

Lockney Beacon

FLOYD COUNTY LEADS ALL WEST TEXAS IN VALUE OF CROPS PRODUCED. LOCKNEY IS IN THE HEART OF THE BEST FARMING SECTION OF THE PLAINS, AND IN THE GREAT SHALLOW WATER BELT

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W. D. BIGGERS MEMBER OF TEXAS SCHOLARSHIP SOCIETY

Special to The Lockney Beacon.
CANYON, Oct. 21.—W. D. Biggers, superintendent of the Lockney Public schools, has been elected to a membership in the Lloyd Green Allen Chapter of the Texas Scholarship Society.

Miss Pauline Stevenson, who comes to the West Texas State Teachers college from Lockney, has been elected by the girls of Cousins Hall, one of the girls dormitories, to serve as representative of the LeMirage, the college annual.

MRS. T. W. WILMANS DEAD

Mrs. T. W. Wilmans, pioneer of Floyd county, living eight miles south of Lockney, died Sunday night at her home. Mr. and Mrs. Wilmans moved to Lockney some twenty-five years ago, and are well known to the old settlers of the county. She was a member of the Lockney Church of Christ, and took an active part in the old Christian College work in Lockney in years past. She is survived by her husband and five children, three girls and two boys: Mrs. Frank Copeland of Gunter, Texas, Mrs. Willie May; Miss Mary Wilmans, of Dallas; Webster Wilmans of Dallas, and Luther Wilmans. They have one daughter dead, Miss Edna Wilmans.

We have not been informed as to the funeral arrangements.

SIX YEAR OLD CHILD GETS SCALDED FRIDAY

The six year old child of Mr. and Mrs. R. Davidson, who live four miles west of Lockney was very painfully scalded last Friday afternoon by hot grease. The mother was carrying a vessel of very hot grease when the child ran against her, upsetting the vessel and the contents were poured over the child's face, neck, breast, and right arm. Medical assistance was called from Lockney and the child was doing as well as could be expected at the last report.

CHILD RUN OVER BY CAR IS SERIOUSLY INJURED

The little 7 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Bishop, who live on the Monroe place, in the Callahan ranch happened to a very serious accident late Wednesday afternoon.

While the children were returning home from a cotton patch, the little girl was riding on the side of the car, and in crossing a rut she was thrown off, the car passing over her body, and severely injuring her. Dr. Mewshaw was called, and the little girl was rushed to the Plainview Sanitarium, where she was resting as well as could be expected at last reports.

MRS. ADA KITCHENS OF SILVERTON IS DEAD

Mrs. Ada Kitchens, 65, one of the pioneers of the Silvertown country died Monday morning at 11 o'clock. Her husband in early days a rancher, had preceded her.

The children are: Mrs. E. Q. Foster, Lockney; Mrs. W. E. Schott, Silvertown; S. C. Kitchens, Quitaque; J. B. Kitchens, of Silvertown; Mrs. J. Wofford, Silvertown; Mrs. Dan McAnally, Three Rivers; and Miss Mamie Kitchens of Amarillo.

She is also survived by her brothers and sisters: E. P. Turner, Silvertown; Mrs. J. T. Wimberly, Silvertown; C. C. Turner, Copera Cove; and John Q. Turner, Hammon, Oklahoma.

DON'T USE SIDEWALKS FOR SKATING PURPOSES

We have been asked to call the attention of parents to the fact that there is an ordinance in the city against their children skating or riding scooters on the sidewalks of the town. There are at this time several sick people in the town and children skating on the sidewalks in front of their houses has become very annoying, and the parents of these children are asked to forbid their skating by the houses where the people are sick.

HUMBLE OIL COMPANY ENTERS CASTRO COUNTY

The Humble Oil Company one of the largest operators in the Southwest apparently is determined that the Plains will be given a fair test for oil or gas, and Saturday came the announcement here that leased property of this company has now been extended into Castro county, the first north of Lamb.

Lease contracts on 25,000 acres of land were filed in Dimmitt, county seat of Castro county the past week. J. W. Allen, independent owner, of Austin, who was here Saturday, said, and it is understood that other companies have already taken leases or are negotiating for them.

The Gulf Company has a test well under drill at the present on the Solon Clements property, on the southwest corner of section 27, block M10-A, 3 1-2 miles east of Dimmitt, with good formations already having been shown.

MRS. D. E. ARMONTROUT IN WRECK LAST SATURDAY

While enroute to Hereford last Saturday, to visit their daughter and sister, Mrs. D. E. Armontrout, and daughter, Miss Mae, happened to an accident that hurt the elder lady badly although not seriously, and bruised Miss Armontrout considerably.

While enroute to Hereford on the Hereford-Canyon highway when a car approaching them from the rear, and without warning ran squarely into the back of the Ford Coupe in which they were riding. Mrs. Armontrout receiving a severe sprain of the back. The car was turned over twice, completely demolishing the body of it, and throwing both the mother and daughter out and into the curb at the side of the road. The man who was driving the Nash car that hit them brought Miss Armontrout and mother back to Lockney last Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Armontrout has been confined to her room since the accident.

SINGING CONVENTION AT LONE STAR, NOVEMBER 7

Everyone is invited to attend the Singing convention at Lone Star, Sunday, November 7. Lunch is to be served which consists of nothing more than sandwiches, pie, and cake, served cafeteria style.—Mrs. C. W. Denney.

LITTLEFIELD HI DEFEATS LONGHORNS

The Lockney High school Longhorns were defeated by the Littlefield eleven last Friday at Littlefield to a score of 13 to 0. According to reports the Longhorns had them outclassed throughout the entire game, but the breaks of the game went against the home boys, thereby causing them to lose the game.

Hill was the outstanding player for the Longhorns throughout the entire game. A fumble at a crucial moment and an intercepted forward pass at crucial moments of the game caused the Littlefield eleven to win to a score of 13 to 0.

The Longhorn aggregation goes to Crosbyton tomorrow to engage in a pig skin tussle with the Crosbyton Hi Chiefs.

P. S. Another outstanding feature of the game was when Captain Goat made one of those famous Longhorn rushes at the Littlefield director of athletics with incendiary purposes of butting him between the hog pasture and the alfalfa patch. These Longhorns certainly can but!

STATE OF TEXAS RANKING SECOND IN WORLD OF OIL

Texas is second in crude oil production in the United States, the daily production for the week ending Oct. 16 amounting to 579,560 barrels, Clarence E. Gilmore of the Texas Railroad Commission announced today.

California led Texas only 10,540 barrels a day with an average pro- week, according to the figures of the American Petroleum Institute.

"The largest increase in production over the same period for 1925 is in North Texas, which includes the Panhandle field," he said.

Mrs. J. W. Winston, of Cisco is here this week visiting her sister, Mrs. M. B. Hill.

IF A MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE OPPOSE CONSOLIDATION, WE DO TO

CITIZENS OF DISTRICT HAVE A RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE CONSOLIDATION AND THE COMMITTEE IS WILLING TO SUBMIT TO MAJORITY RULE

We, as the committee that was sent to Austin in behalf of the consolidation of the eight school districts, that under the Legislative Act, now compose the Lockney Independent School District, want it strictly understood that we favor a majority rule and if there is a majority of the people in the districts affected that are opposed to the consolidation, we are willing. We are neither autocrats nor straw men, but we are democratic in our views and believe in a majority rule. We did just what we thought was best for every community involved when we assisted in getting the district created, and we were sold on the idea that the proposition as it now stands was the best thing that could be done for the people of these eight districts, and still believe that we were right in this belief, and we further believe that every person in the district who will lay aside malice and prejudice and give the proposition careful and thoughtful study will arrive at the same conclusion. For when you refuse to accept this proposition as it now stands, by that act, you are going to close the door forever to scores of children in these eight districts in an educational way, and the children that will be effected most by the reversal of this act will be the children living on the farms outside of the old Lockney school district.

It is not, nor never has been, the intention of this committee to put anything over the majority of the people of this section. It does not mean any personal gain to the members of this committee to have the new district formed. Each one of this committee is capable of educating their children without any outside help, and it would not affect them to any extent whether the country has a good educational system or not, but their sole purpose and intent in the matter was to do the thing that they believed to be best for the children and the parents that were unable to reach the educational goal that every person is entitled to. We would like to know just how many children there is in the district that their parents are not able to give them an education, and would be benefitted by being placed in a position where they could reach the high school and get a high school education by the consolidation.

When this committee went to Austin, they did not go with the intention of consolidating these districts at this time, but went down there for the purpose of seeing what could be done about the matter. The consolidation was submitted to them, and it was fully explained and sold to them on its merits and the good that it would bring to the school children of every district affected. There was no time for delay in the matter, nor no time to come home and discuss the proposition, the legislature was closing up the affairs of that session, and it must go through then or never. This district could not be changed without a legislative act. The bill was passed according to the legal requirements, and we have nothing to retract in our actions, but now, as democrats and believing in democratic rule, if a majority of the residents of these districts are opposed to the new district, we will not hinder a repeal of the act and place the entire proposition right back where it was before the bill was passed.

We believe we were right in the first place, and we know that the best interests of the children of the districts affected were at heart when the action was taken, but if a majority of the people can not see it that way, we don't believe it is right to force them to accept the consolidation, and therefore, we are willing and ready to help them undo what has been done.

