

I Give You Texas

BY BOYCE HOUSE
A man whose fingers often have been smeared with printer's ink is Homer Leonard who, for years, was publisher of a newspaper in McAllen and still owns a job printing plant there. Leonard is speaker of the House of Representatives, and colleagues declare that he is handling the duties with impartiality and ability and that the handsome and dynamic son from the Magic Valley is rendering real service to Texas.

The best possum dog in this State is owned by William Dee Moore, or at least so we read in E. C. Lowe's Lometa Reporter:

This dog is so well trained that all Moore has to do is to show him a board that you stretch hides on, and he makes a break for the woods and soon returns with a possum whose hide fits the board shown him. In this way, it takes a lot of responsibility of the trapper as he does not have to hunt out the right size board to cure the hide on.

But this season, the hound disappeared and, after he had been gone two days, William D. went to look for him and found him gaunt and hollow-eyed, and had to haul the dog in. He asked Mrs. Moore what was the matter and she said that two days before when she went to get her ironing board, the hound saw her with it and made for the woods and had been there all that time looking for a possum with a hide to fit the ironing board!

Chief argument against federal control of oil is that the State is doing a good job through its State Railroad Commission. Frank Butram, president of the Independent Petroleum Association of America, recently pointed out that the advocates of federal control originally had based their arguments on the theory of prevention of waste but that all charges of waste put forth by these advocates were refuted with evidence in Cole Congressional committee hearings. So, when it was proved that federal control should not be adopted since the State Railroad Commission is performing its oil duties efficiently, it was proved also for the same reason that there is no necessity for a separate oil and gas commission in Texas, observers declare.

New Braunfels, founded in 1845 by Prince Solms of Braunfels, already is making plans for a centennial celebration.

What Is Wrong With Texas?

Nothing wrong with Texas, except entirely too many of us get up in the morning at the alarm of a Connecticut clock, button a pair of Ohio suspenders to a pair of Chicago pants, put on a pair of Massachusetts shoes, wash in a Pittsburg tin basin, using Cincinnati soap, and a cotton towel made in New Hampshire, sit down to a Grand Rapids table, eat pancake from Minneapolis flour; spread with Vermont maple syrup and Kansas bacon on fried on a St. Louis stove. Buy fruit put up in California, seasoned with Rhode Island spices, and sweetened with Colorado sugar. Put on a hat made in Philadelphia, hitch a Detroit mule fed on Oklahoma gasoline to an Ohio plow and work all day on a Texas farm covered with a New England mortgage, send our money to Ohio for tires, wondering why Texas taxes are \$2.72 per acre while Ohio farmers pay \$10.00 tax and drive on paved roads. At night we crawl under New Jersey blanket to be kept awake by a bull dog, the only home product on the place, wondering all the time, where in the hell all the money went in this wonderful state of ours. If we all would buy more home manufactured products we could keep our money at home and be prosperous.

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MARKET SPECIALIST SEES EGGS BOUGHT BY POUND

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Housewives soon may be buying eggs by the pound or can instead of the dozen, according to W. H. Dankers market specialist at the University of Minnesota.

He said commercial bakeries, cafes, food processors, and manufacturers now prefer buying eggs "by the pound, in cans, frozen or dry, all yolk, all white or in known mixtures of the two."

As a result the trend is away from handling large quantities of fragile eggs in the shell, Dankers said.

ual celebration. The city is rich with color—wide streets, venerable stone houses, picturesque, central park with the Confederate monument, the fine old bell tower of the First Protestant Church and the beautiful museum which houses a thousand documents, bits of yellowed lace, muskets and paintings that mutely record nearly 100 years of history. The tree still standing under which the first school was taught and New Braunfels had the first tax-supported public school in Texas. It is known, too, as the "city of metal roofs", an ordinance passed in 1893 prohibiting wooden shingles and thereby gaining a reduction in the fire insurance rate. If you like "atmosphere"—and who doesn't?—you will enjoy visiting New Braunfels.

