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FROM THE EDITOR'S WINDOW

Man's Best Years

What are man's best years? If you could live your life at one age, what age would you choose? Would you anchor to 20, would you slow down to a halt at 40, or would you be satisfied to follow a normal life span?

These questions, always good for a verbal battle, recently started a word-war in the British press when Winston Churchill, former Minister of State, recorded in the "Sunday Chronicle": "Twenty to twenty-five are the best years of a man's life, the earth is his and the fullness thereof."

To which George Bernard Shaw, not to be kept out of any argument, replied: "If you want to be a prize-fighter, you don't want to be over thirty. If you want to be an old doddard, well—I'm over eighty."

The best answer of all came from Dame Marie Tempest, the actress: Each age should be the golden age, if you keep your brain clear, and if you have the capacity for absorbing those things which will give a happy life.

True it is that every age has something to offer. Childhood has its frolic, youth its romance, maturity its mastery of the world, and age its contentment. For some contentment is the highest goal of life. For them, the age which seems to offer least, may in reality turn out to be the best.

What are man's best years? All of them—if he learns to live each age as it comes along, and to forget the joys of the past in the understanding and appreciation of the present.—Exchange.

No Studying

Childhood's dream will come true in the Educational building at the Golden Jubilee State Fair of Texas, October 8 to 23. There will be a model No-Home Work School in actual operation, using classes from various parts of the state, and sponsored by the State Department of Education.

Special Days

More than 125 special days have been designated at the Golden Jubilee State Fair of Texas, October 8 to 23. These include Texas towns and cities, as well as various civic, patriotic and fraternal organizations.

Charles Spears Back

Charles Spears of Cisco is back at his post of duty at the First National Bank. Mr. Spears has spent about five months abroad traveling over European countries. The bank seems more natural because of his presence. Mr. Spears is always friendly and courteous, which is an asset to any business. He is a graduate of Texas University, but we will venture to say his university degree will not be of more benefit to him than his trip over the foreign countries. Business people who travel are bound to become better acquainted with the proper business methods and to have a broader vision of life in all its phases.

The editor was presented with a surprise gift Saturday which was very delicious. Mrs. Ida Rogers presented us with a nice package of lovely home-made date loaf candy. Mrs. Rogers makes very delicious candy, and incidentally Mrs. Rogers has one of the sweetest personalities we have ever known. She has lived in Putnam a long time and no one has any more friends than she.

We have enjoyed lunch at the Mobley Hotel while in Cisco on business several times lately and find it one of the most congenial places to eat in the city. Meals are served family style and the food is that good "home" cooking. Those managing the hotel have a way of making their customers feel at home and manifest a spirit of friendliness, indicating personalities other than being after the mercenary end alone.

SENIOR B. T. U. HAS BUSINESS MEET

The senior B. T. U. of the First Baptist church met in the home of Mrs. S. M. Eubank Tuesday night for a business meeting. Programs were made for October. The following committees were appointed: Program, Preble Stewart, Miss Smith, Artie Cook, Doyle Lee Brown; membership, Mrs. R. F. Webb, Roy Lee Williams, Artie Cook; social, W. S. Jobe, Mrs. S. M. Eubank, Doyle Lee Brown. Following business a social hour was enjoyed at which time home-made candy was served.

CITY COUNCIL ASKS CITIZENS' WISHES

The regular meeting of the city council was held Monday night. A resolution was passed declaring the results of the revenue bond election Saturday for the purpose of voting \$27,000 revenue bonds to reconstruct a lake for water supply. The council found that there had been 65 votes cast and 56 were for the bonds and 9 against the bonds. The city council authorized the transcripts to be prepared and submitted to the PWA for approval immediately.

