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FROM THE EDITOR'S WINDOW

After reading of wars and rumors of wars in this restless, turbulent, world we are glad to note that King Leopold the Third, of little peace-loving Belgium, in a letter addressed to his premier, but intended for the world has this to say: "If we wish to avert war and bring the nations back to a more peaceful frame of mind, we must have the courage to tackle the economic question in its entirety—distribution of raw materials, the distribution of means of exchange, international distribution of labor, equilibrium between the agricultural and industrial nations." He said other good things, all of which were meant as a gesture toward peace and other nations are taking notice. One British paper said the letter "may alter world history." Secretary Hull, of our own United States, praised the king's proposal as a "timely suggestion" and as we watch proceedings from day to day the world is hopeful for peace and prosperity again.

From Austin comes the news that Texas may have no more than 54,700 workers on the WPA payrolls by October. H. P. Drought, state administrator, said a quota reduction was instigated in May when 77,000 persons were employed. About 14,000 were cut off by the end of July and about 8,300 more will have been removed by October. The administrator has appealed to city and county officials to aid workers in obtaining employment.

It has been reported by State Treasurer Charley Lockhart that Texans smoked more cigarettes, quaffed more beer, and did more tipping during July than any month in history. He states an all-time record high in collections of taxes on cigarettes, beer, and liquor. Cigarettes brought in \$622,228, beer \$218,886, and liquor and wine \$206,009. Total, \$1,047,123.

Remember, all this in one month and in our own state.

In Seattle, Washington, recently a patrolman answered a report that there was a dead man in a room in a certain hotel. After searching the room he found the corpse hiding in a closet. His death had been reported by a bill collector when he failed for three days to answer knocks on his door.

A new comet has appeared and will be visible near the second star in the handle of the big dipper. It was discovered on last July 5 by Professor Einsler, whose home is in Switzerland. The comet is reported to be eight times the size of the earth and has a tail 2,000,000 miles long, according to the professor.

Mrs. J. C. Brashear, our news correspondent of Atwell, sent us a surprise this week which consisted of a large box of grapes and a fine large, ripe watermelon. We appreciated these fruits very much and enjoyed them immensely. We also appreciate Mrs. Brashear's friendship. As correspondent she has been with the Putnam News three years and has been both faithful and prompt. Mrs. Brashear takes interest in her work and also in her community and surrounding territory. We need more women such as she, who are willing to sacrifice for the public good and use their energy and talents for the unbuilding of their communities.

The New London community in Rusk county, where about 250 children lost their lives last March 18 in a terrible gas blast, is preparing to erect a new school building near the site of the one destroyed. The new building will be 285 by 160 feet "E" shaped structure of reinforced concrete with solid brick exterior walls.

The estimated cost of the new building will be \$250,000 and additional \$50,000 for a heating plant.

J. R. Kincaid and wife and son of Snyder are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Tatum. They were old friends when they lived at Atwell about thirty years ago.

PUTNAM WOMAN'S AUNT BURIED HERE SATURDAY

Mrs. Lizzie Rogers, aunt of Mrs. Pete King, was buried in Putnam Saturday afternoon following funeral services held in the home of Mrs. King at 3:30. Mrs. Rogers, who was 78 years of age, is a former resident of Putnam. She was born in Kosciusko, Mississippi. Following her marriage to Jim Rogers she came to Texas and resided in Baird, Fort Worth, and Big Spring. Mr. Rogers preceded her in death 19 years ago and is buried in the Putnam cemetery. Mrs. Rogers had resided in Fort Worth for the past several years. Her death came suddenly and relatives were shocked to receive the message Friday.

THE WATER PEOPLE ARE USING

The water supply is getting low and outside of the cattle wading around and standing in the water all day, to keep away from the heel fly, it has been reported that there are a lot of boys going over there and playing in the water every day, and wading around fishing. We do not know this of our own personal knowledge; but we have been reliably informed, and if it is necessary can furnish the names of our informant together with the names of the parties who are guilty. This water is filthy as everyone knows at the best and we are surprised at the citizens who live here are willing to keep using water without making some effort to get a supply that would be clean and wholesome. This should be investigated at once. If it is found to be facts there should be steps taken to have it stopped at once.

W. C. TEAGUE HAS VISITORS

Charley Teague, who was operated on last fall and is still unable to be out, had quite a number of his boyhood friends to visit him the last few days. Among them were Z. M. Taylor of Fort Worth, Will Taylor of Dallas, Henry Morgan of Oklahoma, Jeff Morgan of the Panhandle country, John Gardner and Hiram Brooks of Cook community south of Nimrod, and Mrs. Vida Boyd of Brownwood, a niece of Mr. Teague. Mr. Teague is gradually improving and he thinks he will be able to be out again in a short time.

TO WIDEN BRIDGES ON HIGHWAY NO. 1

According to W. A. French, district state engineer, eight bridges between Abilene and Sweetwater, will be widened. The work will start within the next few days. The Highway Commission in Austin last Thursday approved the work and made \$15,000 appropriation for the project. Included was an appropriation of \$3,840 for the building of a county highway warehouse in Abilene to house road machinery.

ZION HILL H. D. CLUB

The Zion Hill Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. J. R. Morgan August 9th. The program was put on by Mrs. O. L. Slatton, Mrs. C. B. Kennedy and Miss Nina Morgan. Ten club members were present, and three visitors. The club will meet August 23 at Zion Hill school house, to plan our club house. Those present: Mmes. J. A. Heyser, O. L. Slatton, W. S. Jobe, R. B. Taylor, C. B. Kennedy, J. A. Reid, E. V. Ramsey, Miss Lavada Standridge, Miss Nina Morgan and Mrs. J. R. Morgan.

Visitors were Mrs. Hattie Stewart, Misses Madeline Beebe and Teresa Beebe.

Miss Johnnie Lou Burnam of Stanton visited relatives in Putnam this week.

DEEP CREEK CAMP MEETING IN PROGRESS

There is to be a 4,000 foot well to be drilled in the Scranton territory about nine miles southeast of Putnam. Fred Heyser was in town Monday afternoon and said the contract had been let. Since Mr. Heyser was in town we are informed the bids have been received, but the actual letting has not been done yet. They will announce the location at the time the contract is let. The test is expected to test the Ranger sand, Caddo lime, and the Marble Falls lime. Only shallow wells have been drilled in that section before.

RAYMOND JOBE HAS PAINFUL ACCIDENT

Raymond Jobe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jobe, happened to quite a painful accident Monday morning while working on a tank for R. D. Williams in the northwest pasture about 15 miles northwest of Putnam. He was driving a fresno empty and the point of it caught under a rock, throwing the loading bar back, striking Claud on top of the head cutting a considerable gash. He was brought to town by Mr. Williams for treatment and taken to Dr. B. F. Brittain's office, where the wound was dressed. It took five or six stitches to close the wound. He was sent home and is doing alright, but has not been back to town yet.

MISS POUNDS SINGS FOR TEXAS THEATRE

Miss Ruby Jo Pounds of Gorman, who taught in the Putnam high school last year and who has been reelected to the same position for the 1937-38 term, and who is attending Howard-Myne College this summer, was called from her duties at college to make a personal appearance with the Blue Bonnet Quartet at the Texas Theatre at Big Lake, Texas. The quartet sang between performances of the show "Make Way for Tomorrow," which was shown twice a day August 8, 9, and 10, through the courtesy of the Greenwood Insurance Agency.