This committee intends to abide by the decision of the people, if a majority of the people are opposed to the consolidation, and say we are wrong, we will abide by their decision.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. BROWN,
ARTIE BAKER,
H. B. ADAMS.

LUBBOCK WOMAN SERIOUSLY INJURED

LUBBOCK, Oct. 25.—Dragged for a distance of approximately 75 feet while her husband frantically fought to bring their car to a stand still and at the same time retain his grip on her leg to keep her from falling under the wheels of the machine, Mrs. Ada Clark, wife of a Lubbock cotton buyer, was seriously injured Sunday on her State Highway near Post City.

The Clarks were returning here from Corpus Christi when the door of the car suddenly opened and a suit case

started sliding out. In her attempt to save the suitcase, Mrs. Clark lost her balance, falling head foremost toward the running board. Her husband seized her, but while the car was being halted she sustained several lacerations about the head and face.

Attending physicians at a sanitarium here report that 50 stitches were taken to close her wounds.

Mesdames Carl McAdams and T. L. Griffith attended a Halloween party at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Lon Smith at Floydada Wednesday after-

TEXAS TECH ENROLLMENT REACHES THIRTEEN HUNDRED

Lubbock, Oct. 27.—Thirteen hundred and fifty-five students had enrolled in the Texas Tech when the records were last checked, as compared with 867 at the same time last year, according to a statement issued from the office of Registrar, E. L. Dohoney. The crowded conditions which have existed since class work began continues to grow more perplexing as new students arrive, and as communications are received from students who expect to enroll for the winter term.

The enrollment for the initial session last year so far exceeded expectations that it was necessary to meet the college expenses by deficiency warrants approved by the governor, and the need this year is much greater than last year. Of course the financial conditions could have been avoided by turning away approximately half the student body, but it is not the policy of the institution to do this, according to President Paul W. Horn, who has stated from the outset that such a policy would not be adopted.

The records show that 860 of the students this year are men and 495 are women, which is double the number of women this time last year. The distribution enrollment among the four schools is as follows: Liberal arts 763; Engineering, 364; Home economics, 126; Agriculture, 100.

These figures that two of the schools, home economics and agriculture, have practically doubled their enrollment over last year. There were only 55 students in the school of agriculture last year, against 100 this year, and the school of home economics had an enrollment of 64 compared with 126 this year.

The freshman class is larger than the other three combined, and is probably one of the largest in the Southwest. There are 844 freshmen, 405 sophomores, 74 juniors, and 32 seniors.

MRS. JOIE McELROY DIED LAST SUNDAY

Mrs. Joie McElroy, 49, wife of J. E. McElroy died at the family home on the Callahan ranch southwest of Lockney at 5:30 p. m. Friday afternoon, Oct. 15, of appendicitis.

She is survived by her husband and four children, four brothers and four sisters.

Funeral services were conducted at the home 9:30 a. m. Saturday, Rev. Strong, pastor of the Petersburg Methodist church, officiating.

The body was shipped for burial to Clarendon.

The family had moved here from Donley county in 1924.

'THE DIVINE CHALLENGE' SUBJECT MORNING SERVICE

"The Divine Challenge" will be the subject of the morning services at the Methodist church next Sunday October 24. Everyone is invited to come and hear this sermon.—T. J. Rea, Pastor.

GRANDMA BRYD GETS HIP BROKE SATURDAY

Grandma Bryd, who lives with her daughter, Mrs. George Tierce, who lives three miles west of Lockney, fell and broke her hip last Saturday, and is reported in a critical condition due to her age.

SCHOOL DISMISSES AT NOON CHILDREN TO PICK COTTON

The Lockney public schools have begun dismissing school at 12:30 each day, so that the children can pick cotton for the farmers surrounding the town and in this way help to cut down the need for cotton pickers, and in this way assist in getting the crop out during the pretty weather.

STATE ELECTION WILL BE HELD NEXT TUESDAY

The State election will be held next Tuesday, November 2nd. The regular state ticket will be voted on besides four amendments to the constitution are also on the ticket. Go to the polls and vote.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Champion have moved to Slaton, Texas, where Mr. Champion has accepted a position with the Santa Fe Railway, as chief dispatcher.

PLAINVIEW C. OF COMMERCE SPONSORING RAIL BILL

A delegation from the Plainview Chamber of Commerce, representing Plainview, will attend the state-wide meeting in Waco on November 5 for the purpose of formulating plans and sending a committee from Texas to Washington to appear before the House committee of Congress in interest of the Earl B. Mayfield bill No. 750, which provides for railroads seeking extensions without securing permission of the Interstate Commerce where such extension are wholly within a state.

Call for meeting was issued to all interested chambers of commerce by Manager A. L. Burge of the Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce and was received in Plainview by wire.

The people of the South Plains and Plainview are becoming impatient with the long delay of the Interstate Commerce Commission in deciding whether certificates of public convenience and necessity shall be issued the Fort Worth and Denver, the Panhandle and the Quannah, Acme and Pacific all of whom would extend their lines into the South Plains and Plainview, and it is the consensus of opinion among all members of committees that have been handling these proposals of extensions that the Mayfield bill would prevent such long delays and would permit companies to extend as they desire.

Applications for extending these three lines into and out of Plainview were made before the Interstate Commerce Commission in April, 1925, and the hearing on the proposals before the examiner in July 1925. The examiner's report was not filed until March, 1926, and the oral argument was heard 90 day later. Since then nothing has been heard on the proposals from the I. C. C. on the matter.

A. E. Boyd, a member of the railroad committee of the Plainview Chamber of Commerce, expressed what seems to be the general opinion of the South Plains, whose patience is about at an end, when he said:

"The development of a great section of country is being held back by the dilatory method in which these proposals have been handled, and very often the future of a country can be materially hindered by just a few months crucial delay in its development.

Funds with which to provide right of way through the Plainview and Hale county for the various extensions have been subscribed and a good part of them paid now for eighteen months and over according to Boyd and the subscribers are becoming vexed. They want the rail lines with out further delay."

'WEST TEXAS' NEW STEAMSHIP TO BE LAUNCHED NOV. 6

In lieu of the 'stuff' used in the good old days to christen sea crafts a bottle of mineral water from Mineral Wells, Texas will be broken over the prow of the new steam ship "West Texas" at the ceremonies to be held in Houston November 6. Tentative plans for christening fete are being worked out by the Chamber of Commerce heads here this week. The freighter "West Texas", newest vessel of the Southern Steamship Company, was named in honor of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce and the vast territory which it serves and an elaborate entertainment is being planned for West Texas representatives who will go to Houston for the christening services.

A special 1-1-3 rate had been authorized by railroad officials in order for a larger delegation to attend the fete. A trip down the ship channel to the San Jacinto Battle grounds with luncheon served aboard the West Texas by the Southern Steamship Company is one of the inducements offered by those planning diversion for the occasion. Music for the ceremony will be furnished by a representative West Texas band.

"West Texas" will be launched on its maiden voyage from Philadelphia October 27 and will arrive in Houston about November 2 with a cargo going mostly to West Texas shippers. After the formal christening service November 6, the new freighter will be used in the regular bi-weekly route of the Southern Steamship Company between Houston and Philadelphia.

Rex, the small son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Thornton, is very ill at their home in East Lockney.

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DON'T BE MISLEAD

BY FALSE FRIENDS

Since it was reported that the new Lockney Independent School district has been created by an act of the Legislature, and most of the blame has centered on three men, there has been considerable arguing the matter pro and con, and as we are willing to take all the blame due us, and have no apology to make anybody any where or in any way for our action in the matter we wish to correct some false impressions that have gone out to complicate the matter. First don't be led into believing that certain people in Floydada who are trying to take a hand in the matter are any better friends to you than people in Lockney or people who constitute the Lockney Chamber of Commerce, for these same men helped to increase the Floydada Independent School District in the same manner that the Lockney district was enlarged, by a special act of the Legislature, and the increasing of the Floydada district was brought into the courts by men who were being brought into the district, and after the case had reached the final decision, at a heavy cost to those who fought consolidation, the verdict was in favor of the Floydada schools. We have not referred to this case to cast any reflection on Floydada as a whole, but to put some of the people wise to the fact that the men who are trying to influence those who are not satisfied with the district, have been parties to a proposition that was identical with the one they say they are now opposed to, and they will tell you, if they will speak the truth in regard to the matter, that it was the best thing that ever happened to the Floydada district, and was as equally beneficial to the country people as it was to those of the town. Lockney made no fight on the Floydada proposition. As for the saying that some put out, that three men put one over on them, don't believe the man who knew anything about the school proposition who states that he had nothing to do with the matter, for the proposition has been discussed pro and con for the past seventeen years in the Lockney country, and a committee of the Lockney school board while attending to other school interests in Austin earlier in the year made an investigation as to what could be done and made a report on the matter. The committee that went to Austin and was active in getting the bill through was sent there by Lockney and at the expense of Lockney, and while they did not think at the time, that anything could be done so soon, the proposition was presented to them by the State Department and they instructed how to do the thing for the best of all concerned and told that now was the time to do it, and so the bill was put thru. No man present had at heart the good of the Lockney Independent and common school districts any more than any other citizen of the school district should have, yet every man present was doing his best to bring about an educational system in the western part of Floyd county by which every child in this district could obtain as good high school education as could be offered anywhere, at a minimum cost to every one, and we are sure that this will prove to be the best for everyone concerned in the long run. Another thing we would like to passify the minds of some about is those who are sending their children to Lockney and paying tuition are sadly mistaken when they think the tuition charge is sufficient to take care of the expense of teaching, for it is not, the tuition will not pay the teachers salary, let alone the expense of keeping the school going, paying the interest and sinking fund and maintaining a first class high school. There are about fifty transfers into the Lockney High School, and at \$7.50 per month each it would mean \$375 per month, to take care of these pupils it is necessary to hire two extra teachers, besides giving them access to all the departments of the high school, and on top of that they must be furnished room, furniture, equipment, warmth, and other things

