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## SPLINTERS

A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance.—Prov.

If throwing a water pitcher can stop a highway investigation can a fist fight stop the creation of an oil commission?

And some of them say they are in favor of an elective highway commission as long as old Jim don't have anything to do with it. It seems like old Jim was the one that got up that idea and the people thought enough of it to elect Jim's wife Governor, believing no doubt, that old Jim might help her get it put over. It might take time to put over, however. Long enough to elect another Legislature, maybe.

Perhaps if some of those ultra-drys who are so concerned over the constitution would take the trouble to read that document they might find a clause in it that says something about redistricting the state. Read Section 28.

England slapped an embargo of 80 percent on Russia. Russia retaliated with a hundred percent one against Great Britain. Stalin may know what he's doing but with Japan at the back door and England at the front door, it seems that the wisest plan would be to let those British engineers out of a side door.

Just as we were wondering what to do instead of teaching school in comes a letter from Abilene with a pertinent suggestion. It's on the back page. Read it.

Been roaming around on the Prairie this week and saw lots of planting and plowing taking place. Saw where a great deal of that 61,000 plus bales of Knox County cotton came from. Knox as compared with other West Texas counties does not suffer.

The civic minded ladies have been decorating the Courthouse lawn this week. Those evergreen looking plants you may see at each corner of the square are Berkman's Golden Arborvitae and Pfitzer Juniper if anyone should happen to ask you. The flower bed design closely resembles the ace of clubs which may or may not have any special significance.

The sun has been at work diligently the past day or so, a frog in one of the urban lakes has been croaking the song of spring, the scissor-tail and the mocking bird have been performing such courtships as only they are capable, many grub worms have appeared in the nice warm soil of the garden and feeling the symptoms of a well know disease it would surprise us not if important communications to the editor should not be addressed to Lake Kemp over the week end. Sunday night at midnight the season officially opens and a nice channel cat, a bass and an overgrown crappie would make an excellent breakfast on Monday morning. Save me a nice place, Mr. Game Warden.

We've been considering a Vox Populi column inasmuch as some of our readers occasionally think Splinters is vox, et praetera nihil. Consider this an invitation to air your views of our views, your neighbors views or anybody else's views. All we balk at is libel. Come on in, the water's fine.

We've still got a little of that coffee left. As soon as it is gone we might give a bottle of 3.2 conditions permitting.

## Cattle Movements Brisk County Agent Busy With 4-H Organizations

Chas. Moorhouse reports the following sales of cattle of recent date: Geo. Higgins of Bomarton to Iowa parties, 1009 steer calves.

W. P. Portwood of Seymour to Nebraska parties, 220 yearlings and two year old steers.

Geo. Key of Megargel to Amarillo parties, 120 steer yearlings.

Rex Carpenter of Hajek, 400 yearlings to Fort Worth parties.

Julian Bivins, Amarillo cattle raiser, shipped 332 three year old steers this week from the Craddock ranch near Seymour where he had wintered them to Kansas grass. Mr. Bivins also marketed over 2000 head of cattle which he fattened at the Munday Cotton Oil Co. pens the past season.

V. V. McMurry of Vera, Theo Hertel and Chas. Hamilton of Benjamin shipped a car of wheat this week which brought 58 1-2 cents on the local market.

### SOROSIS CLUB MEETS FOR REGULAR STUDY COURSE

At the regular meeting of the Sorosis Club Thursday April 20 at the club rooms Mrs. J. B. Moorhouse acted as leader for the sixteenth lesson. The topic under discussion was "Southern Waterways". A discussion of Elaphant Butte Dam was given by Mrs. L. M. Williams, Hoover Dam by Mrs. Max Gardner, Garden Valley of the Rio Grands by Mrs. Moorhouse.

### LOCAL RAINS FIRST OF WEEK ARE ACCOMPANIED BY HAIL

Rainfall estimated at from one and a half inches to three inches fell here Monday and Tuesday. The rain was accompanied by wind and hail. Very little damage has been reported. Many farmers report that the hail packed the ground and will necessitate working again. Work on the highway as temporarily shut down on account of inclement weather but is now progressing rapidly.

### KNOX COUNTY FIGURES

Knox County had a population of 11,368 according to the 1930 census. During that year there were 270 births reported and 88 deaths. For 1931 births totaled 265 and deaths 74. For 1932 births were 249 and deaths 74.

