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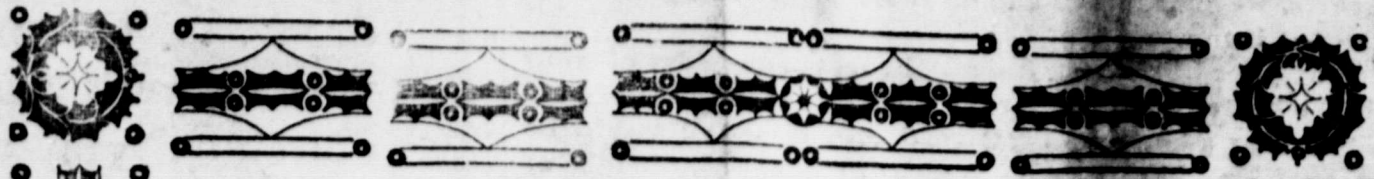
Editor Observers:

I have just read the reply of "Another Friend" to my little piece in the Observer. I advise him to read my piece again, read it carefully and let it soak in, then there is a strong possibility that he will see that he had not read it carefully before replying. And if he will digest it, there is, too, a possibility that he will agree with me.

As evidence that he read my letter only casually, he intimates that I said the secondary education is all "hokey." The fact is I advised young people to get a high school education. But I said and stay with it that in planning to spoof off the price of a college education, it ought to be made a business proposition, for too much money is involved. The \$2000 might be a minor item with Friend No. 2, but with about ninety percent of the people of these United States, \$5000 "ain't to be sneezed at." Just sending young people off to college for the name of it, or out of fear that neighbors might think us lowbrows, all hokey. And too many do go to college without ever having thought what they might be naturally endowed to do.

I will illustrate that by mentioning a man I know years ago. He was determined to make a doctor of his son, sent him to John Hopkins the required time. The son graduated with honors, returned home, secured a position in a drygoods store as clerk, and in a few years was the town's leading drygoods merchant. He carried out his father's wishes by acquiring the medical education, but as he did not feel a liking for the profession, entered the field he did like. Counting his time and the money, it was a fair waste. I am sure that Friend No. 2 has known similar cases.

My idea of writing the piece was to resent the intimation in the first piece, entitled "Somewhere a Voice is Calling," that industrial vocations did not require training, for not a single industrial line was mentioned. The entire list was holding up professional careers, styled these days "white collared" jobs. My purpose was to stress that vocational or industrial vocations do require training, and I am proud that we have colleges as A. & M., C. I. A., and Tech, John Tarleton etc., to train for vocational pursuits. But if young people are not in love with industrial vocations, and do not intend to use such education as they offer, it would be a waste of time to attend one of them. In other words, as I said in my previous article, young people should try to get a line on themselves, see what their Creator naturally endowed them to do, then develop that talent, pursue that bent. Surely Friend No. 2 will agree with that, won't he or she? Life is mighty short to waste a lot of it chasing shadows. The case is of the doctor



Christmas will be here soon now. The time of buying and selling will be forgotten. For Christmas goes into the hearts of everyone.

It is our true hope that Christmas morning will dawn upon you as it dawned those hundreds of years ago across the plains of Palestine, upon a scene where truly there was peace, good will, and happiness.

At Christmas time we offer the kindness you have shown to our business. We offer our thanks for your neighborliness and the friendliness of the dealings we have had with you.

And it is the greatest wish we have that this Christmas will long stand in your memory as one of the outstanding happy days of your life.

The Observer Family



should suffice, but I know of a young lady. Her father had been spending on her for about 20 years. He has impoverished himself trying to make a singer out of her. She studied in Texas till a few years ago, then went to New York. She just couldn't click. She has passed out of the picture. Even her father has despaired. She has spent a life, and several thousand dollars to learn that her voice just wouldn't go over. These are tragedies.

But I note the friend agrees with me, that "Education trains for service, even in agriculture." So why pursue that line further?