necessary to carry on high school work Take fifty high school students and place them in a building by themselves and give a medium high school course and see if you can come anywhere near paying the expense each month on \$375. You will find that it will cost you nearer a thousand dollars per month than it would \$375. Some people who are objecting to the consolidation have been riding the school and are now riding it in order educated their children, and these children have been received with open arms by the school, the teachers and the members of the board, and Lockney intends to offer them the best that they have to offer at all times, and in the consolidation it is hoped to give them even a better high school in which to get an education. The seven districts that are affected by the consolidation are all in Lockney territory, therefore the place for your high school students to get their education is in the Lockney High school, and every parent in this district should be a part of the Lockney High school and have a say in how it should be run. There is another class that we have to contend with in this matter, and this particular class is men who have raised their family, educated them at Lockney High school, and who now have no children to educate, and are therefore opposed to enlarging the district, as they have rode the district as long as they care to, and as their property lies outside of the old district they are having a nightmare about the tax being increased. For these brethren's benefit state that should there be any increase in taxation it will be voted by district at large. The dollar limit has been reached by all the districts included, as far as the valuation is concerned the land will be graded according to location, or in other words, zoned, as to the rendition of property. The renditions will be made by a board of equalization, created out side of the school board, and will have members from every part of the district. Probably land values will be set according to the distance each man lives from town, and the amount of improvements on the land, and every one will get a square deal on the taxing of property. If a man lives quite a distance from town, his property will not be valued as high as that of the man living near. You will come nearer paying a just tax possibly than you have been paying in the past, and the benefits will be considerably more than you have been receiving from the schools. We have no overtures to make to the man who has finished the education of his children and is now trying to get out of helping educate the children that are in our schools and will be in our school from year to year, for the man has had the help of the people of the district in helping educate his children and if he is the right sort he has no objection to doing his part to help the other fellow to educate his children. Never has there been a man who paid the full price of educating his children, for schools have always been community affairs, and there are always a number of people who pay taxes that have no children in school, therefore if you have ever educated a child, some other people have helped to pay the expense.

to the seventh grade are to continue going to the school to which they live the closest, where they will receive instruction from the very best teachers that can be obtained in their grades and the school term will be nine months instead of seven or eight. It is not the purpose of the district to change the mode of procedure in the holding of the schools of the country districts, only to teach them to the seventh grade, give them nine months school, and those that believe it to be otherwise are badly misinformed, or else have not acquainted themselves with the facts in the case. Trucks will be run to all parts of the district to take care of the high school students, and your child will be brought to the high school, given daily lesson and recitations and returned home each day. Moreover the high school student will have advantage of a first class affiliated high school course that will be accredited by any college in the state. When a man tells you he is opposed to the consolidation, lead him out and find out his reason, most times, if not every time, you will find he has no very good reason for opposing the consolidation, but generally, that it was not done just exactly to suit him although he will acknowledge it was probably for the best, but is opposed to it simply because he was not individually consulted in the matter. All things worth while meet with opposition, and you cannot please all people at the same time. We are sure that the consolidation was for the best interest of every child in the district, and these children are to be the men and women of tomorrow, therefore these children are the ones we are trying to do something for, and help you do something for them. We believe that we have helped accomplish one of the best things for the children of the rural districts surrounding Lockney that has ever been accomplished, and we believe that all serious fathers and mothers will agree with us in the matter—if not now, they will with future understanding.

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CREDIT AND CASH CROPS

We call cotton a cash crop. In most instances it is misnamed, for in reality it is a credit crop. A cash crop is one that the farmer sells and takes the money home with him, or puts it in the bank to be drawn on to help educate his children, put running water and lights in his house

No Pellagra After Three Treatments

Dr. W. C. Rountree, Texarkana, Texas. Dear Doctor—I had Pellagra five years. I was nervous, had stomach trouble, rash on hands and arms, skin itched and turn brown, sore mouth, could not eat or sleep, lost weight and got awful weak. I tried many treatments, took Hyposidermics six months, got no relief. I took 3 of your treatments and was well of Pellagra. I wish I could influence every one who has this terrible disease to write you. W. W. FOSTER, Hico, Texas, Rt. 1.

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or to spend in any manner he and his wife may want to. A credit crop is one that is produced on borrowed money, or one that is sold to pay the banker, the merchant, or the one that is owed for the food and feed which should have been produced on the home farm.

The man who grows a credit crop is surcharged with hopefulness. He starts in debt and gets in deeper through the spring and summer months. He is all time hoping that he will produce a big cotton crop while his competitors in some other section have hard luck. Only when this happens does he have enough from his cotton to pay his debts and have a little left. Of course he will not admit that he wishes bad luck to come to other cotton farmers, but just the same he doesn't show any signs of grief when he can look over his own field and see a big crop in sight, and at the same time is conscious of the fact that generally speaking the yield is going to be mighty small in other parts of the country. However, it is only about once in every ten years that he has this opportunity to congratulate himself.

Cotton, wheat or other products are only cash products when the proceeds can be used by the producer himself for any purpose he sees fit. They can only be cash crops when most of the living for the family and general farm expenses are paid for by other crops. Cash crops are always found on farms where the "live at home and board at the same place is carried out with regularity."

Miss Willie Merle Trapp visited her mother in Memphis, Texas last week end.

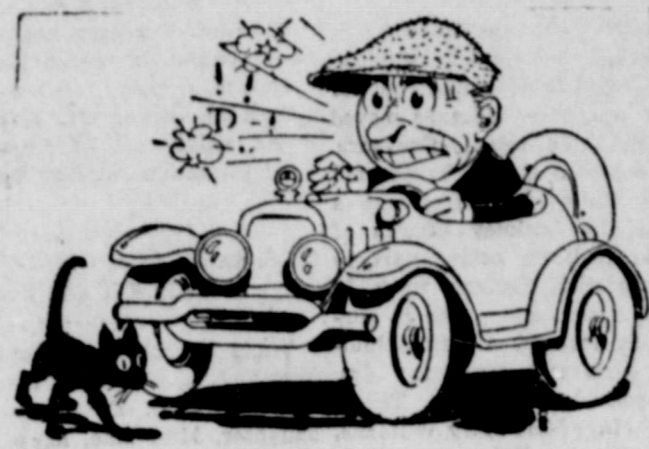
MUCH OF CROP WILL WASTE ON ACCOUNT OF PRICE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—A cotton crop larger than ever before grown has been produced in the South this year. The Department of Agriculture placed the estimated production at 17,454,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight, or about 8,343,000,000 pounds of lint cotton. There is about 643,000,000 pounds of lint more than was raised last year. The estimate was based on conditions existing October 18 to which date 8,722,066 running bales of this year's crop had been ginned, according to the census bureau's announcement. There was an increase of 827,000 bales in prospective production between October 1; when the last estimate was made. Uncertainty exists as to how much of the crop will be harvested, the crop reporting board announced, in view of the present low price of cotton and the scarcity of labor for picking. The factors have discouraged cotton farmers and may result in some of the crop especially that of lower grade, being left in the fields. This year's production was brought about by the planting of the largest

acreage on record and favorable growing conditions generally throughout the season. There was smaller early season abandonment than in previous years and weather and insect conditions were better than usual. Defoliation of the cotton plants by leaf worms, continuation of warm weather and the general absence of frost advanced the maturing of late cotton bolls and permitted rapid picking. As a result of all these conditions, the crop has turned out to be much greater than was expected.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses have been issued during the past week by the County Clerk of Floyd county during the past week:
C. J. Jester and Miss Louise Lomax, October 23.
R. L. Jones and Miss Eunice Rexrode, October 23.
George Hulsey and Miss Mabel Bomar, October 23.
J. T. Nickler and Miss Lila B. Jones.
Clayton Gaines and Miss Lucille Jackson, October 24.
R. P. Green and Miss Lillian Perry, October 25.



Suffered weak, nervous

"I WAS in a very weakened, run-down condition, surely in need of a tonic and builder," says Mrs. J. R. Wrenn, of Anna, Texas. "I was so weak I had to go to bed, and kept getting weaker."

"I suffered with my back so much. I was very nervous, couldn't rest good at night. I couldn't eat anything—I just wasn't hungry."

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BIG FEES IN ROAD WORK ARE CHARGED

AUSTIN, Oct. 25.—A. B. Martin of Plainview told J. N. Jordan of Plainview that former T. H. McGregor of Austin received a \$1,000 fee and five per cent commission on the sale of \$200,000 worth of equipment to the Highway Department by the Russell Grader Company of Dallas. Jordan testified before the House investigating committee Monday. Martin was the attorney for the Russell Grader Company as well as attorney for Jordan, the contractor explained.

