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THE SPEARMAN REPORTER, SPEARMAN, TEXAS

THURSDAY, JAN. 28, 1954

# SCOOVEEY WELL TESTED

### Milton Cates Rites Held Methodist Church Jan. 25

The Spearman Lions Club is sponsoring a FREE Bar-B-Que in honor of all the employees, and their wives, who are employed by the various Drilling Companies in Hansford County.

The Lions Club feel that the spirit of welcome for these newcomers to this county should be put into action, and that we should make concrete efforts to impress upon these people the fact that they are welcome and that we value their friendship.

This Free Bar-B-Que will be held Monday evening, February 1st, at 7 P. M. in the Community Building.

All Lions Club members are urged to make their best efforts to contact any and all members of any Drilling Crew or Selsom-trach crew in this county, and give them a specific invitation to this Free Feed in their honor.

### Turn On Your Porch Light Friday Night

Every home in Gruver and Spearman should turn on their porch light Friday night, January 29, about 7 o'clock. At this time the "Mothers" will do their part in the "Light for Life" drive.

### Will Present Senior Students in Recital

Mrs. Dick Goodall presents Donna Keady, Nell Thorsen, Billie Hylless, Marie Francis, and Jeanette Thorsen in their Senior Speech Recital at 7:30, Thursday, February 4, in the Gruver High School Auditorium.

### Morse Mustangs Seeded As No. 1, Team In District, Lynx 2nd

The Hansford county boys and girls are getting ready for the district tournaments. Time is near. The Spearman Lynx boys are seeded at the No. 2 team in the district, and this was exactly the spot they wanted.

The three Hansford county girls teams, Spearman, Gruver, and Morse, will be in top shape for the girls district turner at sunny, February 11th.



Standing, left to right: Coach Shelby, Buzzard, Meek, Blandford, Cooley, Birdwell, Martin, George, Kneeling, McNeely, Morse, Wilmet, Pearson, Tackett, Reynolds, Easley, Cates.  
Standing, left to right: Coach Claybaugh, Fickling, Blackburn, Elbert Pool, Summerville, Vernon and Gibner. Kneeling: Elvis Pool, Nollner, McClain, Lachey.

### To The Voters Of Precinct No. 1

The Spearman Reporter is authorized to announce the candidacy of Joe Day, for Re-election to the office of Precinct No. 1, subject to the action of the Democratic primary election to be held in this county Saturday July 24.

Mr. Day, who has served the Precinct and county for one term, is asking for re-election on the basis of Service during the time he has served.

### Judge Johnny Lee Asks For Re-election

Judge Johnny Lee has authorized the Spearman Reporter to carry his official announcement for re-election to the office of County Judge and Ex-Officio County Superintendent.

Mr. Lee, who has been elected held the honor of being the youngest County Judge in Texas, has shown in experience and service to the people of Hansford county. He feels that he can continue to serve the people with credit in the future, and is asking his request for your vote and influence on the record he has made.

### Storage Set Up For Four Additional Wells

According to information from Harold Collier the discovery oil well on the West section of his land was tested Tuesday night and the test indicated a 99 barrel oil well. Collier stated that a battery of storage tanks were being installed to take care of 4 additional oil wells. He also stated that the well on test was much better than anyone expected.

### Guest Speaker For Gruver P-TA

The Gruver Parent, Teachers Association will have its regular meeting Monday night Feb. 1, at 7:30 in the High School Auditorium.

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### Gruver Tournament Proves One Of Best Held In Panhandle

The Gruver High School Basketball tournament, proved to be one of the best tournaments ever held in the Panhandle of Texas, as many upsets, and high scoring games, held the interest of the spectators. The people from Spearman certainly enjoyed the Gruver tourney, as their Lynx won their way into the final by beating Stinnett 2 times, and played Dumas an outstanding game on Friday.

Probably the biggest upset of the tournament, was the Dumas girls upset win over the Gruver girls, 55 to 54. The boys biggest upset, was the Claude vs. Berger, Texas. His theme will be "For Every Child Spiritual and Moral Training."

### Poll Tax

You have only two more days in which to pay your Poll Tax. Did you know that this is an important election year? You will have to vote on City, School, County State and some Senators races come July.