The question of passing an ordinance prohibiting the manufacture, sale or the offering for sale or shooting of what is commonly known as fireworks, such as firecrackers, Roman candles, sky-rockets, or any other explosives for amusement in the town of Putnam. After consideration and discussion of the proposed ordinance it was decided to defer action until the next regular meeting, which will be on the first Monday night after the first Sunday in November. The council thought it would be a good idea to have a vote on the subject to ascertain the wishes of the people in the matter. It was decided that a box be arranged at Crawford's filling station and sealed so that it will be fair, and each person should vote, as this is the only way the members of the council can tell what is wanted. If you favor prohibiting the sale or shooting of firecrackers on the street, you should vote, and if you favor having the streets blocked, so that people are in danger when walking down the sidewalks, on account of someone throwing a firecracker on them you should vote against the council passing the ordinance. This vote will not be binding, but only a question of sentiment.

LOCAL BOY GETS WRITE UP AT HOUSTON

Jack Everett, prominent football star of Putnam, with three other football men, were given prominence in the Houston Press recently when their pictures in uniform and position appeared on the sports page. They were classified as four great backfield prospects for Rice Institute. They were Don Suman of Houston, 18, from Screiner Institute; Bob White from St. Louis, 19; Bob Brumley of the Rio Grande Valley and Jack Everett of Putnam. Everett was a letter man four years on the Putnam Panthers squad. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Everett of Putnam.

REVEREND MAYES PREACHES AT COLEMAN SUNDAY

Some of the publications have printed the statement that Reverend Joe R. Mayes of Baird has accepted the pastorate of the Denton church near Clyde and of the Oplin Baptist church. This statement is incorrect as Reverend Mayes has accepted no calls to date.

The Reverend Mayes preached at the First Baptist church at Coleman last Sunday with a prospective pastorate in view. A nice service was reported with one addition to the church. A B. T. U. was organized.

Reverend Mayes, one of the most beloved ministers of the territory leaves a record behind which is worthy of praise. During his stay of twelve years in Baird, a new church building was visualized and completed and a large rock parsonage thoroughly modern and equipped was completed this year. Reverend Mayes has served faithfully during these many years, as pastor and has done an extraordinary amount of missionary work. He has sacrificed to serve the churches and has preached and labored in practically all churches of Callahan county. He has been a man who has served in the capacity of caring for the sick and the poor. Numberless causes in the territory have benefited from a physical and material standpoint because of Brother Mayes' efforts.

Reverend Mayes is looking for new work and any church who secures his services will find him a builder not only of church buildings, but of human lives. Mrs. Mayes has cooperated faithfully and has also been of great service in the things which have been accomplished during their stay in Baird. The Baird church is past-less.

ADMIRAL MAN IS KILLED BY FALL

Zieche Gibson died at Admiral Saturday as a result of a fall from a truck. Mr. Gibson was standing in a truck, on his way to a cotton field, when the truck ran over a rough place, throwing Gibson out on his head. He was not missed until the truck reached the field, and when it was found they had lost him, Mr. Cauthen, whom he was employed by, returned immediately and found Gibson where he had fallen.

He was rushed to Cauthen's home and put to bed. Mr. Cauthen offered to get a doctor, but Gibson objected, saying he was not seriously hurt but only jarred. Gibson went to sleep and woke up in about thirty minutes, looked about over the room for a few seconds, again closing his eyes, and was dead when members of the family reached his bedside.

Gibson is survived by his father who lives at Slocum, and two sisters, both of Palestine. The body was taken to Palestine for burial.

PUTNAM STUDENT WAS U. T. 10,000TH STUDENT

Associated Press reports states, "John Franklin Shackelford of Putnam made history at the University of Texas Thursday. He was the 10,000th student who paid a registration fee for the first semester and the first student ever to receive that number on his registration card. Other registrations run the total to 10,002, an all time record."

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS MEET TUESDAY NIGHT

Sunday school teachers of the First Baptist church met Tuesday night in the home of the Sunday school superintendent, R. L. Buchanan, for the purpose of discussing intermediate and junior problems. Those present were Mrs. H. E. Butler, Mrs. E. G. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Brazil, Mildred Yeager, Reverend and Mrs. F. A. Hollis, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Buchanan.