Former Governor James E. Ferguson introduced Williams, representative of the Russell Grader Company, to Senator McGregor, Jordan said, after Martin had introduced Williams to Ferguson.

"Ferguson asked Martin if he had gotten a fee from Williams and Martin told me that he replied to Ferguson that he did not want a fee," Jordan said. "The Ferguson introduced Williams to McGregor and Martin told me that the agreement was made to pay \$1,000 to McGregor and five percent commission. In April or May 1925, I read in the newspapers where the highway department had awarded contract to Russell Grader Company for \$200,000 worth of road equipment."

Wants Road Work at 10 Cents
Jordan said that he would like to have all the work he could get at nine or ten cents a yard, squirting asphalt on the highways for what the American Road Company and the Hoffman Construction Company did for thirty cents a square yard.

When he and W. O. Oehlertree of the Thurber Brick Company of Fort Worth refused to pay \$2,500 for traveling expenses and 10 cents a yard to Joe Lee Ferguson of Hale Center brother of former governor James E. Ferguson, for a construction contract, they were dismissed, Jordan testified. He said C. C. Neal got a penetration (asphalt) job on the project.

Other testimony offered included that of J. B. Early of Dallas, that Frank Lanham, former highway commissioner, received a commission on road contract surety bonds, that of John Highsmith of Marfa; that thru the Hoffman Construction Company, temporary coating of the highways cost \$17,000 a mile, and an airing of the Board of Control actions in the consideration for bids for the furniture for the Littlefield Dormitory at the University of Texas.

When the Frank Lanham-Joe Burkett highway commission came into office he resigned as district engineer at Eastland because Burkett was filling the posts of the highway department with incompetents, Early testified.

Lanham Broker No. 1.
Twenty per cent of the commissions on road contracts surety bonds handled by the Dallas Insurance firm of L. M. Yesner and Company was credited to the account of "Lanham Broker No. 1," Louis M. Taylor of Cooper former bookkeeper of the company related. He said that the other employees told him that the Lanham on the books was Frank Lanham, chairman of the highway commission.

"On one occasion about thirty days before Mr. Lanham resigned, Mr. Yesner instructed me to make out a check for \$400 payable to cash and charge the item to 'Lanham Broker No. 1.' Yesner then wired Frank Lanham that he would have breakfast with him the next morning in Austin, and Lanham replied the arrangements were satisfactory," Taylor said.

Asked to mention specific bonds, Taylor said Lanham had received 20 per cent of the commission realized by L. M. Yesner and Company on the \$118,000 bond written on the contract awarded in May, 1925, to C. C. O'Neil.

Taylor said he one day took some highway specifications addressed to Lanham from his company's office to the building in which he under-Worth Insurance man and Miss Gayle Taylor said John R. Bell, a Fort stood Lanham had his office.

Kraft, of the Bulldog Insurance Company of Dallas, were among the others acquainted with the facts that he had related. He said he had talked to his attorney, James Patterson, and his brother John T. Taylor, both of Cooper.

Jordan, highway contractor from Plainview, testified that Joe Lee Ferguson offered to get him a road contract in Nolan, Taylor and Callahan counties, for 10 cents a square yard and traveling expenses.

\$90,000 "Fee" Asked.
Jordan said the amount asked by Joe Lee Ferguson would have aggregated more than \$90,000 and that Ferguson told him the amount requested did not seem so large "when you consider it has to be split three ways." He said Joe specified the \$2,500 in traveling expenses must be paid this afternoon.

Jordan testified he told Ferguson "you're crazy"; you'll have to do business with somebody else."

"My first conversation with Joe Lee

Ferguson took place in March, 1925 at Electra, and Charlie Hurdleston was present," Jordan related. Joe said he had been talking Jim Ferguson, and that Jim had told him that more money was going to be spent by the highways department than any other. "Joe Lee said that he would like to get highway contracts, but did not know how to go about making a bid, and did not want his name mentioned in connection with the contracts. He said he was looking for the right man to work with, and thought that I was that man. He said "I can do you quite a favor with the powers that be."

"I told him that I was about out of the highway building game, but might be able to help him. About two months later he told me over the telephone a contract was to be let in Nolan, Taylor and the west half of Callahan counties and asked if I was interested. I replied that if the specifications should be changed so as to provide for construction of a high grade road, of brick, macadam, asphalt or concrete, I would be interested.

"He said that would be easy, and a short time later came to Austin before the highway commission an obtained an additional \$150,000 of state money. Upon his return he made me his proposition, assuring me he could get me the contract, and declaring he could get 20 cents a square yard if amiesite should be used on the project."

TIMES ARE CHANGING "IT AIN' T LIKE IT WUZ"

By Blanche E. Bean

The swain of long ago used to count his pennies and look forward to the day when he might ask the sweetest girl in the world to share his home but nowadays the youth seeks a high school education in order to pay the dollar down on a "jitney" and court the snappiest flapper at a 40 mile pace hoping that she may be willing to help shoulder the dollar forever burden incurred when he first acquired an equity in the "Twenty thousand jolts."

The etiquette writer of the future will likely devote chapters on how to gain a car rather than how to attain grace and ease, realizing that this may become the acme of the cultured youth, and the sob-sisters will be admonishing the love-lorn lad to buy a jitney if he wishes to have and to hold the admiration of the maid of his dreams.

2,000,000 Gallons Used Anually

All this may not sound so extravagant when it is learned that approximately 2,000,000 gallons of gasoline are burned each year in the city and that virtually all of it is used in automobiles. At 21 cents per gallon, this means something like \$520,000 for transportation alone.

Of the 8,102 automobiles registered in Lubbock county, plenty of business men were willing this week to venture that there are four thousand of these within the city of Lubbock and this means according to the chamber of commerce estimate of the population of the city, a car to every four persons. It signifies also, that the cars are consuming from 40 to

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"Derby Day"

fifty gallons monthly. Whoever it was said that the use of automobiles was growing by leaps and bounds and that pedestrians were surviving by the same method, must have watched the filling station growing on every corner in the modern city. There are now about 70 stations in the City of Lubbock and from early morning until late at night they are being patronized by citizens eager to be somewhere else.

It Was Pretty Enough

Recently a boy came to Lubbock from a ranch in New Mexico with the intention of attending school. He secured a place to stay and work for his board and started out on foot to locate the house, which is situated on the outskirts of the city. After an absence of several hours, the boy returned stating that he could not find the house. He had followed directions he claimed, but found only a filling station at the end of the road.

His would be employer then took him to the house and as they neared it he exclaimed, "Oh, I thought it was a filling station it was so pretty!"

Certain scientists are predicting that within a few years or that is generations human will be born without legs because walking has become obsolete but it looks like the toe that punctures the gas feed will have plenty of opportunity for development. A young man may feel sure that a girl thinks considerable of him if she is willing to walk down to the movies two nights a week, according to opinions expressed by many modern young women of the city, whose first question concerning a prospective boy friend is apt to be, "What kind of a car does he drive?"

Nobody Walks

From the man who hauls the mud to the one who inspects the completed building, from the janitor to the most successful capitalist in the city, every one including the stenographers, ride to work each morning in their private cars, of more or less luxurious appointments. A flock of cars parked at a block in the residential section is not indicative of a funeral or a party any more, but may mean that a pipe has burst in the bath room

and the workmen are coming to repair the damage.

"I heard a landlord complaining this week that he couldn't collect his rent all his men were out so much on their cars," one man said here Friday, explaining that the owners of the houses were kept in such straitened circumstances that he never felt able to buy an automobile for himself.

Sells More in Fall.

During the fall months, it has been estimated by men intimately associated with the sale of gasoline here, there are about 225,000 gallons of gasoline used each month within the City of Lubbock. During the lean months, January, February and March less of the oil is used, thus bringing the total to about 200,000 gallons monthly. There are about ten concessions in Lubbock selling gasoline wholesale. Since these houses supply the entire South Plains area, many carloads come into the city that are not sold here. Much of this is delivered by truck to surrounding towns and salesmen "make" the territory regularly peddling the products. It is usually estimated that five gallons of lubricating oil is sold with each 100 gallons of gasoline, but the sales do not always prove this estimate according to dealers here.—Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.

WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Elder Alva Johnston will preach at the West Side Church of Christ next Sunday morning and night. R. O. Connor of Dallas will preach Monday night.

