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Cogitations & Aphorisms of Jodok

I just feel in honor bound to beg the pardon of some of my mighty good friends, for a seeming neglect that I have committed against them by my failure to acknowledge their friendly acts toward me in writing some very nice and highly appreciated letters that I have recently received.

Some weeks ago I expressed how proud and grateful I was when I received a letter from my friend Tom Down in the Rio Grand Valley, and another from my friend John Sigmond, of Dallas and Corpus Christi, and then stated that I apparently had but two friends, which was an unfair statement.

It is unfair for the reason that a few weeks ago I received a nice long letter from my good friend, Rev. J. L. Beattie, of Abingdon, Virginia, and that was followed in a few days by one from two more good friends, Father and Mother Pearson of Wynoka, Okla., and just last week I received another splendid letter from another good friend, Rev. J. M. Peyton, of Ogdenburg, N. Y., away up there within three miles of the majestic St. Lawrence River; thus you see my good friends are scattered from the sunny Rio Grande on the extreme southwest to the ice clad St. Lawrence on the extreme northeast of our great land. And, Oh, how I would like to meet and greet each one of them.

And the beauty of it is, I have a standing invitation to visit each of them at any time I am able to do so. But oh "Lordy, Lordy," how could I ever spare time from my street corner here to make so many and such long trips as these visits would require. But I truly appreciate and enjoy these good friendly letters; and if there should be any more friends of mine scattered over this broad land, they can sure make an old man's heart rejoice with some more of those good letters.

Yes! And there are two more that I must not omit. They were received from my two good friends, Dayton Hanson, of Tuscola, Illinois, and Andy Damer, of Chester, Illinois. I had not heard from Andy for a long time until he sent Milday and I a nice Christmas card and stated that he still remembers us and thinks of us often.

I hear many remarks both pro and con concerning the Supreme Court's AAA decision, some praising and some blaming, but as for myself, I am just naturally too dumb to be certain who is right. However, it occurs to me that we have got along mighty well during the past many, and some times troublous years by having our governmental problems safeguarded by this same Supreme Court, and I am personally mighty glad to still have it to go to as a last and final recourse to settle all our national legal problems.

The Constitution of the United States is the supreme law of our land and the Supreme Court is its defender, and to so change our constitution that it would deprive the court of its protective powers, seems to me would be the direct of folly, for the constitution could then be impinged upon at any time by an impetuous congress and enthusiastic president, regardless of what political faith they might be.

A quotation from the "Industrial News Review" sounds to me like good common sense and reads as follows:

"Today certain fractions are subjecting the American Constitution to vigorous attack. They are suggesting changes and amendments which, in some cases, would amount to complete annihilation of the rights and liberties we now enjoy under Constitutional protection. It is usually easier to criticize than to defend, and the critics of the Constitution have found many listeners and not a few converts. Let us forget the virtues of the Constitution. It might be well to recall these words, uttered in 1887 by the greatest English statesman, William E. Gladstone: 'The American Constitution is, so far as I can see, the most wonderful work ever struck off at a given time by the brain and purpose of man.' Some things are timeless. Among those things are freedom—freedom of action within the law, freedom of expression, freedom of speech. The Constitution has nothing to do with hooms or depressions—nothing to do with partisan politics. It simply guarantees us those essential liberties for which men have fought for thousands of years. Look abroad, at Ger-

THE JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB

The Friona Junior Woman's Club had their meeting January 7 at the home of Mrs. Wright Williams, with Mrs. Williams acting as hostess. The meeting was called to order and sixteen members responded to roll call.

After a short business meeting in which Miss Mary Emma Stover was voted into the club, a very interesting program was held. Then the election of officers for the coming year was held. These officers are to take office in September. President Mrs. James Bragg, vice president Mrs. Henry Lewis, secretary-treasurer Miss Mary Spring, Reporter Miss Gladys Settle, and Parliamentarian, Miss Alice Guyer.

The club were very glad to have as their guests Mrs. Tom Galloway, Miss Mary Emma Stover, and Mrs. Charlie Baxter of Elk City, Oklahoma who is an ex-member of the club.

At a late hour lovely refreshments were served by the hostess.

many, Russia, Italy, Poland—do we want to follow their example and make freedom an impotent word, and liberty a crime against the state? Then save the Constitution from being weakened or destroyed."

I have just been cogitating over some of the things that have happened within the past two years, some of them as concerns the welfare of our fair little city, and how fortunate our people have been in being saved by the action of our mayor and city commissioners by refusing plagues that have come to them in the guise of blessings, and for which action they have been unjustly censured by some of our good citizens who could not see the wisdom of their actions at the time.

Among these were the temptations to borrow money on the city's credit from the PWA funds for making public municipal improvements in order that the city might receive a present of thirty per cent of the amount, the remaining seventy per cent to be secured by bonding the city's credit for the amount. And pressure was brought to bear so heavily at times that city officials were forced to give them some consideration, but fortunately each time they failed to yield to the pressure. But had they done so and any of their projects had been approved our city would have found itself hopelessly in debt for a bond issue of from \$5,000.00 to \$100,000.00, and would have had on its hand a swimming pool for which it would have had not the least use; or a park of some kind which it would have had still less use, and with our city tax burden almost too heavy to bear already, what would we poor people have done.

I confess that it did look a little like we were a bunch of back-numbers, when counties, cities and school districts all over the land were getting this free money and building wonderful public works and projects, but if I understand their tune now—"woe is thine and happy is I," that we are still free from such unnecessary indebtedness, and to our city officials be in the glory.

It just occurs to me that some people seem to think that it does not require any funds to run a city, and that the city has banks of money laid away and that it should belong to anyone who can get their hands on it. Now I happen to know that such is not the case even when the city is no larger than Friona; but I feel constrained to say just this—that Mayor Reevy and commissioners Spring and Jones have come just as near running this city with no funds as it is possible to do; and they have not made any maudlin job of it either. And they have done all this work without any recompense in the way of salaries except a lot of poor grade cussings, and my hat is off to them for their accomplishments.

Going back to the question of the city borrowing money to build public improvements just reminds me of two little couplets or "money maxims" that I learned a long time ago, and which seem to apply here. They are:

Money borrowed is a foe,
Velled in kindly seeming.
Money wasted is a friend,
Lost beyond redeeming.

Here are two slogans that I have read about recently:

"THINK, TALK AND WRITE CENTENNIAL." Slogan of the Texas Centennial Committee.

"LET'S QUIT KILLING." Slogan of the Portland, Oregon, campaign against automobile fatalities.

COLLEGE PLAYERS COME TO FRIONA TUESDAY



A feature of the Amarillo College players program to be presented at the auditorium of the Friona Grade school building, Tuesday evening, January 21, "LIE" starring Ann Lee and Billy Bud, who take leading roles in the drama depicting a vivid tragedy of the sea, written by Eugene O'Neil. This play will be directed by Prof. Wayne C. Eubanks, of the Amarillo College.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Star is authorized to announce the name of Earl Booth, of Farwell, as a candidate for re-election to the office of Sheriff of Parmer County, Texas, subject to the decision of the Democratic Election on July 25th, 1936.

EARL BOOTH ANNOUNCES FOR SHERIFF

Earl Booth, of Farwell, present sheriff and assessor of Parmer County, has placed his announcement in this issue of the Star as a candidate for re-election to that office, subject to the decision of the Democratic Primary on July 25th.

Mr. Booth has served one term as county assessor, previous to his election to the sheriff's office, which office he is now holding for his first term, and is, therefore, too well known throughout the county to make any introduction on the part of the Star necessary.

Mr. Booth has made a willing and efficient officer in each of the county offices which he has held, and his record as such is the best possible recommendation that any candidate need desire. He has been careful and efficient in his attention to all the duties and has always been ready and willing to respond to any and all unexcused calls for service in his official capacity. Mr. Booth, in his recommendation to give to the people of the county the same unqualified service in the office to which he seeks re-election, that has marked his preceding term.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

Laughter and excitement during contest games engaged in by ladies of the Francis Circle of the WMS Monday afternoon at the paragonae was indicative of unrestrained jollity. The "Birthday Social" was a success. These occasions are observed by these young ladies once each month. The only regret was that Mrs. J. E. Stover, president of the WMS was ill and could not attend.

