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THE BRAZOS PROJECT

A comprehensive plan for controlling flood waters, for creating irrigation facilities and for developing power project in the proposal put before the public works administration by Senator Tom Conally, Congressman Luther Johnson and O. B. Cross and John A. Norris, chairman of the Texas board of water engineers. It is decidedly the most ambitious project for Texas that has yet been proposed to the public works administration, and in scope and importance, ranks little below the Tennessee river improvement project that President Roosevelt himself initiated.

Fifty million dollars is asked for carrying out the three-fold program of creating flood control, irrigation and power facilities. That is not a large sum, when it is compared with the benefits that would accrue from the improvements proposed. It is a project, the execution of which is long overdue, particularly the flood control part of it. Losses to inhabitants of the Brazos valley from floods in some single years in the past have amounted to millions of dollars. Over a period of years the protection flood control would offer to property in the valley would be actually worth \$50,000,000.

It was estimated by the delegation from Texas that conferred with the P. W. A. representatives that the flood control works they proposed would afford protection to 1,000,000 acres of cultivated lands in the river valley between Waco and the gulf. It is in this part of the great program that South Texas is especially interested since portions of Brazoria, Fort Bend Waller, Washington, Grimes and Brazos counties are subject to overflow from the Brazos in times of high waters, and are in need of protection from the disastrous floods that periodically sweep down the stream. The entire project, however, would touch sixty-five counties in Texas, and an improvement program of such dimensions is deserving of the interest and backing of the entire State.

Agriculture and industry both would be brought benefits by the completion of the proposed Brazos project. In West Texas large areas of semi-arid land would be made surer of agricultural production by the water that would be made available through the irrigation systems,

which would grow up in connection with the reservoirs. In South Texas irrigation systems to serve the rice growing sections would be explained the improved. At the same time cultivated lands would be protected from floods. Development of power facilities at many points along the stream above Waco would stimulate the upbuilding of industry, probably drawing many industrial plants to the river regions.

It should be understood that this is not a new project, conjured up by Texans merely to seek Federal funds to aid in re-employment in this state. On the contrary, it has been under consideration for many years. A number of years ago the late Lee J. Roundtree of Brazos county, when he was a member of the legislature, led a movement in that body for surveys of the Brazos river that were intended to be preliminary to some such development as is now being proposed to the Washington recovery authorities. The movement was revived later. In 1931 the legislature created the Brazos river district, of which L. J. Mims of Freeport is president.

Putting through this river program as proposed by Senator Connally and his associates would mean a great deal to Texas right now, and a great deal to Texas right now, and a great deal more in the future. Those sponsoring it should not want for aid from other Texans in impressing the Federal authorities with the meritorious nature of the proposal. The project deserves to be classified as one of the State's real needs.—Houston Post.

CHICAGO FIGHTS Back

One bit of news which has gone almost unnoticed in the past few weeks is the fact that Chicago seems at last to be making a determined effort to get her notorious underworld under control.

During a three-week period ending August 26, more criminals were sentenced to prison in Chicago than in any similar period in Chicago's history. It took the courts just one day to convict the murderer of a policeman and sentence him to death. All in all, 207 thugs were sent off to prison.

It would be easy to get too enthusiastic about this, of course. Neither Chicago nor any other American city will permanently solve its underworld problem until it tackles such problems as poverty, poor housing and political corruption which created the underworld in the first place. But it is at least encouraging to note that Chicago is at last handling her criminals without gloves.—Lubbock Journal.

SURVEY REVEALS DEFICIENCIES IN DIET OF SCHOOL CHILDREN

In a preliminary report of her study of the diet of Texas school children, Dr. Jessie Whitacre, Chief, Division of Rural Home Research, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station shows some interesting findings concerning the eating habits of the school children. Spring and fall records were taken among children in three widely separated counties.

Great similarity of kinds of food used was found between races, seasons and regions. The daily menu was generally deficient in calcium and vitamins A and D. Seventeen per cent of the white children had low amounts of milk, twenty-five per cent had no raw fruit and thirty-three per cent had no leafy vegetables. In these cases deficiency of such minerals as calcium and iron and of the content of the vitamins A, B and C is indicated. Twenty-five per cent had no whole cereal which reduced the chances for the presence of sufficient amounts of phosphorus and iron. The type of diet indicated by the records suggests that emphasis should continue upon the more general and abundant use of milk, fruits and vegetables in supplying school children with the essential elements for physical development.

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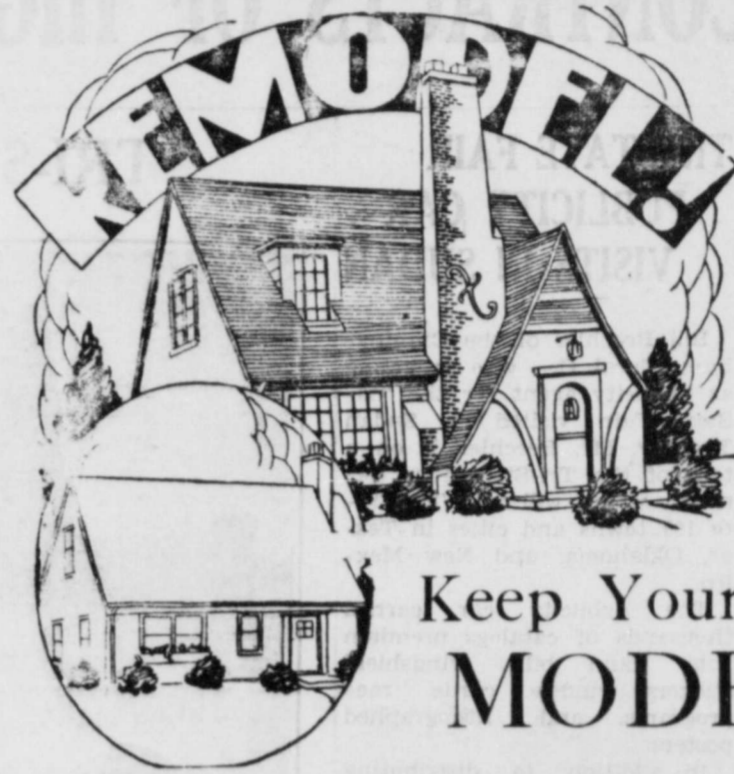
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