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REV. WADE D. VINSON PASSED AWAY AT HIS HOME HERE TUESDAY

Funeral services for Rev. Wade D. Vinson, 62, veteran Baptist minister of this section, who died at his home, 1409 Second street, Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock after a serious illness of about two months, were held this afternoon at 8 o'clock at the Coggin Avenue Baptist church with Rev. W. R. Hornburg, pastor, in charge. Interment was made in Greenleaf cemetery immediately after services. Austin-Morris Co. had charge of the arrangements.

Surviving him are his widow, one son, Truett Vinson; three daughters, Misses Lena and Blanche, Brownwood, and Mrs. M. A. Wilson of Sonora; one grandchild, Flora Ruth Wilson; four brothers, Rev. W. A. Vinson, Hendrix, Okla.; D. M. and W. M. Vinson, Ohatchee, Alabama, and J. J. Vinson, Hico, Texas; one sister, Mrs. Will Weiss, Birmingham, Alabama.

Deceased was born in Calhoun county, Alabama, March 2, 1869. At the age of fifteen years he was converted and became a member of the Baptist church, and later was ordained to the full work of the ministry. In 1890 he was married to Miss Abbie Comer of Calhoun county. To this union four children were born, all of whom are living and were present for the funeral service here this afternoon.

Widely Known Minister

He was widely known throughout Central Texas in his work as a minister, having held charges in various places. He was also associational missionary. He was a student of Howard Payne college and devoted much of his time to field work for that institution. Sixteen years ago ill health forced him to retire from the ministry, however he continued his calling in his living and teachings of the Bible.

Legions of friends join his loved ones in mourning his death.

Active pall bearers were: H. L. Ehrke, T. R. Havins, W. I. Newton, Bill Burleson, R. P. Canady, Dr. Ben Shelton, Oscar Gault and S. G. Howard.—Brownwood Bulletin.

James Caldwell, who ranches south of Roosevelt, was here on business Monday. Mr. Caldwell reports his section of the country in excellent condition.

With the Churches

BAPTIST CHURCH

The pastor wishes to again remind everyone that this month is Home Missions month. It is hoped that we may have a liberal offering to send by the last of the month. Our Home Missions board is trying to preach the gospel to 25,000,000 people. To do this we need more preachers and workers and more money. Maybe you cannot preach but you can help send some one who can preach. Can God depend on you to obey His command? "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

Our Sunday school meets at 10, and we have preaching at 11 and 7:45.

The wise man said: "There are six things which Jehovah hateth: Yea, seven which are an abomination unto Him: Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood; a heart that deviseth wicked purposes, feet that are swift in running to mischief, a false witness that uttereth lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren." Prov. 6:16-19.

Some of our members would do well to read this and then check up on themselves; and especially on the last of the seven things mentioned. Those who are sowing discord in our church are hindering the Lord's work and helping the devil's. We wish you were honest enough to get in or out. Great will be your condemnation when you stand in the presence of God.

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RESOURCES

1. Loans and discounts	\$ 681,109.81
2. Overdrafts	887.13
3. United States Government securities owned	100,000.00
4. Other bonds, stocks, and securities owned	46,000.00
5. Banking house, \$22,700.00. Fur. and fixt. \$13,300.00	36,000.00
6. Real estate owned other than banking house	4,800.00
7. Reserved with Federal Reserve Bank	30,013.61
8. Cash and due from banks	35,860.70
9. Outside checks and other cash items	1,801.18
10. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	5,000.00
TOTAL	\$941,472.43
LIABILITIES	
15. Capital stock paid in	\$ 100,000.00
16. Surplus	100,000.00
17. Undivided profits—net	35,679.84
18. Reserves for interest, taxes, and other expenses accrued and unpaid	6,181.09
19. Circulating notes outstanding	100,000.00
20. Due to banks, including certified and cashiers' checks outstanding	9,172.50
21. Demand deposits	355,031.30
22. Time deposits	79,081.55
23. Bills payable and rediscounts	156,326.15
TOTAL	\$941,472.43

I, E. F. Vander Stucken, cashier of above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
E. F. VANDER STUCKEN, Cashier.
CORRECT—Attest: Geo. S. Allison, S. E. McKnight, Joe M. Vander Stucken, Directors.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of March, 1931.
(Seal) MAYSIE BROWN, Notary Public.

Texas again in 1930 ranked first among the states in production of natural gas.
Dr. Dickie, the chiropractor, is a regular graduate in medicine and surgery, fully qualified to attend your health needs.
Harry Meckel, who is employed by the state highway department at Ozona, is here this week.