OPPOSE RAISE OF INS. RATES

Hearing of the application for raise in insurance rates, as requested by the fire companies of Texas, has been postponed for six months. The postponement was made by mutual agreement. I will not enter into the merits of this proposition at this time, except to urge that there be continued opposition to a proposal to such a raise. In the meantime, I cannot resist the thoughts that business interests generally and the insuring pub-

lic would exercise proper precaution in fire hazards and the matter of over-insurance. Statistics prove that a very large per cent, in fact a majority of the fires that occur in Texas could be prevented. Defective wiring, and many other elements enter into this, and it is certain that if the insuring public would exercise proper precaution in fire hazards and better judgement in the valuation of

fire risks, at least some of the grounds for complaint of the insurance companies would be eliminated. I am not asserting that the insuring public is all to blame, because such is not the case, but by a co-ordinated effort in the matters mentioned there would be a decided and beneficial result.—Homer D. Wade, Manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

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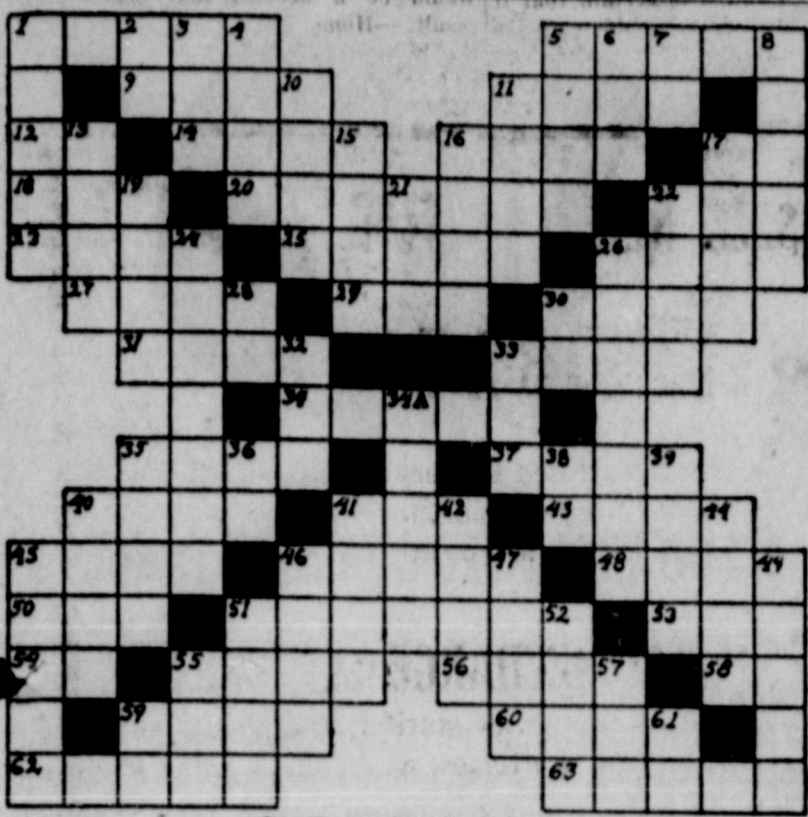
"Service" is a much abused word; it has been made to include a lot of useless and expensive frills. With us selling is mostly plain common sense.

We know if you buy things here that give you satisfaction, you'll like the store and come back. Our service begins with selling you the things that will satisfy you.

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HOW TO SOLVE A CROSS-WORD PUZZLE
When the correct letters are placed in the white squares this puzzle will spell words both vertically and horizontally.



- Horizontal.
1-Highly decorated
2-Separated from
11-Plan of a story
12-Printing measure
13-Wool for knitting
14-To strike the hands together
17-Addition to a letter (abbr.)
18-Meadow
20-Tumultuous
22-Conjunction
23-To stun
24-Condense
25-To peel
27-Challenge
29-New Zealand parrot
30-Large post
31-Without feeling
32-People
33-Fluff from yarn
37-To love inordinately
38-To prohibit
43-Hazard
45-Leather container
46-Cry of a sheep or goat
48-Abel's brother
49-Employ
51-Longed for
54-Belonging to me
55-To make grating sound
56-To be aware of
58-Continent of western hemisphere (abbr.)
59-To give pain to
60-To consider
61-Hollows out

- Vertical.
1-Meadow
2-North America (abbr.)
3-To weep
4-Twelve months
5-Exclamation of regret
6-To burst
7-Preposition
8-One of the senses
10-Dry
11-Mors.
12-Fermented drink of water and honey
13-Sccluded corner
14-State of unconsciousness
17-Underlie
19-Mohammedan call to prayer
21-Pedal digit
22-A hindrance
24-Learned
25-Wise, prudent
26-Printing measure
28-European river
32-Part of a harness
33-Gave food to
34-Following
35-For fear that
36-Negative
38-Correlative of either
39-Biblical character who sold his birthright
40-To differ
41-To strike with hand
42-A quick pull
43-To osculate
45-Animal of desert
46-Fineest
47-To care for
49-Approaches
51-Three feet
52-One who performs
53-To regret
58-His majesty (abbr.)
61-Mother

R. F. A. Truett spent last week end in Sweetwater visiting his wife and child. Mrs. Truett and daughter have been in Sweetwater several weeks visiting her parents.
G. S. Morris and wife were in Tullia Sunday visiting. Mr. Morris states that he saw the best crops Sunday while driving over the country that he has seen since his residence on the Plains.
Miss Audrey Watson, teacher in the Lockney Public schools visited her parents in Canyon, Texas last week end.
Miss Lillian Cash, teacher in the Aiken school was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Woodburn last week end.

Intermediate B. Y. P. U.
We have organized an Intermediate B. Y. P. U. of the Lockney Baptist Church and the following were elected officers:
Margaret Collier, president; Mildred Carter, secretary; Y. F. Walker, assistant secretary and treasurer; Jerry Barton, choister; Gene Dyer, pianist; Gertrude Collier, reporter.

There were twelve girls and boys present last Sunday night and we had two new members; Carl Mann, and Ruel Cook. We had a very interesting program on the Lord's Supper. The program for next Sunday is: "Ministry of Healing."
We would welcome any new members who would care to come and be with us in our meetings. The doors are open to visitors also. Come and be with us next Sunday night.—Reporter.

H. HALBERT NEAR DEATH
RESULT OF ACCIDENT
COLEMAN, Oct. 23.—The Burbank of West Texas, H. A. Halbert 77, lay at his home here Saturday with half of his body paralyzed as a result of a fall from one of his prized pecan trees.
Halbert fell fifteen feet from a tree at his farm near here Friday. An X-Ray showed a broken vertebrae. He is paralyzed below the injury and physicians hold little hope for his recovery.
Halbert is originator of Halbert pecans, Halbert honey and Perfection watermelons. He had recently attracted wide attention by grafting native walnuts with the California variety.

to the mental activity of chasing a hobby, but any person who feels old to indulge in a play of any kind has lost the chief joy of life.
Play is as natural with young animals as with children. The kitten rolls the ball of yarn about over the floor, puppies struggle with each other snarling in pretended combat, and colts kick their heels high and race across the pasture. Every young animal uses play as a preparation for after life. The cat in her wild state must be quick with her paw to catch her food, dogs must defend themselves from attack, and horses must be prepared to take flight at any sight of danger.

For children play is a means of growth; for older folks it is a means of recreation. Play rests tired nerves, relaxes tired muscles by throwing others into action, and builds up the general health. Play induces comradeship. No one can remain at all at another with whom he has recently played with.
Play is not only a means of physical growth with children but it induces mental growth as well. The little girl who imitates mother cooking pies or the little boy who imitates daddy driving is preparing himself or herself for the serious duties of later life. Play is always refreshing and never satiates. The moving picture devotee will grow tired of it after a time and require a rest, but the charm of play is perpetual and the desire to play is capable of finding infinite forms of expression.

Few of us ever get to old to play. I remember a banquet which I once attended in Dallas where a professional director of recreation was present. Taking the stage after the meal, he had us to do unaccustomed things, such as repeating nonsense rhymes, taking calisthenic exercises, and saluting any woman nearby whom he thought to be over 40 years old. The gathering was one of serious minded folks who had come to consider the problems of the farmer but few were there in the audience who remembered anything about that when the play maker got into action.

Almost none of us is adverse to play. It is not some one willing to play nor yet something to play that most rural communities need but the need is for some one to lead in the play. The school teacher, the pastor, the Sunday school teacher or any other community leader is a suitable play leader.
The qualifications necessary for a leader are: a certain amount of aggressiveness, a fair knowledge of entertaining games, and a real love of play itself. Almost every community has some person who has shown these qualifications to some degree. A little encouragement from his or her associates will usually cause the potential leader to step out.
The first thing to be done at a gathering is to break the ice, that is get the folks over the reserve that

falls on every group of people after they have arrived and been seated.
A good device for this purpose is to announce that five persons have been given a penny each and that the twentieth person to shake hands with any one of them will be given the five pennies. In the general hand shaking which follows all embarrassment is forgotten.
Another problem is how to pair off the folks. The fear of the teasing remarks of others, few young folks care to boldly annex another in public view. To get around this some such scheme as the following may be used: Clip out well known advertisements in a number equal to half those present. Cut diagonally across each advertisement, laying the halves in separate groups. Then distribute the left hand group to the girls and the right hand group to the boys, telling them to find the other half in each case.

by asking an older person for a description for the games he has played. If both of these sources fail write any magazine or newspaper.
Care should be taken not to play the same games too frequently as this makes for monotony and monotony dulls the pleasure of playing. This is particularly to be avoided with older children. A game like "snap" is too boisterous and affords too little mental activity for young folks to use very much.
Play is educative. It enables young folks to find out some things they like to do and it affords older folks opportunity to observe what type of activity youngsters like, this giving in a clue to the type of occupation the young person under observation should follow later in life.
No community can long cherish its feeling if its members or even their children play together at intervals. There is an expression, "smile when you say that," current in modern slang which illustrates the point that one person cannot say a disagreeable thing to another and mean it if smiling any public library in reach

