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## Side Lights

By Marvin Jones Member of Congress From Texas

This is a time for people to think and to analyze.

A few years ago some economic policies were adopted which have tended to destroy the purchasing power of agriculture. A top-sider tariff was enacted which forced the farmer to sell in an open world market and to buy his supplies in a protected high-price market.

The effect of these policies has tended to bleed the agricultural sections white. The destroying of the purchasing power of agriculture has destroyed a large part of the home market for the industrial products. In the long run the two dove-tail together. The discrimination in tariff and freight rates, and other such policies have paralyzed agriculture; and when a part of a body becomes paralyzed, if it is neglected the paralysis will soon cover the whole body.

Our whole financial system has been on the wrong basis. More and more the policy of economic favoritism has channeled the money to the centers. Promotion has come to be a business instead of a means of getting business started.

The system has come under the control of a few men. These men, not satisfied with harnessing our own country for their own peculiar whims, have been using American money to finance foreign enterprises which compete with our own, and in order to save themselves and their industries they are now undertaking to get the debts due us by foreign countries cancelled or materially reduced.

In an effort further their control, these men have materially contracted the currency of our country. This has increased the value of the dollar and very greatly decreased the value of products, thus stifling business and making it much more difficult to pay debts. We have a third more gold than we had in 1920 and a fourth less money in circulation.

I am much opposed to fiat money as anyone, but there can be a reasonable expansion of the credit and currency of our country within perfectly safe limits. This would possibly do more than any other one thing to stimulate both industrial and agricultural activities.

A method should be found of bringing the farmer into the tariff picture and restoring to him that which is now taken away from him under our one-sided system. Many of our industrial schedules are entirely too high. This tends to destroy the market for our products.

The pyramiding of holding company upon holding company, the issuing of bonds, common and preferred stock, have placed us on financial straits, making our utility and other rates out of rates, out of reason.

In re-adjustment, not only should the discrimination against agriculture be removed, but the fictitious values should be taken from our industrial organizations, and excessive salaries and bonuses should be removed, and the whole structure placed on a solid foundation.

The American people are thinking. I believe a program will be worked out that will correct many of these inequalities. Such a program will mean much to the future of our country.

## League Heads Meet

The Executive Committee of the Interscholastic League of Knox County met in the office of the County Superintendent at Benjamin last Saturday afternoon, and decided to have the basketball tournament at Munday one week in advance of the district meet. It is not known at the present when the district meet will be. As soon as this is definitely known, notice will be placed in each country paper; therefore each school is requested to watch the paper for the next two weeks.

The committee decided to continue the practice of including junior boys and senior girls in the tournament. All schools planning to enter a team should begin practice at once with juniors and girls, if they have not had work heretofore, as the tournament will likely be held the first week in February.

The committee decided to use the proceeds from the tournament, above actual expense to buy trophies and pay judges for the Interscholastic League meet. This meet will be held in Benjamin sometimes in March.

R. H. Riley  
Director General

Mr. W. M. Sager of Chillicothe, brother-in-law to Mrs. Joe Smith of this city, died at his home Friday of last week, being buried Saturday in Chillicothe. Mrs. Smith attended the services, being accompanied there by Mr. W. P. Caudle and family of Sagerton.

Mr. Sager was an old cow man, having spent 50 years of active life in the business. It was for Mr. Sager that the town of Sagerton was named.

Mrs. Vernon Bridges was hostess to the Bridge Club Tuesday afternoon in the home of her mother, Mrs. S. E. Youngblood. Following the games, refreshments of a salad course, cake topped with whipped cream and hot tea were served. Four tables of players enjoyed this occasion.

The club meets next with Mrs. T. P. Frizzell Jr.

Miss Margaret Reeder of Knox City student in Texas Christian University, was a guest of an open house given by residents of Goods Hall, boys dormitory, Friday night, January 8th.

An informal reception and inspection of rooms by the girls were followed by a short program.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ashcroft, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Jamison and Mr. and Mrs. Russel Boyd were guests at a most enjoyable supper given Monday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mercer Armstrong of Benjamin. Following the supper, games of Bridge were played.

H. L. Daniel and Grady Benedict spent Sunday at Buzzard Peak.

## School for Grain Growers

Austin, Texas, January 12.—R. V. Miller, secretary of the Texas Seed and Plant Board, has called a meeting of the certified grain sorghum growers to meet in Lubbock, January 14 and 15, concurrently with a grain school to be conducted by the Texas Technological College. About 30 or 40 growers are expected to attend.

Producers of certified grain seeds and all growers interested in different sorghums will be given an opportunity to study various operations in the growing and marketing of the crops, according to information from H. J. Bower, head of the agronomy department of the college.

Addresses scheduled for the meeting will be on the following subjects: Weed Problems, Principles of Culture and Tillage, Certification of Seed, and Methods of Breeding. Miller will deliver the address on seed certification.