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Sunray 46	Dalhart 59
Dumas 66	Gruver 54
Stinnett 39	Sunray 41
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Sunray 38	Spearman 49
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Spearman 40	Stinnett 37
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Dalhart 76	Gruver 63
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Spearman 56	Dumas 71
Claude 63	Stinnett 71
Spearman 45	Stinnett 45
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# Gas & Oil Play Promotes 'Little Boom' In Hansford County

Photos And Text  
By BILL WILKERSON  
Borger Daily Herald

Two major oil companies and several independent oil operators have spent in excess of one half million dollars in Hansford County within the last six months. As a result of this minor oil boom Spearman's economic outlook has changed from depression to prosperity and county residents are happily scanning the horizon for a bigger financial future.

Last summer, after Hansford County farmers had lost four consecutive crops, Spearmanites were talking depression. Merchants sadly contemplated bankruptcies, and money was scarce as snowballs in July.

Then two good-sized gas wells blew in only hours apart and over night everything looked brighter.

Fact is that only two gas wells are near completion, although five other exploratory holes are being pushed into the earth. But with over 40 Hansford County leases expiring in coming months, lease prices have jumped and lease holders are in some cases being forced to drill.

Leasing activity, however, is so brisk that Hansford County Judge Johnnie Lee has opened negotiations with Humble Oil and Refining Company to lease 2.9 acres of land acquired for right of way about 10 miles west of Spearman in 1934.

The first gasser in Hansford County is located on a T. J. Blakemore lease about three miles northeast of Spearman. It was drilled by the Texas Company. First reports indicated a 6,500,000 cubic foot flow from the upper and lower Morrow sands just past 7,000 feet. Some distillate was mixed with the gas.

The second, completing the double header just 24 hours later, is on an S. P. and K. K. Jackson lease six miles west of Grayer. An Humble Oil and Refining Company discovery, it ranged 6,000,000 cubic feet from Douglas sands at 5,000 feet. Here, too, distillate was found mixed with the gas.

Additional drill sites, in various stages of completion and all located within several miles of the Jackson lease six miles northwest of Spearman, include: (1) Humble Wilbanks No. 1, at about 5,000 feet; (2) Humble's No. 1-B Collier, near 5,000 feet; (3) Baker and Taylor Drilling Company's No. 1, A. W. Evans, Phillips Petroleum Company's No. 1-A Hagen, flowed 2,923,000 cu-

bic feet after perforations at 3,000 feet, now shut in.

A large number of shallow gas producing wells were drilled by the Phillips Company on the west side of Hansford County in the past, but no new activity has been noted in that field.

Soon after Hansford County's twin gasser reached discovery zones, oil field workers reported "we have so many oil scouts from other companies around, we have to kick them out of the way to get any work done."

Consequently, a tight lid of secrecy has been clamped over all drilling activity. And the secrecy has caused multiplication of rumors that are always plentiful in the hectic oil and gas business.

Rumors and half-truths most often repeated include dozens of hidden oil wells (only gas has been found to date, and the locations given above represent all wells started recently), hundreds of families turned away from Spearman by jacked up rent or lack of housing (all families have been adequately housed at normal rent level, and rumors of Hansford County having "the biggest gas field in the world," "About 35 families, perhaps a few more, have moved to Spearman," according to J. W. Buchanan, manager of Spearman's Chamber of Commerce. "So far we have been able to place to stay," he added, "but construction would have to be started if we had as many as 100 additional families show up here."

In fact, some construction has been started on new residences. Richard Smith, Foreman for L. W. Mathews, a retired rancher with a variety of business interests, stated that the Matthews Addition, consisting of "10 or more houses" would be rented to oil field workers—or anyone who wants a place to live.

Now under construction, the Matthews Addition covers one side of a city block in Spearman, plus several other lots nearby. Most of the houses are finished and several are occupied.

"Another indication of a better economic outlook caused by oil and gas activities," noted Buchanan, "is the increase in drilling of irrigation wells.

"We've had enough moisture to make the farmers feel there's a good possibility of making a good crop, and with this lease money circulating, the county will be in a much better position next summer."

C. A. Gibson, mayor of Spearman and president of the First State Bank, has observed a significant trend. "We can see a noticeable increase in deposits over this time last year. The city's business outlook is very good and things in general, look much better."