As for citing cases of educated people, with smooth counsel, evading the law, "me 'n this

Observer" ain't hankering after any libel suits. See? Then I'll just have to advise Friend No. 2 to find his own instances. And in the meantime, it would do him good to read Old Man Alfalfa Bill Murray in January "Country Gentleman." He answers all the friend's contentions better than yours truly. Now, mister, hop on Alfalfa Bill.

Friend No. 1.

Who Said There Wasn't (BY COZETTE WILKINS)

The happiest times in my life were the days of "Santa Clause" care were few and the nights before Christmas were the longest I ever saw. The greatest

tragedy in my life was the time when a small girl told me there was no Santa Clause. All of my hopes came tumbling down. The telling of this is a murder of a child's joy.

But listen, children, there is a Santa Clause. And when people tell you there isn't you can just say to your self that they do not know what they are talking about. As long as Christmas rolls around there is a Santa Clause. He is the Spirit of Giving and the big fellow in the red suit is a wonderful representation of him. For isn't his face a reflection of good will?

Of Course there is a Santa Clause and each year he is coming back.

Paint Creek News

The play, "An Early Bird," sponsored by the P. T. A. of Paint Creek and given Dec. 18, at Edith was one of the best ever played here. Admittance was free and in spite of bad roads from the recent snow the tabernacle at Edith was packed.

Mr. Wm. Jones as "Barnaby Bird," Mrs. Phillip Page, as Mrs. Beavers" and Helen Johnson, as "Dilly," were screamingly funny. While the dignified business like bearing, of Mr. Lee Roberts in his part of Cynis B. Kilbuck, pres. of the P. D. Q. Railroad and the seriousness of Artell Roberts in the part of Mr. Mulberry gave to the play the realism needed.

And the love scene, always enjoyable to audiences, were each perfect in their way. The one between Jessamine played by Both Zilmore and Tony, by Leon Whitely was fine. The office stenographer, Mary MacFarland and the book keeper T. K. Whiteside were amusing in their efforts at love making during office hours. But the most breath-taking of the funny was the "courtin'" of Rosa Billa Beavers played by Mrs. Artell Roberts by Barnaby Bird. In fact every character was given his part. The play was so much enjoyed that it will be given again in some other community.

In spite of snow and bad weather last Wednesday our school was visited by the state inspector and Judge Bell. And as a result of this inspection we are assured of an extension of the school term.

A business meeting of the Paint Creek P. T. A. will be held the first Friday in January at the Paint Creek School.

State Aid Arrives

Every school in the county that applied for state aid got it this year. G. L. Huckaby, State Supervisor of schools was here last week and he and Judge Bell bogged around thru the mud to pay the various schools a visit. The following is what was allowed—Promised, but when the cash comes depends on how well the people pay their taxes throughout the state.

Robert Lee	\$1348.00
Bronte, around	\$2700.00
Silver	\$203.00
Green Mountain	\$133.00
Tennyson	\$443.00
Paint Creek	\$98.00

He complimented all our schools and where ever they have consolidated he allowed the limit, because he said it showed the folks there were trying to do something.

We are indebted to Mr. Gramling for getting the Robert Lee school appropriation raised \$400.00 than they had allowed while he was in Austin last week. Thanks boy, we sure need it.

The Observer

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SUBSCRIPTION RATES

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The Observers Creed

For the cause that needs assistance;
For the wrongs that need resistance;
For the future in the distance,
And the good that we can do.

Now that the political pot is beginning to spew, doggone, you better lead your old gun up with the proper ammunition (a Poll Tax Receipt) and be ready for the big game when they march out on the political campus and banter you for a battle.

Match brains with 'em boys, doggone, we can hear the hounds bringing 'em around the point of the mountain now. Be ready boys, they'll soon be here.

Alright boys, next week is the best in the world to announce for that office, get your name before the people "The Early Bird gets the worm" you know. And dad blast take it, we gotta pay our taxes and some other bills. Come on with them 10 spots, doggone, we are the best hand on earth to reach out and take in the "kale" with a smile. Especially now since we need it so bad.

