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*Editorial*  
**ECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS**

**Happenings that Affect the Dinner Pails, Dividend Checks and Tax Bills of Every Individual. National and International Problems Inseparable from Local Welfare.**

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Short, sweet, snappy—that's the general forecast for the present session of Congress. Unless there's a terrific reversal in the attitude of the members, the executive legislative honeymoon will go on much as it did last session. The least optimistic estimates place Mr. Roosevelt's margin of control as being a little better than two thirds in each house. It will probably be larger than this, inasmuch as a member of Democratic senators and representatives who have been criticizing Administration measures rather bitingly, are sure to fall in love when roll call time arrives. When it comes to enforcing party regularity, the Democratic leaders always have been exceptionally good.

The Republican attitude is interesting. Neither house is overpopulated with Republicans, and the leaders aren't going to take chances of further reductions in strength when the elections roll around once more. Strategy will be to remain fairly quiet, to cooperate with the President, to keep an eye out for changes in the flow of public opinion. A strange theory is the main cause of this. The press correspondents, of both administration and opposition news papers, practically unanimously report that in their journeys about the country, they find disappointment in the workings of the recovery program, among the bulk of the voters—and find also that Mr. Roosevelt's personal popularity is unimpaired, is perhaps greater than ever.

Mr. Roosevelt's speech to the Congress was about what it was expected to be. He expressed the belief that his measures were getting somewhere, said recovery was actually on its way, forecast that in the main, the present program would be continued unchanged. The speech was forensically persuasive, neatly phrased as always, met an excellent response.

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When it comes to one matter, however, Congress will not find the sailing as clear as it would like. That matter can be expressed in one word: Budget. Both houses will encounter pressure on one side for tax reduction, on the other for Administration demands for gigantic appropriations with which to carry on.

Highest national debt in history was touched in war time—\$26,000,000,000. Highest peace-time debt now: \$23,000,000,000. Best guess is that when this extraordinary fiscal year ends in June, the debt will have caught up to the war level, and will be leading it by the handsome margin of three billions.

However, that isn't all. The Administration plans to raise \$10,000,000,000 within the next six months by bond sales or inflation. On January 5, President Roosevelt started still another move which may increase the cost of the recovery program by as much as \$4,000,000,000, which would bring the national debt to \$36,000,000,000 in 1935, instead of the \$32,000,000,000 forecast in the budget message. The potential increase comes from two proposals—a government guarantee of payment of the principal of the \$2,000,000,000 of Federal Farm Land Bank bonds authorized in the spring for mortgage refinancing; a similar guarantee of the \$2,000,000,000 of Home Owner's Loan Corporation bonds, whose interest is now federally guaranteed.

Mr. Roosevelt is certain that the \$10,000,000,000 he requires to carry him through the current fiscal year can be easily raised by the sale of bonds in the ordinary manner. First offering of about one billion dollars' worth will be made soon. The President seems to be turning a deaf ear to appeals from business for tax and debt reduction; is proceeding on the supposition that if income can be sufficient increased and industrial stability obtained, even extremely high taxes will not be overly burdensome. It begins to look as if there's great tax fight in prospect.

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A short time ago a Federal business corporation received checks for about \$100,000,000. It was the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation—the checks were premium charges to guarantee, for six months, deposits of \$2,500 and less in the banks which accepted its offer. All of the 6,000 members of the Federal Reserve were automatically taken in—of the 9,000 non-member banks, close to 8,000 applied for the guarantee. The Corporation's potential liability is \$40,000,000,000—its assets less than \$500,000,000. Yet little fear is expressed for its solvency.

No Massachusetts savings bank applied for the guarantee; Connecticut savings banks were forbidden participation by the State Attorney; the Governor and Bank Superintendent of New Hampshire which has had but one bank failure in thirty years, advised against joining on the grounds of expense. Elsewhere banks seemed eager for the most part to take advantage of the opportunity.—Industrial news Review.

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Hugh Jones, manager of the Texas Theatre at Seymour was in Benjamin this week.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
 WEEK, JAN. 19th.

Friday, Saturday Matinee

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Wednesday, Thursday

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RECENT CATTLE SALES  
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Charles Moorhouse reports the following recent cattle sales:  
 Davis Bro's. of Knox City, from their King County Ranch, 75 head of stocker cows to C. W. Wallace of Baylor County.

