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CENTENNIAL CRIME WAVE IN DALLAS.

Perhaps that heading is a bit previous. The Centennial crime wave cannot begin until next year because the Centennial is not scheduled until then.

Dallas excuses her crime for the month of July by saying "perhaps it was caused by the irritability and shortness of temper from hot weather." If this be true, Dallas would do well to "air condition" the whole town before the Centennial begins.

Texas Lawmakers Get Tariff In AAA Deal for Farmer

The inclusion in the AAA amendment of the export provision, having for its purpose the expansion of foreign and domestic markets for farm products, is a personal tribute to Senator Tom Connally and Congressman Marvin Jones, of Texas. Both of these gentlemen have been working for years to bring to the farmer this measure of equality in the operation of the tariff laws.

This particular part of the measure provides for allocating a sum equal to 30% of the collections under the general tariff laws. This sum is to be used for the purpose of expanding domestic and foreign markets of farm commodities and the products thereof, in the payment of additional benefits and for the removal of surpluses. It is estimated that 30% of the American people are engaged in farming. This is the reason for utilizing these funds for this purpose.

Senator Connally and Congressman Jones issued the following joint statement:-

"The adoption of this provision marks the longest step forward that has ever been taken in securing the rights of agriculture. For more than a half century, the farmer has been pleading for equal rights. He has borne the burdens of the tariff without the corresponding advantages. Selling his surplus commodities in a free market, he has bought his supplies in a protected market.

"The regular farm program is important and has accomplished much. It will be continued. However, in its administration, the processing fee is paid by the product itself.

"To make the circle complete it must be supplemented. This is done by allocating 30% of the customs receipts. For many years this has been advocated, but this is the first decided step which makes the accomplishments possible.

"The entire country will be benefited. While an adjustment program is necessary and will be carried on, the entire country is interested in the building of foreign markets. Looking down the long road to the future, our country cannot afford to surrender these markets. The prosperity, the happiness, the success of all of the people of America depend upon the maintenance of these markets.

"The use of this fund will do much to iron out the sore spots, to remove temporary gluts and to enable the products of the farm to flow into the markets of the world. It is an ideal supplement to the farm program. It will do much to strengthen that program and make it effective. There is no doubt of its legality. It will be national in scope and effective in operation."

Both Senator Connally and Congressman Jones are very much pleased at the success of their long fight.

Ben and Olin Kayser were over from Bray Saturday. They report crops in very good condition, and that they will make a fair crop without any more rain, though a shower would be welcome.

During July only ten murders were committed outright making a total of thirty-six for the year to August 1st. Eighty-four was the total for the same period last year. Perhaps the weather is siding with the public.

Twenty-seven holdups were recorded during July. Eight of them are said to have been faked. Synthetic holdups will be a big feature of the Centennial, no doubt, giving the visitors a thrill from Hashtown at the forks of the creek and similar places.

Only one hundred and forty burglaries were recorded during July which would indicate that the heat held the prowlers in check. Totin' a sack of silverware down a back alley on a hot night is no boy's job even in Dallas where one is expected to do his patriotic duty toward giving visitors a thrill. Five hundred and fifty-three miscellaneous thefts were tallied up as a poor excuse for a real thriller.

One hundred and fourteen cars were stolen during July. An even hundred were recovered.

Next year do not be surprised when your neighbor asks, "when are you going down to be shot?" Evidently he means Dallas, with all sincere intentions of inquiring into the opinion of one about to depart for the Centennial.

Then again, a lady may be boasting in the little home town by saying: "You should see the Dallas exhibit by all means. We were held up only twice during the day, and poor old dad failed to outrun a bullet, but the funniest thing of all, was when we found out that the car had been stolen and the rest of the family had to hitch-hike all the way home."

The number killed by autos was not given in the report, apparently for the reason that the board of vital statistics could not keep up with the count.

Mrs. Sam Rorex of Panhandle visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Smith here Monday.

Miss Dolletta Jesse of Amarillo was a week end guest of Miss Athlyn Drennan of Ashtola.

Mrs. Myrtle Houck of Panhandle visited relatives and friends here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Theil Drennan of Vernon visited relatives in this section Sunday.

Duplicate Taxing Units Are Working Extra Hardships

Austin, Aug. 22—"Texas has nearly nine thousand local taxing authorities bearing heavily on the taxpayer," said State Auditor Orville S. Carpenter today about the recent "Report on Taxes and Indebtedness of Local Units of Government in Texas for 1934."

