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*A merry heart doeth good
like a medicine. Prov.*

Continued dry weather in this section isn't very conducive toward raising the hopes of the people to a very high point but if conditions such as we are now experiencing do nothing else, it will teach us to get a long range perspective of the needs of this country and build against future adversity. It is too much the accepted philosophy of all of us that when we are experiencing a certain degree of prosperity, we take it for granted that it will continue indefinitely and instead of saving against a 'sunny day' we adopt a do-nothing attitude and when a whole series of sunny days come along, we are still unprepared.

This present drouth should give added impetus to the movement to store the flood water of the Brazos, it doesn't take a smart man to realize its need now. As many of the public minded citizens of Benjamin as can do so should make it a point to be at Seymour next Friday morning to attend the West Texas Chamber of Commerce meeting and lend their support to the movement to get action on the Brazos River Bill. This is a timely meeting in view of another probable caled session of the Texas Legislature.

The Foard County News tells of several members of the football team walking home miles to their homes in the country after workouts in the afternoon. A transportation club has been formed to help these boys out. The Crowell team is one of the strong high school teams of this section and its strength lies in the fact that the boys who comprise it are willing to work. History is filled with the names of successful men who walked miles to little red school houses to get an education. Not that the schoolhouse at Crowell is a little red one. Its not. It's a pretty good one. But football is an education, and the fact that the boys have to make passing grade sto play, adds to their education. More powe rto the Wildcats.

Recently a meeting of Methodist churchmen was widely publicised because one of its members criticized President Franklin D. Roosevelt for throwing a beer party last Christmas at the White House. The gentleman of the cloth was a little hazy about where he got his information but felt that something ought to be done about it. The secretary at the White House branded the charge as too preposterous to call for an official denial. Now the Methodist church should not have to shoulder the blame for the ridiculous action of one of its members, who because of his overzealousness, overstretched the bounds of good judgment. It is true that the Methodist Church has a Board of Temperance that is almost as strong prohibitionist as the Anti-Saloon League and the Womens Christian Temperance Union, but on the other hand there are thousands of members of the M. E. Church who are wholeheartedly behind the president's program in all of its phases. Occassionally all are guilty of making themselves ridiculous by their fire eating speeches, but their sincerity is rarely questioned.

W. P. H. McFadden of Beaumont is here this week on business.

Walter Snody was in Austin on business this week.

West Texas Chamber To Meet In Seymour Oct. 12

Representatives from the various towns of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce area will meet October 12 at Seymour in a special meeting in the interest of the Brazos Conservation and Reclamation project. D. A. Banded, manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, and other high officials of the organization will be present as well as public minded citizens from all over this section of the state. Members of the Legislature will also be invited to attend. The meeting will be held at 10 o'clock in the morning at the city hall. Seymour is the place where the idea of storing the flood water of the Brazos originated and that town has a very active Chamber of Commerce organization.

HARDIN-SIMMONS AND ST. EDWARD TO CLASH AT WICHITA SATURDAY NIGHT

Wichita Falls, Oct. 4.—Texas Conference Football will see one of its most bitter rivalries renewed here Saturday night, when the Hardin-Simmons University Cowboys of Abilene meet the St. Edwards University Tigers of Austin under the floodlights of Coyote Stadium.

Nine years of competition have brought three victories to the Tigers there to the Cowboys and 3 games have resulted in scoreless ties. Saturday night's game should be the finest of a fine series of games as each of these highly touted aggregations fight for an advantage in games won and lost. Added to this traditional rivalry is the fact that this game will be the first conference game of the season for both teams.

Great plans have been made in Wichita Falls to inaugurate this annual college game, one of which will be offered each year. A capacity crowd is anticipated and every detail has been taken care of to insure full comfort for the fans. Coyote stadium seating over 5,000, is one of the most beautiful football fields in Texas, with every seat between the 30-yard lines. The finest lighting equipment gives a daylight atmosphere to the playing field.

An added feature of the game will be the appearance of the world-famous Cowboy Band from Hardin-Simmons University. This musical organization, 100 strong, will arrive here Saturday afternoon on a special train from Abilene to participate in the football parade and to play during the game that night.

A low schedule of picers has been put in effect. Adult tickets are now on sale at 85c. Students and teachers are available at 55c.

GILLILAND 4-H CLUB

The Ladies Home Demonstration club of Gilliland met in the home of Mrs. J. O. Cure Wednesday, October 3, for an all day meeting. Miss Faulkner demonstrated the making of two different kinds of cheese in the morning and in the afternoon she illustrated the proper way to pack a lunch box and different kinds of sandwich spreads were discussed. The roll call was answered by a recipe for a sandwich spread.

Plans were discussed for a Halloween Carnival to be sponsored by both the demonstration club and the girls 4-H club.

A delicious covered dish lunch was served and in the afternoon refreshments of ice cream and cake was served to fourteen old members and two new members.

The next club meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Frank Lane on Wednesday afternoon, October 17. Everyone is welcome.

—Reporter.

