



# Sesame Rated As Basic Crop Second To Cotton



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After three years of careful testing, three good irrigation farmers of the Higginbotham community south of Denver City, have chosen Sesame as a basic crop to be rated in dollar-income potential second only to cotton.

These farmers are Preston Underhill, Albert White and Dan Fields. Farming new, fairly light land, they averaged about 600 pounds of clean Sesame seed and a gross return of about \$60 per acre last year. Yields on some of the best land ranged up to 915 pounds of clean seed per acre.

Many other farmers in this area also are reported to be turning to Sesame. The total acreage in Gaines and Yoakum counties in Texas and Lea County in New Mexico is steadily rising.

"We don't expect Sesame to compare in income with cotton where we are getting production of 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 bales per acre," White says, "but it certainly beats milo. Also it's so much easier on the land. It's getting to the point where farmers hate to grow milo because it is so rough on the land and because volunteer milo is so much trouble the following year." Underhill added, "My Sesame land plows just half as hard as my cotton land."

Underhill and White had some interesting experiences with fertilizing their Sesame last year. Underhill fertilized 21 acres at the rate of 200 pounds of 13-39-0 per acre and irrigated three times. This field averaged 915 pounds per acre. On the other hand, 35 acres which had been fertilized with 50 pounds of anhydrous ammonia per acre produced only 400 pounds of Sesame seed. He planted 15 acres with no fertilizer on some of his better land and averaged 600 pounds of Sesame per acre.

"We are strictly shooting in the dark on this fertilizer thing," Underhill says, "and we sure would welcome any information we can get from the experiment Stations which would help us to produce higher yields."

White treated 37 acres of Sesame with 200 pounds per acre of 13-39-0 and produced more than 900 pounds per acre of clean seed.

Another field fertilized in the same manner produced considerably less. Thirty-two acres which were not fertilized at all produced an average of more than 500 pounds to the acre. And still another field of four acres which he gave the full treatment of 200 pounds of 13-39-0 and side dressed with 50 pounds of anhydrous ammonia yielded only about 750 pounds per acre. Because of the excess nitrogen, the stalks lodged badly and he believes he lost half the crop from this beautiful field.

Dan Fields' production from his entire 120 acres of Sesame averaged 620 pounds of clean seed per acre with no fertilizer. "Needless to say," he commented, "Sesame is now a basic part of my farming program, and I'll plant about the same acreage again next year."

The soil of this area is somewhat lighter and sandier than that of the High Plains area, but there is the very distinct blessing of plenty of irrigation water, for the 8 and 10-inch wells in this vicinity pump 1,500 to 2,000 gallons of water a minute. Since the farmers first broke this land for row

crop farming in 1952, they have increased their cotton production from about 1/2 bale to about 1 1/4 bales per acre. They believe that with additional experience and know-how, especially in the ways to make fertilizer pay off, that they can get much larger yields of Sesame.

Believing in the crop as strongly as they do, they work closely with the Texas Sesame Seed Growers, the farmers' organization at Paris, Texas, which provides in production, harvesting and marketing the latest information available.

White, Underhill and Fields farm their Sesame land in much the same manner. First they cut the old stalks left on the land by the previous crop. Where Sesame follows Sesame, this is not necessary for no stalks remain.

The land is then plowed with a moldboard plow. This helps control wind erosion at a time of the year when there is no cover on the land. Next, the land is listed into rows and watered. The farmers of Higginbotham have a unique way of controlling sand storms. They simply turn on their big 10-inch wells and water

down the land.

After the watering, fertilizer is applied in those instances where fertilizer is used, and the beds are harrowed to prepare them for planting. Planting dates vary from early May until the first of June. They noted last year that the earlier planted Sesame required about 125 days to be ready for cutting, while that planted late matured in about 115 days. The best stands are obtained from plantings of 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 pounds of seed per acre.

When the Sesame is of sufficient size, it is knifed and rotary hoes are used in the operation. Later it is cultivated, irrigated, cultivated for the second time, then the water furrows run and the final irrigation applied. In Fields' case, however, he irrigated only twice after the Sesame was up.

The grain binder is preferred for cutting the mature Sesame. Underhill, who keeps careful records, said that the binder operation including labor last year came to about \$3 an acre, the shocking by Mexican nationals to \$1.50 per acre, and the combining, using White's new self-pro-

pelled John Deere combine equipped with metal platform, to \$6.25 per acre. He figured total production and harvesting cost about \$26.25 per acre.

Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Free visited in Stanton Monday with their son and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Free.

Mr. and Mrs. Ford Hawkins and children and little Gary Green, who is visiting the Hawkins family were in Lubbock Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Green and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Alford.

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Bobby Chambliss has returned to college at Canyon after spending the mid-semester holidays visiting in Plains with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Bob Jones and daughters, Janette and Beverly, spent the week-end in San Angelo visiting Mrs. Jones' mother, who is in ill health.

Mrs. Earnest Sloan and Miss Sue Stevens returned Saturday from San Diego, Calif., where they spent the past two weeks visiting Mrs. Sloan's son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Sloan.

Dr. E. W. Jones of Lubbock and Dr. E. K. Jones of Amarillo were business visitors in Plains Saturday. They also visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sherm Henard.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Oakley recently moved from Plains to Pecos, where Mr. Oakley is employed by an oil company there.

Mr. LeRoy Neal arrived in Plains last week to be with his family, Mrs. Neal and children. Mrs. Neal and children remained here while Mr. Neal has been employed in Espanola, New Mexico, the past few months.

Neal Billingsley of Cisco Junior College in Cisco spent the mid-semester holidays visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Billingsley.

Lanny Smith of Texas Tech spent the mid-semester holidays visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Smith.

The Rev. James Todd was a dinner guest Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson and family.

### Much Concern Is Felt for Lagging Polio Vaccinations

Quickening concern over lagging polio vaccinations was in evidence this week as state health authorities reported just slightly over 10 percent of the Texas population under 20 years has received the full course of three shots.

"And the start of the 1957 season is just a brief three months away," State Health Commissioner Henry A. Holle reminded.

The polio season usually begins in mid-April in Texas.

Dr. Holle predicted the relative number of cases among teen agers and young adults would steadily increase many persons in these age groups discount the possibility of falling victim to the disease and thereby fail to take the protective shots.

"The facts are that about 29 percent of all polio cases last year occurred among persons over 15 years old," the commissioner said. "Moreover, polio among persons of these ages is more highly fatal than it is in younger ages."

Dr. Holle said "fair" progress has been made in vaccinating infants and youngsters of grade school age, but that unless high school and college students quickly avail themselves of protection through vaccination, "the heaviest percentages of future cases will affect them." He said the vaccine is now in plentiful supply, "but it doesn't do any good in the bottle." National vaccine supply sources have indicated that enough of the protective fluid is on hand to vaccinate anyone desiring it, regardless of age.

As the year ended, a total of 732 cases of polio in its paralytic form had been registered in Texas for 1956. Of that number only 48 were reported as having received at least one shot. Only two had received all three shots.

Dr. Holle also appealed to parents of children who had received one or two shots to be sure the youngsters completed the third shot on schedule.

"The vaccine may give over 90 percent protection when all three shots are administered as recommended."

The recommended sequence calls for the second shot to be given a month after the first, and the third shot seven months after the second.

The commissioner called for a concerted drive throughout the state to get "all Texans—from infancy to maturity and beyond" to begin the three-shot series at once.

"It is a major medical miracle that so many people have been vaccinated in such a short space of time, but we cannot rest on that laurel with less than 10 percent of the job done and with another polio season coming up," the commissioner said.

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**SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT NEWS**



**SOIL BANK LAND**

Are you planning to place some of your land in the Conservation Reserve of the Soil Bank? Several people have been in the office recently inquiring about the kinds of grass to plant and the methods of planting it. When planting grass it is well to remember that there are two main reasons why grass plantings fail to grow. One reason is that people often plant the seed too deep. Since most grass seed are very small, they don't have the ability to grow through much soil. Usually 1/4 to 1/2 inch is plenty deep to cover the seed.

The second reason grass plantings fail is that seed are planted without sufficient cover and the grass blows out. The best cover for seeding grass is drilled grain sorghum, forage sorghum, broomcorn, millet, or sudan. The soil bank is set up so that you can establish cover on your land before you plant the permanent grass. ACP cost-share payments are available for establishing the following kinds of cover for seeding grass:

- (a) Grain sorghums in 16 to 24 inch rows, or drilled—\$4.00 per acre.
- (b) Forage sorghums in 16 to 24 inch rows, or drilled—\$4.50 per acre.
- (c) Millet or sudan in 16 to 24 inch rows, or drilled—\$4.50 per acre.
- (d) Grain sorghums in 40 inch rows—\$3.50 per acre.