W. A. BUCHANAN RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

W. A. Buchanan was returned from the Hendricks Memorial hospital last Friday where he had been for a prostate operation. He was taken over there Monday morning and operated on and left the hospital Tuesday, being moved to Mrs. Bob Williams, his daughter who lives in Abilene, and returned home Friday. He is doing nicely and thinks that he will be able to be out attending to his business in the course of two or three weeks.

COUNTY TAX RATE LOWERED BY COURT

The commissioners' court lowered the county tax rate this week from 80 cents to 70 cents. The general county rate was fixed at 25 cents, the same as last year; but the jury fund was reduced from 15 cents to 10 cents, and road district No. 1 from 10 cents to 5 cents, and the second bond issue was reduced from 10 cents to 5 cents. This makes a county rate of county general 25 cents, road district No. 1, 5 cents; and road district on the second bond issue 5 cents; an road and bridge 15 cents. Figuring the public building fund at the constitutional rate the tax rate will be 85 cents against \$1.05 last year. The reason these reductions could be made was that each of the funds where the rate was lowered had a surplus and could not be legally used for anything else, as the statute would not permit transfer to other funds; but they could reduce the rate.

MISS WEST HAS POSITION AT BAIRD

Miss Johnnie Myrtle West has accepted a position with the Meadows' Beauty Salon in Baird. Newspaper people are supposed to know everything, but we have to admit that Miss West put one by us, as she just slipped out and went to Baird and had been gone several weeks before we knew she was gone and to make it worse we went in the beauty parlor and did not know her until she told us who she was. Well, if Miss West can fix other girls' hair to look as nice as she fixes hers we would recommend that all of the Putnam girls who want to look pretty go to the Meadows Beauty Salon and have their work done. We have been in a number of beauty parlors and we think that Mrs. Meadows has one of the nicest and best arranged shops we have been in.

PARTY AT ELZAY'S

A group of young people were entertained in the home of Miss Carolyn Elzay Thursday evening. Making and serving of ice cream was the diversion. Those present were Misses Willie Grace Pruet, Zada Williams, Mary Lou Eubank, Carolyn Elzay, Messrs. Oliver Davis, Bennie Burns Williams, Roy Lee Williams, Doye Lee Brown.

BAPTIST CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Preaching at 11 o'clock and the regular Sunday evening services, B. T. U. at 7:30 o'clock and preaching by the pastor will follow the B. T. U. services.

Mrs. Wade Andrews of Waco is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Stephens, this week.

THIRTY-FIVE HUNDRED ATTEND REUNION

About 3,500 people attended the Old Settlers' Reunion Saturday at the Hughes filling station on Deep Creek, about three miles west of Putnam. People not only from Callahan county attended, but from other counties over the state and a few from other states. This was the second annual county reunion that has been held, the one last year being held on the Bayou in the southwest part of Callahan county.

The old fiddlers started the first real demonstration and the crowd became interested when the hum of old fiddles and guitars were brought into action.

J. H. Wall, 71 year old Abilenean, was the first fiddler in the non-decision and accompanists were Turner Simpson of Cross Plains and Hansell Sanders of Baird.

Next in line on the contest was J. A. Blackwell of Atwell. The 84 year old veteran was a young man when the Texas & Pacific railroad came to Putnam more than fifty years ago, and played for a dance that was held in celebration of the coming of the railroad.

Mrs. Jim White was the only woman entering the contest, and played without musical accompaniment. George Munce of Cross Plains was next on the program. Others in the contest were George Sadler of Cross Plains, Otis and Carl Rogers of Clyde, and Marvin West of Cross Plains. This set of musicians played at the square dance later in the day.

The announcement was made from the platform that all of the old officers were re-elected to serve another year. J. S. Hart was elected president, B. L. Russell of Baird vice-president, Mrs. L. L. Blackburn vice-president and historian, and Miss Eliza Gilliland of Baird, editor of the Baird Star, was secretary and treasurer.

Jack Scott, editor of the Cross Plains Review, acted as master of ceremonies throughout the program, calling on many of the old timers for a few words telling of their experience in the early days of Callahan county. The county was organized just fifty years ago.

BONDS VOTED IN THE NEW DISTRICT

The voters in the newly created school district created a few weeks ago out of five common districts voted \$15,000 in bonds for the purpose of building a high school building. The five districts are Oak Lawn, Rowden, Bayou, Gilliland and Hillside. This district is about 15 miles south of Baird. The bonds carried by a vote of 40 to 12. The building is to be located at the junction of highway 151 and 36.

Miss Viola Teague has returned from spending a week in the home of her sister at Winters.

Played At Three Years



NEW YORK CITY... Master Stanworth Schilling, 5 years old, the youngest sousaphone player, shown with his 60-pound instrument at the Annual Convention of Music Merchants. Stan started playing two years ago.

SHORT COURSE CANCELED

Below is a copy of telegram received Wednesday morning from College Station:

Farmer's Short Course and agent's meeting canceled because of infantile paralysis. This action follows recommendation of State Health Office. Not advisable to bring crowds of young people together. No cases at College Station but scattered over state. Please advise press and local people. H. H. Williams, Director of Extension Service of Texas.

PHANTOM HILL DAM TO START SOON

The Phantom Hill dam at Abilene is to start soon, the machinery to reach Abilene at an early date to commence the actual construction of the dam across the Clear Fork of the Brazos about twenty miles northwest of the city of Abilene. C. G. Brubaker and J. C. Ruby of Austin hold the construction contract.

Abilene has the city lake at Buffalo Gap and the Kirby lake about three miles south of town, and when this lake is completed it will give the city of Abilene the best water supply of any town in West Texas, as they have never been short of water with their present lakes.

SLUMBER PARTY FRIDAY NIGHT

Miss Willie Grace Pruet was hostess to a small group of friends at her home Friday night at which time a slumber party was enjoyed. Punch and cookies were served at intervals through the night as the group enjoyed story telling, etc. A sunrise breakfast was enjoyed Saturday morning at the highway tables near the Crosby roadside park. Those present were Misses Willie Mae Stephens, Carolyn Elzay, Mary Lou Eubank, and Willie Grace Pruet.

JAIL DOORS THROWN OPEN AT LUBBOCK

Chief of Police Jud Johnston, who has clashed with city authorities on several occasions, has thrown the jail doors wide open. He opened them Tuesday and turned out seven who were in jail on charges of drunkenness by complaint. Johnston was asked by the city commission to turn in his resignation. He said "I have informed my men to arrest all persons found drunk, but to hold them no longer than necessary to sober up, then turn them out." The police charged that "class legislation and enforcement" had motivated prosecution. He said, "If some can be turned out of jail, then others can. I know I have the key."

JACK BRANDON ON CRUTCHES

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brandon of Plainview spent the week visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Brandon, and taking in the Old Settlers' Reunion that was held at Deep Creek three miles west of Putnam. Jack was going around on crutches on account of a broken or badly sprained ankle. He said the doctor thought it was broken.

DEEP TEST FOR SCRANTON TERRITORY

The Deep Creek annual camp meeting will begin August 12, and run through August 22. Come and camp and spend an enjoyable and profitable vacation at the Deep Creek camp.

Tents may be rented for the entire session for \$2.50 and cots for 50 cents. The daily Bible school starts Monday, August 16, and continues through the following Friday. Rev. Brockehaven, F. P. Hayes and others will teach in the school. Rev. Love of Fort Worth is the evangelist and will do the preaching. Everybody has a cordial invitation to attend these services.