## The Gladiator — Modern Version

By Albert T. Reid



## Sheriff Runover By Mule

Mr. C. R. Elliott of Benjamin, sheriff, was put to bed Monday, the result of being run over by a mule.

Mr. Elliott, with a group of other men interested in stock, were at the stock pen here Monday afternoon, it being trades day, and tried to catch a wild mule. The mule ran out the chute, showing no regard for Mr. Elliott's efforts to stop him, and ran completely over the sheriff. He sustained a T cut on the head, bruised chest and leg with many small bruises and stiffness.

After receiving treatment here, Mr. Elliott was accompanied to his home by Mr. G. T. Hardberger.

We hope for him a rapid recovery. Isn't that just like a mule?

J. H. McLain has work mules for sale, two springer cows, three farms located near Knox City will sell worth the money.

Robert Lee returned home Sunday after spending several days with his mother, Mrs. W. D. Lee, in Lubbock.

M. A. Bumpus and D. H. Craddock of route one are serving as Jurors in the district court in Haskell this week.

Get our prices on repair work and parts before you have your car overhauled or repaired, and save the difference. Ashcroft Chevrolet Co.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Therwagner of Weinert and Uncle Joe and Aunt Joe Smith and Edmond Smith were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Robbins Sunday.

Ezell Clarke of Levelland was here last week. He was accompanied home by his dad who spent several days in Levelland attending to business interests.

### ERROR CORRECTED

We sincerely regret making two mistakes in the announcement of Mr. R. M. (Miller) Herring in the Herald last week. Mr. Herring announced his candidacy for county Commissioner precinct number 1 stating that he had been here for the past 33 years.

The other correction reads as follows: "I have done all kinds of work that the commissioner has to do on the roads."

### SUNSET RECOMMENDED FOR CLASSIFICATION

The State Inspector, who recently visited Sunset Consolidated, recommended that it be classified as a Standard Class A School. This news should be thankfully received by the patrons of the school, as it is the first step toward recognition by the State.

The school is to be visited by another State Inspector soon, and at that time it is hoped the school will receive further recognition by being recommended for classification as a first class High School. After that affiliated units will be received as they are earned.

—Reported by R. R. Davenport

## Missionary Minutes

At a recent meeting of the Methodist Missionary Society, capsule sisters for the past year were revealed. New names have been drawn. On the day of this occasion, the society was entertained in the home of Mrs. J. A. Wilson.

The society met Monday afternoon of this week in the home of its new president, Mrs. Henry White. The reports for the past month were given. During the cold months, the society will meet in the homes, the next meeting to be with Mrs. S. M. Clonts.

It is also important to know that the Society will meet at 2:30 and continue until 4:00 the hours to be strictly adhered to. The president asks the cooperation of all the members in this new arrangement.

The committee for the ensuing year were announced Monday by Mrs. White. They are as follows:

**Program**  
Mrs. T. S. Edwards, chairman, Mrs. S. M. Clonts and Mrs. Sharp.

**Publicity**  
Mrs. C. C. Hoge, chairman, Mrs. Sweeney and Mrs. Huntsman.

**Local**  
Mrs. Bridges, chairman; Mrs. W. E. Benedict and Miss Buckhot.

**Christian Relations**  
Mrs. Graham, chairman; Mrs. John Smith and Mrs. McCarty.

**Stewardship**  
Mrs. J. A. Wilson, chairman; Mrs. M. M. Ward and Mrs. L. W. Swift.

**Orphanage**  
Mrs. C. A. Hull, chairman; Mrs. J. H. McGee, Mrs. Z. A. Hammock and Mrs. Leithe.

**Social**  
Mrs. Lee Smith, chairman; Mrs. Victor Pyoatt, Mrs. Shirley Park, Mrs. Holt Moseley and Mrs. Lloyd Davis.

## Freshmen Entertained

The members of the Freshman class of the Knox City high school were most delightfully entertained last Friday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith. This was the first social for the Freshmen this current school year and all enjoyed the evening immensely.

Tables were set and the near 30 class members present played 42 and Bunco, following which refreshments of sandwiches, pickles, hot chocolate and fruit were served.

In addition to the class members present, there were also the three class mothers, Mrs. Frank Herring, Mrs. Z. A. Hammock and Mrs. E. Q. Warren, also the class sponsor, Mr. A. G. Guy.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Favor spent Monday in Abilene with their daughter Mrs. Caldwell who is ill.

Mrs. O. D. Houston and baby and Mr. Forrest Holbrook of Stillwater Oklahoma were recent guests of Mammy and Pappy Smith. Mrs. Houston is Mammy's sister-in-law.

Miss Mae Hardwell returned to her home in Wichita Tuesday after spending two weeks here with her sister, Miss Dixie Hardwell. Dixie accompanied Mae to Wichita, returning home Tuesday evening.

