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A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance.—Prov.

This has been a red letter week for Knox County so far as the unemployment situation is concerned. With six projects already ok'd and others yet to be submitted, those who wish to work may have a chance to turn an honest penny. Penny is used judiciously because it is not likely that any of the unemployed will accumulate great fortunes but the hours and the rate of pay will permit one to dine thrice a day and have bones to throw at the wolf at the door.

Knox County's political incubator seems to have a nice setting of eggs this year and along about the first of January we expect that the hatch will begin coming off. Some of the eggs are already beginning to pip. We notice where the other newspaper boys are predicting a hot campaign. They do that every political year. It's kinda like predicting sandstorms for March.

Occasionally you hear someone lamenting that politics is such a dirty game and that it is a pity that good men shun politics because their past records would reflect the light on any. And you can't meet a man that's making four or five thousand a year in private to run for an office that pays one-fifty a month.

One encouraging sign of the times is the armistice between Gen. Hugh Johnson who is papa to the NRA and Henry Ford who used to make cars of distinctive type but who now makes the kind that you can't tell from any other highpowered kind. In Ford's paper, he recently came out with an article in which he praised the NRA and said that he was cooperating with it and that it was best to stay.

Delinquent taxes are a problem. Only about half of the taxes on real and personal property are collected. Ask any delinquent why he doesn't pay and he will tell you that he can't. But as the government has to collect enough to keep going, it finds other ways of getting the blood out of the turnip and in the new Mr. Taxpayer pays through his nose. The man that does pay his taxes that are assessed against him is also paying a like amount for the man who pays none. Obviously this is unfair and it is beginning to dawn on the most of us there is something wrong with our antiquated tax system. What is it?

The fever to dig the Gulf of Mexico to Fort Worth has broken out again and to hear Dallas and Fort Worth explain how simply it could be done, you expect to catch a steamer at the stock yards on your next visit to Cow Town. The money that it would take to dig this canal would pay for the freight being shipped by rail for the next hundred years. We arrived at this conclusion by guessing at half the interest on the European War Debts, dividing by two and adding the interest on the Soldier Bonus.

Flowers for the living—a big bouquet to Messrs. Snody, Welsh, Paterson and Father Boniface, who by their untiring efforts secured the approval and the visible means of support for the unemployed of the county. Men that give freely of their time and money in the interest of public welfare are not found in bunches like young onions.

52,525 Bales Cotton Ginned To December 1

According to the monthly report of H. A. Sullins, special agent, there were 52,525 bales of cotton ginned in Knox County prior to December 1, 1933 as compared with 54,937 to the same date last year. Taking into consideration that approximately one third of the acreage was plowed under, the cotton production in the county this year exceeds that of last year on a yield per acre basis and last year's crop was considered a bumper one.

Another Seymour boy, James Milam, has been honored in college. James, who is attending the University of Texas, has been elected to the National honorary Society of Law Fraternity, an honor that comes to only five members of the junior and senior classes of the University each year. The award is based on ethical character, scholarship, and promise as a future lawyer. The young man's friends here feel that the honor is well bestowed. James is the son of Mrs. J. H. Milam, and was born and reared in Knox and Baylor counties. *Baylor County Banner.*

RELIEF WILL BE STRESSED FOR FARMERS

The Federal relief program for farmers and ranchmen overburdened with debt will be pushed in Texas by the first of January. The program, headed by R. J. Murray of Lubbock, with former Gov. James E. Ferguson taking an active part, Ferguson announced here Thursday.

A series of conferences will be held Thursday and Friday by Ferguson and Murray with officials of insurance companies and other concerns holding farm and ranch mortgages. They also will meet with E. P. Greenwood, Dallas member of the State committee of farmers and with four of the five members of the local committee. Murray announced that the Dallas county committee includes E. H. Davis, chairman; O. M. Murray, T. P. Hall of Grand Prairie and Karl L. White of Lancaster with a fifth member yet to be selected.

In addition to seeking to aid first mortgage owners and the landowners, the Federal Government will advance money on second liens up to 25 per cent of the normal value of the land. Ferguson and Murray pointed out these second lien loans will enable farmers and ranchmen to pay debts, rehabilitate their holdings and purchase equipment.

Dallas insurance companies and their agents hold 90 per cent of Texas farm and ranch loans. Ferguson said, amounting to \$125,000,000.

