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Here and There

By J. Troy Hickman

RENEWAL

I wish that there were some wonderful place called The Land Beginning Again, where all mistakes and all our heartaches could be shed like a shabby coat at the door and never put on again. And there is. The Land Beginning Again is your mind heart.

Two forces are at work in your mind and mine. One is always running down. The other is forever going up. Like in the woods, grass and trees turn gray. Grass dries and dead. Then, out of nowhere, the thing winds up again. Spring comes. Trees bud. Birds sing. Brooks flow.

One of these forces is the force of exhaustion. The other is the force of renewal. At San Marcos a spring of clear cold water has been running as long as the white man has been in the country. Summer and winter, in drought and in flood, the flow is the same. The river is exciting itself, but from some underground sources it is always coming itself. Thousands of feet away in the highest mountains, snow melts and renews the stream.

Your life and mine the same forces are working. We are getting older. Our bones are more brittle. Our muscles are losing tone. Our brain cells and nerves work a little slower. We are running down. But deep down inside of us, we are building up a new kind of existence. Such as patience, courage, calmness and faith are being renewed some hidden source high up in the hills where God is. As the Testament writer put it, "they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall walk and not weary; and they shall not grow faint."

And I have made our mistakes. We cannot rub them all out. We can do our best to redeem our mistakes, but a little scar will remain to remind us. Once made, a mistake will always be a part of our record. But we can change our attitude toward it. We can change our attitude toward it. And when we make a mistake out of the old error of guilt and remorse and in a new setting of faith and hope and forgiveness, it all looks different. If we have made that mistake to God, He is ready to forgive it. Even if it is as the East is from the West, so far has he removed our sins from us. All that remains is to forgive ourselves, which is the same thing as accepting pardon.

So we live from day to day, running down and always going up. The Christian life, then, is just the perpetual day process of getting ready. You never arrive at any point. You are always on the way. And salvation consists in never on the road and staying there—never in arriving at a point. Now and then the pillars are lost in the woods. But they always come back to the ground.

That Christian of long ago, who knew the agony of trying to live in his own strength, just discovered the secret by renewal said "If you are Christ, he is a new creature, old things have passed away, all things have become new."

As the tenses a little, and as the clearer. If any man has him, he is being renewed, leaving some old things behind, he is discovering some new things.

Are the old things and the new? Well, he will still be the same old body, in the old world, facing the same old things, and to some degree the same old sins. They will not be the same. Some have hold of him, gently, irresistibly pulled on Page Two)

New Laws To Put Motorists In Bind At Registration

Inspection Necessary; All Papers Must Be Handed Registrar

Besides the driver responsibility law, which went into effect January 1, motor vehicle owners will face a new bundle of red tape come registration time in the next couple of months.

Another new law, passed by the last legislature in an effort to reduce the highway death toll, the motor vehicle inspection law, will be effective with the next registration of all vehicles.

This law requires that before a motor vehicle can be registered, it must undergo an inspection at an official inspection station approved by the Department of Public Safety. The law requires that the vehicle meet certain standards for safety in operation, points to be inspected including headlights, horn, brakes, steering mechanism, tail lights, windshield wipers, windshields, rear view mirrors, etc. Any point in the list which fails to meet the standard must be repaired or replaced before a certificate can be issued and the owner must have the certificate to get new license plates.

Sheriff V. O. Earnest and Office Deputy Gertrude Perry called attention this week to the new registration laws and pointed out that before a motor vehicle can be registered this year, the owner must present the inspection certificate, his certificate of title and last year's registration papers.

There can be no exceptions to any of these requirements, the registration officials point out. The law requires all of them and the registering officials have no alternative but to require that they be presented.

No announcement has yet been made by the Department of Public Safety of the appointment of local inspection stations. However it is understood that two or three local garages have made application for such designation and official announcement is expected to be made soon.

Ozona 4-H Club Enters 55 Lambs In Santone Show

21 Boys to Compete In Big Time Alamo City Feb. Show

Fifty-five lambs have been entered by 21 Ozona members of the Crockett County 4-H Club in the boys' division of the San Antonio Livestock Exposition to be held February 15-24 at the Bexar County Coliseum.