"In spite of the present trend toward efficiency in government and elimination of duplication between departments, we find in this State cities, counties schools, water districts, drainage districts, road districts, irrigation districts and many others, all assessing and collecting taxes on the same property. As a result most property owners must render the same property to several assessors and pay to several collectors," Carpenter explained.

"The number of local taxing authorities seem increasing. A similar survey made by Moore Lynn, former state auditor, for the year 1932 showed at that time 8,742 tax districts. He called attention to the 'present chaotic conditions' then existing in local taxation matters," Carpenter said.

"The survey just completed for the year 1934 shows 8,936 local taxing units, an increase of 194 in two years," he stated.

In the 8,936 districts an enormous taxpayers' debt of three-fifths of a billion dollars has been built up. The actual figure in 1934 was \$670,442,179, with sinking funds deducted, he said.

Miss Ruby Dell Scoggins of Canyon visited here over Sunday.

Joe Cluck Combs Country In Collecting Better Breed

Possibly no other man in the Panhandle knows the whiteface breed of cattle better than Joe Cluck, who has spent the past forty years in dealing with that well known beef producing cattle.

On his ranch near Estelline, he is adding to his herd choice breeding stock in his usual manner. A

truck load of heifers passed thru here Wednesday bound for the Cluck ranch. They were being hauled by a Mack Bourland ranch truck, and came from the Donald & Burton herd near Goodnight.

Judge A. T. Cole of Pampa was down over the week end visiting Mrs. Cole and other relatives. He reports conditions quiet up on the plains.

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FRIDAY AUGUST 23rd

GUY KIBBEE and ZASU PITTS

"GOING Highbrow"

Comedy. Kansas farmer makes a fortune in stock and his wife gets social ambition. Also Fox News and Comedy.

Matinee 2:00 p. m. 10-25c

SATURDAY 24

HARRY CARY and GERTRUDE MESSINGER

"WAGON TRAIL"

Western. A devoted father risks life and honor to save the son he loves from a shameful death in the big thrill scene of the new Harry Cary western. Also Comedy, "Zion City of Colour" in technicolor.

Matinee 10c to All Night 10-15c

SUNDAY and MONDAY 25-26th

MAE WEST and PAUL CAVANAUGH

"GOIN' TO TOWN"

Comedy Drama. Mae West goes west and how she whoops it up, hitch up the old grey mare and start "Goin' to Town". Mae West is holding the dice and it's a wow. Also Comedy, "Springtime in Holland", in color.

Matinee 2:00 o'clock sharp. 10-25c

TUESDAY 27th

ANNE SHIRLEY and TOM BROWN

"ANNE OF GREEN GABLES"

Comedy Drama. One of the world's greatest classics brought to the screen. Anne of Green Gables will live in your hearts forever, and OUR!!!! Don't fail to attend Matinee. Also comedy, "Toyland Broadcast" in color.

Matinee 2:00 p. m. 10-25c

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY 28-29th

KATHERINE HEPBURN, CHARLES BOYER

"BREAK OF HEARTS"

Drama. A melody of love and hate, Dynamic drama with dynamic Hepburn and Boyer, in a modern love story with the new romantic Idol of the screen. Also comedy, Our Gang in "Sprucin' Up".

Matinee 2:00 o'clock sharp. 10-25c

COMING SOON

"Ruggles of Redgap" with Charles Ruggles and Zasu Pitts.

"Here Is My Heart" with Bing Crosby and Kitty Carlisle.

Evening Show at 8:00 p. m.

Announcing FREE Electric Cooking School of the West Texas Utilities Company AUGUST 22-23. Will Conduct the FREE Electric Cooking School of the West Texas Utilities Company AUGUST 22-23. The housewives and husbands of Clarendon and all surrounding towns are cordially invited to attend a FREE cooking school sponsored by the West Texas Utilities on the dates of August 22-23. The cooking school will bring suggestions and methods to relieve long hours of work. This is not a matter of learning how to cook or how to do housework; but the use of short cuts with appliances and tested methods to reduce time and labor. Many women feel that "Mother's house-keeping and cookery, the best in the world, are good enough today," but mothers in those old days yearned, too, for new ideas and simpler methods. Plan now to attend every session. You are sure to enjoy and profit by the valuable experience as exhibited in the demonstrations conducted by Miss Johnson. BASEMENT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH 2 p. m. West Texas Utilities Company DAILY

INTERESTING FACTS REGARDING TEXAS HISTORY IN AN EARLY EXCITING EPOCH

That the feared Mexican bandit, Cortina, who darted across the Rio Grande to prey on the Texas communities long after the War for Independence was over, was not entirely lacking in the softer emotions of civilized humanity is the theme of an episode related by John Salmon Ford, pioneer writer, soldier and statesman. Ford wrote voluminously as a newspaper correspondent of his era, a period that extended from the birth of the Republic until the close of the nineteenth century. His Memoirs, still unpublished, now repose in manuscript form in the family archives collection of the University of Texas library.