These payments are in addition to the \$9.00 per acre annual payment under the soil bank contract.

Any cover crop which is drilled or planted in narrow rows is better cover than crops in 40 inch rows. Even though the crop gets only a few inches tall, the thicker stands will give much more protection against the wind.

Unless a person has an unusually good cover on the land it will probably be to his advantage to spend the first year of the soil bank contract getting the proper kind of cover established to protect the grass seedlings. When adequate cover has been established grass can be planted the following spring. There is also the possibility that grass seed may be more plentiful next year than they are this year.

As for the best kind of grass to plant—that's like asking a man which kind of tractor or car is the best. Both blue panic grass and weeping lovegrass have done well in this area on dryland. These two are the most widely used here. However there are other grasses which are adapted to this area. Blackwell switch grass, sideoats grama, and blue grama are some of the other adapted grasses for this area.

If you have any questions concerning the type of land which should be placed in the soil bank or the adapted grasses or seeding methods to use, the SCS personnel assisting Yoakum Soil Conservation District will be glad to give you any information they have available.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Free for an extended visit are their granddaughters, Judy, Marilyn, Barbara and Donna Free of Anton and Mrs. Free's mother, Mrs. A. P. Snider of Austin.

**South Plains Junior Fat Stock Show to Be Held March 18-20**

Dates for the 4th annual South Plains Junior Fat Stock Show to be held at the Panhandle South Plains Fairgrounds were set by the Show's Steering Committee at a meeting January 23 at the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce.

The show will be held March 18-19-20, 1957.

O. Y. Byrd of Ralston Purina in Lubbock was named General Chairman, with Dixon White of Lubbock Cottonoil Co., as Vice-Chairman.

The South Plains show has become one of the finest regional exhibitions of livestock in Texas, with early 1,200 animals shown last year. The number of hogs shown in the 1956 show was the largest outside of the State Fair's show in Dallas. More than 700 4-H and FFA youths from a 29-county area showed barrows, lambs, and steers in the 1956 show.

Named to committees were: Finance, Ray Johnson of Lubbock Packing Co., and Jim Ed Waller of Plains National Bank; Entertainment, Odie A. Hood of Southland Life Insurance Company, and Alton A. Strickland of Production Credit Association; Catalog, Lynn County Agent W. B. Griffin of Tahoka, Hale County Agent Ollie Linder of Plainview, and Vocational Agricultural Teacher Thomas Neely of Monterey High School in Lubbock.

O. J. (Bo) Sexton of Western Union will be clerk of Sale, assisted by Raymond King of Lubbock Cottonoil and Tom Simmons of Simmons-Henry Gin Co.

Lubbock County Agent Dave W. Sherrill will be General Superintendent of the show, and L. M. Hargrave, Assistant General Superintendent. Linder will be Superintendent of the Fat Seer Division, and Neely will be Superintendent of the Fat Lamb Division.

John Key is Chairman of the Show Committee.

Other Steering Committee members are Lee York of First National Bank of Lubbock, Dean W. L. Stangel of Texas Tech, and Frank Junell of Citizens National Bank of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harris Powell and son Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Pete St. Roman and Mrs. Sherm Hendard were in Lubbock last Wednesday to be at the bedside of their father, Mr. M. W. Luna, who underwent surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Loe and sons, Mike and Travis, and Mrs. Paul Loe were Lubbock visitors Monday.