35 YEARS AGO

November 2, 1895
Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Turney on Monday, October 28, a girl.

Chris Wyatt, the sheepman, was in town Tuesday. Chris carries his horses with becoming dignity. The hose and hose cart for the Sonora Fire company are expected next week.

The entire Sonora country is stocked to its fullest capacity, but not overstocked.
15 pounds of jam for 75 cents, Louis Morris.

Mrs. Wm. Guest and daughter were in Sonora Saturday shopping. Sutton county's court house is one of the cheapest and best in West Texas.

School Honor Roll

First grade: Murdock McDonald, Louis Ellis, Floyd Turney, Erma Marshall, Orville Word, Delia Brotherton and Jenny Sharp.
Second grade: Willie Nicks, Willie Adams and Tom L. Thomason.
Third grade: Lizze Stephenson, May Bradford, Myrtle Alexander, Laura Stokes, Bettie Williams, Clyde Bell, Eva Glasscock, Mason Rountree and Quincey Mills.
Fourth grade: Emmet Bell, Ronald Saunders, Bertie Pride, Forest Stewart, Ortho Schupbach, Maud Turney and Edna Birtrong.
Fifth grade: Giles Hill, Orville Word, Nathan Fulcher, Minnie Simmons, Pearl Balch, Minnie Bean Lou Thomason and Dona Allison.
Sixth grade: Hollie Davis, Beulah Burton, Pearl Mills, Mattie Brotherton and Julia Putnam.
Seventh grade: Annie Adams, Bell Birtrong and Minnie Schupbach.
Eighth grade: Mary Hudspeth and Ora Coker.

Edgar Shurley who has been attending school at Dallas returned home Wednesday.

Long-Meckel
Married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. August Meckel on Wednesday, February 11, 1914 at 8:30 p. m., Miss Lillie Meckel to E. S. Long, Rev. J. L. Burns of the Methodist church officiating. The ceremony was witnessed by the family and a few intimate friends. The happy couple are well known and have a large circle of friends. The News extends best wishes and congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Long.
Born on Wednesday, February 11, 1914 to Mr. and Mrs. E. Pfeister, a boy.
E. E. Steen and Lee Merck well known Lost Lake Divide stockmen were in Sonora Wednesday.
E. S. Long was given a shower of sox Wednesday by some of his many friends.

Work to Begin Monday
The board of trustees with the assistance of the First National Bank of Sonora has arranged for the work on the school building to begin at once.
A large quantity of lumber is on the ground. The quarry has been opened and the first load of stone was brought to the grounds Thursday. By Monday everything will

CONTROL FLIES ON 200 SQUARE MILES IN TEXAS
A good way to get rid of flies, the United States Department of Agriculture finds, is to trap them. Texas ranchers and entomologists of the department reduced the fly population 30 per cent on 200 square miles of ranch land with fly traps in one season.
A local fly-trapping association, co-operating with the Bureau of Entomology, Department of Agriculture, distributed the fly-traps at the rate of one to every 407 acres and caught 8,533 quarts of flies in seven and one-half months. Many of these were screwworm flies and fleece-worm flies, two pests credited with a \$10,000,000 damage to southwestern livestock in a single year.
The trappers used 2 pounds of fresh meat, 2 gallons of water, and 8 cubic centimeters of nicotine sulphate in each trap for bait and poisoning. They renewed the bait once in fifteen days during the summer, once in 20 to 25 days in the fall and spring, and renewed the water every seven to nine days in summer and every ten to twelve days in spring and fall.
Test catches of flies made from time to time at various distances from the traps, gave an indication of the effect the traps had on the number of flies in the region. On the basis of these tests, the entomologists estimated that the normal fly population of the 200 square miles was 234,531,000 flies, or 1,172,000 flies per square mile.—Farm and Ranch.

be underway and it is hoped to have the building ready for the 100 or more now waiting by the opening of the next term of school.

\$60,000 Trade

Carl and Anton Gunzer sold their ranch 30 miles southeast of Sonora to Jack M. Stewart of Brady. The ranch consisted of 13 sections at \$5.50 per acre; 1700 stock goats at \$2.75; 100 cows at \$45; 60 two-year-old heifers at \$30; 20 coming one's at \$22.50; 20 steers, 2's up, at \$30; 12 mares at \$45 and ten wrk and saddle horses at \$62. The sale amounts to \$60,000. The minimum water rate in Sonora is \$1.75, and persons desiring to water yards and gardens are asked to install meters.
Ira Glasscock reports that his mohair sold last fall at Del Rio brought 29 cents.
Fred and Joe Berger sold to Wes Bryson 190 bred ewes at \$4.50.