Aged Benjamin Citizen Dies After Long Illness

T. D. McMinn, aged citizen of Benjamin, died Thursday night following several years of ill health. Burial will take place today in the Benjamin cemetery. Mr. McMinn was preceded in death only a few months by his wife. He is survived by several children, most of whom are married.

W. M. U. Meets

The Womens Missionary Society of the Christian Church met in the home of Mrs. John H. Atterbury October 8.

The program as carried out, celebrating the 60th anniversary of the organization of the society was well presented by the members with Mrs. G. H. Beavers leader.

Mrs. Beavers gave the introduction an scripture reading. Mrs. Roper then led the prayer. Mrs. Janie Driver and Mrs. Laird sang, "Faith of our Mothers." Several of the other members had a part in the program.

For the 60th birthday celebration Mrs. Atterbury was toastmistress, toasts representing the past, the present and the future were given by Mrs. O. D. Propps, Mrs. C. H. Burnett and Mrs. W. E. Moorhouse, each lighting a candle as they did so. Then as Mrs. Clyde Gibson softly played a piano selection each one present went forward to make an offering and light a candle on the birthday cake baked and decorated by Mrs. Atterbury.

After the benediction the cake was cut by the oldest member present Mrs. T. B. Burnett. The cake with chicken and cheese sandwiches, olives and tea was then served to the 23 visitors and members.

—Reporter

GOVERNMENT TO EXTEND CATTLE PURCHASE PLAN

Will Contract for 522,000 More Live Stock in Drouth Areas of Southwest

Washington, Oct. 3.—Another 522,000 head of cattle in eighteen drouth States are to be purchased, following upon authorization of the agricultural adjustment administration, is announced to supplement purchase quotas which expired on Sept. 29.

Total buyink of cattle at the close of the period of extension, Oct. 13, will bring the Federal government to \$92,000,000, and the number of cattle acquired for processing into relief supplies to 7,000,000 head.

The quotas make possible the purchase of 475,000 head of drouth cattle in Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North and South Dakota, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah and Wyoming and allow the buying of 47,000 head in Arkansas, Minnesota, Oregon, Wisconsin and Louisiana.

Officials pointed out that the State directors in charge of the cattle purchases have been instructed to limit buying operations to the most distressed areas and agents have been authorized to buy stock only from producers definitely unable to provide adequate feed supplies for their stock.

While emergency operations in the removal of live stock from drouth areas are being tapered off other phases of the drouth program to conserve feed supplies and to facilitate the distribution of feed and forage to drouth areas, are progressing rapidly, according to reports from the field.

George Vance of Knox City was a Benjamin viistor Thursday.

Sorsis Club Women Hold Regular Meeting Sept. 27

At a regular meeting of the Sorsis Club September 27, the lesson text was Pre-Historic Texas with Mrs. Ethie Lee P'Pool as leader. Mrs. Walter Rice gave a reading which was both interesting and entertaining, after which a social hour was enjoyed. The next regular meeting of the study club will be October 12.

BENJAMIN 4-H CLUB

The 4-H club met September 23 with Mrs. A. H. Sams. Home Sanitation was the subject under discussion. A most enjoyable as well as profitable meeting from the standpoint of exchange of ideas and experiences was had. The next meeting will be with Mrs. J. W. Melton October 8.

At this meeting which will be an all day meeting the making of cheese and school lunches will be demonstrated. Each member is asked to bring her lunch just as if she were going to school. After the cheese in the making, lunches will be examined and commented on by Miss Faulkner. Then at lunch time we will eat them. Every member should come as this bids fair to be a very interesting day.

School lunches as well as other lunches to be packed are problems we all would like to have new ideas on and a more up to date way of making cheese will insure a profitable day and it goes without saying that a bunch of 4-H women can have a good time, so every one try to play school and come.

—Reporter.

TEXAS CHAMBERS READY FOR JOINT MEETING AT WACO

State Business Council Expected to Grow Out of C. of C. Gathering

Waco, Oct. 4.—General Manager Hubert M. Harrison, D. A. Banded and Ray Leeman of the East, West and South Texas Chambers of Commerce, respectively, arrived Thursday night to make final arrangements for the meeting of the officers and directors of the three regional bodies to be held Friday. Judge James D. Hamlin of Farwell, president of the West Texas Chamber, will preside.

Scheduled to speak are Frederick W. Lowery, former assistant national budget director, and C. S. Duncan, chief economist of the Association of Railway Executives, both of Washington; C. F. Ashcroft, president of the East Texas Chamber, Sulphur Springs; J. M. Piskering, vice president of the South Texas Chamber of Commerce, Victoria; Ray H. Nichols first vice president of the West Texas Chamber, Vernon, and W. B. Hamilton, member of the executive board of the West Texas Chamber, Wichita Falls.

As a result of the Waco meeting, it is expected an enlargement of the present all-State council will be formed, and which may be known, in future, as the Texas Business Council. This body would express, in unified form, the opinion of organized business in Texas as to matters affecting the welfare of the State as a whole.

