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Federal Emergency Relief Administration to Discontinue Money Grants

Due to discontinuance of money that the Texas Relief Commission discontinue relief to persons or families who are employable persons, either male or female within the relief group. This action is taken by the Texas Relief Commission to conserve the funds now on hand, for the use of those persons or families who are unemployable and who would suffer through to winter, which lies ahead of us. It is estimated that there are 50,000 such families in Texas.

For the purpose of administering relief, beginning January 1, 1936, the State will be divided into twenty-two districts. The district in which Callahan County will be known as District No. 14, with headquarters at Eastland County comprising this district at Eastland, Shackelford, Stephens, Callahan, Erath, Coleman, Brown, and Comanche. As a result of this retrenchment program, some 3,000 Administrative Employees now on Administration payrolls of the Texas Relief Commission will be dismissed as soon as the business of the present district organizations can be closed out. At any rate, not later than January 15, 1936. Thereby affecting the saving of approximately \$200,000 per month.

Only a skeleton force will be maintained in each county for the administering of relief to unemployables. This force will consist largely of persons now working in the Case Work Department. In this district, certified lists of unemployable persons and families will be submitted each month to the Chief Accountant at Austin, and checks will be mailed by him to the client semi-monthly. All unemployable clients in this district can expect their first check by mail on or about the 8th of January, and the second on or about the 24th of January.

While WPA will have absorbed a big majority of all employable families now on relief rolls by January 1, we know that there will be some who, for one reason or another, will not have employment on WPA projects but they will not be granted any relief from Texas Relief Commission Funds. Therefore, each city and county must become aware of and realize the seriousness of the situation that will exist in some of the families in their communities, and we earnestly beg you to begin immediately the formulation of plans for assisting those families and individuals whom the Texas Relief Commission will not be able to assist.

In Callahan County, there are now approximately 92 unemployable cases and it is estimated that the funds now on hand will provide in part only for these families until April 1. Some of the services that we have been in the past able to render, such as medical aid, hospitalization, dental care, etc., cannot be rendered in the future, beginning January 1. Therefore, it is important that each community and county be made aware of the responsibility that will fall on their shoulders January 1, in order that they can immediately start preparations for rendering those services that the Texas Relief Commission has formerly rendered, but will be unable to render after January 1.

We want you to know that we will be only too glad to work with you in planning for the future care of indigent people in your county, and if you will call on your local relief office or the district office in Eastland, we will be glad to assist you in any way within our power and ability.

In the near future announcement

will be made as to the personnel in your County who will carry on the relief program from January 1 to April 1, 1936.

Nobody's Business

By Julian Capers Jr.

Austin.—With Austin deserted, a state politician and office holder trekked back to their home county for the Christmas celebration, instead turned largely to national politics in Texas last weekend.

Acting under instructions direct from Big Jim Farley, sparkplug of the Democratic national political machine, leaders of the faithful thru Texas were perfecting plans for participation in an elaborate nationwide observance of the Jackson day dinner ceremonial, Jan. 8. Not alone to revive interest in ancient Democratic principles, but also to raise funds to wipe out an existing deficit, and to replenish the war chest for the 1936 political struggle, was the twofold purpose of the Farley strategy. Crowds of 500 to 1000 were promised to hear the orators in Fort Worth, Dallas, Houston, San Antonio, Tyler, Amarillo and other Texas cities. All with listen in by radio on an address by President Roosevelt at the major Jackson day celebration in Washington. Then the local orators will have their innings. Sen. Morris Shepper probably will address the Dallas dinner.

Gov. Allred staged an old-fashioned Christmas celebration at the mansion here, with Mrs. Allred, Jim Boy and David (their two sons), and the families of the governor and his wife at the festive board. Venison, from the deer the governor finally bagged on his second try, was to supplement the traditional turkey.

A wide divergence of opinion among legislators, and the pressure of good many business leaders of the state, probably will result in a long the special session of the 44th legislature, originally scheduled for Jan 13. The governor is canvassing opinion among the lawmakers. Many thin the legislature, having been home talking with the folks, are now ready to come back, buckle down to work, and get the revenue-raising job done. Others are not so sure. Business leaders of the state, envisioning a monumental struggle over a sales tax, and probably another over a state income tax, are willing to wait a while. The governor, having made specific revenue recommendations to the regular session, and then having called the solons back twice, and seen them fail to function, feels that it may be well to not to hurry the session, but to let the legislature endure the pressure from the voters particularly those who want old age pension funds provided for a while.