How To Keep Down Taxes

The only way to keep down taxes is to abandon our ideas of good schools, good roads, ample institutions for taking care of the sick, crippled, blind, deaf and dumb, and insane, as well as all other civic progress. These all cost money and lots of it. The only way to get this money is by taxation. As long as we have these necessities, we must pay for them as we would for our groceries.

Altho we may not realize it, we are getting more for what we pay in, in the way of taxes, than ever before in our history, and at the same time we do more grousing about it than is decent for civilized people to do.

Who is that would deny the kiddies of the land the blessings of free school books and the opportunities we are offering them for their education? Who is it that would stop the construction of good roads because it costs him a few dollars?

The only thing we should concern ourselves about it is to see that we get value received for the money we pay into the tax collector. To see that no money is wasted by our public servants and hold them responsible for all waste. If we do this, we have no just cause to howl about taxes, unless we wish to ape the public policy of the Hottentots.

Sterling City News Record.

Tax Rebellion Prospects

Most of us have received various reports, speeches and what not, issued by the government. In newspaper and magazine offices they come in bales.

Last year the government printing office turned out four billion copies of such matter

Friends, We Wish Much HAPPINESS FOR YOU

The day approaches when each human heart is mellowed with the spirit of Him who spoke the words of peace upon earth and good will to men.

As Christmas day comes nearer to our homes and our hearts, we offer to you the most sincere greeting that we can put into work.

May your Christmas and all the rest of the days of your life be better and happier for the spirit of peace and good will. May a harvest of concord and good fellowship be yours. May happiness be your lot, and the abundance of joy that belongs to good friends and good neighbors.

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at a cost of about \$20,000,000. Sales to the public returned \$215,748 of this. The rest was free issue at the expense of taxpayers.

Most of this matter, furthermore, is sent free through the mails, thus building up the postal deficit, and again taking money from the pockets of taxpayers. Some of these publications are, of course, valuable and constitute a legitimate function of government. But the bulk of them are either useless or consist of political utterances which serve only to glorify some "statesman" or bureau in the public eye. And we all pay for it.

Twenty million or so dollars is a comparatively small item in the cost of government. But the free-printed, post-free document "racket" is a good example of wastefulness and extravagance in the use of public funds.

The taxpayer is a patient, long-enduring creature, but can not even his patience be strained to virtual rebellion? There are signs of it.

The Massachusetts Tax Association said recently: "Recognition must be given to the gradually awakening tax consciousness of the public, which more and more is causing the average citizen to realize that

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**"Modern Spinsters" Play
Goes Over Big at Green
Mountain**

"All I want is a MAN," and by doggies they got 'em one before they quit in, "Modern Spinsters," a play presented by the P. T. A. at Green Mountain Tuesday night. Some old maids they were, and doggone how those old bachelors did strut their stuff. And those well trained speech makers among the smaller children from six to twelve. Why by doggies, there ain't no town kids got anything on them when it comes to reciting a speech—say folks, did you know that the greatest speeches made in America are made in the schools by the smaller children? Certainly, because it amounts to so much to them—hence the greatest speeches.

Green Mountain School, is a three teacher school, having recently consolidated three schools in one. Have a nice three room stucco building out there, two hallways, two cloak rooms, clothes closets, everything nice and modern. Mr. D. K. Smith is superintendent of the school and mesdames, L. S. Batton and Sam Powell teachers, and say boy, they've got a fine school out there, the livelest P. T. A. organization of any community in the country its size and capacity. Got the prettiest school grounds, 100% co-operation from parents and that means a real school.