W. M. S. MEETS

The W. M. S. met at the Baptist church Tuesday afternoon with the president and 9 members present. In a business meeting the following officers were elected for the coming year:

- President—Mrs. Jno. Cook.
- Vice-president—Mrs. Gaskins.
- Treasurer—Mrs. J. A. Golsen.
- Secretary—Mrs. J. Y. Culwell.
- Asst. Secy.—Mrs. Scott.
- Chorister—Mrs. Hollis.
- Piansit—Mrs. H. E. Butler.

The meeting was turned to the mission study chairman, Mrs. Eubank, who taught a very interesting lesson on Mission in Brazil. After the study a social meeting was held with Mrs. Eubank and Mrs. Hollis, hostesses, serving lemonade and cookies.

The following were present: Mmes. Jno. Cook, E. G. Scott, Pruet, Crosby, Hollis, J. Culwell, Gaskins, Eubank, Butler, Tatum, and one visitor Mrs. Hick Burnam.

JOHN AND FRED COOK ATTEND BANQUET

Fred and John Cook of the Cook's Garage attended a banquet at Breckenridge Friday night, given by the Good Year Tire & Rubber company for Good Year dealers and salesmen of this district. They reported a good time and some valuable information on the Good Year line of business. They have the meetings regularly and train their dealers and salesmen along lines that will enable them to sell more Good Year tires and tubes.

COTTON CROP LARGEST IN SIX YEARS

The Department of Agriculture gave out its first estimate of the cotton crop for the 1937-38 season August 9th. It forecasts the largest crop in six years and estimated the production at 15,593,000 bales. The report showed an acreage increase of 11 per cent. Conditions were estimated 81.3 per cent with an acreage yield of 223.3 pounds per acre.

Amount of cotton ginned to August 1 was reported at 142,988 bales, compared with 41,130 bales in 1936, and 94,746 in 1935. The report placed the Texas yield at 4,314,000 bales and the yield per acre at 165 pounds. The indicated yield for Texas of 165 pounds is the lowest in the United States with the exception of Tennessee, which is really not a cotton state.

BIG SPRING AWARDED STATE HOSPITAL

The new hospital that was authorized by the last session of the Texas legislature was awarded to Big Spring Friday by the Board of Control. Fourteen cities had bid for the hospital which was to cost more than \$800,000 and to be located in West Texas.

Big Spring is to give the state 580 acres of land on the north side of town on Highway No. 9. The city already agreed to furnish water, electric power, sewage and natural gas facilities and a railroad spur to the building without cost to the state.

AVERAGE COST OF HOMES IS \$6,160.00

The WPA housing corporation of Cleveland, Ohio, has just completed 620 low-cost houses or that are called low cost houses and they will be opened for settlers about the first of September for low-income people. The 620 houses cost the Federal government \$3,800,000, which made the average cost \$6,160 per house.

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Respect, and any kind of enter-
tainments where admission fee or
other monetary consideration is
charged, will be charged for at
regular advertising rates.

WHAT IS THE SOLUTION?

In order that the grower re-
ceives a fair price for his cotton,
the government must regain
American foreign cotton trade.
How can it be done? It can be done
by growing an average of from
14,000,000 to 15,000,000 bales an-
nually and flooding all foreign
markets with the American grown
fiber, which is far superior to any
other grown on earth. Then should
the price level fall below 10 cents
per pound net to the producer the
difference between the sale price
and 10 cents per pound by direct
subsidy. This is the only way in
which it can be done, since the
northern states have a balance
power in Congress and they will
not permit the tariff to be lowered
if they can help it. This tariff
principle is all wrong, but so long
as the manufacturers are protect-
ed, it looks as though this is the
only way it can be done. To say
the least we could stand our pro-
duction and keep our people em-
ployed while this scarcity theory
creates higher prices and furnish-
es us more unemployed and a big-
ger relief load for those that are
working.

**12 CENT LOAN ON 10 CENT
COTTON**

There is a great howl among a
certain class of politicians who are
figuring on the 1938 election for a
12 cent loan on 10 cent cotton.
We had thought after the govern-
ment tried this loan business
and has seen the effects on our
world trade they had certainly
learned a little sense. But they
are clamoring to have the govern-
ment peg the price above the
world's market again and lose the
remainder of our foreign mar-
kets. The government has about
two million bales of that loan cot-
ton on their hands at a heavy loss
and another loan will pile up six
to eight million more bales, as
the farmer will put the cotton in
the loan for what it will sell for
as he has it all to gain and nothing
to lose. If the market goes
down the government proposes to
take the loss and if it goes up the
farmers get the advance, and natu-
rally the farmer will not sell,
but will put it in the loan.

Let's not theorize, but get down
to cold facts and see just where
we are going and what effect it
will have on the cotton industry if
the loan is made. Can Europe or
the Orient buy American cotton
in volume at 10 cents a pound?
They would be able to purchase a
satisfactory amount at such a
price level. Could either buy sat-
isfactory volume at 15c? Absolutely
not. If such a price level
be established by the government,
the Commodity Credit Corpora-
tion would wind up at the end of
the present season with 8,000,000
bales or more stock from this
year's crop.

This would greatly benefit fore-
ign nations. Why? They work
their crops with 3 per cent a day
labor and are able to sell cheap-
er, and their profits are promptly
reinvested in increasing their own
acreage and production.

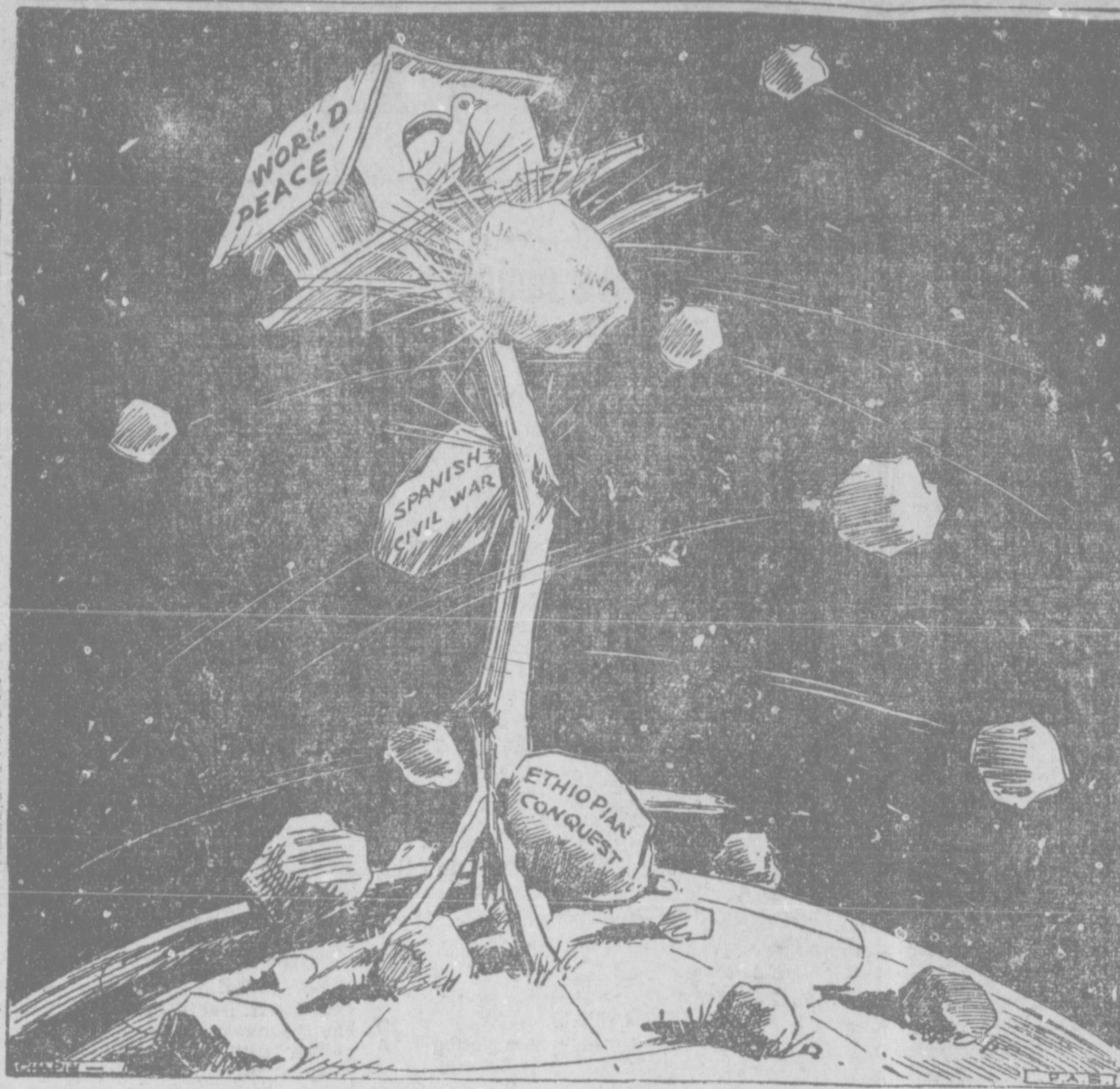
What was the total production
of Brazil up to the year 1930?
Fifty-five thousand bales. What is
it today for the year 1937? It will
be more than 2,000,000 bales,
compared to 55,000 bales in 1930.
What future benefit can the Amer-
ican cotton grower derive from
the past and proposed federal cot-
ton control policy? None. The en-
tire program is unsound, fictitious
in principle, and seemingly encour-
aged by self seeking politicians.
Such a program can only aid them
temporarily eventually bring-
ing disaster especially to the coming
generations.