Mrs. Julius Euckert returned from Holiday the latter part of this week where she had been visiting her father who is real sick at his daughters home in that city.

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Commissioners' Cort of Knox County, Texas will receive bids at Benamin, Texas, on May 15, 1933 at 10 o'clock a. m. for one or more motor graders with thirty-five H. P. or more, full power controlled with tandem drive and pneumatic tires.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check of five percent of the amount bid.

Witness my hand this 28 day of April, A. D. 1933.

J. W. Melton,  
County Judge Knox County

Mr. and Mrs. Grady of Rochester ere the gest of their daughter Mrs. Wallace Glenn Sunday.

E. Duval of Abilene was in Benjamin Thursday.

Mr. J. O. Cure and Mr. Garland Colthorp were in Seymour Tuesday.

County Agent W. E. Jones has been organizing Boys 4-H Clubs over the county this week reporting two clubs already organized, one at Truscott and one at Cottonwood with a total membership of twenty-three. Clubs to be organized are Munday, Goree and Sunset. The boys will demonstrate poultry, crops and livestock. Mr. Jones expects to have more than fifty boy enrolled in this work before the end of the week. Knox County has always done well in club work and the past to years has won honors both in state and national demonstrations.

### SENIOR CLASS BENJAMIN HIGH WILL PRESENT PLAY

The senior class of Benjamin High School are rehearsing a class play, "Dust of the Earth" which will be presented at the auditorium May 5. The play has a cast of eleven characters and is directed by Principal Vernon Brewer. It is a four act, rural drama.

### MOORHOUSE SUFFERS INJURIES FROM KICK OF STEER

Chas. Moorhouse was sent to the hospital Tuesday the result of an encounter with a three year old steer. The accident occurred at the shipping pens while Mr. Moorhouse and others were loading cattle. Mr. Moorhouse attempting to turn the steer back into the cars was kicked in the chest and head and knocked unconscious. Aside from a little soreness he has recovered.

Henry Craig and son of Munday were in Benjamin today on business.

J. L. Galloway was a business visitor in Wichita Falls Thursday.

Collins Moorhouse was in Bomarton and Seymour Thursday on business.

Miss Tootie McGlothlin of Rhome is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. McGlothlin here this week.

Mrs. W. P. Irwin of Mabank is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. E. Moorhouse here this week.

D. J. Brookreson has been in Lamesa this week on legal business.

Walter Snody has been in Lamesa this week to attend the trial of J. A. Bonds.

Mmes. Ruby Melton, Homer T. Melton and J. L. Galloway were visitors in Wichita Falls Monday.

The League Estate sold and delivered a bunch of black muley cattle to Amarillo parties this week.

Mr. Clyde Gipson of Wichita Falls is building a new home on his ranch he bought from F. M. Patton of King county, which is better known as the "Chock Brannin" ranch and which lies just at the end of the pavement that is being completed at the King county line. Mr. Gipson will have one of the nicest little ranches in West Texas and will have a pavement to his front door.

### NO MORE FEDERAL CROP LOANS AFTER APRIL 29

No more Federal crop production loans will be made after Saturday April 29 as that is the date of the time limit set by the government. Those expecting to make Federal loans must get their applications in by then.

## Resume of Texas Oil Situation Interesting

Texas, with the largest oil fields the world has ever known, has greater financial interest in the oil situation than have all other States combined, and in a series of articles to follow it is proposed to present the facts as they ultimately affect the general interest, without respect to whether the contending factions in the industry win or lose in the struggle now being brought to a National issue.

President Roosevelt's "New Deal" proposes legislation divorcing oil pipe lines from ownership of the integrated oil companies.

Integrated oil companies are those which own oil producing properties, pipe lines, refineries and retail distributing facilities and filling stations.

In the order of their importance these integrated companies, frequently called "major companies" are:

The Standard Oil Companies, and their subsidiaries, Rockefeller controlled.

The Shell Companies, British controlled.

The Gulf Companies, controlled by the Mellon family.

The Consolidated Oil Co., controlled by H. F. Sinclair.

Cities Service Companies, controlled by H. L. Doherty.

Pure Oil Companies, controlled by the Dawes family.

Sun Oil Company, dominated by the Pews.

A minor group, such as Midcontinent Petroleum Co., Continental Oil, Phillips Petroleum Co., etc. are also classed as "integrated".

