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Rising Farm Prices

Nature and President Roosevelt have joined hands to bring to the farmers of the nation, and particularly the Southwest, increased prices and potential buying power undreamed of by the most optimistic a few weeks ago.

This week we are experiencing the pleasant reality of 10 cent cotton and dollar wheat.

The increased wheat price, possibly to some extent due to speculative operations during the past week, largely was influenced by the heat wave of the past ten days throughout the wheat belt. Daily reports have showed steady reductions in harvestable wheat not only in the plains country of north-west Texas, but also throughout Kansas and the Middle West production area.

Ten cent cotton is the direct result of the entry of President Roosevelt and his agriculture department into the field. Or, to be more specific, the result of the hearty cooperation that has been accorded his cotton acreage reduction plan by cotton growers throughout the South.

Whether the increased price marks a permanent improvement or is a temporary artificial inflation of farm prices, the week's events have been happy ones for the farmer, and indirectly for all business and industry. It marks the return of the farmer, the backbone of our economic structure, to his former and well deserved importance as a purchasing power.

The New Deal for Farmers

President Roosevelt's New Deal finally has reached the farm, and the Texas secretary of agriculture calls it a Christmas Tree in the middle of the summer.

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And, viewed in such light, whole hearted acceptance of the offer by the farmer is the wisest, the most profitable procedure.

The government has entered into this vast scheme with one purpose in mind: to increase the price of cotton. To do this, it has decided to purchase outright from 25 to 50 per cent of the present acreage, at a price which makes

the sale profitable at the present state of maturity of the crop.

Two plans are offered the farmer, the first providing for the purchase in cash of from 25 to 50 per cent of the farmer's crop; giving him also an option at six cents per pound on as many bales of government owned cotton as the acreage refred would yield as determined by former average yields.

The second plan calls for the outright purchase of the crop for cash, without the option on government cotton. The farmer who accepts the second plan is paid a slightly higher scale per acre for his crop, but is not given an option on the government cotton.

Of the two plans, it appears that the first, with the opportunity to profit from the sale of government cotton, is the better offer. Unless the price changes radically before the details of the plan can be worked out, the profit on this stored cotton would be approximately four cents a pound, or \$20 a bale, based on today's market price.

Brown county farmers also have an advantage over those of the southern part of the state, who are accepting the plan in great numbers. Cotton in the Nueces valley district, and in the Valley, is matured, and would be ready for the pickers within the next few weeks.

Regardless of the economical soundness of the project, the cotton acreage reduction program is the studied plan of President Roosevelt and his advisors to restore the purchasing power of the cotton grower through the distribution of cash at the present time, and the increase in value of his growing crop.

Brownwood's New Asset

The importance attached to Lake Brownwood by those living in other parts of the state was stressed by William J. Tucker, executive secretary of the state game, fish and oyster commission, who visited here last week.

Completion of Brownwood Dam, at the confluence of Pecan Bayou and Jim Ned Creek—eight miles north of Brownwood—marks the first step in one of Texas' outstanding water-conservation projects.

The artificial lake thus created—now about half filled—will cover some 7,400 acres and doubtless will rank among this state's most attractive bodies of water.

Later on the developers will build canals for irrigating 20,000 acres of fertile lands, adapted to truck crops. Already the Brownwood district has a considerable melon industry, and most of the vegetable crops commonly grown in West Texas would thrive there.

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vance in that direction. Several Texas communities are seeking Federal loans for providing, or improving water supply systems—a type of project which the R. F. C. has approved.

For General Purposes

The recent action of the legislature in refusing to submit to the voters of Texas a proposed amendment to the state constitution which would permit corporations to be formed "for general purposes" calls to mind an old trick employed by organizers of financial institutions in the early history of this country.

The most famous was the formation of the Bank of the Manhattan Company, an institution whose history goes back almost to the foundation of the government.

At the time the bank was projected the group behind it were "in bad" politically and hence unable to obtain a bank charter.

The structure in Wall street adjoins the lot formerly occupied by Federal Hall, the first national capital, where Washington took the oath of office as president.

If Aaron Burr and his associates could look upon the scene today they would marvel at the development which has resulted from their clever scheme for obtaining a bank charter.

It has always been the pride and boast of America that it is "the home of the free." But just how free are we? With our hundreds of thousands of federal and state laws, to say nothing of city ordinances, what citizen can go through a day of 24 hours without consciously or unconsciously violating one or more of them?

Comanche—Simply cleaning out a native pecan grove often puts the trees into profitable bearing.

Liberty—Because your flock is not laying is no sure sign you should cull them sharply and sell off the culs, a Liberty county woman has learned.

Fort Worth—Sport dresses for 91 cents and school dresses for 47 cents were the average costs of 344 of these garments made by Tarrant county 4-H club girls this spring.

On his face, that appears to be unusually fine writing for a girl only 13 years old, and some may be skeptical as to its having been produced by a child of that age without some assistance.