Statement of Ownership, Management, Circulation, Etc., Required by the Act of Congress of August 24, 1912,
Of The Devil's River News, published weekly at Sonora, Texas, for April 1, 1931.
State of Texas
County of Sutton.
Before me, a notary public in and for the state and county aforesaid, personally appeared M. A. Wilson, who having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the publisher of The Devil's River News and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management, etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in section 411, Postal Laws and Regulations, to-wit:

1. That the name and address of the publisher, editor, managing editor and business manager is: M. A. Wilson, Sonora, Texas.
2. That the owner is: M. A. Wilson, Sonora, Texas.
3. That the known bondholders, mortgagees, and other security holders owning or holding 1 per cent or more of total amount of bonds, mortgages or other securities are: None.

M. A. WILSON.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd day of April, 1931.
(Seal) MAYSIE BROWN.
My commission expires 6-1-31.

My Best Girl—

(Continued from page 5)

ain't as if Liz had been stealing or anything like that. But I thought I would drop where I stood when that cop walked in. I'm not accustomed to having my daughter get into any trouble—
"Ma," Maggie said. And Joe's father noted that she only touched the older woman on the arm. But her mother immediately began a sort of rotary curtseying in farewell.
"Maggie—Maggie—why do you go—why do you mix yourself up in this?" Joe said wretchedly and incoherently, trying to draw her aside, catching her by the arm.
Maggie was on her feet now, shepherding her father and mother away.
(Concluded next week)

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A Round of Slugs

(By S. U. M. Bull)

A candidate for mayor of Reno, Nevada, recently stood in the pulpit of a Methodist church of that city, and told his listeners that a barrel of "good" corn liquor should be placed on every corner in the business section of Reno, but not allow any of the juice to be carried away. The liquor would be furnished by a city still and the revenue would go to the city. He also said that card gambling should be legalized which would be another way the city could get revenue. "How about putting a tax on the bootleggers for selling short pints?" one citizen of this town asked.

If all the bills that have recently been up before the legislature were put in one law, what a law we would have. It seems that the state and nation have more laws now than can be properly enforced, so why make any more for the people to violate?

There is always plenty of news in any community, if the editors will only print half what the women are talking about; and it is understood that there would be a wholesale funeral immediately after the editions were put into the mails. If an editor should undertake to print everything he heard it would be the last of him.

If the people on the streets who criticize the churchgoers would go to church and the people in the church who criticize the street loafers would loaf on the streets, things might be better all around. Going to church will not hurt anybody.

It is being hinted that the Santa Fe Railway intends to build from Sonora to Del Rio, or through the valley. That line has had a land man in Del Rio recently ascertaining the amount of tonnage that would be given the proposed road. It is thought that the Santa Fe would like to hook up with the Mexican road beyond Del Rio.

The cold weather recently did some damage to the brush, and killed a few young born lambs and kids. Killing of the latter might help to prevent an overproduction and be beneficial to the ranchmen, provided there were enough that lost their lives.

A large delegation from Sonora will go to San Angelo for the district track and field meet. The Sonora track team will more than likely place in several firsts, then on to the state meet.

Ted Williams will open La Vista Theatre to the public Monday night with a high class picture. Mr. Williams has recently installed \$5,000 worth of new talking equipment and proposes to give Sonora first rate pictures. Congratulations to Mr. Williams, and may his venture here prove successful.

HOW VETS MAY GET LOANS ON CERTIFICATES

Washington.—Here's what a veteran has to do to borrow half the face value of his adjusted compensation certificate:

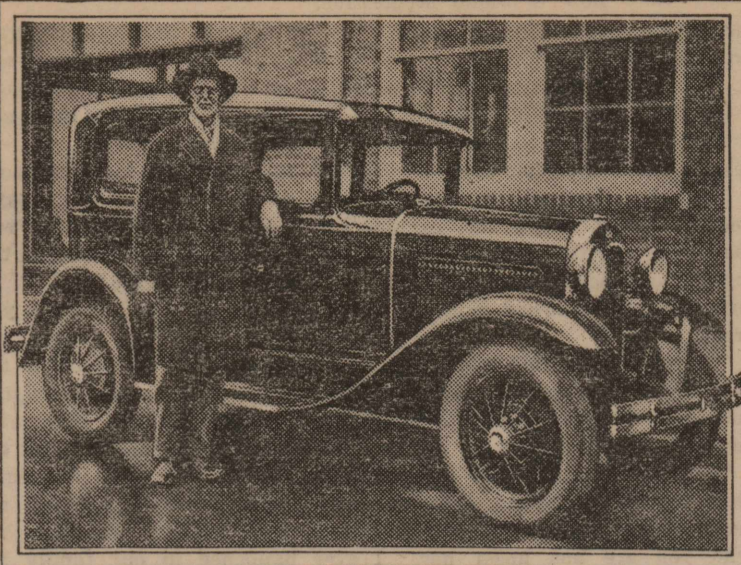
If he has obtained a loan he may present or mail to one of the 54 regional offices the record of it and the application for more.