The all-State council, as now organized, includes the presidents and managers of the three regional chambers of commerce.

Will Herring of the South Side was in Benjamin this week and while here had his name added to the Post subscription list. Mr. Herring is one of the progressive farmers of the county and owns a nice farm between Benjamin and Knox City.

I. H. Spikes of Snyder has been in Benjamin this week.

Lewis Williams Appointed Conciliation Commissioner

Mr. Lewis Williams, local man was named Conciliation Commissioner for Knox County by Judge James C. Wilson, U. S. District Judge, it was announced by R. J. Murray, Lubbock, Texas, Supervising Conciliation Commissioner for the Northern District of Texas. Mr. Murray is Chairman of the Texas Farm Debt Conciliation Committee also.

In making the announcement Mr. Murray issued a statement planing the purposes of the Act under which the appointment was made. He said in part:

"Under the terms of a recent amendment to the National Bankruptcy Act, Federal Judges are required to appoint a conciliation Commissioner in each agricultural County. Any time within five years after the amendment takes effect, a petition may be filed by any farmer before the Federal County Conciliation Commissioner, stating that the farmer is insolvent or unable to meet his debts as they mature and that it is desirable to effect a composition or extension of time to pay his debts. The County Conciliation Commissioner then attempts to work out a settlement which will be satisfactory to a majority of the farmers creditors, both in number and amount. If a commissioner secures their approval then the court may make the settlement binding on the unsecured minority creditors, even though they disapprove the basis of settlement.

The final step which the debtor may take as a last resort after all other efforts have failed is to file a petition in bankruptcy under the recently adopted Frasier-Lempke Bill. Under the provisions of this amendment the debtor may be allowed to retain possession of his farm for a period of either five or six years. During this period he may make certain payments under a six year purchase plan, including the payment of taxes and one per cent interest on the principal each year in addition to certain payments on the principal of the debt. This plan is followed provided the secured creditors give their consent. If they do not accept the plan then the farmer may retain possession by paying into the court a fixed annual rental. At the end of this five or six year period or before the debtor may repurchase the farm by paying a price set upon it by three appraisers by the Federal Court."

Mr. Murray further states that it is advisable for the County Farm Debt Committee and the Conciliation Commissioners to cooperate in assisting the farmer and his creditors to make some fair settlement of the farmers debts in preference to the farmer taking bankruptcy.

18 PERCENT INCREASE IN ENGINEERING AWARDS

New York.—With a total of \$27,945,000 for the past week engineering awards show an increase of 18 percent over the previous 4-week average and 15 percent over the average week to date, according to the Engineering News-Record, which reports that in the current week \$7,097,000 was awarded for private work and 20,866,000 for public projects. In the latter classification \$17,200,000 is for State and municipal operations and \$3,666,000 for Federal construction work.

A jump in highway awards accounts for much of the increase, the total a week ago being \$3,557,000, and this total rose to \$8,738,000 this week. Sewerage awards also are higher at \$1,787,000, as are industrial buildings at \$1,830,000 and earthwork, irrigation, and drainage at \$2,558,000. Waterworks dropped back slightly to \$1,128,000.



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Another "Valley of The Nile"?

An open meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of the West Texas organization has been called for October 12 with Seymour as the meeting place. The purpose of the get-together is to afford a discussion of the Brazos River Bill and lay plans for its ultimate passage by the Texas Legislature. Members of the legislature will be accorded invitations to attend as well as other public minded citizens who are interested in a far sighted policy of state development.

Seymour is well chosen as the meeting place for this particular gathering for two reasons: it was there that the germ of the idea for harnessing the Brazos and its tributaries from its source to its mouth was fomented, and it is there that they have an organization which is not content merely to meet and talk a project to death but insist upon action and ultimate accomplishment of those matters in which it interests itself.

At the recent special session of the legislature called for the purpose of wrestling with the unemployment problem in this state, very little was accomplished other than allaying the situation temporarily, and the legislature adopted the attitude of fiddling while Rome burned. The Brazos River Bill, which came before the lawmakers for their consideration, was passed in the Senate by a margin of one vote, but it was filibustered to death in the House.

In so doing they strained at a gnat and swallowed a camel for the six million dollars appropriated by them is hardly more than is necessary for direct relief, which money, when spent, is gone, and the lasting results but negligible.

The seven million dollars which the legislature was called on to appropriate, or to allow certain counties to retain over a twenty year period to be used as the basis of obtaining a loan from the Federal government with which to build the dams on the Brazos River, would have virtually solved the unemployment problem in the Brazos district, which comprises one-sixth the area of the state, and the benefits would have been cumulative.

It is in view of another called session of the 43rd Legislature in the immediate future that the Seymour meeting has been called.