L. R. Burns of Baylor County to R. H. Farmer of Archer County 100 head of steer calves.

S. B. Wallace of Seymour to Harris and Ray of Stephens County, 75 head of three year old hereford heifers, 100 head to the Rasberry ranch in Foard County, also 60 head to O. T. Anderson of Throckmorton Co.

Jack Idol, of the League Estate ranch, to V. E. Murdock 60 head of cows. These cows will go to Baylor

County.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Featherston have had as week end guests at their ranch near Truscott G. D. Fox, Floyd Randall, Henry Hamilton and Solon Featherston of Wichita Falls, Roy LeBus of Electra, Clyde Barrow of Burkburnett, and Charlie Ladq and Mr. Underwood of Vernon.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Jones and Mrs. Files of Bryson were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Gleason of Truscott over the week end.

Editors E. L. Covey of the Goree Advocate and J. A. Kennedy of the Munday Times were pleasant callers at this office the first of the week. They were over attending a public works meeting.

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J. T. (Uncle Trav) House

FOR COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT:  
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J. D. Palmer

FOR TAX COLLECTOR AND ASSESSOR:  
Earl Sams  
Geo. Isbell  
Lee Haymes

FOR COUNTY CLERK:  
M. T. Chamberlain

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### KING COUNTY FARMERS TO PLANT MEBANE SEED

Guthrie, Jan. 18.—All except five farmers in King county will plant an improved strain of certified Mebane cotton this season as a part of an effort by R. L. White, county agent, to get the entire county on one variety of excellent cotton. One farmer plans to grow a block of registered seed for supplying local demand for seed next year.

### GOVERNMENT COTTON PLAN FOR 34-35 TO ELIMINATE 11 MILLION CARRY OVER

College Station, Jan. 18.—“The big idea behind the 1934-35 Government cotton plan is to wipe out the 11,600,000 bale carry over without curtailing the cotton farmer's purchasing power and without shifting production from to other farm commodities in an equally ad plight,” explains G. E. Adams, special agent in cotton, Texas A and M College extension Service.

“The carry over is to be cut down to 3 or 4 million bale normal by reducing American acreage 40 percent and the cotton farmer is to be protected from decreasing income while he does this by paying him the money collected from a 4 cent per pound processing tax on the domestically used cotton in the United States. The Government expects to collect about \$130,000,000 in cotton processing taxes, of which about 95 millions may be paid to cooperating farmers in the form of land rentals and the remainder in the form of ‘parity’ payments. It amounts to guaranteeing the pre-war buying power for the 40 per cent of his cotton domestically consumed.

“If cotton farmers were to take these retired cotton acres for producing food for sale it would make trouble in other farming lines which are all temporarily over produced. Furthermore, if cotton farmers were to increase their cultivated acres at a time when the nation has too many acres in cultivation, the nation has too many acres in cultivation, the national farm situation would be made worse.

“That is why,” explains Mr. Adams “that cotton farmers who sign cotton contracts must agree not to use rented acres in any way that may lead directly or indirectly to throwing more farm commodities on the cash market. They must also agree not to increase their total cultivated acres above 1932 or 1933, and further, they must agree not to increase their acreage of corn, wheat, rice or tobacco, nor their number of dairy cattle and hogs.

“Through the new cotton contract the Government undertakes to continue the restoration of the fortunes of cotton farmers, but in return asks that the farmer cooperate in the New Deal by refraining from unfair competition with already harassed corn and wheat and hog and rice and dairy farmers,” he adds.

### MEASLES AGAIN PREVALENT IN TEXAS THIS YEAR

Austin, Jan. 18.—Measles is again prevalent in Texas, according to Dr. John W. Brown, State Health Officer. After the epidemic of this disease last year, it was thought there would not be so many cases this year but the numbers of reports received leads Dr. Brown to warn against the needless exposure of children to measles.

Especially care is required during the convalescent period. Complications at this stage, with end results of kidney trouble or impairment of sight or hearing, can easily take command. Obviously, everything should be done to avoid such a possibility.

Contrary to the foolish notion of many parents, it should be quite unnecessary for children to contract this disease. Youngsters, especially in tender years, can easily be kept from measles contracts, that is, if parents of measles victims fully realize their obligation not only to their own child, but to other children also.