Those who have not received loans must mail to the office or present a certified note to that effect along with discharge papers and the certificate. Notes can be obtained from the regional offices and veterans' organizations.

From there on the loan is in the hands of the veterans bureau, which heretofore has issued loans within 10 days of receiving applications, and hopes to continue issuing at about the same rate.

The regional offices are in Atlanta, Boise, Fargo, Fort Harrison, Mont.; Hines, Ill.; Minneapolis, Portland, Ore.; Somerset Hills, N.

OLDEST FORD DRIVER



J. M. Crow, 89, of Ethel, Miss., the oldest Ford driver in Mississippi, traversed the historic old Natchez Trace in a covered wagon eighty seven years ago.

As rugged today at 89 as the age in American history he so picturesquely typifies, J. M. Crow of Ethel, Miss., is the oldest Ford driver in Mississippi and one of the oldest in the United States.

When as a babe of two years he rode with his parents in one of a train of 30 covered wagons out of Cobb county, Georgia, into Mississippi, the old Natchez Trace followed by the brave little band was still infested by the swashbuckling ruffians whose bloody outrages gave that era its place in this country's history as "the outlaw years."

One of his vivid memories is hearing, as a boy of six, the news of General Scott's victorious assault on the heights of Chapultepec which ended the Mexican War in 1847, and his proudest memory is of honor-

able service as a Confederate soldier during the Civil War. When the southern cause collapsed, Crow was compelled to trudge 400 miles on foot to the old homestead at Ethel where he settled down to rear a family.

In the intervening years he has seen the lumbering stagecoach give way to the fleet automobile and the comfortable motorbus, the soggy gumbo and rough corduroy roads of his childhood to the wide, paved roads of today, and although he was long past middle age before the modern automobile became commonplace he is as enthusiastic a driver as youngsters who can boast less than one-quarter of his years.

Five generations of Crow's family are frequently seen together in his Model A Ford, the second of its type Crow has owned and driven.

Utilities Beautify Physical Properties

Shrubs, Trees, Flowers Purchased for Stations at Various Points in West Texas

Abilene, March 19.—The beautification of its physical properties through the planting and cultivation of parks surrounding plants, offices and stations has been a constant activity of the West Texas Utilities Company since its organization, and the latest construction report, made available from the local offices of the company here yesterday, indicates a continuation of the same policy that has made its properties beauty spots in every community served.

Shrubs, trees, flowers and other plants will be purchased and the grounds and parks surrounding local offices at Big Lake, Rankin, Throckmorton and Memphis landscaped. Generating plants at Lake Pauline and Vernon, and the ice plant and ice sales station at Memphis, will also be landscaped and planted.

The company has been commended both locally and by visitors on its civic beautification programs, and its work along these lines has often stimulated a greater activity among other property owners throughout the territory served.

Other activities announced in the report include the extension of electric, water and gas service; oil-field construction work, and the replacement of equipment at several points.

Two important extensions will be made at San Angelo, where a 3-phase, 13 Kv. primary line will be extended from the new Santa Fe terminals to serve irrigation customers northeast of the city with power for pumping water, and 1,800 feet of series construction and 400 feet of underground trench cable will be installed to furnish lighting facilities on Avenues E and B.

Dinah: Is you made all yo' rancements foh you' weddin'?

Mandy: Not quite. I's got to buy a trooso, an' rent a house an' git my husband a job, an' git some reg'lar washin' work to do. An' when them's done Ah kin name the happy day.

Lawyer: And just how bad do you want this divorce, Mose?

Mose: It only cost me a string o' fish to git married, suh, but, please de Lawd, Ah'd give a whale to git rid of her.

Patient: Is the doctor in?

Attendant: No; he stepped out for lunch.

Patient: Will he be in after lunch?

Attendant: Why, no, that's what he went out after.

Floyd Ridley and Miss Lios Thomas visited in San Angelo today.