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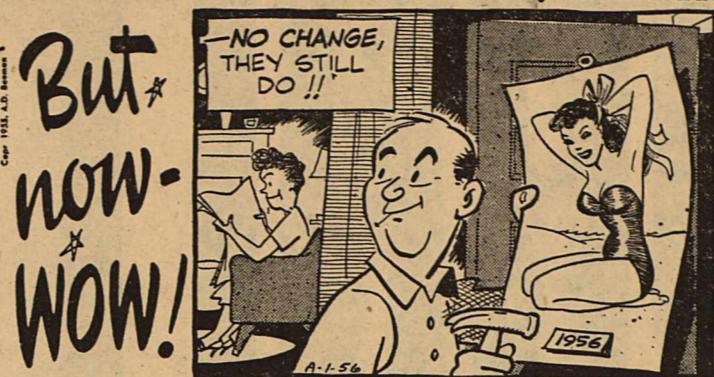
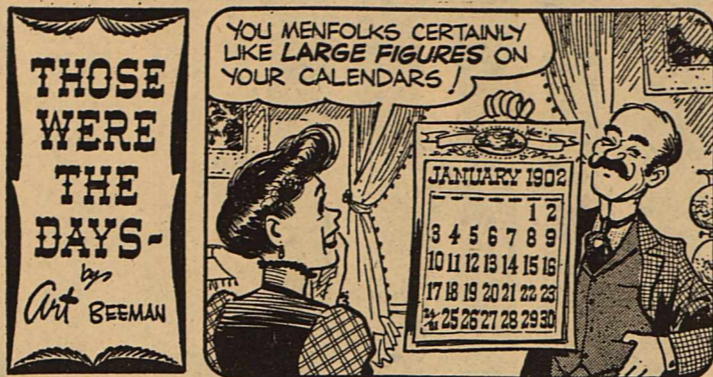
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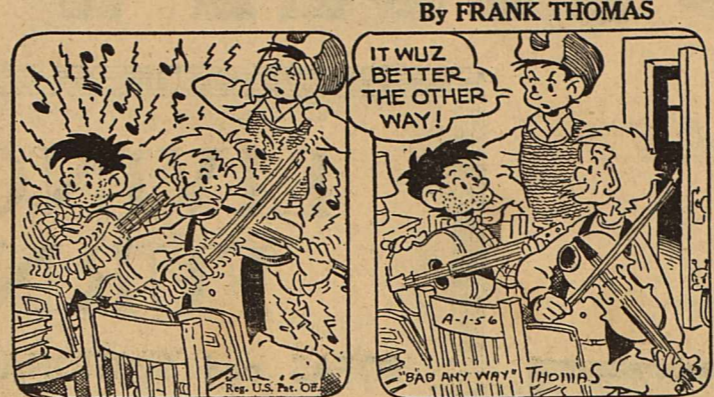
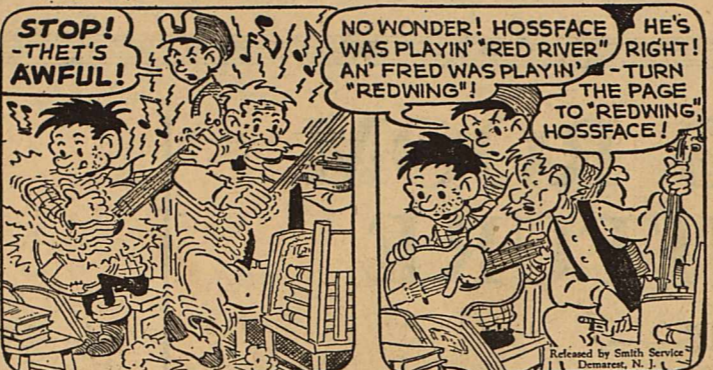
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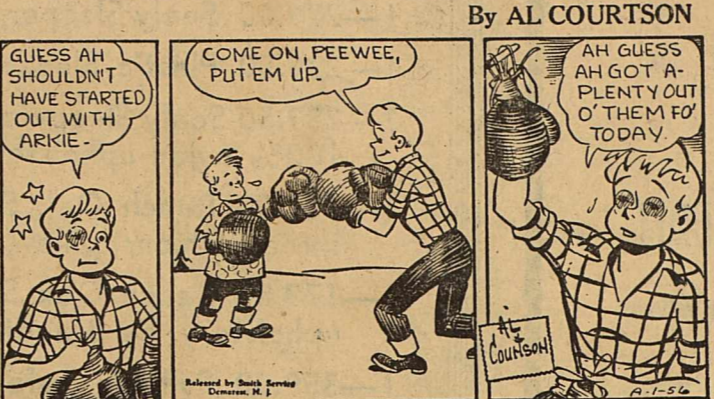
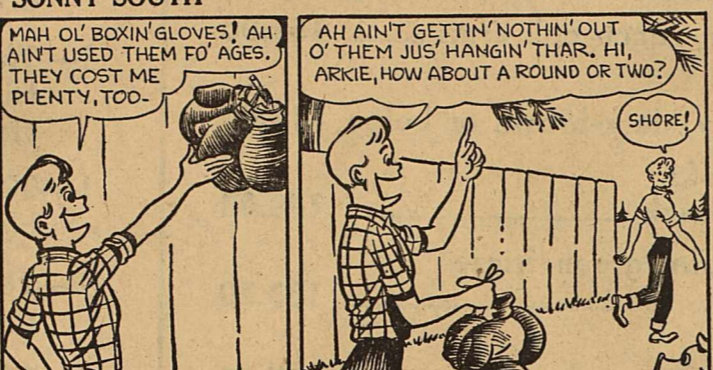
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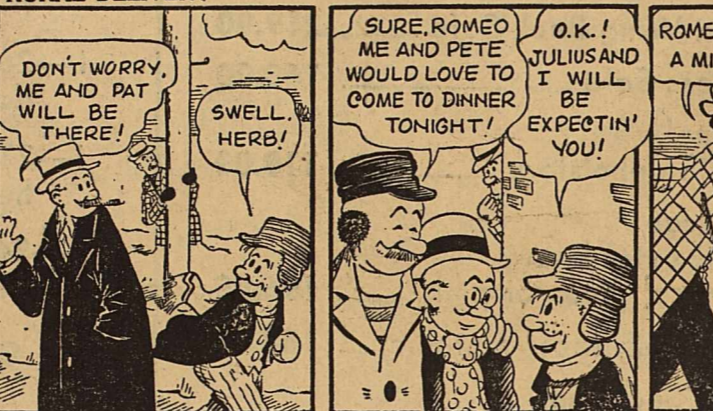