Election of officers for the circle was as follows: Chairman, Mrs. Wright Williams; vice-chairman, Mrs. O. C. Jones; secretary, Mrs. Henry Lewis; treasurer, Mrs. W. B. Stark.

Refreshments were served to the officers elect and to Meses. O. D. McLellan, Tom Galloway, Roy Single, H. C. Henson, Ralph New, Raymond Jones, Forest Sanders, W. H. Jones, H. L. Thurston, and Misses Juanita Crow and Grace Wheeler.

Election of officers for the Adult Circle of the W. M. S. placed the following as their leaders: Mrs. J. D. Hamlin, chairman; Mrs. Ed Bogges, secretary; Mrs. A. A. Crow, treasurer. These two circles will meet together in a membership social at the home of Mrs. A. A. Crow Monday afternoon, January 20.

Plans for church ground landscaping are being drawn up by the intermediates of the church school. This project will be carried out by them under guidance and with the aid of adult members. The Juniors will be responsible for flower beds along the side of the present church.

Forest Osborn, recently returned from Memphis, Tennessee, will speak at the evening hour, Sunday, January 19. A discussion of "Peace" may be a part of his message.

Rev. J. O. Haymes, presiding elder, will preach and conduct the first quarterly conference Sunday morning, January 26th. Party plans for the young people are in preparation by Miss Martha Slagle.

HOME FROM SOUTHWEST TEXAS

Marvin Whaley, one of Friona's most extensive and successful wheat farmers, who has been spending a few weeks in or near the Rio Grande valley of southwest Texas, returned home the latter part of last week.

Mr. Whaley stated that there is much pretty country in that part of the state and much to attract one to it in the way of climate and production, but, after all, he believes we have here on the plains the best country on earth, and he is glad to be back here.

EUBANKS WRITES ABOUT PLAY

The Star is in receipt of a letter from one Wayne C. Eubanks, a former instructor in the Friona high school and head of the public speaking department. His letter tells of the program which will be given here January 21, as a part of the local lyceum course.

"In presenting the play 'Lie' there will be changes in the musical numbers, but we will have our clarinet quartet along. We are, and we believe justly so, quite proud of this clarinet quartet. The performers are all seasoned, and their work is certainly worth hearing. Every one of our musicians is on the list of performers for station KGNC here, and a few have been featured by large companies," wrote Mr. Eubanks.

FRIONA WOMAN'S CLUB

The Friona Woman's Club met in regular session Wednesday, December 18, at the home of Mrs. John White, with Mrs. J. A. Guyer as joint hostess. One new member, Mrs. Baxter, was present and one other new member, Mrs. Dr. Stover, was voted into the club.

After a short business meeting an interesting Christmas program was rendered.

"Christ is Born," given by Mrs. C. Maurer, was enjoyed by all. Mrs. H. L. Thurston gave a paper on "The History of Holly and Mistletoe" which proved very interesting.

Mrs. Tom Galloway told in a few words of the origin of "Santa Claus," "The First Christmas Tree" and the "First Christmas Cards."

At the close of the program the girl scouts sang a number of Christmas carols for the club.

Christmas colors and decorations were carried out in the home and refreshments. After refreshments each member present was presented with a beautiful and useful gift.

The club then adjourned, each member wishing the others a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

FRIONA BOY WINS HONORS

ADRIENE, Jan. 15, Conway Frost of Friona has been recommended for a varsity football letter at Hardin-Simmons University for the 1935 season. Head Coach Frank Klumbrough made the recommendation. Athletic awards at Hardin-Simmons are dependent upon the passing of all class work and are not made until reports for the fall semester are made.

Frost earned his first letter playing at a backfield position.

GIRL SCOUT NEWS

The Girl Scout meeting was held at the Congregational Church basement January 2, 1936.

We played signaling games, reviewing seven letters of the signaling code. We also reviewed the directions of the compass. At the next meeting we are going to learn how to set the table correctly.

We elected new patrol leaders for each patrol. Inez Ezell, Jane Ann Warren and Nancy Ruth Shackelford were elected patrol leaders.

Jaquelyn Wilkison, Scribner.

FRIONA WOMAN'S CLUB

The members of the Friona Woman's Club enjoyed regular session Wednesday afternoon, January 8 at the home of Mrs. J. A. Blackwell with Mrs. Blackwell and Mrs. L. G. Simpson as hostesses. One new member, Mrs. Dr. J. E. Stover, was present.

After the regular business meeting the program discussion was on "Transportation and Resources of Texas." This subject was divided into three parts, given by Meses. J. R. Roden, Floyd Schlenker and S. Michell.

Dainty refreshments were served to about twenty-one members and one guest.

The Friona Consumers, Inc. will hold its annual stockholders meeting at the school auditorium Saturday, Jan. 18, at two o'clock.

SCHOOL NEWS

The Hereford Whitefaces are to play the Friona teams here on Friday evening. These games should be some of the most interesting of the season. The boys have not played the Hereford team before this season. The girls, however, have had one practice game with the Hereford girls. They were the winner of this game by a small margin.

Hereford is well-known for the good teams it puts out, and this year they have a better one than they had last season. Interest among basketball fans should be high for this game.

The Chiefs are to play Bovina on Saturday evening. Both the boys and girls are to play. These should also be interesting games.

The Friona boys were winners in the game with the Canyon High School team on Friday evening. The final score was 32-14. The girls dropped their game 27-10.

In the game Saturday evening at Tulla both teams were successful. The boys took their game by a score of 31-15. Price Brookfield, Houlette, on defense, and Dixon all played a good game while Bener turned in his usual smooth performance.

The girls won by a 25-17 score. High scorer of the game was Foster of Tulla who made 11 points. Johnston, of Friona made 9, Adams 8, and Thompson 5, while several free shots were made by others.

BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

Our pastor, Rev. D. E. Moore, preached the first of a series of doctrinal sermons Sunday at the 11:00 o'clock service, which was quite favorably received by the large congregation in attendance. Following the sermon the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed in a most impressive manner.

Our Sunday school is showing a steady increase in nearly every class. We are planning to join the other Sunday schools of our association in having a district-wide training school for Sunday school and church workers this month. Quite a number of the members have already indicated their desire to take the course.

The Senior and Intermediate Unions of our Training Department are sponsoring a young people's revival. Daily services will begin February 9th under the leadership of Rev. B. N. Shepherd, of Hereford. These young will need the full support of every member of the church and especially will they need the whole-hearted cooperation of our adults. It seems that this is the first time the young people have ever attempted such an undertaking; therefore, as one of the workers, I appeal to every department of our church to work and pray with and for our young people in this meeting.

Mrs. David E. Moore will present her music pupils in a music recital at the Baptist church Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

THE JUNIOR G. A.

The Junior G. A. met January 14, with their new leader, Mrs. A. E. Short. They planned to have a business meeting and social next Tuesday, Jan. 21. There were eleven members present and four new members. We meet every Tuesday at the Baptist church.

Gertrude Short, Reporter.

ANNUAL FEDERATION MEETING

The annual meeting of the Parmer County Federation of Woman's Clubs is announced for Saturday, 15th, at Farwell.

The theme of the program will be "Texas Writers and Musicians; and the theme for responses will be "Texas Writers or Musicians."

The program will also include a report from each club in the county that is a member of the Federation, and following the program there will be a general exchange of shrubs and bulbs among those in attendance.

At this meeting also there will be an election of officers for the ensuing year and all clubs are urged to have their representatives present.

LIST OF PETIT JURORS SELECTED FOR THIRD WEEK DIST. COURT

A. D. Henson, A. J. Jarrell, Fred Barker, E. M. Deaton, H. C. London, P. D. Taylor, Elmer Euler, G. H. Brock, Wilbur Charles, A. H. Boatman, George F. Trimble, W. J. Parker, F. L. Carson, Bob Clements, Jason A. Meyers, Ed Bogges, G. A. Collier, T. E. Levey, Louis Pesch, L. R. Dilker, J. T. Hanna, Willard Bewley, Warner Ross, I. W. Barnhouse, L. P. Starr, Fred Bell, A. E. Vassey, R. L. Henson, R. Christian, J. D. Peters, J. M. Watson, George M. Barker, F. E. Kepley, A. S. Curry, M. A. Crum, T. E. Lovelace, A. G. White, Willie Steinbock, Price Prather.

KINSLEYS HOME FROM CALIF.