In the earlier days of the development of Texas' oil fields, the major companies drove their pipe lines to newly discovered fields independently of any legal restriction.

Then, even as now, the majors contended fiercely with one another for entry into adequately proven new fields in an effort to control the output of as many wells as possible and to buy oil at the lowest price.

A single pipe line serving a field gives the owners of the line two advantages—control of the output and the power to name the price paid for the oil.

Advent of another pipe line means competition for connections to wells, and competitive price for the oil, but it is rarely that a price change made by one pipe line is not quickly followed by the others.

As pipe lines increased in number and territory served, producers without pipe lines grew restive over having one buyer for their oil, who fixed the price paid and the amount purchased, and eventually State and National legislation was enacted making the pipe lines common carriers.

Under such laws the pipe lines are supposed to receive and deliver shipments of crude oil for any producer.

Interstate shipments, however, are limited by the pipe lines to movements of not less than 100,000 barrels at one time from one shipper to one destination, the effect of this rule being to practically nullify the common carrier function.

Intrastate shipments are governed by less drastic requirements of the carriers, due to Texas regulations but the old practices still prevail to such an extent that few producers are able to market their oil to any but the pipe line to which their wells were originally connected.

These were the conditions when the famous Seminole pool in Southern Oklahoma promised, in 1926, to flood the country with an un-needed supply of crude oil.

All of the important pipe line companies laid their lines to this, then the largest and most productive field in the history of American oil.

## Paving Of 16 Fast Nearing Completion

Work on the paving of Highway 24 from Benjamin west to the King County line is rapidly nearing completion and engineers expect the work to be finished on the west end this week. There remains less than a mile on the east end of the road to surface which, weather permitting, will be completed by the end of next week. The work is being done by the Whitham Construction Company. State engineers in charge are Garrett, resident engineer of Crowell and Cunningham, resident engineer of Benjamin. The paving is of reinforced concrete laid on a six inch sand cushion. There is but one turn in the road between Benjamin and King county and that just before reaching the county line.

The production from Seminole quickly outstripped all capacity for transport. Soon producers favorably sited with respect to transportation facilities were moving their oil while surrounding properties were unable to move any.

This situation became critical, and finally, by mutual agreement, an umpire was appointed, whose duty was to allocate to the various producers the amount of oil they were permitted to run.

Thus was "Proration" born. Before the limits of the Seminole field were fairly defined, the highly prolific Oklahoma City field was discovered, and the Seminole situation duplicated.

To make legally effective the Seminole plan of allocation of production, laws were passed by the Oklahoma legislature, giving the Corporation Commission power to "Prorate" production in order to prevent "physical waste."

Infractions of these laws and inability of the Commission to enforce them led to the Governor of Oklahoma placing the field under martial law.

Meanwhile, the most famous gusher oil field history was discovered in East Texas, where competitive production brought discord and dissension between producers, pipe lines and the law enforcement body of Texas—the Railroad Commission. In Texas, as in Oklahoma, the National Guard was employed to aid in enforcing the proration regulations adopted by the Commission. But the East Texas field like an unleashed giant gone mad, outgrew and engulfed the National Guard, the Railroad Commission and the State Legislature itself.

Producers with wells capable of flowing tens of thousands of barrels of oil daily, seeing a fortune within their grasp, grew dissatisfied over regulations allowing them to produce only a few barrels daily.

Legions of law suits ensued. Lawyers in many cases were making more money than their clients were getting from their oil wells. Prices for oil declined to almost nothing. At this critical stage the major companies agreed amongst each other to establish a higher, stabilized price if all producers would limit their output in accord with Commission requirements.

Peace temporarily prevailed. Oil went up to \$1 per barrel. But a higher price resulted only in intensifying dissatisfaction. Orders of the Railroad Commission were declared illegal by the Federal Courts and some wells—many in fact—were opened to the limit of transportation and storage facilities.

New proration orders were issued. Again the Federal Courts declared them illegal and a fresh outburst of "illegal" production followed. A third effort with the same consequence.

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**What Our Exchanges Think**

**MAN WITH A HARD JOB**

Those who delight in difficult tasks performed unfavorable conditions may envy the newly arrived German ambassador, Dr. Hans Luther. His is the responsibility of representing the Hitler government in a country unanimously out of sympathy with some of the activities of that regime, notably the stupid persecution of Germans of Jewish blood.