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of a certain young feline frisking over the ivories has been recognized as the model of American syncopation.
But Mr. Confrey has other "firsts" in his repertoire, his acquaintances declare. Country bred, he is a judge of horse flesh, and also knows a good cigar.
The simple life is Mr. Confrey's idea of happiness. Every so often Manhattan gets too crowded for him and he boards a train for the country and the companionship of a certain murmuring brook. Inevitably he comes back with one of the merry tunes for which he is noted.
A bachelor, Zez keeps open house for his friends. If he invites a few of the boys over for a midnight supper, he does the cooking himself. Invitations to his lively little dinners are sought after. There are two dishes to which Mr. Confrey is partial. So are his friends. His recipes for the two follow:
Royal Eggs With Mushroom Sauce.
12 eggs
Salt
Pepper
1-2 pound mushrooms
2 tbsp. butter
2 sliced onions
12 slices toast
1 Parsley
Sauté the mushrooms in two tbsp. butter, being care not to burn; pour a white sauce of two tbsp. butter, four evaporated milk, and meat stock Cook five minutes. Add the cooked mushrooms and chopped parsley. Break eggs and drop into hot fat, being careful to keep egg in a globular mass. Just as soon as they are a golden brown lift out and drain. Place an egg on each piece of toast. Allow two pieces for each serving. Pour over all the mushroom sauce and garnish with parsley.
Pineapple-Cheese Salad.
1 cup green leaves
1 cup cream cheese
1 cup chopped nuts
2 tbsp. evaporated milk
Combine the cheese, nuts, evaporated milk, pineapple juice and sugar, and blend into a smooth mass. Cut pineapple circles in half. Spread cheese mixture on a slice of pineapple and press the other half circle of pineapple on top of cheese as one would a slice of bread in making a sandwich. Cut diamonds or triangles from green and red mushrooms and press into the edge of the cheese mixture between the pineapple. Lay two of the prepared pieces of pineapple on a crisp lettuce leaf. Serve with creamy salad dressing. This serves five.

SOMETHING NEW IN HOLIDAY MENUS
THESE big red letter days on the calendar mean particularly sumptuous dinners to the average American housewife. Her family expects something in the nature of roast turkey, duck or chicken. Of course, the home manager doesn't want to serve the same thing each year and as a consequence, she spends hours in hunting recipes and planning new things in the menu line.

ARE YOU TO OLD TO PLAY
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NOONE ANSWER TO COTTON PROBLEM

For lack of a better term we dignify the practice which cotton moves from the fields to the factories as a "system" when as a matter of fact it comprises a conglomeration of operation ranging from the purely haphazard to the deliberately planned. Every time it breaks down, which is frequently, a flood of proposals for alleviating the situation pours forth the proponents usually fixing upon a single proposition as the great desideratum, as the sine qua non, of correction.

To one the government estimates cause all the grief; to another the financing of the crop; speculative operation on the exchanges loom largest to one, and excessive acreages to another. As a matter of fact no one factor added or subtracted will provide a fair and effective marketing system under present conditions. Being so many antagonistic elements and too many useless, not to say detrimental, functions, ever to be fused into a real system.

At one end disorganization and financial peasantry, in the middle the organized exchanges, at the other end the manufacturers, only slightly better organized than the growers—can that be called a "system"? Nor can the blame be laid wholly on one element; it is the growth of two generations with little conscious direction on the part of any element unless it be the gamblers who furnish most of the business to the exchanges. The "system" has not been foisted on us; it has simply grown up around us, like a neglected field in which grass sprouts and briars, at first insignificant, gradually encroach until they dominate the field.

Cotton growers and those financial and commercial interests directly dependent upon the prosperity of the growers, are no less to blame for the weakness of the present system than those who are father removed from the cotton fields. It is there fore mere childish behavior for the different elements to make faces and abuse each other. Until all of them are willing to look the facts in the face and each take his share of the responsibility for correcting the evils, nothing will be accomplished.

But among them all the greatest responsibility rest upon the cotton grower himself. His is a world product and it must be studied and handled as such. If he will unite with

his fellow growers he can know more about cotton in every respect than do any or all existing agencies. If he attains this knowledge he can control or eliminate much of the uncertainty and reduce the chances of disaster which now obtain. Any permanent solution of any problem must be based on accurate knowledge of every pertaining to the problem, and must be carried out with a degree of unanimity which can be obtained only by grower-organization.

It is begging the question to say that such an organization can never be. It is just as bad to say that the growers must be financially free first if they were financially free there would be little incentive for changing their condition. Our forefathers, under oppression by Great Britain, might have argued with equal justice that the thirteen and their people could not be enticed in a common cause, and that they couldn't fight a war for freedom until they were financially independent. True, they never did agree at all. There were Tories who preferred the old order, some from sincere conviction and many from a personal interest in maintaining that old order. The present plight of the framing industry is analogous in every respect, when a major part of our farmers decide to assert their independence in their "revolution" can be carried through. They will have their hardships during the process, but it is scarcely likely that any of them will have to dine on roasted potatoes served on a slab of pine bark, as Marion did, or that any of them will leave bloody tracks in the snow as did Washington's soldiers at Valley Forge.

We cannot believe that all the spirit of America which dares the impossible because it is right and sacrifices present comfort for a principle, has entirely disappeared. We are not ready to accept the dictum that all farmers are not capable of taking care of his own interests by organization, or that in the mass he has

become so narrowly selfish that he is unwilling to undergo hardships for the benefit of his prosperity. We do not believe that whining and timorous yet dominate that great yeomanry of this Nation, but it is from that element that we hear the most noise. Is it not time for the upstanding, self respecting, thinking element to take matters in hand and show the world that agriculture in America is neither peasantry or mendicancy?

There are obstacles to be sure, there are as many opinions as there are counties, but when broad-minded, sincere farm leaders say "come, let us reason together," and act upon it in true American spirit of tolerance, it will be found that differences are mostly in details and not in fundamentals, that common ground can be found upon which all can stand, just as Jefferson and Adams, Washington and Franklin, despite inherent and cultured differences in viewpoint of the greatest imaginable extremes, found it possible to work together despite these differences.

Just as the assembling of the Continental Congress in 1775 paved the way for the declaration of 1776 and made possible the constitution of 1789, a representative body of farmers might be called today for extended consultation which would inevitably remove much of the friction between different school of thought and find an answer to some of the moot questions now before us. Shall we do it ourselves?—Farm & Ranch.

CORRECTION

The Beacon was in error in our statement of last Thursday's issue relative to the committee who went to Austin last March, as the committee were sent for the purpose of straightening out bond account with the State Department. But we are advised that the committee did discuss the matter with the superintendent who advised as to the possibility of consolidation by Legislative act, which information was given by the committee on return.

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LAUGHS FROM THE BATTLE OF CAMP BOWIE

Army Life Wasn't Any Big Joke But The Antics Of The Rookies Furnished Saving Touch of Fun

(By Wilbur Shaw Jr.) Battery Atten-SHUN! At ease! If you happen to have been a member of the 133d Field Artillery, Thirty Sixth Division, United States Army, during those hectic days of training at Camp Bowie, Fort Worth, Texas, in the years of our Lord 1917 and 1918, you will probably recognize some of your buddies in the stories that follow and you may even remember some of the incidents. If not, then you can merely take them as typical of some of the little things which went so far as to cheer the boys and aid them to "carry on" during those strenuous early days when the camp was a bog and bedding was scarce; when regulation uniforms included any cloth that would serve to protect the boys from the chilling blasts of winter; when food was not scarce but was prepared by blacksmiths and window dressers pressed into service during an emergency; when spirits were high and accommodations were low; when Tom Dick and Harry, the banker Baker and Bootlegger were endeavoring against strenuous odds to prepare themselves "overhere" for a serious and supreme effort "over there". Those days of chaos; toiling all day long across barren stretches of barren sand in the glaring heat of an August sun; of sleeping in soggy blankets on a bitter cold night; of eating chow which lay in your stomach like a concoction of lead and broken bottles; of standing reveille and retreat with a skeleton squad, the rest of the outfit laid low with mumps and measles, flu, meningitis and pneumonia—those days are gone and time has softened the memories. Instead of the hardships and the sufferings that were endured it is the queer characters and the ludicrous incidents of camp life that are remembered now and repeated when two or more veterans get together for a brief recalling of the past. And these are some of the stories they tell.

Introducing Derby.

"Derby" was one of the "four million" O. Henry so expressively termed the people worth noticing in this jumble of individuals known as humanity, who found his way into the late world war by joining Battery C of the 133d Field Artillery. His home was Cobb Switch, Van Zandt County, Texas and he particular emotion which caused him to leave the peaceful calm of that rural district and cast his lot with those who were to bear the yoke of the Nation's honor "overthere" has always been a mystery to those who knew him. A gangling towheaded youth wearing a hickory shirt and a pair of faded blue overalls, he appeared in his quagmire a Camp Bowie which was later to become the artillery brigade, and straight way set to work to aid in erecting the tented city which was to quarter the 133rd. But Derby was different from the rest of the blue clad individuals engaged in the same labors. His mark of individuality and the possession responsible for the name which perhaps follows him to this day was the aged derby hat which he wore perched high on his stock of straw colored hair. This antiquated headgear was evidently an heirloom. It was of the high crown and narrow brim variety whose popularity was beginning to wane when he was wearing his little white caps with lace frills. By the time he had come into its possession its brim was slick and shiny and the high crown was turning a burnt brown, as though it had been singed. But Derby didn't care. He wore it as jauntily as he would have worn a coronet.

