, Odwin Hasley and Lester Vaughn rendered several musical selections with Odwin playing the guitar and Lester playing the french harp. The party ended about ten o'clock with everyone declaring that he had spent a most enjoyable evening.

LUBBOCK DISTRICT LEADS IN M. E. REPORTS

The Lubbock district of the Northwest Texas Methodist conference held the conference in practically every detail this past year, according to announcements made at the annual conference session at Amarillo last week. Rev. W. R. Burnett, pastor of the local church, expressed his gratification at this state of affairs, and gave a few details of the report in short conversation with the Index reporter.

The district has more than doubled its collection of the conference envelopes, collecting 48 per cent compared with 36 per cent raised by the entire conference.

The Lubbock District report, given by presiding elder, C. A. Hickey, was as follows: 872 conversions; 475 additions on profession of faith; 709 additions by certificate; salaries, 72 per cent, and conference salaries 48 per cent paid; raised for all purposes \$1,871.

The local pastor began his second year's ministry Sunday. Services at other churches were dismissed in the being so that their members might join with the Methodists in again welcoming the pastor and family to O'Donnell. This courtesy was much appreciated by both pastor and church.

MERCHANTS REPORT BUSINESS IS GOOD

A number of O'Donnell merchants from practically every line of business, have stated that business has materially improved during the past several days.

The Index has noted a gratifying increase in its own business, especially in the advertising department, even though this increase has not yet brought the average up to that of three years ago.

Crowds in town most every day last week were especially interesting. One hardware dealer reported that he did more business last Saturday than any one day in three years, all

dry goods merchants state that buying in their line was brisk, and grocers report a decided increase in buying.

Most of the stores have been crowded with shoppers, and streets have been lined with cars late into the evening all week. In spite of the rather low price of cotton, the country seems to be in a better financial condition than it has been for several years.

8 AMENDMENTS CARRY IN LYNN COUNTY

Returns received the latter part of the week from the election of November 8 indicated that all the nine constitutional amendments submitted received the approval of the people of Texas.

Only one failed to carry in Lynn county, that one being the Texas Centennial amendment, which had been widely discussed with West Texas dailies featuring 'hot' editorials on the matter. Overwhelming majorities were given to the other eight.

The vote in Lynn county on these nine amendments, according to last reports received by the Index was as follows:

- Investment of permanent University funds: For 672; Against, 310.
- Redemption of land sold for taxes: For, 883; Against, 186.
- Delinquent tax amendment: For 699; Against, 293.
- National Guard and Officers Amendment: For 609; Against, 388.
- Gulf Coast improvement Amendment: For, 594; Against, 345.
- Voters in Bond Elections Amendment: For 779; Against, 233.
- Homestead exemption Amendment: For, 930; Against, 162.
- Combining offices of Tax Assessor and Collector: For 860; Against 169.
- Texas Centennial Amendment: For 370; Against, 591.

ONLY WORKING ELEPHANT IN AMERICA TILLS THE SOIL ON TEXAS FARM

It is a far cry from Burma, with its "elephants a-piling teak," to a farm in Texas, U. S. A. But the Lone Star State boasts a pachyderm that is useful as well as picturesque; it "is goodnatured as a kitten," to

quote the owner, Mr. Richards, and would "work around the clock if allowed to."

Instead of "piling teak," it plows the furrows, doing the labor of a heavy team of horses, and nothing short of a boulder or stump interfering with its plowing tread.

"Rigger," as the big beast is called, keeps on the job fourteen hours a day, when there is an unusual amount of plowing or hauling to be done. He is, of course, a strong attraction for the children of the neighborhood of the Richards farm, and many a youngster has enjoyed a ride on top of Rigger's head.

His owner calls him a wonder. "He knows everything I say to him," says Mr. Richards. "and grows more intelligent every day. When plowing he walks about as fast as a good, active horse, and you wouldn't believe how strong he is, unless you saw him on a good stiff job."

San Antonio is only about an hour's ride from the Richards ranch and hundreds of people have visited the farm to see Rigger at work or at play. Almost every Sunday in pleasant weather, a curious crowd may be seen, gathered around the elephant, watching him enjoy himself—for Rigger has his day of rest like other honest laborers.

The pachyderm may never replace the horse or the tractor for farm work, but one Texas farmer, at least swears by the elephant as the strongest, most tireless and intelligent beast of burden.

\$4000 CONTRIBUTED TO U. S. TREASURY'S "CONSCIENCE FUND"

A \$4000 contribution has been added to the Treasury's "conscience fund."

Pair-in bills cut in two—half de-

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dived one day and half the next—the contribution was the largest single amount received in years. An accompanying penciled memo said only: "For the conscience fund." The bills were mailed from Washington.

The first contribution to the conscience fund, \$250, was received in 1811. The largest amount contributed in one year was \$54,923 in 1916. In 1929 the unidentified contributions amounted to \$20,929 and in 1930 and '31 dropped to less than \$6000 each.

In all, approximately \$600,000 has been received from unidentified persons apparently seeking to pay the Government money they believed they owed. The money while entered the conscience fund, really goes into the general fund and is spent.

After several months experience, it is found that instead of producing more revenue, the 3-cent postage ineffective last June, has actually caused a decrease, and it may be possible that a return of the 2-cent postage will be made. It is just the case of people doing without when the price goes beyond the limit. The two-cent tax on checks, too, is not bringing in the revenue expected and the bankers, who must collect and account for the tax to the government, are finding that it is an excuse and conducive to hoarding. An effort will be made to have the law repealed when congress meets next month.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wallace of Blake Dry Goods had as their guest Sunday Mr. Water Blackburn of Amarillo.

That Good Butteregg Bread

Will make your Thanksgiving dinner taste better. Ask for it by name at your grocers.

We wish to express our appreciation of the patronage accorded us during the past year, and to wish our friends a joyous Thanksgiving

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HIGGINBOTHAM FUNERAL HOME
Lamesa, Texas
Ambulance Service
Phone 75
Night Phones
Clyde Branon 223
Aubrey Thomas 51
LEE BALDRIDGE, Local Mgr.

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CONOCO GERM PROCESSED MOTOR OIL

A "HIDDEN QUART" STAYS UP IN YOUR MOTOR

TOYLAND THORNHILL'S

We have just received a message from Santa that He will make our store his headquarters again this year. He has sent us a Big Variety of toys and gifts for every member of the family, and suggests that you come in early and leave your orders now so they will be sure to be filled.

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