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Views Wheat Farmers Outlook

The following address was delivered by Kenneth Kendrick, immediate past president of the National Association of Wheat Growers, at a series of wheat meetings sponsored by the Extension Department of Texas A. & M. College at Plainview Tuesday, in Amarillo Wednesday. He spoke in Wichita Falls today and will speak in Abilene Friday.

Outlook For Wheat Farmers
"Mr. chairman, members of the panel, wheat farmers, and guests, it is a real pleasure for me to have a small part on this program. I consider it a distinct honor.

I have been asked to talk on the subject, Outlook For Wheat Farmers, however, before I get to the subject of wheat farming specifically, I would like to make a few observations on the "general agricultural situation." Farmers have been experiencing the so called price-cost squeeze for the past three or four years. I would like to give you a few statistics about the price-cost squeeze that we are in.

In 1947 the net income of the American farmer was 17.5 billion dollars. In 1955 the net income of the farmer was 10.6 billion dollars. During that 8 year period the farmers production costs increased over 30 percent. The price he received for his commodities has declined about 25 percent during that same period. In 1948 the farmers share of the food dollar was 53 cents, today it is 39 cents. In 1940 farm operators production expenses totaled 6.7 billion dollars. Last year the figure was 22.4 billion dollars. Almost four times as much for expenses in 1955 compared to 1940. In 1955 farm owners borrowed \$2.4 billion on farm-mortgaged security. The largest amount borrowed by farmers since 1923.

If you are an average borrower your farm in mortgaged for \$7,100.00. Three hundred and thirty-eight thousand farmers placed a mortgage on their farms last year. The farmers realized net income last year was less than 4 percent of the total national income. In 1935 farmers received over 5 percent of the national income. Farmers are indeed in a price-cost squeeze.

Why Wheat Is In Trouble

I would like now to present three charts on wheat which I believe point out very clearly why we have a surplus of over 1 billion bushels of wheat today, and how we have accumulated this surplus in just 3 years. This first chart points out the continuous declining per capita consumption of wheat products in the last 46 years. Note that in 1910 the per capita consumption of wheat was 211 pounds, and this has steadily declined until in 1952 we consumed only 129.9 pounds of wheat per person. During that period our population increased 40 percent and our increase in the use of wheat flour products was only 4 percent. Congressman Clifford Hope of Kansas, told us in a speech at the National Wheat Growers meeting in February that there was some indication that we had a slight increase in the per capita consumption of wheat flour products in 1955 as compared to 1954. If we could just stop this decrease our normal increase in population would use several million more bushels of wheat in a few years.

This second chart points out how tremendous stocks of wheat were accumulated in just three years. Note that in 1952 we had only 257 million bushels of wheat on hand. In 1953 this increased to 560 million bushels. Then in 1954 the increase alone was 345 million bushels, pushing the

total to 803 million bushels. In 1955 we added another 130 million bushels to the stockpile in spite of acreage allotments. With the new wheat crop being harvested we now have on hand 1,957 million bushels of wheat, more than 2 years normal supply. At the beginning of harvest next year we will have more than 1 billion bushels of wheat on hand.

Chart number 3 points out one of the reasons our stockpile built up so rapidly. Note that during the war years we far surpassed Canada in exporting wheat and beginning in 1951 our exports did a nose dive and continued to go down until 1953 when they were little more than 1-2 of our wartime exports. Yet during that time we were free to plant and raised just as much wheat as ever. Our exports for 1954 and '55 averaged about 270 million bushels, and thanks to recent concerted efforts to dispose of our surplus by the Department of Agriculture they are expected to be around 320 to 330 million bushels for the fiscal year ending July 1, 1956. Another reason for this rapid build up of wheat supplies was that in 1939 the average production of wheat in the U. S. was 12 bushels per acre. In 1956 the average production was 16 bushels per acre on seeded acres and 19 bushels on harvested acres. Out in the Panhandle we did not harvest any wheat so you boys must have made more than a 16 bushel average.

Now since the most important piece of agricultural legislation passed this year was the "Soil Bank," and since it represents some what of a new approach toward reducing our farm surpluses, I would like now to ask several questions concerning the "Soil Bank" as it will be applied to wheat and discuss each of these questions briefly with you.

These questions are:
1. Will the Soil Bank solve the wheat problem?
2. Will wheat farmers participate this fall?
3. Will a reduction of ten million acres get rid of our surplus wheat in the next three years?
4. If so, will wheat farmers then be free to plant all their wheat acres in 1959?

Will The Soil Bank Solve The Wheat Problem?

The answer to that is, of course, that we do not know. Only time can answer this question. I do believe, however, that the principle of the "Soil Bank" represents a sound approach to the problem. Heretofore we have been trying to solve the problem by cutting acres on basic crops and this resulted in an increase of feed grains on diverted acres, which did not solve anything, but just shifted the surplus from one commodity to another. The "Soil Bank" is an attempt to solve the diverted acre problem which has been such a problem under acreage allotments.

Let us now take a few minutes and examine and analyze the "Soil Bank" as it applies to wheat. It has been my opinion from the outset that the "Soil Bank" would succeed if the payments were large enough to get good farmer participation. Present plans are to pay the farmer 60 percent of the support price which would be \$1.20 per bushel on a national average.