When the Army reaches a strength of 1,400,000 men, approximately one-third of that number will be driving trucks and other motor vehicles or servicing them. This demonstrates the importance of motor transportation to national defense, a growth which Texas however has been retarded by retaining an antiquated 7,000-pound load law.

Did you hear about the Coleman man who asked his employer for a raise on the grounds that three other companies were after him. "What companies?" his boss asked. "Light, water and telephone" was the reply.

A Dallas landlord said to a prospective tenant, "We keep our apartment house quiet: do you have any children?"

The applicant answered, "No" and then the landlord inquired,

"Do you play any musical instrument or do you own a cat, dog or parrot?" And the man replied,—"No—but my fountain pen does scratch a little sometimes."

You will get indignant when you read about the sufferings inflicted on the poor and friendless by loan sharks as described in a pocket-size book, "A Century of Usury in Texas," penned by the brilliant Edmonds Travis of Austin.

My favorite (and only) piece, Mary, accompanied her mother to the store in Jefferson to make purchases for the Spring garden and the 3-year old piped up, "I want some chewin' gum seed."

CLYDE YOUTH KILLED IN AUTO COLLISION ENROUTE TO BR'WOOD

LeRoy Kimball, 18 year old Clyde youth, died early Tuesday morning in a Cisco hospital of injuries sustained in an automobile collision between Cisco and Rising Star the night before. Kimball, who was employed at Brownwood, had been home to spend the week-end and was returning to his job when the fatal mishap occurred. His automobile was completely demolished, and the truck with which it collided head-on was likewise badly damaged. The driver of the truck, however, received only minor injuries.

The deceased is survived by both parents and several brothers and sisters.

"Treasure" Found At Pioneer Proves To Be Of No Value

W. W. Phillips received quite a surprise Monday morning while digging post-holes at his place at Pioneer, when the blade of his grubbing hoe struck an old iron kettle, buried probably at least 50 years.

"I used to live over at Rowden—40 years in Callahan county, to be exact—and have at times hunted buried treasure in the Spring Gap mountains, so naturally my first thought Monday morning was that I had stumbled on to a buried treasure," stated Mr. Phillips.

The old iron kettle contained two stones, one of which weighed possibly a pound and appeared to possess gold. The other stone, slightly smaller indicated that it had traces of either silver or lead. Other contents of the kettle were an old drawing, which apparently had been a diagram but it was so decomposed that piecing the parts together was impossible; a letter written in a nice hand was likewise so decomposed that only a word now and then could be read. A picture of a flower, etched on a small piece of leather and what appeared to have once been an old locket were also a part of the cache.

"Yes sir, I was really disheartened when the old kettle contained nothing more valuable than what I found," concluded Mr. Phillips.

ATWELL WOMEN QUILT FOR NEIGHBOR WHOSE HOME IS DESTROYED

"Help an unfortunate neighbor" was the theme of the Atwell D. H. Club Wednesday after, March 10th.

They met with Mrs. G. T. Brasher and Linnie, to quilt for Mrs. Warren a neighbor living east of Atwell on the Ezell farm. Their house was destroyed by fire a few days ago. Four quilts were finished. The Warrens are staying with a daughter until a house is moved to the place.