E. N. Richardson, Spearman lease broker, said, "We have quite a bit of lease activity, but natural gas discoveries will not bring many employees into a community. With supply centers close to Spearman, it's doubtful that we'll see large supply outfits move in here.

"It's quite possible, however," he added, "that Spearman will have a large natural gas field. But the discovery so far have given indication of just how extensive the field is. We'll have to wait until more wells are drilled to know just what we have here."

J. C. Cates, part owner of Spearman's R. and C. Equipment Company, a farm supply outlet, has watched the business revenue increase in his own organization. "All this gas lease activity has helped Spearman very much and we sure are happy about it. We've noticed the difference in that many more irrigation wells are being drilled."

Wilson McClelland, manager of Spearman Chevrolet Company has also observed a jump in business. "From the present status of the county, I would say that our potential revenue from oil and gas lease trade will help our economic outlook considerably."

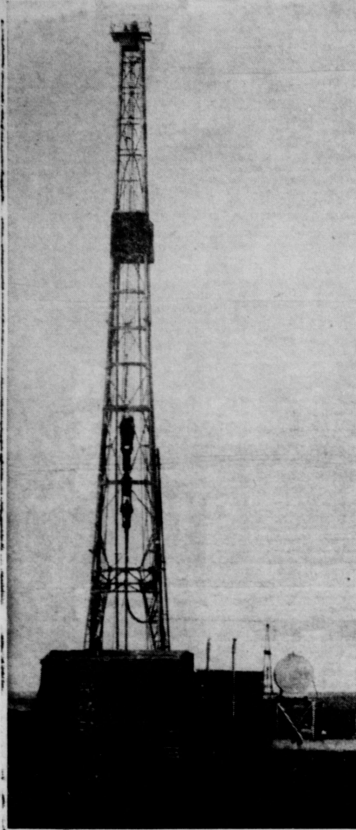
Jim Neely of Neely's Men's Wear reported that "our good Christmas was an indication of just how much the oil and gas activity has helped Spearman. It hasn't been for that lease and drilling money, our merchants might have had a bad time."

But Hansford County residents still ask one question time and again, "What have they found? Do we have a gas field?"

One year from now when enough holes are drilled and drill logs are scanned by geologists, the answer will be there.

Secondly, if water is available can it legally be used for irrigation purposes? Percentage of ground water from wells as been declared the property of the land owner. Check with the State Board of Water Engineers, Austin, Texas, to secure a permit for using water from streams or rivers.

The topography, or slope of the land, determines the system best suited. Fairly level land with uniform slopes that can be leveled economically may be irrigated by surface or gravity methods. Steep rolling land may be watered by a sprinkler system, Thurmond says.



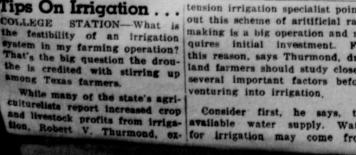
INCREASING IN NUMBER—Hansford County residents are seeing more of these huge drilling rigs, since gas discoveries stepped up activity in the area. In the foreground is a Baker and Taylor Drilling Company rig, one of the largest in Texas, and Amarillo. It is located on the Red Turner lease near Spearman, drilling for Humble Oil and Refining Company and was just recently set up.



ROUGHNECK — R. F. Hubbard, employed by the Rowan Drilling Company of Wichita Falls, leaves for work from the trailer house in Spearman where he, his wife Sally, daughter Carolyn and son Bob live. The rig on which he works is drilling an Humble Oil and Refining Company well on the Wilbanks lease in Hansford County. The Hubbards moved to Spearman from Guyton, Okla.



WILSON McCLELLAND  
More Potential



C. A. GIBSON  
Deposits Increase



J. C. CATES  
More Irrigation

irrigation specialist points out this scheme of artificial rain making is a big operation and requires initial investment. For this reason, says Thurmond, dry land farmers should study closely several important factors before venturing into irrigation.

Consider first, he says, the available water supply. Water for irrigation may come from streams, rivers, lakes, ponds or wells. To irrigate most crops, storage facilities are needed to furnish at least five gallons per minute to the acre or one to three acre feet per acre. In planning your system, he points out, remember that streams, rivers and ponds may be low during dry periods when supplemental water is most needed.