Texas wheat growers have experienced great drouths over most of the wheat areas in the past 4 or 5 years and our average yields have been about 35 or 40 percent of normal. Texas has a normal wheat production of about 50 million bushels. Last year we produced only about 13

To Marry September 1



Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Fedric announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Letha Gail, to Ralph C. Green of Canyon, Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Green of Sunray.

The wedding will take place September 1 in the Spurlock Chapel.

million bushels and this year about 24 million bushels.

The original "Soil Bank" contained a provision which stated that the normal yield of wheat would be determined by taking the average production over the most recent five year period. Such a provision would have made it practically impossible for most wheat producers in Texas, Western Kansas, Oklahoma, and Eastern Colorado to participate. I am glad to report to you that the National Association of Wheat Growers was able to get this provision extended from 5 to 10 years. Even so, with this provision, my county's normal production for the last ten years is just a little over 10 bushels. I doubt that few counties in Texas will have a normal production of over 15 bushels per acre. Assuming 10 bushels for the Panhandle at \$1.20 per bushel. Farmers will be offered \$12.00 per acre to place allotted wheat acres in the "Soil Bank" this fall. Farmers on the rolling plains and other wheat sections of Texas will be offered probably between \$17.00 and \$22.00 per acre to bank their allotted acres. If you rent, your wheat landlord gets 1-3 or 1-4 depending on the type contract you have.

Will Wheat Farmers Participate?

Of course the answer to that question again is just a guess, but I am willing to stick my neck out for the farmers in the Panhandle. This area will have all their wheat acres summer-fallowed for fall seeding. This means that with normal rainfall we can expect better than normal production next summer. If we have rains at seeding time this fall I predict that we will have very little participation in the "Soil Bank," unless the percentage of payment is increased. In other words, it is my opinion, that rainfall in late August and September will largely determine the percent of wheat farmer participation in the "Soil Bank." With good prospects at seeding time the average farmer in the Panhandle is going to reason that we have had 4 or 5 dry years, our land is all summer-fallowed, and this just might be that 25 or 30 bushel year we have been looking for.

I doubt that the present offer of 60 percent of the support price will be high enough to induce enough wheat farmers to participate. Mr. Benson has

Taylor's Observe Golden Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. Joe W. Taylor to young and old as "Uncle Kerriek observed their Golden Wedding anniversary at their home near Kerrick Friday.

Mrs. Taylor, the former Judie Smith, was born July 5, 1886, at Water Valley, Kentucky. She moved to Jackson County, Oklahoma with her parents in 1904. Mr. Taylor was born September 5, 1879, at Newborn, Tennessee, and went to Greer County, Texas, (which later became Jackson County, Oklahoma) in 1886. They met at Altus, Oklahoma and were married at Mangum, Oklahoma July 27, 1906. They made their home near Altus until they came to the Panhandle November 18, 1918, settling near the present town of Kerrick, where they engaged in farming and livestock raising.

Their post office and shopping center was Stratford, Texas until Kerrick was established about 1930. They built their present home in 1934, just a mile from the place they settled in 1918. They can recall many experiences of pioneer life here, where Mr. Taylor is known

set a goal to reduce the planting of wheat by 10 million acres for the 1956-57 wheat crop, or from 55 million acres to 45 million acres. I think a figure of 70 percent of the support price might get the job done. The 60 percent rate is going to get widespread participation in areas where it is extremely dry at seeding time. This, of course, is just one farmer's opinion.

10 Million Acres Of Wheat Is Not Enough For Soil Bank

The Soil Bank plan is designed to reduce our stock-pile of wheat from 1 billion 40 million bushels to approximately 500 million bushels in the next three years. This means that we must reduce our production by about 180 million bushels in each of the next three years. Assuming our total disappearance will remain at 900-30 million bushels the figure it has been at for the past 2 years. In order to accomplish this in 3 years we must reduce our wheat planting by 15 million acres each year. This would place our seeded acres at 40 million, and assuming we harvest 40 million acres at 13.5 bushels per acre this would give us an annual pro-

duction of 740 million bushels or a reduction of 182 million bushels over this year's crop. In three years this would reduce our stock pile to 500 million bushels or about what we need for a normal stock pile.

What Then?
Assuming we do accomplish this by 1959, would wheat farmers then be free to plant all they want to? If so, we would just build up our supplies again in two or three years. This simply points up the importance of the "conservation-reserve"

portion of the "Soil Bank." Unless we have another war 55 million acres is all we need to supply our seed, domestic consumption, and exports. In 1955 we raised 930 million bushels on 55 million acres, and in 1956 our estimated production is 922 million bushels on the same acreage. During these two years we have been able through various subsidy programs for wheat to dispose of about 930 million bushels each year. The last year wheat farmers were free to plant, they planted 78 million acres to wheat. The difference between 78 and 55 is 23 million acres. To adequately

ly solve our wheat problem in the next three years we will need to place these 23 million acres of wheat land in the "conservation reserve" portion of the soil bank. This means sowing it to grass or some permanent legume. Take it permanently out of wheat production. Mr. Benson's total goal for the conservation reserve is 20 to 25 million acres. We have that many acres to spare in the wheat area alone. It seems to me that a more realistic goal would be the retirement of 40 to 50 million acres, since we have considerable supplies of other basic commodities. We must assume that each farmer will retire his less productive land which means that total production will not be reduced as much as the average production.