**U. S. CONTROL PROGRAM
FORCES COTTON DOWN**

The United States produced 59
per cent of the world's production
of cotton before the government
control program was put into ef-
fect. What percentage does it
produce now? Approximately 33
per cent. Then who has been ben-
efitted? What will a new pegged
price mean to the American pro-

A Wobbly Perch

—by A. B. CHAPIN



ducer? It will mean our diminish-
ing foreign markets will be great-
ly reduced in the near future and
eventually the South will be com-
pelled to strive on a total produc-
tion of only 6,000,000 all of which
will be consumed by domestic
mills in this country leaving our
ports closed to cotton exportation.
Should this occur, and we believe
it will, you will see the American
cotton farmer hauling his few
bales grown for the platform of
some American spinning mill
where he will dispose of it under
incompetent government super-
vision. Can the South enjoy pros-
perity without the sale of six or
seven million bales a year
abroad? Positively not. The South
must retain its cotton exportation
to such an extent. Why? Such a
volume of sales distributes ap-
proximately \$300,000,000 liquid
cash each year throughout the
cotton belt and without it, no
southern enterprise in any line of
business can exist much less pros-
per. The entire trouble at pres-
ent is that no one takes any ac-
tive interest in the federal pro-
gram other than the farmer and
the politicians. And frankly, we
believe the farmer is being mis-
led.

The allotment plan as outlined
above is much better than a gov-
ernment control plan as is out-
lined by Roosevelt and those oth-
er politicians in Washington who
are hallowing their heads off for
another loan for political reasons
and no other, as the domestic al-
lotment plan creates employment
while the control program creates
unemployment. The way we see it
the politicians are the greatest
menace we have to the American
form of government, as the most
of them are willing to pass any
kind of law that will satisfy some
small minority and hold them in
line for political reasons for the
next election without ever ques-
tioning or even thinking what ef-
fect it will have on the country
generally.

**PROHIBITION LAWS
AMENDED**

The last legislature changed the
prohibition laws of Texas by
amending so that any subdivision
of a county may vote wet or dry
without regard to whether the
county was wet or dry. Under
the old law where a county was
dry no subdivision of a county
could vote wet, but if the county
was wet the dries could order an
election in any precinct of the
county and vote it dry, even if the
county was wet. This is as it
should be. If the law permits the
antis to vote a precinct wet then
it should permit the dries to vote
a precinct dry, as if a majority
is to rule there is no justice in
permitting a majority in one in-
stance and not permitting the
majority in the district to control
its own affairs. The laws have all
been in favor of prohibition for a
number of years and this amend-
ment is only permitting both sides
equal rights on the question of
prohibition. It has never been a
question of prohibition among the
great majority of the people, but
only a question of what is the best
method of controlling the situation.

**PORK CHOPS 42
CENTS PER POUND**

The price of hogs advanced in
the Chicago market last Wednes-

day 50 cents per hundred pounds,
and meat products began to ad-
vance and the price of pork chops
advanced to 42c per pounds. A
year ago the same markets were
charging 30 cents for pork and 30
cents for steak. The packers got
as much as \$32.00 for a hundred
pounds of the best light fresh
pork loins. Early in July they were
getting \$27.50. At the lowest point
of the depression they got only
\$6.50 for the same meat. The
price of the raw hog has increas-
ed figuring they sold on the Chi-
cago market for 4 cents by 241
per cent while the price of meats
figuring as quoted above, \$6.50 in
1932, it has advanced 392 per
cent. Analyze the figures and note
the difference the advance of the
raw hog and the advance of meat.

OPPOSITION RESPONSIBILITY

The Baltimore Sun has the fol-
lowing to say about the President
and Congress and their responsi-
bility to the people they repre-
sent, or in other words, the peo-
ple most of them misrepresent:
"We are now moving back to the
levels of normal political action.
Not only is the court packing
scheme dead. Other measures are
now subjected to a scrutiny and
an analysis in Congress that re-
believed possible six months ago.
The administration's centralizing
and overlord program is in a
state approaching demoralization.
Even in a considered and restrict-
ed form, it may not be salvaged
save by the skill in conciliation of
such men as Mr. Garner, who
seems to have dealt with the ac-
tualities of the court fight with a
practical wisdom that no other ad-
visor of Mr. Roosevelt was capa-
ble of producing.

"The movement back to normal
actions is so rapid, and we have
had so little experience in opposi-
tion for four years, that there may
be some danger that the opposi-
tion in Congress will not perceive
its full responsibility. It is not
to each to say that the opposition
should keep in mind the massive
fact that the middle classes, which
have subdued Mr. Roosevelt, are
not opposed to the humanizing of
industrial and social conditions.
On the contrary, they want the
humanizing to go steadily on in
the American tradition. Make no
mistake. The opposition of the
great educated middle class is to
irresponsible personal govern-
ment, and not to humane objec-
tives. They definitely do not
share Mr. Roosevelt's belief that
methods are unimportant; but
they do not wish indifference as
to industrial social ills. These
middle classes know that nega-
tive has been presented emphati-
cally and effectually against Mr.
Roosevelt's theories of one man
government; and they rejoice;
but they would not have the po-
sition which has been created

after four years content itself
with mere negation. Now that the
independent political thought has
been revived in the nation, the
middle groups would have an af-
firmative presented in genuinely
liberal government by democratic
processes. Historic liberalism
must be the alternative to impu-
sive, superficial Rooseveltism, not
reaction and not doing nothingism."