Dr. Luther has been known for his tolerance, and only recently was himself the victim of the Hitler juggernaut, being forced out of the key positions in Germany—the presidency of the Reichsbank. He can not find his present role entirely to his liking.

It is perhaps not too much that his mission will be facilitated by a termination of the Nazis' senseless crusade. Power has a sobering effect on all save the insane, and the German people are notable for their sanity.—Star Telegram.

**THE REPUBLICAN STRATEGY**

The Republicans who, under the leadership of ex-Secretary Ogden Mills, are strenuously fighting the administration's inflation program, have nothing to loose and possibly much to gain by doing so.

If something goes wrong, if the results of such legislation are as unhappy as some economists fear, effects, the Republicans will be no worse off than ammunition for use next year and in 1936. If the program works out satisfactorily, with no untoward effects, the Republican will be no worse off than they already are; for if the depression is broken during the Roosevelt administration, the g. o. p's 1936 campaign will be a mere formality anyhow.

The fact that Mills is taking the lead is not without its significance. He is viewed by many as the strong man of the party, a likely choice for the 1936 nomination. If the administration runs into grief as a result of inflation, his present opposition will add to his prestige.—Wichita Daily Times.

**ADVERTISEMENT**

Denton Record-Chronicle: Printers' Ink, weekly publication read by advertising men, contained in a recent issue a list of 322 national firms which are known to the public through their advertising in magazines and newspapers. After each name was a comparison of 1931 and 1932 profits, and it is interesting to note that of the firms which had a profit in 1931, and showed an increase, ofr 1932, practically all are noted for having conducted an aggressive and intensive sales and advertising program during these years.

It is no longer a matter of dispute between advertisers and non-advertisers as to which is the more profitable way of conducting business. It is accepted so unanimously that not to advertise is to be ignored by the purchasing public that even those who do not advertise directly, on account of their dignity or something, enjoy incidental advertising. When one has a thing to sell the sooner he sells it the quicker he gets his profit. Profits, by the way, have come to be a matter of frequent turnover. Merchandise or professional services on the dealer's shelves pay no dividends. They are frozen assets. Not until a buyer has been found is a gain registered. Not until the money is paid does the cash register take any notice of what is going on, or isn't going on. To advertise is to inform and invite customers, new and old. Not to advertise is to wait for personal friends or casual drop-ins to come and buy. No man in business gets rich by serving only his personal friends. He hasn't enough of them, and must share those he has with his competitors. Advertising is directional and invitational. It solicits and informs. Ten years ago there were national distributors who really thought they didn't need advertising. Most of them are running deficits as big as henhouses today. They were not as well known as they thought they were, their ares not as indispensable as they supposed them to be.—S. P. in Dallas News.

**A TEXAS INVENTOR WHO WAS WORLD BENEFACTOR**

From Los Angeles comes report of the death of Joseph Euper, former Texan, whose creative genius gave to the world perhaps the most popular invention of the last fifty years. Mr. Euper, when a young confectioner in Denison, was the first to throw together an ice cream soda for the delight of thirsty patrons. That was back in 1870. Since that time the delectable concoction, with many improvements on the original has become a staple throughout the United States and a familiar in many parts of the world.

Another Texan gave to the world its first can of condensed milk. But this inventor of the ice cream soda was perhaps a greater benefactor. Perhaps he was unaware himself how much his cretion has contributed to the development of romance in millions of village drug stores during the decade. Even in this day it is still playing its part. But in those earlier years it was a mighty factor. When eyes met over the refreshing straws—how often, O how often—the old, old mischief was done.—Dallas Journal.

**HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB NOTES**

Itinerary for the first week of May as given by Jewell Faulkner, Co. Home Demonstration agent.

Monday—Office  
 Tuesday—Hefner girls and women  
 Wednesday—Gilliland girls and women.  
 Thursday—Rhineland, Hood girls  
 Friday—Union Grove girls  
 Saturday—County Council, Benjamin.

"Since attending the Foundation Patern School at Seymour, I believe I have a patern that fits perfectly. I hope I can be of some service to other home demonstration club women in making their patterns", said Mrs. T. B. Dobbs, Benjamin H. D. Club.

There are 250 H. D. Club women and it is the goal of each to make a dress using that patern. This work will be given in the clubs in May.