Methodist Calendar

Sunday, Oct. 9:
10:00 a. m.—Church school.
5:00 p. m.—Junior Epworth League.
6:30 p. m.—Young People's department.
Tuesday, Oct. 11, 7:00 p. m.—Young People's social.
Wednesday, Oct. 12, 3:00 p. m.—Woman's Missionary Society.
7:30 p. m.—Mid-week worship service. Rev. C. A. Bickley, presiding elders of Abilene district, will preach.
Monday, Nov. 7.—Annual conference report must be made.
J. Morris Bailey, Pastor.

Workers' Conference To Meet at Potosi

Program of Workers' Conference of the Callahan Missionary Baptist Association, meeting with the Potosi Baptist church at 10:00 a. m. October 11, follows:

10:00 a. m., Devotional Song and Praise Service—Rev. S. L. Tidwell.

10:15 a. m., Our State Mission Work and Workers—Rev. Joe Mayes.

10:35 p. m., The Place of State Mission Work in Our Churches—Rev. C. E. Poe, Cross Plains.

10:55 a. m., Round Table Discussion of what has been done on Luaders' debt paying by the churches—Rev. F. A. Hollis.

11:15 a. m., Sermon—Rev. C. E. Dick, Ovalo.

Noon.

1:00 p. m., Devotional and praise service—Rev. Ross Respass.

1:15 p. m., Board meeting, including reports of the Association Sunday School, B. T. U., W. M. U., and laymen's work.

2:45 p. m., Inspirational address—Rev. Dewitt Van Pelt.

JUNIOR STUDY CLUB MEETS MONDAY

The Junior Study Club of Putnam met in the home of Miss Bertha Buchanan Monday afternoon, October 3rd, at 3 o'clock. Subject for the program was Federation. Mrs. John Cook discussed What the State Federation has Done the Past Year; Art, Sponsored by the Federated Clubs was discussed by Mrs. Neil Norred; and Vella Sandlin discussed Education. Those present were Mmes. Reid, Neil Norred, Thomas E. Morrison, J. G. Overton, president, Bill Clinton, Mrs. John Cook, sponsor and Misses Vella Sandlin and Bertha Buchanan.

R. L. McKinney Gathers 24 Bales

R. L. McKinney, living about three miles east of Putnam on rural route No. 1 of Cisco, was in Putnam Saturday and reported that he was through picking cotton and had gathered 24 bales from 60 acres. Mr. McKinney is not a one crop man, but produces a variety of crops including grain, turkeys, and feed of all kinds. He does most of his trading in Cisco. He sells lots of produce during the year and can always find a market for what he has to sell, and naturally makes his purchases where he sells his produce. Mr. McKinney thinks it pays to terrace and diversify, and says that it does not pay to plant the entire farm in cotton. He always plants sufficient feed and grain for at least home consumption, and uses his surplus acre for cotton.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Coffey of Cottonwood spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Davis.

Princess Awards Prize



STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN.—Princess Margaretha, daughter of Prince Gustaf Adolf and great-granddaughter of King Gustaf of Sweden, makes the award to the winner at a parade on children's day in Stockholm. The Princess will be four years old this month.

Baird Municipal Bonds Carry Friday

Closing a hot campaign Baird citizens approved the municipal bond issue of \$160,000 for construction of a municipality owned electric light plant by a vote of 200 for the issuing of the bonds to 127 against.

The plant is to be financed by a PWA grant of about \$75,000 and a federal loan of \$85,000. The city council is authorized by Friday's election to issue \$91,000 revenue bonds against the revenue of the light system.

BABY DAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Ray are announcing the birth of a daughter, Billie Clyde. The baby is a granddaughter to Mrs. Bosworth of Putnam.

ZONE MISSIONARY SOCIETIES MEET AT PUTNAM

The north zone of the Woman's Missionary Societies of the Cisco district met at the local Methodist church on Wednesday of this week. The meeting convened at 9:30 o'clock in the morning. Mrs. B. E. McGlamery of Eastland, who is the spiritual life leader of the district, led in a spiritual life retreat. The quietness and meditation of the morning proved most helpful in soul-searching. Inspiring addresses were made.

At the close of the morning meeting sack lunches were spread. The local Woman's Missionary Society served ice tea and pie. Members of auxiliaries were present from Methodist churches from Pioneer and Cross Plains on the south to Caddo on the north, and from Range and Dublin from the east. J. Morris Bailey, Pastor.