The landscaping at the Keck home is adding much to its beauty. We are glad to see that type of interest manifest in the homes of Knox City. The home of Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Keck is very pretty.

Mrs. M. A. Bumpus of Smith Chapel, Mrs. Tom Cunningham, Mrs. C. C. Coats, J. W. Coates, Claud Vance, W. C. Barton of O'Brien were among the many visitors in the city Wednesday.

### L. N. BRIDGES FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 1

I take this method of announcing my candidacy for the office of county commissioner precinct number 1, subject to the Democratic Primaries in July.

Will say that I think I am qualified to fill the office in an efficient manner, and if elected, I will make every effort to discharge the duties of the office in a way that no one shall regret having supported me. I assure you that any favor shown me will be appreciated.

L. N. Bridges

## Special Services at Me Church

Sunday will be an outstanding day in the Methodist church in that two special services will be held, states Reverend Sharp. The morning service will be a special service for the children. All the children not in church service some place else in the city, are invited and urged to attend this service.

The fact that the morning service Sunday is to be special for the children, does not lessen the interest for the adults of the church and town. We are reminded that Jesus desires us to be as little children, to have the child like faith. Parents are urged not to send their children to this morning service Sunday, but to go with them to this service.

The service Sunday night will be devoted to the men of the town. Again this does not bar the attendance of others, but does mean the request of the pastor that all men in Knox City, and territory who are not worshipping in another service this night to be present.

Although no announcement was made concerning the probable number of women who will hear the sermon Sunday night, it will be no surprise if they outnumber the men. In that probability, the men have a double incentive for attending church at the Methodist church Sunday night.

The church with a friendly welcome!

The service at the Baptist Church Sunday night, as conducted by the young people of the church, was splendid. Alvin Hamm was chairman and in addition to well developing the subjects, "The Young Life of the Church" and "Music in the Church" Alvin kept the large crowd present laughing. He presented a variety of wholesome jests which added joy to the splendid program.

Without a doubt, the older members of this church should have, as a result of this program, a higher, better regard for the young life of the church.

Fourteen ladies of the Knox City Baptist Church attended the Womens quarterly business meeting of the Haskell Association held in Rochester Tuesday.

The Bridge club was delightfully entertained in the home of Mrs. J. M. Ashcroft on Tuesday night of last week. Mrs. Ashcroft was assisted by Mrs. Vernon Bridges.

The 42 club was entertained last Friday afternoon by Mrs. Hot Moseley. After the games a collation of fruit salad individual cherry pie coffee was served.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Stine of Amhurst returned to their home Sunday after spending some six weeks here with their daughter, Mrs. A. L. Dutton. Mr. and Mrs. Stine were accompanied home by Mr. and Mrs. Dutton.

## The Church Anvil

Beginning this week we start "The Church Anvil" which is a small department devoted to sentence sermons taken from the sermons each Sunday of the two preachers of the city. On the Sunday when there are church services held in other of the churches of the city, we will be glad to have the contribution to The Church Anvil by some member of those churches.

This week we have Brother Sharp stating in his sermon Sunday night "If we shun God, not asking him to be with us in our pleasure of every day life, how can we expect him to be with us in our sorrows."

Again, "anything that is worth having, that is worth loving, is worth praying for, even a dog."

In his sermon Sunday morning, Brother Stovall gave us again "the fact that Salvation is FREE to us in that Jesus finished the plan for our salvation on the cross."



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No star ever quit its job because of a few cloudy nights.

When you need help, ask for it, if you don't need it prove it.

The only way to have a friend is to be one.—Emerson.

Adversity borrows its sharpest stings from our impatience. Horne

Successful people do not succeed on account of their faults, but in spite of them.

The fellow who comes to work whistling, usually goes home singing.

Our greatest glory consists not in never falling; but in rising every time we fall.—Goldsmith.

We notice that Jack Clarke wearing a new sun bonnet, a cowboy hat of considerable size. As Jack says it is in tune with his life for he milks a cow twice every day. Jack would!

It is rumored that Lobe Armstrong and Harry Wiltbanks were seen heading East Wednesday morning. Looks like they do not intend to let this depression bunk keep them from their travel.

That reminds us, Kenny says that if things don't change that some one is going to have to be laid off down at the office of Kenny and Wiltbank. Then he further adds, since Harry is still young and handsome it would hardly be fair to ask him to stay on the job and he is no doubt the lucky guy who will get the extended vacation.

From a talk with Joe Reeder Wednesday morning we judge that collections this fall for Cameron were very unusual.

Joe says he hoped the boys don't run over him now trying to get into his office to finish up their payments.

Uncle Bill Smith says that is probably a good thing that he never liked to go places much for if he did,

he'd have to change now and it might be a little hard on him.