Half of Mohair Clip Now Unsold

Figures compiled here yesterday afternoon showed that about 3,250,000 pounds of the spring of 1931 mohair remains unsold. Private sales have taken about 3,000,000 pounds or more of the clip, while the National Wool Marketing Corporation has shipped about 200,000 pounds of mohair and is shipping now between 500,000 and 600,000 pounds of the Del Rio Wool and Mohair Company. The average price paid by the buyers ranges from 23 to 24 cents for the adult hair and 33 to 34 cents for the kid hair. The co-operative is advancing 15 cents for grown hair and 25 cents for kid hair.

The list of clips said to be unsold is given below: Comfort, 100,000 pounds; Sanderson, 150,000 pounds; Del Rio Wool and Mohair, 500,000 to 600,000 pounds; Val Verde Wool and Mohair Co., 125,000 pounds; Schwartz, 400,000 pounds; Horners of Uvalde, 400,000 pounds; First State Bank of Rocksprings, 250,000 pounds; the Schreiners of Kerrville, 500,000 pounds; Junction Cattle Loan Co., of Junction, 50,000 pounds; Menard, 125,000 pounds; Brady, 150,000 pounds; Johnson City, 100,000 pounds; West Texas Wool and Mohair Co., of Mertzon, 30,000 pounds; Sonora Wool and Mohair Co., of Sonora, 250,000 pounds, miscellaneous, 100,000 pounds.

Turkey will have at May 1, unless she makes some sales, about 17,000,000 pounds of mohair, while South Africa will have 3,000,000 pounds, but the tariff of about 25½ cents a pound in the grease on this mohair makes it impossible for it to get into the United States for less than 30 or 40 cents a pound.—San Angelo Standard.

GOVERNMENT IN BUSINESS

The element in politics which wants the federal government to go into business is neither Republican nor Democratic but Socialistic. That is the essence of Socialism, that government should do everything, and all individual enterprise be subordinated.

That is not the way in which America has become great. It is not the way in which any nation ever became great. We in this country believe, whether we call ourselves Democrats or Republicans, that the individual is greater than the state, that government is set up to serve the individual and not to rule him. We have always resented, even in war time, the competition of government with private enterprise.

There are emergencies, as President Hoover pointed out in his message vetoing the Muscle Shoals bill, when government is justified in going temporarily into business, but

who that remembers how the railroads were managed during the war would want to go back to that inefficient, extravagant way of doing things? Government operation of any business enterprise means the employment of people not because they are good at their jobs but because they voted right at the last election.

The Wilson dam at Muscle Shoals and the government nitrate plant there were built as a war emergency measure. It would be desirable to utilize the water-power that is now going to waste there, but it would be simply a plunge into Socialism

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The mother stood upon the step and watched him go, her hand shielding her eyes from the last di-

rect sunrays. Her face was white and her mouth grim.

He knew there was murder in her heart; not for him who brought the message—for the man who had shot her husband.

A bleak sense of being somehow tricked by circumstance swept over the kid. It wasn't fair. He wasn't a killer, he hadn't wanted to kill, but a man lay dead because of the kid's bungling shot.

"Shoah funny, Babe Garner being right there close where he could see and hear the whole thing." Never needed any explaining—just

took it for granted the kid only did what he had to do. Never said a word, either, about that poor shooting.

Getting Wheeler on the pinto, tying him on with his own rope—like totting a deer out of the hills along the Brazos. The kid worked calmly enough but he worked fast and he did not look straight at Nate Wheeler's face; not once. A shame. Shooting Wheeler's arm down would have done just as well. Better. A sight better for the woman and that baby.

She was down by the gate, waiting in the dusk, when the kid came riding up, leading the pinto with its grisly pack. The little woman unfastened the gate, her fingers clinging to the weathered, strap-worn slick in her husband's hands.

She did not speak as the grim burden went through. Just reached out and caught a swaying, inert hand and laid it swiftly against her cheek and let it go. The kid swallowed hard and turned his tiger stare straight ahead up the trail toward the darkened cabin.

"I'll go fix the bed for him," she announced dully, coming up as the kid halted at the doorstep and swung limberly down from the saddle.

The kid was unfastening the rope where the last hitch had been taken in the middle of Nate Wheeler's back. The body had sagged to one side, and the kid lifted it by one arm—the gun arm, the one he meant to "shoot down." The arm gave limply in his grasp, the bone shattered above the elbow; and the kid froze to an amazing immobility for ten seconds, his mind blank, his fingers groping and testing.