In the long run the conservation reserve portion of the soil bank is much more important to the farmer than the acreage reserve. The acreage reserve is a temporary measure designed to reduce our surplus supplies of basic commodities and maintain the farmers income at the same time, while the conservation reserve is designed to take our poorer crop land permanently out of production or until a national emergency arises which requires greater production.

I think it will take 5 years to do the job for wheat rather than 3, unless we receive a tremendous assistance from the weather man over widespread areas.

I would like to point out another weakness in the acreage reserve portion of the "Soil Bank" as it applies to the land owner. Since the land owner participates in the acreage reserve payments in accordance with the contract he has with his tenant. At the rate of \$1.20 per bushel, based on normal production. In effect this is requiring the land owner to pay his part of production expenses. Assuming average production of wheat is 12 bushels, tenant pays landlord 1-3. This would give the landlord 4 times \$1.20 or \$4.80 per acre under the acreage reserve plan, but if the tenant actually raised 12 bushels of wheat and the land owner got 4 bushels and sold them at \$2.00 per bushel, the present support price, he would receive \$8.00 per acre for his rental. Most land owners are going to suggest to his tenant that he would like to see the wheat planted. Mine already has.

Revision Of Soil Bank

I assume the Secretary of Agriculture will make changes in the soil bank as they become necessary. For example, if this fall he offers farmers 60 percent of the support price to "Bank" their wheat acres, and it becomes evident that he will not get more than 3 or 4 million acres at this price, I assume that he will increase the percentage to the point where he will get adequate wheat farmer participation. If I read the bill correctly, this was the intent of Congress.

Some rather unusual "Soil Bankings" are already taking place under the "Acreage Reserve" plan for 1956. The July 25, 1956 issue of the Wall Street Journal reports, quote "Although producers of cotton, wheat, rice, peanuts, and tobacco are also eligible to qualify for Soil Bank payments, the benefits, this year will go mainly to corn raising midwesterners," end quote. The reason for this, so they say, is that the bill was passed too late to benefit growers of other basics. However, the main reason for this, I believe, is explained a little later in the article.

Under the present law the

corn farmer can use his historic base for corn as his base acres. In other words many corn farmers this year planted oats on part of their original corn base. Now they are clipping their oats in the field, oats that were planted on their corn land or diverted acres, and are receiving payments for this based on normal production of corn. This amounts to \$45.00 or \$50.00 per acre. Oats would have to produce about 90 bushels per acre to bring a net of \$45.00 per acre. Corn farmers are plowing up oats and getting paid for normal production on corn. A rather neat trick I would say.

Up to July 13, 1956 of the 4,411,866 acres placed in the acreage reserve "Soil Bank" corn farmers had accounted for 71 percent of the total. The July 20 report indicated that farmers had placed 8,901,457 acres of crop land in the "Soil Bank."

Outlook For Wheat Farmers

1. Although agricultural products have shown some strength in the past few months, most of this gain has been offset by another increase in production cost. The index of farm prices now stands at 85 percent as compared to 80 percent at the first of the year. However, harvesting of 1956 crops are just now beginning to roll, and we have always experienced a decline in prices at harvest time. Predictions are that farmers may increase their 1956 income by about 3 or 4 hundred millions in 1956.

2. My guess is that wheat farmers income in 1956 will be within 5 percent of what it was in 1955.

3. Wheat farmers can look forward to at least 4 more years of drastic acreage reduction.

4. I want to point out that the "acreage reserve" will not increase the income of the wheat farmer, but is intended only to maintain his income at the 55 million acre level, which represents an acre out of about 30 percent and a corresponding decrease in income for the wheat farmer.

5. We know now that wheat will be supported at \$2.00 per bushel for one more year which means that our income for 1957 should be about the same as 1956.

6. Because of drastic acreage reductions and the drouth in great areas of the wheat country, many small wheat growers are already out of business. This means that wheat farmers must curtail expenses as much as possible in the years ahead. Efficient operation of your wheat farm is a must if you are going to continue farming. You must do everything in your power to cut down your unit costs of operation.

Mr. Wheat Farmer this is your immediate future even though most all other segments of our economy are enjoying unprecedented prosperity.

Alvin Freeman Laid To Rest Tuesday

Funeral services for Alvin Freeman, 35-year old Shamrock mechanic of Sunray, killed in the fire at the Shamrock McKee plant Sunday morning, were conducted in the First Methodist Church at Sunray Tuesday. Burial was made in the Stratford during the early years of his life.

He is survived by his wife, Elsie Pearl, and a daughter, Diana Gail.

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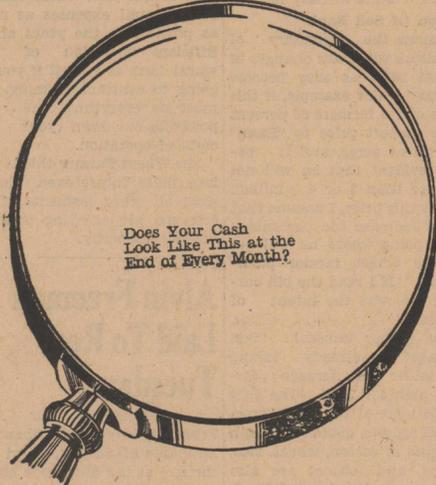
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Town Talk

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Flores and children, Elizabeth, Sara, Jim and Sam, of Monahans, Texas arrived Tuesday to spend a few days with his mother, Mrs. Tim Flores, and other members of the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Crabtree and Minnie, Mr. and Mrs. Don Ellison and daughters visited Mr. and Mrs. Burton Olsen and Luanna in the Oslo Community Friday.