He Loved His Old Hat

When the first uniforms and campaign hats were first issued Derby put on his uniform, but the hat he scorned. The jibs of his buddies and the threats of noncommissioned officers failed to remove the derby from his head and even later when it became the target for the mess shack to the stables, he carried it snugly under his arm and wore it

whenever he chanced to be out of range of his tormentors. Twice the noncoms hid it from him and he went about for days prying into every nook and corner of the regiment like a hungry pup who had hidden a choice bone and forgotten its hiding place. And eventually he found it.

The Commander Takes a Hand

The last straw came one morning when Derby made reveille in his favorite headgear and the battery commander spied it. He had given orders once that the hat be discarded. Calling Derby to him, he snatched the relic from his head before the entire battery, dashed it upon the ground and with a highly polished and spurred dress boot crushed it flat. Derby sighed and returned to the ranks and the Captain gave the debris to a corporal with instructions that it be relegated to the trash wagon and that Derby be confined to Camp until the trash wagon was well out of sight. His orders were carried out to the letter and Derby sat moodily mourning in his tent for half the day as though he had lost his only friend.

But the Hat Came Back

But the next day a miracle happened. Shortly before noon Derby paraded the length of the company street, a wide grin on his face and the battered remains of his derby hat on his head. Some time between dusk and dawn he had walked two miles to the camp dumping grounds and in the stygian darkness had managed to retrieve his beloved hat from that vast area of refuse and debris. And he wore it for a week until some one took it from his tent while he was asleep and cast it in the battery incinerator from which there was no hope of reclamation.

The Derby Was A. W. O. L.

After the loss of his hat Derby went about camp in a gloomy and dejected mood. It may have been that his cherished derby was the last tie that bound him to his happy home on the farm. At any rate it wasn't long before he appeared at the battery commander's tent and explained to that dignitary, with the same frankness that he would have asked a tent mate for a cigarette, that he desired a couple of weeks leave to go home. The Captain informed him that a leave was impossible, and Derby returned to his battery without a murmur. The next morning he was gone. And for two weeks he was carried A. W. O. L. on the battery roster.

One afternoon about 3 o'clock Derby stepped into the Captains tent, all smiles, and announced without ceremony: "Captain, here I am."

The Third Degree.

There followed a brief but stormy session and Derby was escorted to the gaurd house. When his trial was called the presiding officer, who knew Derby as everyone from the Colonel of the regiment to the most humble of kitchen police knew him, endeavored to find out just why he had forsaken his duties.

"Where did you go?" the officer asked.

"Cobb Switch," was the answer.

"What did you go for?"

Derby hesitated. I wanted to get my razor," he replied.

"Get your razor," the officer asked puzzled.

"Yes, sir," Derby replied, a gleam of hope lighting up his frank blue eyes. The Sargeant has been bawling me out for not shaving. The boys in my tent won't let me use their razor and I ain't got enough money to go to the barber shop."

Caught!

"Um-hum," the officer murmured as he sought to suppress a smile.

"How much is the railway fare from here to Cobb Switch?"

Derby shifted uneasily. He feared a trap. "Two dollars and a half," he replied slowly.

"That made the trip cost you five dollars," the officer explained.

"Yes, sir,"

"How much did your razor cost?"

Derby felt the net tightening about him. He wriggled but he knew he was caught. "A dollar" he replied quietly.

"Um-hum," the officer repeated.

"Derby" he announced, "I'm not going to convict you of absence without leave. That's a serious offense. But

I am going to sentence you to the guard house for thirty days for mismanagement of your business affairs. Any man who spends five dollars for a dollar razor certainly needs a lesson."

Reginald's Case.

Reginald (that isn't his real name but it's pretty close to it) was hand picked and raised pet. The only child of a prominent and wealthy family, he had been coddled and spoiled until he reached maturity—and then the war came on. He was young and handsome, a talented musician and a regular Beau Brummell in the young society crowd and naturally enough he joined the army. His musical talent being pre-eminant, he preferred the band and was assigned to headquarters company of the 133rd.

"Sister," he was referred to by the members of his outfit, with some significance, he did his tour at Fair Park and went with the regiment to Camp Bowie. He endured the army rations of smoked beans, gold fish (canned salmon) and onions; wore the most misfit issue uniforms and suffered the other indignities that were so offensive to his esthetic nature without any more grumbling than the rank and file with whom he had cast his lot. He was a good soldier and that was all that was asked in those early days.

Reggie Rolls Up.

But one day Reggie received a substantial check from home and it changed his entire career. He went to Fort Worth and purchased a uniform that was in keeping with the civilian garb that he was used to. It was perfect in every detail and should have graced the figure of a Lieutenant Colonel at least. And he got a pass to spend the week-end in Dallas. He stretched it to a week and received nothing more than a reprimand from his commanding officer. The latter appreciated Reggie's fine sensibilities. He knew that he had never been disciplined at home and suspected that he had been lionized at home by the beautiful ladies with whom he was accustomed to associate and so he passed the matter up rather lightly. About a month later, however, Reggie took French leave again and this time he stayed in Dallas about two weeks. When he returned he was sentenced to thirty days in the guard house.

He Paid for His Folly

Friends will tell you that the most incongruous sight they ever saw in their whole lives was presented by Reggie the next day. Stripped of his glorious uniform and clad in the sombre demins of a prisoner he came upon him digging a latrine pit at the lower end of the company street. There was Reggie knee deep in a hole in mother earth, the perspiration straking his grimy face and his long tapering fingers, which could caress the keys of a grand piano so soothingly clasped tightly around the handle of a vulgar pick. Every once in a while he would straighten his aching back and with a pained expression in his limpid brown eyes cast an imploring glance at the husky guard who paced back and forth a short distance away with a heavy rifle slung across his broad shoulders and a sneer on his rather thin lips.

Reggie made the thirty days at hard labor some how but he never left camp again without permission.

An Army Feud.

When the 132nd Field Artillery Regiment was organized to fill out the brigade at Camp Bowie it was formed about the First Texas Cavalry as a nucleus. The Cavalrymen were transferred to the Artillery overnight by an order from Washington and there was much weeping and wailing on their part as a consequence. But their protests brought no relief. Consequently they came into the brigade disgruntled and rebellious. Their location was that adjoining the 133rd Field Artillery Regiment and many of the returned their ill feeling toward their neighbors. There were constant bickerings between the men of the two regiments and words of led to encounters in which more or less blood was spilled. The ex-cavalrymen were easily distinguished by their yellow hat cords, and as most of them were mounted they rode where ever they went.

Now it so happened that the 132nd had been in camp but a short time when Washington sent a brand-new Brigadier-General to take command of the Artillery brigade. The General was not very well known among the rank and file and he also wore a gleaming gold hat cord, which might have easily been mistaken for the yellow hat cord of an ex-cavalryman. And there was the tale hangs.

Trouble in The Offing.

The General was riding across the parade ground at the lower end of the 133rd regiment one bright morning when he spied John Corporal from Battery A giving a squad of rookies some high points in infantry drills. The general rode over to the squad and stopped his horse, shifting to ease himself in the saddle and watch the exhibition. He did not see the little corporal cut his eyes up at him and sneer as he rode up, although, being a West Pointer, he probably wondered why the noncom did not call his men to attention and report, as is according to Hoyle when a deity looms on the horizon.

The corporal kept right on with his "squads east" and "squads west" to the best of his ability, and finally the quick eye of the general detected an error in the execution of one of the movements.

"Corporal" he remarked, "you are not executing that movement correctly. Let me show you—" and he started to dismount.

The Corporal Speaks His Mind

The corporal halted his men abruptly and turned to the General with a menacing glint in his eyes. "You get off that horse and I will mash your eyes together" he remarked with emphasis. "There's no damned yellow hat cord can tell a red hat cord how to drill a squad of artillerymen," he barked. "Now beat it before I jerk you off that horse and punch you in the nose."

The General straightened himself in the saddle, and smacking his mount with his riding crop, galloped off to regimental headquarters. Regimental headquarters snapped into attention and stood in awed silence as the General recited the incident of the insult. There were heavy forebodings of evil in the air as the Colonel endeavored to explain the animosities that existed between the two regiments and offered profuse apologies.

The General was a real soldier and when he learned that he had been mistaken for one of the ex-cavalrymen he threw back his head and laughed heartily. That one act raised the temperature of the room about 20 degrees and brought a reassuring smile to the Colonel's face. "That's the first time I ever took a bawling out from ma John," the general chuckled, "but say, I wish we had a regiment full of men just like him."

There was a young Lieutenant in B battery who was extremely anxious for a promotion and he had been drilling his platoon with added diligence for two weeks. He had his men on the parade ground one morning giving them infantry drill when the Colonel with his adjutant, and a major who had been sent from Washington to inspect the regiment, rode onto the scene. It was the opportunity of a lifetime, and the young Lieutenant formed his men into a platoon front and marched them grandly before the reviewing officers. "Eyes right!" he called and snapped into salute as he passed. When he completed his salute and turned to his men he found them marching head on into an enormous and very irrestible bath house.