Before going into a discussion of the benefits, both local and state wide which will accrue from the passage of the Brazos River Bill, it would be well to review briefly the provisions of the bill. It provides for the organization of a reclamation and conservation district that includes the entire water shed of the Brazos River. Twelve or fourteen major dams will be built which together will impound 3 1-2 million acre feet water. Finances with which to construct the improvements are to be got from the state and the federal governments. In the state's case the legislature was called upon to allow ten counties to retain their taxes for twenty years as a basis of getting the federal loan. The total sum was slightly more than seven million dollars or at most \$309,000 annually. An appropriation from the public works administration, mainly as a loan but partly as a donation to aid in unemployment would finance the balance of the deal. To be eligible for a public works appropriation, the state must put up some of the money. The loan secured from the federal government would be paid back out of the money accrued from the sale of the water impounded: for irrigation purposes, for municipal water consumption, for stock consumption, and for power. When the loan has been liquidated, the title becomes vested in the state. Thus by spending \$7,000,000 over a period of twenty years, the state becomes ultimate owner of a \$30,000,000 to 50,000,000 investment.

One of the distinguishing provisions of the bill is that the 1934 tax valuations will be used in determining the amount to be retained annually. This does not mean that throughout the twenty years the present valuations would be used in computing the tax collections that would inure every year to the district. If the valuations are raised in any of the ten counties, because of the contemplated conservation work or for any other reason, the increase would go to the state.

This immediate section of the state is vitally interested in this project from the standpoint of irrigation. The present drouthy condition of the country, with its attending short crops, makes its need doubly impressive at this time. Bumper crops during the past two years when rainfall was plentiful have shown us that our land, given sufficient moisture, will rival the productivity of any of the land within our state.

There are thousands of acres of virgin land in the western part of our county still covered with mesquite which offer us a

"You Can't Depend On That Thing"



wonderful opportunity for colonization. These broad acres and those which are now being tilled are potential sites for a veritable Garden of Eden. Flood waters impounded by a dam on Double Mountain Fork would practically insure against failures of crops due to adverse weather conditions.

We believe that the exploitation of this land would result in a movement from the marginal lands of the state to the more fertile spots where irrigation plus intensive cultivation would yield large crops on relatively few acres.

The increased valuations of the land alone would more than offset the state taxes retained by the ten counties of the state. The increased valuations of subsequent investments in homes, stock, tools, businesses, and town property would be a profit to the state from the standpoint of ad valorem taxation.

In the coastal regions, known as the Brazos bottoms, the fertility of the soil is unexcelled and bountiful crops are to be expected as a matter of course except those years when the land is flooded. Loss of lives and property are then recorded at all too frequent intervals. These floods occur on an average of from three to five years. Veteran legislators are familiar with the state's penal farms in the Brazos bottoms and know with what frequency the state suffers loss from floods. Would it be an exaggeration to say that the state has lost enough crops by flood to pay the major part of the seven million dollars the sponsors of the bill are asking?

Levees on the Mississippi have cost millions. Dams on the Brazos would serve the same purpose and in addition store the flood waters for many other uses.

Irrigation in Texas is no new thing. It is almost as old as agriculture itself. When the Franciscan friars built their missions near San Antonio, that site was selected because two springs which still flow. Small irrigation systems were immediately installed and the remains of these systems are in evidence today. Even before the founding of the San Antonio missions, it is probable that the Spanish and Indian settlers, who fled during the Pueblo uprising from the New Mexico Valley of the Rio Grande, brought with them to Ysleta and Socorro, settlements near El Paso, the art of irrigation, and that they watered their fields from the Rio Grande.

Neither is it true that President Franklin D. Roosevelt in advocating the construction of dams for water power, flood control, and irrigation, is advancing anything new. In the first annual message to Congress, dated December 3, 1901, the late Theodore Roosevelt said:

"Great storage works are necessary to equalize the flow of streams and to save the flood waters. Their consumption has been conclusively shown to be an undertaking too vast for private effort.

"Nor can it be accomplished by the individual states acting alone. Far-reaching, inter-state problems are involved and the resources of single states would often be inadequate.

"It is properly a national function, at least in some of its features. The storing of the floods in reservoirs at the headwaters of our rivers is but an enlargement of our present policy of river control under which levees are built on the lower reaches of the same streams.

"The government should construct and maintain these reservoirs as it does other public works."

The Brazos offers an ideal situation for the state government to interest itself in conservation for the reason that all of the river lies within the boundary of the state so that the difficulty of inter-state conflict cannot arise.

We believe that the Legislature given a true perspective of the provisions of the Brazos River Bill, would react favorably toward its passage. We believe that the passage of the bill means so much to Texas, and that the passage of this bill is necessary before Congress meets, that another special session of the legislature would not be amiss.

Should this bill be given favorable consideration by the Texas Legislature, we feel sure that Congress in its regular session would make it possible for construction work on the upper reaches of the river to start before another winter. That indeed would deal a telling blow to unemployment.

Contemporary Thought

TRANSPORTATION CLUB

Suppose that you worked out in stiff football for nearly three hours and then walked nine miles to your home on an empty stomach. About 99 out of 100 would be ready to give up football under such a circumstance, but not so in the case of a few Wildcats who did just that on Wednesday evening of last week.

The fact of the matter is that the modest gridsters never let the fact be known until a person who picked them up on the road to their homes this week asked if they ever had to walk the entire distance, to which they answered, "yes."