"In the modern household practically everything is operated by switches, except the children."

CALLAHAN COUNTY FAIR A SUCCESS

H. D. CLUBS HAVE GOOD EXHIBITS

Home Demonstration clubs exhibits were of good quality at the Fair Oct. 1 in Baird. The canned food was of excellent quality, and in a large quantity. The jars of food were judged on appearance, pack, liquid and texture of the product. The ladies proved that they do quality canning for home consumption, for not one jar that was on exhibit was canned for that purpose.

The tufted bedspreads showed that tufting is a popular art among club women. The work was of exceptional quality since that art was introduced to the clubs in March of this year.

The light weight cover exhibit received quite a bit of attention. Wool and leather comforts were judged on the quality of the workmanship.

Individual exhibits were one on the uses of corn, with 23 products made from corn were on display, the uses of tomatoes in meal planning had 13 uses on display.

Mrs. J. H. Carpenter had on display a spread entirely a Callahan county product, the sheep produced the wool, she washed, corded, spun, dyed and wove the article. It was a very lovely piece of handwork and received quite a bit of attention.

The 4-H exhibits consisted of canned foods, clothing and fresh vegetables.

The ladies and 4-H girls wish to thank all who helped with the exhibits, especially the merchants who loaned them equipment and to the gentlemen who helped put up the wire and tables. They think that if a fair is to be put on again that more space be used with everyone having an opportunity to exhibit would help make the exhibits more uniform and interesting.

List of Winners in Exhibits from H. D. and 4-H Girls' Clubs Women's Division:

Fruit—1st, Mrs. Clyde Johnston, Clyde, Eula H. D. club, 75c; 2nd, Mrs. A. B. Baker, Clyde H. H. club, 50c; 3rd, Mrs. A. L. McIntosh, Denton club, 25c.

String Beans—1st, Mrs. Clyde Johnston, Eula club, 75c; 2nd, Mrs. B. F. McCaw, Midway, 50c; 3rd, Mrs. Tom Wagner, Oplin, 25c.

Beet Pickles—1st, Mrs. Jim Barker, Enterprise, 75c; 2nd, Mrs. John Roberson, Oplin, 50c; 3rd, Mrs. M. D. Hale, Clyde Pro, 25c.

Cucumbers—1st, Mrs. Chas. Taylor, Cross Plains, 75c; 2nd, Mrs. J. A. Yarbrough, Union, 50c; 3rd, Mrs. Jim Barker, Enterprise, 25c.

Tomatoes—1st, Mrs. Jim Barker, Enterprise, 75c; 2nd, Miss Linnie Brashear, Atwell, 50c; 3rd, Mrs. Cecil Harris, Eula, 25c.

Leafy Vegetable—1st, Mrs. Clyde Johnston, Eula, 75c; 2nd, Mrs. V. L. Martin, Clyde HH, 50c.

English Peas—1st, Mrs. Jim Barker, Enterprise, 75c; 2nd, Mrs. E. J. Barton, Denton, 50c; 3rd, Mrs. M. D. Hale, Clyde Pro, 25c.

Black-eyed Peas—1st, Mrs. Jim Barker, Enterprise, 75c; 2nd, Mrs. C. C. McCall, Cross Plains, 50c; 3rd, Mrs. Clyde Johnston, Enterprise, 25c.

Exhibit of the uses of any product—1st, Mrs. J. B. Jones, Midway, 75c; 2nd, Mrs. E. J. Kendrick, Denton, 50c.

Natural Bedsread (Tufted)—1st, Mrs. C. C. McCall, Cross Plains, 75c; 2nd, Miss Annie Mae McIntosh, Clyde, 50c; 3rd, Mrs. E. J. Barton, Clyde, 25c.

Colored Bedsread (Tufted)—1st, Mrs. Ruby Ezzell, Atwell, 75c; 2nd, Mrs. Joel Griffin, Midway, 50c; 3rd, Mrs. B. F. McCaw, Midway, 25c.