MAP OF PROSPERITY—J. W. Buchanan (left), manager of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce, shows Gene Cline a map in the C of C office on which colored pins indicate the status of wells being drilled in the Cline and Buchanan said Spearman residents and merchants are doing everything possible to get oil field workers settled in the community.



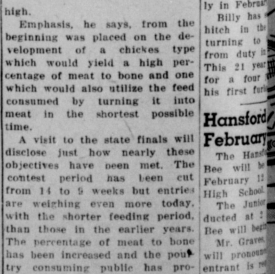
HOUSING PROJECT—Oil and gas exploration activity has stepped up to such a pace in Hansford County that retired rancher has built 10 houses that will be rented to oil field workers. Called the Matthews Addition, cost more than \$50,000.



LONG HAUL — Drivers L. R. Finch (in cab) and D. T. Segers, both from Houston, stop in Spearman for lunch before starting the long drive back to the Gulf. They are employed by the Joe Hughes trucking firm, hauling at present for Humble Oil and Refining Company rigs in the Spearman area.



JIM NEELY  
Good Christmas



JUDGE JOHN LEE  
A County Lease

Soil characteristics, the specialist continues, may determine the degree of success with irrigation. You want a fertile type soil with good texture and structure. It should have a high moisture penetrating capacity and a desirable subsurface drainage.

The quality of the water is another consideration. High levels of minerals may render water unsuitable for irrigation. Water sources should be analyzed by the State Chemist, Texas A & M College, College Station, Tex.

"Profitable Irrigation," Thurmond concludes, "increases yields more than the annual irrigation costs." A farmer considering irrigation should consult his coun-

try agricultural agent who can furnish additional information and make recommendations concerning the individual situation.

In Nine Year . . .  
Chicken-Of  
COLLEGE STATION, January—Nine years have passed since the first statewide chicken-of-tomorrow program was commenced in Texas. Each year has seen increased interest and 1954 promises the largest entry list ever. According to F. Z. Beamblossom, extension poultry marketing specialist and chairman of the state committee, requests for rules and regulations are at an all-time

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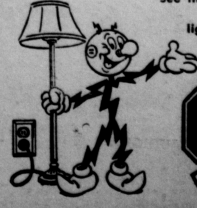
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Warning Issued By Highway Police

Captain J. W. Blackwell, commanding officer of District No. 3 of the Texas Highway Patrol, with headquarters at Amarillo, announced today that Highway Patrolmen would begin issuing tickets to persons who operate an auto on the streets and highways after April 15 without a current inspection sticker.

The Patrol Captain said that the men in his command have all received orders to that effect as the result of a directive issued at Austin by Homer Garrison, Jr., Director of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

According to the Patrol commander, only about 20 per cent of the cars in the Hansford County area have been inspected to date.

"Our Patrolmen will continue to issue warnings to motorists whose cars do not bear a current inspection sticker through April 15," Captain Blackwell said in a prepared statement for the press and radio.

Air Force Team At Borger

Sgt. Dale Peterson of Texas Aviation Cadet section team No. 312 will be in Borger at the Post Office from 9:30 A. M. to 4:30 P. M. For the purpose of interviewing and testing young men from 19 to 26 and vicinity who are interested in the United States Air Force Aviation Cadet program.

Young men who are between the ages of 19 and 26, single, have a High School Education or more, in good condition and have the desire to fly, are urged to contact Sgt. Dale Peterson while he is here.

Hal Lester Senkel, Milam county 4-H boy, took top honors in the 1953 Texas Hybrid Corn Production Contest.

Many farmers wish now they had better records of the operations in 1953. Accurate farm records are a "must" for figuring income tax returns and should be the basis for changing farm practices.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

For Sheriff, Tax Assessor and Collector: A. L. WILSON For County Commissioner: Precinct No. 1

For County Judge and Ex-Officio County Superintendent: JOHNNY LEE

Commercial apple orchards in Northwest Texas are very limited, but many home growers enjoy setting out a few trees for their own use.

Request for rules and regulations for the ninth chicken-of-tomorrow contest are at an all time high.

In 1952 farmers brought \$3 1/2 billion worth of farm machinery and motor vehicles. During the same year the depreciation on farm machinery on the farm amounted to more than \$3 billion.

Two or three \$100 United States Savings Bonds a year will pay the annual depreciation on the average farm tractor.