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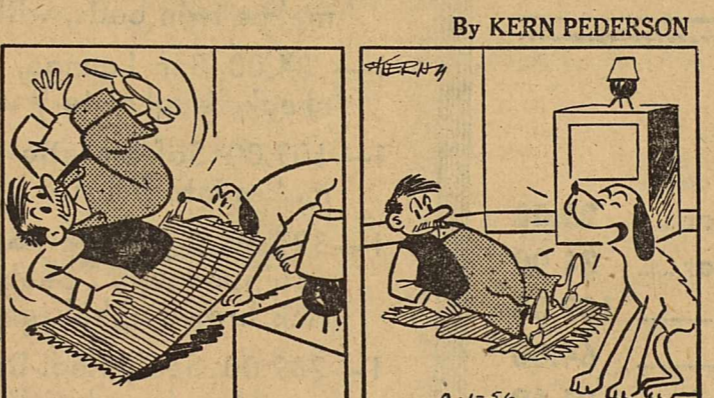
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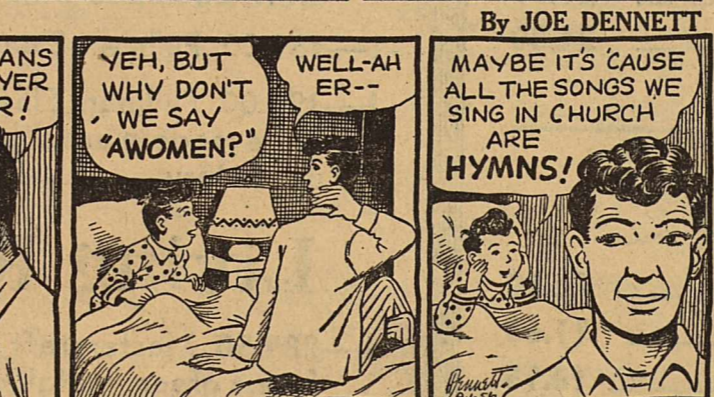
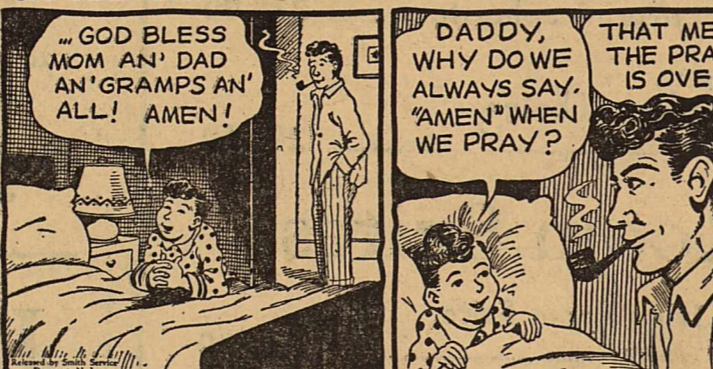
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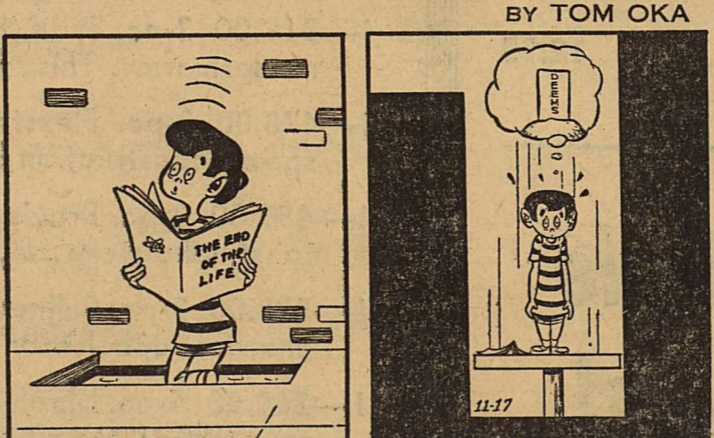
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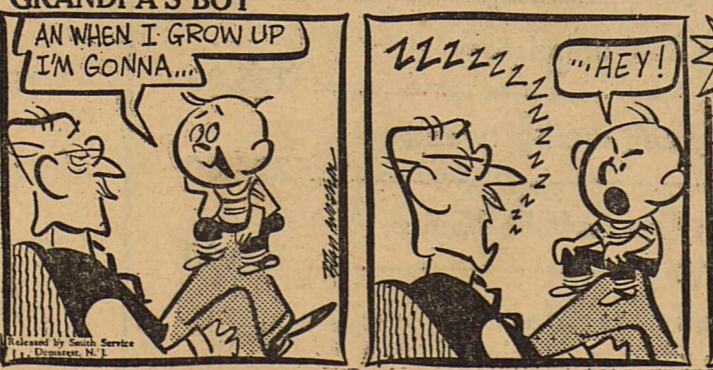
**OFF MAIN STREET**