An increase in the posted price of Texas crude oil, probably 25 cents a barrel, soon after Jan. 1, is forecast by oil market watchers here. Many of these observers are sure it will come by Jan. 10, following the latest proration order of the railroad commission, denying requested increases of allowable, and with the opinion spreading that the legislature will not meet for several months.

It is the fate of those who toil

at the lower employments of life to rather driven by the fear of evil than attracted by the prospect of good," wrote Dr. Samuel Johnson, in his "Preface to the English Dictionary" in 1755: "To be exposed to censure, without hope of praise; to be disgraced by miscarriage, or punished for neglect where success would have been without applause, and diligence without reward."

State Auditor Orville Carpenter, administrator of the old age pension act evidently had something like this in mind when he drew up the 10 page questionnaire which applicants for jobs with the pension system were told to fill out. The jobs will pay from \$80 to \$120 a month. All applicants, of which there were more than 4000, were forced to spend \$1 for a retail merchant's credit report; to furnish a "full length" photograph, of "at least postcard size," which cost another \$1 or more—the nobody knows why Carpenter wanted a picture of the feet of applicants; to obtain 10 letters or recommendation, including one from a minister or pastor, despite the constitutional prohibition of the laying down any religious test for holding office in Texas and to send their applications by registered mail and have them certified by a notary public, at additional expense. They were asked if they thought they could be courteous, even if they were abused, and a hundred other silly questions. Eventually, the old age pension system will probably grow into effective state political machines in existence, rivaling the comptroller's staff, and the father of all political machines—the state superintendent of schools' organization.

When Atty. Gen. Bill McCraw was a candidate two years ago, his opponent Walter Woodward, pointed a scornful finger at McCraw, declaring he didn't have a license to practice in the U. S. supreme court. McCraw investigated, found Woodward had obtained his license only two months previously, and had never tried a case before the highest tribunal. But McCraw soon paid the nominal fee, obtained his supreme court license. Last week he used it, when he made a five-minute argument in the famous T-P oil land cases, involving title to rich West Texas oil lands before the highest court in Washington.

More than 50 Texas counties, by failure of their commissioner's courts to compile a budget and file it with the state comptroller, as provided by state law, have jeopardized the validity of their current tax assessments. A taxpayer's lawsuit to cancel the county is being planned, many others may follow if it is successful. In addition, the county officials are criminally liable for failure to compile the budgets.

OBITUARY

It has pleased our Heavenly Father to again visit our church and take from us another of our beloved members, R. J. Harris. "Uncle Bob" as he was known to his many friends, was born October 18th 1846 in Carroll County Tennessee, died at Admiral, Texas November 4th, 1935, age 89 years, and 17 days. His family moved to Tate County, Mississippi when he was six years old, there he grew to manhood, and was married to Virginia Morgan, January 2nd 1866. To this union were born seven children, three of whom preceded him in death. His wife died in 1913 and in Oct. 1919, he was again married to Cynthia Price, who died Dec. 30th, 1931.

Uncle Bob, with his family moved to Texas in 1877, establishing his home at Admiral, where he lived until God called him to his reward. He was converted in early manhood, and joined the Baptist church in May 1899 and was a faithful member, living a consistent Christian life, as well as being a loyal citizen. He was always present at any meetings of the church and Sunday school until his failing health prevented his attendance. He was sorely missed when he could no longer go and in truth was a great and good man. We can say to his family, friends and neighbors, "live as Uncle Bob Harris did, and you attain higher Christian citizenship."

We should not grieve for he is at rest with his Lord whom he loved, and is there in that "Home not made with hands," to welcome our coming, so let us strive to emulate his life and carry on to the Better Land where loved ones shall part no more.

Committee

COUNTY AGENT NEWS

By ROSS B. JENKINS

Adjustment A Protection For Cotton Producer

"The price of cotton always has been controlled by the law of supply and demand and will continue to be controlled by the same law in the future," said Aaron McKee, chairman of the county cotton committee while discussing the new adjustment contract soon to be offered on cotton by the AAA. The experience of the last three years with the cotton programs demonstrated the need for continued adjustment in cotton production for 1936 and the succeeding years," he continued.

McKee recalled the number of farmers that were forced to mortgage their farms following the bumper crops of 1904, 1908, 1914, 1920, 1926, and 1931 when the supply of cotton greatly exceeded the demand, resulting in ruinously low prices. He said that before the mortgage could be paid off following a period of over production and low prices, another period of overproduction and low prices would develop. As a consequence, farm buildings and equipment were allowed to run down and some fell by the wayside. Cotton acreage was cut because many farmers couldn't finance their normal sized crops, necessity thus bringing about adjustment.