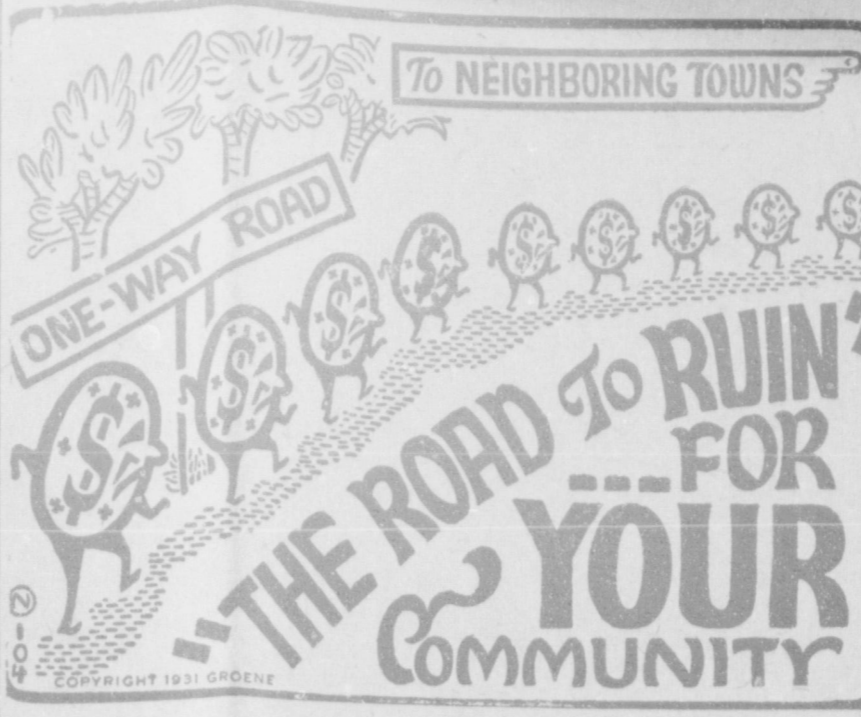
A covered dish luncheon was served the following: Mrs. D. C. Foster, Alton Tatom, B. L. Hutchins, D. T. Wrinkle, Paul Brasher, Sam Jones, Ben Kiffe, J. S. Brasher, Howard Pillans, George Purvis, J. P. Purvis, C. F. Foster, Winnie Hutchins, E. F. Maddux and Truman Foster.

The afternoon quilters were: Mrs. W. C. Rouse, S. A. Black, D. L. Sessions, Nathan Foster, and Mrs. Buster Foster of Cisco.

Rev. Blair the Cisco Associational Missionary and Mrs. Warren of Cisco came for a while. Most Atwell people know Rev. Blair and his visit was appreciated and useful as well as he knew how to take the quilts out of the frame. The club will meet Tuesday, March 25th, for the last time with Miss Brown before the area meetings begin.

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Hawaiian Literature
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Texas Tukeys Are Improved Annually Like Beef Cattle

Many Texas turkey growers have taken a page from the book of experience of cattle raisers and are improving the quality of their turkeys, says Geo. P. McCarthy, Extension Service poultry husbandman for Texas A. and M. College.

A few years ago very little selection was practiced and production of turkeys was comparable to the hit-and-miss methods of the beef cattle business of 25 years ago. Four years ago, however, growers adopted the example of the cattlemen in breeding up their herds and introduced the broad breasted turkey. Only three farms experimented with the new type at the outset, but other producers since have found that the broad breasted specimen not only improved the quality of their stock, but also are good feeders, mature early and increase the vitality of ordinary turkeys.

Mainly as the result of educational work by the Extension Service, McCarthy says, 8,000 flocks today contain broad breasted breeders. This figure is based upon the 1941 breeding season and represents approximately ten percent of the turkey population in Texas.

The specialist regards this achievement as "remarkable" in view of the short time the program has been under way.

Freedom of City Granted
The honorary freedom of the city of Canterbury, England, was presented recently to the archbishop of Canterbury.

FARM PRODUCT PRICES SOARING AT PRESENT

CHICAGO, — Prices of many farm commodities, particularly dairy products and grains, advanced again today to the highest levels in several months in a broadening of buying that mirrored trade interpretations of war developments and the United States democracy-aid role.

Increasing industrial activity, which market statisticians expect to stimulate domestic demand for foods, was coupled with the prospect of stepped up export of certain products under the lend-lease law in the commodity trade.

Butter and grains which have been advancing for several days, reached new high prices for the season. Produce traders said reports that the government was planning to send \$450,000,000 worth of agricultural commodities to Great Britain, principally dairy products, was the principal factor in the trade.

Although no wheat shipments were contemplated under this program, British demands for meats, fat and oils and dairy products were expected to affect grains indirectly. Corn advanced about a cent to around 65 cents, highest since November. Oats and rye prices were at about the best levels of the year.

Soybeans, a source of important oil, rose 3 cents or more to above \$1.08 highest of the season.