Mrs. J. C. McDaniel and children, Kerrick, were Sunday dinner guests recently in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Davis.

Mrs. J. R. Alexander, Gruver, was a guest in the home of Mrs. W. G. O'Brien Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Yates, Mrs. H. J. Cooper and Miss Evelyn Cooper spent the week end visiting Mr. and Mrs. Dale Berit and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lovelace in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Ballengee, Phillips, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Harrison Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Pittman and son returned home Saturday from a fishing trip in Wyoming.

Kelly Jean French, Raton, New Mexico, visited relatives here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Crabtree and daughter, Minnie, and Ernestine Palmer were visitors in Canyon Wednesday of last week. Miss Palmer remained for a weeks visit in the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Irlbeck and baby daughter, Janet Karen.

Mrs. John K. Shaw left Tuesday for her home in San Diego, California after a two weeks visit in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Baskin Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Van B. Boston left Wednesday for a vacation at Pinedale and Riverton, Wyoming.

G. R. Garrison was a business visitor in Amarillo Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Phelps visited friends in Hooker, Oklahoma Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Gill, Attica, Kansas, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Wakefield Sunday.

Miss Minnie Crabtree of Stratford, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ward and baby daughter, of Mulshoe, Texas, were guests of Joe Crabtree in Amistad, New Mexico over last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Worley took their son, John, to Dalhart

to a doctor Wednesday, and visited their daughter, Mrs. James Lowe, in Coon Memorial Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Browne, Dallas, Texas, came Sunday for a two weeks visit with Mrs. Browne's mother, Mrs. W. G. O'Brien and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Woodall had as dinner guests Monday, Mrs. Ray Dal of Needles, California, Mrs. J. Hill and daughter, Virginia, of Bushland, Texas, Mrs. J. M. Benish, Amarillo, Mrs. George Causey and children, Mike and Carol, of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Bain and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Ellwood Gillis.

Mrs. C. R. Foster had as her guest from Saturday to Tuesday, her sister, Mrs. Clarence Dietrich of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Mullican and daughters, Sharon and Senora and Mrs. Mullican's sister, Mrs. Lennie Vickers of Amarillo, left Wednesday for a vacation in Colorado.

Mrs. George Cannon and daughters, Timmie Lu and Anne Rochelle, of Amarillo and Mrs. Claud Evans and daughter, Vickie, also of Amarillo spent Saturday as guests in the home of Mrs. Tim Flores. Miss Timmie Lu Williams remained with her grandmother until Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Crabtree, Minnie and Charley left Wednesday for a vacation trip to Parkdale, Oregon for a visit with relatives. They plan to be away about two weeks.

Russell Albert and Lynn Hudson went to Red River, New Mexico Sunday for an outing.

Susan and Johnny Upchurch, young daughter and son of Rev. and Mrs. M. E. Upchurch, have been visiting with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Upchurch in Itasca, Texas. They went with Mr. and Mrs. Claude Davidson of Fort Worth, Texas who visited recently with Mrs. Davidson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lasley, Rev. and Mrs. Upchurch went to Itasca Tuesday and brought their children home with them Friday.

Tommy Taylor returned to Cripple Creek, Colorado Monday. Mrs. Taylor, Patricia and Robert Lester returned Wednesday. They plan to remain on the Taylor ranch there the remainder of the summer.

Charley Crabtree spent last week with his brother, Joe Crabtree, in Amistad, New Mexico.

Priscilla Club Party News

(By Club Reporter)

Dear Aunt Sally: Since writing you two weeks ago our community has been made both happy and sad. Two inches or thereabouts of rain have given us a new lease on life and put all the menfolks to work. The maize is coming right along, as are other row crops including several experimental plots of pop corn.

We were saddened by the death of little four year old Janice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Woodruff of Hereford, and granddaughter of Cap and Ruby Lee Boney, our good neighbors.

Mrs. Maggie King has been visiting Velma and Henry for several days and Mr. and Mrs. Andy Morris of Perryton, spent most of the week with J. R. and Mary Belle.

Bob and Mary are moved and about to get settled in their new home in Gruver and Wanda and Robert are getting into their home also.

Little Joe Morris has been keeping his mama pretty busy so Velma had club instead of Ruth this week. Wanda didn't make it, guess she hasn't got complete-

ly shook out since moving. Frances could only stay a short while as they were going to a board meeting in Amarillo. There is still a possibility they may get to move there instead of Austin.

And speaking of Frances, she's the most popular gal we have these days. Two more packages had her name on them. Its getting so the rest of us never look for anything though Ruth did get under the rope. Frances says she'll still be here next club day.

Christine Bradnik from Gruver was a guest, though she left Velma's granddaughter asleep with Royce Faye Boney. She's a precious little thing. Betty Craig was also there with Jimmy.

Velma served elephant salad

sandwiches (so she said) cookies and punch. They really were superb though she never did tell us what the elephant stood for.

Most of the candidates for state office got a pretty good going over for qualifications. I imagine most of us had already decided who we were going to vote for.

Twila invited us all to her home August 7 and we are going to have a good old fashioned county picnic Friday night. Bye now — Mary.