**HOOD 4-H CLUB 100 PERCENT IN PLANTING GARDENS**

In answering roll call at the club meeting at Hood, Thursday, April 20, the eleven girls present reported as having planted tomatoes and beets and many had planted quite a variety in their garden.

Each of the 220 4-H club girls in the county have either planted or are planing to plant tomatoes and beets so that they might achieve their goals which are: Can 25 containers of tomatoes—one for exhibit and 15 containers of beets, one for exhibit.

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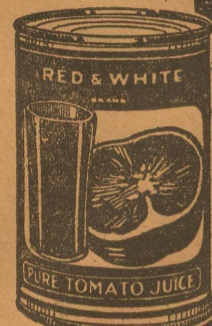


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**TRUSCOTT**  
BY VELMETA SOLOMON

T. B. Masterson was in Ft. Worth a few days last week. Truscott played their first baseball game for the year with Sunset Sunday.

**CHAS. MOORHOUSE**

**Farm and Ranch Loans**  
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**BENJAMIN TEXAS**

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**Optometrist**  
**Munday Texas**

Virginia Browder who has been visiting home folks returned to school at C. I. A. one day last week.

Mrs. Jack Whitaker entertained the faculty with a picnic last Wednesday night. All reported of having a wonderful time.

Rob Campbell of Silverton is visiting her sister, Mrs. Glenn Burnett, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Killinsworth and Elizabeth Killingsworth of Delwin visited the latter's mother, Mrs. Chilcoat, a few days last week.

Mrs. Van Browning who has been in the Quanah hospital is now at home.

Mary Emma Stover is visiting in Olney this week.

Willie Jewel Bar who has been attending school here this winter returned home Sunday.

Mrs. Jack Burnett returned home to Big Lake Sunday. She was accompanied by Miss Helen Winstead and Doc Abbott.

Ila Masterson is visiting in Mineral Wells this week.

Mmes. C. A. Bullion and W. O. Solomon, class mothers of the 1933 Seniors, entertained them the last time Wednesday night with a treasurer hunt. Erma Eubank and Irvin Eubank were the lucky couple. After the treasure was found sandwiches and punch were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Jolly Myers and children were in Quanah Monday.

Mrs. Hayes Hanks and children are visiting in Houston this week.

Mrs. J. K. Steele and children are visiting in Houston this week.

Lois Hayne was operated on in the Quanah hospital last week but she is doing nicely this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Kisner and family were in O'Brien one day last week.

L. P. Jones, daughters, Lelia and Lucille and Madge Craig were in Vernon Monday.

**GILLILAND CLUB NOTES**

The Gilliland Home Demonstration Club met Wednesday, 19, at the club room at the school building, with ten members answering roll call. After the usual routine of business announcements of the next meeting was made which will be an all day meeting with Mrs. H. M. Baird, the bed room demonstrator, on Wednesday, May 3. Each member is supposed to bring a covered dish of food and dinner will be served from same. Our county agent, Miss Faulkner is to give us a demonstration of making hooked rugs. Rags will be dyed, torn into strips and woven into a rug, letting each lady present take turns at the weaving. Great enthusiasm was manifest at the last meeting and steps were taken toward raising money for our quota of expense of year books, representative to short course at A. and M., etc. Mrs. Olie Ileseng was appointed as sponsor for our Girls Club.

Mrs. W. J. Farris, Reporter.

**SIDELIGHTS**

BY MARVIN JONES  
Member of Congress from Texas

I am convinced that a controlled expansion of the currency will not only materially increase farm prices but that it is essential to complete national recovery. The dollar is supposed to be a measure of value—a medium of exchange.

We often speak of using dollars to purchase commodities. That depends upon which side of the bargain the trader is located. One man uses money to purchase wheat. The farmer uses wheat to purchase money. When one borrows money to be repaid in the future, it is essential to fairness that the value of that dollar remain substantially the same, measured in the terms of the general commodity price level.

Here is where the hitch comes. Translated into farm commodities, the dollar is worth twice what it was worth a few years ago. The private debts of America run into staggering billions. It is impossible to pay these debts with dollars of the increased value of today. Yet the obligation rests not only upon the farmer but upon other producers and upon manufacturers to pay these debts with greatly appreciated dollars. This responsible for a great deal of the griel and stagnation from which the country has been suffering.

The strange part about this whole situation is that the debts we owe, we owe to each other. Not a dollar is owed abroad. Yet both agriculture and commerce have been chained and almost destroyed by the high priced dollar.