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PIANO FOR SALE—Spinnet piano used but like new, huge savings from new price. Write Clark-Shaw Music Store, 317 North 5th St., Garden City, Kas. No. 7-3tc

FOR RENT—Two room furnished apartment. Phone 5311. No. 7 r-1n

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF IRA M. PEARSON, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original letters of administration upon the estate of Ira M. Pearson, deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 4th day of January, 1954, by the County Court of Hansford County, Texas.

Administratrix of the Estate of Ira M. Pearson, Deceased. No. 5 4tc

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PLENTY OF BEAUTIFUL—Linoleum patterns to choose from. Inlaid, vinyl plastic, floor tiles, 9" & 12" width printed linoleum cut to any length. Free packing crates for large linoleums.

FOUND—Near school house one metal folding chair. Inquire at Reporter office.

HOUSEWIVES: Address advertising postcards. Must have good handwriting. LINDO, Watertown, Mass. No. 5-4tp

FOR SALE—2 battery brooders. See G. C. Mitts, Spearman, No. 5 r-1n

FOR SALE—Three bed-room house. 2 baths, Bill Russell Jr. No. 43 r-1n

BARGAIN—Two Pool tables owned by the American Legion. If interested contact Babbie Graver at McClellan Chevrolet in Graver or A. L. Wilson, Jr. at the courthouse in Spearman. No. 5 r-1n

FOR RENT—Furnished house. Bills paid. L. W. Mathews, Phone 2971. No. 7 r-1n

FOR RENT—Unfurnished 2 bed-room house on pavement. Contact Craig Hutchison, Phone 4041. No. 6 r, 1n

FOR RENT—Furnished 4-room house, two blocks from school house, on pavement. See Craig Hutchison, or call Phone 4041. No. 6, r, 1n

HOUSE FOR RENT—Phone No. 2246 or 3781 No. 45, r-1n

FOR RENT—Furnished Duplex, 3-rooms and bath. Bills paid. L. W. Mathews, Phone 2971. No. 45 r-1n

FOR SALE—Leater Plano. 2 years old, excellent condition. Very reasonable. Call 6156, or 2971, or See Dub Davis. No. 1-r1n

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NOTICE If you want to drink that your business. But if you want to stop drinking that your business. Anonymous, Box 251, Spearman, Texas. No. 2, r-1n

Advertisement for Gene & Sparky featuring a cartoon of a car and a person, with text about getting down to 'bare facts'.

Getting down to "bare facts", we'll hunt down the trouble and make you pleased at your choice of service.

Advertisement for Spearman Super Service, Hwy. 117 Ph. 4061

Advertisement for Making Poultry Pay, featuring a cartoon of a chicken and text about worm treatment.

Advertisement for Spearman Drug, featuring a cartoon of a person and text about worm infestations.

Advertisement for Poll Tax Due January 31st, with details on tax amounts and deadlines.

Advertisement for Flower Shop, Day - Night Phone 2753, SPEARMAN, TEXAS

Advertisement for GULF, featuring a cartoon of a person and text about looking for service.

Advertisement for Lone Star Trailer Camp, Every Modern Convenience, Located on Highway Loop at Gruver, Texas.

Advertisement for J. F. & R. C. Chase, featuring a cartoon of a person and text about prices reasonable.

Advertisement for Hansford VFW Post 6207, Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays.

Advertisement for Commander C. W. Weaver, Senior Vice Cdr., J. P. Vernon Jr. Vice Cdr., Irvin Davis, Quartermaster, Don Smith.

Advertisement for Radator Cleaning and Repairs, Glass Replacement, Body Shop and Painting, R. L. (Smoky) Huse.

Advertisement for National Farm Loan Association, Federal Land Bank Loans, E. N. Richardson, Secretary - Treasurer.

Advertisement for TRANSFER AND STORAGE, Careful and experienced motorists, Special care given your furniture.

Advertisement for BLUE AND SON, Transfer and Storage, 227 N. Harvey, Pampa, Texas. Ph. 11-21-r1n

Advertisement for John F. Lackey, REAL ESTATE, FARM & RANCH LOANS, PHONE 4531, SPEARMAN, TEXAS

Advertisement for R. L. Kleeberger, M. D., Physician and Surgeon, Medicine, Surgery and Obstetrics.