"Arm shoah was plugged, all right." Not a doubt in the world about that. Funny the kid hadn't noticed it before. But, then, Wheeler had fallen on that side and his arm had been underneath, and the hole in his head was too plain to miss seeing. It never had occurred to the kid to look at that arm. Hadn't happened to get hold of it when he loaded him on the pinto, either. Hell, he hadn't missed, after all! Hit the arm right where he aimed, up above the elbow where there was only one bone to bust and no great harm done. Few weeks in a sling, arm good as ever.

The kid felt the little heat waves streaking up his spine at the woman's voice from the doorway, and the heat warmed and dissipated that cold lump he had been carrying in his chest. He hadn't bungled that shot, after all. Wheeler must have ducked his head right in line with the bullet. It was an accident—and that made a difference; a very great difference to the kid, justly proud of his skill.

He lifted Wheeler's body from the pinto to his own back, carried it in and laid it on the bed. The wife now stood staring down at him with the hot, dry eyes of hate. Hate for the man who had killed her husband.

She stooped now and picked up the baby and set him astride one bony hip and wiped his nose and cheeks with a corner of her apron. Red-headed little tike, that baby. Red-headed like his pappy. It pointed now to Wheeler and said, "Daddy go bye?" twice, waving its chubby arm toward the bed.

That did something to the woman, kinda. She grabbed the baby's arm down and turned away quick, and sat down on a rocking chair and started moaning and rocking, the baby's face pressed so close

against her shoulder that its little stubby nose was flattened and it kicked like a calf at the branding fire, trying to get loose.

"Any thing yo'all want me to do—milk, or anything like that?" The kid stood by the door with his bullet-scarred hat in his hand, trying to keep the red out of his face.

"No—oh, no—oh, feed the pinto—and feed the team—" The little woman still rocked the baby, speaking jerkily like that between 'er moaning.

The kid went out and led Pecos and the pinto down to the stable. Pecos he led behind the stable. Dark, back in there. Pecos snorted a little, but he'd stand, all right. No use having him out in sight—got in a country where the nesters holed "Draw, you ccyote!" and then started popping it right to you, without waiting to see if yo' all were going to draw.

The chores were soon done. How about a grave? Plumb foolish to start digging, unless he knew where to dig. She ought to have the say about that, but he hated to ask her.

Riders coming. Poole men, maybe, after Nate Wheeler. They oughtn't to bother the widow now, the way she was feeling. The kid started running. He reached the cabin door and opened it while the riders were still at the gate.

"Men a-comin' heah, Ma'am. If yo'all don't want 'em—"

"Oh, let 'em come," she answered wearily. "They cant do any more damage. They've got Nate—they ought to be satisfied with that."

She got up and crossed the room, and presently the kid saw her face, dead white in the flare of a match she was drawing across the lamp wick.

The riders stopped outside the cabin and someone whistled a call—but it was not the night-bird call Babe Garner had taught the kid. Different. This was the first strain of that old war song, "When Johnny Comes Marching Home." The kid's lips puckered thoughtfully and he repeated the strain standing just inside the closed door. Friends, they must be; that is, friends of the Wheelers. He wouldn't have to dig that grave, after all. The kid was glad, for he hated grave digging.

He opened the door and the men came in; four of them, one after the other. Shaggy, farmer-looking

men, with stubby cheeks that stuck out on one side with great cuds of tobacco. The kid felt a vague distaste for them.

They halted at sight of him, huddling just within the room instead of scattering. But the kid's hat was off, and though it dangled from his left hand he looked at home there, somehow. Besides, they had got their signal all right. The leader relaxed, dropping his hand to his side.

"We come to tell Nate there's a meetin' over t Hans Becker's place and we'd like to have him go along." He cast another suspicious glance toward the kid and checked what more he would have said. "You better get ready and go too. The women are talkin' about stayin' all together over there, where it's a big house and plenty of room, till we git the Poole—" He stopped again. "This boy workin' for you?" he asked brusquely.

"He's—been helping me—"

"Oh. I don't call him to mind. Yuh want to look out for strangers. Where's Nate?"

The little woman lifted her hand from patting the baby, and pointed one finger to the corner where stood the bed.

"Sick?"

A headshake was his answer, and the kid did not move.

"No time to go on a toot, with

the Poole—"

"They got him." Nate's wife spoke in that dull, level tone which the kid hated to hear. "Shot him on the road somewhere. The boy found him and brought him home."