H. M. Warren says that he was sick three last week and he just wondered if any one missed him in town. Did you?

We understand that Alvin Hamm has proved himself champion one trap rat catcher. Wednesday he says he caught two rats, twins if you please, at the same time in the same trap. We just wondered if they were Simese. Anyway, that's a record for Alvin.

From the way the boys on the dairy truck get the milk delivered each day, one is led to believe that the Graham Truck is never out of order; however, L. W. while trying to tell the mechanic at Warren Brothers how to fix his truck, states that his car is akin to most all others and does have to go to the hospital once in a while.

Tubby Joes says he'd do alright this week if he could sell one red inner tube to every man in town. Well, if Tubby has a tube for you, you'd better get it.

Glenn Fox says, I don't want nothing. Well, all we have to say is, it must be heaven to have all you want now.

We understand that Christmas is over. And you wonder how we know it? Because E. O. Jamison says so.

Olvis Hamm says he knows a good piece of news and it reads like this, "I'm in the market for one good job."

We have long known that preachers have the ability to "get people told" but Wednesday it was opposite. We were one of the witnesses to the perfectly good dressing down that the Honorable Holt Moseley gave Brother Sharp. Yes sir, Holt certainly did use that clothes brush and the preacher's suit really did look better.

H. E. Wall made a new discovery recently. He says he has learned how a man can make money going in the hole.

Give it up? Digging a well.

We are just wondering how the proprietor of the goard dipper ranch of Knox City is getting along in his business.

We feel sure that he is not expecting much competition in this business but if he doesn't watch his step he is likely to fwake up some morning to find the market swamped with goard dippers. Which of course will run the price of dippers down.

G. T. Hardberger says that if he were a mule he knows he could jump over something but that he would hate to try jumping over Sheriff E. Holt.

#### HOW A PREACHER DREW A LARGE CROWD

The following story was told by William Jennings Bryan:

An old preacher who spoke to small audiences was surprised to find that a new preacher, with seemingly less ability, was drawing larger crowds. One morning he called upon the young man to inquire the secret of his great success.

"I understand," said the older man "that you never attended a college."

"No," replied the preacher. I never had the advantage of a college course."

"And, if I am correctly informed you never attended any theological seminary; and yet people come to hear you and don't come to hear me. What is the explanation?"

"It is very simple," replied the young man. "When you have a sermon to preach on Sunday you begin on Monday before to prepare it. You write it down than you prune it and polish it. All the time the devil is looking over your shoulder and he goes out and hardens the hearts of your congregation against you. Now, then when I have a sermon to preach, I never write down a word; never allow myself even to think about it, so when I get up to deliver my sermon, the devil himself doesn't know what I am going to say!"

Cotton uniforms are to be supplied to every soldier of the United States Army, Fort Bliss men at El Paso report.

Two hundred thousand dollars worth of granite was ordered from Llane recently for the post office and new construction at Houston.

### Political Announcements

The Herald is authorized to announce the following candidates subject to the Democratic Primary in July.

#### FOR PUBLIC WEIGHER

J. R. Withrow  
 W. E. Raney

#### FOR COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1

R. M. (Miller) Herring  
 L. N. Bridges

J. M. Edwards of Seymour was in Knox City Tuesday.

We are glad to add Bill White's name to our subscription list. Bill is in school in Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ogle Roberson of Rochester were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Keck Sunday.

Mr. W. D. Snoddy of Benjamin was dismissed from the Knox County Hospital Monday.

Reverend C. B. Stovall and son Claude spent most of this week in Collinsworth county on business.

Miss Bernice Raney is spending this week with her brother in Abilene.

Mr. Bill Pauls is now working at the Jones Barber Shop. His brother, Claude, is at the City Shop.

Mrs. Vance Jones is improving this week. She has been sick some two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Pennick and family and Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Jones and family of Rule were guests of Mrs. M. A. Reeder Sunday.

Mr. M. E. Jones spent the first of the week with his sister, Mrs. Ira Owens, and his uncle, Mr. J. H. Cooney, both of Goree.

Misses Virginia Simpson and Lee Ella Bowen of Wellington visited with friends here Sunday.  
 T. P. Frizzell and E. Q. Warren attended a funeral in Haskell last Thursday.