"The purpose of this Debt Conciliation Committee is to bring creditor and debtor together," Ferguson explained. "Where the debt on his land is considered too heavy, on the basis of normal values, the land will be reappraised, and the lien reduced on the basis of normal value. Then the creditor will be asked to accept a reduced lien, and the Government will pay the creditor cash. The loan then will be paid out by the debtor at a low rate of interest, 4 1-2 to 5 per cent, over a long period of years, giving new hope to carry on to the farmer and ranchman. The creditor will get money where in many cases he would be forced to take over the land and the landowner will be helped out of a hole."

Murray conferred with Federal authorities in New Orleans last week on the Texas situation.

Sam White, Grain dealer of Knox City was in Benjamin Thursday on business. Mr. White reports that the merchants of Knox City have had a good business this fall.

Six CWA Projects Are Approved For Knox

Six C. W. A. Projects for Knox county have been approved at Austin this week which involve appropriations of approximately \$71,385 and are designed to furnish employment during the winter months for Knox county citizens that are out of work. These projects in addition to the N. R. A. project on Highway 16 should absorb a large percent of the unemployed in the county but registrations at the office of the C.W.A. in Benjamin continue at the rate of about twenty five daily. Instrumental in getting the local projects approved have been Walter Snody of Benjamin, member of the Knox county Board of Welfare and Employment, Commissioner Onie Welsh of Precinct No. 3, Gilliland, Commissioner O. L. Paterson of Precinct 2, Benjamin and Father P. Boniface of Rhineland who have spent much time in Austin working with members of Lawrence Westbrook's Rehabilitation and Relief Committee. The projects taken by precincts are as follows:

COMMISSIONERS PREC. 2.
Project No. 7711D6, Moving and Rebuilding Rhineland Bridge, \$19,397, employing approximately 68 men, to be finished by Feb. 15.
Project No. 7367D6, Grading, drainage and graveling of Rhineland Lane, \$15,256.

COMMISSIONERS PREC. 3.
Project No. 6579C6, Grade, drain and surface Truscott-Gilliland Road, \$20,225, 75 men.
Project No. 6580C6, Curface Main Street Truscott, \$4,917, 75 men.

COMMISSIONERS PREC. 4.
Project No. 7368O6, Grade, drain, surface Goree-Hefner Road, \$8,992, 43 men.

COUNTY WIDE
Project No. 6590B5, Sanitation Survey, \$1697, 20 men.

All of the work on these projects will start at once and are expected to be finished by February 15, 1934.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE AT METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY, DEC. 17

You are urged to be present at the Benjamin Methodist Church Sunday for both morning and night services and hear E. A. Irvine preach at these services.

At the morning hour Dr. Geo. S. Sloner, presiding elder, will be present and hold our First Quarterly Conference.

The Sunday School has been showing a very marked improvement the last few Sundays. If you are not attending Sunday school somewhere else you are cordially invited to serve God in the Methodist Sunday school.

The Epworth League meets every Sunday Evening and the young people are urged to be in this service.

Choir practice meets every Tuesday evening. Come and help us sing.
E. A. Irvine, Pastor.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM TO BE GIVEN AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

A Christmas Program will be given at the Christian Church Sunday evening, December 24th at 7:30 pm. All the churches are cooperating with the program and it is hoped that everyone will help us to arrange a good program.

The following committees are in charge:

Miss Helen Bisbee, chairman, Methodist church.

Mrs. Oran Driver, chairman Christian church.

Mrs. Burl Snody, chairman, Baptist church.

Do not wait for these committees to call on you. See them if your child can say a reading or sing a song.

Rev. H. F. Gage, Baptist Pastor.

Dickson Main Speaker At County School Meet

Mr. Bryan Dickson, deputy state superintendent of Childress will be the main speaker at a meeting of the Knox county teachers tonight at the local school auditorium. Under the new state regulations for schools, the popularly despised institute has been done away with and two teachers meetings per year takes the place of institute. While in session tonight the teachers will organize the county interscholastic league.

SOUTH PAID TWICE AS MUCH FOR COTTON DUE TO PLOW UP

Average of 9 1-2 Cents Per Pound Could Not Have Been Maintained If Crop Not Reduced, Says Cully Cobb

Washington, Dec. 14.—Cully Cobb, government cotton chief set down figures today to show that the south could be paid almost twice as much for its 1933 cotton crop as it would have received without the plow-up campaign.