Becky Frizzell Feted On Birthday

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Frizzell entertained with a barbecue

Tuesday evening honoring their daughter, Becky, on her third birthday. Guests included Terry Mathews, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Frizzell and Jack, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McDaniel, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McDaniel, Karen, Donny and Stan of Griggs, Oklahoma.

Friendship Club Has Family Picnic In Park

The Friendship Club enjoyed a family picnic at the Stratford City Park Thursday, July 26, at 8:00 p. m.

The next regular meeting of the club will be Thursday, August 9, at 2:00 p. m. at the home of Mrs. W. R. Taylor.

THANKS

I wish to thank my friends of this district for their support in the primary election. Your continued support in the general election will be greatly appreciated.

Sam Wohlford

(Paid Pol. Adv.)

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 23 proposing an amendment to Section 9 of Article VIII of the Constitution of Texas so as to provide that the Commissioners Court in each county may levy whatever sums may be necessary for general fund purposes, permanent improvement fund purposes, road and bridge purposes and jury purposes so long as the total of these tax rates does not exceed Eighty Cents (80c) on the One Hundred Dollars (\$100) valuation in any one (1) year, and providing further that the Commissioners Court shall not impair any outstanding bonds or other obligations; providing for the necessary election and form of ballot, and providing for the necessary proclamations and publications.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Section 9, Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as to hereinafter read as follows:

"Section 9. The State tax on property, exclusive of the tax necessary to pay public debt, and of the taxes provided for the benefit of the public free schools, shall never exceed Thirty-two Cents (32c) on the One Hundred Dollars (\$100) valuation; and no county, city or town shall levy a tax rate in excess of Eighty Cents (80c) on the One Hundred Dollars (\$100) valuation in any one (1) year, for general fund, permanent improvement fund, road and bridge fund and jury fund purposes. Commissioners Court may levy the annual tax rate for each county it shall levy whatever tax rate may be needed for the four (4) constitutional purposes; namely, general fund, permanent improvement fund, road and bridge fund and jury fund so long as the total of the foregoing tax levies does not exceed Eighty Cents (80c) on the One Hundred Dollars (\$100) valuation in any one (1) year. Once the Court has levied the annual tax rate, the same shall remain in force and effect during that taxable year; and the Legislature may also authorize an additional annual ad valorem tax to be levied and collected

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 30 proposing an amendment to Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by adopting a new Section to be known as Section 51-b, giving the Legislature the power to provide, under such limitations and restrictions as may be deemed by the Legislature expedient, for assistance to needy individuals who are citizens of the United States, who are more than eighteen (18) years of age and less than sixty-five (65) years of age, who are permanently and totally disabled by reason of mental or physical handicap and not feasible for vocational rehabilitation, who are residents of the State of Texas, except that the individuals who are receiving aid for the permanently and totally disabled may not, during the same period of time, receive Old Age Assistance, Aid to Needy Blind or Aid to Dependent Children, or be resident in any completely State supported institution; providing that the Legislature shall have the authority to accept from the Government of the United States financial aid for the permanently and totally disabled individuals; providing that the amount paid to any individual may not exceed Twenty Dollars (\$20) a month out of State funds and may never exceed the amount paid to that individual from Federal funds; providing that the amount paid out of State funds for assistance payments shall not exceed One Million, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000) per year; providing for the necessary proclamation, publication and election.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto a new Section to be known as Section 51-b which shall read as follows:

Section 51-b. The Legislature shall have the power to provide by general laws, under such limitations and restrictions as may be deemed by the Legislature expedient, for assistance to needy individuals, who are citizens of the United States, who shall have passed their sixtieth (60th) birthday but have not passed their sixty-fifth (65th) birthday, who are totally and permanently disabled by reason of mental or physical handicap or a combination of physical and mental handicap and not feasible for vocational rehabilitation, and who are residents of the State of Texas, who have resided in this State for at least one (1) year continuously immediately preceding the application and who have resided in the State for at least an additional five (5) years during the nine (9) years immediately preceding the application for assistance; and providing further that no individual shall receive assistance under this program for more than one (1) year, and shall be permanently and totally disabled during any period when he is receiving old age assistance, aid to the needy blind, or aid to dependent children, nor while he is residing permanently in any completely State supported institution; and provided further that not more than Twenty Dollars (\$20) a month out of State funds may be paid to any individual recipient; and provided further that the amount paid out of State funds to any individual may never exceed the amount paid to that individual out of Federal funds; and provided further that the amount paid out of State funds for assistance payments shall not exceed One Million, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000) per year.

"The Legislature shall have the authority to accept from the Government of the United States such financial aid for individuals who are permanently and totally disabled as that Government may offer not inconsistent with the restrictions herein provided."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to the election of the State of Texas on the second Tuesday in November, 1956, at which election there shall be printed on the ballot the following clause:

"FOR the Amendment giving the Legislature the power to provide for assistance to needy individuals who are citizens of the United States for each needy individual, eighteen (18) years of age or older, who is a resident of the State of Texas and who is permanently and totally disabled by reason of his mental or physical handicap."

AGAINST the Amendment giving the Legislature the power to provide for assistance to needy individuals who are citizens of the United States for each needy individual, eighteen (18) years of age or older, who is a resident of the State of Texas and who is permanently and totally disabled by reason of his mental or physical handicap."