R. C. EDWARDS  
 Dental Surgeon  
 West end Farmers State Bank Building  
 Knox City, Texas

### OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION OF The Citizens State Bank

at Knox City, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st day of December, 1931, published in the Knox County Herald, a newspaper printed and published at Knox City, State of Texas, on the 14th day of January, 1932.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts, on personal of collateral security	52,515.74
Loans secured by real estate	7,117.50
Overdrafts	127.25
Securities of U. S., any State or political subdivision thereof	154.00
Other bonds and stocks owned	290.00
Banking House	7,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	2,430.00
Cash in bank	9,366.14
Due from approved reserve agents	45,723.13
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check on demand	50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>125,273.76</b>
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	25,000.00
Surplus Fund	5,500.00
Undivided Profits, net	3,713.96
Individual Deposits subject to check, including time deposits due in 30 days	90,334.16
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	725.64
<b>Total</b>	<b>125,273.76</b>

State of Texas, County of Knox  
 We, Henry L. White, as President, and T. E. Robbins, as Cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.  
 Henry L. White, President  
 T. E. Robbins, Cashier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of January, A. D. 1932.  
 Harry Wiltbanks, Notary Public, Knox County, Texas  
 Correct Attest: S. P. Kenny, T. P. Frizzell B. C. Anderson  
 Directors

### New Feeds at New Low Prices

We have received a complete shipment of all new feeds, Purina Chows This includes baby chick chow, Start er, etc, all priced lower than ever before. Get our prices before you buy.

We pay the highest market price for poultry.

### Porter and White

### Announcement

We have concluded best to discontinue all credit sales, and here after sell for cash only.

We are very grateful to our friends and patrons who have made possible a successful business so far, and kindly ask your cooperation in the change. We shall strive to serve you in the same satisfactory manner as in the past.

### Orient Drus Store

### CHARACTER

*A man of character is the man of discipline, the man who has learned to direct his energy and concentrate his will on the point in view. Such men need no convincing in regard to the importance of saving accounts, the value of the bank. Such men have the ability to choose.*

*We are here for you to consult about your financial problems. Let us be your bank.*

The First National Bank  
 Knox City, Texas

### Friday and Sat. Specials

Sugar pure cane 25 lbs 1.29

Compound Swift Jewell 8 Pound Pail .63

Coffee Folgers 2 1/2 lb can .89

Grape Fruit Nice Size Texas each 7 for .4 .25

Dry salt Jowls, per lb .7 1/2

Salad dressing, 'Krafts old fashion' 1/2 pt .15 1 pt .25

Apples, Delicious, large size, dozen .30

Cheese, No 1 per lb .19

Oranges, Navel lg. size doz .30

Tomatoes, no. 2 cans 3 for .25

Corn, standard No. 2 can 3 for .25

Flour 48 Pounds White Rose .75 48 Pounds Southland .89 48 Pounds Oriole 1.00

### J. M. Edwards Self Serv Store

W. E. Clonts is attending the Farnall Tractor school in Munday.

Mrs. Z. T. Rogers, mother of Mrs. T. S. Edwards, is ill this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hull visited in Rochester Sunday.

Mack Sweeney made a business trip to Dallas the first of the week.

We are glad to state that Henry Jones is improving.

Miss Lorena Reese is reported ill this week.

H. L. Daniel made a business trip to San Angelo last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. May and son spent Sunday with relatives in Rule.

G. T. Hardberger was in Lamesa two days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Holand made a business trip to Cleburne last week.

Mrs. John Smith spent several days this week with her father on the plains.

Mrs. Della Short is up this week having had an attack with their throat.

Mr. Jack Wetzel of Fort Worth is here this week visiting his cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Bradberry.

Mrs. G. T. Hardberger spent two days last week with her daughter, Mrs. Darnell in Truscott.

Mrs. Pace, Mrs. Blacklock and Mrs. McElyea of Munday visited at the Hospital Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Raney of Abilene spent Sunday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Raney.

We are glad to state that Mrs. M. E. Jones is improving from her illness of several months.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Park of Abilene were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Boyd Sunday.

The honorable J. C. Angle of route one was a visitor in the city Wednesday.

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Ask Your Druggist for Particulars

**J. D. Kethley**  
**Optometrist**  
Munday, Texas  
Eyes Examined  
for  
Glasses

**Uncle Sam's Financial Worries**

By Caleb Johnson

The Government of the United States starts the year 1932 with a budgetary deficit of more than a thousand million dollars. That means that the amount of money which has been appropriated for government purposes exceeds, by a billion dollars in one year alone, the total amount that can be collected under present taxation systems.

Next year will be worse, unless the new Congress does one of two things. Either expenses of the government must be cut or taxes must be increased. And the talk is mostly about increasing taxes. This is what the men who are running the different departments and bureaus of the Government always want to do. They do not want to reduce expenses. But as the record shows, they are always ready to increase them.

Let's look at the figures. In 1911 it cost \$726,424,849.57 to run the United States of America in 1931 the cost was \$4,219,950,338.88. Government costs were multiplied nearly six times in twenty years.

Our population has increased only one-third in that time. Our national wealth has doubled. There is no doubt that it costs more to run the nation's affairs than it used to, but there is a lot of doubt whether it is necessary to spend over five times as much as we did twenty years ago.

When a business finds itself in difficulties, unable to meet its obligations from its usual sources of income it cuts expenses first, then tries to increase sales. In the case of the United States government the inclination is to increase sales that is to say sources of income, which are taxes before cutting costs.