If the farm price average 9 1-2 cents a pound "as now appears probable," Cobb said, the current crop will bring \$787,000,000 as contrasted with \$397,000,000 producers received for lint in 1932.

Without the reduction program this year and assurance of future control of production, the cotton chief said universal opinion was that the 1933 crop would have averaged not more than five cents a pound, which for an estimated 17,600,000 bales would have brought farmers but \$440,000,000.

While he said other factors had some influence, Cobb declared the increase in growers' returns undoubtedly was due to the success of the plow-up campaign which reduced the large potential crop by 4,400,000 bales to an actual harvest of 13,200,000 bales. This production control he said not only adjusted the immediate supply downward, but also gave assurance future supplies would be reduced.

"As a result of the added increase in price, the augmented income, and due to the fact the 1933 crop left to be harvested was one of the best in the history in point of yield and cheapest in point of production," Cobb said. "Business conditions throughout the cotton belt show radical improvement over what they have been at any time during recent years."

It was pointed out that the yield per acre of land left in cultivation, estimated by the crop reporting board at 209.4 pounds, was one of the highest per acre yields on record.

ANGELO SEEKING PWA LOAN FOR UTILITIES PLANT

San Angelo, Dec. 14.—San Angelo's application for a government loan of \$662,400 and a grant of \$217,050, a total of \$879,450 for a municipal power plant here, is to be filed Friday morning before the Texas board for the public works administration. Representatives of the city and engineers left here tonight for Fort Worth with detailed information concerning the project.

Hon. George Moffett, state representative of this district, and Mrs. Moffett were in Benjamin Wednesday. They were returning from Knox City where Mr. Moffett was the principal speaker at a banquet held there Tuesday night. Although Mr. Moffett has not formally announced his candidacy for re-election yet, he has said he would again be in the race and that he expected to make his announcement about the first of the year.

Highway 16 Work Is Now Getting Underway

Work on N. R. S. Project 677A, 13.5 miles grade and drainage structures on Highway 16 from the Haskell county line to Benjamin has gotten under way with the grubbing of the right-of-way nearing completion and about one mile of the road graded. Arpeners are now at work building forms for the concrete bridges and culverts. Several trucks are engaged in hauling sand and gravel. About thirty five men are being used at present. This portion of the state highway through Knox county follows the Santa Fe Railroad very closely and the new road does not have a rail crossing on it. The work is being done under the supervision of State Highway Engineers G. K. Garrett and H. T. Cunningham. It is a Federal Aid project. R. B. Stroup is the contractor. Cost of construction is \$57,616. Work on Highway 116 in Foard county is progressing according to reports from that county. The Foard county project, also a Federal Aid one, is the grade and drainage work from the Harde-man county line to Crowell. There yet remains thirty two miles of road on Highway 16 situated in Knox and Foard counties that have had no improvement. It is expected, however that the State will let the contract on this work in the near future.

WIDELY KNOWN ABILENE ATTORNEY DIES THURSDAY

The death of J. E. Cunningham, 774, prominent West Texas attorney, at Abilene early Thursday morning is reported in the Abilene News. As former district attorney of the old 39th Judicial District "Jim" Cunningham made a host of friends. The old 39th district extended from Baylor county to the New Mexico line west. It was an empire within itself.

Mr. Cunningham had been in ill health several months prior to his death and underwent an operation in September. His condition did not improve readily and about two weeks another operation was considered necessary. He will be buried today at Abilene. Surviving him are his wife, six children, Mrs. W. R. Tandy, Miss Natalie Cunningham, Abilene; Mrs. Maud Zorns, Lubbock; Mrs. W. V. Ballew, Dallas; Oliver Cunningham, former state senator, Abilene; and Miss Viola Cunningham. Twelve grandchildren also survive.

Mr. Cunningham is widely known over West Texas as an expert lawyer in the trial of murder cases. He was considered as one of the best lawyers in the state in this phase of the profession. It was at a murder trial in Benjamin that Mr. Cunningham was accidentally shot in the leg. George Douglas was charged with killing "Red" Mitchell. During the process of the trial, the brother of the deceased man, Bill Mitchell, arose with a pistol in his hand and commenced shooting. When the smoke cleared away and order was restored in the courtroom Douglas was dead, a state witness wounded and Mr. Cunningham also wounded.