Other Tufted Article—1st, Mrs. A. L. McIntosh, Denton, 75c; 2nd, Mrs. Jim Simmons, Lone Oak, 50c; 3rd, Mrs. Joel Griffin, Baird, 25c.

Feather Comforts—1st, Mrs. Jim Barr, Cross Plains, 75c; 2nd, Mrs. W. A. Young, Enterprise, 50c; 3rd, Mrs. C. C. McCall, Cross Plains, 25c.

Wool Comforts—1st, Mrs. Don McCall, Cross Plains, 75c; 2nd, Mrs. Jim Barr, Cross Plains, 50c; 3rd, Miss W. Mae Bourland, Eula, 25c.

Cotton—1st, Virgie Hardy, Lone Oak, 75c; 2nd, Mrs. R. N. James, Clyde, 50c; 3rd, Mrs. R. N. James, Clyde, 25c.

Winners in home demonstration clubs—1st, Cross Plains, Pres. Mrs. H. C. Williams, \$2.50; 2nd, Eula, Pres. Mrs. Clifford Tarrant, \$2.00; 3rd, Enterprise, Pres. Mrs. W. A. Young, \$1.50.

4-H Girl's Division Winners in Club exhibits—1st,

HENRY CHILDS BURIED AT CROSS PLAINS SAT.

Henry Childs, one of the oldest residents of Callahan county, died at his home Wednesday afternoon of influenza with which he was stricken about two weeks ago. Funeral services were conducted at the Baptist tabernacle Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. There was a large crowd at the funeral to pay their last respects.

Mr. Childs came to this section of the country more than fifty years ago. He helped to build the Texas & Pacific railroad into Cisco, did contract road work in the early days for the county, was a stock farmer and ranchman, formerly owned the picture show business in Cross Plains; and at the time of his death was employed by Higginbotham Brothers and Company in their department store at Cross Plains.

He was born at Gonzales, Texas, in 1863 and came west as a young man to play a vital part in the settling up of West Texas and Callahan county. He was a member of the Callahan Pioneers' Association and attended most every convention. Survivors are the widow and nine children. Mr. Childs was one of the most widely known men in Callahan county and had a host of friends throughout the entire county.

W. M. S. MEETS TUESDAY IN ALL DAY MEET

The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist church met at the church Tuesday in an all day meeting in observance of the Week of Prayer for Home and State Missions. Mrs. E. G. Scott, president, presided and made the opening speech. Others taking part on the program were Mmes. S. W. Jobe, W. M. Tatom, and Reverend F. A. Hollis before lunch. Following lunch Mmes. S. M. Eubank, F. A. Hollis and W. A. Ramsey. Each member brought a covered dish. Those present were Mmes. Fred Cook, John Cook, J. H. D. Fleming, S. M. Eubank, W. E. Pruet, W. A. Ramsey, W. M. Tatom, E. G. Scott, and F. A. Hollis.

163 Bales of Cotton Ginned to Wednesday

The Farmers Gin has ginned 163 bales of cotton to Wednesday noon. It is still coming in several bales per day, and there will be 250 bales ginned before the season closes. Cotton is bringing about 8 cents per pound, and seed \$18.00 per ton.

Oplin, \$2.00; 2nd, Midway, \$1.50; Denton, \$1.00.

Individual winners—1st, Ola Faye Whitley, Clyde, \$1.00; 2nd, Floy McCaw, Midway, 75c; 3rd, Betty Slough, Oplin, 50c.

Prizes of 75c, 50c and 25c offered for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

Tomatoes—1st, Floy McCaw, Midway; 2nd, Mary Lou Wilson, Midway; 3rd, Betty Joe Jones, Midway.

Fruit—1st and 2nd, Betty Slough, Oplin; 3rd, Grace Holden, Clyde.

Beets—1st, Maxine Johnson, Ovalo; 2nd, Floy McCaw, Midway.

Cucumber Pickles—1st, Mildred Slough, Oplin; 2nd, Mary Lou Wilson, Midway.

Beans—1st, Floy McCaw, Midway; 2nd, Betty Joe Jones, Midway; 3rd, Maxine Johnson, Oplin.