It is a regrettable fact that so many adults view the isolation of the so-called minor ailments with indifference. Nothing is further from the facts. The isolation not only keeps people in, but other out.

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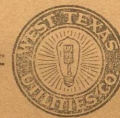
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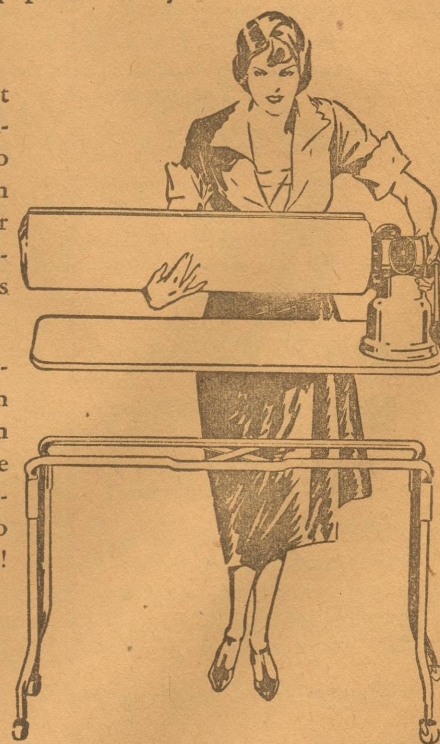


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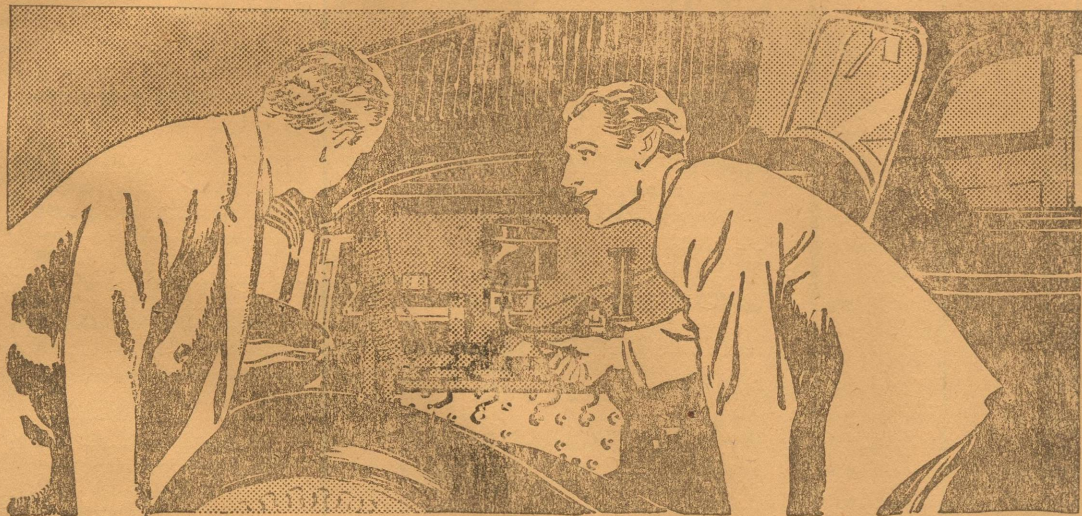


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**BISHOP McMURRY, METHODIST LEADER DIES AT ST. LOUIS**

**Attack of Influenza Superinduces Heart Failure for Prelate**

St. Louis, Jan. 17—Bishop William Fletcher McMurry, 69, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, died in Barnes Hospital here Wednesday of heart disease resulting from an attack of influenza.

Bishop McMurry lived at Fayette, Mo., seat of Central College, which he served as president until two years ago. He was president of the church's board of finance with headquarters here.

Dr. McMurry was recognized as one of the foremost preachers and organizers of Methodism. He had served as secretary of the church board of extension and helped organize the board of finance of which he was the only president. He built many churches and dedicated more than 500 buildings.

The funeral will be held at 9:30 a. m. Friday in Centenary Church here, of which Bishop McMurry was former pastor. It is expected Bishop A. Frank Smith, who presides over the Missouri conference of the church, will conduct the service, with Bishop Sam R. Hay, San Antonio, and Bishop U. V. W. Darlington, Huntington, W. Va., assisting. Burial will be at Shelby, Mo.