Boys and animals entered are: Bobby Sutton, and Johnny Gilliam, 1 each; John Lee Henderson, Charles Garlitz, Joe McMullan, Graham Childress, Ronnie McMullan, Charley Black, Jerry Gilliam, Gail Garlitz, Scott Hickman and Wilburn Conklin, 2 each; Erbie Chandler, Frankie Jones and George Bunker, 3 each; Tom Kincaid, Jimmy McMullan, Brock Jones, Carl Conklin, Bill Schneemann and Robison Bros, 4 each.

Premiums of \$59,477 are offered in San Antonio's big 10-day stock show, of which \$7,910 has been posted for the boys' competition.

An innovation for boy contestants in the '52 show is a neatness award of \$100 being offered to FFA Chapters and 4-H Clubs, which will be presented to the most attractive exhibits. In addition, banners will be awarded. Personal appearance and conduct of the boys will be one of the factors in the judging.

In the boys' show the Exposition has added 15 places in three weight classes for Hereford steers, making 15 additional steers eligible for the auction sale.

RANCHES FOR SALE or trade. What have you? See J. T. Keeton.

Loans Up, Deposits Down at Year's End Ozona Bank Statement

Reflecting results of the current drought and widespread supplemental feeding of livestock, outstanding loans at the Ozona National Bank climbed approximately \$175,000 while deposits dropped off nearly a half million dollars from October to the end of 1951, according to the year-end statement of condition issued by the Ozona bank.

Loans as of December 31 had mounted to \$1,072,894.68 from \$897,889.86 as of October 10. Deposits at the year's end totalled \$5,778,172.60 against an all-time high in October of \$6,286,602.18.

Stockholders of the Ozona National received their regular semi-annual dividend checks of 10 per cent, or a total of \$10,000, on January 2. This was the 72nd dividend payment on the bank stock.

Elkhorn Outpost Flows 14 Barrels Hourly On Test

No. 8-A Shannon Being Completed; New Test in Field Planned

Continental No. 8-A Shannon, 1/2-mile north outpost to the Elkhorn (Ellenburger) field, Crockett county, swabbed and flowed 110 barrels of oil slightly cut with mud in seven hours, then died.

It then swabbed 74 barrels of oil in six hours and started flowing at the rate of 14 barrels of oil hourly.

The No. 8-A Shannon is nine feet high on the Ellenburger, topped at 6,935 feet on elevation of 2,690 feet, to the same marker in the discovery.

Location is 667 feet from north and 2,069 feet from east lines of section 22-UV-GC&SF.

A new location for the Elkhorn (Ellenburger) field is the Continental No. 12-A Shannon, slated to drill to 77,500 feet or the Ellenburger and to be located 667 feet from south and 2,069 feet from east line sec. 22-UV-GC&SF.

Other Elkhorn (Ellenburger) field activity: Conoco No. 9-A Shannon, at total depth of 6,833 feet in sand and shale, drillstem-tested between 6,765-6,833 feet, with the tool open for one hour. No fluid surfaced. There was a weak blow in three minutes. Operator was pulling testing tool.

Continental No. 11-A Shannon, at total depth of 7,228 feet in lime, waiting on reverse circulation unit; Continental No. 7-A Shannon, cored from 7,740 to 7,759 feet and recovered four feet of black and blue shale and sand and lime. It then cored from 7,759 to 7,783 feet and recovered 11 1/2 feet of dolomite, shale and chert.

The operation, at last report, was reaming core hole and will core ahead.

Continental No. 1-A Harris, Crockett wildcat, acidized perforations between 7,640-7,700 feet in the Ellenburger with 5,000 gallons, then swabbed out 115 barrels of the 150 barrel oil load and residue.

The operation reset packer and swabbed 98 barrels of fluid in 16 hours. The fluid was 98 per cent water and two per cent oil. The operation continued swabbing.