Mr. and Mrs. Kinsley returned on Wednesday evening of last week from their Christmas vacation which they spent with relatives in California.

They report a pleasant trip and a really good time while away, during which time they witnessed the great foot ball game between S. M. E. team, of Dallas, and the Stanford University of California. They also witnessed the annual flower show, of Los Angeles and were delighted with the beautiful spring like weather. Reibe said that when he reached the plains and ran into the snow he had a notion to turn and go back.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

K. G. Parks, Pastor

Sunday school, 10:00 A. M.

Morning worship, 11:00 A. M.

Immediately following the morning worship service we will serve a fellowship dinner in the church basement. This is to be a "pot luck" dinner. All are invited to come and bring a covered dish and join fellowship with us.

Following the "fellowship" dinner we will hold our annual business meeting in the church auditorium.

All members are urged to be present and friends are cordially invited to join us in all our activities.

OHIO PEOPLE HERE LAST WEEK

Mr. Harold E. Corwin and Mr. Stillwell, both of Paulding, Ohio, spent a part of last week in Friona, having come here to look at some land in which Mr. Corwin is interested.

This is the first time these gentlemen have ever visited the plains country although Mr. Corwin's father had owned the land here for several years. They expressed themselves as being well pleased with the looks of the plains country, although somewhat surprised to find snow and cold weather so far south. They were both very genial gentlemen.

MONTHLY WORKERS' CONFERENCE

Monthly Workers' Conference of the Terra Blanca Baptist Association at Tulla, Thursday, Jan. 23, 1936.

10:00—Song Service.

10:10—Devotional, by Rev. Oldham.

10:30—"Why Have a Standard Sunday School?" by James A. Hale.

11:00—"How May We Have a Standard Sunday School?" by A. O. Thompson.

11:20—Sermon by Rev. W. H. Jackson.

12:15—Lunch.

1:15—Board meeting.

1:45—Stewardship Contest, under auspices of W. M. U.

It has been suggested that a representative of each church be present to receive the minutes.

Program Committee.

MRS. BIRDIE J. ROBINSON

Mrs. Birdie J. Robinson was born June 19th 1890, near Waco, McLellan county. She died January 10th, 1936, at the age of 45 years, 6 months and 21 days.

At the age of nine years she professed faith in Christ as her personal saviour, and remained a member of the Baptist church until her death. She was joined in marriage to F. M. Robinson, July 3rd, 1926, making their home on the plains ever since. She leaves to mourn her home-going her husband, F. M. Robinson, a brother, W. T. Brooks, of Bay City, Texas, and a sister, Mrs. J. E. Simpson, of Lubbock.

The Star joins all other people of the community in extending sympathy to the bereaved.

WPA PROJECT PROGRESSING

The WPA project on the Friona Draw here has been progressing quite satisfactorily to those engaged in the work since the snow of last week has gone, leaving the ground in a good condition for work.

The workers are engaged this week in building a detour around the present bridge that crosses the draw just south of Main street, in preparation for building the new bridge which will be stronger and wider.

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IS THERE A REPUBLICAN PARTY?

Editor's Note: The following article was written by Frank Sullivan and published in The New Yorker, one of America's most interesting publications, on Dec. 28, 1935. The article was copyrighted, but we believe it is one of the finest parodies on politics we have read in years. Our readers have doubtless read the famous Virginia letter to Santa Claus, and this article has a reply written in a similar vein. The Union League Club mentioned is a Republican Club in New York City.

(The New Yorker)
We take pleasure in answering at once and thus promptly the communication below, expressing at the same time our indebtedness to an editorial that made its first annual appearance in 1897 in the New York Sun in answer to a letter from a Miss Virginia O'Hanlon, eight years old. The editorial was entitled "Is There a Santa Claus?"

Dear Editor:
I am eighty-two years old. Some of my little Democratic friends say there is no Republican Party.

Papa says, "If you see it in The New Yorker, it's so."

Please tell me the truth, is there a Republican Party?

Virginia O'Knickerbocker Union League Club, 48 Park Avenue.

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the spiritism of a skeptical age. Because they go into a post office to buy a stamp and do not see any Republican postmaster there, they conclude that there is no Republican Party.

You have seen the leaves drop from the trees in the fall, have you not, Virginia? But you do believe that because the leaves are gone, there will never be any more leaves, do you, Virginia? You know, do you not, that in the spring there will be leaves again, and lovelier leaves than ever. And so we know that just because we cannot see any Republicans around at present, that does not mean that there will not be Republicans again, and, perhaps lovelier Republicans than ever.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Republican Party. It exists as certainly as the State of Vermont exists, or Governor Alf Landon, or Colonel Frank Knox, or your own Union League Club.

Alas, Virginia, how dreary the world would be if there were no Republican Party! Would you care to live in a world in which there were no (New York) Herald Tribune editorials entitled "The New Deal Seals Its Doom" or "The Twilight of Franklin D. Roosevelt"?

Would you care to live in a world in which the constitution was not daily being saved to tatters by the rugged individualists?

Would you care to live in a world in which there were no articles on the rape of the potato by Uncle Mark Sullivan? Do not misunderstand, Virginia. The articles are by Uncle Mark.

Would you want to live in a world consisting entirely of Democrats? Of course you would not. It would be as bad as having three meals a day consisting entirely of spinach, or baloney. Wouldn't it, Virginia?

Not believe in the existence of the Republican Party? Why, Virginia, you might as well not believe that Uncle Andy Mellon was the greatest Secretary of the Treasury since Hamilton. You might as well not believe that Warren G. Harding was ever President, or that there was ever a place called Teapot Dome. You might as well not believe that Calvin Coolidge ever posed for pictures, wearing an Indian war bonnet, or that Uncle Herbert Hoover ever said that grass would grow in the streets if he were not re-elected.

Your little friends have been listening to Uncle Franklin Roosevelt on the radio, I fear, or reading Uncle Charlie Michelson's pieces in the Monday papers. They have to see a Republican to believe in the Republican Party, but you and I know, do we not, that the most real things in the world may be things, which a James A. Farley cannot see.

You believe in elves, do you not, Virginia? But have you ever seen elves dancing on the lawn, or on the grass in the streets? Of course you have not but you know that they are there just the same, even as you know that the grass in the streets is there, although you cannot see that, either. But you know that it is there, because Uncle Herbert Hoover said it would be there, and you would not want to believe anything that Uncle Herbert told you, would you, because

you know that it was Uncle Herbert who told you in 1931 that prosperity was just around the corner. Didn't he, Virginia? And wouldn't you?

You do not have to see a Republican to know that he is there, Virginia, because a Republican does not have to look like a Republican to be a Republican. He can look like a Democrat, or he can belong to the Liberty League, or he can be John W. Davis, or he can just be William E. Borah.

Have you ever heard of William E. Borah, Virginia? Of course you have. Well, some days William E. Borah looks like a Republican, and some days he looks like a Democrat, and some days even he himself does not know what he looks like. Just at present he looks like a Republican. This is because the Republican National Convention will take place next June.

Have you ever heard of Alfred E. Smith, Virginia? Of course, Well, a club of lady Republicans in New York recently applauded the name of Alfred E. Smith. Now, Virginia, you and I know, do we not, that the Republican ladies did not do that because Uncle Alfred reminded them of Clark Gable. They did it because he reminded them of a Republican, and he reminded them of a Republican because he belongs to the Liberty League.

You see how complicated it can be, Virginia. Really, it is only in Vermont that you can actually see a real Republican with the naked eye and be sure that he is one.

You have heard of General Hugh Johnson, Virginia. You bet, Well, at the moment Uncle Hugh is changing from a New Dealer into a Republican, or something. Maybe it will turn out to be something, because Uncle Hugh is doing a great deal of hollering about it, even for Uncle Hugh. Maybe Uncle Hugh is going to change not into a Republican but into an absolutely new kind of politician. Wouldn't that be fun, Virginia? We could scrap all the Democrats and all the Republicans, and just have Somethings, or General Hugh Johnsons.