Peas—1st, Nina Mae Flemings, Clyde; 2nd, Mary Lassiter, Clyde.

Leafy—1st, Floy McCaw, Midway; 2nd, Betty Slough, Oplin.

English—1st, Grace Holden, Clyde; 2nd, Mary Brock, Clyde; 3rd, Ruby Joe Brock, Clyde.

Fresh Vegetables Exhibit—1st, Betty Joe Jones, Midway; 2nd, Adeline Harville, Ovalo.

Dress—1st, Ola Faye Whitley, Denton; 2nd, Betty Joe Jones, Midway; 3rd, Mildred Slough, Oplin.

Slips—1st, Ola Faye Whitley, Denton; 2nd, Maxine Johnson, Oplin; 3rd, Betty Slough, Oplin.

Housecoat—1st, Ola Faye Whitley, Denton; 2nd, Maxine Johnson, Oplin; 3rd, Floy McCaw, Midway.

Sleeping Garment—1st, Betty Lou Slough, Oplin; 2nd, Ola Faye Whitley, Denton; 3rd, Ola Faye Whitley, Denton.

Record of Year's Work—1st, Sybil Sessions, Atwell; 2nd, Jamie Lee Scott, Denton; 3rd, Mary Frances Smith, Clyde.

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MR. WALLACE AT FORT WORTH

Mr. Wallace, at Fort Worth, in commenting on the price of cotton made the following remarks: "Doubtless without the cotton loan and the cotton acreage program, the price of cotton would be down to four or five cents a pound. As is the price is around 8 cents, slightly below the present loan of 8.30." If you will notice Mr. Wallace was very careful in his speech not to mention the fact that cotton is lower now than it was in 1932, when we take into consideration the value of the dollar, since at the present time the dollar is worth only 59 cents, and with cotton selling at the present price of 8 cents it would be worth about 4.40 in terms of purchasing power of the 1932 dollar. Mr. Wallace can only see the number of dollars that the farmer gets but never considers what these dollars will purchase. Mr. Wallace nor any farmer will deny that the price of the things the farmer has to buy has advanced greater than the number of dollars he has received.

Again he says, "Cotton growers' income for the present crop year it is estimated, will be around \$865,000,000, that is a hundred and seventeen million less than a year ago, but it is nearly twice as much as their income in 1932 when the farm value of the cotton crop was only \$425,000,000 and the average income from cotton for each farm family was only \$216." Now lets check Mr. Wallace's figures and find out for ourselves what the income to the cotton farmers will be this year. The government places the crop at a little less than 12,000,000 bales and with a price of 8 cents the income would be \$480,000,000, while Mr. Wallace tells the farmers in Fort Worth that their income will be around \$865,000,000, or only \$117,000,000 less than it was last year. These figures can be checked by any eighth grade pupil. What we would like for Mr. Wallace to do is to explain to the farmers of the United States just how he arrived at the figures he uses. The fact of the business is last year's cotton crop brought the farmer an income of around \$65,000,000, and this does not include subsidies, or anything for the seed, while Mr. Wallace evidently added \$260,000,000 subsidies, together with about \$120,000,000 for the seed which would give \$865,000,000; but couldn't he be fair and tell his audience that the cotton crop in 1937 brought an income of \$850,000,000 plus the seed, \$190,000,000, together with \$260,000,000 benefit payments, making a total income last year of \$1,300,000,000, or it will show a loss in income of \$435,000,000 instead of a loss of only \$117,000,000 as stated by Mr. Wallace. However these figures are just about in line with the balance of the propaganda put out from Washington.

Now we will analyze the income for this year and compare it with the income of 1932. The income from the cotton and the seed the year will be approximately \$600,000,000 and when it is figured in terms of the 1932 dollar we find that the income from cotton and the seed will be about \$350,000,000 or \$75,000,000 less than it was in 1932. This is the kind of a program Mr. Wallace wants the farmer to continue. Giving him less income each year. There is an election for December for the cotton farmer to say whether they want to be placed on a quota or not, and every farmer should go to the polls and vote against the proposition, and let Mr. Wallace know that they are capable of running their own business.