We are glad to see Congress
asserting itself to a certain de-
gree; but we still have too many
swinging to the Roosevelt coat-
tail for the good of the country.
This wage and hour bill that is
before Congress is fanaticism gone
to seed, and will not accomplish
the ends that is predicted by Jno. L.
Lewis and Mr. Roosevelt. It will
have the same effect that the NRA
did of reducing employment rat-
her than increasing it. There are
many small businesses that will
let a lot of their men go rather
than pay the price fixed in the
wage and labor bill and most of
us would do the same thing if
they fixed a wage that the busi-
ness would not pay.

We have been trying to pull
ourselves out of the mire by our
own bootstraps for the past five
years and have spent \$20,000,-
000,000 of government money in
the effort and increased our public
debt to \$35,715,000,000 and the
country is no better off than it
was when we began this spending
spree in 1933. Congress admits
that we have made no progress
since they appropriated \$1,500,-
000,000 for relief, and the fact
they are howling for a loan of
twelve cents on cotton and a law
to place all farming under a board
of politicians to be located at
Washington and get a permit
from the government before
planting a row of cotton or a row
of corn or raising a pig to fur-
nish meat for his own family. Be
it remembered that they told the
people that they were passing the
laws as emergency measures and
no one propose to make
them permanent. Now after five
years they come back after telling
us during the campaign that
Roosevelt had brought the country
out of the depression, we should
return him for a second term be-
cause he has brought prosperity
back to the country. Now in less
than a year they are asking Con-
gress to pass a farm control law
just as bad as the other, that the
court threw in the junk heap as
unconstitutional, and no lawyer of
any ability unless he is on the gov-
ernment pay roll or getting some-

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thing he is not entitled to will say
that the court was not right in its
holdings. The court held that
Congress did not have the author-
ity to tax all of the people and
pay it out to any class or individ-
uals. In the sick chicken case the
court found that the constitution
did not authorize Congress to dele-
gate the law making power to
some individual and permit them
to make laws governing the peo-
ple as was done in the NRA. In
the Bankhead cotton control law
Congress saw from other decis-
ions that the Bankhead was clear-
ly unconstitutional after they had
ed millions of dollars from the
poor cotton farmer they are so
interested in at the present time.
If Congress is going to be a rub-
ber stamp for Roosevelt, then we
should dismiss the last one of
them and permit him to be a dic-
tator without all of this expense
of Congress. No one would ar-
gue that there is not more money
in the country than there was in
1932, as there has been twenty
billions of tax payers' money that
has been squandered and natu-
rally it would cause more money;
but when we begin to stop gov-
ernment spending we begin to go

down just as we were when the
New Deal was hatched and no one
can dispute these facts. And when
this government spending is
brought to a close we will be in
worse condition than we were
when we started and it ought to
be clear to everyone by this time.
The relief expenditure for July
was \$224,152,111.00 as shown by
the treasurer report published by
the Dallas News Saturday. If
this rate is kept up throughout
the year it will amount to \$2,-
689,000,000. Yet we are not out
of the depression as shown by the
expense of relief. Brazil has tried
this farm control on coffee and

they still have cheap coffee after
burning more than fifty million
bags, and eleven million bags this
year. This program offered at
Washington will be more than
Brazil has done with the coffee.
Foreigners would not have made
much headway if Congress had
not run American capital out of
the United States into foreign
countries and put them in com-
petition with American farmers
in this country and no one will
dispute this fact as we are im-
porting around a billion dollars
worth of foreign products each
year.

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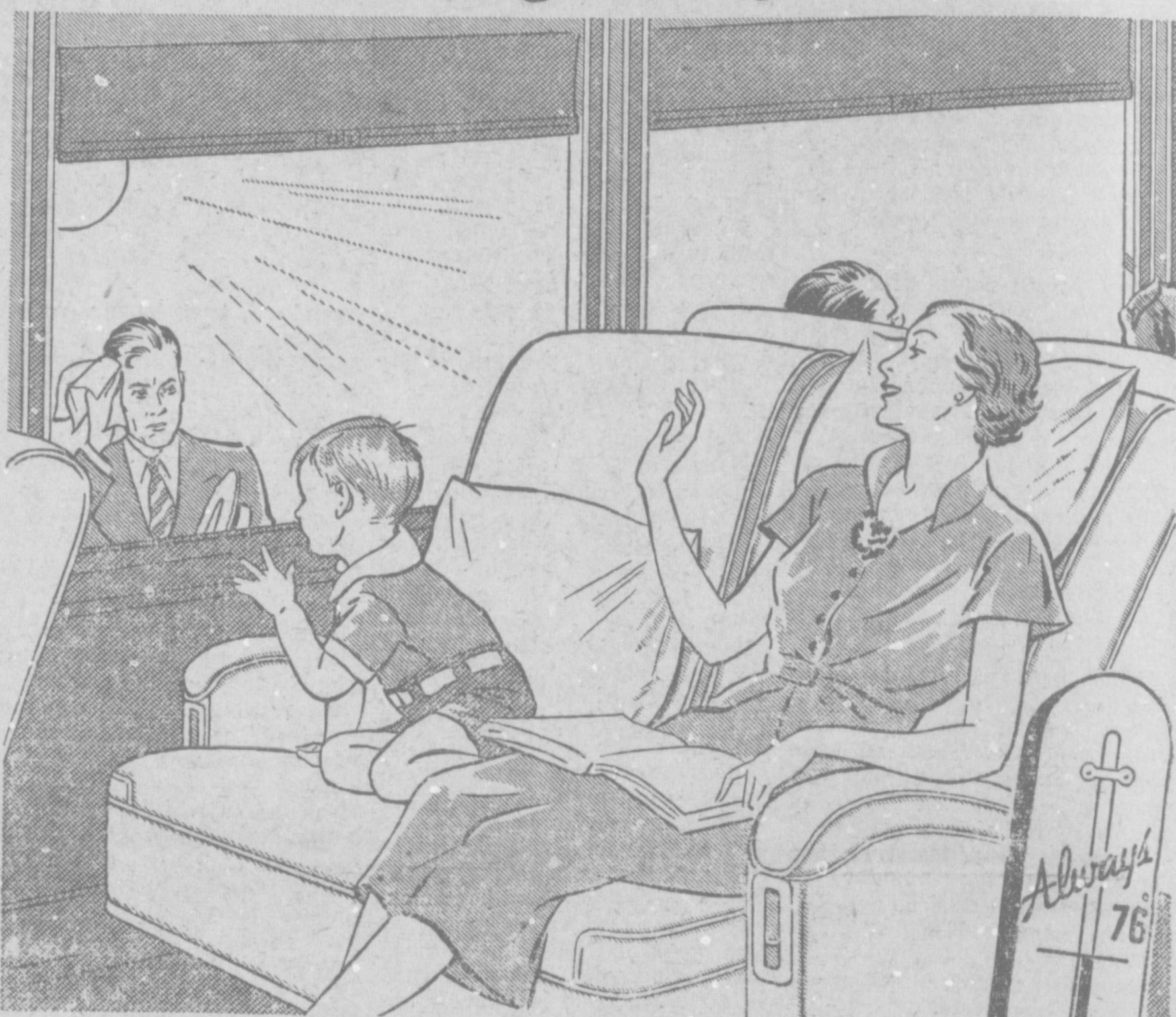
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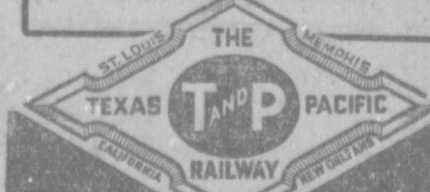
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Local Happenings

Billy McMillan of Coleman visited Roy Lee Williams this week.