**DEEMS**



**GRANDPA'S BOY**



**NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH** by Russ Arnold



CLARK O. YOUNG TOSSED A BOTTLE CONTAINING A NOTE INTO THE KANAWHA RIVER, IN W. VIRGINIA, 10 YEARS AGO... IT WAS JUST FOUND OFF THE OREGON COAST!

More SCIENTISTS are born in JANUARY than in any other month of the year!!

**DAVY CROCKETT Jr.**



**Uncle CHARLEY'S "Epi-grins"**

Some fellers who talk in their sleep ain't got any other chance.

Tobe Hinch Junior says that hitch hikers are thumb people.

Not kissin' a gal goodnight is like eatin' cake without frostin'.

Tobe Hinch says that when his wife speaks her piece she never leaves out a word.

Tobe Hinch thought he caught Junior smokin' a cigar, he give him a good kick and found out it was a midget.

A feller always feels let down when he comes to work early and finds the boss is late.

Grandpa Hedges pension didn't come yesterday and now he's mad at the mail man.

A little corn and a little rye and soon you kiss the world goodbye.

Spong' on a friendship is one good way to wipe it out.

Grandpa Hedges embarrassed Gram in church as he was singin' off key.

Zed Peters ain't laughed since he lost a front tooth.

Some gals who are nice to look at would be nasty to live with.

—REV. CHARLEY GRANT, A-1-56

**Crossword**

ACROSS

- Divisions of a city
- Encountered
- Separated
- Before
- Highest note
- Out
- Effective
- Apportions
- Metal container
- Worthless piece of cloth
- Companion
- Bargains
- God of war
- Animal
- Italian family name
- Planted
- Methods
- Bristle
- Bangs
- Place
- Passing fancy
- Piece of window glass
- Idleness
- Squid
- Number
- Craft
- Church officer
- Superlative suffix
- Cereal grass
- Pauses

DOWN

- Had been
- Mimic
- Ruined
- Pulled
- Strip of leather
- Interpose
- Makes mistakes
- Beverage
- Part of flower
- Put in a row
- Small nails
- Avers
- Mad
- Run into

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**Trade At Home - - - Help Plains Grow!**