"All I want is a MAN." Yes, the whole world is crying for MEN.—Real men. Mother has discovered it, and previously asked herself—whats the matter? Discovered the trouble and is now battling with the issues of life to produce the men the world wants. She bobbed her hair, shortened her shirts, got a permanent, some Rouge, took twenty-five years off of her appearances, and looks 100% better—and thank God for the change—Went out to the garage, got in the car, stepped on the gas, and gone down yonder to that P. T. A. meeting where she and her neighbors, maps out, hewes out, cuts out, and discusses ways and means, of controlling the invarments surrounding her child's mind while it is being moulded in its young stage, character built and habits formed. Thats where the trouble lay all the time boy, as a result of her efforts, look yonder on the statute books at the school laws improving our schools, look yonder at flaming youth coning across the school campus as compared to 80 years ago.—Get the picture boy—clean and neatly dressed, clean in thought, clean habits, full of pep, vim and agility, smart as a whip, gay as a cricket, ready to be bent in any direction, good or bad—hence, mother is on the job, co-operating with the teacher instead of leaving it all to them as in the days of yore. And say boy, there is no more glorious and nobeler work to be found than that of the P. T. A. No wider field to work in, no more to do, no work that carries with it a greater responsibility than that of the P. T. A.

"All I Want is a Man." Thats what the whole Word is crying for. And out at Green Mountain in grand old Coke County they are busy as bees, delivering the goods. The invarments are perfect out there for the production of real men and women—Out here in the Golden

West, where the sky is blue and the air is pure, where the fructified air, laden with the fragrance of the beautiful wild flowers, where the Mawking birds sing and the bees hum, where boys and girls have all the outdoors surrounded by mother nature in all her glory, to develop their minds and characters, unbothered by the interfearence of bad invarments backed up by the finest and purest mothers and fathers that God ever let live, and say folks, its out of just such communities, homes and surroundings as you have out there, thats come our greatest men. Somewhere in these United States, there are some two or three little old unnoticed knotty headed boys being taught their primer lessons that will occupy the Presidents chair—you never can tell. They usually come out of the commonest and humblest home. One thing is certain, they always grow up, surrounded by certain invarments, of which you are blessed with. "All I Want is a Man."

The P. T. A. Work challenges that question and says; "you shall have him" and they mean a real MAN. And it seems like

a re-fulfillment of the sentiment spoken by Benjamin Franklin, America's first editor, in Paris France one evening. Take this, you children, cut it out, learn it by memory, and get the real meaning of the whole thing—Understand it thoroughly, and it will do you good as long as you live. Here it is:

"Benjamin Franklin was dining with a small party of distinguished gentlemen in Paris when one of them said:

"Three nationalities are represented here this evening. I am French, my friend is English and Mr. Franklin is an American. Let each of us propose a toast." It was agreed to and the Englishman, who was accorded first honors, arose, and, in the tone of a Briton bold, said:

"Here's to Great Britain, the sun that gives light to all the nations of the earth." The Frenchman was rather taken back at this, but he proposed: "Here's to France, the moon whose magic rays move the tides of the world." Franklin then arose with an air of quaint modesty, and said: "Here's to our beloved George Washington, the Joshua of America, who com-

manded the sun and moon to



Holiday Greetings



"Merry Christmas . . .

Happy New Year . . ."

Throughout each of our homes, each of our neighborhoods, each of our towns, these glad wishes are making old hearts young—young hearts happy. And it is a time to be happy, too. . . . A time when our spiritual, mental and physical beings are uplifted . . . when there's a song in our hearts, a twinkle in our eyes, and a hearty grip in our hand for our fellow-men.



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Pineapple	Blue & White No. 1 flat can Crushed or sliced, 2 for	15c
PUMPKIN	Red White No. 2 1/2 can	15c
POPCORN	Red & White 2 cans for	25c
MARSHMALLOWS	Red & White 1 lb. box for	23c
MINCE MEAT	Red & White, pkg.	10c
GREEN LIMA BEANS	Red & White No. 2 can	24c
STRAWBERRY PRESERVES	Red & White No. 1 Jar	25c
TOMATO JUICE	Red & White, No. 1 cans, 3 for	25c
COCONUT	Baker's Yellow Label Cans, 2 for	25c
SUGAR	1 lb. package powdered or Brown 2 for	15c
FRUIT FOR SALAD	Red & White No. 1 can 2 for.	42c
SUPREME PILGRIM CAKES	1 lb. box	22c
Bacon	Minnesota Sliced Sugar Cured 1 lb. pkg. " Smoked Per lb.	19c 13c

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A Word From A Lonesome Girl

Dear Editor:

May I have the privilege of expressing my sincere appreciations to those who, by their thoughtful remembrances, have helped to brighten the first days of my stay at the "San" in the Observer?