The credit of the country has been greatly contracted that the only practical way to offset it is through an adequate supply of money on a sound basis.

Currency and credit are like other commodities. When they are plentiful they are low in price. When they are scarce they are high in price.

Of course, no one wants printing press money. On the other hand, no thinking person wants money so high priced that it becomes a hindrance rather than an aid to commerce and exchange.

Foreign countries have, by revaluing their unit of money on a lower basis, practically destroyed the market of the surplus farm products of America.

Any expansion should be properly controlled. Germany went to the extreme by increasing the volume of currency to such an extent as to practically cancel all debts. This was her deliberate purpose. For the last three years we have been going to the other extreme by contracting currency and credit to such an extent as to make payment of debts practically impossible. France, on the other hand, took the middle position, revaluing the franc on such a basis as to make payment of debts possible and yet at the same time increasing to a reasonable degree the farm and general commodity price level.

Through a reasonable increase in the volume of the currency, which can be kept on a sound basis, the prices of farm commodities can be materially increased, debts can be paid, and conditions restored.

Money is the life's blood of the nation. One might have a perfect body, but if he had only half enough blood he would suffer torture. On the other hand, if he had too much blood he might suffer from high blood pressure. If he has a sufficient amount of blood his health conditions become ideal.

Properly controlled expansion of the currency merely means restoration to the normal flow of commerce and trade—a restoration of commodity prices to the point where they would be fair to everyone. Such a step is essential to the proper working out of the different steps in the President's program for national recovery.

The action of the President in approving an amendment granting authority to restore the currency to a proper basis has had a very fine effect on the general commodity price level. The Speaker has designated me as one of the conferees to consider this amendment when it comes to the House. I am in hearty accord with its purposes and expect

to urge early adoption by the House. I believe it will do more than any one thing to restore confidence and to bring back prosperity.

**WEST TEXAS REVUE FEATURE OF CHAMBER MEET**

BIG SPRING, April 27—The cities of West Texas have been asked by the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce to participate in the West Texas Revue which will be an entertainment feature each night of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce Convention, May 11, 12, and 13.

Mrs. Lee Weathers has been employed by the entertainment committee to supervise the revue which will be an imaginary trip to Mars. Chambers of Commerce and West Texas Chamber of Commerce directors have been asked by Manager C. T. Watson of the Big Spring Chamber to immediately select a young lady to represent a nation, and be dressed in the costume typical of the nationality forming a court of nations.

Built around the court of nations will be a fast moving program of entertainment with several special numbers from the various cities of the territory.

The first city to report on its representative is Odessa, and the representative will be Miss Helen Allen.

Miss United States and Miss West Texas will be named at Big Spring soon, and will be hostesses to the visiting girl representatives at several functions to be arranged during the convention.

AUSTIN, April 27—Sharp decrease in farm mortgage loans by insurance companies in Texas at a time when such loans are urgently necessary is seen by supporters of the Robertson Insurance law if the statute's compulsory investment features are repealed.

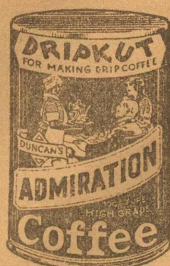
The Robertson insurance law requires out-of-state companies doing business in Texas to invest 75 per cent of the reserves of their Texas policies in Texas securities. To secure the minimum premium tax of two per cent, the law requires foreign insurance companies to invest in real estate mortgage loans.

Without these requirements, Texas insurance men, here fighting repeal of the compulsory investment features of the law, sought in a bill now before the house or representatives, believe that out-of-state companies would have little disposition to continue substantial investments in farm loans.

Figures compiled by the United States Department of Agriculture show that from 1927 to May 1931, a group of forty outstanding life insurance companies, including all the big Eastern firms which are fighting the Robertson law, had decreased farm loans 9 per cent.

Farm loans by this group of companies showed a \$43,000,000 drop in 1931 and a \$35,000,000 decrease for the first five months of 1932.

That this condition would prevail in Texas, is proven, supporters of the law say, by a comparison with the trend of farm loans in Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico and Oklahoma, Texas' four bordering states.



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**SUGGEST ALTERNATIVE TO SCHOOL TEACHING**

Editor Benjamin Post:

In your issue of April 21, in your column, "Splinters," you had a paragraph as to high school graduates going to college, and from it I quote these sentences that tender good advice: "Well, graduates, advice is free, so don't send us any money for this, but don't go to school to learn how to be a school teacher. There are already 100 teachers for ever job."