Location is 3,300 feet from south and 1,980 feet from east lines of section 1, TCR.

Cities Service No. 2-B Hoover, wildcat, was preparing to drill-stem-test between 6,039-6,166 feet in an unidentified lime.

Schools To Resume Classes Mon. Morning

School bells will ring again next Monday morning for the youth of Ozona.

A two-weeks Christmas holiday will end this week and the students will be called back to classes at 9 o'clock Monday morning.

The long holiday benefitted teachers as well as students, giving them an opportunity for a visit with families and friends in home towns at Christmas time.

March of Dimes Polio Drive Gets Under Way Here

All Agencies Will Be Asked to Aid in January Drive

The 1952 March of Dimes campaign for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis and local chapter, which will continue for the month of January, was officially launched here Wednesday morning, January 2.

B. B. Ingham, Jr., Crockett county polio drive chairman, announced that contributions are now being received and plans are being shaped for an active campaign throughout the county for the month of January.

Last year, Crockett county ranked among the top counties in the state in the amount of money per capita raised for the 1951 campaign. Per capita quotas have again been set for counties of the state but local campaign leaders hope to go far above the quota because of the pressing need of the National Foundation for funds to meet deficits of the past year and for the expected new heavy demands during 1952.

"Of all the causes to which Ozonians are asked to donate, this one is, to my way of thinking, among the most worthy," said Drive Chairman Ingham. "Information made available through organization channels shows a pressing need on the part of the National Foundation and state units as well for funds to carry on the battle against polio. I hope the people of Ozona will respond liberally again this year and that every person in the county will make it his business to make some sort of donation to this cause."

Mr. Ingham said that he and other drive workers plan to contact every organized group in the city with a request that each take some part in the campaign to the end that every person in the county will have an opportunity to contribute.

"I hope to be able to secure enough volunteer workers to make a house-to-house canvass before the drive is over," the chairman said.

Two Ozona Boys Injured In Wreck Of Pickup Truck

John Lee Henderson, Hugh Russell Hurt As Truck Overtakes

Two Ozona boys were injured and a third escaped unhurt when a pickup truck in which the three were riding overturned Thursday afternoon on Highway 290 east of Ozona.

Hugh Russell, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Russell, suffered a fractured pelvic bone and slight internal injuries and John Lee Henderson, son of Mrs. Claude Russell, suffered a fractured knee in the accident. Mike Clayton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Clayton, escaped without injuries.

The boys were returning from a hunting trip to the Henderson ranch when the truck went out of control and overturned. The truck belonging to young Henderson, was badly damaged.

Young Russell was taken to San Angela Friday in a Cody ambulance and after receiving treatment there was returned to the Ozona Hospital Wednesday afternoon.

METHODIST SUPPER

The Methodist Church will have an all-church covered dish supper this Sunday night, January 5, at 6 o'clock. All are welcome.

The M Y F will meet after supper.

The Vesper Service will be at five o'clock p. m.

The Board of Stewards will meet after supper, or at about 7 o'clock p. m.

Election Tuesday to Name 2 New Members Of Water Dist. Board

An election will be held at the courthouse here Tuesday, Jan. 8, for the purpose of electing two new members of the board of the Crockett County Water Control and Improvement District.

Any resident of the district, roughly the limits of the city of Ozona, is eligible to vote in the election. Two candidates, Lowell Littleton and James Baggett, are on the ballot. Space is provided for writing in the name or names of any other person the voter might wish to designate as his choice for the post.

The two new members of the board will succeed Joe North, who has served on the board since creation of the district, and Tom Harris, also a long-time member of the board. Both have indicated their desire to be relieved of the duty at the end of their present terms.

Muny Concert Assn. Presents Ruth Robbins, Pianist, Tues. Night

Ruth Robbins, gifted young piano virtuoso, will appear in concert here as the next attraction for the members of the Ozona Municipal Concert Association. The concert will be held at the Ozona High School auditorium on the evening of Tuesday, January 8, at 8 p. m.