Reg Burnam is on the sick list this week, confined to his home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Dodd and Morris Harper attended church services at Moran Sunday night.

Roy Lee and Bennie Burns Williams spent the week-end Anson with relatives.

Miss Helen Maynard spent the week-end in Rotan, the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. C. Counts and family.

Mrs. Grady Pruet, who has been quite ill several days, is improving at her home in the Union community.

Mrs. Effie Anderson, Kansas City, Mo., is visiting in the home of her sister, Mrs. L. B. Moore, this week.

Misses Midred King, Dorothy Roberson, Keith King and Buster Roberson spent a few days with relatives of the Roberson's at Clarett this week.

Mrs. A. J. Hurst returned from Kilgore last Monday from a visit with her daughters, Mrs. Hubert Buchanan and Mrs. Cotton Stewart. She said she enjoyed the trip very much, but a week down there seemed like she had been gone a month away from home.

FOR SALE—One Good Gas Range. See John Cook at Cook's Garage.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. McMillan, Miss Hazel McMillan, and Mr. and Mrs. Exel McMillan, all of Coleman, passed through Putnam Tuesday enroute to Hamlin where they will spend a few days while on their vacation. The McMillans just recently moved from Putnam to Coleman. While here Miss Hazel paid the News office a pleasant call for a few minutes. Billie will remain in Putnam while the rest of the family is in Hamlin.

Miss Dorothy June Kelley was a Baird visitor Tuesday.

J. O. Pearson of Garden City was a visitor in Putnam during the week-end.

Marvin Wingo of Kent was the week-end guest of Franklin Shackelford this week.

Mrs. Aleck Peek of Knox City is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Lynn L. Williams and family this week.

Mrs. Claude Cunningham and children of Midland are visiting in the home of Mrs. Cunningham's father, Y. A. Orr.

Miss Willie Grace Pruet spent a few days in the home of her brother, Arnold Pruet and family of Abilene, this week.

Mrs. Gertrude Sprawls and Miss Frances Sprawls spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Leverage of Scranton and Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Cook of Putnam.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Northcutt of Baird are happy parents of a baby girl born this week. Mrs. Northcutt is the former Miss Madlon Kelley of Putnam.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Williams and sons, Benie Burns, J. Nelson and Stanley Neil, left Tuesday for Dallas, where Mr. Williams expected to go through a Dallas clinic.

Mrs. W. E. Pruet and Mrs. H. L. Burnam of Silverton spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Pruet of Ranger. They were accompanied by Mary Louise Burnam.

L. J. Cook, Mit Cook, of Putnam, and Mike Cook of Cross Plains returned from a fishing trip of several days on the Devils river. L. J. says the fishing was fine, but the catch was light and they would have been without meat if they had not carried a little piece of bacon along with them.

Mrs. Golda Steadham Dodd, of Ranger, attended the funeral of Mrs. Lizzie Rogers here last week. Mrs. Dodd was reared in and around Putnam.

Mr. and Mrs. John Burnam of Stanton spent the week-end visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burnam, a son, in Cisco, and friends and relatives in Putnam.

M. H. Perkins of Clyde, who represents the Federal Land Bank in Callahan county, and his son-in-law, Mr. Cowden, passed through Putnam Thursday and stopped long enough to say howdy.

Mrs. J. E. Heslep is spending a week in the home of her son, Milton Heslep and Mrs. Heslep, of Abilene. Mr. Heslep is spending the time with his sister, Mrs. A. H. Wagley of the Hart community.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Buchanan and R. L. Buchanan returned from a visit to South Texas Thursday. They were visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Thames at Beeville. Mrs. Thames returned with them and will remain here for several days visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Buchanan. Mr. Buchanan said he went over to Corpus Christi and took a look at the water. He said it was the largest lake he ever saw.

CHEVROLET CARS ARE UP MORE THAN 38,000 ON RELIEF IN DALLAS
City Manager Hal Moseley of Dallas announced Monday that they were going to cut the relief at the same time, he said, there appropriation by 60 per cent and at the same time he said there are 1,034 cases listed on its rolls, making a total of 38,532 persons who are receiving assistance because no one in the family is able to earn a living. And besides there are many new ones making application every day.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON
by Charles E. Dunn
GOD GIVES LAWS TO A NATION
Lesson for August 15th. Exodus 20:1-17.

Golden Text: Matt. 22:37, 39. It is a pity that the legal literature of the Old Testament is generally ignored by Christians. The tendency has been to exalt the prophets and, by contrast, to relegate the law-giving to such an inferior position that they almost drop out of sight. Such an exaggerated emphasis on the importance of prophecy is misleading for it leads to the false assumption that the laws of Israel are in opposition to its prophetic oracles.

As a matter of fact law and prophecy belong together as different versions of the same divine revelation. It is well or us then to study the Hebrew laws with sympathetic appreciation, for they have much to teach us today. Unfortunately our Bible, in its standard versions, presents them in a confused, unsystematic form, and the reader is bewildered to find many of them contradict one another. But if the student will consult Prof. Kent's translation and arrangement of the Old Testament in "The Shorter Bible," he will find an admirable compilation of the statutes dealing with such topics as property rights, kindness to men and animals, the duty of parents to instruct their children, and the need of upright dealing in business transactions.

Our lesson is the famous Decalogue, the most significant and memorable formulation of Jewish legislation. According to Hebrew tradition Moses was its author along with all the rest of the laws in the Pentateuch. We now know that this elaborate body of legislation represents a long historical development and so could not, in its present form, be the creation of Moses. But it can at least be said that the fundamental principles and his insistence upon the exclusive worship of God as Israel's only deity, and on loyal obedience to His Will furnished the two cornerstones upon which the Bible's impressive Temple of Law was built.

100 Per Cent
The teacher was giving the pupils a mental drill. "Now Bobbie, tell me which month has 28 days in it?"

Bobby had forgotten. After a moment he had the answer. "They all have."

Effective
The farmer from the next village was boasting about the effectiveness of his new scarecrow. "Since I put it up," he said, "no bird has ventured within half a mile of the field. You fellows can't beat that."

The "locals," however, were not to be outdone. "I can beat it!" announced old Farmer Roberts. "Last week I put up a scarecrow which frightened the birds so much that one of them brought back two potatoes it had stolen."

GRIGGS HOSPITAL

Mrs. Herbert Rogers of Lawn underwent major surgery Tuesday.

Mrs. A. L. Price of Cross Plains underwent major surgery Saturday.

Leota Alexander of Baird underwent a severe appendix operation Monday.

J. C. Grantham of Oplin, who entered the hospital ten days ago was operated for abscess of appendix Saturday. Is doing fine.

Mrs. John Miller of Rowden underwent major surgery last week. Doing fine.

R. L. Griggs Jr. was brought to the hospital Wednesday for a change.

Mrs. Lula Gardner, who underwent major surgery last week, is doing fine.

Loren Pevey of Baird was in a car wreck Sunday and was brought to hospital and treated for lacerations and bruises on his body.

Corrad Alphin left the hospital Monday following an attack of pneumonia.