Ford tells a story of Cortina and an incident that happened in 1859, with its subsequent results of many years' influence. With his characteristic reticence and modesty, he relates the anecdote in the third person. He was then a major in the Texas Volunteers, and afterwards, at the time the later events in the story took place, a colonel. He was on his way to

camp near Brownsville, with a small body of men. With him was Don Sabas Cabazas, a half brother of General Cortina, by a previous marriage of Cortina's mother. Cabazas was evidently a prisoner. Ford continues the narrative as follows:

"When they arrived at Mrs. Cortina's ranch, about seven miles above Brownsville, Cabazas invited the officers of the party to go into the house. After doing so they were introduced to Mrs. Cortina. She was a small woman, not weighing more than one hundred pounds. Evidently advanced in years, being at the time over seventy years of age. She had bright, black eyes; a small, but rather pretty face. She was a lady of culture, and indicated as much in her actions, and had all the politeness of a well bred Mexican. She had taken refuge in Matamoros when Gen. Cortina commenced to make war upon the people of the United States, and had recently returned to her home. When introduced to Ford she took

his hand, and looked appealingly into his face for several minutes. By and by tears were visible in her eyes, finally they wet her cheeks. All this was an appeal for her wayward son. It was as much as to say: -- "I know my son has violated the laws of war. He has trampled upon right, and in some instances, I am afraid, he has forgotten the rights of humanity. He has attacked and killed Americans and their friends without provocation. You have defeated him, you are sent again to make war upon him. Should he fall into your power remember to be merciful to him, as you expect to obtain mercy from Our Great Creator." This meeting is still vividly remembered by the writer. He has never attempted to describe his feelings during the interview. He gave the lady an assurance of protection, as far as lay in his power. His men obeyed his orders, and did not molest the lady. As long as she lived when danger of any kind seemed to threaten her she would go to Brownsville and appeal to Col. Ford to aid her. If it were possible he extended assistance to her. She was never troubled by American troops. They respected her and her property. They knew the mother of

her son. "While all this was going forward her daughter went into a small Catholic Church on the premises. There she discovered something which to her appeared asacrilige. She began crying, and finally went into a spasm. The Surgeon of the Command, Dr. John T. Eldridge, was present, and relieved the lady. "To those who knew Gen. Cortina as an enemy of the Americans it was not presumed this occurrence would make any difference in his estimation and treatment of Americans, but the sequel shows he had regard for his mother, and esteemed those who treated her well. "In the latter part of 1863 Col. Ford began to organize an expedition to the Rio Grande to protect Confederate interests. Early in 1864 he induced his wife to go to Matamoros where she could see her mother occasionally. When Mrs. Ford arrived at that point she was notified by her sister, Miss Lou Smith, not to cross over to Brownsville, because she had understood there was an order from the Yankee Commander to make her a prisoner if she crossed the Rio Grande at that point. This of course prevented her going to