PROCLAMATION. The Governor of the State of Texas shall issue the necessary proclamation for an election and have the same published as required by the Constitution and Laws of the State.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5 proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, amending Section 48a, Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas, so as to authorize needed changes in and revision of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas; providing that this section shall not amend, alter, or repeal Section 48 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas as adopted November, 1954, or any enabling legislation passed pursuant thereto; providing for the necessary election, form of ballot, proclamation and publication.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Section 48a of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 48a. In addition to the powers given the Legislature under Section 48, Article III, it shall have the right to levy taxes to establish a fund to provide retirement, disability and death benefits for persons employed in the public schools, colleges and universities supported wholly or partly by the State; provided that the amount contributed by the State to such fund each year shall be equal to the aggregate amount required by law to be paid into the fund by such employees, and shall not exceed at any time six per centum (6%) of the compensation paid each such person by the State and/or school districts, and shall in no one (1) year exceed the sum of Five Hundred Four Dollars (\$504.00) for any such person; and provided that no person shall be eligible for retirement who has not rendered ten years of creditable service in such employment, or in case shall any person retire before either attaining the age fifty-five (55) or completing thirty (30) years of creditable service, but shall be entitled to refund of moneys paid into the fund."

"The Legislature may authorize moneys coming into such fund to be invested in bonds or other evidences of indebtedness of the United States, or of this State, or any county, city, school district, or other municipal corporation or district of this State; or in such other securities as are now or hereafter may be permitted by law as investments for the Permanent University Fund of the State; provided a sufficient sum shall be kept on hand to meet payments as they become due each year under such retirement plan, as may be provided by law; and provided that the recipients of such retirement fund shall not be eligible for any other State pension or retirement fund, or direct from the State of Texas, unless such other State pension or retirement fund, contributed by the State, is returned to the State of Texas

Farm Bureau Members Will Meet August 7

A meeting of Farm Bureau directors and all interested members has been called for August 7 at 2:00 p. m. in the courthouse. A policy development meeting will be held in the Herring Hotel in Amarillo August 13 from 10:00 a. m. until 3:00 p. m.

Producers Favor Marketing Quotas

A tabulation of the votes cast in the recent marketing quota election of wheat producers reveals that 237 voted for marketing quotas while 19 voted against. Local producers took less interest in the election but non-resident land owners polled a heavier vote than in previous years.

Stratford Alumni Annual Reunion September 8

The annual meeting of the Stratford Alumni will be held on September 8th, the weekend of the Stratford Jamboree. There will be a basket supper at 6:00 p. m. at the school cafeteria for all graduates, ex-students and their families. The annual Alumni dues are \$1.00 and may be sent to the Treasurer, Mrs. Dee Brannan, or paid at the supper.

Foot Injured In Lawn Mower

Mrs. Harry Vincent, Texhoma, a sister of F. L. Yates, almost lost two toes of her left foot Saturday evening when she pulled an electric lawn mower back on her foot. Mr. and Mrs. Yates visited them Monday, Mrs. Yates remained with her sister-in-law Tuesday.



Christian Church

A LUCRATIVE job and a father who goes with it! Such is the good fortune of child star Rusty Hamer of "Make Room for Daddy," who plays Danny Thomas' unpredictable son in the comedy series . . . Shortly after the show debuted in 1953, Rusty's real father passed away . . . Since then the blond, blue-eyed youngster has transferred his filial affection to his stage dad . . . Danny loves the affectionate, physically inexhaustible and sharp nine-year-old second only to his own son, Tony.

Unlike many stage moppets, Russell Craig Hamer loves to act . . . It's a big, hilarious game with him . . . "When the first summer vacation came along after Rusty joined the show, and his pals fled to the beaches, play yards and summer camps, I anticipated a crisis," admitted Mrs. Hamer . . . Her curly-haired son expressed that worry immediately . . . "I'm lucky, mom," he said. "I'll be at the studio all summer!"

Rusty's stage precocity, vocabulary and his memory, almost photographic, are constant sources of amazement to his co-workers . . . He learns scripts as effortlessly as he lick lollypops . . . After a few rehearsals, he knows not only his own lines but those of everyone else in the scene . . . Rusty is no slouch with his school work either, according to his tutor, Miss Birdina Anderson, whose students included Shirley Temple, Mickey Rooney, Elizabeth Taylor and Freddie Bartholomew . . . Getting A's and learning a new script each week aren't enough, however . . . Young Rusty is studying Spanish on the side "to keep busy."

His career started when he was little more than three and he is destined for a bright future. "All I wanted was a cute little boy," says Danny Thomas, the star of Emmy-award winning "Make Room for Daddy" the last three years, "and I got a star. How lucky can I be?"

Egyptian soldiers conquered Cyprus about 1500 B.C., and nearly a dozen empires ruled the island before it became a British dependency 78 years ago. Today it is Britain's key outpost of the Near and Middle East.

Precinct Four Will Support Lyndon Johnson

Delegates from Precinct Four to the County Democratic convention to be held at the courthouse in Stratford at 2:00 p. m. Saturday, August 4, were instructed to support Lyndon Johnson as the leader of the Texas Democratic delegation to the National Democratic Convention, and as a favorite son candidate for the Democratic nomination as president of the United States. Elected at the precinct convention as delegates to the county convention were: Forest Mullins, Kenneth Kendrick, Mrs. O. H. Ingham, Mrs. J. W. Flores, Mrs. K. Kendrick, Mrs. Forest Mullins, Floyd Brannan, O. L. McMinn, B. A. Donelson, Wendell Flores, J. C. O'Brien, Dan Foreman and Claude Sloan. Leon Guthrie served as permanent chairman of the precinct convention and Mrs. Irene Kendrick served as secretary.