As a result a so-called "transportation club" has been started here this week for the purpose of providing rides home for squad members living in the country. Several have already volunteered their services in this respect and if you are interested in becoming one of the club members, then just tell this column, or school officials to list your name.—Foard County News.

The Luncheon Club met in the Bank building Tuesday night with 13 members present, for a business session.

It was agreed that the races, which have been run on the track on the school ground, attracted larger crowds to town and created more interest than any other entertainment. A committee was appointed to select another location for a track and to see that it was in condition for racing in the near future as the old track will have to be discarded due to its interfering with the athletic fields on the school grounds.—Roaring Springs Reporter.

PEN THE COWS

Gene Heard was in Wichita Falls Sunday and on return has submitted figures to show the danger of stock running loose on the highways. Gene counted 91 cows along the highway between Goree and Wichita Falls and he says that there is a possibility of each cow causing a car wreck. Counting five people to the car, those 91 cows could be the cause of 455 people being killed.

Gene says that no one should cuss the cows, but the people who turn them out on the highway. We think he is right. Something should be done about it before a lot more wrecks are marked up as "Unavoided Accidents."—Goree Advocate.

SLOW DOWN—SCHOOL AHEAD

Under the above heading the Knox County Herald warns motorists that these signs along the highway should be heeded by the motoring public since thousands of children have again entered school and the danger signs should be rigidly observed.

No amount of mental anguish or remuneration can replace the life of a child or compensate for the permanent injury. Such accidents are almost invariably avoidable if the motorist exercises care, and those who refuse to observe these slow-down signs should be dealt with in a way that would cause them to have more regard for the safety of others. 99 per cent of the speeders aren't really going anywhere in a rush but drive fast from force of habit, and in some instances there aren't a sufficient number of brain cells working.

There are instances where accidents seem unavoidable, but the percentage is very small. Most accidents can be avoided only by a little thoughtfulness on the part of the motorist.—Monday Times.

Editor Chas. Bisbee of the Benjamin Post, up to now a bachelor, seems to have been visibly impressed by the marriage of the Banner's junior editor. In fact, The Post came out last week with an article on the front page, with scare head telling of the wedding of the Seymour youth.

The Benjamin editor pretends to wonder how the trick was turned, but we have an idea the gentleman may be slightly lacking in nerve, despite his bold editorial utterances. Just wait a little while, Charlie, and if the rash Seymour editor gets by with his stunt, go thou and do likewise.—Baylor County Banner.

FORMALLY CERTIFIED

Efforts to keep the name of James V. Allred, Democratic nominee for Governor of Texas, off the ballot for the November election, on grounds of alleged excessive campaign expenditures, appear to have ended in failure. Following court actions in his favor, his name has been certified as nominee.

Those opposed to Allred will have the opportunity to vote for a Republican or a Socialist candidate or to write in the name of their choice. It is only just, that the clear choice of Texas Democrats should have his name on the ballot.

Limits on campaign expenditures are intended in spirit to be more preventive than punitive. While in a clear case of deliberate and gross violation, it might be justifiable to keep the name of a winning candidate off the ballot or to prevent him from taking office, the logical time for enforcing such regulations is before the primary instead of after. The trouble is that some of those losers who squawk loudest after the primary were themselves suspected during the campaign of trying assiduously to circumvent regulations on expenditures.—Semi-weekly Farm News.

Home Demonstration Club Activities

By Jewell Faulkner Knox County Home Demonstration Agent

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED AT VERA

Thursday evening, September 27, in the Baptist Church at Vera, a group of more than 30 farmers, both men and women, gathered to organize a community association for the purpose of studying the agricultural problems that are confronting the farmers today.

Mr. R. N. Smith was chosen Chairman of this group, Mr. Hoyl Sullens vice chairman and Mrs. J. L. Trainham, secretary. The next meeting of the farmers in the Vera community will be October 11 in the Methodist Church. Every interested man and woman is urged to attend this meeting and hear the discussions of the AAA program, the Bankhead Bill and other important subjects that are of vital interest.

TRUSCOTT 4-H CLUB

The Truscott 4-H club met at the Truscott high school building, Sept. 20.

We were urged by Miss Faulkner, county demonstrator, to have a club sponsor at our next meeting. When we re-organize we must have a sponsor we were told.

Twenty-two members were present at our meeting and three new members joined. They were Bettie Ann Myers, Angeline McNeese and

Lozelle Haynie. Our president appointed a committee of three to have a sponsor at our next meeting which will be October 4. Discussions were made to raise money to send a delegate to next summer's A and M short course.

—Reporter.