Mr. Cunningham moved from Anson to Abilene in 1866 and has resided there since. He was a member of the law firm of Cunningham, Cunningham and Oliver.

Milo Thompson, Alex Holt and Ben Qualls, Benjamin carpenters, have been working in King county the past few weeks at the B Bar Ranch, building four new houses, remodeling the headquarters ranch house, and building a barn, garage and ater towers. The B Bar ranch is the old Frank Paton ranh recently acquired by Mr. Bateman of Fort Worth.

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Editorial
ECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS

Happenings That Affect the Dinner Pa's, Dividend Checks and Tax Bills of Every Individual. National and International Problems Inseparable From Local Welfare.

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 What might be termed the "battle of the bottles" got into full swing at Washington during the week before prohibition repeal became an actuality. The fight is between the Federal government and the liquor manufacturers. The distillers came forward with a code of their own making, saw it at once discarded. It was replaced with a code drawn at the President's suggestion, which gave a very different slant to the picture than manufacturers had hoped. Under it a government corporation would be formed to handle the entire wholesale liquor business. Provisions include:

A Federal Alcohol Control Administration, with czar-like power over the industry, which would rule without liquor representation; complete control over production and distribution through a quota system; authority to fix and regulate prices; no additions to existing distilling capacity could be built without a certificate of necessity from the Administration; an agreement with the Secretary of Agriculture to pay "parity" prices, fixed by him, for raw materials used in distilling.

The liquor industry had anticipated some sort of Federal control, but they had not thought it would be so relentless as this. Particularly distasteful to them was the provision concerning plant additions—particularly every major distillery is in the midst of expansion. Plants are partly finished, which may have to be scrapped if the code goes into effect. Their protests found small sympathy at Washington; it was intimated in some quarters that if they didn't like it they were liable to be met with a plan for a gigantic Federal sales system.

In the meantime, the states have been rushing plans to control sales within their borders. Influence of the Rockefeller report is seen in many bills; there is strong sentiment in favor of eliminating private profit so far as the sales end is concerned. Bulk of states which have definitely passed laws allow sales of beer and wine in restaurants and hotel dining rooms; about half allow all drinks to be sold in this manner. Minors and known drunkards are forbidden to buy or to be sold to. Drug, grocery stores and hotels and restaurants will be allowed to sell in bulk for the most part. Montana will operate its own liquor stores, and Oregon probably will do likewise. Nevada will permit local control; Reno will have the old time saloon without closing hours. Most of the states have yet to make definite regulations but this indicates the trend of thought on the matter.

Cost of liquor is a burning subject. The hope is expressed that it will be possible to sell legal whiskey and gin of fair quality for \$1.50 or \$2.00 a quart within a short time. If prices are much higher than this, it is believed that the bootlegger and the speakeasy will have little trouble in keeping their trade.

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 Director of the budget Lewis Douglas doesn't appear in the headlines. But no man knows so much about government income and outgo; none is so well qualified to speak on the financial state of the nation.

The other day he did speak, and it wasn't very cheery. In the fiscal year 1934, he forecast, the national debt will be substantially increased, because of the Public Works bill, the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, and similar new bodies. He didn't say how much the deficit would be, observed that he couldn't until certain governmental policies had become better defined.

The brighter side of taxation came out when he talked about 1935. He said that if industry is ten per cent recovered by then, 1935 income would be close to a billion in excess of expenses, barring additional extraordinary expenditures. General Johnson recently said that business was 25 per cent improved.

Mr. Douglas wound up by saying that if additional obligations are contracted, additional taxes must be imposed; he addressed himself to the great American middle class which bears such burdens principally.

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 The business indicators, which have been showing a gradual let down from the summer peak are looking somewhat better. Most recent reports show: COAL production up. Heavy CONSTRUCTION contracts more than doubled in recent week. LUMBER orders for a recent week were the heaviest since May, 1930. Steel production, after a long period of downward tendencies, showed an up flare, but is well below summer average. COMMODITY PRICES continuing their steady advance. BUSINESS FAILURES At a low point.

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 The wave of commodity buying, which followed the first flush of excitement over the NRA, has weakened, and retail outlets find business slower, with strong consumer opposition to higher prices. The volume of Christmas buying, on which reports will be available after the first year, will be an excellent indication of just how far recovery has advanced so far as the average citizen is concerned.