His wife, formerly Miss Frances Byrd Davis of St. Joseph, Mo., a son William F. McMurry Jr., Paducah, Ky., and two daughters, Miss Claudia McMurry and Mrs. Frances Blume bith living at Fayette, Mo., are the survivors.

**College Named for Him**

Abilene, Jan. 17—McMurry College, senior institution of the Northwest Methodist district, was named for Bishop W. F. McMurry, who died Wednesday in St. Louis.

Bishop McMurry as president of the Northwest Texas conference at the time the school was projected. Dr. J. W. Hunt, president of the institution, said, in paying tribute to the bishop: "Because of his outstanding leadership and his deep interest in the enterprise the first board of trustees voted unanimously to name the

college for him."

The school's class of 1931 made a gift of a full length oil painting of Bishop McMurry, which hangs in the college auditorium. The bishop was that year and witnessed the unveiling present commencement exercises of the portriat.

**VERA CHURCH WILL HAVE HOMECOMING ON SUNDAY**

There will be a homecoming program at the Vera Baptist church next Sunday, January 21. An elaborate program has been arranged, and there will be special music.

Some of the former pastors are expected, and they will speak to the congregations. Everyone who can is invited to attend, and especially former members of the church.

The program will be as follows: 10:00—Sunday school.

11:00—Lunch served at church.

12:00—"Early Church History As I Remember It," R. C Spinks.

2:15—"Our Church," J. J. Collier.

2:30—"Our Sunday School," Mrs. C. W. Russell.

2:45—"Our B. T. S.," Clinton Robertson.

3:00—"My Pastorate at Vera," Rev. E. C. Brown.

**Workers Conference**

The monthly meeting of the Workers Conference of the Baylor Knox Baptist Association was held Tuesday with the church in Seymour. There was a representative attendance from churches of the Association, and a splendid meeting was had.

One of the best items on the program was lunch at the noon hour, served by ladies of the church. At

this time it was possible for the members to become better acquainted, and to alk over matters in a more intimate way than is possible in a public meeting. The Conference has been organized for a number of years. —Baylor County Banner.

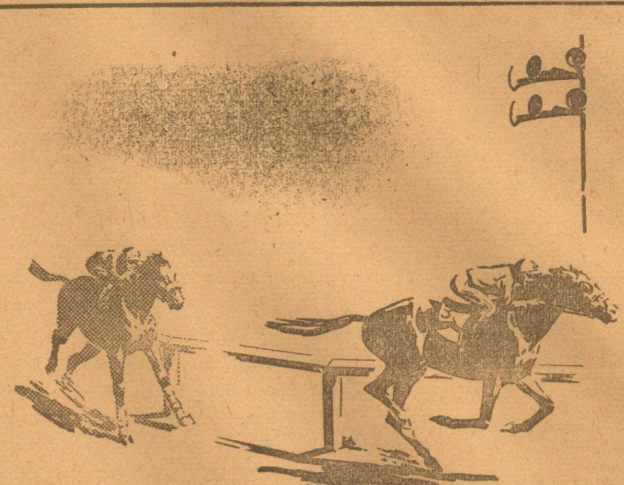
**COTTON SIGN-UPS**

Disputes between landlords and tenant farmers threaten to delay seriously the sign up campaign to reduce the Texas cotton acreage in accordance with the Federal program. It would be a pity if owners and share croppers fail to get together to do the very thing which is to help both. The sign up is the very thing which is to help both. The sign up is to be finished by the close of January. Quarrels over the division of the Federal rental money will defeat the whole purpose of the Government's cotton rehabilitation program and plunge Texas and Southern farmer back in to the abyss of 5c cotton.

Just as the cotton sign up campaign was to enter what appeared to be its final stage of compliance, misunderstandings developed between tenants and landlords in the matter of construction placed upon the term "producers." The words "managing share tenant" also are causing disputes as to what class of Texas cotton farmers belong therein. Recently C. A. Cobb, chief of the cotton reduction campaign, issued the statement that "we are not going to interpret the meaning of this language. We shall in no way attempt to define or influence relations between landlords and tenants as determined by leases etered into between them." In other words, it is for landlords and tenants to settle between them, bury their

difference for the sake of the success of the whole program, and not jeopardize the interests of 6,000,000 cotton farmers because of selfish motives.—Dallas Semi-Weekly News.

The following is taken from an obituary appearing in a North Carolina paper. "He gave his eldest son a liberal education. The rest he brought up respectable.



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