Ruth Robbins is a performer of unusual artistry. American born, Miss Robbins received her academic training in music at the famed Julliard School in New York. Later she studied with the internationally known Robert Casadesu at his Ecole Americain in Fontainebleau, France.

Since her return to this country, Miss Robbins has appeared extensively in concert and also as a soloist with major symphony orchestras.

Ruth Robbins is gifted not only with a great technique accompanied by deep emotional interpretative ability, but she also has that indispensable quality known as "audience touch." A Ruth Robbins concert is assurance of a wonderful evening of top-flight piano performance coupled with the warmth and friendliness of the true artist.

No tickets will be sold for this attraction. Admission to the concert may be gained only by those presenting Municipal Concert Association membership identification cards.

Brother He Had Not Seen in 14 Years Visits Jess Sweeten

Jess Sweeten, shop foreman at the James Motor Co., got a big surprise early this week when his "baby" brother, Bob, whom he had not seen in 14 years, walked in at the garage.

Jess was working in the parts department when a "stranger" walked up and said "Howdy." The greeting returned, Jess went about his business.

"You'd better get some new glasses, you can't see very well with those," the "stranger" remarked.

"I don't believe I know you," said Jess.

"You should, I'm your brother," said Bob.

Jess found out later that young Bob had asked someone in the front of the garage to point out Jess Sweeten — fourteen years makes a lot of difference.

Bob Sweeten now lives in California. He is a World War II Veteran, serving in the Pacific.

New Business Building Under Construction

Stephen Perner has started construction of a new business building on the lot next to Miller Firestone Service on Broadway and across the alley from the Perner building at the highway intersection.

It is understood the building has been leased to the Empire Southern Gas Co., supplying natural gas for Ozona consumers.

5th Annual 4-H County Show Jan. 12 At 4-H Barn

Ozona Butane to Furnish Barbecue Dinner For Crowd

The fifth annual Crockett County 4-H Club Livestock show, set for Saturday January 12, will be held at the 4-H barn, it was decided at an executive committee meeting Tuesday.

The hay barn at the fair grounds will be arranged to accommodate the showing of fat lambs by some 24 participating Club members.

The Ozona Butane Co. will provide a barbecue dinner for club members and those attending the show, it was announced. The dinner will be served on the dance platform at the fair grounds if the weather is good or at the fire station in case of inclement weather.

Club boys and girls are grooming around 150 head of fine wool and crossbred lambs in preparation for the show. The show classes will include light weight and heavy weight fine wool lambs, light and heavyweight crossbreds and pen of three in each class.

The showing will be judged by Vestal Askew of Fort Worth, formerly of Sonora, and Nelson Johnson, well known West Texas auctioneer, will cry the sale of club animals to follow the show.

Superintendents of the show will be Chas. E. Davidson, Jr., and James Baggett. Members of the executive committee are Hugh Childress, Jr., Miller Robison, Ashby McMullan, Batts Friend and George Bunker.

Husband of Ozonan Stationed at Clark AFB in Phillipines

CLARK AFB, Phillipine Islands — T/Sgt. Leonard D. Boyd, husband of the former Elizabeth E. West of Ozona, recently arrived in the Phillipines to serve an overseas tour of duty with the U. S. Air Force.

Upon his arrival in the Islands, Sergeant Boyd was assigned to the 6200th Supply Squadron, Thirteenth Air Force on Clark Air Force Base, 60 miles north of Manila.

Entering the military service for the first time in 1936, Sergeant Boyd was stationed in Europe during World War II. He joined the Air Force in February 1949 at Lackland AFB, Texas.

Mrs. Boyd, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. West of Ozona, now resides in San Antonio.

Marshall Housewives To Take SS Fight to Federation Meeting

WORTHAM. — Forum on "The Financial Facts of Life" and the "Housewife Withholding Tax" will be top program events for the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs board of directors meeting in Austin, January 8-9.

Mrs. Van Hook Stubbs of Wortham, president, has called this first meeting of her administration at federation headquarters to lay work plans for the next two years.