Mrs. Marvin Jores left the hospital Friday following a major operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Drew Sprawls and Happy Sprawls are on a vacation at Cuero this week. They will return the last of this week.

HOME DEMONSTRATION NOTES

Candlewick bedspreads are lovely, said a large number of women who visited the 4-H exhibit at the Old Settlers Reunion August 6. The home demonstration agent explained that the candlewick bedspreads were easy to make and not expensive either. There were several bedspreads on display with an exhibit of a number of different designs that could be used.

Mrs. W. E. McCollum of the Enterprise Club and Mrs. Neitherton of Clyde P. Club had an exhibit of hooked rugs and demonstrated this interesting art. The 4-H girls had an exhibit of dresses, smocks, aprons, and canned foods. There was, also an exhibit of children's clothing, including boys' suits, girls' dresses and infant's slips and dresses.

The County Home Demonstration Council meet in a called meeting Saturday for the purpose of deciding where and when to go on their encampment, September 1 and 2 were the dates decided upon. Lake Brownwood was the place. Each club is to provide ways for its members. The activities will include swimming, boating, games and stunts.

The following club members will leave Sunday for their annual Short Course at A. & M. College: Mrs. Lester Farmer, Eula Club; Mrs. E. J. Barton, Denton Club; Mrs. C. D. Baird, Dressy Club; Mrs. Jim Barr, Cross Plains Club; Mrs. J. B. Jones, Midway Club; Mrs. John Roberson, Oplin Club; Miss Linnie Brashear, Atwell Club; Mrs. M. B. Sprawls, Zion Hill Club. The 4-H Club girls that will represent their clubs are: Misses Odell Edwards, Duley Club; Jean Bone, Eula Club; Loma Johnston, Denton Club; the home demonstration agent will attend with the group.

CORN AND WHEAT YIELD
The United States Department of Agriculture gave out an estimate on corn and wheat production Wednesday in which it estimated that there would be 1,258,748,000 bushels of corn produced from the 1937 corn crop against 1,529,327,000 bushels in 1936. The wheat production was placed at 890,419,000 bushels against 626,461,000 in 1936. Winter wheat was estimated at 668,145,000 bushels compared with 663,641,000 bushels a month ago, 519,013,000 a year ago, and 623,220,000 bushels as a five year average.

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ZION HILL NEWS

R. B. Taylor and Jack Ramsey made a business trip to Baird Tuesday.

S. F. Ingram, J. R. Morgan and Harold Morgan made a trip to Merkel Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ramsey and Miss Ola Tatom visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Ramsey Sunday evening.

John Clements was a Baird visitor Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Ingram visited Mrs. Ingram's sister at Hamlin Sunday.

W. S. Jobe was a Baird visitor Saturday.

Mrs. J. A. Heyser, Fred Heyser, and Miss Lavada Standridge were Baird visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Ingram and Harold Morgan left Tuesday morning for a visit with friends and relatives in Mississippi.

Joseph Bentley of Cross Plains visited in the home of his grandmother, Mrs. S. F. Ingram, Monday.

J. R. Morgan was a visitor in Baird Saturday.

Miss Evelyn Blakley of Bell Plains is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. B. Taylor, this week.

Jack Ramsey, T. L. Ramsey, Jim Shackelford and Tom Butler were Baird visitors Saturday.

NEW PHARMACIST AT CITY PHARMACY AT BAIRD

M. J. Holms has accepted a position as pharmacist in the City Pharmacy at Baird since the resignation of Woodfin Ray, who resigned to accept a position of some kind in Fort Worth. Mr. Ray had been in charge of the City Pharmacy for twelve years. He

will move to Fort Worth to take up his new duties.

This work is not new to Mr. Holms as he has had several years' experience in the drug store business, and no doubt will keep the business up to the standard set by his predecessor.



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FARM NOTES

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Crops From Texas to South Dakota—Crops looked better than average all the way from Texas to South Dakota we observed as we journeyed up on this, the second vacation that we have had in four years. Wheat was reported good at the various stops made in Oklahoma, Kansas, and Nebraska.

At Salina, Kansas a young man reported that he planted 200 acres to wheat last fall and had just finished harvesting a little better than 40 bushels per acre. He sold it at \$1.27. He didn't have time to get out of the new car to tell all the story except that was the first good crop for that farm in six years. Kansas reported about a 30 bushel average at each inquiry.

The last cotton observed was about midway of Oklahoma and it looked about the same from Baird up. It might be said that the moisture was better from Wichita Falls upward.

More Terraces—The most noticeable thing on the route up is the increase in the construction of terraces. This was seen especially in Texas and Oklahoma. Whereas two years ago none were in evidence in Oklahoma from the view of the highway but today there are many thousands of acres well terraced.

Most all the stubble land from Oklahoma onward through Nebraska is already turned under ready for the fall seeding. Most all threshing is done. No terraces were seen in Kansas or Nebraska from Highway 81 and streams are very muddy.

Corn Tasselling—Corn is above the average for this section compared with the recent dry years and with the good rains that fell here last week and again last night the farmers are talking 80 to 90 bushels of corn per acre. It is just beginning to tassel. A few fields have silks. A good corn crop is badly needed since it has been five or more years since a good one was made. Hogs are scarce and those who have them want to keep them for the expected good corn yield.

Eastern Nebraska has a great crop and last week won the honor of producing the champion corn stalk of the world—15 feet and 8 inches tall. I am told.

I have heard that Nebraska is most noted for its tall corn and has its university football team called the "Corn Huskers." It looks like in some parts that enough corn is growing to furnish the world, then, out here it looks like enough prairie hay could be baled to furnish the livestock growers for many years. Some stacks of hay were not used even in the drought of 1934.

This little town of Bassett, Nebraska, is situated in the center of the hay growing section of the nation. Miles and miles of land is devoted to nothing but the growing of prairie hay except that

a few fields of corn or grain may be found in the more favored spots. This little town is the home of my wife and is typically Mid-Western. I understand that Democrats are not shot in the open. Some of the best Irish potatoes are produced here that I ever ate. Some apples are grown and cherries are well at home. Choke cherries grow wild and are plenty good when made into jelly or Yankee wine.

Farmers Grow Ice—One of the crops that the farmers harvest here that is not grown in Texas is a crop of ice. I visited a friend and he took me out to a building about the size of a good barn and showed me through the door. It looked like it was full of saw dust until he raked off the top, then it was found to be full of ice which had cut from the river last winter. This ice cutting business is on a large scale in most of the smaller towns and with the farmers. The depth of freezing is watched very closely to see that the thickness is not too great else the cakes would be too thick to cut and handle well. Ice is stored in cellars and buildings especially prepared for it. The ground freezes to a depth of 4 to 5 feet at times. The temperature got down to 35 degrees below zero here this past winter. Tap water is used all the time for drinking. It never needs to be cooled any further by ice. Springs flow a clear stream that is so cold that it hurts the teeth to drink. Bathing is done in the swift streams that are fed by springs and it takes a stout heart to stay in long.

Prosperity All Along—This is the fifth trip that the county agent has had the pleasure of making during the past ten years and sees more evidence of prosperity all the way than at any time before during that time. Many new homes are being built, new business houses are up and the Mid-West towns have grown in most every section and that has been done principally during the past two years. Very few old model cars are seen on the highways but many new models pass you in a hurry. Roads are all paved through Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas but very few are paved or even hard surfaced on this route in Nebraska. The state boasts of no indebtedness and it can add "no good roads." The eastern part of the state nearer to the capital has better roads I am informed, but out here they are graveled and tricky.