No Republican Party? Oh, Virginia, your little friends are wrong. There is a Republican Party, sure as there is an Ogden L. Mills. It is here, in our hearts, within us, you and me, and it is alive. It is the first song of the newly-elected New York State assemblyman, crying "GOPeep! GOPeep!" to the world. It is tenderness and regret and Simeon Fess. It is the afterglow of the sunset, empurpling the minarets of Palo Alto. It is courage in the face of adversity and it is Ruth Pratt and George H. Moses. It is rosemary from the tombs of Mark Hanna and Uncle Joe Cannon and Quay and Penrose and Tom Platt. It is E. F. Hutton, sounding the tocsin of the tycoons. It is the little girl on the knee of J. Pierpont Morgan and it is the gentle glow upon the visage of Huey P. Fletcher as he croons a lullaby to the Republican National Committee. It is a song in the heart of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt. It is love, and faith, and passion, and hope, and longing. At the moment, Virginia, it is mostly longing.

—Frank Sullivan

Mock Orange Discovery of Louisiana Settlers

When French settlers landed in Louisiana in the Seventeenth century and explored the territory they discovered many plants and trees new to them, writes Llewellyn Williams, assistant curator of economic botany at Field Museum of Natural History, in Chicago, in Field Museum News. West of the Mississippi, near a village of the Osage Indians, they found several small thorny trees with globular golden-colored fruit, to which they gave the name of Osage orange, or mock orange, although it has no botanical relationship to the citrus fruits.

An exhibit of Osage orange, showing trunk, a wheel section, typical boards, and other pertinent material has been added to the museum. The compact, elastic wood of this tree was prized by the Indians for making war clubs and bows—hence the French name bois d'arc (bow wood), now corrupted to bodark.

Chroniclers relate that the price of a bow was a horse and blanket. The wood is known in various localities by other names, such as bodeck, yellow-wood, Osage apple tree, or hedge tree. The tree's natural range lies across Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas. The wood is exceptionally hard and heavy and has many commercial uses.

NEW HEAVY WATER NOT MERELY TOY

How important is the newly discovered heavy water likely to be in a practical way? The science advisory board of the National Academy of Sciences and National Research Council makes the following pertinent comment in its report:

"A 'scoop' for American science was the discovery of the heavy isotope of hydrogen—hydrogen of twice the atomic weight of ordinary hydrogen. This opens up the possibility of forming an entire new group of hundreds of thousands of organic chemicals, with properties differing somewhat from those which are now known.

"This is a most interesting problem, whose technique is pretty well mapped out, which is of enormous extent, and which is peculiarly certain to yield chemical compounds with valuable new properties—particularly in the field of drugs, medicines and dyes."

This heavy water will not be a laboratory plaything, and we venture the prediction that it will reach every reader's life in some practical way within five years.—Scientific American.

Many Important Dates During 1936 Campaign

Candidates and Voters to Observe Many Dates In Year

Jan. 31.—Last day for payment of poll tax or otherwise to qualify for voting by obtaining exemption certificates.

Feb. 10.—Election judges appointed by County Commissioners' Courts. May 2.—Party primary conventions in voting precincts to elect delegates to county conventions (looking to national conventions to select candidates for President)

May 5.—County conventions to elect delegates to State party conventions.

May 26.—Parties hold State conventions in cities selected by respective State executive committees to elect delegates to national conventions.

June 1.—Final date for filing candidacies for all State and district offices, including United States Senator. (Applications filed with State, district and county chairmen, according to office.)

June 8.—State executive committee (Democratic) meets at place of call by State chairman to select place for holding State Convention Sept. 8, following second primary. County executive committee also meets.

June 13.—Final date of filing of candidates for county and precinct offices and district offices composed of single county.

June 15.—County executive committees meet at county seats to provide ballots, assess candidates to pay

expenses of primary election and determine whether nominations of county officers shall require majority or plurality of votes.

June 20.—Final date for payment of ballot fees by candidates.

June 22.—Committee of county executive committees prepare official ballot for first primary.

June 25.—First date for filing of first statement of campaign expense.

July 5.—Final date for voters who have moved from one county to another to procure new exemption certificates for voting in first primary. (Since July 5 is Sunday and July 4 is a holiday, it will be necessary for such persons to appear by July 3.)

July 6.—Opening date for absentee voting in first primary by voters who are away from counties of their legal residence.

July 10.—Opening date for absentee voting in first primary by voters in county of residence.

July 13.—First day for filing second statement of campaign expense.

July 17.—Final date for filing second campaign expense statement.

July 20.—Final date to obtain corrected poll tax receipt by persons who have removed from one precinct to another in cities of 10,000 or more inhabitants.

July 22.—Last date for absentee voting in first primary.

July 25.—First primary election. Precinct conventions. First statement of expense of second primary may be filed.

July 27.—Final statement of first primary expense may be filed.

July 28.—Final date for filing statement of first primary expense.

Aug. 1.—County conventions meet to elect delegates to district and State conventions.

Aug. 2.—Final date for obtaining

release of exemption certificates where voters have moved from one county to another. Last day upon which nominee may decline nomination.

Aug. 3.—First day for absentee voting in counties away from legal residence.

Aug. 7.—First day for absentee voting in second primary in county of residence.

Aug. 8.—Final date upon which State executive committee may meet at Austin to canvass returns of first primary and prepare ballot for second primary.

Aug. 10.—Second statement of second primary expense may be filed.

Aug. 14.—Final date for filing second statement of second primary expense.

Aug. 17.—Final date for voters to obtain corrected tax receipts in cases of removal from one precinct to another providing removal was prior to delivery of lists of certified voters to election judges.

Aug. 19.—Last day for absentee voting prior to second primary.

Aug. 22.—Second primary election.

Aug. 24.—Final statement of second primary expense may be filed.

Sept. 1.—Final date for filing statement of second primary expense.

Sept. 7.—State executive committee meets at place of State convention.

Sept. 8.—State convention meets to announce a platform of principles and announce nominees for State offices.

Oct. 14.—First day for absentee voting in general election outside county of residence. Last day upon which nominee may decline nomination.

Oct. 19.—First day of absentee voting in general election in county of residence.

Oct. 31.—Last day for absentee voting in general election.

Nov. 3.—General election.

Nov. 13.—Final date for filing statement of campaign expense with County Judge of county of candidate's residence.

Nov. 18.—Secretary of State opens and counts returns of general election for all offices except Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

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Jan. 11.—Electors convene at Austin to cast ballots for President and Vice-President of the United States.

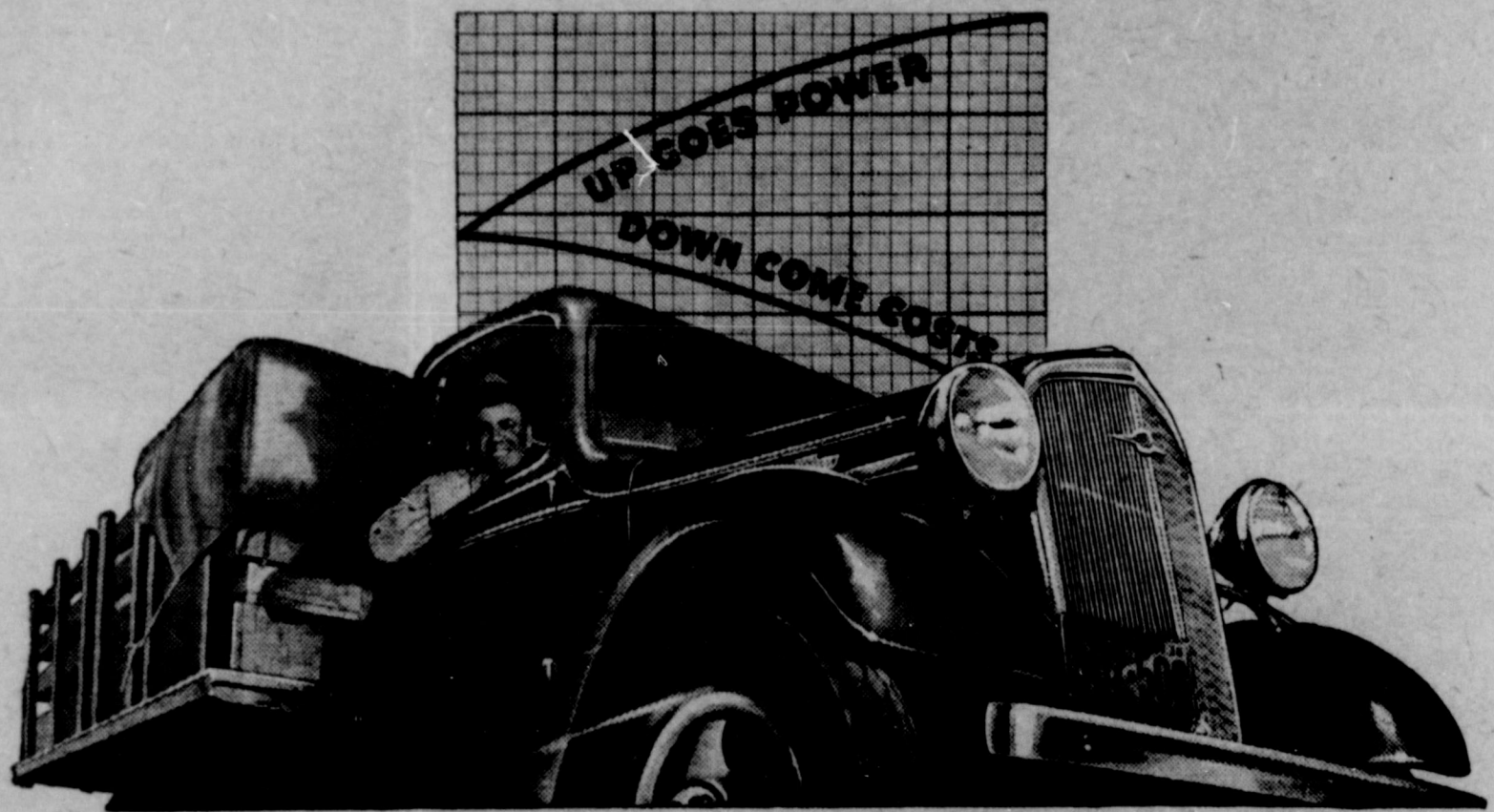
Jan. 12.—Forty-Fifth Legislature convenes and canvasses returns on election of Governor on first day.