The State spends about \$2500000 annually to train new candidates for teaching. It is not likely 10 percent of the students in college today will get positions as teachers. And of course they will take places of experienced teachers. Almost every school of 5 or more teachers is laying off teachers, doing on a smaller number. So the chances of getting a position is slim. Here are some figures: one four teacher school just a few miles west of Abilene had 115 applicants, only 2 vacancies; another a few miles north 137 applicants, 3 vacancies; another a few miles south 150 applicants, two vacancies.

Listen to college presidents: Nicholas Murry Butler of Columbia said that a college education had nothing whatever to do with one's earning a livelihood. A prominent Texas university president not long ago in a lecture to the students in chapel said almost the same words. Why is that? All professions are saturated now with applicants.

A young man with hint of tears in his eyes told me not long ago he wished some body else had his degree and he had back the price he paid for it. I asked him what he'd do with it. He replied, "Buy a farm that joins

my dad's.

All young people need a high school education, but all don't need a college degree.

It's nice to go to college, if you are going because you enjoy study, knowledge, the atmosphere, the friendships and associations, and have the money. But if you are going to see the education as means for making money, I fear you are just "blowed up." But whatever you plan, remember that if every college in Texas were to close for five years, we'd have plenty of teachers to run all the public schools.

If your dad has the money to put you through college, which is about \$2000, get him to make a payment of a farm for you, and by hard work and management, you can become a successful, happy citizen. That's more than you will be with a college degree and no school. Or likely with one.

I taught 24 years straight and saved \$500. That was about \$21 per year.

That old stuff about "service to your fellow men" as an excuse for teaching school wore out years ago. Nobody believes it any more. When I quit, a man took my place, a better man than I, and not a soul missed me. The world never suffered one iota from my stepping out. And I profited in finances, independence and happiness. The only regret I carry is I didn't have sense enough to quit 20 years earlier. Selah.

—An Abilene Retired Pedagog.

**GILLILAND BY ELIZABETH PARRIS**

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Williams were in Crowell Saturday.

Miss Ardelle Briggs and Miss Damie Groves were in Vernon and Wichita Falls Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Burgess and Mrs. Essie Burgess of Abilene are visiting relatives here this week.

Mrs. Marion Ryder and son, Jr. visited Mr. Ryder in Brownfield this past week end.

Miss Doris Hurd of Vera was in town Saturday.

Miss Eula Mae McGuire visited friends in Lubbock this past week end.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Baty and children were in Clay county last Friday on business.

Dolph Martin was in Vernon Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Cure, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Burgess were in Seymour Monday.

Mrs. H. M. Baird visited friends and relatives in Brownfield.

Gilliland elected teachers Monday night for the coming year. All the teachers were re-elected except one, and Ivan Burgess of Abilene will fill that vacancy. The teachers are: Supt. B. B. Chamberlain, Principal, Ivan Burgess, Mrs. N. A. Brown, Misses Eula Mae McGuire, Lula Hurd and Elizabeth Parris.

Many people have enjoyed an outing by fishing on the north Wichita. Mr. J. O. Cure and Mr. Garlan Colthorp were in Seymour Tuesday.

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Tornado Policies, Nos. 605,440 to 605,450 inclusive, of the Fire Association, requiring for their validity the countersignature of a duly authorized and licensed agent, have been lost. Since these policies have not been regularly countersigned or issued, or accounted for, nor any premiums received thereunder by this Company, they will be valueless and void in the hands of whomsoever they may fall and any claim thereunder would be illegal and fraudulent.**

If found they should be returned to Frezevant and Cochran, General Agents for the Company at Dallas Texas.

No claim of any nature purporting to be based upon them will be recognized by the Company. The public will please take notice accordingly.

Above policies were lost by Dale Blake, former agent for Fire Association at Truscott Texas.

Fire Association,  
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**CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING OF GRAIN TO BE PICTURED AT CENTURY OF PROGRESS**

CHICAGO, April 27.—The story of co-operative marketing of grain, as developed on a national scale by the co-ordinated efforts of farmers' co-operative associations in all parts of the United States, will be graphically pictured by the exhibit of Farmers National Grain Corporation at A Century of Progress international exposition, to open in Chicago June 1.