Tuesday night's opening forum will call attention of the 1300 member clubs to a new subject added to federation fields of work — that of economic security.

Marshall's embattled housewives will send a representative trio to hold Wednesday's public affairs program. Their talks will summarize their opposition to the withholding provision of the Social Security Security Act. Mrs. Carolyn Abney, Mrs. Dorothy Martin and Mrs. Celeste Clemmens will charge it is unconstitutional to force citizens to work as tax collectors without pay. Club leaders from all over Texas will be told that the right to present their case in court is all Marshall housewives ask.

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ing him upward. He cannot be happy with his sins. The new thing is the Spirit of Christ, working in him like yeast works in bread, sooner or later leavening the whole life.

This is the great thought of renewal that we celebrate each year at this time. To all who have been following the ramblings of this column, and the many who have been kind and generous with words of encouragement, let me say, "God bless you and may this year be one of the best in your life."

Lt. Col. and Mrs. Henry Carden have returned to their home in Fort Riley, Kansas, after a brief visit with their son, Ralph Carden, who is attending the University of Texas, and daughter, Wanda Carden, Ozona High School student, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Carden, parents of Mrs. Carden.

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EDUCATION OR CATASTROPHE

Many will look back over the year 1951 with a teeming bordering on despair. The cause of free men has had tough sledding. It is impossible to describe adequately the suffering and frustration in Korea just as it is impossible to sum up in a few words the political, economic and social milestones of the past twelve months. It is clear now that corruption in government has become a factor on the American political scene of incalculable importance. It is also clear that debt, taxes and controls are a threat to military security and a virtual death sentence to the economic security of the average individual.

In spite of these grim items on the debit side of the ledger Americans must face the new year with courage. They can count among their blessings assets possessed by no other nation. Years ago one of the country's leading economists and columnists who apparently saw the handwriting on the wall wrote to the effect that the greatest gifts parents could leave their children were good health and a good education. We are now the healthiest and most literate of the major nations. These basic tools if properly used, are now our best hope.

One of the most significant stories of 1951 has rated no headlines. That story is the tireless manner in which our free press has hammered home day after day.

chapter by chapter, shocking facts about the incompetence and corruption of countless public officials to say nothing of the grand schemes of bureaucratic spenders of tax funds to socialize and control industry, workers and consumers. Never in the history of this country has a free press stood so solidly between private citizens and oppression. We all owe it a permanent debt of gratitude for the manner in which it has ferreted out weaknesses, dogma and white-wash in matters ranging all the way from foreign policy to government administration.

Few people appreciate the scope of the American press. It is as vast as it is unique. It consists of highly efficient wire services, several hundred metropolitan publications, many of whose names are bywords in the home, plus more than eleven thousand country daily and weekly newspapers owned and operated by thousands of editors who fully realize that back of all our political, international, labor, tax, industrial and inflation problems stand simple principles we must adhere to in order to make our country tick. They know that to enjoy the liberties our forefathers fought for, we must save the system which they built to guarantee them. A major item of good news is the fact that such editors in every corner of the land have risen with unprecedented vigor to challenge the threat to personal freedom and national survival that faces the nation from within.

That this threat is real and imminent should be ominously evident to all. More Federal taxes have been collected from the American people in the last seven years than in all preceding years since the

founding of the nation — some \$260,000,000,000 as against \$250,000,000,000 from 1789 through June 30, 1945, which includes of course the years of World War I and II. From 1940 to 1950 there was an astronomical rise in "normal" spending by regular departments of the federal government, to wit: Commerce, \$75,000,000 to over \$800,000,000 — an increase of more than a 1000 per cent; Interior, \$71,000,000 to over \$500,000,000 an increase of nearly 700 per cent; Labor, \$18,000,000 to more than \$250,000,000 — an increase of 1200 per cent; State, \$20,000,000 to more than \$360,000,000 — a 1600 per cent increase. And so the list goes. The increase in government spending has far outstripped the growth and productive capacity of the country. It has resulted in bureaucracy, corruption, depreciating money and regulation wholly incompatible with a free nation — and a

free press. The situation at the beginning of 1952 has been described as a catastrophe. Because our country enjoys free speech and a free press the outcome should not be in doubt. The people have the means to know what is going on. Their knowledge can be a source of unbeatable strength, in the future as it has been in the past.