Jan. 19.—Governor and Lieutenant Governor inaugurated.

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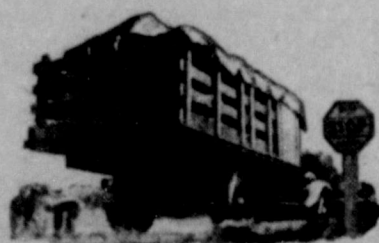
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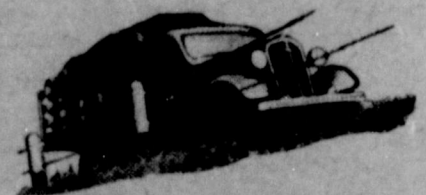
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General Topic:—Jesus's Baptism and Temptation.
Scripture Lesson:—Luke 3:21, 22; 4:1-13, Luke 3:

21. Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened.

22. And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son, in thee I am well pleased.

Luke 4:
1. And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness.

2. Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: so when they were ended, he afterward hungered.

3. And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread.

4. And Jesus answered, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.

5. And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

6. And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them, for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.

7. If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine.

8. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

9. And he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence:

10. For it is written, He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee:

11. And in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

12. And Jesus answering said unto him, It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

13. And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season.

Golden Text:—Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. Luke 4:8.

INTRODUCTION

Almost thirty years have elapsed since our lesson today, and the lesson last Sunday. During this period only once are we allowed to see Jesus, when at the age of twelve he is shown us in the Temple at Jerusalem conversing with learned men (Luke 2:41-50).

THE MINISTRY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST Luke 3:1-20

"He came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance to the remission of sins" (verse 3). John stressed the need for a change of attitude on the sin question, but emphasis is greatly needed today. He was a voice "crying in the wilderness" to prepare the way for the Lord. The picture of preparing a road for the triumphal entry of a king into a city is given—hills cut down, valleys filled, rough places made smooth, and crooked places straightened. Our present-day road building for automobile traffic is a good parallel.

JOHN DEMAND CHANGE OF LIFE Luke 3:8

As John thundered away in the wilderness great crowds representing different types of people came out to hear him.

To the multitudes of Pharisees and Sadducees who came, he said "O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?" (verse 6). A rather strong statement that is, but not too strong. He commanded these to "bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance" (verse 8). In other words, John demanded something more than a lip profession. And we would do well today to require some evidence of a real change of life before taking members into our churches.

THE BAPTISM OF JESUS Luke 3:21, 22

The first public act in the ministry of Jesus was his baptism. It was the initiatory preparation for his work. Matthew and Mark tell us that Jesus came from Nazareth to the Jordan to be baptized. That means that Jesus thought enough of baptism to make a fifty-mile journey for that purpose. This being true, we should not minimize the ordinance, but rather follow Christ in it. Matthew tells us that John would have hindered him, feeling rather that he should be baptized by Christ. "And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness" (Matt. 3:15). Baptism is the most effective method (the dramatic) of portraying not only Christ's death and burial but his resurrection from the dead, our resurrection in regeneration to a new life, and the final resurrection of all of the dead in eternity.

THREE INCIDENTS AT JESUS' BAPTISM vs. 21, 22.

Luke mentions three incidents connected with the baptism, and the spirit in which we should enter into it. The second was the descent of the Holy Spirit in bodily form as a dove. The dove is a type of the gentleness and guilelessness—harmless as doves. The third was the voice from heaven, saying, "Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased" (verse 22). Here God bears public testimony to his Son. Jesus was about thirty years of

age when he was baptized and began his public ministry. (verse 23).

THE TEMPTATION OF CHRIST Luke 4:1-13

The next event in preparing Jesus for his work, and helping him find God's way for his life, was his temptation. It was real temptation, or else it would have been meaningless for him. This temptation strengthened his character on the human side, as temptation always does for those who have been tried and have overcome. For another thing, it gave him a keener sympathy for our experiences. "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are" (Heb. 4:15).

WHEN WAS THE TEMPTATION?

Immediately after his baptism according to Mark 1:12) the Spirit led Christ into the wilderness where for forty days he was tempted of the devil. Psychologically he would be more subject to temptation immediately following the high experience of the baptism and the witness of the Holy Spirit. Elijah suffered his greatest temptation immediately following his great, spectacular victory over the prophets of Baal. For forty days he went through the struggle of resisting the devil's appeals to three basal desires—appetite, ambition, and pride.

THE FIRST TEMPTATION (4:2b-4)

The first of Christ's temptations was based on physical appetite. After forty days of fasting he was hungry. So the devil attacks at the point "here the defenses are weakest and easiest to break." "If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread" (verse 3). Christ met the temptation by giving one of God's sublimest truths: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God" (verse 4). Every one old, and young, needs to beware that he use not God-given powers to satisfy physical desires, for "man shall not live by bread alone."

THE SECOND TEMPTATION (4:5-8)

Failing to trap him on the side of physical appetite, the devil tries the route of ambition. This time, he takes Christ into a high mountain, shows him the kingdoms of the world, and offers them to him for one act of worship. But Christ did not yield. Instead he answered: "Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve" (verse 8). He would not for a moment sacrifice principle for popularity.

THE THIRD TEMPTATION (4:9-13)

The third temptation was an appeal to his pride. In this case the devil takes Christ up to the pinnacle of the Temple and says if he is the Son of God to cast himself down, for, "It is written, He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee; and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone" (verse 9, 10). But Christ could not be trapped. He met the devil with Scripture (a good plan): "It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God" (verse 12). Then the devil left him for a season.

TEMPTATIONS STRENGTHEN, IF RESISTED.

"Yield not to temptation. For yielding is sin. Each victory will help us. Some other to win."

IN OTHER PLACES

City walls of Nanking, China, have been replaced by modern thoroughfares.

Guatemala is believed to be the only country in Central America producing tea commercially.

Paris recently erected a monument in memory of a dog, a French army mascot in the World war.

ODD SLANTS

The eggs of the sealhorse are carried by the male.

Llay-Llay is the name of a town of 5,000 in Chile.

Scotland has discovered its town with one house—Abyssinia, Argyleshire.

A machine so delicate it registers the pulling power of a flea has been assembled.

During an extensive shrub fire in an orchard in Holyoke, England, roasted apples fell from the trees.

Hospitals throughout the country report the births of more twins and triplets this year than ever before.

The National Doughnut association observed October as national doughnut month because of the two "O's."

A man stole paving bricks from a street in Washington and sold them to a wrecking company for 40 cents a hundred.

Its fur set alight by a stick falling from a hearth, a cat fired a cottage at Hemphill, England, nearly destroying the building.