The background of the exhibit will consist of a giant dioram, one of the largest to be shown at the exposition. Farm scenes, country and terminal elevators and mills, and moving trucks and trains will present an elaborate display of grain areas and facilities and transportation of grain from farm to market.

At one end of the exhibit will be shown a large map of the United States, upon which will be marked with varied colored lights the branch offices, location of stockholder organizations and terminal facilities. The major grain areas of the country will be outlined, as will the principal inland waterways, including rivers and lakes, used in the transport of grain.

At the other end will be two large fixed panels giving statistics concerning the corporation.

**SUNDAY DINNER SUGGESTIONS**

BY ANN PAGE

If you take all the advice about planning low-cost meals that is being printed and published for the benefit of the American housewife this season, you will find that it simmers down to one simple statement: buy the foods that are most plentiful and therefore lowest in cost.

This week, for example, devotees of Sunday dinners that are appetizing and yet inexpensive will concentrate on such abundant vegetables as potatoes, (new potatoes are quite plentiful now) onions, cabbage, beets, string beans and celery; such meats as roast beef and flank steak, and chicken.

Remember that condiments such as Mustard and Salad Dressing add zest to meal.

Here are three Sunday dinner menus planned by The Quaker Maid Kitchen. They are well balanced and take advantage of the most economical foods this week.

**Low Cost**

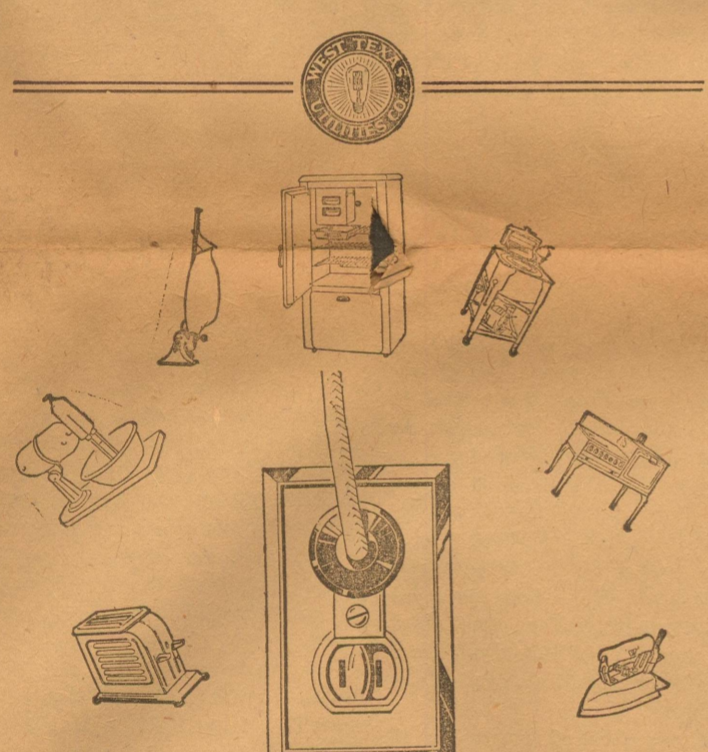
- Roast Shoulder of Pork
- Browned Potatoes
- Buttered New Cabbage
- Bread and Butter
- Rice Pudding with Raisins
- Milk Coffee or Tea

**Medium Cost**

- Baked Ham, Mustard Sauce
- Mashed Potatoes
- String Beans
- Biscuits and Butter
- Peach Pie Cheese
- Milk Coffee or Tea

**Special**

- Fried Chicken, Cream Gravy
- Hominy
- Butter Beans
- Tomato Salad
- Hot Biscuits Preserves
- Strawberry Whip Pound Cake
- Milk Coffee or Tea



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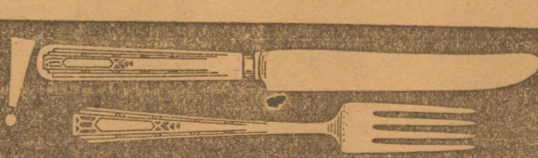
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CATSUP, PER BOTTLE,	.13
TREE TEA, 1-4 LB. PKG.	.18
SPINACH, NO. 2 CAN,	.10
SANKA COFFEE, PER POUND,	.47
MOTHER'S COCOA, 2 LB. BOX	.25
BROOMS, EACH,	.19
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