Betty Jane Schwalbe of the Women's Air Force, spent a Christmas leave here with her mother, Mrs. E. C. Alford. Betty Jane will report to Maxwell Air Force Base at Montgomery, Ala., at the end of her leave.

Ralph Carden and John Fussell returned to the University of Texas in Austin Wednesday.

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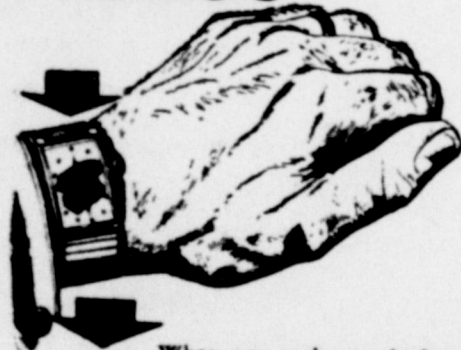
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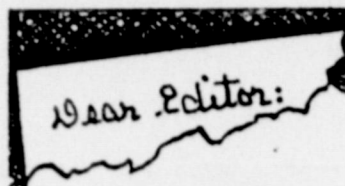
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Exemption or License New State Law Is Still Tax on Businesses

Hundreds of business owners in this area owe the State tax money and don't even know it. That's what the District Office of the State Comptroller revealed explaining a new tax on exemption of paying a tax for operating business in Texas.

The new tax — the State prefers to call it a fee — applies to 17 types of business previously unobligated to pay any fee for a certificate of exemption.

A law put into effect by the legislature September 1, requires nearly every business in Texas to pay an increased store license fee to secure an exemption certificate eligible.

Here's what the new law will cost businesses:
If you own any of the 17 types of stores or mercantile firms exempt from paying a license fee, you can secure a certificate of exemption for \$5.00 for your first unit and \$10.00 for every additional unit you own.

If you own a business not eligible to secure a certificate of exemption, your store license fee has been increased. The new costs for twelve months next year are \$5.00 for the first unit, \$10.00 for the second, \$28.50 for the third, etc. Applications for 1952 license or exemption certificate must be filed on or before December 31, 1951 — or pay a late filing fee of 50¢ plus 1% of the license or exemption fee. Penalty for failure to display a license is from \$25.00 to \$250.00 fines for each day that a business owner disregards the law.

HELP FOR THE WHOOPIING CRANE

An oil company and a natural gas company, the Continental Oil Co. and the National Gas Co., recently were awarded the Audubon

Society's citation of merit — and back of that highly unusual event lies quite a story.

The whooping crane is now almost extinct. Only 32 of these gigantic birds are known to exist and they are extremely timid. Their winter sanctuary lies in an area leased by the oil and gas concerns. Company officials pledged that they would do everything possible to avoid frightening the birds.

A few months ago drilling crews moved in to sink a test well. Then they discovered that a mother whooper was hatching an egg in the vicinity. So all activity stopped and the men spent their time bird watching until nature took over and the crane departed to summer

in the far north. The well was sunk, and proved to be an extremely fine producer. Other wells were drilled, and plans were made to build a canal, road, dock and other facilities to move the oil from the field to refineries. Then the engineers found that the proposed route would run smack through the crane's winter sanctuary. So orders went out to abandon the original plan, and to lay out a route which will skirt the area and leave the cranes untroubled.

No one knows whether the

whooping cranes will survive, or whether they are destined to go the way of the dodo and the passenger pigeon. In any event, a couple of supposedly hard-boiled American business concerns have gone all out to help them survive.

Mrs. Joe Nussbaumer and children were here from San Antonio to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. S. B. Phillips.

Mrs. Anja Wilson and daughters Joan and Ann, of Dallas, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Perner.

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