BANKHEAD ACT SUPPORTED BY BOARD MEMBERS

College Station, Oct. 5.—“We come to the concluding days of issuing the 90 per cent of tax exemption certificates in the midst of a good deal of talk about suspending the operation of the Bankhead Act, when even the author of the Act is quoted, or misquoted, as being opposed to the operation of the law he sponsored,” R. M. Hubbard, member of the Cotton Allotment Board of New Boston, said in a statement issued from the Board's headquarters. “Speaking for myself and my fellow Board members, in spite of the enormous task with which we have labored all summer and in spite of all the difficulties which lie in the way of administering this piece of legislation, we think its suspension would be a mistake resulting in a loss of faith and money by thousands of cotton farmers who cooperated with the Government in the cotton control program.”

“The cotton surplus is by no means down to normal. The emergency which brought the legislation into existence is not past. Upon the welfare of the cotton producer depends the business and welfare of the whole South and in a measure of the whole nation. The really critical period in the cotton control program will be reached next year. Without acreage control our surplus will again pile up. Perhaps the Bankhead Act should be modified, we who have administered it in the largest cotton state in the Union could easily suggest ways to iron out some rough places, but if it

is taken away altogether the benefits already in sight will be lost and the forward steps to place the cotton growing section of the country on a level with the rest of the nation will be nullified.

“Cotton acreage should be held to a safe figure until world conditions again become normal and world purchasing power is restored. The Interstate Commerce Commission, the Federal Trade Commission and the Tariff Commission are set up and functioning to aid and control business and industry in the solution and adjustment of certain of their problems and difficulties. Why may not agriculture have the aid of government agencies in the solution of such adjustments of agricultural problems and difficulties?”

“In the opinion of most well informed people, we will have government control and supervision of industry for many years to come. Unless the cotton control plans are continued, industry and labor may reap temporary benefits, many of which will be at the expense of agriculture, but then all will lose in the long run. Recent history establishes that, and it is now generally conceded that unless agriculture prospers, industry languishes in proportion, and labor suffers correspondingly.

“The major objective of the AAA was to place prices of farm products on a parity with the things farmers have to buy. We must not lose sight of the important fact that there is still a wide gap between the two sets of prices. Drouth and the devaluation of the dollar, it is true, account for some of the increase in prices of farm products, but AAA, undoubtedly, is responsible for a major part of the gains.

“No one can deny that so far agriculture has been materially benefited. It has been lifted out of the depths of despair. Can it afford to run the risk of again becoming the submerged part of our nation.”

AUSTIN, Oct. 4.—Allotment of general relief funds for September was completed today as checks, representing the last half of the months allotment were mailed to the various Texas counties from the auditing department of the Texas Relief commission. Amount of the disbursement was \$1,846,653.

At the same time checks totaling \$235,088, representing partial allot-

ment of rehabilitation funds, also were mailed. J. E. Stanford, head of the department of rural rehabilitation, said additional checks yet to be mailed will bring the total to above \$400,000.

For buying land and materials for new colonization projects, \$350,000 of the \$800,000 allotted the department by federal authorities for September has been set aside. These rural communities will be constructed at Lubbock, Wichita Falls, Mexia and Nacogdoches.

“Our program is progressing at maximum speed now and will continue to gather momentum during the next 90 days. Land leasing contracts are coming in fast enough to enable us to place 3500 families per month in rehabilitated houses for the next three months,” Stanford said.

Loans at four per cent interest will be made to farmers by production credit associations on the security of stored cotton, according to Tully C. Garner, president of the Production Corporation at Houston. The loans will be made in accordance with the Commodity Credit Corporation plan, under special authorization just received from Washington.

“While full details have not been developed,” said Mr. Garner, “It is evident that this deviation from our standard interest rate reflects the smaller risk involved in loans against a staple product in storage and the same commodity in process of production. Associations will carry these loans without risk, since they are eligible to be transferred to the Commodity Credit Corporation.

“Crop production loans bear a standard interest rate three per cent above the discount rate of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. Houston, which, during recent months, has made it possible for production credit associations to make loans at the rate of five per cent per annum.”

There are thirty eight production credit associations in Texas, located in all parts of the State, offering convenient short-term credit for particularly all agricultural purposes.

STATE FAIR OF TEXAS TO OPEN SATURDAY, OCT. 6

DALLAS, Oct. 5.—With everything in readiness for a “bigger and better” exposition, Otto Herold, president of the State Fair of Texas and staff of the exposition was “all set” here for the opening of the 48th annual exposition, next Saturday.

More new features are promised for the State Exposition this year than ever before in its history. With its new quarter million dollar race plant which brings back horse racing to the State Fair for the first time in many years, a new type of show in the auditorium—“The Show of a Century”, a huge musical extravaganza, the return to the policy of

presenting free entertainment to visitors in the form of sensational outdoor attractions and many other innovations, President Herold has promised, President Herold has promised new exposition.

The 48th annual exposition will open by celebrating its annual Perss Day to which every newspaper editor in Texas is invited.