Horns Lease Harbour Motel

W. G. Horn, formerly employed with the A. E. C. plant in Amarillo, has leased the Harbour Motel from Mr. and Mrs. Homer Harbour, and will continue to operate the motel under the same name. Mrs. Horn and their 4-year old daughter, Phyllis, will accompany Mr. Horn to Stratford. Mr. and Mrs. Harbour are moving to Route 2, Arkinda, Arkansas where Mr. Harbour has been looking after their farm for more than a year. Card of Thanks We appreciate the many courtesies and the pleasant business relations we have enjoyed while in business in Stratford. Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Harbour

Entertain With Ice Cream Supper

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Davis entertained recently with a Saturday night ice cream supper. Guests present were Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Davis and children, Glazier, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Norval Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis, all of Conlen.

Christian Church

Attendance goal for Sunday 200 plus. Bible School 9:45 a. m. Morning worship 10:45 a. m. sermon subject: "Do You Trust Your Wife." Special music. Communion will be observed at this hour. Acts 20:7. Bible study and prayer services 7:30 Wednesday evening. Study II Timothy Chapter II and III. Youth convention at Fort Worth August 8-11. Our CYF will leave Wednesday morning. District officers Carolyn Polson and Darrell Stublefield will leave for state planning session Sunday, August 5. Ladies, get the vote out. Rev. and Mrs. Cryder Brayshaw and son, Rodney, Darrell Stublefield and Glendon Lowe attended the family camp at Ceta Glen this week.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 31 proposing an amendment to Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding thereto a new Section to be known as Section 51-c, providing that the Legislature may grant aid and compensation to persons who have been fined or imprisoned under the laws of this State for offenses of which they are not guilty; providing that such regulations and limitations as the Legislature may deem expedient."

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto another Section, to be designated as Section 51-c, which shall read as follows:

"Section 51-c. The Legislature may grant aid and compensation to any person who has heretofore paid a fine or served a sentence in prison, or who may hereafter pay a fine or serve a sentence in prison, under the laws of this State for an offense for which he or she is not guilty, under such regulations and limitations as the Legislature may deem expedient."

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1956, at which election all of the ballots shall have printed thereon the following:

"FOR the Constitutional Amendment granting power to the Legislature to grant aid and compensation to persons who have paid fines or have served prison sentences under the laws of this State for offenses of which they were not guilty."

Sec. 3. The Governor shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election and have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State.

CONTRACTOR'S NOTICE OF TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Sealed proposals for constructing 4.007 miles Gr. Strs., Base & Surf. from FM 289, 6.0 mi. E. of Stratford to south 4.0 mi. on Highway No. FM 2232, covered by R 2222-2-1, in Sherman County, will be received at the Highway Department, Austin, until 9:00 A. M., August 15, 1956, and then publicly opened and read. This is a "Public Works" Project, as defined in House Bill No. 54 of the 43rd Legislature of the State of Texas and House Bill No. 115 of the 44th Legislature of the State of Texas, and as such is subject to the provisions of said House Bills. No provisions herein are intended to be in conflict with the provisions of said Acts.

In accordance with the provisions of said House Bills, the State Highway Commission has ascertained and set forth in the proposal the wage rates, for each craft or type of workman or mechanic needed to execute the work on above named project, now prevailing in the locality in which the work is to be performed, and the Contractor shall pay not less than these wage rates as shown in the proposal for each craft or type of laborer, workman or mechanic employed

on this project. Legal holiday work shall be paid for at the regular governing rates. Plans and specifications available at the office of Thos. C. Mitchell, Resident Engineer, at Dalhart, Texas, and Texas Highway Department, Austin, usual rights reserved. (Pub. Aug. 2-9)

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Thanks

I Wish to Thank the Voters in Precinct Three for their confidence and support in the Democratic Primary Election Saturday. If elected in the general election I will continue to serve the people of the county to the best of my ability.

W. T. 'Bill' Crabtree
County Commissioner, Precinct 3
(Paid Pol. Adv.)

Appreciated

I sincerely appreciate the support given me in the Democratic Primary by the people of Sherman County. I will appreciate your continued support in the general election.

John Kidwell
Candidate for Tax Assessor
(Paid Pol. Adv.)

Thank You

I Wish to Thank the people of Sherman County for their confidence, support, and all favors shown me in the Democratic Election. Your continued support in the general election will be appreciated.

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414-Soil Bank Agreements Signed

Four hundred fourteen agreements have been signed on approximately 72,000 acres of Sherman County land for participation in the 1956 soil bank acreage reserve. Payments will total approximately \$430,000.

Measuring of the acreage will start in the near future. Payments will be made shortly thereafter if present plans are carried out.

Sherman County Designated As Disaster Area

Sherman County was designated Tuesday as a disaster area by the Secretary of Agriculture which will permit grazing on acreage reserve put into the "Soil Bank," it was announced by Congressman Walter Rogers.

4-H Club Camp In Colorado

Fifty-two 4-H club members, adult sponsors, and the county agent are attending the annual county 4-H camp at South Fork, Colorado this week. This is a 4-H recreational camp for the boys and girls who have done 4-H club work this year and their sponsors.