He knew the column must be turned around immediately, but in the excitement of the moment his wits left him. Strain as he might, he could not think of the command. The tragedy reached its climax and he stood stanch and dumb, the perspiration breaking out in great globules on his brow. One more step and the men would be crashing into the frame structure. With a mad effort he collected himself and yelled with all his might, "about face."

The command impossible to execute acted like a bombshell in the midst of his platoon. The men broke like a covey of quail and scattered to the four winds of the compass. And the hearty laughter of the inspecting

Major did not tend to soften the words of the fiery little Colonel in least as he poured his words of wrath onto the head of the charged junior officer.

A "Top Kicks" Brilliant Idea.

When the 133rd received her quota of men from the first draft in 1917 to fill out the regiment to war strength and about sixty of the rookies were assigned to the supply company. They were for the most part farm boys from South and Central Texas who had been caught in the net and pressed into service before they realized just what it was all about. With them came an order from regimental headquarters that they were not to be used for gaurd duty until they had been in the service thirty days. But the supply company was hard put. There were but few men in the original company and they had been doing double duty for several months until they were pretty well whipped out. It irked them to see the big healthy conscripts lying about in quarters with little work and none of the grilling gaurd duties falling to their lot and finally the "top kick" or First Sargeant, decided that he could sneak one or two of the rookies into the gaurd detail each day. He tried it, and got away with it for awhile. But eventually his sins found him out.

One day he selected a particular green recruit and placed him in charge of the incinerator where the garbage and refuse was burned from the kitchen every night. All he had to do was sit quietly and keep the fire going till the garbage all burned out, then he was free to go to bed.

Greeting the Officer of the Day.

About midnight the rookie was dozing lazily before the cheerful blaze of the incinerator when the officer of the day appeared. Now the officer of the day in charge of the gaurd, is the right hand deity to the regimental commander during his tour of duty and he likes to be respected as such. And true to this particular form this O. D. halted in the full glare of the fire so the rookie could recognize his insignia and accoutrements and come to submissive and respectful attention. But the rookie had not been very deeply versed in army etiquette. He gazed up at the resplendent figure before him and greeted him with a sleepy, "Hi!"

The officer of the day, deeply offended, lifted his majestic head and glowered at the man before him. "Are you a gaurd?" he asked in stern tones. "Yeah," was the laconic reply.

"Don't you know how to address an officer," he boomed.

The rookie suspecting that something was wrong rose to his feet and endeavored to salute.

He Didn't Know Much

"You're a helluva gaurd," the O. D. sneered. Why didn't you challenge me when you saw me coming?"

"I knew you was alright the rookie confided.

The O. D. was almost beside himself with rage. "Do you know your general orders" he demanded.

"No, Sir."

"Do you know your special orders?"

"No, Sir."

"Well what do you know? What did your Sargeant tell you when he put you out here?"

"He just told me to keep the fire burning, and to watch out for some feller."

"Um-hum," the officer mused. A light of understanding had come to him. How long have you been in camp?"

"About a week," the rookie replied.

"You don't belong on gaurd," the O. D. informed him. "Who was it the first Sargeant told you to look out for?"

"I don't remember. Some feller—"

"Was it the officer of the day?"

"Yeah, that's it."

"What did he say?"

"He said, look out for that damned officer of the day, because he is a hardboiled son-of-a-gun."

The O. D. snorted like a rearing charger and spinning on his heel, made his way to the First Sargeant's tent. The storm that followed could easily be heard in the next regiment and the top kick spent the next thirty day "in quarters."—Star Telegram.

THE FIRST STEP

How to reach the "nut on the steering wheel" has been the problem of the State municipal government since auto congestion has made the city and country driving a hazardous undertaking for both the autoist and the pedestrian. The power to damage other as well as himself in the hands of the present day auto driver is almost limitless, and one of the most noticeable changes of opinion has been the swing toward the view that no one should be allowed to drive an automobile who is not physically and mentally capable of driving in a safe manner. The free-for-all method has been found entirely to productive of accidents.

In line with this policy, the National Association for Street and Highway safety has suggested legislative programs by state associations affiliated with the National body. The Missouri association has already formulated its program, the St. Louis Star reports, and it will be submitted to the next session of the State Legislature. Its principal recommendations will be regulations barring certain drivers from the driver's seat. Ten classes already listed are:

Children under 16; persons whose height does not permit easy reach of the control pedals; persons who do not have sufficient strength to operate the control levers easily and positively; persons under the influence of liquor or drugs; epileptics and others subject to fits and fainting spells; persons who do not know and understand the traffic laws; ordinary rules of the road and other points concerned with safe driving; persons with dangerously defective hearing or eyesight; cripples or persons minus arms or legs whose defect interferes with their control of an automobile; persons whose nervous structure is not sound and who do not react quickly; the mentally incompetent.

So far as it goes, this "black list" will be approved by sane citizens. The road hog is had enough even when he has normal control of his faculties, but without them he becomes more than a road hog; he becomes a double menace to every person on the highway. Some sort of restrictions upon who shall be permitted to drive has been adopted by almost every eastern state, and the idea is gradually spreading as the traffic becomes more congested in other sections of the Union. The examination being proposed by the Missouri Association for the Street and Highway safety is of sufficient latitude to permit physically qualified to drive to get their licenses promptly, for any doctor can give such an examination in five minutes. Naturally there can be no guarantee by the doctor that the applicant he passes will not become intoxicated the minute he leaves the office; but it is an easy matter for the police to take up his drivers licenses the first time he is caught, and for the courts to punish him severely if he drives before it is returned to him.

Congestion has reached the point where assurance that only normal sane and physically capable drivers shall be allowed on the road is an absolute essential to any proper control of traffic accident causes.—Star Telegram.

Mrs. Floyd Barber was taken sick last Sunday and has been confined to her home this week.

Miss Carabel Biffle was a Lubbock visitor last week end.

Answer to Cross Word Puzzle, Run in Beacon on Thursday, October 14th.

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FOR TRADE—640 acres of good New Mexico land to trade for good house and lot in Lockney.—See E. M. Whorton. 5-2-p

LOST—Somewhere between Roseland and Lockney, a brown beaded purse, one end of handle almost off.—Finder return to Beacon offices and receive reward. 6 1tp

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NOTICE TO SCHOOL PATRONS

In order to meet all expenses in maintaining our schools, it is necessary that all tuition be paid at least one month in advance. The tuition will be \$7.50 per month for high school students and \$5.00 per month for the grades.

Patrons will please make payments promptly to Superintendent W. D. for pupils in the high school and grades, and payment to Miss Ethel Cochran for all under age pupils. L. H. GRUVER, Secretary Lockney Independent School Board.

Baby Chicks For Sale

Barron strain large type purebred White Leghorn baby chicks, \$10.50 hundred.
Everlay strain Brown Leghorns, \$11.50 hundred.
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FOR LEASE—160 acres of land, \$400 cash. Well improved. One mile east and seven miles north of Lockney.—E. M. Whorton, Lockney, Texas, 6-2tp

CARD OF THANKS—We wish to thank the people for their help and thoughtfulness during the illness and death of our dear sweet wife, mother and grandmother.

The helping hand that came from each and every one was a great comfort and blessing unto us. We also wish to thank the people for the many beautiful floral offerings. May God bless you and yours in our prayer.—W. B. Richards, W. N. Richards and family, N. B. Richards and family, and Cora Bevers and daughter.

RICH AND POOR ALIKE AT DEBB'S FUNERAL

The human brotherhood that Eugene V. Debb's gave his life to bring about was his in death today.

To the bier of the famous socialist in his comfortable Terre Haute home there came mourners from every social stratum. Outside the flower embowered parlor where lay the body they left their worldly mantles of political faith, social convictions and religious beliefs to do obeisance to a beloved friend.

Capitalists against whom Debb's used his most effective invectives were at the home because they loved the charitable visionary. And the seamed faces of labor whose cause Debb's was ever their champion, streamed in a benediction of tears. Rich and poor, lofty and humble, it was a brotherhood of man such as Debb's had hoped for.

Morris Hilquit of New York, Congressman Victor Berger of Wisconsin, and Seymour Stedman of Chicago who had stood shoulder to shoulder with Debb's in the battle of socialism come to give testimony of their affection.

HOME BREW RECIPE

E. E. Dyer and Artie Baker were in Altus, Oklahoma the first of the week on business.
Here is a good recipe for the Nation's leading beverage, which has outstripped, ruined, and abolished old Uncle Bub Wiser, and a few more of the nation's elite. Another thing about the following recipe is that under its guidance the making of home brew is absolutely lawful, all legal

loopholes being carefully closed. We are sure that the following article will be of interest to quite a few of our leading citizens. Let due notice be taken of the following: Chase wild bull frogs for three miles and gather up the hops. To this add ten gallons of tan bark, one half pint of good shellac and one bar of homemade soap. Boil 26 hours than strain through I. W. W. Sock to prevent its working; add one grasshopper to each pint to give it a kick. Pour a little of it into the kitchen sink—if it takes the enamel off it is ready for bottling. Attorneys have been consulted and the following is guaranteed to be legal.

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