Gala Opening
Sat. Oct. 6
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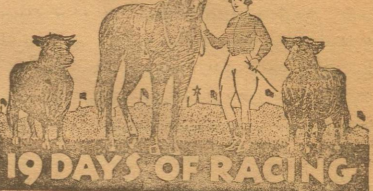
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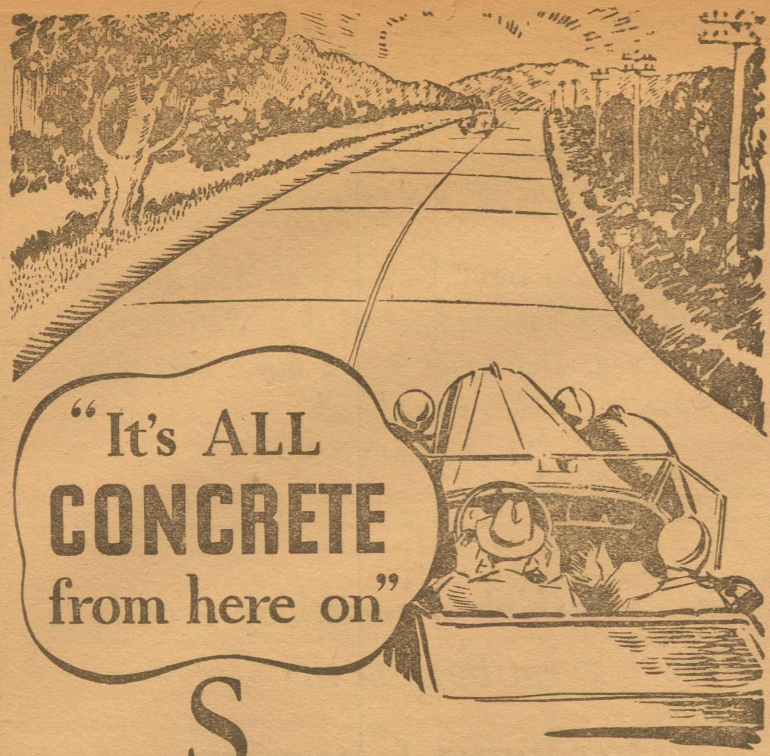


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L. M. Williams.
(My commission expires June 1, 1935)
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TEXAS CENTENNIAL

AUSTIN, Oct. 4.—That the Texas' Centennial celebrations such as are being planned for 1936 by San Antonio, Houston, Goliad, Brenham, Nacogdoches, Huntsville, Gonzales, Galveston, Dallas and other cities, will serve to inspire the present citizenry of the State to preserve in making its institutions more effective in producing a citizenship which will conserve the State's marvelous resources and add to the efficiency of its character-building agencies is the opinion of President Thomas W. Currie of the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

"The people of Texas," said Mr. Currie, "are to be congratulated on their foresight and wisdom in undertaking the Texas Centennial in 1936. Many of us are native Texans—sons and daughters of fine pioneer people who bodily built for us the fine institutions which we now enjoy. This celebration will bring vividly to the attention of the citizens of Texas the inspiring story of what our fathers and mothers have achieved in developing the natural resources of Texas; of what they have done in safeguarding and developing the character of their children through school and churches. It will also serve to inspire the present citizenry of the State not only to honor and preserve the achievements of our forebears; but to persevere in making our institutions more effective in producing a citizenship which will conserve and develop our marvelous resources and add to the efficiency of our character-building agencies.

"If wisdom and foresight are used in planning this Celebration, there ought to accrue to our present citizenry such a sense of self-respect and pride in our State as that we will rise up to remedy whatever defects

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are to be found in our governmental system. We will surely become intelligently and actively interested in conserving our incalculable wealth in soil and minerals. We will so augment the present systems of transportation within our bounds as that both we and our guests from mother parts of the world may comfortably see the places of historic interest and the natural beauties of our State.

"Certainly we will find reassurance in believing Texas is a good place to live and rear our children. Certainly we will, with renewed confidence, invite other people to share with us the comforts and privileges and opportunities to be found in Texas by people who themselves are interested in economic security and the ongoing of righteousness."

Hamiltonian Defenders of Constitution Discredited by Views of Hamilton

Alexander Hamilton, a signer of the Constitution, wrote in the Federalist in advocating its ratification by the states in 1788:

"We must bear in mind that we are not to confine our view to the present period, but to look forward to remote futurity. Nothing, therefore, can be more fallacious than to infer the extent of any power proper to be lodged in the national government; for man estimate of its immediate necessities.

"There ought to be a capacity for future contingencies, as they may happen; and as these are illimitable in their nature, so it is impossible safely to limit that capacity."

Thomas Jefferson had said in 1878 the year of the signing:

"The eternal friends of the Constitution in the Federal form, if they wish to be immortal, should be attentive to make it keep pace with the advance of the age in science and experience.

Chief Justice John Marshall, "second maker of the Constitution," in a notable decision in 1819, wrote:

"This provision is made in a constitution intended to endure for ages to come and consequently to be adapted to the various crises of human affairs. To have prescribed the means by which government should, in all future time, execute its powers, would have been to change entirely the character of the instrument and give it the properties of a legal code. It would have been an unwise attempt to provide, by immutable rules, for exigencies which, if foreseen at all, must have been seen dimly and which can best be provided for as they occur."