For stealing a shirt from a laundry, James Kelly of Baltimore was sentenced to five years in prison.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

BABY OSTRICH CAN FOLLOW ITS PARENTS AFIELD WITHIN 24 HOURS AFTER HATCHING! THE AMAZON RIVER DRAINS 2,720,000 SQUARE MILES, OR TWO-FIFTHS OF SOUTH AMERICA. ALL THE PERSONS WHO LIVED IN THE AREA NOW KNOWN AS THE U.S., DURING THE PERIOD OF 1492 TO 1880, DID NOT EQUAL THE PRESENT POPULATION OF THE U.S.

TEXAS FARM NEWS

Bogata—Good pasture, good cows and good management have spelled dairy success for F. M. Watkins, Red River county dairyman.

Roby—Rug making is a profitable home industry that can be easily carried on with other household duties, it has been found by six Fisher county home demonstration club women who have formed a hooked rug and mat association for promoting the marketing of their products.

Pearsall—To produce a melon crop a week to 10 days ahead of any other farmer in the section is a worthy feat at any time, but when a farmer does this year after year he establishes the fact that it is not an accident but the result of following the best agricultural practices.

Some of the high points of his melon growing methods are breaking of the land in early fall, keeping it clean and mellow, spreading barnyard manure, planting good seed early, and planting sudan grass every seventh row for a wind break.

Mr. Crawford has found that with the use of 175 pounds to the care of a 6-10-7 commercial fertilizer he can produce melons a week earlier than if he uses only 100 pounds per acre.

Weatherford—Dead mice, which had been destroying his stand of cantaloupes, were found all over the field by L. C. Scarlett, Parker county farmer, after poisoning them by a plan furnished by the county agent.

Clifford Poorman of Wabash, Ind., paid for his auto license plates with 1,350 Indian head pennies.

SHERIFF'S SALE

The State of Texas, County of Brown. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Brown County, on the 6th day of June, 1933,

All that certain tract or parcel of land situated in Brown County, Texas, being parts of the D. J. Jones Survey No. 50, Abstract No. 549, the I. & G. N. R. Co. Survey No. 500, Abstract No. 1220, and the J. W. Batey Survey, Abstract No. 1526, being described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at a point in the N. E. line of the Taylor Smith Survey, 23 1-2 vrs. to point in the bed of Willis Creek; thence down said Willis Creek with its sinuosities and with the N. E. line of the Clark Whately tract as follows:

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Witness my hand, this 7th day of June, 1933. W. E. HALLMARK, Sheriff Brown County, Texas. By Jas. L. Sandlin, Deputy.

USED CARS Look Over These Exceptional Values With the trend of prices definitely pointed upwards, now is the time to take advantage of these unusually fine cars at record low prices. Recent models, many with all the latest improvements and conveniences, at such low prices there are thousands of inexpensive miles in these fine cars. 1931 FORD STANDARD COUPE, 1930 DODGE SEDAN, 1930 DODGE COUPE, 1928 CHRYSLER 62 COUPE, 1928 DODGE STANDARD COUPE, 1929 FORD STANDARD COUPE. Harvey Jones Sales and Finance Co.

Indian Creek Mrs. Carrie Knappe underwent a major operation Wednesday in the Bellevue Hospital in Brownwood. Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Womack of Temple are visiting friends in this community. Miss Dorothy Rushing of Brownwood is visiting in the Ernest Olson home. Mr. and Mrs. Willie Dixon of Zephyr spent several days last week in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dixon. Mr. Herbert Sowell of Mount View spent Sunday in the home of his uncle, O. S. Sowell. Foster Cash has returned to his home in Pioneer after a two weeks visit with his aunt, Mrs. L. Q. Reese. Mrs. Elbert Utzman and son, Hugh, were visitors in the J. L. Utzman home last week. Miss Ollina Ward of San Angelo is visiting her father, C. S. Ward. Miss Oleta Keeler spent several days last week visiting friends at Bliss. Mr. Orval Dunn of Blanket was a visitor in this community Sunday. Mr. Jack Gentry of Brooksmith attended singing here Saturday. Mr. Thomas Sikes of Bliss spent Sunday in the G. C. Blanket home. Although he is 102 years old, John Still of Rector, Ark., recently married his second wife. DO YOU WANT HOME? Five room home with bath and fixtures, two galleries, water, lights, gas, sewer, walks, on paved street, two blocks from business. Can be bought \$500.00 with \$25 to \$50 cash balance \$5.00 a month and for or we will sell you this for \$340.00 cash. Perfect complete abstract and all paid up to 1933. WHY WILL YOU REMAIN? E. B. HENLEY COMPANY

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SIDE GLANCES

By George Clark SALESMAN SAM

Another Plan Gone Wrong.



"That's a hot one, eh, darling! The boys thought they wouldn't see me any more, after we got married."



"Let's invite the Bryans in to dinner. We simply have to get rid of this roast!"



"Do you remember where I got off when I was on this car with my daughter-in-law a week ago Tuesday?"



No Sweet Tooth!

Two Grand Slams!

THE NEWFANGLES (Mom 'n Pop)

'Twould Simplify Things!



Chick Always Comes Out Second

The Way of a Woman!