Some of the increased costs can't be cut very much, to be sure. We've had a war a tremendous expensive war, since 1911. In 1911 our public debt was so small that it took only 21 million dollars to pay the interest on it. We ran deeply into debt to finance the war, and there have been years 1920 and 1922, when interest on the public debt alone ran to over a billion dollars. It still accounts for more than a sixth of all our cost of operation, running above \$700,000,000 a year. And there isn't any way to cut that down without paying off the debt, which would all for a lot more taxes. In the boom year of 1928, for example, tax income enabled us to pay off over \$500,000,000 on public debt out of current income and we had a treasury surplus of over 400 million left. This public debt amounts now to about fifteen billion dollars. If European nations could and would pay us what they owe us now, it would cut more than two-thirds of that off at once and reduce our interest accordingly. But they are paying us only about \$210,000,000 a year, principal and interests, and in the meantime Uncle Sam has to pay interest on the money he borrowed from American citizens to lend to Europe in the war.

Mainly because of these war obligations, the Treasury Department's expenditures for 1931 were \$1,546,750,037 as compared with \$122,427,183 in 1911.

Another big item of increase in Government costs as compared with years ago is also an inheritance from the war. This is the operation of the Veterans' Bureau, which includes all disbursements for pensions, care of ex-service men in hospitals and other than a billion and quarter dollars have been loaned on adjusted service certificates so far, and more than 250 million will be needed before next June for this purpose alone.

The Veterans' Bureau is only one of some twenty or more independent bureaus or offices, not under the jurisdiction of any Department but reporting direct to the President.

These include the Shipping Board—also a far inheritance—the Federal Farm Board, the Interstate Trade Commission, the U. S. Tariff Commission, the Inland Waterways Corporation and many others. These independent offices of the government spent \$1,308,000,000 in 1931 as against \$166,000,000 in 1911.

Expenses of other departments have increased. The Department of Justice, mainly because of having prohibition enforcement wished on it, had appropriations of \$44,000,000 in 1931 as compared with only \$9,500,000 in 1911. The Department of Agriculture has so extended its scope of operations, especially in the Bureau of Public Highways which spends the Federal-aid road appropriations, that it cost \$296,000,000 to run it last year, where it spent only about twenty millions twenty years ago. We are maintaining a larger Army and a larger Navy than ever before, except during the war time. War Department cost ran up to \$480,000,000 in 1931, comparing with about \$188,000,000 in 1911; the Navy Department spent \$354,000,000 which is almost three times what it spent twenty years back. The Post Office showed a book profit in 1911 before the Government went into the parcel post and airmail business, as against a loss of \$145,000,000 in 1931.

Those are the largest increases in governmental expenditures in the past twenty years. All of the other departments and bureaus, however, are costing more to operate. Even the President's expenses for the maintenance of the White House and its staff and his salary and that of his secretaries is \$44,000 a year more than it was twenty years ago.

And the steady tendency of these governmental costs is to increase. "Spend more money and increase taxes" is the slogan of the ordinary politicians, regardless of his party.

Right now the United States government is up against the problem of where the tax money is coming from. Incomes are down, and income taxes down in proportion. Any new kinds of taxes are bound to be re-vented, and will be difficult, if not impossible, to collect. Already our customs revenues are declining in spite of the increased duties under the new tariff law, because our business men are not importing goods for which they have no sale.

The other solution is to cut expenses. The question is once again "Where?" Any effort to cut the cost of the Army or the Navy, to abandon the pension system or refuse further Federal aid to road building to stop work on public improvements or let our merchant marine shift for itself is certain to arouse a storm of opposition such as no politician dares to face.

There is a strong movement to repeal the prohibition amendment, backed not only those who believe prohibition is a failure but by others who would like to restore the revenue the Government used to get from the tax on beer and spirits. That averaged about \$225,000,000 a year up to 1920, and might easily yield much more than that if the sale of alcoholic drink were re-legalized. But that would be but a drop in the bucket compared with the Government's present need of either opting off from one to two billion dollars of expense or finding new sources of revenue to that amount.

There will be loud cries of "economy" heard from political leaders of all parties from now on. But, pressed for details as to where they are going to cut first, most of them will hesitate. And, somehow or other, as he always does, Uncle Sam will "muddle through."

Mrs. H. H. Henry of the Cliff community was dismissed from the local hospital Saturday.

Mrs. Morrison Sams and Mrs. A. Sams of Benjamin were shopping here Monday.

**MADAME LA MAIE READER**

Will be in her office at the Boyd Hotel Room 5 reading each day from 9:30 a. m. to 10:30 p. m. advice given on all affairs of life. She is a natural born reader and has helped thousands with her advice. See her and be convinced. Readings 50 cents and \$1.00.

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Mr. Jones moved last week from the Hortow house to the Finley house in other words just around the corner.

Mr. and Mrs. Doc Rose moved last week to Rule.