The kid stood aside for them, as they rushed to the bed to look at

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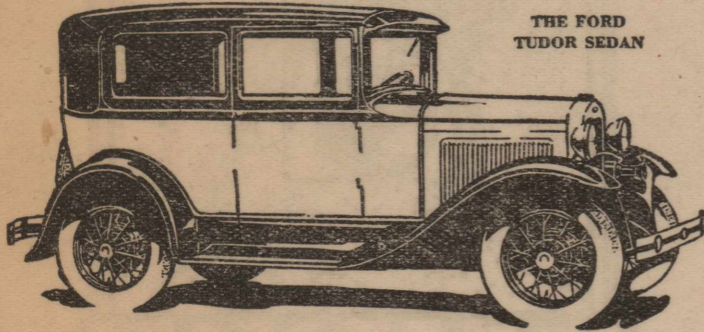
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THINGS ARE LOOKING UP

We don't mean only the green things in the field and garden. Economic depressions have no effect upon the processes of nature; the leaves come out and the grass comes up—to say nothing of the weeds—whether business is good or bad. And at this time of year it is always truthful, though not always the whole truth, to say that things are looking up.

This year it seems to be true of other things besides the ones that grow. There are plenty of signs of improvement in business, not much in some lines, a good deal in others. Automobile production is increasing, which means more men working in the factories. The electric power output is higher than it was a year ago. That means not only that more people are using electric light but that industrial plants are buying more power. Building contracts reported for March show a gain over February. And it is hard to travel twenty miles in any direction from anywhere without running into a new highway or bridge under construction, or some other big piece of public work, giving employment to large numbers of men and putting in the aggregate hundreds of millions of dollars into circulation.

There has been a great deal of unfriendly comment abroad over the situation in the United States during the past eighteen months. Unemployment, the breadlines in the big cities, and similar sensational items of news were printed in European papers, with the result that Germany, France and Italy picture the whole population of the United States reduced to destitution. Apparently they have never heard, over there, of our miniature golf craze, which began just after the depression hit us and so far has developed into a \$150,000,000 business. Not everybody in the United States spends his time in the breadline!

And, to come back to the green grass and the weeds, nature is doing a little better by us this year than last. At least, there has been more rain this spring all over the country than there was a year ago, and more snow in the north than for several winters. There is still a lot of water to fall to bring up the average, but there doesn't seem

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Washington, D. C., April 20.—A recent poll among the delegates to the 1928 Democratic Convention showed Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York, leading by an overwhelming majority as the logical standard bearer of that party in the 1932 presidential race. He led former Governor Alfred E. Smith, the last candidate, nearly two to one in the poll, 478 to 125 being the actual figures. The straw vote is considered as important in showing the way the delegates will probably veer when the first votes are taken.

Republican National Committee affairs are also becoming active, a group of senators close to President Hoover having started a series of conferences for the purpose of picking a new chairman of that body. Senator Simeon D. Fess of Ohio, the present incumbent, is known to desire to relinquish the office and only the difficulty of picking a man acceptable to all factions has caused him to continue in office. Two men are being named as his likely successor, Secretary of War Hurley and Postmaster General Brown, both of them men of the aggressive type. Secretary Hurley is said to be favored by the President, with whom he is on close confidential terms, while the Postmaster General has powerful support from leading Republican senators.

Indecision still exists as to the man who will be favored to run on the second place of the ticket. Vice President Curtis is anxious to learn if he will be backed for renomination in order that he can start making plans to make the race for senator in Kansas in the event another man is picked. A report that President Hoover desires to have Governor Theodore Roosevelt of Porto Rico named as his running mate has been put into circulation by several senators while others argue that Secretary Hurley would be a more logical candidate.

Both political parties are expected by close observers to sidestep the liquor issue in the 1932 platform and make their main appeal to the voters on the question of government ownership of public utilities. Former campaigns, they say, show that socialistic questions are always of the fore in the years during and following agricultural and industrial depression. In the late '80s and early '90s, they point out, the Populist Party reached its greatest strength and elected many men to both houses of congress, besides many governors of states. At that time national ownership of railroad and telegraph interests was made the leading issue. The coming campaign may see superpower and radio elevated to the main position on the platforms in an endeavor to supply a panacea for the current financial ills.