Advertisement for T. D. Sansing, Attorney-at-Law, Office Phone 4081, Residence Phone 2901, 306 MAIN STREET, SPEARMAN, TEXAS

Advertisement for Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home and Flower Shop, Day - Night Phone 2753, SPEARMAN, TEXAS

Large advertisement for FAMOUS COLE STEEL FILES, showing various sizes and prices, with a cartoon of a man.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Russell and four children left Tuesday for their new home in Temple, Tex.



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# Turn Your Porch Light On Friday Night January 29th

## First Good Look at Daughter



Here's how Mrs. Margaret Turner, 26-year-old bulbar polio patient at Springfield, Mo., got the first good look at her new baby daughter, Patricia Irene. Mrs. Turner had been confined to a respirator before the baby was born. After delivery, the child was not permitted in the polio ward so press photographers solved Mrs. Turner's problem this way. March of Dimes aid for polio patients starts at the onset of the disease. More than 66,000 patients from former years will need continued assistance in 1954 in addition to cases stricken this year.

## 1954 March of Dimes Poster Boy



Meet 4-year-old Debby Dains of Gooding, Idaho, the 1954 March of Dimes Poster Boy. Stricken by polio when he was four months old, he has been making slow but steady progress. His care, which cost more than \$15,000, was paid for with funds from the March of Dimes.

## 4 Sisters Hit by Polio in 10 Days



Within ten days last May and June these four children of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Hartley were stricken by polio at their farm home near Hudson, N. C. All except one were placed in iron lungs when they arrived at Asheville Orthopedic Hospital where March of Dimes funds paid for care for all four. Five-year-old Beth Hartley was stricken first. Then Mary Sue, 7; Doris Kay, 10, and Peggy Ann, 12. This year's March of Dimes will be held during the entire month of January.

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Washington News Letter From Congressman Walter Rogers

January 21, 1954 TO THE PEOPLE OF THE 18TH DISTRICT.

THE BATTLE OF THE BRICKER AMENDMENT In the newsletter that I wrote immediately after the State of the Union Message by the President, I pointed out that no reference was made directly to the Bricker Amendment in that message. I predicted at that time that this could develop into one of the most controversial issues that faces session of Congress, and perhaps one of the most controversial that has faced Congress for many, many years. I also pointed out that efforts were being made to effect a compromise between the Administration and Senator Bricker. To date, it has developed that the compromise offered would mean a retreat by Senator Bricker from the original purpose of the amendment. This, Senator Bricker has so far steadfastly refused to do. How long he will hold out is anyone's guess. He is definitely on the spot, simply because many organizations who outspokenly supported the Bricker Amendment in past years are now flooding the Congress with resolutions and communications opposing it. The result is that the issue has developed into a powder keg with a short fuse. An explosion might come any time.

Many factions opposing the amendment are willing to compromise with the Senator by striking out all of the amendment except that portion which merely restates the present law. If all that is to be accomplished by the Bricker Amendment is to restate the present law, there is no need to go into the costly and time-consuming processes of amending the Constitution. It is the present law that is causing so many people so much concern. All of us would like to see our childhood that we, as citizens of this country, had certain inalienable rights guaranteed us under the Constitution. It should be definitely and finally determined whether or not this treaty-making power creates a gateway through which the government could drift into the sea of world government. If such gateway is present, it should be closed, locked, and nailed up, once and for all. Nothing could serve better the Communist aspiration of world domination than a world government. It would simply mean that all of the innumerable forces of Communism could be concentrated on one target, whereas the wide diversity of attack presently required against separate independent governments contributes greatly to the impotency of those forces. Let's face the facts.

UNWARRANTED CRITICISM OF THE FARMER

Much has been said and written recently in criticism of the farmer and his industry. Blame is being placed on the high prices of many agricultural products on the retail market. Much of this has the earmarks of a propaganda campaign intended to appeal to the consumers in the large cities. The Secretary of Agriculture has recently testified before a Senate Committee that the consumers of this nation might revolt against the farm program and destroy any and all supports. I sincerely wish that these people would stop indulging in generalities and give the honest hard facts to the American people as to how little the farmer gets out of the products. Here are some of them that have been gathered from research in the Library of Congress on 5-pound of White

bread. (These statistics are based on the cost distribution data during the period July 1 to September, 1953.)