Unruffled too late at Rochester, N. H., to be of any use, so the city council discontinued it after 25 years of service. They found it disturbed the slumbering youngsters.

BRIEF FACTS

Paris society is holding tea parties, a novelty for France.

Since 1920 there have been over 15,000 bank failures in this country.

The song of the Trumpeter Swan has been sound-photographed in Yellowstone park.

Largest consumers of chocolate in England are young employed women, a survey shows.

Saints and angels are highly revered, if not adored, in Ethiopia, but graven images are forbidden.

Skoplje, a town in southern Yugoslavia, has the highest death rate in the world, according to statistics.

It is estimated that one out of every 12 persons in England makes a living by selling something to the other 11.

A Russian scientific expedition on board the icebreaker Sadko has discovered a new island in the Kara sea.

AROUND THE CORNER

Nearly two-thirds of England's mines are now electrically operated.

Yarns and fabrics are being produced from paper in Germany.

Yugoslavia's new public works program is reducing unemployment.

Production of whale oil in Norway in the 1934-35 season was 1,158,477 barrels.

Many new industries are benefiting from the improved economic conditions in Argentina.

In Japan practically every house, even in a small country hamlet, is lighted by electricity.

As a by-product of the clearing of timber land, British Columbia has established a charcoal industry.

According to League of Nations' figures the nations of the world spent over \$4,900,000,000 in gold for armaments last year.

THEY SAY—

"Organized religion is nothing more than a creaking weathercock."—Dean Inge.

"Economic forces will compel international co-operation."—Newton D. Baker.

"The great men in history were affected by nothing."—William Lyon Phelps.

"Man knows less about himself than anything else in the world."—John Dewey.

"Industry does not support man—it is man that supports industry."—Henry Ford.

"When we think, we experience; when we don't think, we 'just ain't.'"—Mary Pickford.

City Annoyed by Carts

The noise problem in Sofia, which is engaging public attention, is largely due to the carts. Sofia streets are paved with granite blocks and the carts used by the municipality, contractors and peasants from nearby villages are loosely constructed vehicles with iron-shod wheels. From morning till night there is a high-pitched, deafening rattle and clatter, which only ceases in the winter when deep snow covers the streets and sleighs replace the carts. Tram conductors and chauffeurs sound their bells or horns almost continuously and Sofia is declared to be, for three-quarters of the year, Europe's noisiest capital.

Life Teems in Soil

Life teems in the soil with inconceivable numbers and activity. Dr. Charles Thom of the United States Department of Agriculture, in a recent talk to world soil scientists at Oxford, England, said counts of soil bacteria have shown as many as forty-six billions of active organisms in a gram of decomposing plant material. There are 28 grams in an ounce, 16 ounces in a pound. A gardener picks up a double handful of mellow compost and there may sift through his fingers, among other things, a living microscope host represented by a figure that reaches halfway across the usual newspaper column—21,000,000,000,000.

Air Icicles

Ice is almost as dangerous to aircraft as fog. It has forced planes to fly into the ground, and has driven them so low that they have struck obstacles. Block ice, forming round wires and all edges designed to cut the wind, sometimes causes a fatal increase in weight and head resistance, as well as distorting the flying surfaces which supply "life" to the machine. The thickening of one bracing wire will decrease speed by 15 miles per hour.—The Blue Magazine.

You can't have a good man down, but he may have to go to some other place to come up.

All movements that "require" exhibitions of patriotism fail. Patriotism is spontaneous.

A doctor's cheerful talk cures 75 per cent of what you've got and his prescription the rest.

Some men are always looking up a word in the dictionary. They are the men who are well informed.

Display Novelty Clocks

The most accurate clock in the world, which varies only a fraction of a second in a year, is displayed at the Science museum, South Kensington. It is called the Shortt clock, after its inventor, W. H. Shortt, who devised it in 1921. A single pendulum, swinging in a glass case, is the main motive force which operates a "slave" clock alongside it. Among the many novel clocks in various parts of the country is an American-made alarm clock which, after arousing the sleeper, switches on the light and proceeds to prepare the coffee and toast for breakfast. Perhaps the most picturesque clock is at Interlaken, Switzerland. The works are buried beneath the ground; the face and hands are entirely planted with flowers. Despite the fact that the clock has to be watered and weeded, it keeps excellent time.—The Blue Magazine.

Crosses Channel in Motor Car

The English channel, scene of many unusual passages, including ones by mermaids, mermen, water bicyclists and a German who tried to walk across on water skis, was negotiated recently by another German in an amphibian automobile. The car was equipped with paddles on the rear wheels and crossed from Calais to Dover in eight hours and twenty minutes, clambered onto dry land and proceeded on to London. The driver had motored from his home in Germany to start the crossing. The vehicle has a land speed of about twenty miles an hour and a water speed of five miles an hour. At sea the water level is even with the running board.

Monument to Honor Maoris

On the summit of One Tree hill overlooking Auckland, New Zealand, will be erected an obelisk, 100 feet tall, honoring the Maori race, the original inhabitants of the country. Funds for the memorial were bequeathed in the will of Sir John Logan Campbell, a pioneer settler who had watched Auckland grow from an uninhabited spot to a large seaport. On all the hills near the city are earthworks built by vanished Maori tribes.

Illuminated Fish Lure

A lure that contains a miniature electric light is an innovation for fishermen. Unaffected by water, the illumination is provided by current from a small battery of the type used in fountain-pen flash lights. Battery and lamp are fitted within the hollow wooden plug to which the hooks are attached. The new lure is suitable for night trolling.—Popular Science Monthly.

Women Replace Men

Women have replaced men telephone operators on the general switchboard at police headquarters, New York city. Experts assert that women operators are endowed with presence of mind and are capable of promptly transmitting messages on which human life and safety may hang.

Mr. Dunsan, Relief Commodity Supervisor, of Dimmit, was a business visitor here Wednesday, having come over to check up on the commodities in store here for relief.

BY THE WAYSIDE

Better monotony than family jars.

Few men who never try to be rich ever are.

Who catches the bride's bouquet will be next wed.

It is astonishing how some neglected children thrive.

Break presents only when it is absolutely necessary.

Peasants Must Use Lulls

To reduce the high death rate from rheumatic troubles in the Province of Dragoslav Georgovich of Yugoslavia, public health authorities have ordered all the peasants to buy beds. The peasants from time immemorial have slept on the floors of their cottages.

Gaddap, Horrie!

Oodles—Do you believe that horse-shoes are an emblem of good luck? Needles—Yes, if they are on the winning horse.—Pathfinder Magazine.

Singing that puts the baby to sleep is the most popular kind.

Dancing is a pastime to be learned early in life or not at all.

No matter what you want to dodge, the headlines won't let you.

The words of crime and business and politics have no frontiers.

A man makes up his mind he doesn't want to get rich—so he doesn't.

Coal and chickens can't be stolen without making too much noise.

As the years roll on a man stops acquiring knowledge he can't use.

People who make sheep of themselves will not look far for a tyrant.

It was a long time before men were made ashamed of themselves for killing birds.

A trown is said to have no cash value; but it may keep pests at arm's length.

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Masks and Costumes Mark Strange Michoacan Dance

The dance of Los Vieillos (old men) is performed in the towns of the Michoacan province. It is one of the eccentric old Indian dances and one of the native entertainments.

The dance is executed by six jolly "old fellows" who limp on the stage seemingly suffering with the most crippling forms of rheumatism. The leader, who plays a small guitar called a jarana, begins with a fairly simple step which the rest, haltingly and painfully follow. Then one of the others takes the lead with a more intricate routine. The music changes with each routine and both steps and music take on a speed which only the cleverest and limberest of youths can follow—with humorous interludes in which they resume their old age.

Costumes are as whimsical as the dance itself—general looking mask-molded from Michoacan clay; flowing locks twisted from the white fiber of the maguey; a huanoego embroidered in red, worn over the shoulders; wide-sleeved shirt and extremely baggy trousers anchored with a red sash; to top it all, a broad-brimmed hat trimmed with flowers or ribbons; and, of course, a cane usually made with a grotesquely carved top. Costumes, steps, and music were originated by the Indians.