This little reading expresses my feelings toward the people of my good Old Home Town.

"When Someone Cares."

When you meet some disappointment, and yer feelin' kind o' blue, when yer plans have all got sidetracked, or some friend has proved untrue; when yer toilin', prayin', strugglin', at the bottom, up the stairs—it's like a panacea—just to know that someone cares.

Someone who can appreciate one's efforts when he tries, someone who seems to understand—an' so can sympathize; someone who when he's far away, still wonders how he

farres—someone who never can forget—someone who really cares.

It will send a thrill of rapture through the framework of the heart; it will stir the inner being till the tear drops want to start; for this life is worth the livin' when someone your sorrow shares—life is truly worth the livin' when you know that someone cares.

Oh, this world is not all sunshine, many days dark clouds disclose there's a cross for every joybell an' a thorn for every rose; but the cross is not so grievous, nor the thorn the rosebud wears, an' the clouds have silver linin'—when someone really cares.

Your Friend
Mabel Sparks

I will be in Robert Lee Monday Dec. 28, and will buy your furs at the Bruton grocery, R. A. Doran, of the Spiller Grain Co.

Announcement

The Radio Revival still continues over KRLD each week day from 12:30 to 1:15 p. m. and each Monday night from 11 to 12 midnight. Tune in and be sure to ask God to bless with His Presence.

I will never cease to love the folks of Coke. Thank you, Mr. Editor, may come again some of these days.

W. E. Hawkins Jr.,
John 3:16

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Connally Friday morning a big girl.

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See D. C. Landers,
4 t. Jan. 1

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SOAP LAUNDRY	14 oz Bar	5c
SUGAR	Bulk 10 lb.	45c
FLOUR	48 lb. Sack	79c
GREEN BEANS	No 2 Can	10c
SWEET CORN	No 2 Can	10c

These are just a few of our many bargains.

Model T Ford for sale or trade
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Mr. L. D. Schooler and son went to Louisiana last week.

The Green Mountain school Friday and got their Christmas tree.

Mrs. V. H. Ivy is looking for her husband back from the Hospital next week.

Mr. Felix Peay has come back from the Hospital.

Mr. Vest at Edith and Mr. McCaleb who have been sick, are better.

Asperin per box 5c
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Play at Robert Lee

"Beads on a String." A play put on by the Seniors Friday night was enjoyed by a large crowd, and was well put on by the players.

They took the play to Bronte Saturday night and showed to a large attendance over there.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Martshaw of McCamey were weekend visitors here last week.



WHITTLE FOR A PRIZE

\$1000.00 in cash prizes and one thousand other prizes are offered for examples of skill with a jackknife. Entries may be any kind of model, figure or special carving, requiring skill and ingenuity, made entirely of wood, and with no other tools than a jackknife.

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Third Prize.....\$75
Fourth Prize.....\$50
Fifth Prize.....\$25

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POPULAR MECHANICS MAGAZINE
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Mrs. F. A. Gladner of Homer Louisiana was here over the week-end on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Jay are visiting relatives near Sherman during Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Brown of Ft. Stockton, are here for a visit.

Doggone, here's Christmas on us and the mesquite trees still have their green leaves on them, the weeds are still growing, flowers blooming and the bees a humming—no winter yet—Gods country eh.

L. C. Clevenger of Sanco, put a smile on our face Wednesday when he handed us a bat hide for the Observer another year.

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