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Chevrol.	4.50-20	5.35	10.28	Franklin	H.D.		
Ford	4.50-21	5.43	10.54	Franklin	6.00-19	10.05	11.04
Ford	4.75-19	6.33	12.32	La Salle	6.00-20	10.95	21.24
Whippet	4.75-20	6.43	12.49	Packard	H.D.		
Erskine	5.00-19	6.65	12.90	Pierce A.	6.00-21	11.10	21.54
Fitzmoor				H.D.			
Chandler				Buick	6.00-22	11.60	22.50
DeSoto				H.D.			
Dodge				Stutz	6.50-20	12.65	24.54
Harvard				H.D.			
Gr. Paige				Cadillac	7.00-20	14.65	28.43
Pontiac				Lincoln	H.D.		
Rover				Packard			
Willow							
East	5.00-20	6.75	13.10				
Nash	5.00-21	6.06	13.50				
Olds	5.25-18	7.53	14.60				
Olds	5.25-21	8.15	15.82				
Olds	5.50-18	8.35	16.20				
Olds	5.50-19	8.45	16.46				

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By Ed Kressy

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**T. S. Edwards, M. D.**  
Surgery and diseases  
of women

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Acker moved last week to the Davis house recently vacated by the Evans family.

Mrs. C. P. Benedict of Midland was a recent guest of her sister here, Mrs. Joe Smith.

Miss Lena Steinfeld of Haskell is a patient in the Knox County Hospital this week.

Mr. Torpley Stubbs of Anson was up to see his brother, Carrier George F. Stubbs Tuesday.

**TODAY AND TOMORROW**

By Frank Parker Stockbridge

**OULAHAN**

A few days ago the President of the United States took time off from his arduous duties to attend the funeral of a newspaper reporter. A hundred or more of the highest officials in Washington members of the Cabinet, foreign diplomats, joined Mr. and Mrs. Hoover in paying a last tribute of respect to the memory of Richard Victor Oulahan. I think it is the only occasion on which a simple reporter of the news has been so honored.

Dick Oulahan could have held almost any public office he might have aspired to, he could have been editor-in-chief of almost any great newspaper, but he preferred to remain a reporter in the city of his birth writing every day for the New York Times the news of Washington so truthfully and in such a dignified manner that he won the respect of everybody in public life, while his personal charm and character made presidents and ambassadors his personal friends.

Dick Oulahan was my schoolmate fifty years ago. His life and career were the model upon which many young newspaper men tried to shape their own.

**MURDERERS**

With all the publicity that New York and Chicago gang murders have got the public has a notion that those cities must be dangerous places to live in. But an Alabama college professor who has been collecting the facts about murder in the United States reports that there are 77 cities in which there are more murders in proportion to population than in New York, and 39 that have a higher percentage of murders than Chicago. There are more murders in Memphis, Tennessee, in proportion to population, than in any other American city.

There is no such thing in any American city as gangs of murderers roaming at large and shooting total strangers because they don't like the color of their neckties, though some such impression of life in the big cities seems to be prevalent.

I have knocked around the world a good deal, and as a newspaper reporter have had to go into some pretty tough districts at all hours of day and night, but I never found it necessary to go armed, nor have I ever known of a sober, peaceful citizen tending strictly to his own business being killed except by a lunatic.

**PROHIBITION**

Anti-prohibitionists are incurable optimists. Finland has just repealed its prohibition law and American wets are jubilant.

How little chance there is on any such action in this country is clearly indicated by a poll of the entire membership of both houses of Congress taken by International News Service. Only 155 members of the House of Representatives were willing even to submit the question of repeal to a popular referendum. It takes 218 to make a majority in the lower house of Congress. Thirty-two senators, or exactly one-third were in favor of a referendum. And the question of equalizing beer could muster only 125 representatives and 21 senators to its support.

I think that that proportion is a fair reflection of public sentiment in the United States. The anti-prohibitionists are indulging in what Emer-

son called "wishful thinking."

**WAGES**

The International Labor Office of the League of Nations set out to compare "real wages" in European industry with American wages. "Real wages" means the actual purchasing power of the workers' earnings in terms of commodities. As was expected, the investigators report that living costs in European cities are excessively high and that few European workers are able to buy more than the bare necessities of life even in the best of times.

If this investigation results in increasing wages and giving overseas workers a greater purchasing power it will help a lot toward restoring economic prosperity in Europe, and that will help all the rest of the world.

**DAVIS**

Several weeks ago in this column I called attention to the public career of Norman H. Davis and suggested that he was a good man to keep an eye on. President Hoover has just appointed him as one of the American delegates to the General Disarmament Conference to be held in Geneva, February 2nd. Mr. Davis is already a member of the Finance Committee of the League of Nations. Few Americans are better informed on European affairs and international finance.