Valamo Monks Live, But Will Have No Successors

One of the oldest of Russia's religious orders is found on Valamo, the island of Lake Ladoga, which forms the channel boundary between Russia and Finland. The glitter of the white buildings of this community is in contrast with the somber atmosphere one finds within. The Valamo monks once constituted the world's wealthiest order; the coffin-shaped beds, the dolorous chant of prayer and the evidence of the asceticism that prevails have little in common with earthly wealth, observes a writer in the New York Times.

The Valamo order observes the ritual of the Russian Greek Orthodox church, and carries on amid altars of gold and silver, rich tapestries and ancient carvings that one associates with the old Russia. But like the old Russia, it must die, for no novice ever will be permitted to don the robe of its brotherhood. The death of the last of the present membership will mean the death of the order.

Weather-Wisdom

After being skeptical for many years, science today frankly acknowledges the truth and accuracy of several weather saws, treasured for centuries by sailors and country weather prophets. Among the portents which it admits may often be as accurate as the meteorological forecast are such signs as wool-pack clouds disappearing before sunset, a "low" sunset, red sky at night, yellow sky at dawn, white even the familiar saying "rain before seven, fine before eleven," is very often reliable. The portents of bad weather, for which there is usually scientific confirmation, include the appearance of "thread-like" clouds in the northwest, a red sky at dawn, a "high" or yellow sunset, and unusually bright stars at night. Meteorologists, however, refuse to believe that the moon affords any guidance to the coming day. They say that if a bad day does follow a lunar halo it is simply a coincidence.—Tit-Bits Magazine.

Rights Stand Above Men

It would be a dangerous delusion if our confidence in the men of our choice should silence our fears for the safety of our rights. Confidence is everywhere the parent of despotism. Free government is founded on jealousy, not on confidence. It is jealousy and not confidence which prescribes limited constitutions to bind down those whom we are obliged to trust with power. Our Constitution has accordingly fixed the limits to which, and no further, our confidence will go. In questions of power, then, let no more be heard of confidence in man, but bid him down from mischief by the chains of the Constitution.—Thomas Jefferson.

First Success With Iron

The first successful iron enterprise in America was that established by Thomas Dexter, Robert Bridges, and others operating under the name of "The Company of Undertakers for the Ironworks" at Lynn, Mass., in 1645. The furnace of these first American ironworkers was a crude affair. Other crude furnaces were set up speedily throughout colonial America, especially at points where there were supplies of bog iron ore, and it can be said that the forge followed the pioneer as settlements spread up and down the Atlantic coast and across the mountains into the Middle West.

Tardy Recognition

Although the Royal Theater of Copenhagen was the first to produce many of Ibsen's plays, it did not give the most famous play about Denmark, Sir Kasper's "Havelok," until 300 years after it was written. Kronborg castle, where Havelok saw his father's ghost, is one of Denmark's chief sights.

Honey Nectar of Flowers

The sweet sought by bees in flowers is not honey; it is called nectar. Honey is the nectar of flowers, evaporated and modified by the bees. Actual weightings have shown that it takes 20,000 bees to bring to the hive one pound of nectar, which will make about a quarter of a pound of honey.

Giant's Causeway Made Up of Number of Columns

Giant's causeway is a group of basaltic rocks on the north coast of County Antrim, Ireland, eight miles east-northeast of Portrush. It consists of a vast number of columns, generally pentagonal or hexagonal. The causeway proper is a low promontory formed of closely-packed columns. Altogether there are about 49,000 pillars, fitting into each other almost perfectly, and joined horizontally.

Various more or less detached groups are known as the Giant's Loom, Giant's Organ, Lady's Fan and so on. East of the causeway proper is the Giant's Amphitheater, a small bay with cliffs 350 feet high, formed in its upper part of two tiers of basaltic columns from 60 to 80 feet in height. Beyond this is Spanish bay, the scene of the wreck of an armada vessel; and still farther east the promontory of Pleaskein Head, 400 feet high, with double tiers of lofty columns separated by a band of ochre. The peculiar columnar structure of the causeway rocks is shown by geologists to result from the contraction in cooling of the lava of which they are composed.

The Giant's causeway derives its name from the legend which ascribes its construction to Finn McCool or Fingal, who bridged the channel between Ireland and Scotland, in order that the giants might pass from Antrim to Staffa.

Perfection of Canning Resulted From Two Wars

It is a melancholy fact that many of the peaceful arts either were born of the necessities of war or were generously fostered by them—a circumstance indisputably true of modern methods of keeping food from decay. It was two wars, observes the New York Herald-Tribune, that brought us something like perfection in "canning"—the Napoleonic and the American Civil. Nicholas Appert won a prize of 12,000 francs from the French government in 1809 for his almost completely novel method of preserving foodstuffs by sterilizing with heat and sealing them in airtight containers, which in his technique were glass. The use of cans began about a hundred years ago, but it was not until the Civil war that they were used to a great extent. The needs of northern armies far from their service of supply in regions where food resources were by no means abundant and the necessities of the French navy at war with most of Europe and having a hard battle also with scurvy in the late Eighteenth and early Nineteenth centuries may be said to have given us our commonest present methods of preserving food in the kitchen and in the cannery.

Mason and Dixon's Line

Mason and Dixon's line was a boundary between Pennsylvania and Maryland, surveyed by Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon, English surveyors, from 1763 to 1767. Their purpose was to settle an old dispute between the Penn and Baltimore families, owners of large tracts in Pennsylvania and Maryland. When the Civil war came, the line was used roughly to mark the boundary between the free and slave states, but the slavery line, after leaving Maryland, Pennsylvania and what is now West Virginia, followed the Ohio river to the Mississippi and then—excepting the slave state of Missouri—the parallel of 36 degrees and 30 minutes, established by the Missouri compromise. After the war the expression, Mason and Dixon's line, came into general use to separate the north from the south.—Indianapolis News.

Condor Multiplies Slowly

Due to its great size, the condor multiplies very slowly even under the best of conditions. Only one egg is laid at a time, and when the chick is hatched, it stays in the nest for a year or more, being fed by the parents. Only then are its wings large enough to support its first faltering flight. Observers declare that the condor lays its single egg, matures the chick, and seldom lays again until two years have passed. Mating is for life and the destruction of either parent means no more chicks, or if both are killed while a chick is in the nest it will starve.

The Season of "Pardons"

During the season of the "pardons" in Brittany, throughout the summer and early fall the peasants adorn themselves in costumes that have been handed down to them for generations, and thousands of pilgrims and travelers throng to the shrines for the religious festivals. The evening before the fête is spent in prayer and confession, or in drinking at the holy wells or other miraculous springs. Then on the big day the pardon—a blessing of the sea, or of cattle, or perhaps of a boat—takes place. When the procession and the rest of the rites are over, everybody's mood changes from religious to festive and an afternoon of dancing and games follows.

Two Species of Coral Snakes

There are two species of coral snakes, one known as the harlequin, being found in the Southeast, the other the Sonoran coral snake, in Arizona. They are recognized by their red, yellow and black rings and can be distinguished from similar but harmless snakes by the fact that the black rings are single and bordered by a pair of yellow rings, while the harmless species has single yellow rings bordered with a pair of black rings.

Blast Furnace Operates Without Any Shutdowns

The process of smelting ore into metal is accomplished in a blast furnace, the metallic product being a high-carbon alloy of iron called pig iron and containing more or less silicon and manganese. A blast furnace, as described by a writer in the Chicago Tribune, is a tall (often more than 100 feet high), cylindrical, brick-lined metal stack in which the ore is melted in the presence of limestone and burning coke. A blast of heated dry air is forced through the furnace from the bottom to intensify the heat of the burning coke, the more readily to melt the iron in the ore. A blast furnace operates continuously once it is lighted. The charge of ore, coke and limestone is admitted through the top of the furnace, and as it is consumed, it is replenished at regular intervals. In practice a charge of two tons of 90 per cent ore, one ton of coke, and a half ton of limestone, to which four tons of air are added in the blasting process, produces one ton of pig iron, one-half ton of slag, and six tons of gases. The gases are captured and used for various purposes, such as heating the blast.

The pig iron drawn off is either cast into pigs (sand molds) or poured into giant ladles and carried while yet molten to nearby steel furnaces. The slag, or residue of the ore, coke, and limestone, fused solidly into a uniform substance, is drawn off and eventually utilized in making elder blocks for road building, as roofing material, or for some other similar purposes.