Reports from 43,000 farmers, as of March 1, indicate that twenty per cent less land will be planted to wheat this year in an effort to offset the present enormous surplus. Department of Agriculture officials declare they are pleased at the support they have been given by the farmers in limiting their planting and assert that the price of wheat and other grains will rise as a result of their action, even

SAYS WILL ROGERS



BEVERLY HILLS—Well all I know is just what I read in the papers. Well I just picked up an old paper that had President Hoover's speech that he delivered at the opening of Congress. You know its in the Presidents contract that one of his duties is to deliver a Message to the Hired hands when they meet in session. Its supposed to give them the "condition of the Country." You see Congressmen and Senators are not supposed to know anything about the "Country" and they generally don't, so the President issues his message. He starts out, "Substantial progress has been made during the year in national peace and security. Education and scientific discovery have made advances. Our Country is more alive to its problems of spiritual and moral welfare." Now there is a mighty good opening paragraph, especially when you would think it would be kinder hard to see where we had got ahead much in the last year. But he found some mighty worthy things about us. I like that line "Substantial Progress has been made."

"Substantial." When a fellow is going to hire you and he ain't going to give you much he always says, "I will give you a substantial stipend." Its a kind of a way of making it look like you are getting something and yet, you figure it out and you are not. But it was a mighty good word to use under the circumstances. It come in kinder like the old other White House word "Choose," there was just no telling exactly what it meant. So this "Substantial" covers up quite a good deal of ground.

He says we have made some "Substantial" progress in Peace and security. Well if you got the Peace you have naturally got the security. He means that we got more peace than we did have, we will say a year ago. We wasn't fighting anybody a year ago, and we are not fighting anybody now but ourselves, we are all laying it on each other. But its a kind of a "Substantial" blame. Of course we are nearer war than we were a year ago, for each day you live you are nearer it, for its in the future and you draw nearer it every day.

Now that brings us to Security. Now we haven't done much along

the report itself having a good effect.

Appointment of Sam H. Thompson, head of the American Farm Bureau Federation, to the Federal Farm Board, is expected to have an important influence in selling the Marketing Act to farmers as a substitute for "farm relief." The new member has the respect and confidence of all farmers and his advice is likely to be followed by them. An idea of the importance of the appointment in Mr. Hoover's eyes is shown by the fact he held the battleship "Arizona" in Hampton Roads on his recent trip to the West Indies until assurance was received that Thompson's board of directors had agreed to his acceptance.

The country had 6,050,000 people on the unemployed list last month, according to figures issued by Secretary of Commerce Lamont. The statement was based upon reports from the nineteen largest cities and has been challenged because of the fact that people out of work flocked to those cities, making the result an overstatement. Since then considerable gains have been made, due to the approach of warmer weather.

Federal services placed 700,000 farm laborers in jobs in 1930 at an average cost of 13.5 cents per capita. The main activities of the Farm Labor Division of the government was centered in shifting labor according to the advancement of growing crops. In industrial ranks a growing movement toward establishment of the five-day week is seen, a decided impetus being given the plan by the depression.

Food prices continue to drop, a four per cent lowering in one month being shown by the Department of Labor in a recent report. The price of butter and eggs approached the pre-war level, the latter being due, perhaps, to the exceptionally warm weather of the late winter. Mutton and cotton alone of the larger crops showed a gain in price. Another government report shows that after all great wars of modern times a price recession in farm products of about one-half has always occurred. An upward trend cannot be expected, it states, until 1933 or '34.

the security line, outside the disarmament Conference in London, which wasnt hardly able to be called "Substantial." But Mr. Hoover has done all in his power to try and further peace and at the same time leave us a Musket loaded in the corner at the same time. Well that's as it should be. Its all right to go to these Conferences. But its always well to come home and reload your gun after each one is over.

He says that education has made some strides. Well that's pretty hard to say. I wouldn't call it "Substantial" stride. Its awful hard to tell what education is. Lots of our people have learned a lot of things since last year. Now whether they was the things they ought to know will take a lifetime to find out. So I guess education has advanced. But I expect knowledge has gone back during the past year, at least we act like it.

He says that "During the last 12 months we have suffered with other Nations from economic depression." Yes and we have suffered a lot alone too. In fact I would go even further than the President and say that we had suffered "Substantially," or even "gross substantially." You see thats how a lot of people try to make us feel good is to tell us how bad somebody else is off. I don't know what kind of a streak or complex it is in anybody that gives 'em a kind of a delight to know that somebody else has lost a leg along with you, and if they happen by chance to have lost two and you only one, why then their day is just complete.

They show that there is just as much of everything as there ever was and all that. But they dont tell that whats the matter with us is the unequal division of it. Our rich is getting richer, and our poor is getting poorer all the time, thats the thing that these great minds ought to work on. Not be figuring out what the cause of this depression was, but let us fix our taxes, or our government work, and our whole system so we can kinder keep it split up a little better. What we got now is "Substantial" unemployment, and that's the thing that needs fixing. Never mind World Court, and Disarmament, and all that Hoovey.

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