HALF CENT FEDERAL GAS TAX VOID JANUARY FIRST

Houston, Dec. 14—Although Texas remains dry, prohibition repeal will bestow upon motorists of the Lone Star state a New Year's gift of \$3-500,000 yearly, the Texas Good Roads Association pointed out today.

The special federal gasoline tax of one half cent per gallon, levied by Congress this year as a revenue provision of the National Recovery Act, will be voided automatically on January 1.

The act, which raised the federal levy on motor fuel from one cent to 1 1-2 cents, stipulated that it would be returned to one cent "as of the first day of the calendar year following repeal of the eighteenth amendment." Liquor tax income will make up the difference.

Thus, twice during 1933, the much harried consumer of motor fuel has regained a little of the ground he has lost, of recent years, in his battles against heavy special taxation.

The first "break" for more than a million Texas automobilists came last March, when the state legislature struck a hefty blow at gas tax evaders with the new felony law against motor fuel "bootlegging." Comptroller Sheppard, by hand work, is recovering millions in stolen revenues yearly half of which go to improve state highways.

Texas on motor fuel in Texas, as 1934 begins, will remain at five cents per gallon—one cent federal and four cents state. Yet only two cents of this goes directly to the basic purpose for which the tax was conceived, construction and maintenance of highways.

The average Texas motorist pockets \$2.78 a year from the reduction his annual motor fuel tax bill drop-

ping from \$30.58 to \$27.80 for average consumption of 556 gallons, the road association estimated.

TRUSCOTT CHURCH NEWS

At the Methodist Church Sunday evening, December 17th at 7 o'clock there will be special Christmas music and 40 beautifully colored stereopticon slides with Scripture and poetry portraying the Christmas story.

Sunday School at 10 a.m. Preaching at 11 o'clock by the pastor. Subject: "The Glory of the Christ Child." The public is very cordially invited to attend all these services.

O. C. Stapleton, Pastor.

TRUSCOTT DEFEATES VERA IN FIRST GAME OF SEASON

The Truscott basket ball team de-

feated the Vera team last Friday at the Truscott court. The game ended with a victory for Truscott, 22-12. Louis Eubank featured the game by making nine points in one quarter. This was the first game of the season for Truscott and they hope to keep a winning record this year.

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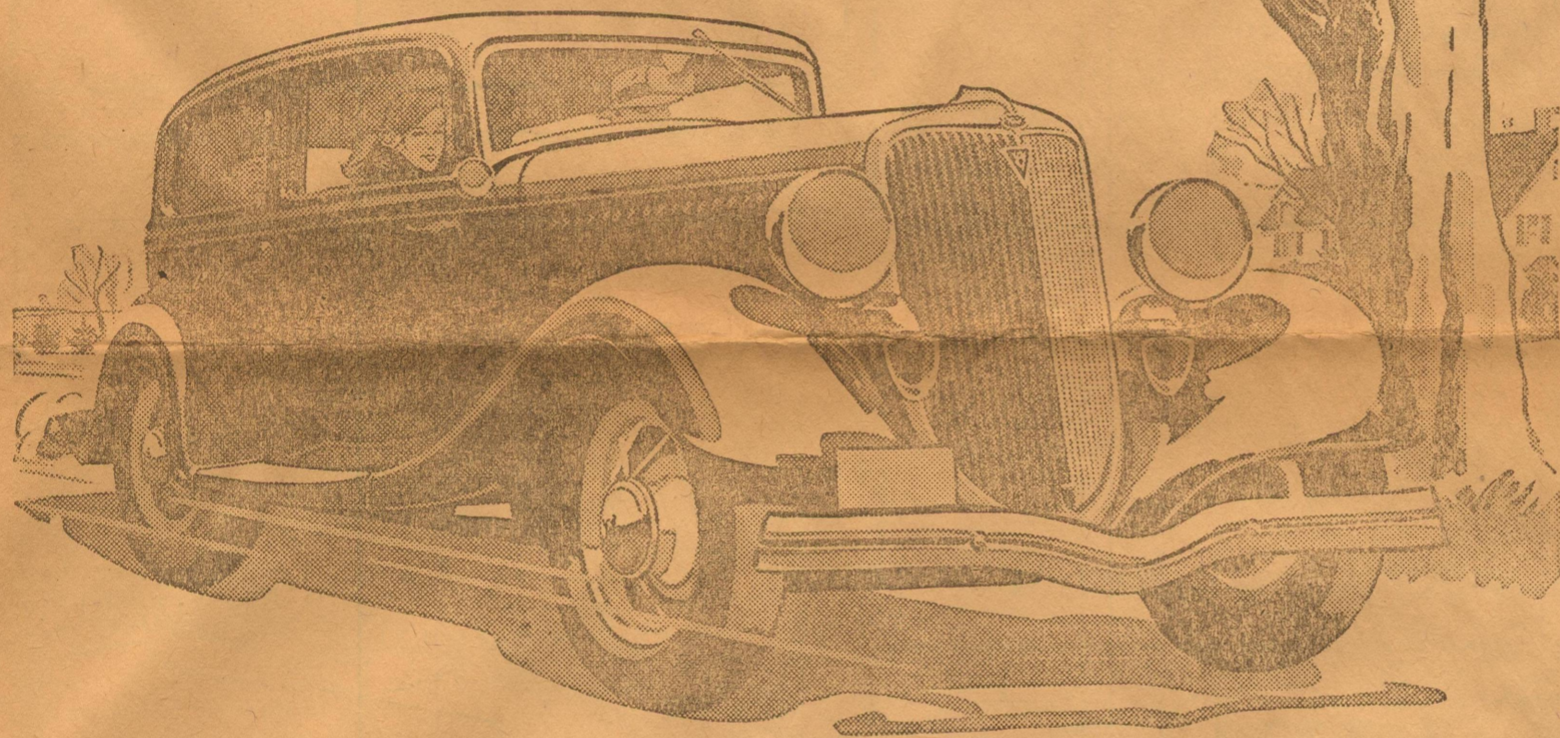
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this slot air is drawn out by the forward motion of the car. This simple ventilation system maintains draft-free circulation, insures passenger comfort, prevents fogging windshield in cold or stormy weather. Both windshield and cowl ventilator can be opened to supply additional air needed for comfortable warm-weather driving.