Animals of the Marshes Have Need for Big Ears

Large ears mostly belong to animals that live in open places, marshes or swamps, and feed by daylight. There beasts of prey stalk them through long grass or lie in ambush thickets, so that the first necessity of safety is to hear unseen foes. The greatest danger of such attacks is from behind, and protection against it accounts for the rabbits long ears—especially those of Jack rabbits, in one kind of which the ear equals a quarter the length of the whole body. A rabbit's life is spent on the ground, usually where there is little chance to hide, and it can escape death only by a quick jump and great speed. For warning of the stealthy approach of an enemy it must depend almost wholly on its ears. Between snarls these "sounding-boards" lie flat on Bunny's back, and he becomes almost invisible in his earth-colored coat. At the slightest suspicious noise up they rise.—Montreal Herald.

Much Mud Moved From Thames

Forty-four million tons of mud have been dredged from the bottom of the Thames during the past twenty years, carried away in barges, and dumped in the sea. Figures like these mean absolutely nothing to the ordinary man, but when it is explained that this mud, turned into bricks, would build a wall five feet high and two feet thick round the world at the Equator, a better idea can be formed of the work done by the dredgers. Man is always moving things, especially earth and stones, and the gross amount moved is simply colossal. The largest building in the world is the Great Pyramid, which is 451 feet high and covers twelve and a half acres of ground. Six million tons of stone were used in its construction.—Pearson's Weekly.

A Shrine in Ontario

Close by the site of the fortified shack that sheltered the band of Jesuit missionaries who labored among the Huron Indians of the Georgian Bay region in the early Seventeenth century, stands a shrine to the memory of eight of the group who found martyrdom there and were later canonized. That shrine, a church, built nine years ago at Fort Ste. Marie, near Midland, Ont., has become one of the most frequently visited memorials in Canada. Of the eight Jesuits of the Canadian group who were martyred, six lived at Fort Ste. Marie, and the bodies of two were buried at the site of the old fort, the foundations of which remain standing. They were the first saints of North America.

Invented Zipper Fastener

Whitcomb L. Judson obtained a patent on March 21, 1896, covering a fastener compelling two metal chains which could be fastened together by a slider. The first hookless fastener to be universally adopted, covering all kinds of uses, was invented by Gideon Sundback about 1906. It was patented April 29, 1913. This fastener has been improved upon by two subsequent patents granted to Sundback on March 30, 1917, and October 16, 1917.

Duck Boat Designers

Whenever a big new Japanese fishing boat is launched in the American territory of Hawaii, the builders not only throw rice cakes and oranges to the crowd from the vessel's deck, but also toss the Japanese designer into the wake of the ship after the launching. This, they say, invariably brings good luck and long life to the fishing craft.

Europe's Melting Pot

Seeing the variety of race is part of the fascination of traveling in Europe. There are recognizable descendants of Spaniards in Holland, of Hollanders in Denmark, of Scots in Norway, of Germans in Russia, while the British Isles are a melting pot in which every nation of Europe has mingled.

Correct "Noon Marks"

Four correct "noon marks" are made in a year, on the following days: December 24, April 13, June 14 and September 1. Owing to the inclination of the earth's axis and its unequal movement in its orbit, solar days vary in their length. The average solar day corresponds to the 24 hours of our clocks, which keeps what is called mean time. If a clock were so constructed as to give the real solar time for all periods of the year, it would be observed that sometimes when the solar clock pointed at noon, the ordinary clock keeping mean time, would be pointing at figures between 11:45 and 12, or at other times between 12 and 12:15. Four times each year, however, upon the days mentioned, the shadow of a dial, or noon mark, would point due south at noon by the clock.

Hiking Fish

Fish that climb trees are not so rare as fish that go on hiking expeditions. In the latter class, Anabas Testudineus, a 4-inch member of the perch genus, stands, or rather walks, supreme. Equipped by nature with a pair of xilt-like pectoral fins, he is able to propel himself over the ground at a fair speed. But for some curious reason he only "hikes" when the earth is soft and moist. In India, the country of his origin, his expeditions from pond to pond take place either after a rain or at dawn while the dew remains. Though far from a beauty prize winner, the anabas, handicapped by a blunt nose and brassy body, is eagerly sought by pet dealers and collectors throughout the country.—Tit-Bits Magazine.

Army Medical Corps Insignia

The insignia of the Medical Corps of the army is the Caduceus, a winged staff of Mercury (Greek, Hermes) with which he controlled the living and the dead so that he could go unmolested where he willed; he carried it, especially when he escorted the dead to the world below. In its earliest form it is composed of three branches—one forming the handle and the other two intertwined. Later the intertwined branches were replaced by snakes, and still later wings were added to the staff. Among moderns the Caduceus is used also as an emblem of commerce over which Mercury was the presiding divinity.

Astronomy Ancient

The study of astronomy was ancient in the time of Confucius. More than 4,000 years ago the Emperor Yao of China ordered the death of the official astronomers Hsi and Ho for neglecting to perform the rites customary during an eclipse of the sun. Records dating from the reign of Sargon of Akkad in Babylon (3800 B. C.) imply that even then the varying aspects of the sky had long been under expert observation.

Nothing for the Ostrich But to Become Zoo Freak

The ostrich is difficult to raise. To begin with, it is not a prolific bird. Under satisfactory climatic conditions it lays at but one season of the year, the eggs numbering about a dozen. The period of incubation for hatching covers 42 days. The male takes turns at setting, going on duty, religiously every evening, to be relieved by his mate at daybreak.

The young chicks are extremely delicate. The parents must be immediately removed, lest they step on their offspring or rob them of their food. Eggs and refuse constitute the young birds' diet, to which eventually may be added alfalfa, cut into minute pieces. Even with the best of care and attention 75 per cent of the young ones die.

Once grown, however, the ostrich formerly became a perennial source of wealth. Each year as the male developed his gorgeous plumage for the mating season—thus winning the favor of the impressionable female—he was stripped of tail and wing feathers, which were curled, dyed and then shipped to all parts of the world. Now there is nothing left for the ostrich but to join a zoo or a beach resort side show.

Jewish Dictionary Planned

Declared to be the first dictionary of the Jewish language ever compiled, a work is being prepared for publication by the Institute of Jewish Professional Culture of the White Russian Academy of Sciences, according to a report from Moscow. It will be issued in three volumes and will contain 60,000 words.

FORMER RESIDENT HERE

J. B. McCuiston, a former resident of Friona, but now of Throckmorton, was a business visitor here Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. McCuiston, who was formerly engaged in the filling station business here, came over to dispose of his house and lot and did so by selling same to C. F. Rogers, used car dealer, of Friona.

HOME FROM DETROIT

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. (Pete) Buske and Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Magnus returned Tuesday afternoon from a trip to Detroit, Michigan, whither they had gone several days previous.

On their return Mr. and Mrs. Magnus brought with them a new Chevrolet coach and Mr. and Mrs. Buske returned with a new Chevrolet "pick-up" truck and a new two-and-a-half ton truck. These will be used in Mr. Buske's feed and produce business.

LAKEVIEW PEOPLE HOME

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. W. Alexander and Prof. and Mrs. Van Boston, all of Lakeview Community, who drove through to Los Angeles and spent the Christmas season there, returned to their homes last week.

Mr. Alexander said that they all enjoyed the trip and the days they spent in that delightful climate were filled with interest and great pleasure.

A moving picture show "Christ the Fulfillment," was given at the school auditorium Thursday night, sponsored by the Home Economics Club of the Friona high school.

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The Friona State Bank

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RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, on personal or collateral security	\$140,989.04
Loans secured by real estate	9,263.50
Overdrafts	1,602.35
Acceptance of other banks	44,387.01
Banking House	4,340.00
Furniture and Fixtures	2,800.00
Cash and due from approved reserve agents	31,171.43
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check on demand	85.64
Stock and/or assessment Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.	385.92
TOTAL	\$235,024.94

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$25,000.00
Total Capital Structure	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	2,572.33
Individual Deposits subject to check, including time deposits due in 30 days	175,207.94
Time Certificates of Deposit	17,244.65
TOTAL	\$235,024.94

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF CARBON:

We, Bruce McLean, as President, and Ester Noble, as Cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

BRUCE McLEAN, President
ESTER NOBLE, Cashier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9 day of January A. D. 1936.

DAN ETHRIDGE, Notary Public
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