In recent tours of 4-H demonstrations carried on by the boys and girls the county agent reports that 51 projects were inspected including gardens, field crops, poultry, rabbits and livestock demonstrations.

The camp has modern facilities including cabins and a large lodge. It is surrounded with beautiful playground facilities and mountain streams. The boys and girls will enjoy hiking, fishing and games during the day and will have parties and picture shows for evening entertainment. Some of the films will include travelogues and other educational features. The campers will return home Saturday.

Those attending the camp this week are: Lynn Allen, Cleo Aduddell, Hal Bennett, Donna Boner, Ann Burgess, Bobbie Burgess, Rex Burgess, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Burgess, Jimmy Cameron, Donna Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Wright Davis, Gary Dettle, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dettle, Wayne Fowler, Earnest Goule, Gay Judd, Mrs. Alvin Judd, Cheryl Judd, Raymond Keener, Dwayne and Wayne Lavake, Mrs. Walter Lasley and family, Douglas McBryde, David McBryde, Dan Newman, Harry and Edward Oquin, Chuck Oakley, Rex Palmer, Ronnie and Rickie Pickens, Dwayne Pittman, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Pronger, Jr., and family, Bernard Ray Spruell, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Stewart and family, Neil Harris, Jimmy Skillin and Leon Eden.

Nellie Johnson To Enroll In Music Camp

Nellie Johnson will enroll in the West Texas Music Camp at Canyon Sunday. Miss Johnson was given a scholarship to the summer camp by Post 262 of the American Legion.

Enrollment was limited this year because of housing facilities, and because M. J. Newman, camp director, wanted students to receive maximum instruction and individual attention.

Classes, band rehearsals, and workshops will be held daily from 7:30 a. m. until 5:00 p. m. Outdoor concerts, picnics, dances and parties are planned each night for camp students and the general public.

The camp will last two weeks.

XIT Rodeo And Reunion August 3-4

DALHART — All plans are complete for the 20th Annual XIT Rodeo and Reunion, scheduled in Dalhart August 3 and 4. Three amateur rodeo performances, the same number of dances, a big downtown parade, free barbecue with purchase of an afternoon rodeo ticket, water carnival and reunion of former XIT cowhands and their families are all on tap for those two days.

Things get underway at 7 p. m. on Friday, August 3, with the reunion, followed by the first rodeo performance at 7:30 p. m. at the Rita Blanca arena. Morris Stephens of Silverton, Texas, is producing the rodeo and furnishing the stock for this year's show. Two other rodeo performances are scheduled on Saturday at 3:00 p. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Saturday's events get underway at 11 a. m. when the big three-mile parade starts rolling. Special units scheduled for this year's parade, in addition to the many beautiful floats, include the Amarillo Air Force band, Khiva Temple Drum and Bugle Corps, Khiva Temple band and several visiting mounted riding groups.

The barbecue will follow the parade and tickets for the afternoon rodeo, which entitles the holder to the meal, may be purchased up to noon.

Dalhart Senior Girl Scouts will stage a water carnival at 5 p. m. on Saturday at the Municipal Swimming pool with no admission charge for spectators.

Billy Foust and his orchestra will again be playing for the modern dances, each evening and a special square dance will also be held on Saturday night. All dances will start at 9:00 o'clock nightly. A full-scale carnival will be set up in the downtown area and will run continuously throughout the celebration.

One of the West's most colorful events, the XIT rodeo is the largest celebration of its kind in honor of a ranch. The old XIT ranch once covered three million acres and was the largest

ranch in the world under fence. Covering parts of ten counties, the XIT ranch was payment for the building of the Texas capitol at Austin.

Last Rites For Mrs. Cleavinger Held Tuesday

CANYON — Funeral services for Mrs. Ellen Ruth Cleavinger, 82, mother of M. E. Cleavinger formally of Stratford, were held at 3:00 p. m. Tuesday in the Canyon First Presbyterian Church. Burial was made in Dreamland Cemetery.

Mrs. Cleavinger died Sunday afternoon in Neblett Hospital in Canyon.

Survivors are one daughter, Mrs. W. E. Miller of Canyon; five sons, Norman and M. E. Jr., both of Dimmitt, Jesse of Alhambra, California; Gene of Norwalk, California; E. R. Cleavinger of Canyon; two brothers, Tom Hall of Manhattan, Kansas, Richard Hall of Goodwell, Oklahoma; 19 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

Heart Attack Takes Former Resident

Mrs. Lovira Scribner Scott, wife of a former Stratford Rock Island agent, died unexpected-

ly about 3:30 p. m. June 25, apparently of a heart attack in Lawton, Oklahoma. She was 79 years of age.

Funeral services were held at 9:00 a. m. June 27 in the Lawton Funeral home chapel with Rev. J. Walter Browers, Jr., pastor of Centenary Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was made in Lawton, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Scott had been visiting her daughter in Lawton since December.

She was born March 22, 1877 in Mineral County, West Virginia. On November 18, 1897, she was married to W. A. Scribner, who died in 1924. In 1934 she married E. K. Scott in Hutchinson, Kansas. She was a member of the

Methodist Church. Survivors are her daughter, Mrs. Fred Fox, two sons, Ronald E. Scribner, east of Lawton; and

Floyd A. Scribner, Kingman, Kansas; two grandchildren and one great grandchild.

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