Mr. Davis is a Democrat, and if a Democrat should be elected President this year there is little doubt that he will hold a high position in the next administration.

Carl Davis spent a couple days in the valley this week.

John Yarbrough of Rule was a patient in the hospital last week.

Mrs. J. D. Horton is in Lubbock visiting her mother, Mrs. W. D. Lee.

Jack Clarke arrived home Monday from the plains.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Graham and family spent Sunday in Vera.

Buck Propps spent Wednesday in Crowell.

Ray Willis is numbered among the sick this week.

Miss Stella Cooner is visiting her sister in Robstown.

New stock of radio batteries and tubes, Ashcroft Chevrolet Co.

A family jar is never used in preserving peaches.

Even hot-headed men occasionally get cold feet.

**West Texas Today**

The ranch experiment station at Sonora, Texas, has 2,461 acres of land for grazing.

Wilbarger County celebrated its fiftieth birthday recently with a two day celebration of old timers.

The time of building the Seymour Vernon extension of the Frisco railroad has been extended to the close of 1932 by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Two hundred farmers in Wilbarger County have individual light plants, and sixty are connected with the electric high lines.

A Levelland farm woman made a profit of twenty-two dollars from one hundred fifty cans of chicken meat made from the culms of her poultry flock. Observes the woman, "This brought me more than my husband made from four acres this year."

Highway 18 from Turkey in Hall County to the Motley County line is to be graveled soon.

Forty thousand acres of sudan grass seed were harvested in the Mulenshoe, Texas territory this season with yields as high as 1,600 pounds to the acre.

Several localities in West Texas are manufacturing sorghum molasses this year for the first time.

A Swisher county woman has preserved fifty-six different kinds of vegetables this season at a total cost of fifty dollars that is now valued at four hundred seventy-five dollars.

**Sunday School Lesson**

International Sunday School Lesson

THE FIRST DISCIPLES

John 1:35-49

Reverend Samuel D. Price, D. D.

Thirty years of developing life are omitted by John in his Gospel. Only Luke, in chapter 2:41-50, tells of the visit to the temple at Jerusalem when the Lad was twelve years old. It is profitable to meditate on the kind of life that Jesus lived in the Nazareth home. Here is the ideal son and the record has never been written concerning those developing years.

Meanwhile John the Baptist had attracted much attention through his wilderness preaching. Multitudes came to hear him in the Jordan valley. A group of faithful disciples was working with the Baptist. One day Jesus came and sought baptism, though He had no sins to confess. God placed the seal upon this dedicatory act as the Holy Spirit descended in the form of a dove. The forty days of temptation in the wilderness followed, during which time Jesus Christ truly faced His redemptive ministry.

One day it was the sublime privilege of John the Baptist to say: "Be-

hold, the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world." Some of the disciples of John thereafter identified themselves with this great Teacher, John's wonderful unselfishness is indicated in that he was ready to give up his closest friends that they might have still better associations.

For with personal work began and that is one method that Jesus has approved for the growth of His Kingdom. Andrew at once sought out his own brother Peter and brought him to Jesus. John doubtless brings his brother James to Jesus. When they reach Galilee Phillip is added to the group of learners and he, in turn, locates Nathanael and induces him to join this group students.

S. L. Homes Jr. of Floydada was a recent guest here if his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Smith.

Hobb Smith of Rochester was here in the hospital one day last week for treatment.

Miss Elsie Dunsworth returned to her home in Wichita Falls Sunday after spending a week here with Miss Mozell Stubbs.

Mrs. English and family returned to their home in Gentry Arkansas last Friday after spending some two weeks here with relatives.

Charter No. 7953  
REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE  
**First National Bank**  
Of Knox City in the State of Texas, at the close of business on December, 31, 1931

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	102,587.36
Overdrafts	287.31
United States Government securities owned	20,000.00
Other bonds, stocks, and securities owned	6,300.00
Banking House \$6,500.00 F. & P. \$4,100.00	10,600.00
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	6,890.57
Cash and due from banks	19,721.37
Outside checks and other cash items	217.59
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	1,000.00
Other assets	891.47
<b>Total</b>	<b>168,496.67</b>
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	25,000.00
Surplus	12,500.00
Undivided profits net	3,000.00
Circulating notes outstanding	20,000.00
Demand deposits	95,024.11
Time deposits	1,200.00
Bills payable and rediscounts	8,745.00
Other liabilities	27.56
<b>Total</b>	<b>168,496.67</b>

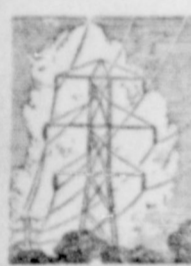
State of Texas, County of Knox, ss:  
I, S. M. Clonts, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

S. M. Clonts, Cashier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of January 1932.  
O. L. Jamison, Notary Public.

Correct Attest: E. O. Jamison, W. H. Benedict V. H. Pyeatt  
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