8 COUNTIES COME UNDER BOILEAU AMENDMENT

There has been 88 counties in Texas included in a list of 75 counties throughout the country which commercial dairying has been increased enough to be affected by the Boileau amendment to the "so called" 1938 Farm Act. The report was prepared by Washington AAA officials on August 10.

According to the amendment AAA payments in these counties can be made only on farms which



have not "substantially increased" their dairy production for market by using soil-conserving crops produced on land shifted from soil depleting crops.

Individual farmers will be counted as out of compliance only if they have increased their herds more than 2 percent and they only have shifted acreage for commercial dairy production.

FACTORY PRODUCTION CONTROL

William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, told delegates attending the Houston convention Friday that with eleven million persons now unemployed in this country, it will take something more than government spending, he added, is only temporary expedient, he said eventually the country would have to come to the six hour day and the 30 hour week. Farming isn't the only industry where production control is needed, evidently. In depressed times the factories shut down, throwing millions out of work. When a boom comes along they are reopened and men are taken on. The wheels spin 24 hours a day, turning out products in a frantic effort to catch the market. Working under force draft, the factories soon turn out enough goods to glut the market and another depression is on.

The shorter week would not solve this problem if the factories continued to operate 24 hours a day in good times and closed up for months at a time when depression comes. It will take a shorter work week, plus shorter operating hours for factories to make any considerable dent in unemployment. There you have a problem of production control every whit as vital to the welfare of the country as control of agricultural output.

Evidently Mr. Green is right in a great deal of what he says, but Mr. Green's idea is to shorten the hours to be worked, without reducing the income of the worker. What he wants to do is to permit the industrial worker to draw the same wages for thirty hours as they draw at the present time, or in other words he wants to increase the hourly wages, and force industry to take on more men at additional expense, which would increase the price of the manufactured article that would raise the price until the consumer would not be able to purchase the industrial output, and would cause more unemployment. Mr. Green's idea would only make matters worse instead of better, as it would create a greater disparity between the rural sections and the industrial workers. There is no doubt that to shorten the hours worked would create more employment if the wages paid two men could be distributed between three, and keep from raising the price of industrial goods.

Any scheme to shorten the hours worked, unless it is accompanied by a corresponding reduction in daily wages, will be disastrous to the nation. France has tried the thirty hour week, and according to news reports it has been very disastrous as the country is in the worst economic condition in history of the nation, and they are trying to repeal the experiment. Industry has all the expense they are able to bear, and any shortening of the hours worked unless it can be accompanied with a corresponding reduction in the wages paid per day will only make mat-

ters worse as industry will make a greater effort to do the work with machinery, and will work fewer men.

THE WORD IS HYPOCRISY

The De Leon Free Press makes the following timely remarks about hydroelectric projects that are being boosted all over the country, as flood control dams, when in fact they are only for the purpose of controlling the output in electricity.

These "power politicians" who attempt to justify the government's various hydroelectric projects, existing and potential, on the grounds of flood control would do well to discuss the topic with any competent engineer before airing their views. For as every school boy should know, a power dam must be kept full of water in order to produce current, and so can not be used to receive the runoff in time of flood. And a flood control dam must be kept empty, and so is useless for power production.

The government has defended its power projects before the Supreme Court on the grounds that they are primarily for flood control, soil conservation, inland waterway improvements, and what not, and that the production of power is a minor incidental. This technicality has won cases, thus demonstrating that it is often a simple matter to circumvent the spirit of the law if you pay the lip service to the letter, but it has certainly not won public respect. Government spokesmen frankly admit this when out of court. There is a good word for that, and the word is hypocrisy.

There is an unquestionable need for additional flood control in certain sections of the country. All that is required is construction of dams and reservoirs which will be kept empty until a crisis occurs and then used to store surplus water until it can be slowly and safely disposed of; but a project which will produce power is not only useless for flood control, but certain instances makes the chance of destructive floods more likely. That is the fact of the matter, and all the political opportunism in the world can't change it.