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TANK IS DESIGNED FOR AIR SAFETY

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — new explosion-proof type oxygen tank, one-eighth the size of tanks now used by fliers in rarefied atmosphere, has been developed by three Minnesota scientists.

Plans for the invention, which were drawn by Prof. John D. Akerman of the University of Minnesota aeronautical engineering department, Dr. W. M. Boothby and Dr. W. R. Lovelace of the May Foundation, Rochester, already have been submitted to the War and Navy Departments.

It utilizes a system by which liquid oxygen can be converted easily into gaseous oxygen. Liquid oxygen contained under high pressure in a separate tank is allowed to squirt into the depleted gas chamber by a safety valve which functions when the pressure of the gas chamber reaches a certain level. As gas is consumed by the crew, the gas pressure automatically lowers liquid oxygen released from high pressure to the lower pressure pressure tank boils to a gas.

"Value of the new equipment can be more readily realized when it is understood that one liter of liquid oxygen produces 1,000 liters of gaseous oxygen," Akerman said.

The accompanying reduction in size would make armor-plating practical, Akerman said, removing the danger of explosion from a bullet piercing the oxygen tank.

Liquid oxygen has been tried before, he said, but no satisfactory

device has even been offered to make sure the liquid oxygen would boil into gas.

GOLD "PROSPECTOR" FINDS ORE MINED AND SACKED

TEMPE, Ariz. — Gold mining deluge was the order of the day for some lucky "prospector" on the highway west of here.

Guy Stewart, a truck driver hauling a load of sacked gold ore from mine to smelter, discovered he had lost two sacks en route. Stewart retraced his steps, but found some "prospector" already had taken the ore.

Total bonanza: Two sacks worth 10 cents each, and ore worth about \$60.

Unable to determine which of two suspects was the spy, Berlin police decapitated both. On the theory, no doubt, that two heads are better off than one.

In Yuriria, Mexico, a man died at the age of 128, due to a cold contracted while taking a bath. The old boy shouldn't have tried.

'Cordin' to Cy Watkins, one of the Twigg boys never works and 'other never tells the truth. Leastways, Cy says Poke's allus lyin' around and Keke's allus just lyin'.

Surplus foods valued at \$271,320.50 were purchased by 139,875 public assistance clients participating in the Surplus Marketing Administration's food stamp plan in Texas during December.

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CITIZEN'S PLEDGE FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE

By Hubert M. Harrison
In 'East Texas' Magazine

- I WILL keep myself fit — physically, mentally, spiritually — to be ready for any crisis and to discipline myself for strength.
- I WILL go about my business with a clear eye, a cool head and a stout heart, neither scared by wild rumors nor deluded by false security.
- I WILL do my particular job — in office, store, shop, mill or farm — better than it was ever done before, dedicating my skill to my country's service.
- I WILL take an active interest in government—in town, school district, county, state and nation — and make it my business to understand public affairs, laws and policies.
- I WILL help build my town as a wholesome, balanced community, because if all the communities are sound, America will be sound.
- I WILL support the church as an institution that teaches the truth that will make men free and preserves moral order.
- I WILL vote in every election, appreciating the right of the ballot now denied in many lands.
- I WILL serve on juries when called, realizing that the right of trial by jury is a precious privilege of free men.
- I WILL support billions for defense but not one cent for waste.
- I WILL work for unity among all people and oppose efforts to create hatred based on race, creed or color.
- I WILL encourage our boys and girls to revere and respect our American traditions.
- I WILL keep faith with myself, my country and my God.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Jobe received a message Saturday their grandson J. W. Hale, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley a little formerly of Putnam had been seriously injured in a car wreck near Memphis. Mrs. Jobe, Frank and Mrs. Loren and Bennie Ross Everett left immediately for Memphis, when they reached there the boy had been taken to a hospital in Wichita Falls for treatment. They have returned and reported he was badly injured, but would recover.

Eggs contain two-thirds water, and milk more than 90 percent. Hens and cows cannot produce unless drinking fountains and watering troughs are kept filled.

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