"Adjustment was long drawn out," he said, "and it frequently was accompanied by distress on the farm. However," he pointed out, "some farmers who were able grew their usual acreage or even expanded it and benefited by forced reduction made by his neighbors who were least able to bear the burden."

"Not only they but the business by and large suffered severe losses all over Callahan county during the years of bumper crops and accompanying low prices," McKee recalled. "Stores sales declined, credit became impossible to obtain and many banks and businesses failed. Schools were forced to run short terms and some did not open at all." It's strange to me how men can forget such times in so short a period since they were right here with us," he continued.

"While listening to men discuss their condition with the board he found out that the farmers are learning about the law of supply and demand; they are learning to adjust the supply to the demand, a practice that has been preached by business men for years. If it's for business why not be good practices for farmers," he asked.

He stressed the fact that farmers have used the machinery of the government for the last three years to adjust production and supply of cotton to the demand for it. This machinery has taken the form of adjustment contracts with adjustment payments; bringing farm income from cotton to near the comparative level of prices faced goods. This, he said, is only prices farmers pay for non-farm-produced goods. This, he said, is only a partial offset to the practice that manufacturers have followed for years adjusting production and maintaining their prices, often under the protec-

tion of high tariffs which we are forced to pay.

He called attention to this fact when he recalled that the congress declared it was the policy of the Agricultural Adjustment Act to balance the production of agricultural commodities to the demand for such commodities so as to command fair prices to the producer for them. He stated that such efforts had doubled the price of cotton since 1932 and that the seed are now worth more than the cotton lint and seed in the same period before. It was his belief that farmers and small business in Callahan were never so well pleased with the results thus far and would continue the adjustment for the common welfare of all.

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She had come to the end of the walk, and now she knocked the snow off her broom and turned back. "And I thought once that some day I'd be a great lady," she snorted. "Humph!"

The door banged behind her with a dull thud. All morning Mrs. McCrery spent in a maze of abuse and self-pity, but when lunch time came she bethought herself of Dora Pike, third floor back. "Poor chick," she thought, "no work yet. I'd better fix her up a bite to eat."

"Shame on me," she went on, as she climbed the stairs, "grumbling at my work, when that poor girl would give her arm for a job. Guess she isn't everything she would like to be either, but she doesn't go around bawling like a calf. She's an inspiration, that's what

drive you are about all the things you do have to do, that I was right ashamed of myself. But I don't know what I might not have done, if there hadn't been you to think about."

"Well, dearie," said Mrs. McCrery, as she gathered the girl in her arms, "maybe that's what we're here for, darlin'."

Rolling First Aid Stations On Highways

Rolling first-aid stations on carrier trucks is the plan of H. B. Cole of Houston, local safety chairman of the Texas Motor Transportation Association.

"We are operating up and down the highways under a privilege the public has granted us," Cole said "and every once in a while we come on the scene of an accident in which a passenger car has gone into a ditch or two of them have hit and somebody is hurt or badly scared. So we have decided to turn our trucks into rolling first-aid stations for the benefit of the public generally."

For several years Cole's line, the Union Truck Depot, has had no accident "so no such precautions are necessary for us." From his Houston terminal several other carriers operate. "What all of us have done at the depot is to equip our trucks with a fire extinguisher and first-aid kit," explained Cole. "We are having a doctor instruct our drivers on how to use the kit to give temporary relief to anyone who has been injured."

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The Association of the BTU meets with our church next Sunday at two thirty. A program has been arranged and we want a good crowd to come out and greet our visitors. We expect delegates from every church in the Association. Let's not fail to be on hand to show them we are glad for them to visit us.

Joe R. Mayes

The program outlined for the meeting Sunday is as follows:

- Devotional—Mrs. L. A. Beasley Duet—Ellen Louise Nunnally and Lois Bell Talk—"What I gain by attending the BTU"—Johnny Fay Hayes. Solo—Oma Lou Jester Talk—"What I Lose by not attending the BTU"—W. H. Berry Song—Gongregation Talk—"The Value of Training for Service"—Mrs. W. B. Atchison Closing Talk—"Our Association Goal"—Joe R. Mayes

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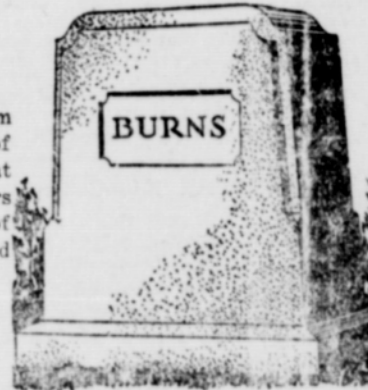
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