Abraham Lincoln, in a famous letter to Hodges, 1864, wrote:

"My oath to preserve the Constitution imposed on me the duty of preserving by every indispensable means that government, that nation, of which the Constitution was the organic law. Was it possible to lose the nation and yet preserve the Constitution? I could not feel that to the best of my ability I had even tried to preserve the Constitution if, to save slavery, or any minor matter, I should permit the wreck of government, country and Constitution together."

SHEEP BUYING PROGRAM STARTED IN TEXAS

Austin, Oct. 1.—The government's sheep buying program was in full

progress in 76 counties today. Commodities distribution department of the Texas Relief commission was notified by Federal Surplus Relief corporation officials of the designation of 32 additional counties to the original 44 in which the purchase of sheep was authorized. The new counties are:

Hamilton, Lubock, Glascock, Kent, Briscoe, Stonewall, Knox King, Motley, Foard, Cottle Stephens, Lynn, Terry, Wise, Crane, Ector, Crosby, Throckmorton, Potter, Hale Lamb, Young, Swisher, Castro, Donley, Collingsworth, Wheeler, Hudspeth, Dimmitt, Maverick and Scurry.

Buying was in progress at the rate of 12,000 head per day for shipping to slaughtering houses. Unlike cattle program, all processing of bonded meat from sheep will be done in commercial plants, contracts already having been made between FSRC and packing company officials for the job. Thousands of cans of the meat, however, will be delivered to Texas county administrators for delivery to the destitute as a surplus commodity, C. Z. Crain, head of the department, said. He has not yet heard anything about the contemplated goat buying program, he added.

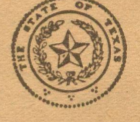
Meanwhile, according to Crain, the cattle program appeared to be definitely Agricultural Adjustment administration, which supervised the program in Texas, that federal authorities had instructed him to dismiss his staff of buyers.

"I understand the total quota for Texas has been exceeded by 100,000 head and the chances are that no more cattle will be bought in Texas,"

Crain said.


"Nearly all of those we have bought have been shipped and we have enough meat in storage to run our 19 beef canning plants about a week longer. Then we will have to close these plants, at least temporarily. Later they may be used for a vegetable canning program under a system to control surpluses of vegetables when the price has gone below production costs or when the market has been glutted with a particular variety of vegetable. Of course not all canneries could be operated under this program and chances are none could be operated full time."

The distribution of fresh meat, likewise begun several weeks ago, has been stopped; however, a bare possibility remains that veal may be shipped from Chicago for distribution here, Crain said.



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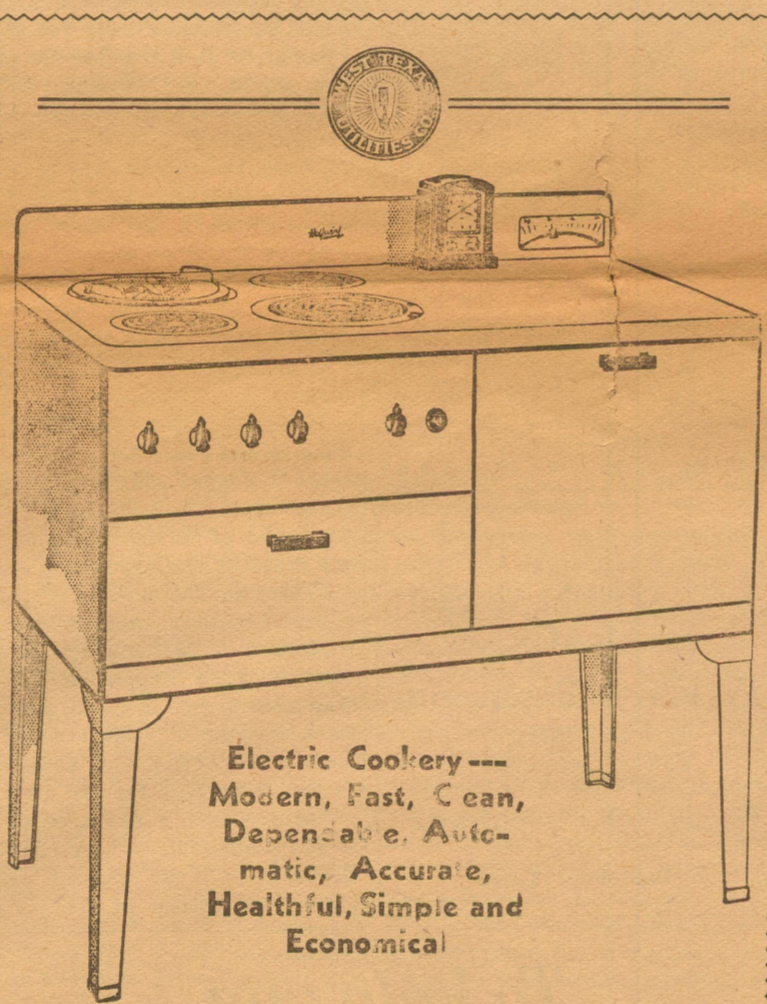
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