Brownsville. "The City of Matamoros was at the time occupied by Mexican troops, under the command of Gen. Cortina, as Governor of the State of Tamaulipas. Much to the surprise of Mrs. Ford, directly after her arrival in Matamoros, she was called upon by Gen. Cortina and Don Sabas Cabazas. She received them with courtesy, and talked to them in the Spanish language. To her astonishment Gen. Cortina offered any amount of money she needed. He sent officers to her frequently to renew the offer. She thanked him, and told him she had all the money she required. "In the fall of 1864 Gen. Cortina sent troops to the mouth of the Rio Grande, under an arrangement with a Yankee officer that he was to be made a brigadier-general in the United States service. They cannonaded the Confederate camp at Palmitos and crossed men over near the mouth of the Rio Grande, and joined the Union troops at Brazos Santiago, but not until after they had an affair with the Confederates. Of this more hereafter. "Gen Cortina was sharp to hold on to his position in Matamoros until he got definitive news from Washington. It came, and as we understood the United States authorities declined to make Cortina a Brigadier General. A short while afterwards Gen. Cortina came to the Garita, just across the Rio Grande from Brownsville, and sent a request to Col. Ford to meet him to have a friendly talk. By some means this became known to the rank and file of the Confederates. For a time there was danger of a mutiny. The men swore the Colonel should not pass the river, as they knew Cortina would have him killed. The Colonel reasoned with the men, and tried to remove their opposition to his crossing the Rio Grande. He told them Cortina was disposed to be at peace with the Confederacy. That he had failed to effect his object with the Yankees. That he would not dare to treat him amiss. He ordered men to occupy the buildings in front of the Garita--below and upstairs. He told them he would watch every motion of Cortina, and should he discover any disposition to do him injury, he would fire his six-shooter. In that event they were instructed to fire on every thing in Mexican shape on the other side of the river. They took their posts. "Col. Ford went over, and was met at the landing by Gen. Cortina and treated in a very friendly manner. They spoke of the late troubles. Gen. Cortina deprecated any further trouble. Ford told him if he wanted to fight that he, Cortina, knew he would whip him, for he had done it. That it was the time to wipe out all old scores, and begin anew. To which Cortina assented. Ford replied you remember how I treated your mother, and the promises I made her, which I have not broken. I remember how kindly you treated my wife. These things are sufficient to make us personal friends, though we may be enemies in war. To which Cortina assented. When Gen. Cortina thought things were going wrong on this side, after the war, he sent Ford word, that, if he needed 150 or 200 men he could have them. To this proposition Ford made a prompt denial."

DRY INK
(No. 5)
By E. D. Landreth

Next Saturday is election day. There will be seven proposed Amendments to the State Constitution on which we shall vote. On your ballot the proposed Amendment having to do with prohibition repeal will be No. 3. The exact words that will appear on your ballot are as follows:

FOR the amendment to the State Constitution repealing state-wide prohibition, prohibiting the open saloon and providing for local option.

AGAINST the amendment to the State Constitution repealing state-wide prohibition, prohibiting the open saloon and providing for local option.

The wording may easily be confusing. Just remember that if you are a dry and desire to vote against whiskey, scratch the first part out and leave the last part where it says "Against the amendment."

Don't let the clause about prohibiting the open saloon deceive you. It seems to have been slipped in here for that purpose, but every thinking voter knows that if we repeal our prohibition laws next

Saturday, there will be nothing to prohibit any drug store, grocery store, hot-dog stand, restaurant, or any individual person becoming a seller of hard liquor for there will be no law with penalty on our statutes restraining the seller of liquor. The sale of liquor is what made the old time saloon, and that's what will make the new saloon whether it is called that or not. So let us get out and vote next Saturday. Remember that this election may be won by a small majority either by wets or dries. If you should fail to vote, and the wets should win by a small majority, you would indeed have something to regret. So let us vote, and vote dry, so that we shall never have occasion to be ashamed when our children or our neighbor's children ask us what we did for their safety and welfare. Remember, Scratch the part, "For the amendment," and leave the last part "Against the amendment."

May I thank the Clarendon papers for having so kindly carried these articles, and if per chance they have helped anyone, I shall be happy.

Mrs. Jennis Allbright of Ft. Worth spent from Friday to Tuesday in Clarendon as a guest of her old friends, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Anderson.

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WINS NAVY OIL CONTRACT

The U. S. Navy has awarded Sinclair for the 5th year in succession the annual contract for supplying lubricants to the Navy on the Atlantic seaboard and to other government departments in 42 states. Included in this contract are lubricants for battleships, submarines, destroyers, airplane carriers and airplanes, motor cars, trucks, tanks, tractors, etc.

Due to the vast Public Works program and improved types of automotive and aircraft equipment used, the Navy this year called for a wider range of lubricants and made more stringent many specifications. As before, the contract was awarded Sinclair on the basis of lowest service cost as determined by Navy Work-Factor tests and competitive bids.

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Precinct Now Owns Tractor For Highway Work

The county commissioners of the several precincts of the county came to an agreement Monday whereby one 30-hp tractor owned in common, shall be turned over to Precinct 4 exclusively.

The proposed highway from McLean to Hedley is said to have received favorable approval at the Amarillo WPA office, with the exception of a bridge across Salt Fork. If such highway should be constructed, its maintenance would be furthered by the use of the tractor.

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Quart Sour Pickles	19c
Quart Mustard	13c
1 lb. Fignoutons or Vanilla Wafers	13c
NEW SPUDS—Per sack	30c
Mackerel—3 for	25c
Corn Flakes	10c
No. 2 Turnip Greens	8c 2 for 15c
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No. 2 Spinach	9c
No. 2 Blackberries	9c
Van Camps Pork & Beans, 16 oz.	6c

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