DISTINCTIVE NEW APPEARANCE enhanced by the newly designed chromium-plated radiator shell and grille, new hood louvres, new hub caps. Interiors are attractive, with new tufted upholstery, new mouldings, new cove-type headlining, new instrument panel, new arm rests, new hardware. Swivel-type sun visors in De Luxe bodies prevent glare from front or side.

FENDERS IN COLOR. On De Luxe cars fenders are in color to harmonize with body colors—wheel colors optional. New enamel finish on

all bodies and fenders has greater wearing quality and more enduring luster.

GREATER RIDING COMFORT results from increased spring flexibility. The spring leaves are newly designed for quieter and easier action. Shock absorbers are improved. Seat cushions are deeper, with new, softer springs. New type, individual bucket seats provide increased comfort for front-seat passengers in the Tudor Sedan. Adding to comfort is the new driving ease of the 15-to-1 steering gear ratio.

PRICES REMAIN LOW—Tudor Sedan, \$535. Coupe, \$515. Fordor Sedan, \$585. De Luxe Tudor, \$575. De Luxe Fordor, \$625. De Luxe Coupe (5 windows), \$555. De Luxe Coupe (3 windows), \$555. De Luxe Roadster, \$525. De Luxe Phaeton, \$550. Cabriolet, \$590. Victoria, \$610. (All prices f. o. b. Detroit.)

ROAD BUILDING PROGRAM PAST HALF WAY MARK

Austin, Dec. 14.—Texas' \$24,250,000 NRA road building program, swinging past the half way mark will approach \$15,000,000 in construction projects actually under contract by Christmas, the Texas Good Roads Association announced today from highway department figures.

More than 25,000 Texas bread winners already have been given jobs from this highway program, according to the calculations of the United States Bureau of Public Roads—8,500 directly on the jobs and twice that number in contributory pursuits such as manufacture and transportation of materials.

Steadily gaining speed after a slow start the state highway commission let more than \$4,000,000 per month in contracts during October and November, and expects to exceed this rate during December and January.

Officials are making strenuous efforts to have the entire program in the actual construction stage early in the new year, when Congress may appropriate more funds for public works.

Texas Good Roads Association leaders have urged repeatedly upon the

national administration the pressing need for more modern highways in Texas, as well as the extreme value of road construction for unemployment relief. They are seeking another substantial federal appropriation for highways in the spring.