Texas Cattle Here—Texas cattle are reported to be on pastures here and will later be fed the corn from the feed lots. Grass looks very good and averages about half knee high through out the area. An auction sale is held here each Wednesday and record prices are paid for offerings. Sales last week were reported by the bank here to have been over \$40,000 and some weeks runs as high as \$60,000.

Many of the cattle are the milking strains which produce cream for sale that about pays the expenses on the farm during the year. That cream check is certainly a meal ticket for many of the Mid-Western ranchers and farmers. Some ranches have milking barns equipped with milking machines that handle eight to ten cows at a time and some have three to five shifts to milk. If range cows can be made to show a profit in cream dividends up here it seems that good cows on plenty of trench silage could really make bank accounts in Callahan.

B. F. ANDREWS GETS BONUS FOR WORK DONE—B. F. Andrews, a Ford salesman working out of Baird for the Johnson Motor Company, has received a bonus check from the Ford Motor Company for the excellent work accomplished in this territory. The letter reads as follows: "It is with much pleasure that we attach check covering your Producers' Club bonus for the second quarter of the year."

"These extra earnings represent our recognition of extra effort on your part in delivering the required number of new Ford units to owners of the various competitive makes. As you know, the Producers' Club arrangement is a national plan of the Ford Motor Company to furnish all Ford retail salesmen an opportunity to augment their regular income by outstanding sales effort, and it is very pleasing to know that the Dallas branch salesmen as a whole have done a fine job during the second quarter in making deliveries to owners of competitive makes, and consequently, are now receiving a substantial amount of Production Club money."

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Mrs. Raymond Spwals and son, Jimmy, have been on the sick list for the past few days but are reported to be improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Harlow and J. H. Shrader spent the week-end in Dallas.

Among those from here attending the Callahan Old Settlers' Reunion were A. M. Sprawls, Lee Boland, Truman Blalock, W. J. Bush, R. M. Brummett, W. E. Faires and Mrs. Faires.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sprawls Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Sprawls are sight-seeing in South Texas. Will visit Galveston and other points of interest while on this trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Johnson and daughter, Billy Louise, are visiting in the home of Mrs. Johnson's mother, Mrs. E. M. Snoddy.

E. M. Snoddy returned from Abilene Monday where she had been since Friday for medical treatment.

Mrs. W. N. Black and her mother, Mrs. Brown, and J. D. Pittman, were business visitors in Eastland Thursday.

THE REST OF THE RECORD

BY JAMES Y. ALLRED
Governor of Texas
SAN LUIS POTOSI, MEXICO, August 7, 1937.—IN Texas we boast of our southern hospitality; in Mexico, the people don't boast of it; they live it! From the moment when Mrs. Dominguez, wife of the Mexican vice-president at Laredo, presented a beautiful bouquet to Mrs. Allred as we crossed the international boundary until now, I have never witnessed such courtesy, such hospitality as has been extended us on every hand.

As I told you last week, the Mexican government invited us to be their guests, even furnishing transportation over the railroad. We have now passed through the capital cities of three Mexican states and at each one great crowds, including the Governor, the Mayor, representatives of the military and the business men have met us at the station with a band, presented beautiful bouquets to Jo Betsy (my wife), and given the very best of entertainment as long as we were with them. Of course, we realize this is an honor they are extending not to Jimmie Allred, but to the Governor of Texas; and that is why I'm prouder than ever before of the high honor the people have bestowed upon us.

We spent one day at Monterrey, capital of Nuevo Leon. It is quite modern and somewhat Americanized. We saw many Texas people there, most of them tourists, of course. We visited one of the most beautiful and modern hospitals I have seen anywhere, the gift of a fine old Mexican gentleman, a Mr. Muguesza. One of the finest glass factories in the world is located in Monterrey. It is almost unbelievable to see how they melt sand in furnaces, then drop it into red-hot pieces into various kinds of mould where it is shaped as it cools into bottles, vases, pitchers, plates and glassware of every character. As I watched this preparation put through the burning fire, yet emerge fine-spun and clean and beautiful, it made me wonder if sometimes human beings aren't put through a torturing searing fire—a great sorrow, for instance—that they may emerge, tested and tried, a finer, cleaner character.

American money is, of course, more than Mexican money. You exchange one dollar American money for \$3.60 Mexican. I got \$36.00 in Mexican bills and silver for a ten dollar bill. It made me feel quite "flush" to have so much money in my pocket. I owed Jo Betsy ten dollars when we left Texas so I paid her the same amount in Mexican and still had \$26.00 left. Your money seems to go farther here, everything is considerably cheaper.

Our next stop was Saltillo once the capital of Texas when we belonged to Mexico. It is a beautiful little city of 60,000 nestling a mile high in the mountains nice and cool in the daytime and almost chilly at night. I was surprised to find it quite an educational center. They have just started an experimental station there, trying to teach the sons of farmers to whom the Mexican Government has recently given lands, the practical side of farming, stock

raising and dairying. It is remarkable to see how these people, who were torn by revolution and war less than 20 years ago have progressed; and how hard they are trying to better conditions for the underprivileged classes here.

We have met many wonderful people here, some of them educated in Texas. On every hand is evidence of culture and refinement—a wonderful art gallery, fine schools and music everywhere. The people are overly friendly. They are completely wedded to the "good neighbor" policy of President Roosevelt; they love him almost as much as we do and they adore their own President, Lazaro Cardenas. I felt like saying in Saltillo, "Thank God for a people with friendship in their hearts and music in their souls."

As you perhaps know, a fine new highway has been completed all the way from Texas to Mexico City. It is wide open, a marvelous drive and perfectly safe. Since things are so much cheaper I want to suggest to all you who can that you make plans to spend a vacation down here some time in the future. You will enjoy it. My wife's mother and my oldest son, Jim Boy are with us, and they, too, are having the time of their lives. Like every other boy of his age, Jim Boy is full of curiosity. He has been all over the train to find out how things work, turning off lights, turning on water, etc., but he's a little timid about scouting around these Mexican places much.

The Mexican Government sent consul Dominguez from Laredo with us, and the American Government ordered Bill Blocker, our consul at Monterrey to accompany us throughout our stay. They have insisted on us staying at the American Embassy in Mexico City, so we are looking forward to a grand time this week. I'll try to have something more interesting to tell you next week. "A DIOS!"

PUEBLO ITEMS

The Callahan County Old Settlers' Reunion was held Friday of last week at the Hughes Service Station camp grounds between Putnam and Baird. Something over 300 gathered, and it was amusing to see the old fellows past 70 dancing. Some of them did very well, but you could see there was a short in their movements.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Zollars and little son, Billy Mat, of Borger, spent several days last week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Allen, and other relatives.

Grandma Coats spent several days with her granddaughter.

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Miss Odessa Coats, of Abilene last week.

The revival meeting that was to have begun at the Pueblo Baptist church Friday night of last week has been postponed indefinitely. The reason for the postponement was the prevalence of infantile paralysis in the south part of the county.

Miss Lnez Allen, of Union, spent a few days with her cousins, Misses Euna Mae and Frances Jean Green.

George W. Yancy, an old time

friend of J. D. Allen, from Clifton, spent several days last week in the Allen home.

Some people are hard to please. Some are complaining because they are having to haul water for their stock.

Mr. and Mrs. John Johnston of Dublin are visiting his brother, J. E. Johnston and family, this week.

Jack Hardwick left last week for Clifton, where he has employment with the Kimbell Milling Company.

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