The quantity of wheat in this one-pound loaf of white bread is 912 lb. The retail cost was 16.4 cents for the loaf of bread. The gross farm value for the total amount of wheat that went into that loaf was 2.8 cents. The by-product value (the portion of the wheat that did not go into the loaf of bread) is 3.4 cent. The net farm value in that loaf of bread is 2.4 cents. The marketing margin between what the farmer received and what the consumer paid is 14 cents. This simply means that if you could get the wheat free from the farmer, it would mean very little reduction in the over-all cost to the consumer.

CORN

1.57 pounds of corn goes into a 12-ounce package of corn flakes. The retail cost is 21.8 cents. The gross farm value is 1.4 cents. The by-product value is 1.8 cents. This means that the net farm value is 3.6 cents. This leaves a marketing margin of 18.2 cents. This simply means that if the farmer gave the corn away, the consumer would still be paying 18.2 cents for a box of corn flakes that retailed for 21.8 cents.

The farmer faces a little better on corn meal. It requires 1.34 pounds of corn to make one pound of corn meal. The retail is 12.7 cents. The gross farm value is 4.6 cents. This leaves a net farm value of 3.3 cents. This means a marketing margin of 8.8 cents between what the farmer gets and what the consumer has to pay.

Extension Course Concluded

The extension course in Education, conducted by Dr. Emmet Smith from West Texas College, Canyon, was concluded with the semester close. Thirty-one teachers from Spearman, Gruver, Perzyton, Follett took the course. It has not been determined if similar courses will be conducted this semester.

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for the shirt.

On a white shirt, with a retail cost of \$3.64, the farm value of the cotton is 31 cents. This means that there is a marketing margin of \$3.33 between what the farmer gets and what the consumer has to pay.

I used the three commodities for example because they are all under the farm price support program. You can see from these statistics that if you cut the farmer's prices in half, it would mean very little to the consumer, insofar as buying the product cheaper. This is perhaps one of the reasons that the national farm population between 1943 and 1952 decreased by approximately four and a half million people. That is, about 75 per cent of the farmers left the farm and moved to town.

The truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth is what the American people need and are entitled to, whether it concerns farming, manufacturing, mining or any other segment of the economy.

I have pointed out in newsletters before, I have introduced a Resolution calling upon Congress to dig out all subsidies paid by the federal government, direct or indirect, and to lay them on the table so they could be viewed by the American people, and the American people could know the truth. We shall see whether or not they are willing to do this.

Walter Rogers, Member of Congress, 18th District of Texas

Oslo News

Bonnie McFadin spent last weekend with Christine Schaefer at Canadian, Texas.

The Reuben Tolbert and Pete Dahl families had supper at the parsonage on Monday night.

Joe Dean Clement of Spearman, nephew of Mrs. O. J. Hoel, visited a few days in the O. J. Hoel home last week.

Mrs. Laura Walker from Leveland, Texas, is visiting the Joe Walker and Bill Johnson families this week.

Mrs. Sherman Schibler and children and Miss Kathryn Knutson had a family dinner with the John O. Dahls and Sogas.

Emil Knutson has had a rather hard case of flu but is recovering at this writing.

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WHITE IDAHO POTATOES 5 lbs. 29c

RED RUBY RED Grapefruit 2 lbs 25c

SHURFLORE FLOUR 10 lbs 78c

CINCH CAKE MIX Pkg. 29c

ADMIRATION COFFEE lb. \$1.07

MARYLAND CLUB COFFEE lb. \$1.09

SUNSHINE KRISPY CRACKERS lb. 23c

SUNSHINE HI-HO'S lb. 32c

KRAFT 8 OZ. FRENCH DRESSING 19c

7 OZ. PACKAGE SKINNERS MACARONI 10c

CLOROX Quart 15c

Frozen Foods

LIBBY'S CURLY LEAF SPINACH Pkg. 22c

LIBBY'S WHOLE BABY OKRA Pkg. 29c

LIBBY'S GOLDEN CORN ON THE COB pkg. 27c

WHITE KING Large 28c

WHITE KING Giant 55c

SOFTENER WHITE KING Giant 47c

HOLDENS CHARLOTTE FREEZE

ADAMS 46 OZ. CAN ORANGE JUICE

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