Through November, the Bureau of Public Roads reported, Texas' 270 road projects ranked second in number only to Pennsylvania. Texas was fourth in total volume of road work and third in the jobs this work provided. But most of the smaller states were nearer to completion of their respective programs. Texas' program with projects in every one of her 254 counties, is the most complicated in the nation.

CHILDHOOD DISEASES SHOULD BE GUARDED

Austin, Dec. 14.—"It is a great mistake to treat even light cases of measles, chickenpox, mumps, scarlet fever, or any other of the communicable diseases of childhood as though they did not amount to much," said Dr. John W. Brown, State Health Officer. "Treatment of that sort makes it possible for these diseases to spread and cause serious outbreaks among children whose impaired resistance makes them easy victims to any form of infection.

"Some of the most serious outbreaks we have had of scarlet fever, as well as of other diseases in different parts of the State, have been traced to mild cases—that is, to cases too light for the doctor to be called. In some instances the children have continued to go to school and to associate and play with other children. In others after they have been kept at home for a few days suffering from what was believed to be just an ordinary cold, they have returned to school and have scattered the contagion around among their classmates. Eventually a group of children becomes infected, and the times very serious outbreaks result from the careless handling of such cases. The result was an outbreak of scarlet fever on Thursday that could have been prevented."

There are several things to remember in connection with children's diseases. Nearly all of these diseases begin with a digestive upset or with symptoms closely resembling those of the common cold. Accordingly it is a wise thing for mothers to regard every digestive upset and every common cold with suspicion until you are sure it is not the beginning of something more serious.

Your doctor is the best judge of the seriousness of such symptoms and you will save suffering and anxiety if you put the child to bed, send for your doctor and follow his advice.

AMERICAN DOLLAR IS DECLARED BEST MONEY IN THE WORLD

Chicago, Dec. 12.—The American dollar is the best money in the world, Jessie H. Jones, chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, said in an address Tuesday night. The stability of this coin is simply not open to question, he said.

Jones spoke at the annual banquet of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association.

"For the last few weeks," Jones said, "some have been worrying about our money and, to my way of thinking, unnecessarily. I do not mean to imply that our money and its stability is not of paramount importance, but its stability is simply not open to question. In my view the dollar is the best money in the world and all ways will be. I have no fear that the President or Congress will make it otherwise."

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COTTON CAMPAIGN TO START THIS MONTH

College Station—In the new 1934 35 cotton contract offered by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, farmers agree to reduce cotton acres from 35 to 45 percent in return for land rental payments running as high as \$18 per acre and a parity payment of one cent per pound for 40 percent of the average five year production, says George E. Adams of the Texas A and M College Extension Service in charge of the cotton campaign.

A farmer who has grown an average of 40 acres of cotton making an average of 10 bales per year during 1928-32 would receive a total of \$89.92 in three payments next year if he signs a contract reducing his acres 40 percent, from 40 acres down to 24 acres. His land rental payment will be 3 1-2 cents for every pound of lint produced per acre on the average during 1928-32. In this case that would amount to \$4.37 per acre or \$69.92 for the 16 acres retired. Forty percent of his average five year production would be four bales, and his parity payment on this in December 1934 would be at least \$5 per bale or \$20. The land rental payments will be made in two installments, the first in March or April and the second in August or September.

The land retired from production must be good average land, not gullied or eroded, and suited to cotton. The retired acres may be used for two purposes: either to improve the land as capital stock, or if needed, to feed the family. Retired acres may be put in soil improvement crops or in crops designed to stop soil washing. If sown to seed or food crops all the resulting seed and feed must be consumed on the farm. If fed to animals the meat or other livestock products must be consumed on the farm.

The signing a contract will increase the total production of the farm of commodities in particular—cotton, wheat, corn, soybeans, or other commodities. That is, the production of livestock goes up. The commodities that are produced on the farm increase above 1932 or 1933. The production of corn, wheat, soybeans, or their production and of milk or dairy products except as needed for home

The campaign for explaining contracts to farmers will begin in 214 counties having county agents the latter part of December, Mr. Adams announces.

Mrs. A. C. Taylor of Fort Worth and brother, A. C. Wood Jr. of Bomarton were here this week visiting in the home of their sister, Mrs. H. T. Cunningham.

"It's hard to make a profit now in dairying but it can be done by proper feeding and home grown feeds, the members of the Wheeler County Pure Bred Sire Association agreed in their recent annual meeting. It is a good time to buy good bulls, they said, and commended the county agent for organizing another bull circle last summer.

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