TODAY AND TOMORROW
 Frank Parker Stockbridge

DISTRIBUTION Middlemen Here in America we have developed methods of production which enable us to turn out more, better and cheaper useful goods than can be produced anywhere else in the world. At the same time, the productive industries of America pay higher wages than the workers of any other nation get, not only in dollars but in the purchasing power of their wages.

We haven't got so far in perfecting our national system of the distribution of the products of our soil and factories. There is still too much lost motion in getting goods from producer to consumer. Too many middlemen take tolls, all along the route, so that the consumer's dollar does not buy as much as it could buy if ways were found to eliminate unnecessary middlemen and reduce the costs of distribution.

What makes this distribution problem particularly difficult in America is the great size of the country and the long distances over which goods have to be transported. But long steps have been taken toward solving the problems of distribution, and if the processes of business are not interfered with by politics, the time will come when the consumer's dollar will not pay for unnecessary distribution costs.

FOOD chains The largest item in the average citizen's cost of living is what he—or his wife—has to spend for food. It is precisely in this item that the greatest reductions in the cost of distribution have been effected. One of the things every woman knows is that she can fill her market basket more economically, in most communities, at the chain store or the super-market

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That is partly because those institutions buy their goods direct from the producers without paying middlemen's tolls. It is also partly because by doing a huge volume of business they can afford to take a smaller profit on each sale.

The head of the largest chain of grocery stores has recently pointed out that the net profit earned by his company last year was one cent on each dollar of sales. The individual storekeeper has to make a lot more than one percent on his sales to earn a living.

TAXES discrimination More people than ever before are waking up to the fact that taxes come out of everybody's pockets, whether he pays them directly or not. There is a growing resentment against the practice of imposing taxes for the benefit of a particular group or class of people, especially when the direct effect of such taxes is to increase the cost of the things which every citizen has to buy.

I have done considerable independent investigation in the matter of taxes generally, and particularly the taxes which various legislative bodies have undertaken to impose on chain stores. In every instance which I have examined I have found a well-organized lobby representing some group of wholesalers working behind the scenes to put pressure on legislators. Wholesalers want to put the chains out of business, because the chains, buying direct from producers, cut out the middlemen's profits which the wholesalers have been taking.

Not all wholesalers are behind the movement to kill chain stores by punitive taxation. The smart ones are organizing independent stores into voluntary chains for which they act as purchasing agents. And the smart independent retailers are joining these voluntary chains and giving the other chains some real competition.

LABOR burdens Organized Labor is concerned with the effect of taxes upon the cost of living. The Florida Federation of Labor making a study of the whole tax system as it affects the wage worker, has issued a report of its findings, in which it points to the disposition of most proposers of tax reform to ignore the ability of the ultimate consumer to pay additional burdens, from present or probable future earnings. "There is a unanimous willingness," says the Federation's report, "to solve all tax problems by taxing someone else."

Looking at the chain stores from Labor's viewpoint, the Federation says: "Unquestionable the group-store system has improved methods of merchandising and by its mere existence has maintained competition which has held cost-of-living essentials to a minimum."

I heartily agree with organized Labor's opposition to punitive and discriminatory taxes designed to put chain stores out of business. While I am not a wage-worker, and belong to no union, I am a consumer, and I want to get all I can for my marketing dollar, as everybody else does.

FARMEPS markets I have found many farmers, particularly those who specialize in fresh vegetables and fruits,

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which have to be disposed of quickly if at all, who can tell me that their most reliable market is the chain stores. One of the largest vegetable growers in America operates several thousand acres within a few miles of my Pennsylvania home. Like all the other farmers I have talked with, he is opposed to any legislation which would put the chain stores out of business, or impair their ability to buy his products directly from his farm, for cash.

Of course, I can't speak for all the farmers of the nation, but if the rest of them feel as the hundred or so in different parts of the country to whom I have talked feel, I should think that if they got together and let legislators know that they regard the chain stores as the farmer's friend, they could help a lot to keep the chains from being taxed out of existence.

For precisely that is what is being seriously urged in Washington.

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 2. Miss Smith.
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 4. Billie Louise McKimney.
 5. Roy Lee Williams.
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